



**Monthly statistics August 2021:  
Forced returns from Norway**

**The police forcibly returned 1189 persons in August 2021, 54 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.

**Comparison with 2020:**

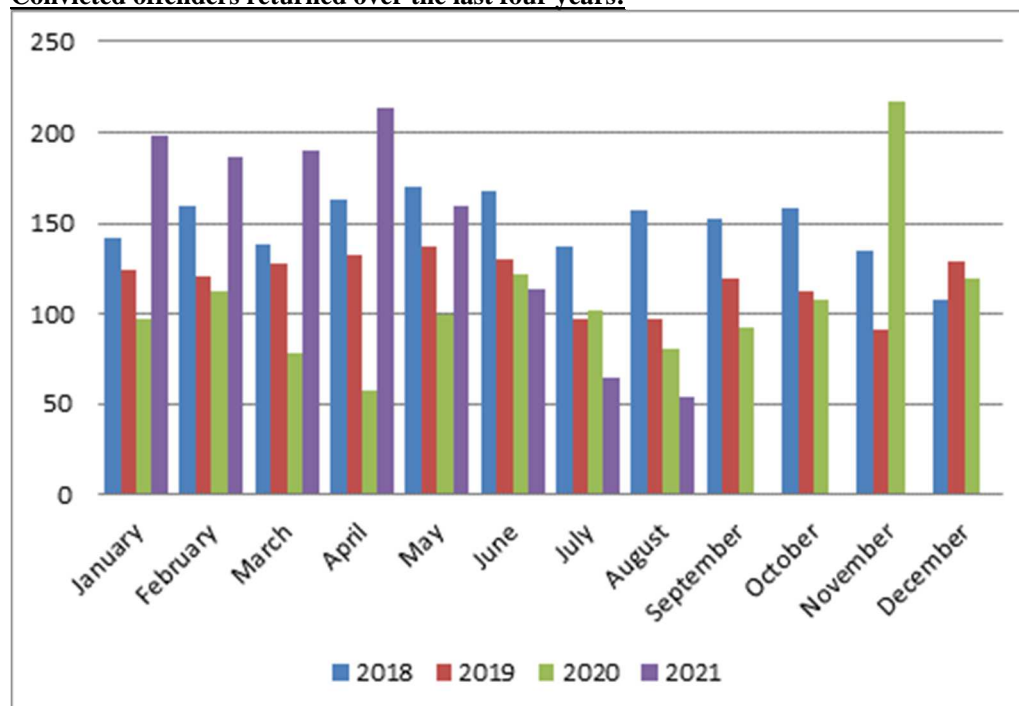
|                      | <b>Forced returns</b> |
|----------------------|-----------------------|
| As at 31 August 2020 | 5826                  |
| As at 31 August 2021 | 11 943                |
| Change in percent    | <b>105 %</b>          |

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

**Convicted offenders**

In August, the police returned 54 convicted offenders, approx. 5 % of all returnees that month. So far in 2021, the most common nationalities among returned convicted offenders have been Polish (22 %), Romanian (19 %) and Swedish (16 %).

**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 | May  | June | July | August | Total  |
|---|---------|----------|-------|-------|------|------|------|--------|--------|
| Temporary Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals to protect public health section 2 subs. 3 | 1458    | 1310     | 1233  | 1503  | 1601 | 1482 | 1508 | 1128   | 11 223 |

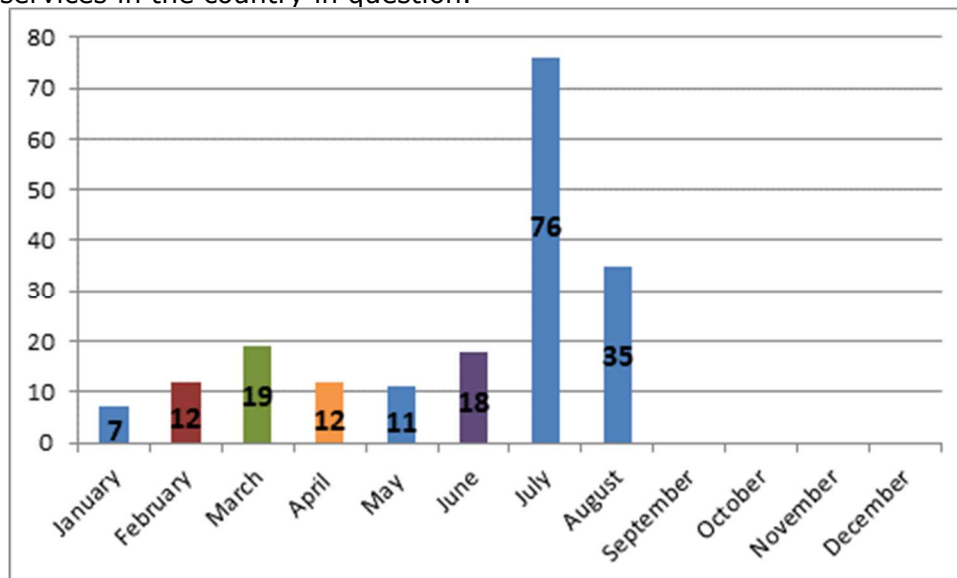
## Minors

35 minors were returned in August. Four of them were unaccompanied by adults, while the other 31 were accompanied by their parents or guardians.

Due to late entries for July, the number for that month has increased by 23 children since the last report. They were all registered late on the basis of immigration refusal cases in which they were refused entry to Norway.

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

Two chartered return flights have taken place so far in 2021, none of them in August.

### 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.

| <b>Returns so far in 2021 by nationality</b> |               |                                  |  |              |
|--|---------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------|
|  | <b>Asylum</b> | <b>Dublin/safe third country</b> | <b>Refused entry or stay, expelled and other</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Afghanistan                                  | 1             | 3                                | 117  | <b>121</b>   |
| Albania                                      | 4             |                                  | 52   | <b>56</b>    |
| Algeria                                      |               | 3                                | 9  | <b>12</b>    |
| Angola                                       |               | 5                                | 1  | <b>6</b>     |
| Argentina                                    |               |                                  | 6  | <b>6</b>     |
| Armenia                                      |               |                                  | 3  | <b>3</b>     |
| Azerbaijan                                   |               |                                  | 5  | <b>5</b>     |
| Australia                                    |               |                                  | 4  | <b>4</b>     |
| Bangladesh                                   |               | 2                                | 7  | <b>9</b>     |
| Belgium                                      |               |                                  | 64   | <b>64</b>    |
| Bolivia                                      |               |                                  | 1  | <b>1</b>     |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina                           |               |                                  | 20   | <b>20</b>    |
| Brazil                                       |               |                                  | 32   | <b>32</b>    |
| Bulgaria                                     |               |                                  | 191  | <b>191</b>   |
| Burundi                                      |               |                                  | 1  | <b>1</b>     |

## Returnees so far in 2021 by nationality

|                      | Asylum | Dublin/safe third country | Refused entry or stay, expelled and other | Total      |
|----------------------|--------|---------------------------|---|------------|
| Canada               |        |                           | 15  | <b>15</b>  |
| Chile                |        |                           | 11  | <b>11</b>  |
| Colombia             | 1      |                           | 9   | <b>10</b>  |
| Costa Rica           |        |                           | 2   | <b>2</b>   |
| Cuba                 |        |                           | 4   | <b>4</b>   |
| Denmark              |        |                           | 310                                       | <b>310</b> |
| United Arab Emirates |        |                           | 3   | <b>3</b>   |
| Dominican Republic   |        |                           | 1   | <b>1</b>   |
| Djibouti             |        |                           | 2   | <b>2</b>   |
| Dominica             |        |                           | 7   | <b>7</b>   |
| Ecuador              |        |                           | 3   | <b>3</b>   |
| Egypt                |        |                           | 4   | <b>4</b>   |
| El Salvador          |        | 4                         |   | <b>4</b>   |
| Ivory Coast          |        |                           | 3   | <b>3</b>   |
| Eritrea              |        | 10                        | 80  | <b>90</b>  |
| Estonia              | 1      |                           | 183                                       | <b>184</b> |
| Ethiopia             | 3      | 1                         | 13  | <b>17</b>  |
| The Philippines      |        |                           | 19  | <b>19</b>  |
| Finland              |        |                           | 113                                       | <b>113</b> |
| France               |        |                           | 135                                       | <b>135</b> |
| The Gambia           |        | 1                         | 8   | <b>9</b>   |
| Georgia              |        |                           | 10  | <b>10</b>  |
| Ghana                |        |                           | 6   | <b>6</b>   |
| Guatemala            |        |                           | 2   | <b>2</b>   |
| Guinea               |        | 1                         | 2   | <b>3</b>   |
| Greece               |        |                           | 53  | <b>53</b>  |
| Honduras             |        |                           | 1   | <b>1</b>   |
| Belarus              |        | 1                         | 24  | <b>25</b>  |
| India                |        |                           | 26  | <b>26</b>  |
| Indonesia            |        |                           | 2   | <b>2</b>   |
| Iraq                 | 1      | 4                         | 75  | <b>80</b>  |
| Iran                 | 1      | 3                         | 47  | <b>51</b>  |
| Ireland              |        |                           | 22  | <b>22</b>  |
| Iceland              |        |                           | 13  | <b>13</b>  |
| Israel               |        |                           | 23  | <b>23</b>  |
| Italy                |        |                           | 121                                       | <b>121</b> |
| Japan                | 1      |                           | 4   | <b>5</b>   |
| Yemen                |        | 1                         | 4   | <b>5</b>   |
| Jordan               | 2      |                           | 6   | <b>8</b>   |
| Cameroon             |        |                           | 7   | <b>7</b>   |
| Cape Verde           |        |                           | 1   | <b>1</b>   |
| Kazakhstan           |        | 1                         | 1   | <b>2</b>   |
| Kenya                | 1      |                           | 1   | <b>2</b>   |
| China                |        |                           | 22  | <b>22</b>  |

## Returnees so far in 2021 by nationality

|                       | Asylum | Dublin/safe third country | Refused entry or stay, expelled and other | Total |
|-----------------------|--------|---------------------------|---|-------|
| Republic of the Congo |        | 1                         | 13  | 14    |
| Kosovo                | 4      |                           | 18  | 22    |
| Croatia               |        |                           | 145                                       | 145   |
| Laos                  |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Latvia                |        |                           | 432                                       | 432   |
| Lebanon               |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Liberia               |        | 1                         | 1   | 2     |
| Libya                 |        | 4                         | 2   | 6     |
| Liechtenstein         |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Lithuania             |        |                           | 1266                                      | 1266  |
| Luxembourg            |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Malaysia              | 1      |                           | 1   | 2     |
| Mali                  |        | 1                         |   | 1     |
| Malta                 |        |                           | 2   | 2     |
| Morocco               |        | 2                         | 23  | 25    |
| Mauritania            |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Mexico                |        | 1                         | 15  | 16    |
| Moldova               |        |                           | 13  | 13    |
| Mongolia              |        |                           | 11  | 11    |
| Montenegro            | 1      |                           | 1   | 2     |
| The Netherlands       |        |                           | 244                                       | 244   |
| Nepal                 |        |                           | 5   | 5     |
| Niger                 |        | 1                         | 1   | 2     |
| Nigeria               |        | 6                         | 26  | 32    |
| North Macedonia       |        |                           | 17  | 17    |
| Norway                |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Pakistan              |        | 4                         | 49  | 53    |
| Panama                |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Peru                  |        |                           | 5   | 5     |
| Poland                | 1      |                           | 2088                                      | 2089  |
| Portugal              |        |                           | 71  | 71    |
| Romania               |        |                           | 970                                       | 970   |
| Russia                | 8      |                           | 84  | 92    |
| Rwanda                |        |                           | 4   | 4     |
| Saint Lucia           |        |                           | 1   | 1     |
| Saudi Arabia          |        |                           | 2   | 2     |
| Senegal               |        |                           | 2   | 2     |
| Serbia                | 2      |                           | 48  | 50    |
| Singapore             |        |                           | 2   | 2     |
| Slovakia              |        |                           | 67  | 67    |
| Slovenia              |        |                           | 13  | 13    |
| Somalia               | 4      | 2                         | 78  | 84    |
| Spain                 |        |                           | 167                                       | 167   |
| Sri Lanka             |        |                           | 15  | 15    |
| Stateless             |        | 5                         | 36  | 41    |

| <b>Returns so far in 2021 by nationality</b> |               |                                  |  |               |
|--|---------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------|
|  | <b>Asylum</b> | <b>Dublin/safe third country</b> | <b>Refused entry or stay, expelled and other</b> | <b>Total</b>  |
| The United Kingdom                           | 1             |                                  | 214  | <b>215</b>    |
| Sudan  | 1             |                                  | 1  | <b>2</b>      |
| Surinam                                      |               |                                  | 1  | <b>1</b>      |
| Switzerland                                  |               |                                  | 56   | <b>56</b>     |
| Sweden                                       |               |                                  | 2122   | <b>2122</b>   |
| Syria  |               | 17                               | 197  | <b>214</b>    |
| South Africa                                 |               | 1                                | 4  | <b>5</b>      |
| South Korea                                  |               |                                  | 4  | <b>4</b>      |
| South Sudan                                  |               | 1                                | 3  | <b>4</b>      |
| Tajikistan                                   |               |                                  | 1  | <b>1</b>      |
| Thailand                                     |               |                                  | 15   | <b>15</b>     |
| Togo   |               |                                  | 1  | <b>1</b>      |
| Czech Republic                               |               |                                  | 63   | <b>63</b>     |
| Tunisia                                      |               |                                  | 2  | <b>2</b>      |
| Turkey                                       |               | 2                                | 50   | <b>52</b>     |
| Germany                                      |               |                                  | 647  | <b>647</b>    |
| Uganda                                       |               |                                  | 5  | <b>5</b>      |
| Unknown                                      |               |                                  | 9  | <b>9</b>      |
| Ukraine                                      | 3             |                                  | 193  | <b>196</b>    |
| Hungary                                      |               |                                  | 48   | <b>48</b>     |
| United States                                |               |                                  | 243  | <b>243</b>    |
| Uzbekistan                                   | 4             |                                  | 6  | <b>10</b>     |
| Venezuela                                    | 1             |                                  | 10   | <b>11</b>     |
| Vietnam                                      | 1             |                                  | 14   | <b>15</b>     |
| Zimbabwe                                     |               |                                  | 1  | <b>1</b>      |
| Austria                                      |               |                                  | 40   | <b>40</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>48</b>     | <b>89</b>                        | <b>11 806</b>                                    | <b>11 943</b> |

| <b>Returns so far in 2021 by destination</b> |               |                                  |  |              |
|--|---------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------|
|  | <b>Asylum</b> | <b>Dublin/safe third country</b> | <b>Refused entry or stay, expelled and other</b> | <b>Total</b> |
| Afghanistan                                  | 1             |                                  | 7  | <b>8</b>     |
| Albania                                      | 4             |                                  | 29   | <b>33</b>    |
| Argentina                                    |               |                                  | 1  | <b>1</b>     |
| Bahrain                                      |               |                                  | 1  | <b>1</b>     |
| Belgium                                      |               |                                  | 14   | <b>14</b>    |
| Bosnia-Herzegovina                           |               |                                  | 7  | <b>7</b>     |
| Brazil                                       |               |                                  | 7  | <b>7</b>     |
| Bulgaria                                     |               |                                  | 60   | <b>60</b>    |
| Canada                                       |               |                                  | 2  | <b>2</b>     |
| Chile  |               |                                  | 4  | <b>4</b>     |

## Returnees so far in 2021 by destination

|                         | Asylum | Dublin/safe<br>third country | Refused entry<br>or stay,<br>expelled and<br>other | Total |
|-------------------------|--------|------------------------------|--|-------|
| Colombia                | 1      |                              | 2  | 3     |
| Cuba                    |        |                              | 1  | 1     |
| Denmark                 |        | 5                            | 951  | 956   |
| United Arab<br>Emirates |        |                              | 2  | 2     |
| Djibouti                |        |                              | 1  | 1     |
| Egypt                   |        |                              | 2  | 2     |
| Ivory Coast             |        |                              | 1  | 1     |
| Estonia                 | 1      |                              | 80   | 81    |
| Ethiopia                | 3      |                              | 3  | 6     |
| The Philippines         |        |                              | 5  | 5     |
| Finland                 |        |                              | 105  | 105   |
| France                  |        | 3                            | 120  | 123   |
| Faroe Islands           |        |                              | 10   | 10    |
| Georgia                 |        |                              | 6  | 6     |
| Ghana                   |        |                              | 1  | 1     |
| Greece                  |        | 10                           | 35   | 45    |
| Belarus                 |        |                              | 3  | 3     |
| India                   |        |                              | 7  | 7     |
| Indonesia               |        |                              | 1  | 1     |
| Iraq                    | 1      |                              | 2  | 3     |
| Iran                    | 1      |                              | 3  | 4     |
| Ireland                 |        | 1                            | 9  | 10    |
| Iceland                 |        |                              | 12   | 12    |
| Israel                  |        |                              | 4  | 4     |
| Italy                   |        | 21                           | 80   | 101   |
| Japan                   | 1      |                              |  | 1     |
| Jordan                  | 2      |                              | 3  | 5     |
| Cape Verde              |        |                              | 1  | 1     |
| Kenya                   | 1      |                              | 1  | 2     |
| China                   |        |                              | 3  | 3     |
| Kosovo                  | 4      |                              | 6  | 10    |
| Croatia                 |        |                              | 112  | 112   |
| Latvia                  |        |                              | 276  | 276   |
| Lebanon                 |        |                              | 1  | 1     |
| Lithuania               |        |                              | 565  | 565   |
| Luxembourg              |        | 1                            | 1  | 2     |
| Malaysia                | 1      |                              |  | 1     |
| Malta                   |        |                              | 2  | 2     |
| Morocco                 |        |                              | 1  | 1     |
| Mauritania              |        |                              | 1  | 1     |
| Mexico                  |        |                              | 2  | 2     |
| Moldova                 |        |                              | 5  | 5     |
| Montenegro              | 1      |                              | 1  | 2     |
| The Netherlands         |        | 4                            | 302  | 306   |
| Nepal                   |        |                              | 1  | 1     |
| Nigeria                 |        |                              | 3  | 3     |

| <b>Returns so far in 2021 by destination</b> |               |                                  |  |               |
|--|---------------|----------------------------------|--|---------------|
|  | <b>Asylum</b> | <b>Dublin/safe third country</b> | <b>Refused entry or stay, expelled and other</b> | <b>Total</b>  |
| North Macedonia                              |               |                                  | 15   | <b>15</b>     |
| Pakistan                                     |               |                                  | 7  | <b>7</b>      |
| Poland                                       | 1             | 1                                | 1225   | <b>1227</b>   |
| Portugal                                     |               | 5                                | 38   | <b>43</b>     |
| Qatar  |               |                                  | 1  | <b>1</b>      |
| Romania                                      |               | 1                                | 487  | <b>488</b>    |
| Russia                                       | 8             |                                  | 28   | <b>36</b>     |
| Serbia                                       | 2             |                                  | 51   | <b>53</b>     |
| Slovakia                                     |               | 1                                | 6  | <b>7</b>      |
| Slovenia                                     |               |                                  | 1  | <b>1</b>      |
| Somalia                                      | 4             |                                  | 6  | <b>10</b>     |
| Spain  |               | 8                                | 132  | <b>140</b>    |
| Sri Lanka                                    |               |                                  | 2  | <b>2</b>      |
| The United Kingdom                           | 1             |                                  | 182  | <b>183</b>    |
| Sudan  | 1             |                                  |  | <b>1</b>      |
| Switzerland                                  |               |                                  | 30   | <b>30</b>     |
| Sweden                                       |               | 16                               | 6087   | <b>6103</b>   |
| South Africa                                 |               |                                  | 1  | <b>1</b>      |
| Thailand                                     |               |                                  | 2  | <b>2</b>      |
| Czech Republic                               |               |                                  | 24   | <b>24</b>     |
| Turkey                                       |               |                                  | 50   | <b>50</b>     |
| Germany                                      |               | 9                                | 389  | <b>398</b>    |
| Uganda                                       |               |                                  | 1  | <b>1</b>      |
| Ukraine                                      | 3             |                                  | 67   | <b>70</b>     |
| Hungary                                      |               |                                  | 18   | <b>18</b>     |
| United States                                |               |                                  | 54   | <b>54</b>     |
| Uzbekistan                                   | 4             |                                  |  | <b>4</b>      |
| Venezuela                                    | 1             |                                  |  | <b>1</b>      |
| Vietnam                                      | 1             |                                  | 5  | <b>6</b>      |
| Austria                                      |               | 3                                | 32   | <b>35</b>     |
| <b>Total</b>                                 | <b>48</b>     | <b>89</b>                        | <b>11 806</b>                                    | <b>11 943</b> |

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