



**Statistics for July 2021:
Forced returns from Norway**

The police forcibly returned 848 persons in July 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:

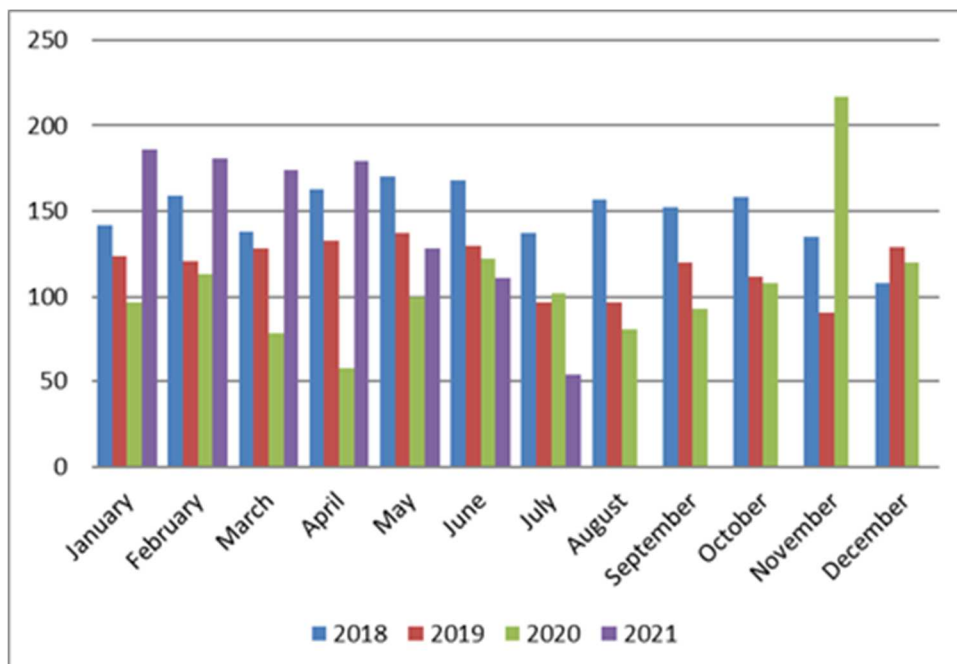
	Forced returns
As at 31.07.2020	5036
As at 31.07.2021	9107
Change in percent	81

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

Convicted offenders

In July, the police returned 54 convicted offenders, approx. 6% of all returnees that month. So far in 2021, the most common nationalities among returned convicted offenders have been Polish (21%), Romanian (19%) 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:

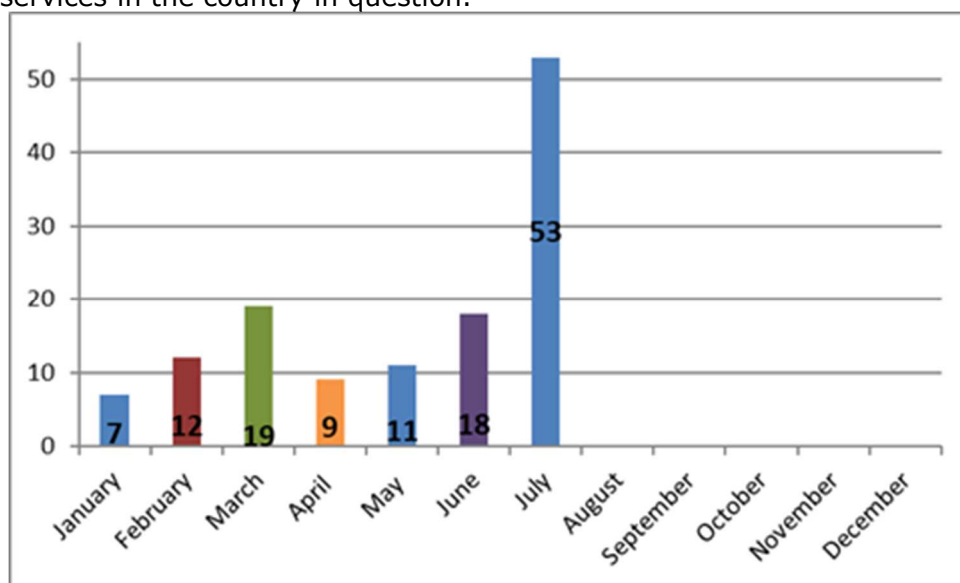
Lovhjemmel	Januar	Februar	Mars	April	Mai	Juni	Juli	Totalsum
Midlertidig lov om innreiserestriksjoner for utlendinger av hensyn til folkehelsen § 2 3. ledd	1315	1291	1165	1209	1293	1318	706	8297

Minors

I July, 53 minors were returned, 5 of them were unaccompanied minors. The increased number of returned minors compared to earlier this year is due to a large number of families on vacation travels who were refused entry in application of COVID entry restrictions.

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 July.

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	3	69	73
Albania	4		45	49
Algeria		2	6	8
Angola		5		5
Argentina			3	3
Armenia			3	3
Azerbaijan			4	4
Australia			2	2
Bangladesh			7	7
Belgium			26	26
Bosnia-Herzegovina			16	16
Brazil			23	23
Bulgaria			159	159
Canada			9	9
Chile			9	9
Colombia	1		7	8
Cuba			4	4
Denmark			224	224
United Arab Emirates			2	2

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Dominican Republic			1	1
Djibouti			1	1
Dominica			1	1
Ecuador			2	2
Egypt			2	2
El Salvador		4		4
Ivory Coast			1	1
Eritrea		8	45	53
Estonia	1		163	164
Ethiopia	3	1	5	9
The Philippines			15	15
Finland			75	75
France			101	101
The Gambia		1	8	9
Georgia			5	5
Ghana			6	6
Guatemala			2	2
Guinea			1	1
Greece:			44	44
Belarus		1	22	23
India			20	20
Indonesia			1	1
Iraq	1	4	59	64
Iran	1	3	31	35
Ireland			11	11
Iceland			11	11
Israel			7	7
Italy			68	68
Japan	1		2	3
Yemen		1	1	2
Jordan	1		5	6
Cameroon			6	6
Cape Verde			1	1
Kazakhstan		1		1
Kenya	1		1	2
China			7	7
Republic of the Congo		1	5	6
Kosovo	4		13	17
Croatia			137	137
Latvia			397	397
Lebanon			1	1
Liberia		1	1	2
Libya		4	2	6
Lithuania			1086	1086
Luxembourg			1	1

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Malaysia	1			1
Mali		1		1
Malta			2	2
Morocco		2	14	16
Mauritania			1	1
Mexico		1	4	5
Moldova			8	8
Mongolia			6	6
Montenegro	1		1	2
The Netherlands			119	119
Nepal			5	5
Niger		1	1	2
Nigeria		1	23	24
North Macedonia			10	10
Norway			1	1
Pakistan		4	34	38
Panama			1	1
Peru			4	4
Poland	1		1738	1739
Portugal			58	58
Romania			853	853
Russia	8		58	66
Rwanda			3	3
Saint Lucia			1	1
Saudi Arabia			1	1
Senegal			2	2
Serbia	2		37	39
Singapore			2	2
Slovakia			54	54
Slovenia			11	11
Somalia	4	1	58	63
Spain			126	126
Sri Lanka			11	11
Stateless		5	26	31
The United Kingdom	1		157	158
Sudan	1			1
Switzerland			33	33
Sweden			1604	1604
Syria		17	132	149
South Africa		1	1	2
South Korea			1	1
South Sudan		1	1	2
Tajikistan			1	1
Thailand			13	13

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Czech Republic			47	47
Tunisia			1	1
Turkey		1	35	36
Germany			379	379
Uganda			2	2
Unknown			3	3
Ukraine	2		150	152
Hungary			36	36
United States			84	84
Uzbekistan	4		4	8
Venezuela	1		5	6
Vietnam	1		12	13
Zimbabwe			1	1
Austria			18	18
Total	46	76	8985	9107

Returnees so far in 2021 by destination				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	1		7	8
Albania	4		26	30
Argentina			1	1
Bahrain			1	1
Belgium			11	11
Bosnia-Herzegovina			5	5
Brazil			6	6
Bulgaria			54	54
Canada			2	2
Chile			4	4
Colombia	1		2	3
Cuba			1	1
Denmark		4	600	604
United Arab Emirates			2	2
Djibouti			1	1
Egypt			1	1
Ivory Coast			1	1
Estonia	1		72	73
Ethiopia	3		3	6
The Philippines			4	4
Finland			88	88

France		2	78	80
Faroe Islands			10	10
Georgia			3	3
Ghana			1	1
Greece:		10	31	41
Belarus			3	3
India			7	7
Indonesia			1	1
Iraq	1		1	2
Iran	1		3	4
Ireland		1	6	7
Iceland			7	7
Israel			2	2
Italy		21	66	87
Japan	1			1
Jordan	1		2	3
Cape Verde			1	1
Kenya	1		1	2
China			3	3
Kosovo	4		6	10
Croatia			109	109
Latvia			254	254
Lebanon			1	1
Lithuania			530	530
Luxembourg		1	1	2
Malaysia	1			1
Malta			2	2
Mauritania			1	1
Mexico			1	1
Moldova			3	3
Montenegro	1		1	2
The Netherlands		2	193	195
Nepal			1	1
Nigeria			2	2
North Macedonia			8	8
Pakistan			6	6
Poland	1	1	1181	1183
Portugal		5	32	37
Qatar			1	1
Romania		1	473	474
Russia	8		21	29
Serbia	2		35	37
Slovakia		1	4	5
Somalia	4		5	9
Spain		3	102	105
Sri Lanka			2	2
The United Kingdom	1		139	140
Sudan	1			1
Switzerland			12	12
Sweden		13	4270	4283

South Africa			1	1
Thailand			1	1
Czech Republic			19	19
Turkey			45	45
Germany		8	277	285
Ukraine	2		60	62
Hungary			13	13
United States			33	33
Uzbekistan	4			4
Venezuela	1			1
Vietnam	1		5	6
Austria		3	17	20
Total	46	76	8985	9107

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