



## Statistics for May 2020 Forced returns from Norway

**The police forcibly returned 224 persons in May 2020, 45 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 2019:

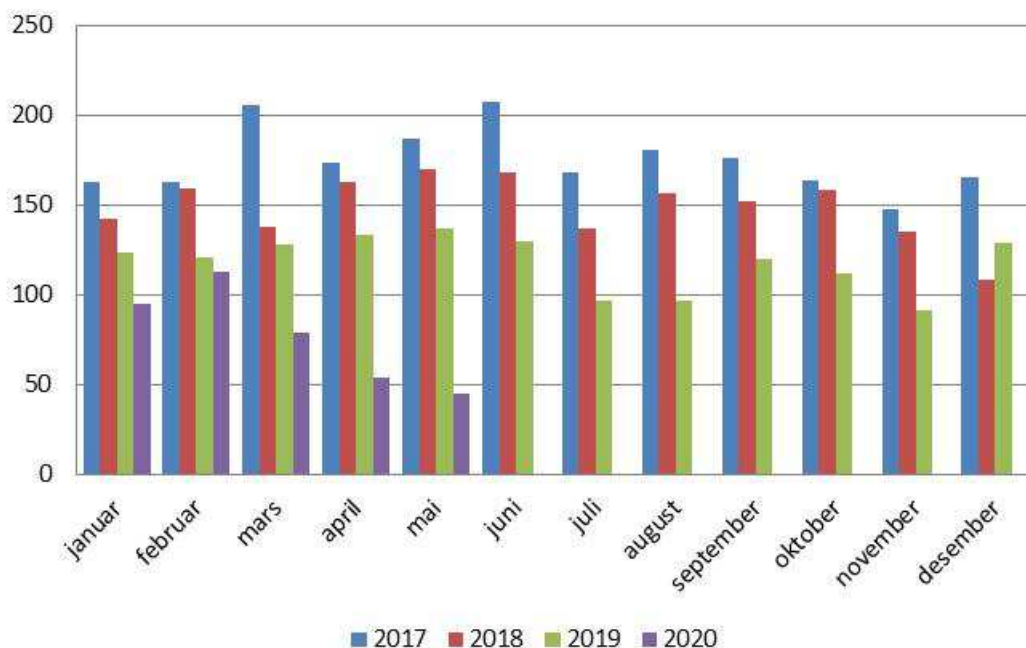
	Forced returns
As at 31.5.2019	1695
As at 31.5.2020	1904
Change in percent	<b>12</b>

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

### Convicted offenders

In May, the police returned 45 convicted offenders, 20% of all returnees that month. So far in 2020, 386 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 643 in the same period in last year. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees so far in 2020 are Romanian (22%), Polish (14%) and Lithuanian (11%).

### Convicted offenders returned over the last four years:



*Convicted offenders returned over the last four years*

## 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 - bortvisningsvedtak	Mars	April	Mai	Totalt
Utlendingsloven 2008 § 121 1. ledd bokstav c (EU/EØS borgere)	212	304	130	646
Utlendingsloven 2008 § 17 1. ledd bokstav I (3. landsborgere)	145	104	50	299
<b>Totalt:</b>	<b>357</b>	<b>408</b>	<b>180</b>	<b>945</b>

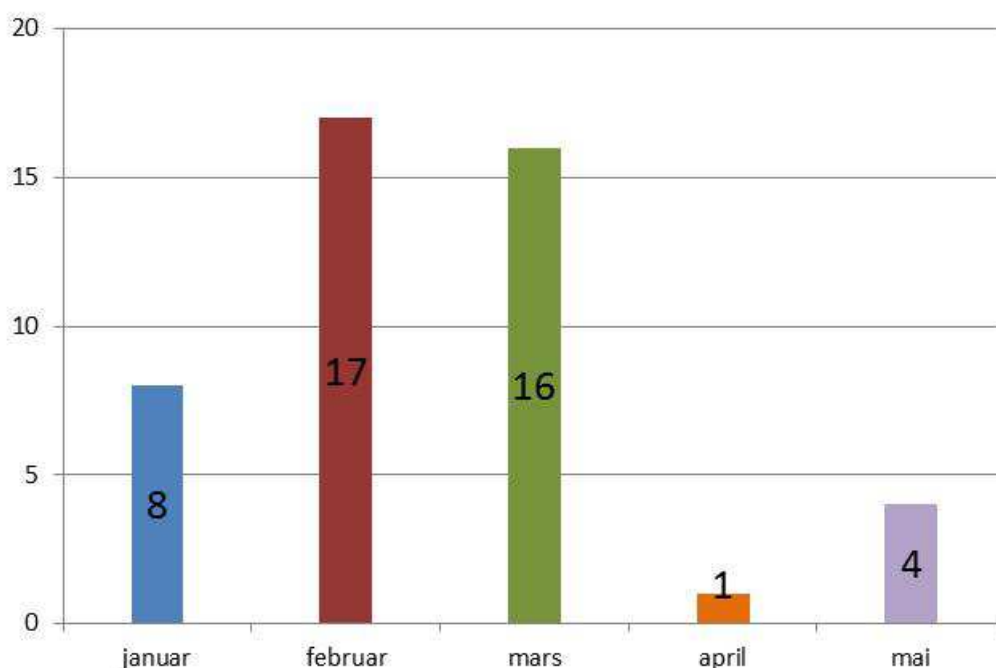
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## Minors

Four minors were returned in May, all together with their parents.

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.

<b>Returns so far in 2020 by nationality</b>				
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin/safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Afghanistan	3	4	29	<b>36</b>
Albania	1		37	<b>38</b>
Algeria	3	1	3	<b>7</b>
Angola			1	<b>1</b>
Argentina			2	<b>2</b>
Azerbaijan			1	<b>1</b>
Australia			6	<b>6</b>
Bangladesh	1		2	<b>3</b>
Belgium			2	<b>2</b>
Bolivia			6	<b>6</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina			6	<b>6</b>
Brazil		1	11	<b>12</b>
Bulgaria			16	<b>16</b>
Canada			12	<b>12</b>
Chile	1		11	<b>12</b>
Colombia			9	<b>9</b>

## Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Costa Rica			2	2
Cuba			2	2
Denmark			23	23
Dominican Republic			9	9
Djibouti	1			1
Egypt		1	2	3
Eritrea	1	6	31	38
Estonia			10	10
Ethiopia	6	1	3	10
The Philippines			5	5
Finland			4	4
France			10	10
The Gambia	1		3	4
Georgia	7		16	23
Ghana	2		2	4
Guinea		1		1
Haiti			1	1
Greece			5	5
Belarus			16	16
India		3	16	19
Iraq	3	8	37	48
Iran	1	1	25	27
Ireland			2	2
Iceland			3	3
Israel			3	3
Italy			8	8
Japan			1	1
Yemen		1	4	5
Jordan		1	1	2
Yugoslavia			2	2
Cambodia		1		1
Cameroon		1	3	4
Kazakhstan			6	6
Kenya			2	2
China			11	11
Kyrgyzstan			1	1
Democratic Republic of the Congo			6	6
Kosovo	1		12	13
Croatia			6	6
Latvia			20	20

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Lebanon			3	<b>3</b>
Libya	1	1	3	<b>5</b>
Lithuania			67	<b>67</b>
Malaysia			2	<b>2</b>
Morocco	2	2	7	<b>11</b>
Mauritania			2	<b>2</b>
Mexico	1		6	<b>7</b>
Moldova			7	<b>7</b>
Mongolia			1	<b>1</b>
Montenegro			1	<b>1</b>
Myanmar	1		2	<b>3</b>
The Netherlands			14	<b>14</b>
Nepal			2	<b>2</b>
Nicaragua	4			<b>4</b>
Nigeria	1	1	25	<b>27</b>
North Macedonia			13	<b>13</b>
Pakistan	5	1	33	<b>39</b>
Peru	3		3	<b>6</b>
Poland			128	<b>128</b>
Portugal			2	<b>2</b>
Romania			198	<b>198</b>
Russia	4	1	89	<b>94</b>
Rwanda	1		2	<b>3</b>
Senegal		1	1	<b>2</b>
Serbia	2		15	<b>17</b>
Sierra Leone			1	<b>1</b>
Singapore			1	<b>1</b>
Slovakia			4	<b>4</b>
Somalia	2	2	41	<b>45</b>
Spain			14	<b>14</b>
Sri Lanka		5	1	<b>6</b>
Stateless	1	3	25	<b>29</b>
The United Kingdom	1		24	<b>25</b>
Sudan	1	1	3	<b>5</b>
Switzerland			1	<b>1</b>
Sweden			319	<b>319</b>
Syria		11	53	<b>64</b>
South Africa			1	<b>1</b>
South Korea			1	<b>1</b>
Tanzania	1			<b>1</b>
Thailand			32	<b>32</b>

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Chad		1	4	5
The Czech Republic			2	2
Tunisia			4	4
Turkmenistan			1	1
Turkey	2	3	5	10
Germany			27	27
Uganda			1	1
Unknown			3	3
Ukraine	6		67	73
Hungary			2	2
USA			15	15
Uzbekistan		1	4	5
Venezuela	1		8	9
Vietnam			9	9
Zimbabwe			1	1
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1767</b>	<b>1904</b>

### 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	6	9
Canada			8	8
Chile	1		6	7
Colombia			4	4
Costa Rica			1	1
Denmark		2	30	32
United Arab Emirates			2	2
Djibouti	1			1

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Egypt			2	2
Eritrea	1			1
Estonia	1		13	14
Ethiopia	6		1	7
The Philippines			4	4
Finland			2	2
France		6	16	22
The Gambia	1			1
Georgia	7		6	13
Ghana	2			2
Greece		3	12	15
Hong Kong			3	3
Belarus			5	5
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
Kazakhstan			5	5
Kenya			1	1
Kyrgyzstan			1	1
Kosovo			8	8
Croatia			1	1
Cyprus			3	3
Latvia		1	18	19
Libya	1			1
Lithuania			48	48
Luxembourg			1	1
Malaysia			2	2
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	18	19

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Nicaragua	4			4
Nigeria	1		2	3
North Macedonia			13	13
Pakistan	5		3	8
Peru	1		2	3
Poland			63	63
Portugal			7	7
Qatar			7	7
Romania		5	128	133
Russia	4		82	86
Rwanda	1			1
Saudi Arabia			1	1
Serbia	2		13	15
Slovakia			2	2
Slovenia	1		1	2
Somalia	2		1	3
Spain		2	31	33
The United Kingdom	3		33	36
Sudan	1			1
Switzerland		1	2	3
Sweden		17	881	898
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	1	13	28	42
Ukraine	6		48	54
Hungary			5	5
USA			11	11
Uzbekistan			2	2
Venezuela	1		1	2
Vietnam			1	1
Austria			2	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>72</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1767</b>	<b>1904</b>

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