



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

**The police forcibly returned 1131 persons in September 2021, 65 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:**

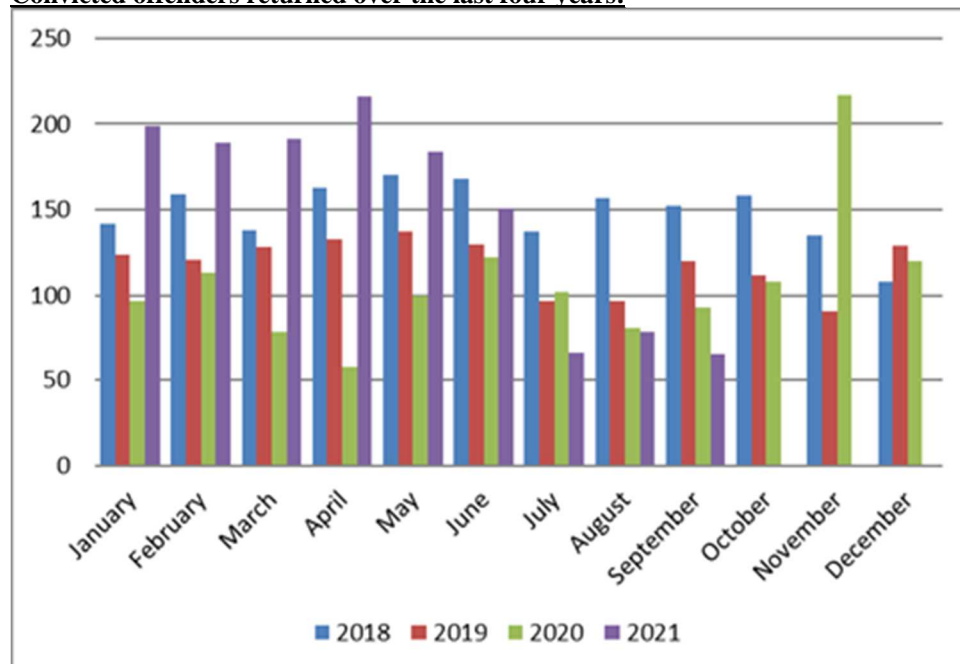
	<b>Forced returns</b>
As at 30 September 2020	6539
As at 30 September 2021	14,748
Change in percent	<b>126</b>

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

**Convicted offenders**

In September, the police returned 65 convicted offenders, approx. 6% of all returnees that month. So far in 2021, the most common nationalities among returned convicted offenders have been Polish (22%), Romanian (20%) and Swedish (16%).

**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	June	July	August	September	Total
Temporary Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals to protect public health section 2 subs. 3	1458	1310	1233	1503	1601	1482	1508	1128	974	13,537

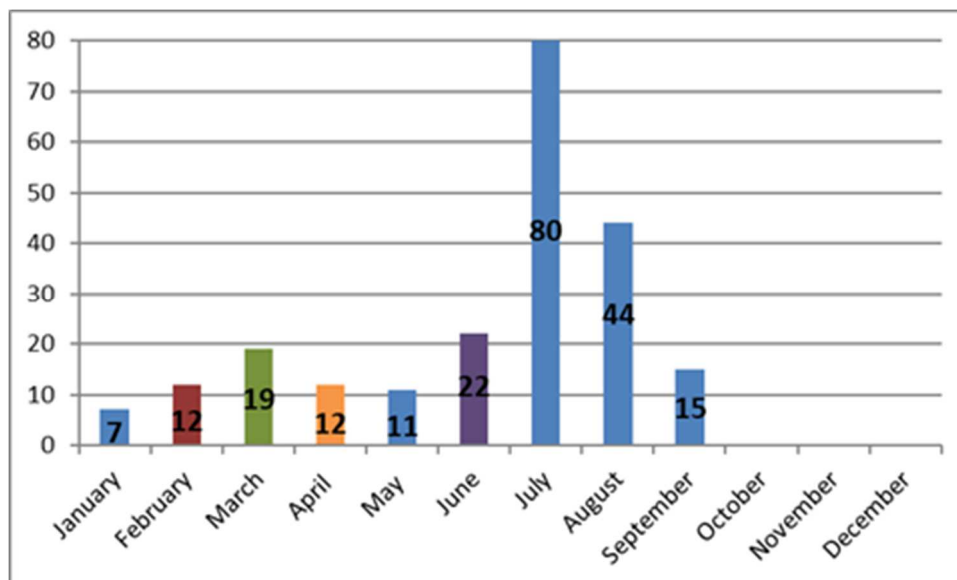
## Minors

15 minors were returned in September. Two of them were unaccompanied minors who were refused entry or stay and returned to their home countries, while the other 13 were returned with their parents or guardians.

The number of minors returned in August has been upgraded from 35 to 44 due to delays in the registration process. The nine minors added to the statistics were refused entry or stay and returned 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.*

## Forced returns on chartered flights

Two chartered return flights have taken place so far in 2021, none of them in September.

### 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.

Returnees so far in 2021 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	1	3	141	145
Albania	7		71	78
Algeria		4	12	16
Angola		5	1	6
Argentina			10	10
Armenia			3	3
Azerbaijan			10	10
Australia			7	7
Bangladesh		2	7	9
Belgium			76	76
Bolivia			1	1

## Returnees so far in 2021 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Bosnia-Herzegovina			29	<b>29</b>
Brazil			47	<b>47</b>
Bulgaria			227	<b>227</b>
Burundi			2	<b>2</b>
Canada			58	<b>58</b>
Chile			19	<b>19</b>
Colombia	3		29	<b>32</b>
Costa Rica			4	<b>4</b>
Cuba			5	<b>5</b>
Denmark			390	<b>390</b>
United Arab Emirates			6	<b>6</b>
Dominican Republic			3	<b>3</b>
Djibouti			2	<b>2</b>
Dominica			8	<b>8</b>
Ecuador			6	<b>6</b>
Egypt			8	<b>8</b>
El Salvador		4	2	<b>6</b>
Ivory Coast		4	5	<b>9</b>
Eritrea		11	111	<b>122</b>
Estonia	1		204	<b>205</b>
Ethiopia	4	2	17	<b>23</b>
The Philippines			24	<b>24</b>
Finland			134	<b>134</b>
France			171	<b>171</b>
Gabon			1	<b>1</b>
The Gambia		1	12	<b>13</b>
Georgia			11	<b>11</b>
Ghana			11	<b>11</b>
Grenada			2	<b>2</b>
Guatemala			5	<b>5</b>
Guinea		1	2	<b>3</b>
Greece			69	<b>69</b>
Honduras			2	<b>2</b>
Belarus		3	30	<b>33</b>
India			51	<b>51</b>
Indonesia			3	<b>3</b>
Iraq	1	8	98	<b>107</b>
Iran	1	4	57	<b>62</b>
Ireland			30	<b>30</b>

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	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Iceland			16	<b>16</b>
Israel		1	39	<b>40</b>
Italy			175	<b>175</b>
Japan	1		7	<b>8</b>
Yemen			7	<b>7</b>
Jordan	2		9	<b>11</b>
Cambodia			1	<b>1</b>
Cameroon			9	<b>9</b>
Cape Verde			1	<b>1</b>
Kazakhstan		1	4	<b>5</b>
Kenya	1		1	<b>2</b>
China			47	<b>47</b>
Kyrgyzstan			1	<b>1</b>
Republic of the Congo		1	17	<b>18</b>
Kosovo	4		24	<b>28</b>
Croatia			156	<b>156</b>
Kuwait			3	<b>3</b>
Laos			1	<b>1</b>
Latvia			504	<b>504</b>
Lebanon			1	<b>1</b>
Liberia		1	1	<b>2</b>
Libya		5	3	<b>8</b>
Liechtenstein			1	<b>1</b>
Lithuania			1439	<b>1439</b>
Luxembourg			1	<b>1</b>
Malaysia	1		3	<b>4</b>
Mali		1		<b>1</b>
Malta			2	<b>2</b>
Morocco		2	30	<b>32</b>
Mauritania			1	<b>1</b>
Mexico		1	25	<b>26</b>
Moldova			17	<b>17</b>
Mongolia			15	<b>15</b>
Montenegro	1		3	<b>4</b>
Mozambique			1	<b>1</b>
Nederland			289	<b>289</b>
Nepal			8	<b>8</b>
Nicaragua			1	<b>1</b>
Niger		1	1	<b>2</b>
Nigeria	1	6	34	<b>41</b>
North Macedonia			26	<b>26</b>

## Returnees so far in 2021 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Norway			2	<b>2</b>
Pakistan		4	63	<b>67</b>
Panama			2	<b>2</b>
Peru			9	<b>9</b>
Poland	1		2282	<b>2283</b>
Portugal			84	<b>84</b>
Qatar			2	<b>2</b>
Romania			1195	<b>1195</b>
Russia	9	4	112	<b>125</b>
Rwanda			5	<b>5</b>
Saint Lucia			1	<b>1</b>
Saudi Arabia			12	<b>12</b>
Senegal			3	<b>3</b>
Serbia	2		67	<b>69</b>
Serbia and Montenegro			3	<b>3</b>
Sierra Leone			1	<b>1</b>
Singapore			4	<b>4</b>
Slovakia			90	<b>90</b>
Slovenia			16	<b>16</b>
Somalia	4	3	92	<b>99</b>
Spain			240	<b>240</b>
Sri Lanka			16	<b>16</b>
Stateless		7	53	<b>60</b>
The United Kingdom	2		266	<b>268</b>
Sudan	1		1	<b>2</b>
Surinam			1	<b>1</b>
Switzerland			76	<b>76</b>
Sweden			2563	<b>2563</b>
Syria		23	235	<b>258</b>
South Africa		1	6	<b>7</b>
South Korea			9	<b>9</b>
South Sudan		1	3	<b>4</b>
Tajikistan			1	<b>1</b>
Thailand			22	<b>22</b>
Togo			1	<b>1</b>
The Czech Republic			104	<b>104</b>
Tunisia			3	<b>3</b>
Turkey		3	68	<b>71</b>
Germany			848	<b>848</b>
Uganda			7	<b>7</b>

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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>
Unknown			15	<b>15</b>
Ukraine	3		236	<b>239</b>
Hungary			65	<b>65</b>
Uruguay			2	<b>2</b>
United States			417	<b>417</b>
Uzbekistan	4		10	<b>14</b>
Vanuatu			2	<b>2</b>
Venezuela	1		18	<b>19</b>
Vietnam	1		16	<b>17</b>
Zimbabwe			1	<b>1</b>
Austria			65	<b>65</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>14,573</b>	<b>14,748</b>

<b>Returns so far in 2021 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		7	<b>8</b>
Albania	7		38	<b>45</b>
Argentina			2	<b>2</b>
Bahrain			1	<b>1</b>
Belgium		1	22	<b>23</b>
Bosnia-Herzegovina			9	<b>9</b>
Brazil			9	<b>9</b>
Bulgaria			75	<b>75</b>
Canada			7	<b>7</b>
Chile			6	<b>6</b>
Colombia	3		7	<b>10</b>
Cuba			1	<b>1</b>
Denmark		7	1161	<b>1168</b>
United Arab Emirates			4	<b>4</b>
Djibouti			1	<b>1</b>
Egypt			2	<b>2</b>
Ivory Coast			1	<b>1</b>
Estonia	1		88	<b>89</b>

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	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Ethiopia	4		4	8
Filippinene			5	5
Finland			126	126
France		4	182	186
Faroe Islands			10	10
Georgia			6	6
Ghana			1	1
Greece		13	41	54
Belarus			3	3
India			7	7
Indonesia			1	1
Iraq	1		2	3
Iran	1		3	4
Ireland		1	9	10
Iceland			22	22
Israel			4	4
Italy		30	106	136
Japan	1			1
Jordan	2		3	5
Cape Verde			1	1
Kenya	1		1	2
China			5	5
Kosovo	4		6	10
Croatia			120	120
Latvia		1	334	335
Lebanon			1	1
Lithuania		1	626	627
Luxembourg		1	1	2
Malaysia	1			1
Malta			4	4
Morocco			2	2
Mauritania			1	1
Mexico			3	3
Moldova			7	7
Montenegro	1		1	2
The Netherlands		7	383	390
Nepal			2	2
Nigeria	1		3	4
North Macedonia			21	21
Pakistan			7	7
Poland	1	2	1303	1306
Portugal		5	47	52



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Qatar			7	<b>7</b>
Romania		1	560	<b>561</b>
Russia	9		34	<b>43</b>
Serbia	2		81	<b>83</b>
Slovakia		1	6	<b>7</b>
Slovenia			2	<b>2</b>
Somalia	4		7	<b>11</b>
Spain		8	181	<b>189</b>
Sri Lanka			2	<b>2</b>
The United Kingdom	2		222	<b>224</b>
Sudan	1			<b>1</b>
Switzerland		1	60	<b>61</b>
Sweden		20	7687	<b>7707</b>
South Africa			1	<b>1</b>
Thailand			2	<b>2</b>
The Czech Republic			32	<b>32</b>
Turkey			69	<b>69</b>
Germany		10	521	<b>531</b>
Uganda			1	<b>1</b>
Ukraine	3		78	<b>81</b>
Hungary			25	<b>25</b>
United States			80	<b>80</b>
Uzbekistan	4			<b>4</b>
Venezuela	1			<b>1</b>
Vietnam	1		5	<b>6</b>
Austria		4	55	<b>59</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>118</b>	<b>14,573</b>	<b>14,748</b>

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