



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

**The Norwegian police returned 707 persons in November 2020, 103 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:**

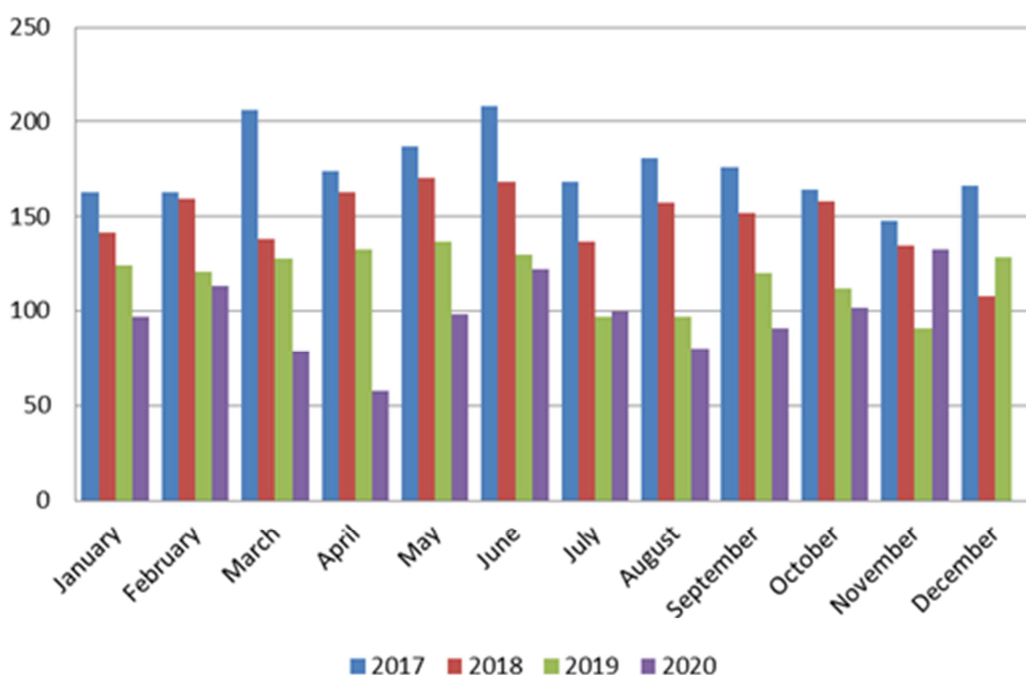
|                   | <b>Forced returns</b> |
|-------------------|-----------------------|
| As at 30.11.2019  | 3849                  |
| As at 30.11.2020  | 7821                  |
| Change in percent | <b>103</b>            |

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

**Convicted offenders**

In November, the police returned 103 convicted offenders, approx. 19% of all returnees that month. So far in 2020, 1073 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 1290 in the same period in last year. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees so far in 2020 are Romanian (28 %), Polish (13 %) and Lithuanian (11 %).

**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.

| Legal basis   | March | April | May | June | July | August | September | October | November | Total |
|---|-------|-------|-----|------|------|--------|-----------|---------|----------|-------|
| Temporary Act relating to entry restrictions for foreigners to protect the public health section 2 subs. 3. | 2     | 3     | 32  | 478  | 607  | 379    | 275       | 220     | 457      | 3056  |
| The Immigration Act of 2008 section 121 subs. 1 c)  | 211   | 346   | 598 | 391  | 268  | 74     | 26        | 15      | 87       | 2095  |
| The Immigration Act of 2008 section 17 subs. 1 l)   | 146   | 107   | 178 | 119  | 145  | 52     | 22        | 7       | 7        | 805   |
| Total   | 359   | 456   | 808 | 988  | 1020 | 505    | 323       | 242     | 551      | 5956  |

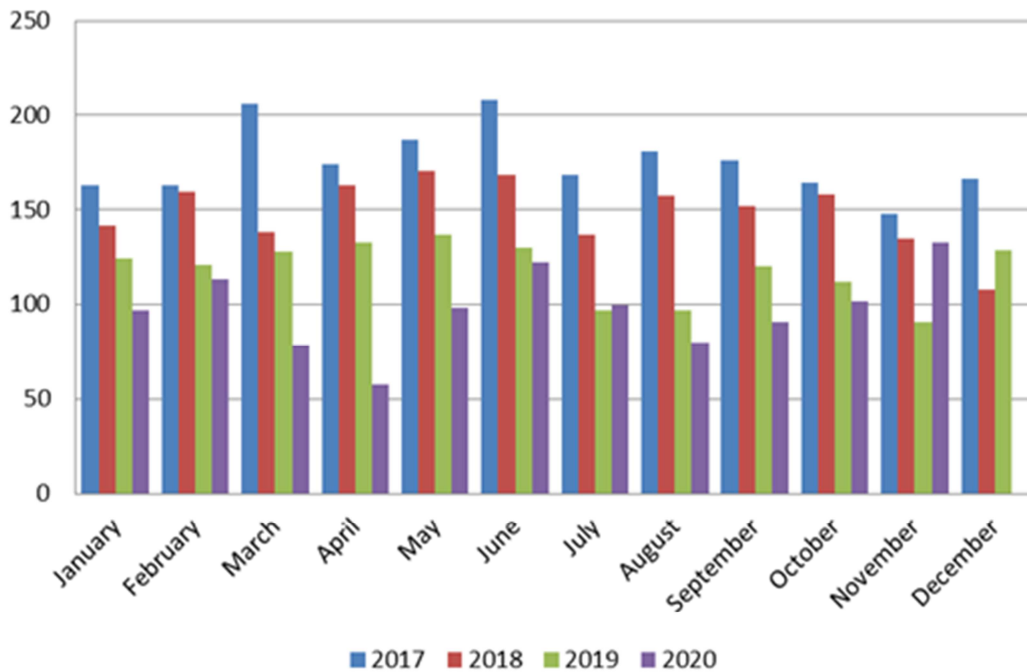
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#### **Minors**

9 minors were returned in November. 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**

Five chartered return flights have taken place so far in 2018, one of them in November.

### **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>Returnees 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             | 6                                | 192  | <b>201</b>   |
| Albania  | 1             |                                  | 101  | <b>102</b>   |
| Algeria  | 3             | 3                                | 10   | <b>16</b>    |
| Angola   |               | 4                                | 2  | <b>6</b>     |
| Argentina                                      |               |                                  | 12   | <b>12</b>    |
| Armenia  | 1             |                                  | 3  | <b>4</b>     |
| Azerbaijan                                     |               | 1                                | 6  | <b>7</b>     |
| Australia                                      |               |                                  | 16   | <b>16</b>    |
| Bangladesh                                     | 1             |                                  | 8  | <b>9</b>     |
| Belgium  |               |                                  | 35   | <b>35</b>    |
| Bolivia  |               |                                  | 10   | <b>10</b>    |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina                             | 1             |                                  | 14   | <b>15</b>    |
| Brazil   |               | 1                                | 36   | <b>37</b>    |
| Bulgaria                                       |               |                                  | 63   | <b>63</b>    |
| Burkina Faso                                   |               |                                  | 1  | <b>1</b>     |
| Canada   |               |                                  | 32   | <b>32</b>    |
| Chile  | 1             |                                  | 25   | <b>26</b>    |
| Colombia                                       |               | 1                                | 35   | <b>36</b>    |
| Costa Rica                                     |               |                                  | 2  | <b>2</b>     |
| Cuba   |               |                                  | 4  | <b>4</b>     |
| Denmark  |               |                                  | 101  | <b>101</b>   |
| United Arab Emirates                           |               |                                  | 1  | <b>1</b>     |
| Dominican Republic                             |               |                                  | 16   | <b>16</b>    |
| Djibouti                                       | 1             |                                  |  | <b>1</b>     |
| Ecuador  |               |                                  | 2  | <b>2</b>     |
| Egypt  |               | 1                                | 5  | <b>6</b>     |
| El Salvador                                    |               |                                  | 1  | <b>1</b>     |
| Ivory Coast                                    | 1             | 2                                | 2  | <b>5</b>     |
| Eritrea  | 1             | 11                               | 99   | <b>111</b>   |
| Estonia  |               |                                  | 59   | <b>59</b>    |
| Ethiopia                                       | 6             | 3                                | 13   | <b>22</b>    |
| The Philippines                                |               |                                  | 12   | <b>12</b>    |
| Finland  |               |                                  | 27   | <b>27</b>    |
| France   |               |                                  | 107  | <b>107</b>   |
| The Gambia                                     | 1             | 2                                | 10   | <b>13</b>    |

## Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

|                       | Asylum | Dublin/safe third country | Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other | Total      |
|-----------------------|--------|---------------------------|---|------------|
| Georgia               | 9      |                           | 21  | <b>30</b>  |
| Ghana                 | 2      |                           | 11  | <b>13</b>  |
| Grenada               |        |                           | 6   | <b>6</b>   |
| Guinea                |        | 3                         | 1   | <b>4</b>   |
| Haiti                 |        |                           | 1   | <b>1</b>   |
| Greece                |        |                           | 24  | <b>24</b>  |
| Belarus               |        | 3                         | 24  | <b>27</b>  |
| India                 |        | 3                         | 44  | <b>47</b>  |
| Indonesia             |        |                           | 1   | <b>1</b>   |
| Iraq                  | 6      | 9                         | 160   | <b>175</b> |
| Iran                  | 3      | 6                         | 64  | <b>73</b>  |
| Ireland               |        |                           | 16  | <b>16</b>  |
| Iceland               |        |                           | 6   | <b>6</b>   |
| Israel                |        |                           | 4   | <b>4</b>   |
| Italy                 |        |                           | 74  | <b>74</b>  |
| Japan                 |        |                           | 4   | <b>4</b>   |
| Yemen                 |        | 2                         | 10  | <b>12</b>  |
| Jordan                |        | 1                         | 5   | <b>6</b>   |
| Yugoslavia            |        |                           | 1   | <b>1</b>   |
| Cambodia              |        | 1                         |   | <b>1</b>   |
| Cameroon              |        | 1                         | 7   | <b>8</b>   |
| Kazakhstan            |        |                           | 12  | <b>12</b>  |
| Kenya                 |        |                           | 10  | <b>10</b>  |
| China                 |        | 5                         | 57  | <b>62</b>  |
| Kyrgyzstan            |        | 1                         | 2   | <b>3</b>   |
| Republic of the Congo |        |                           | 17  | <b>17</b>  |
| Kosovo                | 5      |                           | 35  | <b>40</b>  |
| Croatia               |        |                           | 18  | <b>18</b>  |
| Cyprus                |        |                           | 1   | <b>1</b>   |
| Latvia                |        |                           | 91  | <b>91</b>  |
| Lebanon               |        | 1                         | 4   | <b>5</b>   |
| Liberia               |        |                           | 1   | <b>1</b>   |
| Libya                 | 1      | 2                         | 6   | <b>9</b>   |
| Lithuania             |        |                           | 295   | <b>295</b> |
| Malaysia              | 1      |                           | 5   | <b>6</b>   |
| Mali                  |        |                           | 1   | <b>1</b>   |
| Malta                 |        |                           | 1   | <b>1</b>   |
| Morocco               | 2      | 6                         | 37  | <b>45</b>  |
| Mauritania            |        |                           | 2   | <b>2</b>   |
| Mexico                | 3      |                           | 16  | <b>19</b>  |

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|-----------------------|--------|---------------------------|---|-------------|
| Moldova               |        |                           | 27  | <b>27</b>   |
| Mongolia              |        |                           | 4   | <b>4</b>    |
| Montenegro            |        |                           | 3   | <b>3</b>    |
| Myanmar               | 1      |                           | 2   | <b>3</b>    |
| The Netherlands       |        |                           | 146   | <b>146</b>  |
| Nepal                 |        |                           | 6   | <b>6</b>    |
| New Zealand           |        |                           | 3   | <b>3</b>    |
| Nicaragua             | 4      |                           |   | <b>4</b>    |
| Nigeria               | 1      | 2                         | 50  | <b>53</b>   |
| North Macedonia       |        |                           | 31  | <b>31</b>   |
| Pakistan              | 5      | 8                         | 100   | <b>113</b>  |
| Panama                |        |                           | 1   | <b>1</b>    |
| Paraguay              |        |                           | 1   | <b>1</b>    |
| Peru                  | 3      |                           | 10  | <b>13</b>   |
| Poland                |        |                           | 588   | <b>588</b>  |
| Portugal              |        |                           | 23  | <b>23</b>   |
| Romania               |        |                           | 931   | <b>931</b>  |
| Russia                | 5      | 4                         | 164   | <b>173</b>  |
| Rwanda                | 1      |                           | 2   | <b>3</b>    |
| Saudi Arabia          |        | 1                         | 1   | <b>2</b>    |
| Senegal               |        | 1                         | 3   | <b>4</b>    |
| Serbia                | 3      |                           | 50  | <b>53</b>   |
| Serbia and Montenegro |        |                           | 2   | <b>2</b>    |
| Sierra Leone          |        |                           | 7   | <b>7</b>    |
| Singapore             |        |                           | 1   | <b>1</b>    |
| Slovakia              |        |                           | 20  | <b>20</b>   |
| Slovenia              |        |                           | 3   | <b>3</b>    |
| Somalia               | 5      | 3                         | 136   | <b>144</b>  |
| Spain                 |        |                           | 80  | <b>80</b>   |
| Sri Lanka             |        | 5                         | 5   | <b>10</b>   |
| Stateless             | 1      | 6                         | 99  | <b>106</b>  |
| The United Kingdom    | 1      |                           | 176   | <b>177</b>  |
| Sudan                 | 1      | 1                         | 5   | <b>7</b>    |
| Switzerland           |        |                           | 34  | <b>34</b>   |
| Sweden                |        |                           | 1572  | <b>1572</b> |
| Syria                 |        | 16                        | 289   | <b>305</b>  |
| South Africa          |        |                           | 3   | <b>3</b>    |
| South Korea           |        |                           | 6   | <b>6</b>    |
| Tajikistan            |        |                           | 1   | <b>1</b>    |
| Tanzania              | 1      |                           | 3   | <b>4</b>    |

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|  | <b>Asylum</b> | <b>Dublin/safe third country</b> | <b>Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Thailand                                       |               |                                  | 49   | <b>49</b>    |
| Togo   |               |                                  | 1  | <b>1</b>     |
| Chad   |               | 1                                | 4  | <b>5</b>     |
| The Czech Republic                             |               |                                  | 30   | <b>30</b>    |
| Tunisia  |               |                                  | 6  | <b>6</b>     |
| Turkmenistan                                   |               |                                  | 1  | <b>1</b>     |
| Turkey   | 4             | 5                                | 40   | <b>49</b>    |
| Germany  |               |                                  | 314  | <b>314</b>   |
| Uganda   |               |                                  | 7  | <b>7</b>     |
| Unknown  |               |                                  | 9  | <b>9</b>     |
| Ukraine  | 9             |                                  | 221  | <b>230</b>   |
| Hungary  |               |                                  | 16   | <b>16</b>    |
| Uruguay  |               |                                  | 2  | <b>2</b>     |
| USA  |               |                                  | 68   | <b>68</b>    |
| Uzbekistan                                     | 1             | 1                                | 27   | <b>29</b>    |
| Venezuela                                      | 1             | 1                                | 8  | <b>10</b>    |
| Vietnam  |               |                                  | 22   | <b>22</b>    |
| Zimbabwe                                       |               |                                  | 4  | <b>4</b>     |
| Austria  |               |                                  | 13   | <b>13</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>100</b>    | <b>134</b>                       | <b>7587</b>  | <b>7821</b>  |

| <b>Returnees so far in 2020 by destination</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             |                                  |  | <b>3</b>     |
| Albania  | 1             |                                  | 56   | <b>57</b>    |
| Algeria  | 3             |                                  |  | <b>3</b>     |
| Argentina                                      |               |                                  | 2  | <b>2</b>     |
| Armenia  | 1             |                                  |  | <b>1</b>     |
| Australia                                      |               |                                  | 5  | <b>5</b>     |
| Bangladesh                                     | 1             |                                  | 4  | <b>5</b>     |
| Belgium  |               |                                  | 11   | <b>11</b>    |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina                             | 1             |                                  | 6  | <b>7</b>     |
| Brazil   |               |                                  | 11   | <b>11</b>    |
| Bulgaria                                       | 1             | 2                                | 14   | <b>17</b>    |
| Canada   |               |                                  | 15   | <b>15</b>    |

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|----------------------|--------|---------------------------|---|-------|
| Chile                | 1      |                           | 7   | 8     |
| Colombia             |        |                           | 6   | 6     |
| Costa Rica           |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Denmark              |        | 3                         | 158   | 161   |
| United Arab Emirates |        |                           | 3   | 3     |
| Dominican Republic   |        |                           | 2   | 2     |
| Djibouti             | 1      |                           |   | 1     |
| Egypt                |        |                           | 2   | 2     |
| Eritrea              | 1      |                           |   | 1     |
| Estonia              | 1      |                           | 38  | 39    |
| Ethiopia             | 6      |                           | 3   | 9     |
| The Philippines      |        |                           | 6   | 6     |
| Finland              |        |                           | 46  | 46    |
| France               |        | 9                         | 83  | 92    |
| The Gambia           | 1      |                           | 1   | 2     |
| Georgia              | 9      |                           | 9   | 18    |
| Ghana                | 2      |                           | 1   | 3     |
| Greece               |        | 8                         | 34  | 42    |
| Hong Kong            |        |                           | 3   | 3     |
| Belarus              |        |                           | 8   | 8     |
| India                |        |                           | 10  | 10    |
| Iraq                 | 5      |                           | 2   | 7     |
| Iran                 | 2      |                           | 2   | 4     |
| Ireland              |        | 1                         | 7   | 8     |
| Iceland              |        | 1                         | 15  | 16    |
| Israel               |        |                           | 4   | 4     |
| Italy                |        | 19                        | 116   | 135   |
| Japan                |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Jordan               |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Cameroon             |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Kazakhstan           |        |                           | 5   | 5     |
| Kenya                |        |                           | 5   | 5     |
| China                |        |                           | 2   | 2     |
| Kyrgyzstan           |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Kosovo               | 4      |                           | 13  | 17    |
| Croatia              |        |                           | 6   | 6     |
| Cyprus               |        |                           | 4   | 4     |
| Latvia               |        | 4                         | 96  | 100   |
| Libya                | 1      |                           |   | 1     |
| Lithuania            |        | 1                         | 156   | 157   |



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|                    | Asylum | Dublin/safe third country | Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other | Total |
|--------------------|--------|---------------------------|---|-------|
| Luxembourg         |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Malaysia           | 1      |                           | 2   | 3     |
| Malta              |        |                           | 4   | 4     |
| Morocco            | 2      |                           | 2   | 4     |
| Mauritania         |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Mexico             | 3      |                           | 7   | 10    |
| Moldova            |        |                           | 12  | 12    |
| Montenegro         |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Myanmar            | 1      |                           | 2   | 3     |
| The Netherlands    |        | 4                         | 115   | 119   |
| Nicaragua          | 4      |                           |   | 4     |
| Nigeria            | 1      |                           | 4   | 5     |
| North Macedonia    |        |                           | 20  | 20    |
| Norway             |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Pakistan           | 5      |                           | 5   | 10    |
| Panama             |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Peru               | 1      |                           | 2   | 3     |
| Poland             |        | 7                         | 331   | 338   |
| Portugal           |        | 4                         | 23  | 27    |
| Qatar              |        |                           | 8   | 8     |
| Romania            |        | 5                         | 307   | 312   |
| Russia             | 5      |                           | 113   | 118   |
| Rwanda             | 1      |                           |   | 1     |
| Saudi Arabia       |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Serbia             | 3      |                           | 30  | 33    |
| Slovakia           |        |                           | 7   | 7     |
| Slovenia           | 1      |                           | 2   | 3     |
| Somalia            | 5      |                           | 4   | 9     |
| Spain              |        | 6                         | 111   | 117   |
| The United Kingdom | 3      | 2                         | 201   | 206   |
| Sudan              | 1      |                           |   | 1     |
| Switzerland        |        | 3                         | 25  | 28    |
| Sweden             | 1      | 31                        | 4857  | 4889  |
| South Africa       |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| South Korea        |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Taiwan             |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Tanzania           | 1      |                           | 1   | 2     |
| Thailand           |        |                           | 22  | 22    |
| Chad               |        |                           | 3   | 3     |
| The Czech Republic |        |                           | 10  | 10    |
| Tunisia            |        |                           | 1   | 1     |

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|--|---------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------|
|  | <b>Asylum</b> | <b>Dublin/safe third country</b> | <b>Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Turkey   | 5             |                                  | 17   | <b>22</b>    |
| Germany  |               | 22                               | 172  | <b>194</b>   |
| Ukraine  | 9             |                                  | 91   | <b>100</b>   |
| Hungary  |               |                                  | 15   | <b>15</b>    |
| USA  |               |                                  | 31   | <b>31</b>    |
| Uzbekistan                                     | 1             |                                  | 3  | <b>4</b>     |
| Venezuela                                      | 1             |                                  | 1  | <b>2</b>     |
| Vietnam  |               |                                  | 1  | <b>1</b>     |
| Zimbabwe                                       |               |                                  | 2  | <b>2</b>     |
| Austria  |               | 2                                | 32   | <b>34</b>    |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>100</b>    | <b>134</b>                       | <b>7587</b>  | <b>7821</b>  |

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