



**Statistics January 2021:
Forced returns from Norway**

The police returned 704 persons in January 2021, 99 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 2020:

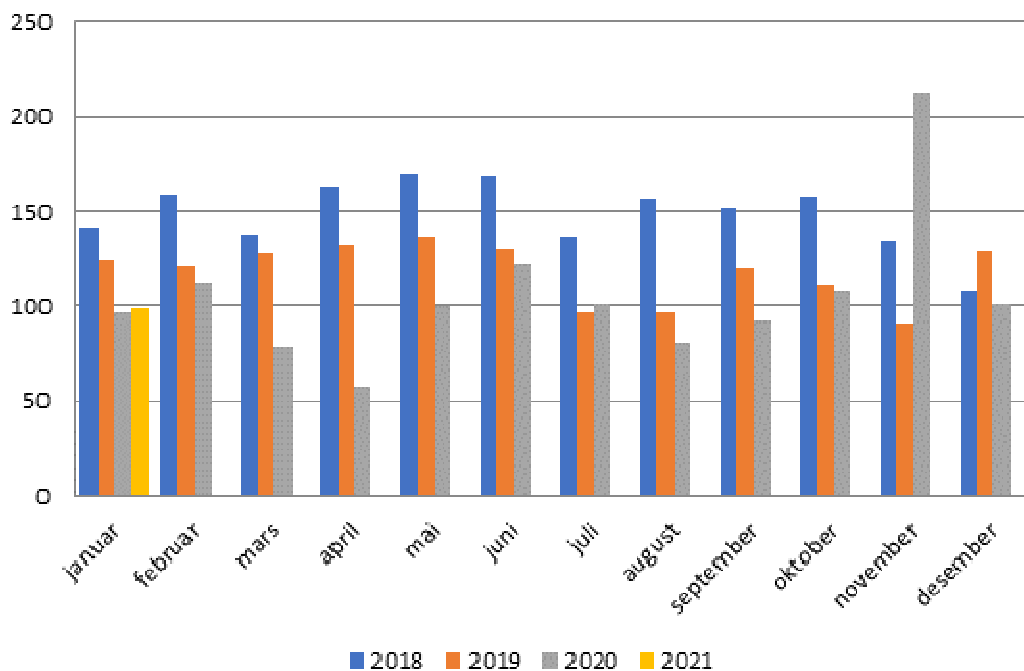
	Forced returns
As at 31.01.2020	339
As at 31.01.2021	704
Change in percent	108

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

Convicted offenders

In January, the police returned 99 convicted offenders, 14% of all returnees that month. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees were Polish (21%), Romanian (19%) and Lithuanian (16%).

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 2020, 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.

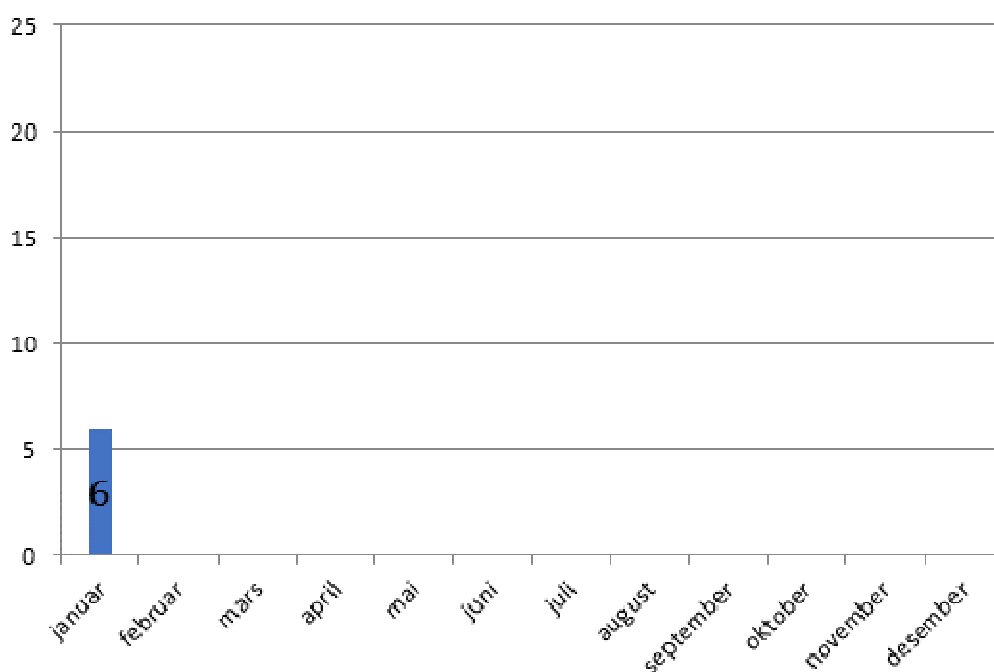
In January, 587 persons were returned due to being expelled under the provisions of the temporary Act relating to entry restrictions for foreigners to protect public health.

Minors

In January, 6 minors were returned. 4 were accompanied by their parents or guardians and 2 were unaccompanied minors. The unaccompanied minors were returned to a safe third country, one under the Dublin Regulation and one as the result of an expulsion order.

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 UK was an EU member from 1.1.20 to 31.1.20, and was subject to the Dublin Regulation from 1.2.20 to 31.12.20 in spite of no longer being an EU member. 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 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.

Forced returns in 2021 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan		1		1
Albania			10	10
Algeria		2	2	4
Bangladesh			1	1
Belgium			1	1
Brazil			2	2
Bulgaria			11	11
Canada			1	1
Chile			2	2
Cuba			1	1
Denmark			2	2
Egypt			1	1
El Salvador		4		4
Eritrea			2	2
Estonia			27	27

Forced returns in 2021 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Ethiopia	2	1	1	4
Finland			2	2
France			1	1
The Gambia			2	2
Georgia			1	1
Ghana			1	1
Greece:			2	2
Belarus			2	2
India			1	1
Iraq		1	3	4
Iran	1	1	2	4
Ireland			1	1
Italy			3	3
China			1	1
Republic of the Congo			1	1
Croatia			11	11
Latvia			23	23
Libya		1		1
Lithuania			98	98
Mali		1		1
Morocco			1	1
Montenegro			1	1
The Netherlands			3	3
Nigeria			1	1
Pakistan			2	2
Poland			224	224
Portugal			1	1
Romania			65	65
Russia			8	8
Serbia			9	9
Slovakia			2	2
Somalia	2		5	7
Spain			6	6
Stateless			3	3
The United Kingdom			4	4
Switzerland			1	1
Sweden			80	80
Syria		1	6	7
Thailand			1	1
Czech Republic			7	7

Forced returns in 2021 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Turkey			1	1
Germany			11	11
Uganda			1	1
Unknown			1	1
Ukraine			14	14
Hungary			5	5
United States			2	2
Uzbekistan			1	1
Vietnam			1	1
Total	5	13	686	704

Forced returns in 2021 by destination				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Albania			6	6
Brazil			1	1
Bulgaria			4	4
Canada			1	1
Cuba			1	1
Denmark		1	28	29
Egypt			1	1
Estonia			22	22
Ethiopia	2			2
Finland			1	1
France			3	3
Ghana			1	1
Greece:			2	2
Iran	1			1
Italy		2	6	8
China			1	1
Croatia			5	5
Latvia			20	20
Lithuania			80	80
Luxembourg		1		1
Montenegro			1	1
The Netherlands		1	9	10
Pakistan			1	1
Poland			238	238
Portugal			2	2

Forced returns in 2021 by destination				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Romania			58	58
Russia			3	3
Serbia			10	10
Somalia	2		2	4
Spain			7	7
The United Kingdom			3	3
Sweden		5	139	144
Czech Republic			4	4
Turkey			1	1
Germany		2	15	17
Ukraine			6	6
Hungary			1	1
Austria		1	3	4
Total	5	13	686	704

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