



Statistics April 2021
Forced returns from Norway

The police forcibly returned 1012 persons in April 2021, 129 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 refusal of entry or stay, 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 2020:

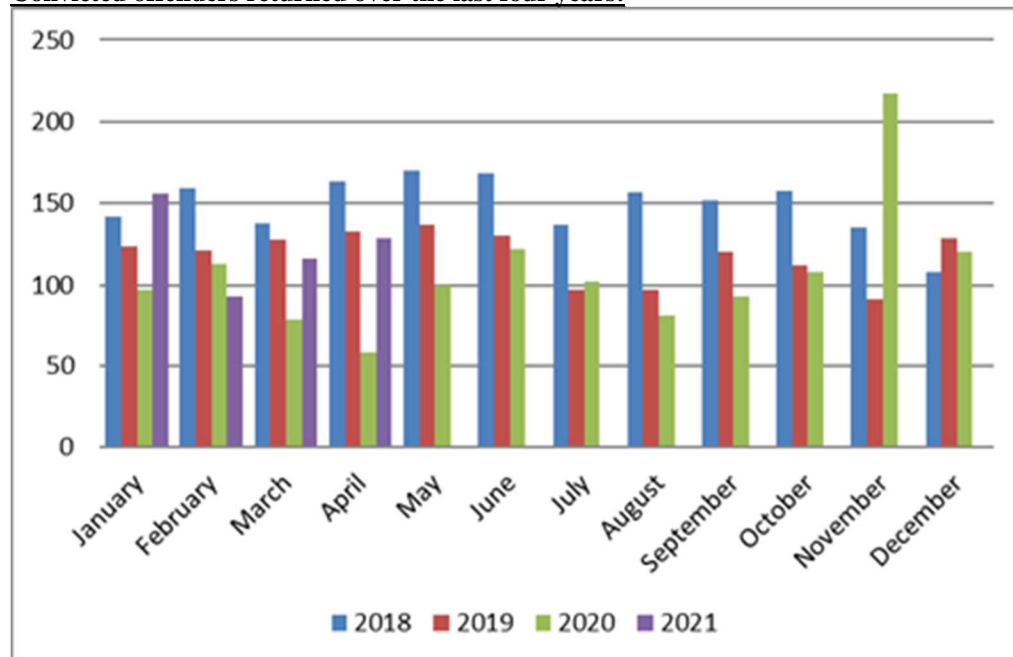
	Forced returns
As at 30.4.2020	1500
As at 30.4.2021	3706
Change in percent	147

We expect this figure to rise due to delays in the registration process.

Convicted offenders

In April, the police returned 129 convicted offenders, 13% of all returnees that month. So far in 2021, the most common nationalities among returned convicted offenders have been Romanian (25%), Polish (18%) and Lithuanian (13%).

Convicted offenders returned over the last four years:



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Refusals of entry and stay under the Control of Communicable Diseases Act

Most refusals of entry or stay were pursuant to the temporary Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals to protect public health. The figures so far in 2021 are as follows:

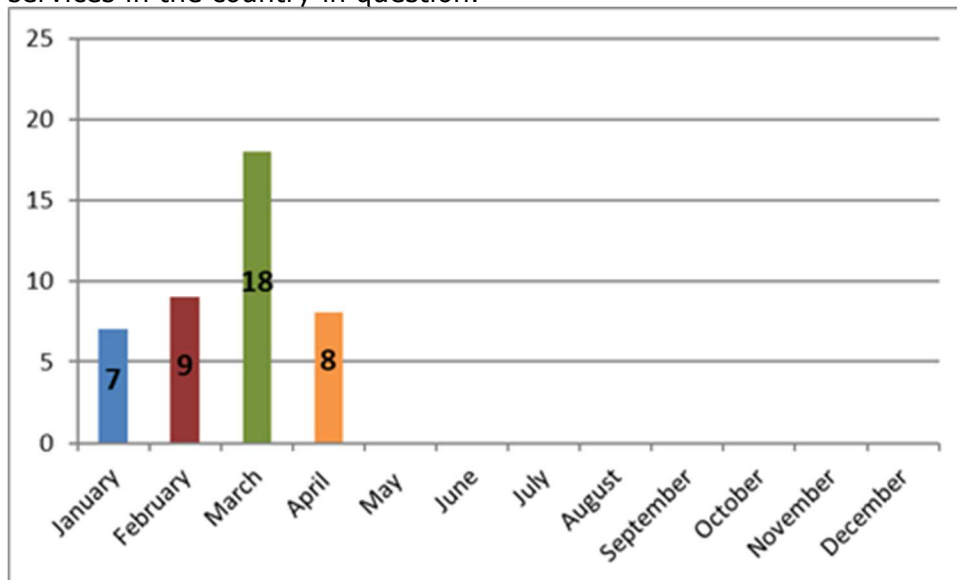
Applicable provision	January	February	March	April	Total
Temporary Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals to protect public health section 2 subs. 3	1044	572	750	928	3294

Minors

8 minors were returned in April. One of these minors was unaccompanied and was returned to his/her country of origin, while the other 7 were accompanied by their parents/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 2021.

Forced returns on chartered flights

No return flights were chartered in April. One chartered return flight has taken place so far in 2021.

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, The Regulation governs, inter alia, which member state will process any given asylum application. 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 stay**– persons who have been refused entry or stay as they are not permitted to stay here. This may be for various reasons, but persons who are refused entry or stay 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 or stay, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	1	2	21	24
Albania			21	21
Algeria		2	2	4
Argentina			1	1
Australia			1	1
Bangladesh			2	2
Belgium			7	7
Bosnia-Herzegovina			5	5
Brazil			13	13
Bulgaria			71	71
Canada			2	2
Chile			3	3
Colombia	1		1	2
Cuba			1	1
Denmark			74	74
Egypt			2	2
El Salvador		4		4
Eritrea		1	15	16
Estonia	1		87	88
Ethiopia	3	1	4	8
The Philippines			6	6
Finland			27	27

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
France			40	40
The Gambia		1	5	6
Georgia			3	3
Ghana			2	2
Guinea			1	1
Greece:			20	20
Belarus			7	7
India			12	12
Iraq	1	2	30	33
Iran	1	1	10	12
Ireland			6	6
Iceland			3	3
Israel			1	1
Italy			22	22
Japan	1			1
Yemen			1	1
Jordan			2	2
Cameroon			3	3
Kenya	1			1
China			3	3
Republic of the Congo		1	3	4
Kosovo	1		3	4
Croatia			110	110
Latvia			184	184
Lebanon			1	1
Liberia		1		1
Libya		1	1	2
Lithuania			432	432
Mali		1		1
Morocco		2	8	10
Mauritania			1	1
Mexico			2	2
Moldova			8	8
Mongolia			1	1
Montenegro	1		1	2
The Netherlands			24	24
Nepal			1	1
Niger		1		1
Nigeria			11	11
North Macedonia			4	4
Norway			1	1
Pakistan		3	20	23
Panama			1	1
Peru			1	1
Poland	1		834	835

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Portugal			17	17
Romania			473	473
Russia	3		26	29
Senegal			1	1
Serbia	2		20	22
Slovakia			28	28
Somalia	2		23	25
Spain			38	38
Sri Lanka			3	3
Stateless		1	12	13
The United Kingdom	1		68	69
Switzerland			3	3
Sweden			501	501
Syria		6	36	42
South Africa		1	1	2
South Sudan		1		1
Thailand			1	1
Czech Republic			16	16
Turkey			7	7
Germany			72	72
Uganda			1	1
Unknown			2	2
Ukraine	2		61	63
Hungary			19	19
United States			17	17
Uzbekistan	4		3	7
Venezuela	1			1
Vietnam			4	4
Austria			3	3
Total	28	33	3645	3706

Returns by destination so far in 2021

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	1		4	5
Albania			14	14
Belgium			2	2
Bosnia-Herzegovina			1	1
Brazil			4	4
Bulgaria			31	31
Canada			2	2

Returns by destination so far in 2021

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Chile			1	1
Colombia	1			1
Cuba			1	1
Denmark		1	186	187
United Arab Emirates			1	1
Egypt			1	1
Estonia	1		52	53
Ethiopia	3		2	5
The Philippines			3	3
Finland			34	34
France		1	38	39
Faroe Islands			4	4
Georgia			2	2
Ghana			1	1
Greece:		4	21	25
Belarus			3	3
India			7	7
Iraq	1		1	2
Iran	1		2	3
Ireland			3	3
Iceland			2	2
Italy		9	34	43
Japan	1			1
Jordan			1	1
Kenya	1			1
China			3	3
Kosovo	1		2	3
Croatia			97	97
Latvia			136	136
Lebanon			1	1
Lithuania			279	279
Luxembourg		1	1	2
Malta			1	1
Mauritania			1	1
Mexico			1	1
Moldova			3	3
Montenegro	1		1	2
The Netherlands		2	67	69
Nepal			1	1
Nigeria			1	1
North Macedonia			4	4
Pakistan			6	6
Poland	1		738	739
Portugal			13	13

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	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Romania			317	317
Russia	3		11	14
Serbia	2		25	27
Slovakia		1	2	3
Somalia	2		2	4
Spain		1	45	46
The United Kingdom	1		65	66
Switzerland			1	1
Sweden		5	1189	1194
Czech Republic			10	10
Turkey			19	19
Germany		6	88	94
Ukraine	2		35	37
Hungary			8	8
United States			6	6
Uzbekistan	4			4
Venezuela	1			1
Vietnam			1	1
Austria		2	7	9
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By destination we mean the country the person is returned to, not necessarily the person's country of origin (or country of nationality).