



Statistics for May 2021
Forced returns from Norway

The police forcibly returned 1180 persons in May 2021, 106 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:

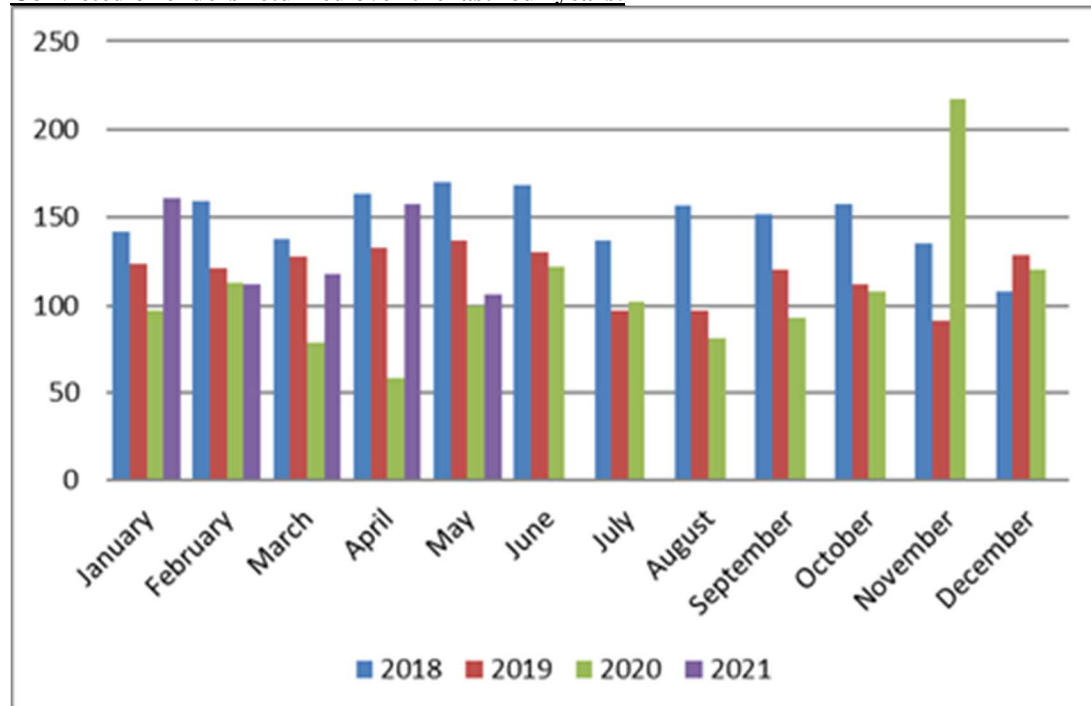
	Forced returns
As at 31.5.2020	2634
As at 31.5.2021	5222
Change in percent	98

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

Convicted offenders

In May, the police returned 106 convicted offenders, 13% of all returnees that month. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees so far in 2021 are Romanian (22%), Polish (19%) and Lithuanian (14%).

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:

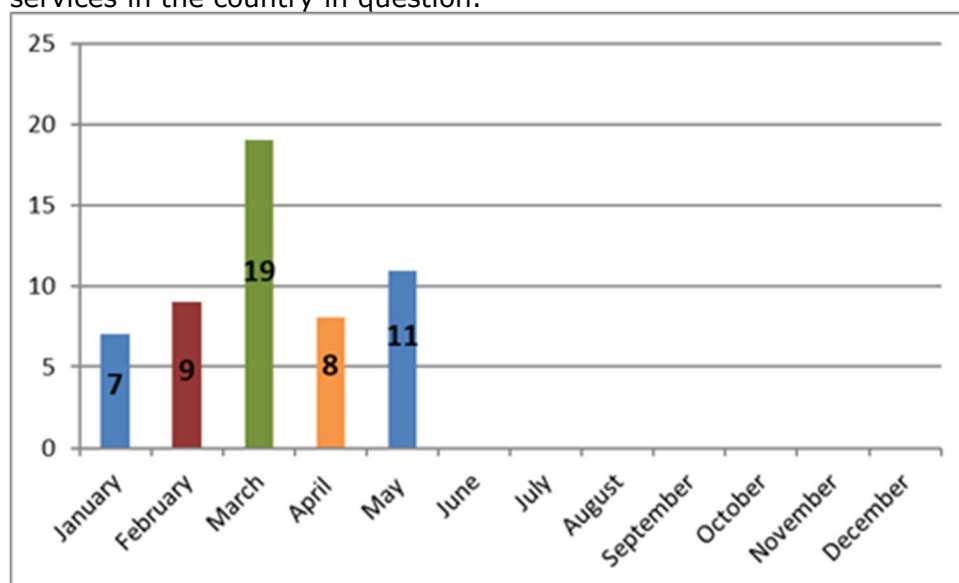
Applicable provision	January	February	March	April	May	Total
Temporary Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals to protect public health section 2 subs. 3	1109	713	757	1036	1069	4684

Minors

11 minors were returned in May. 3 of them were unaccompanied by adults, while 8 were accompanied by their parents or guardians. The unaccompanied minors were returned to Sweden and Denmark.

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 returnee flights were chartered in May. One returnee flight has been chartered 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.

Returns so far in 2020 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	1	2	27	30
Albania	4		24	28
Algeria		2	2	4
Argentina			2	2
Australia			1	1
Bangladesh			2	2
Belgium			9	9
Bosnia-Herzegovina			6	6
Brazil			17	17
Bulgaria			101	101
Canada			2	2
Chile			5	5
Colombia	1		1	2
Cuba			2	2
Denmark			110	110
Egypt			2	2
El Salvador		4		4
Eritrea		7	22	29

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Estonia	1		122	123
Ethiopia	3	1	5	9
The Philippines			8	8
Finland			38	38
France			50	50
The Gambia		1	5	6
Georgia			3	3
Ghana			3	3
Guinea			1	1
Greece			23	23
Belarus		1	15	16
India			12	12
Iraq	1	3	34	38
Iran	1	2	12	15
Ireland			7	7
Iceland			7	7
Israel			1	1
Italy			33	33
Japan	1		1	2
Yemen			1	1
Jordan	1		2	3
Cameroon			4	4
Kazakhstan		1		1
Kenya	1			1
China			3	3
Republic of the Congo		1	3	4
Kosovo	2		6	8
Croatia			122	122
Latvia			262	262
Lebanon			1	1
Liberia		1		1
Libya		1	2	3
Lithuania			708	708
Luxembourg			1	1
Mali		1		1
Morocco		2	9	11
Mauritania			1	1
Mexico		1	3	4
Moldova			9	9
Mongolia			1	1
Montenegro	1		1	2
The Netherlands			38	38
Nepal			3	3
Niger		1		1

Returnees so far in 2020 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Nigeria			14	14
North Macedonia			6	6
Norway			1	1
Pakistan		3	20	23
Panama			1	1
Peru			1	1
Poland	1		1182	1183
Portugal			21	21
Romania			592	592
Russia	4		38	42
Senegal			1	1
Serbia	2		24	26
Slovakia			39	39
Slovenia			2	2
Somalia	2		30	32
Spain			49	49
Sri Lanka			5	5
Stateless		2	15	17
The United Kingdom	1		105	106
Switzerland			4	4
Sweden			719	719
Syria		10	51	61
South Africa		1	1	2
South Sudan		1		1
Thailand			1	1
Czech Republic			25	25
Turkey			14	14
Germany			120	120
Uganda			2	2
Unknown			2	2
Ukraine	2		100	102
Hungary			22	22
United States			22	22
Uzbekistan	4		4	8
Venezuela	1			1
Vietnam			4	4
Austria			6	6
Total	35	49	5138	5222

Returnees so far in 2021 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	1		5	6
Albania	4		14	18
Argentina			1	1
Bahrain			1	1
Belgium			2	2
Bosnia-Herzegovina			1	1
Brazil			5	5
Bulgaria			38	38
Canada			2	2
Chile			3	3
Colombia	1			1
Cuba			1	1
Denmark		2	277	279
United Arab Emirates			1	1
Egypt			1	1
Estonia	1		63	64
Ethiopia	3		3	6
The Philippines			3	3
Finland			48	48
France		1	46	47
Faroe Islands			9	9
Georgia			2	2
Ghana			1	1
Greece		4	23	27
Belarus			3	3
India			7	7
Iraq	1		1	2
Iran	1		3	4
Ireland		1	3	4
Iceland			2	2
Italy		14	36	50
Japan	1			1
Jordan	1		1	2
Kenya	1			1
China			3	3
Kosovo	2		4	6
Croatia			103	103
Latvia			209	209
Lebanon			1	1
Lithuania			414	414
Luxembourg		1	1	2
Malta			1	1

Returns so far in 2021 by destination				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Mauritania			1	1
Mexico			1	1
Moldova			3	3
Montenegro	1		1	2
The Netherlands		2	107	109
Nepal			1	1
Nigeria			1	1
North Macedonia			4	4
Pakistan			6	6
Poland	1	1	988	990
Portugal			16	16
Romania		1	387	388
Russia	4		13	17
Serbia	2		29	31
Slovakia		1	2	3
Somalia	2		2	4
Spain		2	52	54
Sri Lanka			1	1
The United Kingdom	1		97	98
Switzerland			2	2
Sweden		9	1834	1843
Czech Republic			16	16
Turkey			26	26
Germany		7	129	136
Ukraine	2		51	53
Hungary			9	9
United States			7	7
Uzbekistan	4			4
Venezuela	1			1
Vietnam			1	1
Austria		3	9	12
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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).