



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

As at 8 July 2020, the police had recorded 147 returns of persons without legal residence in Norway in June 2020, 56 of whom were convicted offenders.

There will be some adjustments to the future monthly reports caused by an increase in immigration refusal cases and a delay in their registration. The increase is due to amendments to the immigration refusal regulations under the act relating to control of communicable diseases. Delayed registrations will be included in future reports.

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 30.06.2019	2048
As at 30.06.2020	2516
Change in percent	23

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

Convicted offenders

As at 8 July 2020, 56 convicted offenders were listed with the police as returned in June, 38% of all returnees that month. So far in 2020, 473 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 773 in the same period in last year. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees so far in 2020 are Romanian (26%), 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.

Statutory provisions for refusal order	March	April	May	June	Total
Section 121, 1. subsection, letter c of the Immigration Act 2008 (EU/EEC citizens]	212	344	467	69	1092
Section 17, 1. subsection, letter l of the Immigration Act 2008 (third country nationals]	145	108	125	8	386
Total:	357	452	592	77	1478

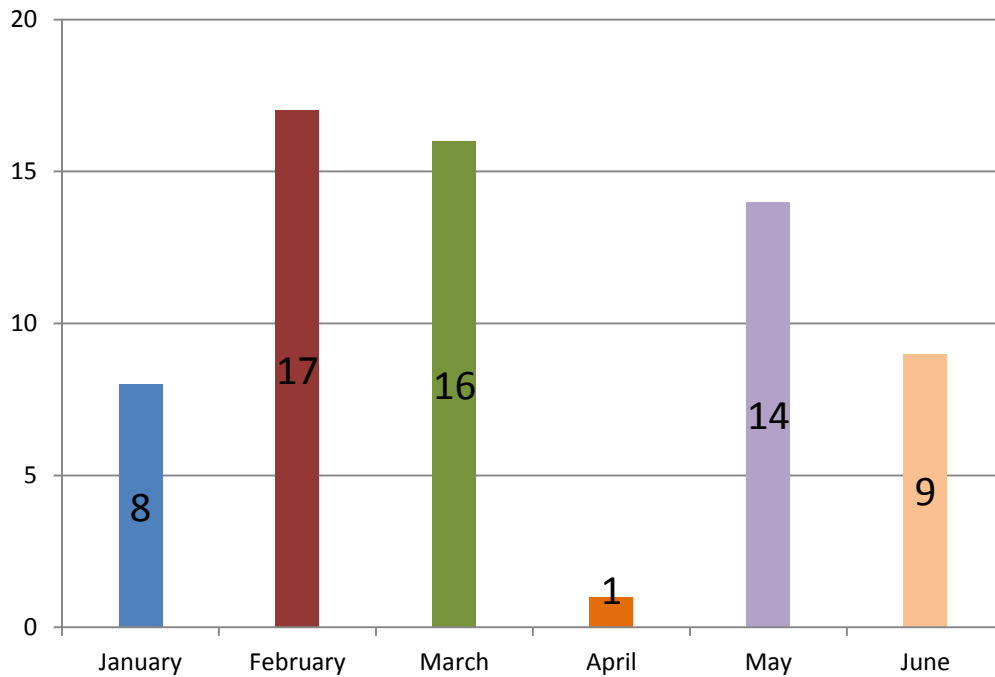
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Minors

Nine minors were returned in June. Three of them were unaccompanied minors who were met by their parents when arriving in their home country, while the other six 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

Two chartered return flights have taken place so far in 2020, one of them in June.

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.

Returns so far in 2020 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	3	4	44	51
Albania	1		39	40
Algeria	3	1	3	7
Angola			1	1
Argentina			2	2
Azerbaijan			1	1
Australia			6	6
Bangladesh	1		2	3
Belgium			2	2
Bolivia			6	6
Bosnia-Herzegovina			6	6
Brazil		1	11	12
Bulgaria			20	20
Canada			13	13
Chile	1		14	15
Colombia			11	11
Costa Rica			2	2
Cuba			2	2
Denmark			34	34
Dominican Republic			10	10
Djibouti	1			1
Egypt		1	2	3
Eritrea	1	6	32	39
Estonia			10	10
Ethiopia	6	1	3	10
The Philippines			5	5
Finland			6	6
France			12	12
The Gambia	1		3	4
Georgia	7		16	23
Ghana	2		2	4
Guinea		1		1
Haiti			1	1
Greece			6	6
Belarus			17	17
India		3	18	21

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Iraq	2	8	49	59
Iran	1	1	28	30
Ireland			12	12
Iceland			3	3
Israel			3	3
Italy			11	11
Japan			1	1
Yemen		1	4	5
Jordan		1	2	3
Yugoslavia			2	2
Cambodia		1		1
Cameroon		1	4	5
Kazakhstan			7	7
Kenya			2	2
China			14	14
Kyrgyzstan			1	1
Democratic Republic of the Congo			8	8
Kosovo	1		13	14
Croatia			6	6
Latvia			26	26
Lebanon			3	3
Libya	1	1	4	6
Lithuania			99	99
Malaysia	1		2	3
Morocco	2	2	8	12
Mauritania			2	2
Mexico	1		7	8
Moldova			16	16
Mongolia			1	1
Montenegro			1	1
Myanmar	1		2	3
The Netherlands			17	17
Nepal			2	2
Nicaragua	4			4
Nigeria	1	1	25	27
North Macedonia			14	14
Pakistan	5	2	39	46
Peru	3		3	6
Poland			177	177
Portugal			2	2

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Romania			340	340
Russia	4	2	95	101
Rwanda	1		2	3
Senegal		1	1	2
Serbia	2		15	17
Sierra Leone			1	1
Singapore			1	1
Slovakia			4	4
Somalia	2	2	49	53
Spain			15	15
Sri Lanka		5	1	6
Stateless	1	3	25	29
The United Kingdom	1		28	29
Sudan	1	1	4	6
Switzerland			3	3
Sweden			520	520
Syria		11	75	86
South Africa			1	1
South Korea			1	1
Tajikistan			1	1
Tanzania	1			1
Thailand			33	33
Chad		1	4	5
The Czech Republic			2	2
Tunisia			4	4
Turkmenistan			1	1
Turkey	2	3	9	14
Germany			41	41
Uganda			1	1
Unknown			3	3
Ukraine	7		71	78
Hungary			4	4
USA			15	15
Uzbekistan		1	4	5
Venezuela	1		8	9
Vietnam			11	11
Zimbabwe			1	1
Total	73	67	2376	2516

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		26	27
Algeria	3			3
Argentina			1	1
Australia			4	4
Bangladesh	1			1
Belgium			5	5
Bosnia-Herzegovina			4	4
Brazil			7	7
Bulgaria	1	2	9	12
Canada			8	8
Chile	1		6	7
Colombia			4	4
Costa Rica			1	1
Denmark		2	42	44
United Arab Emirates			2	2
Djibouti	1			1
Egypt			2	2
Eritrea	1			1
Estonia	1		13	14
Ethiopia	6		1	7
The Philippines			4	4
Finland			10	10
France		6	18	24
The Gambia	1			1
Georgia	7		6	13
Ghana	2			2
Greece		3	13	16
Hong Kong			3	3
Belarus			6	6
India			8	8
Iraq	1		1	2
Iran	1		2	3
Ireland			3	3
Iceland			2	2
Israel			3	3
Italy		12	44	56
Japan			1	1
Cameroon			1	1

Returnees so far in 2020 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Kazakhstan			5	5
Kenya			1	1
Kyrgyzstan			1	1
Kosovo			8	8
Croatia			1	1
Cyprus			3	3
Latvia		1	22	23
Libya	1			1
Lithuania			68	68
Luxembourg			1	1
Malaysia	1		2	3
Malta			3	3
Morocco	2		2	4
Mauritania			1	1
Mexico	1		5	6
Moldova			8	8
Montenegro			1	1
Myanmar	1		2	3
The Netherlands		1	21	22
Nicaragua	4			4
Nigeria	1		2	3
North Macedonia			13	13
Pakistan	5		3	8
Peru	1		2	3
Poland			79	79
Portugal			7	7
Qatar			7	7
Romania		5	175	180
Russia	4		83	87
Rwanda	1			1
Saudi Arabia			1	1
Serbia	2		13	15
Slovakia			2	2
Slovenia	1		1	2
Somalia	2		1	3
Spain		2	34	36
The United Kingdom	3		34	37
Sudan	1			1
Switzerland		1	2	3
Sweden		18	1360	1378

Returnees so far in 2020 by destination				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
South Korea			1	1
Taiwan			1	1
Tanzania	1			1
Thailand			21	21
Chad			3	3
The Czech Republic			4	4
Turkey	2		6	8
Germany		14	32	46
Ukraine	7		50	57
Hungary			6	6
USA			11	11
Uzbekistan			2	2
Venezuela	1		1	2
Vietnam			1	1
Austria			3	3
Total	73	67	2376	2516

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