



## Monthly statistics February 2021: Forced returns from Norway

**The police forcibly returned 644 persons in February 2021, 88 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:

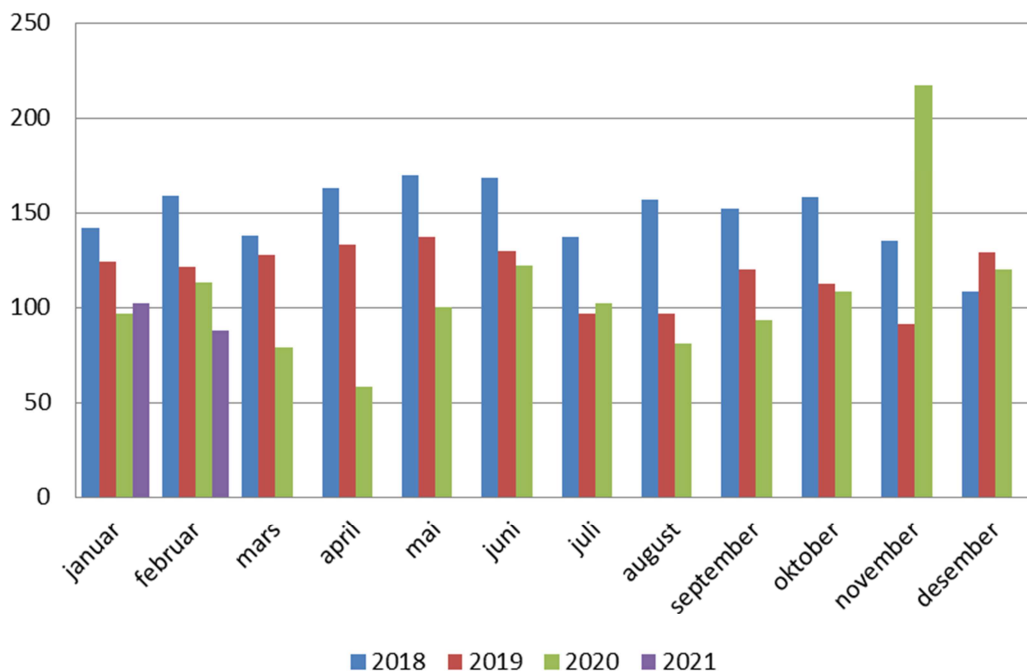
	Forced returns
As at 29.02.2020	702
As at 28.02.2021	1359
Change in percent	<b>94</b>

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

### Convicted offenders

In February, the police returned 88 convicted offenders, 14% of all returnees that month. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees were Polish (19%), Romanian (18%) and Lithuanian (15%).

### 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:

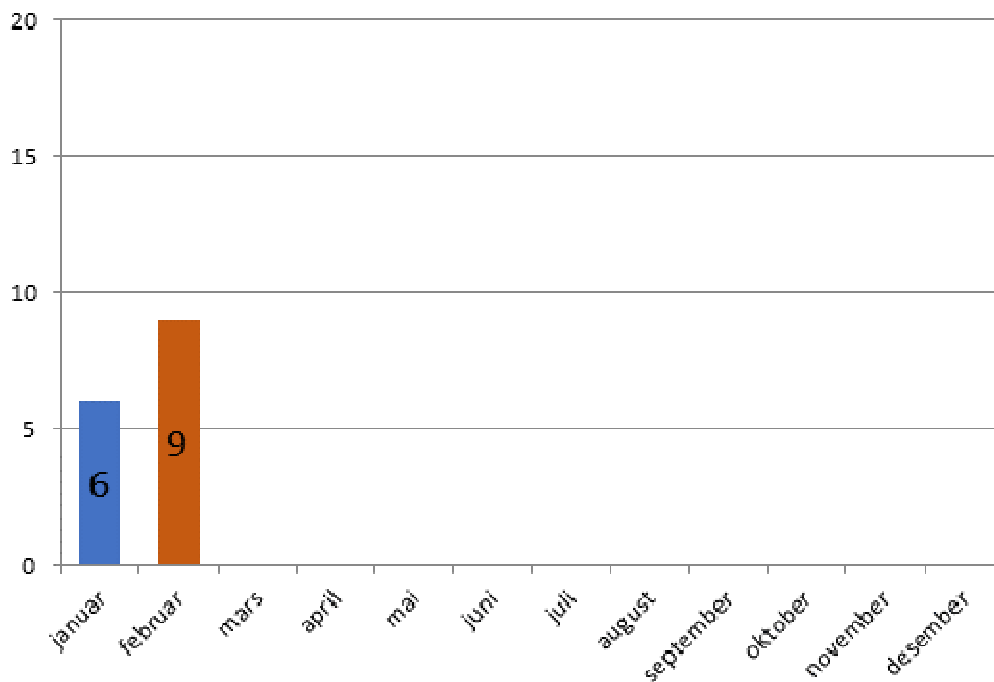
Applicable provision	January	February	Total
Temporary Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals to protect public health section 2 subs. 3	599	545	1144

## Minors

In February, 9 minors were returned. 7 were accompanied by their parents or guardians and 2 were unaccompanied minors. The two unaccompanied minors were returned to Sweden.

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 chartered return flights have 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.

<b>Returns so far in 2020 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	1	6	<b>8</b>
Albania			16	<b>16</b>
Algeria		2	2	<b>4</b>
Bangladesh			1	<b>1</b>
Belgium			2	<b>2</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina			1	<b>1</b>
Brazil			3	<b>3</b>
Bulgaria			26	<b>26</b>
Canada			1	<b>1</b>
Chile			2	<b>2</b>
Colombia	1			<b>1</b>
Cuba			1	<b>1</b>
Denmark			22	<b>22</b>
Egypt			1	<b>1</b>
El Salvador		4		<b>4</b>
Eritrea			5	<b>5</b>
Estonia			38	<b>38</b>
Ethiopia	3	1	1	<b>5</b>

## Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
The Philippines			2	2
Finland			8	8
France			14	14
The Gambia			2	2
Georgia			2	2
Ghana			2	2
Guinea			1	1
Greece:			8	8
Belarus			4	4
India			4	4
Iraq		2	6	8
Iran	1	1	2	4
Ireland			3	3
Iceland			1	1
Israel			1	1
Italy			9	9
Japan	1			1
Yemen			1	1
China			1	1
Republic of the Congo			1	1
Kosovo	1		1	2
Croatia			17	17
Latvia			53	53
Lebanon			1	1
Liberia		1		1
Libya		1		1
Lithuania			164	164
Mali		1		1
Morocco			3	3
Moldova			5	5
Montenegro	1		1	2
The Netherlands			5	5
Niger		1		1
Nigeria			5	5
North Macedonia			1	1
Pakistan			7	7
Peru			1	1
Poland			341	341
Portugal			5	5
Romania			166	166

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	<b>Asylum</b>	<b>Dublin/safe third country</b>	<b>Refused entry or stay, expelled and other</b>	<b>Total</b>
Russia			12	<b>12</b>
Serbia	2		12	<b>14</b>
Slovakia			8	<b>8</b>
Somalia	2		7	<b>9</b>
Spain			17	<b>17</b>
Sri Lanka			1	<b>1</b>
Stateless			7	<b>7</b>
The United Kingdom	1		14	<b>15</b>
Switzerland			1	<b>1</b>
Sweden			156	<b>156</b>
Syria		4	12	<b>16</b>
South Africa		1		<b>1</b>
South Sudan		1		<b>1</b>
Thailand			1	<b>1</b>
Czech Republic			11	<b>11</b>
Turkey			3	<b>3</b>
Germany			27	<b>27</b>
Uganda			1	<b>1</b>
Unknown			1	<b>1</b>
Ukraine			32	<b>32</b>
Hungary			13	<b>13</b>
United States			7	<b>7</b>
Uzbekistan			2	<b>2</b>
Venezuela	1			<b>1</b>
Vietnam			1	<b>1</b>
Austria			1	<b>1</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1323</b>	<b>1359</b>

<b>Returnees so far in 2020 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		2	<b>3</b>
Albania			11	<b>11</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina			1	<b>1</b>
Brazil			2	<b>2</b>
Bulgaria			14	<b>14</b>
Canada			2	<b>2</b>
Colombia	1			<b>1</b>

## Returnees so far in 2020 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Cuba			1	1
Denmark		1	76	77
Egypt			1	1
Estonia			30	30
Ethiopia	3		1	4
The Philippines			1	1
Finland			8	8
France		1	16	17
Faroe Islands			2	2
Georgia			1	1
Ghana			1	1
Greece:		3	8	11
Belarus			1	1
India			2	2
Iraq			1	1
Iran	1			1
Ireland			1	1
Italy		3	13	16
Japan	1			1
China			1	1
Kosovo	1		1	2
Croatia			7	7
Latvia			48	48
Lebanon			1	1
Lithuania			126	126
Luxembourg		1	1	2
Moldova			2	2
Montenegro	1		1	2
The Netherlands		1	24	25
Nigeria			1	1
North Macedonia			1	1
Pakistan			3	3
Poland			351	351
Portugal			4	4
Romania			150	150
Russia			7	7
Serbia	2		14	16
Somalia	2		2	4
Spain		1	21	22
The United Kingdom	1		14	15
Sweden		5	276	281

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Czech Republic			7	<b>7</b>
Turkey			10	<b>10</b>
Germany		3	28	<b>31</b>
Ukraine			15	<b>15</b>
Hungary			6	<b>6</b>
Venezuela	1			<b>1</b>
Austria		2	5	<b>7</b>
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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).