



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

**The police forcibly returned 457 persons in September 2020, 57 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:**

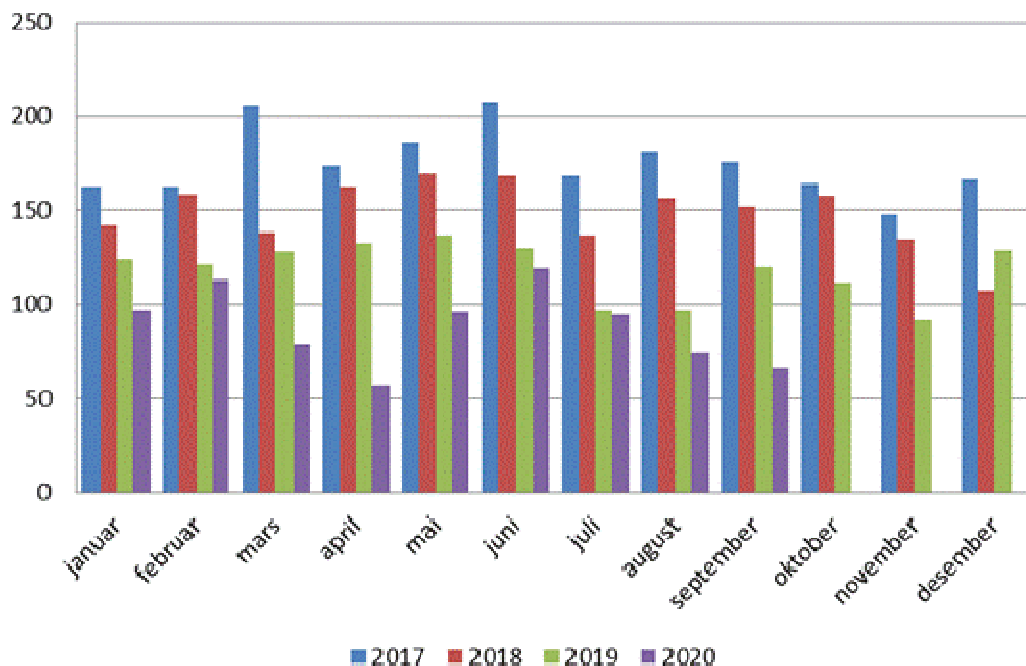
	<b>Forced returns</b>
As at 30.09.2019	3195
As at 30.09.2020	6044
Change in percent	<b>89</b>

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

**Convicted offenders**

In September, the police returned 66 convicted offenders, approx. 14% of all returnees that month. So far in 2020, 796 convicted offenders have been returned, compared with 1,087 in the same period in last year. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees so far in 2020 are Romanian (27%), Polish (14%) and Lithuanian (13%).

**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	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	1776
The Immigration Act of 2008 section 121 subs. 1 c) o	211	346	598	391	268	74	26	1914
The Immigration Act of 2008 section 17 subs. 1 l)	146	107	178	119	145	52	22	769
Total	359	456	808	988	1020	505	323	4459

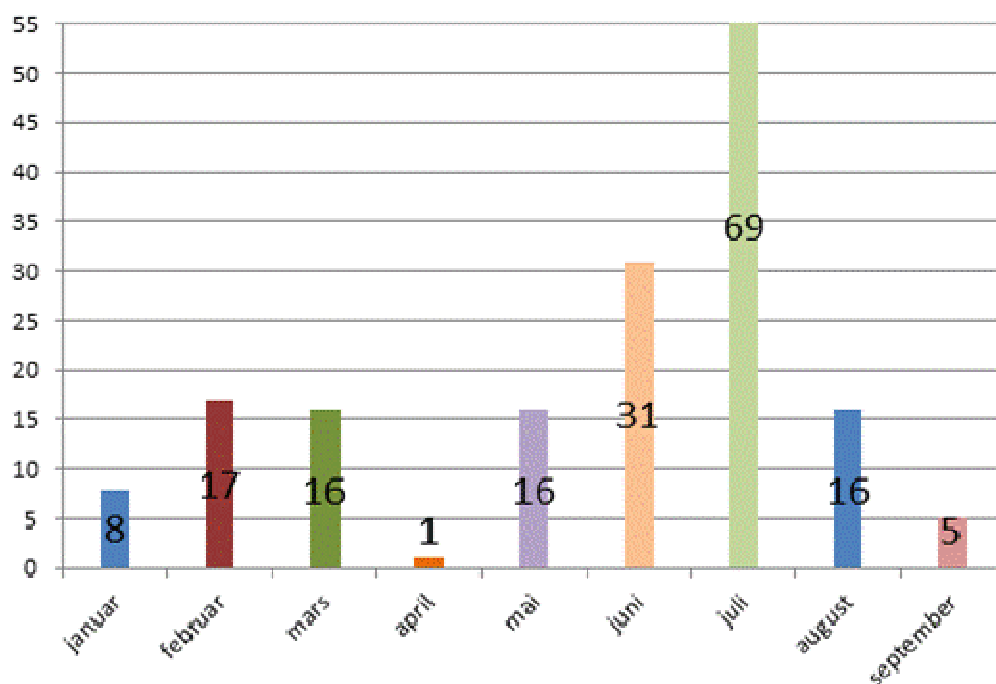
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## **Minors**

5 minors were returned in September, all of them with their families.

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**

Three chartered return flights have taken place so far in 2020, none of them in September.

### **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</b>	<b>Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Afghanistan	3	6	150	<b>159</b>
Albania	1		71	<b>72</b>
Algeria	3	3	9	<b>15</b>
Angola		4	1	<b>5</b>
Argentina			11	<b>11</b>
Armenia			3	<b>3</b>
Azerbaijan		1	5	<b>6</b>
Australia			11	<b>11</b>
Bangladesh	1		4	<b>5</b>
Belgium			26	<b>26</b>
Bolivia			8	<b>8</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1		11	<b>12</b>
Brazil		1	33	<b>34</b>
Bulgaria			56	<b>56</b>
Canada			28	<b>28</b>
Chile	1		22	<b>23</b>
Colombia			28	<b>28</b>
Costa Rica			2	<b>2</b>
Cuba			2	<b>2</b>
Denmark			72	<b>72</b>
Dominican Republic			15	<b>15</b>
Djibouti	1			<b>1</b>
Ecuador			1	<b>1</b>
Egypt		1	2	<b>3</b>
El Salvador			1	<b>1</b>
Ivory Coast			1	<b>1</b>
Eritrea	1	7	78	<b>86</b>
Estonia			29	<b>29</b>
Ethiopia	6	3	7	<b>16</b>
The Philippines			9	<b>9</b>
Finland			17	<b>17</b>
France			82	<b>82</b>
The Gambia	1		6	<b>7</b>
Georgia	9		21	<b>30</b>
Ghana	2		8	<b>10</b>

## Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Grenada			2	2
Guinea		2	1	3
Haiti			1	1
Greece			21	21
Belarus		1	19	20
India		3	37	40
Iraq	2	9	125	136
Iran	3	5	52	60
Ireland			15	15
Iceland			5	5
Israel			3	3
Italy			43	43
Japan			4	4
Yemen		2	7	9
Jordan		1	3	4
Yugoslavia			1	1
Cambodia		1		1
Cameroon		1	7	8
Kazakhstan			11	11
Kenya			5	5
China			42	42
Kyrgyzstan		1	1	2
Republic of the Congo			14	14
Kosovo	1		29	30
Croatia			13	13
Cyprus			1	1
Latvia			74	74
Lebanon			4	4
Liberia			1	1
Libya	1	2	5	8
Lithuania			219	219
Malaysia	1		4	5
Mali			1	1
Malta			1	1
Morocco	2	2	29	33
Mauritania			2	2
Mexico	2		12	14
Moldova			22	22
Mongolia			2	2
Montenegro			2	2

## Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Myanmar	1		2	3
The Netherlands			113	113
Nepal			4	4
New Zealand			3	3
Nicaragua	4			4
Nigeria	1	1	37	39
North Macedonia			29	29
Pakistan	5	6	83	94
Paraguay			1	1
Peru	3		8	11
Poland			433	433
Portugal			17	17
Romania			709	709
Russia	4	3	135	142
Rwanda	1		2	3
Saudi Arabia		1		1
Senegal		1	2	3
Serbia	3		43	46
Sierra Leone			2	2
Singapore			1	1
Slovakia			12	12
Somalia	3	3	106	112
Spain			59	59
Sri Lanka		5	2	7
Stateless	1	5	72	78
The United Kingdom	1		129	130
Sudan	1	1	4	6
Switzerland			28	28
Sweden			1288	1288
Syria		12	222	234
South Africa			2	2
South Korea			6	6
Tajikistan			1	1
Tanzania	1		1	2
Thailand			46	46
Chad		1	4	5
The Czech Republic			19	19
Tunisia			5	5
Turkmenistan			1	1
Turkey	2	5	24	31
Germany			249	249

<b>Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality</b>				
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Uganda			5	<b>5</b>
Unknown			8	<b>8</b>
Ukraine	8		164	<b>172</b>
Hungary			12	<b>12</b>
Uruguay			2	<b>2</b>
USA			41	<b>41</b>
Uzbekistan		1	16	<b>17</b>
Venezuela	1	1	8	<b>10</b>
Vietnam			20	<b>20</b>
Zimbabwe			2	<b>2</b>
Austria			8	<b>8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>5860</b>	<b>6044</b>

<b>Returnees so far in 2020 by destination</b>				
	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin</b>	<b>Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Afghanistan	3			<b>3</b>
Albania	1		36	<b>37</b>
Algeria	3			<b>3</b>
Argentina			2	<b>2</b>
Australia			4	<b>4</b>
Bangladesh	1			<b>1</b>
Belgium			9	<b>9</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1		4	<b>5</b>
Brazil			10	<b>10</b>
Bulgaria	1	2	13	<b>16</b>
Canada			15	<b>15</b>
Chile	1		7	<b>8</b>
Colombia			4	<b>4</b>
Costa Rica			1	<b>1</b>
Denmark		3	116	<b>119</b>
United Arab Emirates			2	<b>2</b>
Dominican Republic			2	<b>2</b>
Djibouti	1			<b>1</b>
Egypt			2	<b>2</b>
Eritrea	1			<b>1</b>

## Returnees so far in 2020 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Estonia	1		31	<b>32</b>
Ethiopia	6		2	<b>8</b>
The Philippines			5	<b>5</b>
Finland			39	<b>39</b>
France		7	78	<b>85</b>
The Gambia	1			<b>1</b>
Georgia	9		9	<b>18</b>
Ghana	2			<b>2</b>
Greece		5	29	<b>34</b>
Hong Kong			3	<b>3</b>
Belarus			7	<b>7</b>
India			8	<b>8</b>
Iraq	1		1	<b>2</b>
Iran	2		2	<b>4</b>
Ireland		1	7	<b>8</b>
Iceland		1	15	<b>16</b>
Israel			3	<b>3</b>
Italy		15	85	<b>100</b>
Japan			1	<b>1</b>
Cameroon			1	<b>1</b>
Kazakhstan			5	<b>5</b>
Kenya			2	<b>2</b>
China			1	<b>1</b>
Kyrgyzstan			1	<b>1</b>
Kosovo			11	<b>11</b>
Croatia			4	<b>4</b>
Cyprus			4	<b>4</b>
Latvia		1	67	<b>68</b>
Libya	1			<b>1</b>
Lithuania			121	<b>121</b>
Luxembourg			1	<b>1</b>
Malaysia	1		2	<b>3</b>
Malta			4	<b>4</b>
Morocco	2		2	<b>4</b>
Mauritania			1	<b>1</b>
Mexico	2		7	<b>9</b>
Moldova			10	<b>10</b>
Montenegro			1	<b>1</b>
Myanmar	1		2	<b>3</b>
The Netherlands		3	86	<b>89</b>
Nicaragua	4			<b>4</b>



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	Asylum	Dublin	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Nigeria	1		2	3
North Macedonia			19	19
Norway			1	1
Pakistan	5		4	9
Peru	1		2	3
Poland		4	216	220
Portugal		4	17	21
Qatar			7	7
Romania		5	253	258
Russia	4		93	97
Rwanda	1			1
Saudi Arabia			1	1
Serbia	3		26	29
Slovakia			2	2
Slovenia	1		2	3
Somalia	3		2	5
Spain		4	97	101
The United Kingdom	3		150	153
Sudan	1			1
Switzerland		1	23	24
Sweden		26	3744	3770
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	3		11	14
Germany		18	129	147
Ukraine	8		69	77
Hungary			13	13
USA			21	21
Uzbekistan			3	3
Venezuela	1		1	2
Vietnam			1	1
Austria		2	29	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>5860</b>	<b>6044</b>

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