



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

**The police forcibly returned 808 persons in March 2021, 107 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:**

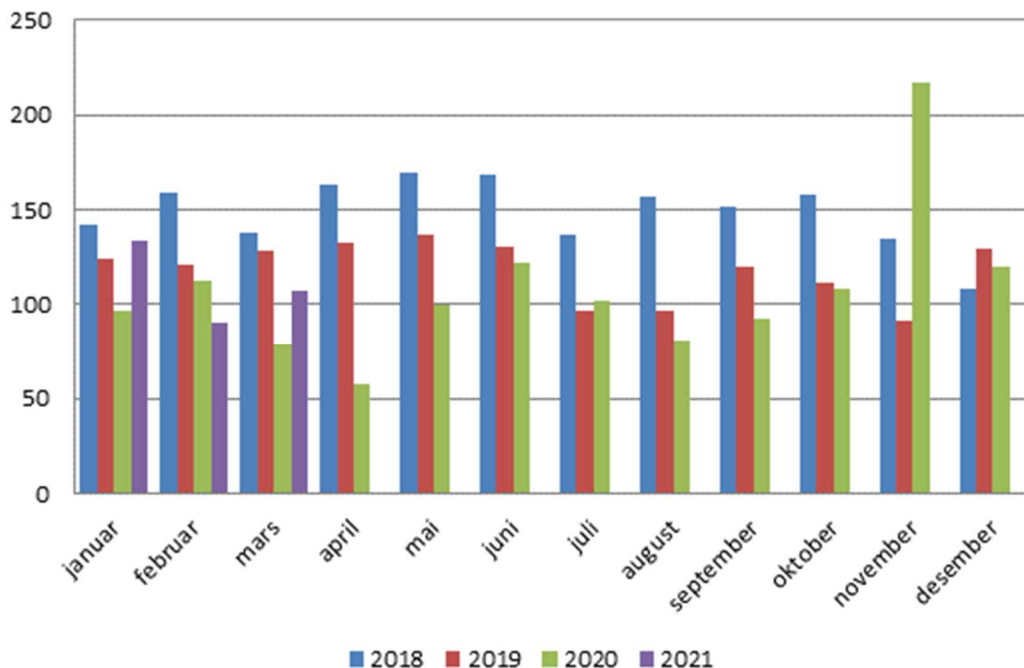
	<b>Forced returns</b>
As at 31.03.2020	878
As at 31.03.2021	2431
Change in percent	<b>177</b>

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

**Convicted offenders**

In March, the police returned 107 convicted offenders, approx. 13% of all returnees that month. So far in 2021, the most common nationalities among returned convicted offenders have been Romanian (23%), Polish (12%) and Lithuanian (12%).

**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:

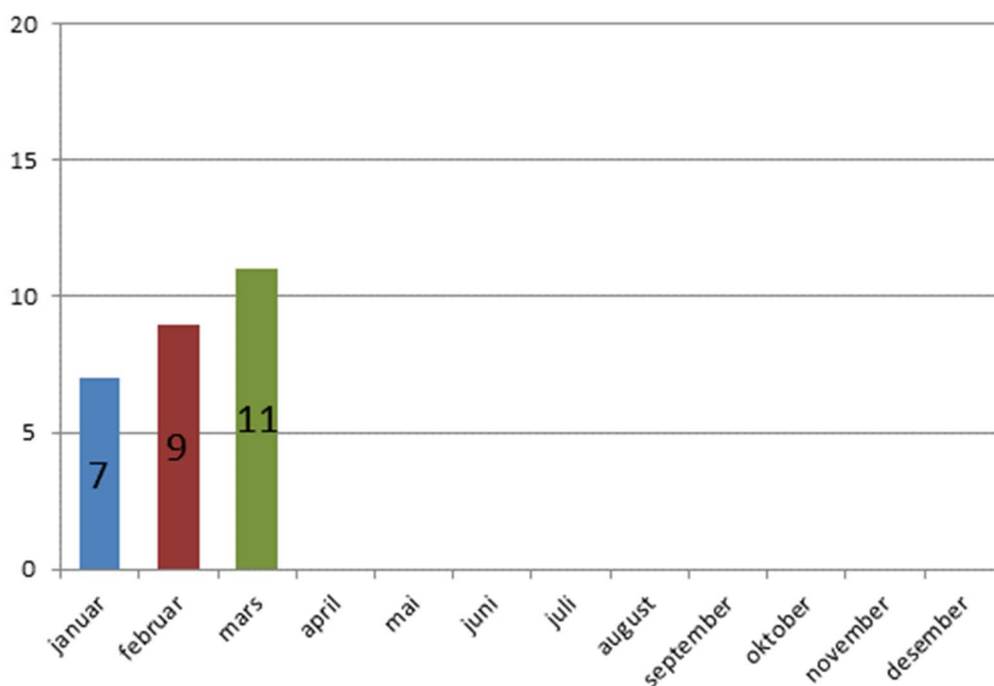
Applicable provision	January	February	March	Total
Temporary Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals to protect public health section 2 subs. 3	856	556	694	2106

## Minors

11 minors were returned in March, all together with their parents or 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.*

*Returned*

## Forced returns on chartered flights

One returnee flight was chartered in March, the first 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	2	14	<b>17</b>
Albania			18	<b>18</b>
Algeria		2	2	<b>4</b>
Argentina			1	<b>1</b>
Bangladesh			2	<b>2</b>
Belgium			5	<b>5</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina			1	<b>1</b>
Brazil			7	<b>7</b>
Bulgaria			42	<b>42</b>
Canada			2	<b>2</b>
Chile			3	<b>3</b>
Colombia	1			<b>1</b>
Cuba			1	<b>1</b>
Denmark			48	<b>48</b>
Egypt			2	<b>2</b>
El Salvador		4		<b>4</b>
Eritrea		1	9	<b>10</b>
Estonia	1		67	<b>68</b>

## Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Ethiopia	3	1	2	6
The Philippines			4	4
Finland			11	11
France			26	26
The Gambia			4	4
Georgia			2	2
Ghana			2	2
Guinea			1	1
Greece			15	15
Belarus			6	6
India			8	8
Iraq	1	2	19	22
Iran	1	1	6	8
Ireland			4	4
Iceland			1	1
Israel			1	1
Italy			14	14
Japan	1			1
Yemen			1	1
Jordan			2	2
Cameroon			1	1
Kenya	1			1
China			2	2
Republic of the Congo		1	1	2
Kosovo	1		1	2
Croatia			22	22
Latvia			91	91
Lebanon			1	1
Liberia		1		1
Libya		1	1	2
Lithuania			270	270
Mali		1		1
Morocco		1	8	9
Moldova			7	7
Mongolia			1	1
Montenegro	1		1	2
The Netherlands			21	21
Nepal			1	1

## Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Niger		1		1
Nigeria			7	7
North Macedonia			3	3
Norway			1	1
Pakistan		3	17	20
Panama			1	1
Peru			1	1
Poland	1		519	520
Portugal			10	10
Romania			320	320
Russia	3		19	22
Senegal			1	1
Serbia	2		14	16
Slovakia			18	18
Somalia	2		17	19
Spain			31	31
Sri Lanka			1	1
Stateless		1	8	9
The United Kingdom	1		46	47
Switzerland			3	3
Sweden			367	367
Syria		6	28	34
South Africa		1		1
South Sudan		1		1
Thailand			1	1
Czech Republic			15	15
Turkey			5	5
Germany			54	54
Uganda			1	1
Unknown			2	2
Ukraine	2		50	52
Hungary			14	14
United States			12	12
Uzbekistan	1		3	4
Venezuela	1			1
Vietnam			1	1
Austria			3	3
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2375</b>	<b>2431</b>

## Returnees so far in 2020 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	1		3	4
Albania			12	12
Belgium			2	2
Bosnia-Herzegovina			1	1
Brazil			3	3
Bulgaria			23	23
Canada			2	2
Chile			1	1
Colombia	1			1
Cuba			1	1
Denmark		1	136	137
United Arab Emirates			1	1
Egypt			1	1
Estonia	1		45	46
Ethiopia	3		1	4
The Philippines			2	2
Finland			23	23
France		1	29	30
Faroe Islands			3	3
Georgia			1	1
Ghana			1	1
Greece:		4	16	20
Belarus			1	1
India			6	6
Iraq	1		1	2
Iran	1			1
Ireland			1	1
Italy		9	23	32
Japan	1			1
Jordan			1	1
Kenya	1			1
China			2	2
Kosovo	1		1	2

<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>
Croatia			9	<b>9</b>
Latvia			69	<b>69</b>
Lebanon			1	<b>1</b>
Lithuania			192	<b>192</b>
Luxembourg		1	1	<b>2</b>
Malta			1	<b>1</b>
Moldova			2	<b>2</b>
Montenegro	1		1	<b>2</b>
The Netherlands		1	52	<b>53</b>
Nepal			1	<b>1</b>
Nigeria			1	<b>1</b>
North Macedonia			3	<b>3</b>
Pakistan			6	<b>6</b>
Poland	1		477	<b>478</b>
Portugal			7	<b>7</b>
Romania			233	<b>233</b>
Russia	3		9	<b>12</b>
Serbia	2		17	<b>19</b>
Slovakia		1	1	<b>2</b>
Somalia	2		2	<b>4</b>
Spain		1	36	<b>37</b>
The United Kingdom	1		48	<b>49</b>
Sweden		5	735	<b>740</b>
Czech Republic			9	<b>9</b>
Turkey			17	<b>17</b>
Germany		5	59	<b>64</b>
Ukraine	2		27	<b>29</b>
Hungary			7	<b>7</b>
United States			3	<b>3</b>
Uzbekistan	1			<b>1</b>
Venezuela	1			<b>1</b>
Austria		2	6	<b>8</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>2375</b>	<b>2431</b>

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