



**Statistics for October 2,020:
Forced returns from Norway**

The police forcibly returned 396 persons in October 2020, 81 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:

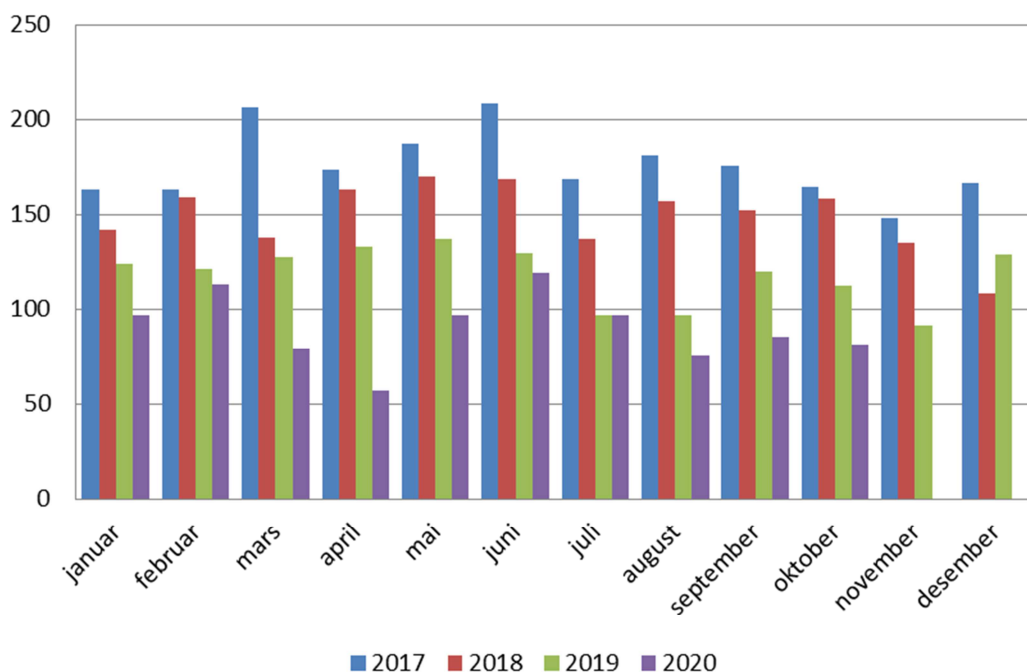
	Forced returns
Per 31.10.2019	3518
Per 31.10.2020	6677
Change in percent	90%

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

Convicted offenders

In October, the police returned 81 convicted offenders, approx. 20% of all returnees that month. So far in 2020, 900 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 1,196 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	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	2205
The Immigration Act of 2008 section 121 subs. 1 c) o	211	346	598	391	268	74	26	15	1996
The Immigration Act of 2008 section 17 subs. 1 l)	146	107	178	119	145	52	22	7	789
Total	359	456	808	988	1020	505	323	242	4990

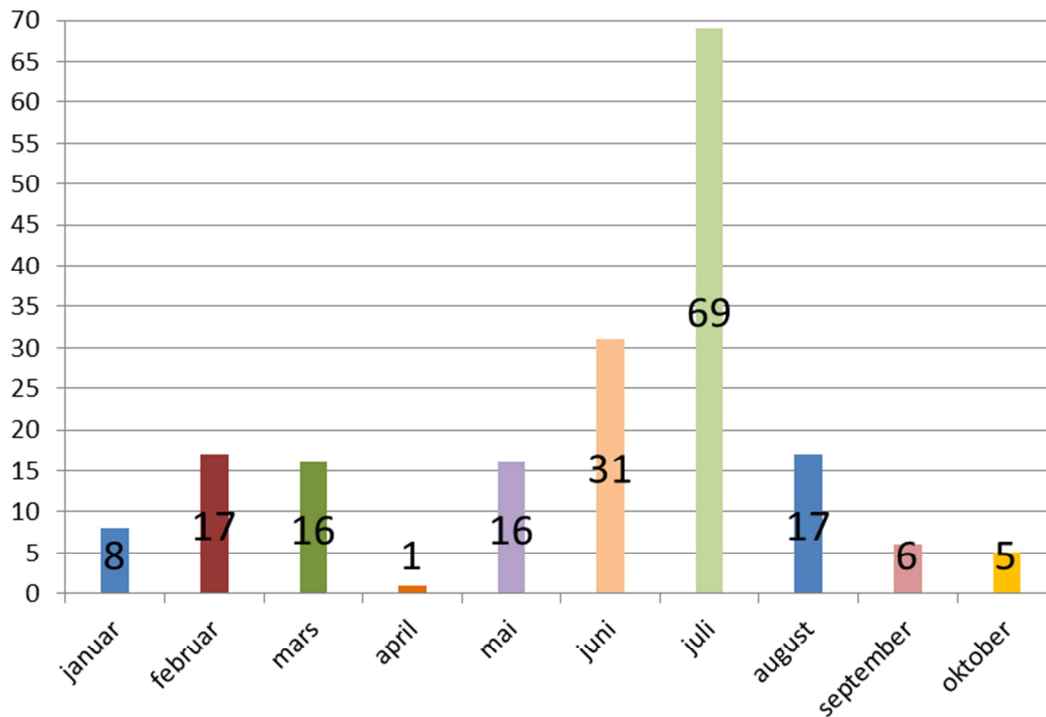
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Minors

Five minors were deported in October. Three of them were accompanied by their families, while two of them were unaccompanied.

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

Four flights have been chartered in 2020, one of them in October.

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	6	164	173
Albania	1		86	87
Algeria	3	3	9	15
Angola		4	2	6
Argentina			11	11
Armenia	1		3	4
Azerbaijan		1	5	6
Australia			14	14
Bangladesh	1		4	5
Belgium			35	35
Bolivia			9	9
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1		12	13
Brazil		1	35	36
Bulgaria			57	57
Burkina Faso			1	1
Canada			31	31
Chile	1		23	24
Colombia			31	31
Costa Rica			2	2
Cuba			3	3
Denmark			79	79
Dominican Republic			15	15
Djibouti	1			1
Ecuador			1	1
Egypt		1	2	3
El Salvador			1	1
Ivory Coast		1	3	4
Eritrea	1	8	87	96
Estonia			31	31
Ethiopia	6	3	9	18
The Philippines			10	10
Finland			17	17
France			96	96

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
The Gambia	1		7	8
Georgia	9		21	30
Ghana	2		8	10
Grenada			5	5
Guinea		3	1	4
Haiti			1	1
Greece			22	22
Belarus		3	21	24
India		3	40	43
Iraq	6	9	140	155
Iran	3	6	58	67
Ireland			16	16
Iceland			5	5
Israel			3	3
Italy			57	57
Japan			4	4
Yemen		2	9	11
Jordan		1	3	4
Yugoslavia			1	1
Cambodia		1		1
Cameroon		1	7	8
Kazakhstan			11	11
Kenya			6	6
China			49	49
Kyrgyzstan		1	1	2
Republic of the Congo			15	15
Kosovo	2		30	32
Croatia			16	16
Cyprus			1	1
Latvia			77	77
Lebanon			4	4
Liberia			1	1
Libya	1	2	5	8
Lithuania			241	241
Malaysia	1		4	5
Mali			1	1
Malta			1	1
Morocco	2	5	33	40
Mauritania			2	2
Mexico	3		13	16

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Moldova			23	23
Mongolia			2	2
Montenegro			3	3
Myanmar	1		2	3
The Netherlands			120	120
Nepal			5	5
New Zealand			3	3
Nicaragua	4			4
Nigeria	1	1	43	45
North Macedonia			30	30
Pakistan	5	7	88	100
Paraguay			1	1
Peru	3		8	11
Poland			470	470
Portugal			20	20
Romania			796	796
Russia	5	3	146	154
Rwanda	1		2	3
Saudi Arabia		1		1
Senegal		1	3	4
Serbia	3		46	49
Serbia and Montenegro			2	2
Sierra Leone			5	5
Singapore			1	1
Slovakia			16	16
Somalia	4	3	115	122
Spain			68	68
Sri Lanka		5	3	8
Stateless	1	5	83	89
The United Kingdom	1		146	147
Sudan	1	1	4	6
Switzerland			31	31
Sweden			1388	1388
Syria		15	251	266
South Africa			2	2
South Korea			6	6
Tajikistan			1	1
Tanzania	1		2	3
Thailand			48	48
Chad		1	4	5

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
The Czech Republic			25	25
Tunisia			6	6
Turkmenistan			1	1
Turkey	3	5	33	41
Germany			265	265
Uganda			6	6
Unknown			8	8
Ukraine	9		179	188
Hungary			14	14
Uruguay			2	2
USA			56	56
Uzbekistan	1	1	16	18
Venezuela	1	1	8	10
Vietnam			22	22
Zimbabwe			3	3
Austria			9	9
Total	94	115	6468	6677

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		43	44
Algeria	3			3
Argentina			2	2
Armenia	1			1
Australia			4	4
Bangladesh	1			1
Belgium			9	9
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1		4	5
Brazil			11	11
Bulgaria	1	2	13	16
Canada			15	15
Chile	1		7	8
Colombia			5	5
Costa Rica			1	1

Returnees so far in 2020 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Denmark		3	134	137
United Arab Emirates			3	3
Dominican Republic			2	2
Djibouti	1			1
Egypt			2	2
Eritrea	1			1
Estonia	1		33	34
Ethiopia	6		3	9
The Philippines			6	6
Finland			39	39
France		8	82	90
The Gambia	1			1
Georgia	9		9	18
Ghana	2			2
Greece		6	33	39
Hong Kong			3	3
Belarus			8	8
India			8	8
Iraq	5		2	7
Iran	2		2	4
Ireland		1	7	8
Iceland		1	15	16
Israel			3	3
Italy		16	97	113
Japan			1	1
Cameroon			1	1
Kazakhstan			5	5
Kenya			3	3
China			1	1
Kyrgyzstan			1	1
Kosovo	1		11	12
Croatia			4	4
Cyprus			4	4
Latvia		1	74	75
Libya	1			1
Lithuania		1	131	132
Luxembourg			1	1
Malaysia	1		2	3
Malta			4	4
Morocco	2		2	4

Returnees so far in 2020 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Mauritania			1	1
Mexico	3		7	10
Moldova			11	11
Montenegro			1	1
Myanmar	1		2	3
The Netherlands		4	91	95
Nicaragua	4			4
Nigeria	1		3	4
North Macedonia			20	20
Norway			1	1
Pakistan	5		5	10
Peru	1		2	3
Poland		6	244	250
Portugal		4	22	26
Qatar			7	7
Romania		5	272	277
Russia	5		101	106
Rwanda	1			1
Saudi Arabia			1	1
Serbia	3		27	30
Slovakia			3	3
Slovenia	1		2	3
Somalia	4		2	6
Spain		5	104	109
The United Kingdom	3		171	174
Sudan	1			1
Switzerland		3	24	27
Sweden		26	4152	4178
South Korea			1	1
Taiwan			1	1
Tanzania	1		1	2
Thailand			21	21
Chad			3	3
The Czech Republic			9	9
Tunisia			1	1
Turkey	4		17	21
Germany		21	134	155
Ukraine	9		76	85
Hungary			15	15
USA			27	27
Uzbekistan	1		3	4

Returnees so far in 2020 by destination				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Venezuela	1		1	2
Vietnam			1	1
Zimbabwe			1	1
Austria		2	30	32
Total	94	115	6468	6677

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