



Monthly statistics February 2020: Forced returns from Norway

The police forcibly returned 361 persons in February 2020, 113 of whom were convicted offenders.

The National Police Immigration Service (NPIS) is responsible for executing, coordinating and assuring the quality of all returns of foreigners staying illegally in Norway. The respective police districts are responsible for entry rejections, orders to leave Norway and expulsions, while the NPIS is responsible for returning rejected asylum seekers and returns under the Dublin procedure or to safe third countries. The Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (UDI) is responsible for assisted returns, previously called voluntary returns. Assisted returns are not included in these statistics.

Compared with 2019:

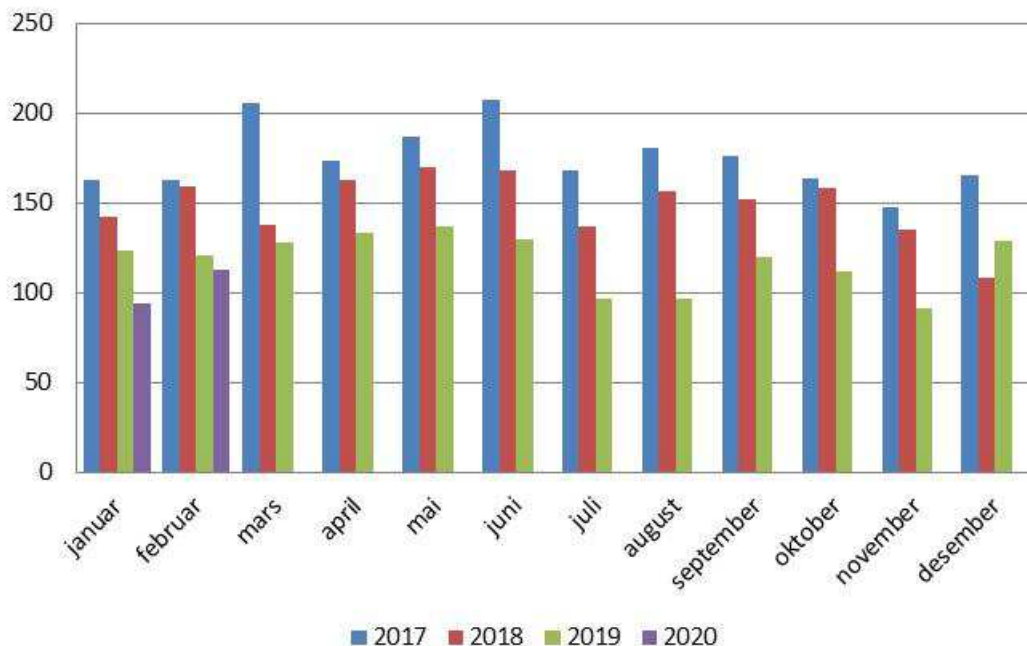
	Forced returns
As at 28.02.2019	644
As at 29.02.2020	702
Change in percent	+ 9

Delays in the registration process may mean that the real figure is higher.

Convicted offenders

In February, the police returned 113 convicted offenders, 31% of all returnees that month. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees so far in 2020 are Romanian (16%), Polish (13%) and Lithuanian (8%).

Convicted offenders returned over the last four years:



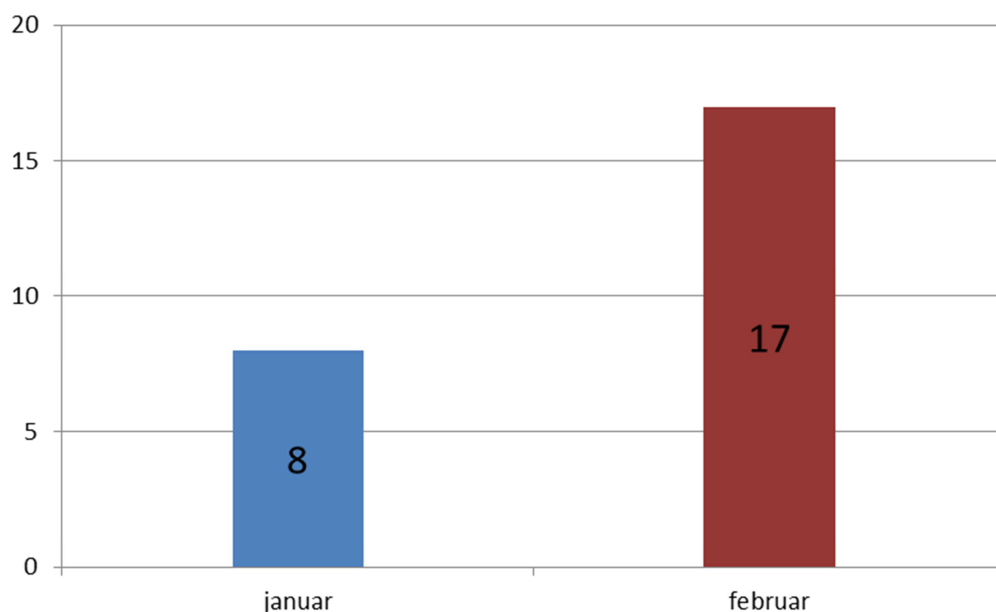
Return of convicted offenders over the last four years

Minors

A total of 17 minors were returned in February, either to their home country or to a safe third country. All of them were accompanied by their parents or guardians.

As a rule, Norwegian authorities do not attempt to verify the age of unaccompanied minors when they are to be returned to another European country under the Dublin III Regulation.

All returned unaccompanied minors must be met by either family members or others who will care for them, e.g. representatives of relevant institutions or the child welfare services in the country in question.



Returned minors so far in 2020

Forced returns on chartered flights

One flight has been chartered so far in 2020, in February.

The various returnee categories

The police return persons who have no legal right to stay in Norway, i.e. not only persons who have had their application for asylum and any appeals rejected.

- 1) **Asylum** – all persons who have applied for protection (asylum) in Norway and who have had their application processed and rejected in Norway and who have exhausted all avenues of appeal. This category also includes persons subject to an expulsion order.
- 2) **Dublin** – anyone returned under the Dublin Regulation. This also includes persons subject to an expulsion order. The Dublin Regulation applies in the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Norway, and governs where an application for asylum will be processed. The purpose of the Regulation is to prevent asylum seekers from applying in multiple countries, but also to ensure that one of the countries assumes responsibility for the asylum seeker. The statistics include both returns under the Dublin Regulation and returns to "safe third countries". The latter are cases where the asylum applicant already has a residence permit (refugee status or other form of permit) in a country that is considered safe.

- 3) **Refused entry or ordered to leave** – persons who have been refused entry into or ordered to leave Norway as they are not permitted to stay here. This may be for various reasons, but persons who are refused entry or ordered to leave are not banned from Norway after being returned.
- 4) **Expelled** – anyone expelled from Norway who has not applied for protection (asylum) or who is not subject to the Dublin Regulation. Most of those who fall into this category have been expelled due to a criminal conviction and are banned from Norway for a specific period of time. Violation of the re-entry ban is a punishable offence.
- 5) **Other** – persons not covered by any of the other categories.

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	3	2	13	18
Albania	1		26	27
Algeria	3		2	5
Angola			1	1
Argentina			1	1
Azerbaijan			1	1
Australia			1	1
Bangladesh	1		1	2
Bolivia			1	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina			3	3
Brazil		1	3	4
Bulgaria			1	1
Canada			1	1
Chile	1		3	4
Colombia			7	7
Costa Rica			2	2
Cuba			1	1
Denmark			1	1
Dominican Republic			3	3
Egypt		1	2	3
Eritrea	1	3	19	23
Estonia			5	5
Ethiopia	6	1	2	9
The Philippines			1	1
France			3	3
The Gambia	1		3	4
Georgia	7		10	17
Ghana	2		1	3

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Guinea		1		1
Greece			1	1
Belarus			7	7
India		3	9	12
Iraq	2	7	21	30
Iran	1	1	9	11
Ireland			1	1
Israel			2	2
Japan			1	1
Yemen		1	4	5
Jordan		1	1	2
Yugoslavia			2	2
Cambodia		1		1
Cameroon		1	3	4
Kazakhstan			2	2
Kenya			2	2
China			3	3
Kyrgyzstan			1	1
Democratic Republic of the Congo			3	3
Kosovo	1		7	8
Latvia			8	8
Lebanon			2	2
Libya	1	1	2	4
Lithuania			21	21
Malaysia			2	2
Morocco		2	5	7
Mauritania			1	1
Mexico	1		5	6
Moldova			6	6
Myanmar	1		1	2
The Netherlands			4	4
Nepal			2	2
Nicaragua	2			2
Nigeria	1	1	21	23
North Macedonia			9	9
Pakistan	5	1	10	16
Peru			3	3
Poland			32	32
Portugal			1	1
Romania			40	40

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Russia	4	1	55	60
Rwanda	1			1
Senegal		1	1	2
Serbia	2		10	12
Slovakia			1	1
Somalia	3	2	12	17
Spain			1	1
Stateless	1	3	12	16
The UK			5	5
Sudan		1	1	2
Sweden			2	2
Syria		10	20	30
South Africa			1	1
Tanzania	1			1
Thailand			18	18
Chad			4	4
Tunisia			2	2
Turkmenistan			1	1
Turkey	2	3	2	7
Germany			4	4
Uganda			1	1
Unknown			2	2
Ukraine	6		46	52
Hungary			1	1
USA			5	5
Uzbekistan		1	3	4
Venezuela	1		3	4
Vietnam			4	4
Total	62	51	589	702

Returnees so far in 2020 by destination				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	3			3
Albania	1		21	22
Algeria	3			3
Argentina			1	1

Returnees so far in 2020 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Bangladesh	1			1
Belgium			4	4
Bosnia-Herzegovina			3	3
Brazil			3	3
Bulgaria	1	2	1	4
Canada			2	2
Chile	1		2	3
Colombia			4	4
Costa Rica			1	1
Denmark		2	13	15
Djibouti	1			1
Egypt			2	2
Eritrea	1			1
Estonia	1		9	10
Ethiopia	6		1	7
The Philippines			1	1
France		1	10	11
The Gambia	1			1
Georgia	7		5	12
Ghana	2			2
Greece		2	8	10
Hong Kong			3	3
Belarus			2	2
India			4	4
Iraq	1			1
Iran	1		1	2
Iceland			1	1
Israel			3	3
Italy		12	41	53
Japan			1	1
Cameroon			1	1
Kazakhstan			2	2
Kenya			1	1
Kyrgyzstan			1	1
Kosovo			6	6
Cyprus			3	3
Latvia		1	8	9
Libya	1			1
Lithuania			21	21
Luxembourg			1	1

Returnees so far in 2020 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Malaysia			2	2
Malta			2	2
Morocco			2	2
Mexico	1		4	5
Moldova			8	8
Myanmar	1		1	2
The Netherlands		1	6	7
Nicaragua	2			2
Nigeria	1		2	3
North Macedonia			11	11
Pakistan	5			5
Peru			2	2
Poland			47	47
Portugal			4	4
Romania		4	40	44
Russia	4		51	55
Rwanda	1			1
Saudi Arabia			1	1
Serbia	2		10	12
Slovakia			2	2
Slovenia	1		1	2
Somalia	2		1	3
Spain		2	18	20
The UK			14	14
Switzerland			1	1
Sweden		13	83	96
Tanzania	1			1
Thailand			10	10
Chad			3	3
The Czech Republic			4	4
Turkey	2		6	8
Germany		11	13	24
Ukraine	6		35	41
Hungary			4	4
USA			5	5
Uzbekistan			2	2
Venezuela	1		1	2
Vietnam			1	1
Austria			1	1
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By destination we mean the country the person is returned to, not necessarily the person's country of origin (or country of nationality).