



**Statistics March 2020:
Forced returns from Norway**

The police forcibly returned 173 persons in March 2020, 65 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 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 2,019:

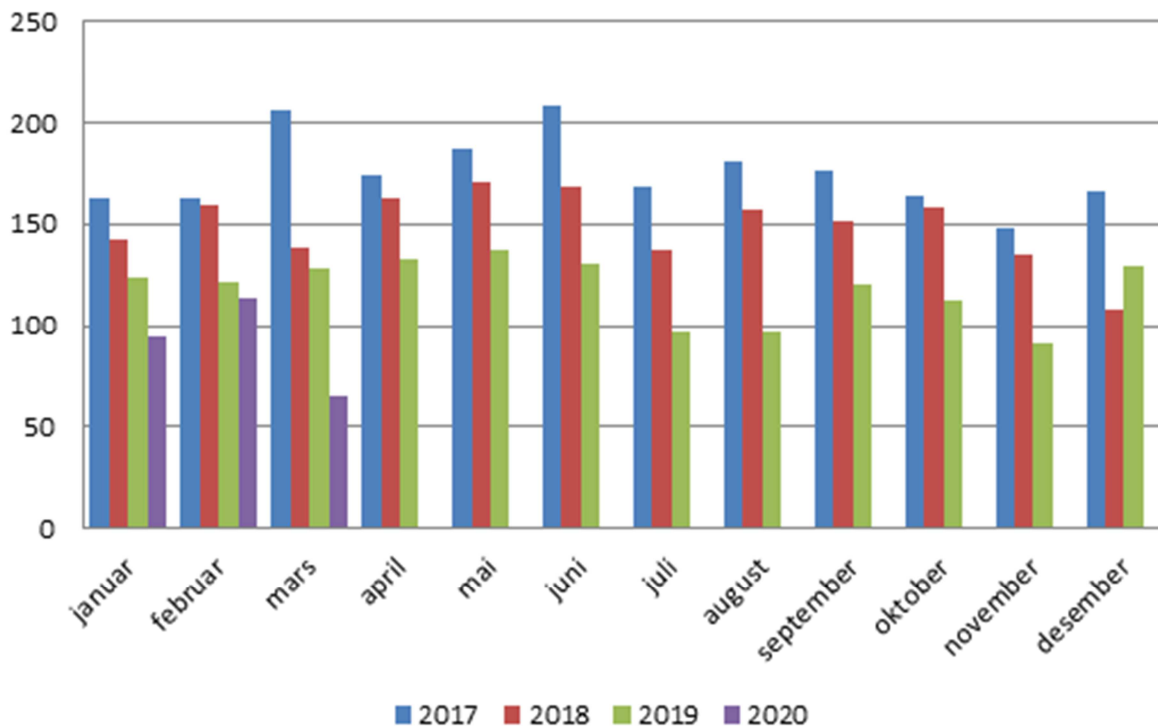
	Forced returns
As at 31.03.2019	1023
As at 31.03.2020	878
Change in percent	- 14

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

Convicted offenders

In March, the police returned 65 convicted offenders, approx. 38% of all returnees that month. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees so far in 2020 are Romanian (16%), Polish (13%) and Lithuanian (11 %).

Convicted offenders returned over the last four years:



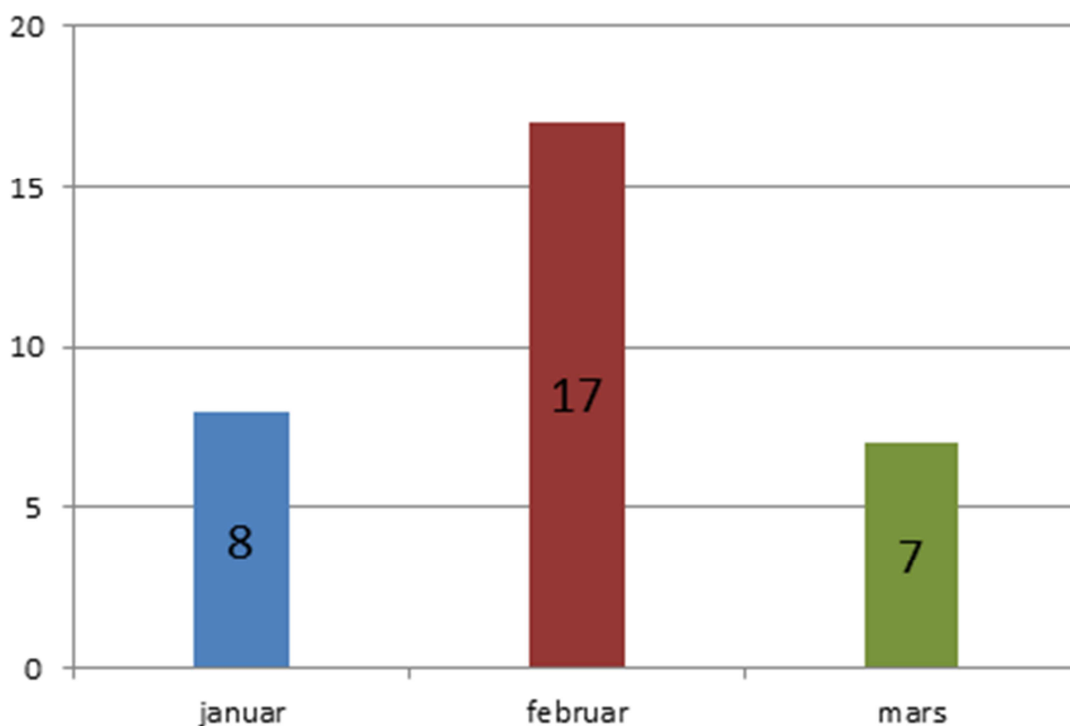
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Minors

A total of 7 minors were returned in March, either to their home country or to a safe third country. Five of them were accompanied by parents or guardians, while two were unaccompanied minors.

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.

Returns so far in 2020 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	3	4	13	20
Albania	1		32	33
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			4	4
Brazil		1	7	8
Bulgaria			2	2
Canada			1	1
Chile	1		6	7
Colombia			8	8
Costa Rica			2	2
Cuba			2	2
Denmark			1	1
Dominican Republic			5	5
Djibouti	1			1
Egypt		1	2	3
Eritrea	1	6	20	27

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Estonia			6	6
Ethiopia	6	1	3	10
The Philippines			2	2
Finland			1	1
France			3	3
The Gambia	1		3	4
Georgia	7		11	18
Ghana	2		1	3
Guinea		1		1
Haiti			1	1
Greece			1	1
Belarus			13	13
India		3	13	16
Iraq	3	8	24	35
Iran	1	1	11	13
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			5	5
Kenya			2	2
China			3	3
Kyrgyzstan			1	1
Democratic Republic of the Congo			3	3
Kosovo	1		8	9
Croatia			1	1
Latvia			10	10
Lebanon			2	2
Libya	1	1	2	4
Lithuania			36	36
Malaysia			2	2
Morocco	2	2	5	9
Mauritania			2	2
Mexico	1		6	7
Moldova			6	6
Montenegro			1	1

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Myanmar	1		2	3
The Netherlands			4	4
Nepal			2	2
Nicaragua	4			4
Nigeria	1	1	21	23
North Macedonia			11	11
Pakistan	5	1	12	18
Peru	3		3	6
Poland			40	40
Portugal			2	2
Romania			54	54
Russia	4	1	76	81
Rwanda	1		1	2
Senegal		1	1	2
Serbia	2		12	14
Slovakia			1	1
Somalia	2	2	15	19
Spain			2	2
Sri Lanka		5		5
Stateless	1	3	17	21
The UK	1		6	7
Sudan	1	1	1	3
Sweden			4	4
Syria		11	22	33
South Africa			1	1
South Korea			1	1
Tanzania	1			1
Thailand			21	21
Chad		1	4	5
Tunisia			2	2
Turkmenistan			1	1
Turkey	2	3	3	8
Germany			5	5
Uganda			1	1
Unknown			2	2
Ukraine	6		60	66
Hungary			1	1
USA			5	5
Uzbekistan		1	3	4
Venezuela	1		3	4

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Vietnam			5	5
Total	72	64	742	878

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
Bangladesh	1			1
Belgium			4	4
Bosnia-Herzegovina			4	4
Brazil			5	5
Bulgaria	1	2	2	5
Canada			2	2
Chile	1		5	6
Colombia			4	4
Costa Rica			1	1
Denmark		2	14	16
Djibouti	1			1
Egypt			2	2
Eritrea	1			1
Estonia	1		13	14
Ethiopia	6		1	7
The Philippines			2	2
Finland			1	1
France		6	11	17
The Gambia	1			1
Georgia	7		6	13
Ghana	2			2
Greece		3	10	13
Hong Kong			3	3
Belarus			5	5
India			8	8
Iraq	1			1
Iran	1		1	2

Returnees so far in 2020 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Iceland			1	1
Israel			3	3
Italy		12	43	55
Japan			1	1
Cameroon			1	1
Kazakhstan			5	5
Kenya			1	1
Kyrgyzstan			1	1
Kosovo			8	8
Croatia			1	1
Cyprus			3	3
Latvia		1	14	15
Libya	1			1
Lithuania			39	39
Luxembourg			1	1
Malaysia			2	2
Malta			2	2
Morocco	2		2	4
Mauritania			1	1
Mexico	1		5	6
Moldova			8	8
Montenegro			1	1
Myanmar	1		2	3
The Netherlands		1	7	8
Nicaragua	4			4
Nigeria	1		2	3
North Macedonia			13	13
Pakistan	5			5
Peru	1		2	3
Poland			57	57
Portugal			5	5
Romania		5	54	59
Russia	4		72	76
Rwanda	1			1
Saudi Arabia			1	1
Serbia	2		12	14
Slovakia			2	2
Slovenia	1		1	2
Somalia	2		1	3
Spain		2	24	26
The UK	3		15	18

Returnees so far in 2020 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Sudan	1			1
Switzerland		1	1	2
Sweden		16	95	111
South Korea			1	1
Tanzania	1			1
Thailand			11	11
Chad			3	3
The Czech Republic			4	4
Turkey	2		6	8
Germany	1	13	15	29
Ukraine	6		47	53
Hungary			4	4
USA			5	5
Uzbekistan			2	2
Venezuela	1		1	2
Vietnam			1	1
Austria			2	2
Total	72	64	742	878

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