



**Statistics for July 2020:
Forced returns from Norway**

The police forcibly returned 565 persons in July 2020, 74 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 returns following entry rejections, orders to leave Norway and expulsions, while the NPIS is responsible for returning asylum seekers and returns under the Dublin procedure or to safe third countries. The Norwegian Directorate of Immigration (NDI) is responsible for assisted returns, previously called voluntary returns. Assisted returns are not included in these statistics.

Compared with 2019:

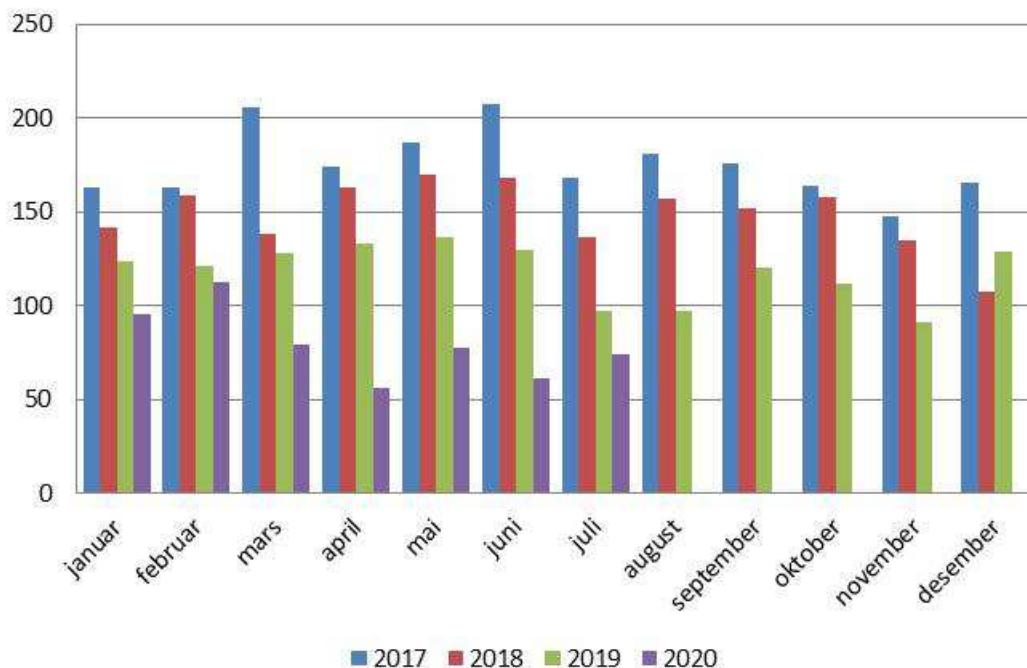
	Forced returns
As at 31.7.2019	2382
As at 31.7.2020	3224
Change in percent	35

We expect these figures to rise due to delays in the registration process.

Convicted offenders

In July, the police returned 74 convicted offenders, 13% of all returnees that month. So far in 2020, 557 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 870 in the same period in last year. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees so far in 2020 are Romanian (25%), Polish (13%) and Lithuanian (10%).

Convicted offenders returned over the last four years:



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Refusals of entry and orders to leave the country under the Control of Communicable Diseases Act

Norway closed its borders for foreign nationals who do not reside in Norway on 16 March, and the majority of those returned due to being refused entry or ordered to leave the country since then have been returned under the Control of Communicable Diseases Act.

The table shows the number of persons returned after 16 March pursuant to the new regulations.

Hjemmel	mars	april	mai	juni	juli	Totalsum
Midlertidig lov om innreiserestriksjoner for utlendinger av hensyn til folkehelsen § 2 3. ledd				3	84	87
Utlendingsloven 2008 § 121 1. ledd bokstav c	212	345	493	124	219	1393
Utlendingsloven 2008 § 17 1. ledd bokstav l	143	108	138	33	113	535
Totalt	355	453	631	157	332	2015

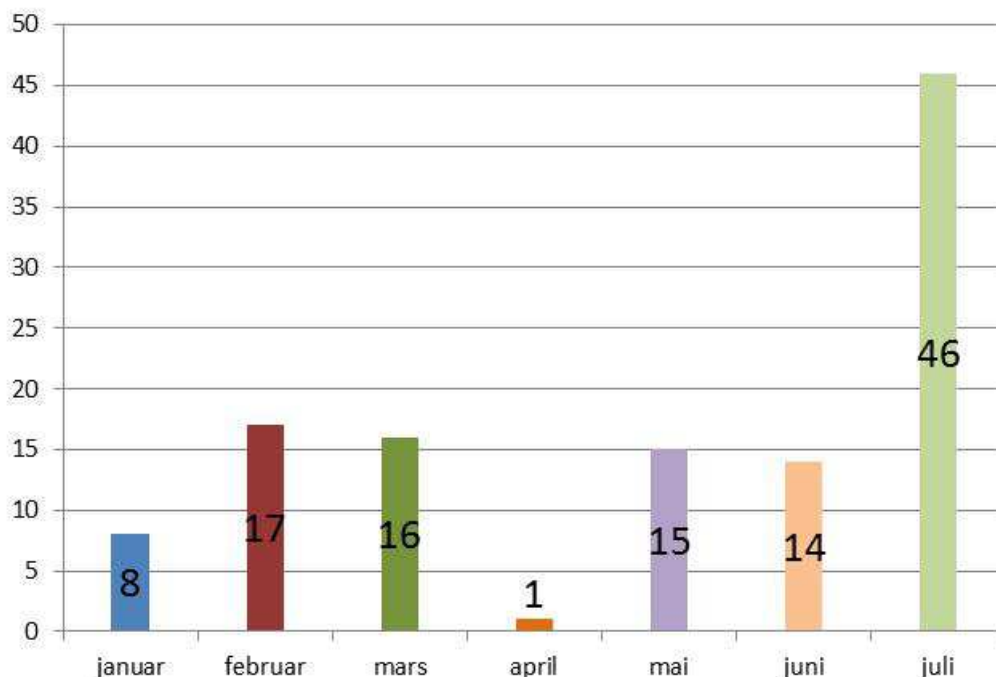
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Minors

46 minors were returned in July, three of whom were unaccompanied minors and 43 were with their families. Most of them (44) were subjects of immigration refusal cases and had been refused entry. The last two minors were returned under the Dublin procedure with 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

Two chartered return flights have taken place so far in 2020, none of them in July.

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	5	71	79
Albania	1		48	49
Algeria	3	1	4	8
Angola		4	1	5
Argentina			4	4
Azerbaijan			1	1
Australia			6	6
Bangladesh	1		2	3
Belgium			3	3
Bolivia			7	7
Bosnia-Herzegovina			7	7

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Brazil		1	14	15
Bulgaria			26	26
Canada			16	16
Chile	1		15	16
Colombia			13	13
Costa Rica			2	2
Cuba			2	2
Denmark			41	41
Dominican Republic			11	11
Djibouti	1			1
Egypt		1	2	3
El Salvador			1	1
Eritrea	1	6	45	52
Estonia			18	18
Ethiopia	6	1	3	10
The Philippines			6	6
Finland			7	7
France			34	34
The Gambia	1		4	5
Georgia	7		17	24
Ghana	2		2	4
Guinea		1		1
Haiti			1	1
Greece			14	14
Belarus			17	17
India		3	20	23
Iraq	2	9	63	74
Iran	1	3	32	36
Ireland			13	13
Iceland			3	3
Israel			3	3
Italy			20	20
Japan			2	2
Yemen		1	4	5
Jordan		1	2	3
Yugoslavia			2	2
Cambodia		1		1
Cameroon		1	6	7
Kazakhstan			8	8

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Kenya			2	2
China			25	25
Kyrgyzstan		1	1	2
Democratic Republic of the Congo			8	8
Kosovo	1		14	15
Croatia			8	8
Cyprus			1	1
Latvia			45	45
Lebanon			3	3
Libya	1	1	5	7
Lithuania			133	133
Malaysia	1		2	3
Malta			1	1
Morocco	2	2	12	16
Mauritania			2	2
Mexico	2		11	13
Moldova			18	18
Mongolia			1	1
Montenegro			1	1
Myanmar	1		2	3
The Netherlands			38	38
Nepal			3	3
Nicaragua	4			4
Nigeria	1	1	29	31
North Macedonia			19	19
Pakistan	5	2	50	57
Paraguay			1	1
Peru	3		3	6
Poland			254	254
Portugal			6	6
Romania			391	391
Russia	4	2	114	120
Rwanda	1		2	3
Saudi Arabia		1		1
Senegal		1	1	2
Serbia	2		23	25
Sierra Leone			1	1
Singapore			1	1
Slovakia			4	4
Somalia	2	2	57	61

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Spain			26	26
Sri Lanka		5	1	6
Stateless	1	4	36	41
The United Kingdom	1		83	84
Sudan	1	1	4	6
Switzerland			12	12
Sweden			577	577
Syria		11	107	118
South Africa			1	1
South Korea			1	1
Tajikistan			1	1
Tanzania	1		1	2
Thailand			37	37
Chad		1	4	5
The Czech Republic			7	7
Tunisia			4	4
Turkmenistan			1	1
Turkey	2	4	12	18
Germany			75	75
Uganda			3	3
Unknown			3	3
Ukraine	8		79	87
Hungary			6	6
USA			18	18
Uzbekistan		1	9	10
Venezuela	1	1	8	10
Vietnam			12	12
Zimbabwe			1	1
Austria			5	5
Total	75	80	3069	3224

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		31	32
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
Australia			4	4
Bangladesh	1			1
Belgium			7	7
Bosnia-Herzegovina			4	4
Brazil			8	8
Bulgaria	1	2	11	14
Canada			9	9
Chile	1		6	7
Colombia			4	4
Costa Rica			1	1
Denmark		2	83	85
United Arab Emirates			2	2
Dominican Republic			1	1
Djibouti	1			1
Egypt			2	2
Eritrea	1			1
Estonia	1		24	25
Ethiopia	6		1	7
The Philippines			5	5
Finland			31	31
France		7	45	52
The Gambia	1			1
Georgia	7		6	13
Ghana	2			2
Greece		5	22	27
Hong Kong			3	3
Belarus			6	6
India			8	8
Iraq	1		1	2
Iran	1		2	3
Ireland			6	6
Iceland			7	7
Israel			3	3
Italy		12	66	78
Japan			1	1
Cameroon			1	1
Kazakhstan			5	5
Kenya			1	1
China			1	1

Returnees so far in 2020 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Kyrgyzstan			1	1
Kosovo			11	11
Croatia			1	1
Cyprus			3	3
Latvia		1	43	44
Libya	1			1
Lithuania			90	90
Luxembourg			1	1
Malaysia	1		2	3
Malta			4	4
Morocco	2		2	4
Mauritania			1	1
Mexico	2		6	8
Moldova			8	8
Montenegro			1	1
Myanmar	1		2	3
The Netherlands		2	57	59
Nicaragua	4			4
Nigeria	1		2	3
North Macedonia			17	17
Pakistan	5		3	8
Peru	1		2	3
Poland			152	152
Portugal		4	12	16
Qatar			7	7
Romania		5	206	211
Russia	4		90	94
Rwanda	1			1
Saudi Arabia			1	1
Serbia	2		18	20
Slovakia			2	2
Slovenia	1		2	3
Somalia	2		1	3
Spain		3	62	65
The United Kingdom	3		102	105
Sudan	1			1
Switzerland		1	5	6
Sweden		21	1512	1533
South Korea			1	1
Taiwan			1	1
Tanzania	1		1	2

Returns so far in 2020 by destination				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Thailand			21	21
Chad			3	3
The Czech Republic			7	7
Turkey	2		8	10
Germany		15	77	92
Ukraine	8		53	61
Hungary			10	10
USA			12	12
Uzbekistan			2	2
Venezuela	1		1	2
Vietnam			1	1
Austria			23	23
Total	75	80	3069	3224

By destination we mean the country the person is returned to, not necessarily the person's country of origin (or country of nationality).