



**Monthly statistics December 2019:
Forced returns from Norway**

The police forcibly returned 308 persons in December 2019, 129 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 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 2018:

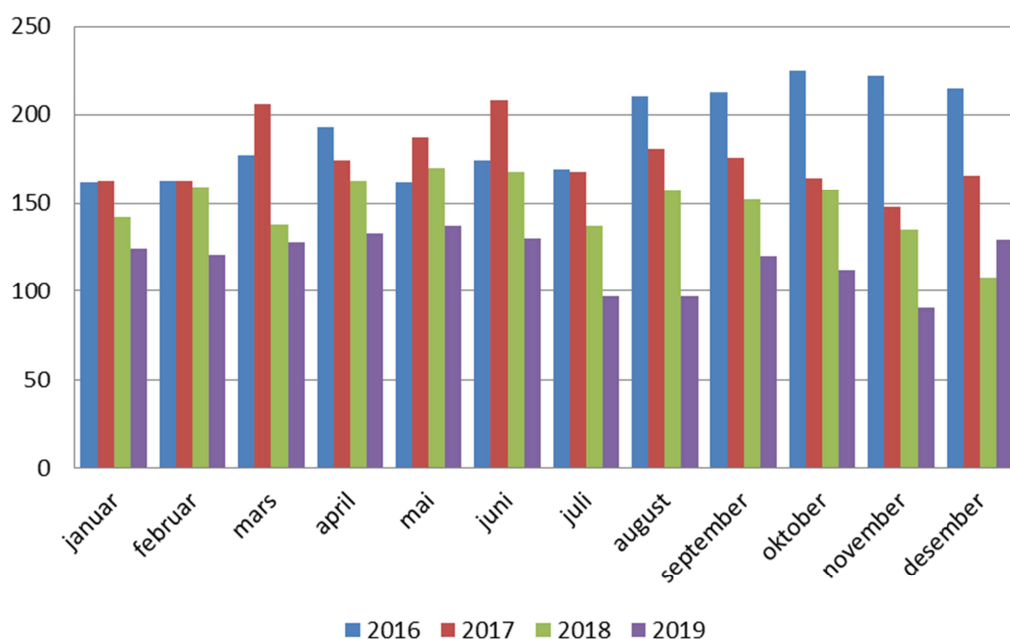
	Forced returns
As at 31.12.2018	5077
As at 31.12.2019	4157
Change in percent	- 18

Delays in the registration process may mean that the real figure is higher.

Convicted offenders

In December, the police returned 129 convicted offenders, 42% of all returnees that month. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees in 2019 were Romanian (17%), Polish (12%) and Lithuanian (10%). For 2019 as a whole, 1419 convicted offenders were returned, compared with 1781 in 2018.

Convicted offenders returned over the last four years:



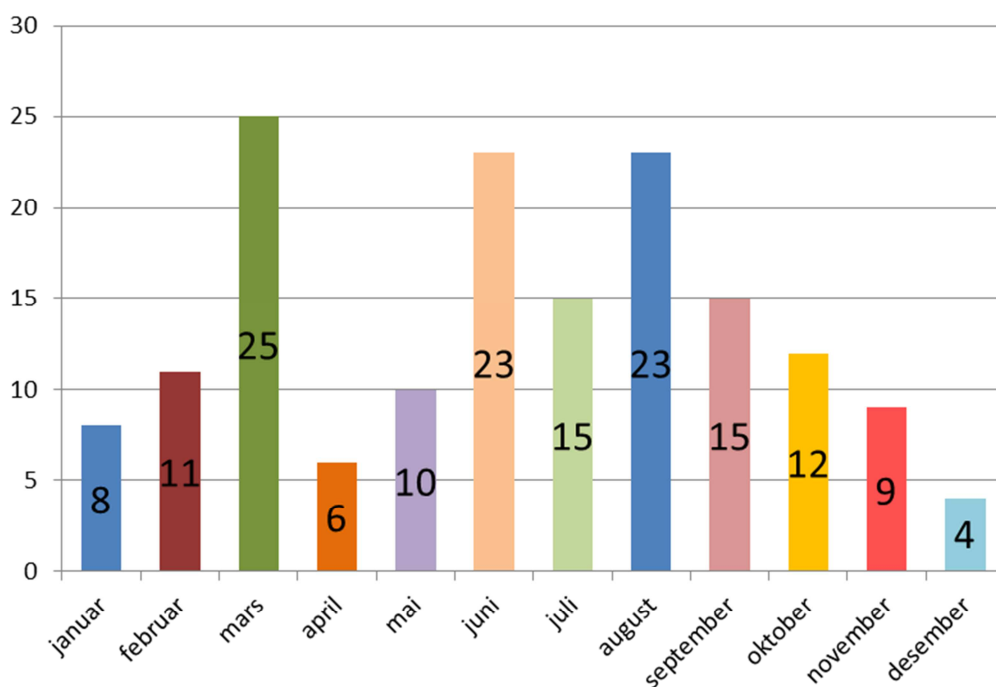
Return of convicted offenders over the last four years

Minors

A total of 4 minors were returned in December, either to their home country or to a safe third country. All of them were accompanied by 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 2019

Forced returns on chartered flights

Five returnee flights were chartered in 2019. There was one Frontex charter to Ethiopia in December.

The various returnee categories

The NPIS returns 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, Norway and Iceland, and governs where an application for asylum will be processed. 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.

Returns in 2019 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	36	14	74	124
Albania	38		186	224
Algeria	6	11	15	32
Angola		14	4	18
Argentina		1	4	5
Armenia	2		8	10
Azerbaijan		3	5	8
Australia	1		8	9
Bangladesh	7	1	6	14
Belgium			4	4
Benin			1	1
Bolivia	1		4	5
Bosnia-Herzegovina	2		16	18
Brazil	3	1	53	57
Bulgaria			16	16
Burkina Faso		1		1
Burundi	2		3	5
Canada			10	10
Chile	1		8	9
Colombia	1		45	46
Cuba			5	5
Denmark			7	7
United Arab Emirates	1			1

Returnees in 2019 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave expelled and other	Total
Dominican Republic			13	13
Djibouti	1			1
Ecuador			4	4
Egypt		7	5	12
Equatorial Guinea			2	2
Ivory Coast		1		1
Eritrea	2	18	49	69
Estonia			12	12
Ethiopia	20	9	27	56
The Philippines	1		47	48
Finland			3	3
France			15	15
The Gambia	1	3	17	21
Georgia	11	1	62	74
Ghana	2	2	13	17
Grenada			1	1
Guatemala		1	2	3
Guinea	6	3	10	19
Guinea-Bissau			4	4
Greece			7	7
Honduras			3	3
Belarus	3	1	32	36
India	2	1	31	34
Indonesia			2	2
Iraq	8	22	90	120
Iran	19	29	27	75
Ireland			4	4
Iceland			1	1
Israel			29	29
Italy			6	6
Japan			4	4
Yemen		3	6	9
Jordan		2	4	6
Yugoslavia			1	1
Cameroon	5	3	4	12
Cape Verde			8	8
Kazakhstan		1	68	69
Kenya	1	5	6	12
China	6	5	44	55

Returnees in 2019 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave expelled and other	Total
Kyrgyzstan	2	1	12	15
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2	3	12	17
Republic of the Congo – Brazzaville			2	2
Kosovo	10		37	47
Croatia			6	6
Latvia	1		20	21
Lebanon	5	3	6	14
Liberia		1	1	2
Libya		4	2	6
Lithuania			156	156
Madagascar			1	1
Malaysia	1		7	8
Mali		2	8	10
Morocco	14	8	33	55
Mauritania		1	1	2
Mauritius	1			1
Mexico			13	13
Moldova	3	1	44	48
Mongolia	8		9	17
Montenegro			5	5
Myanmar	3	1	1	5
The Netherlands			25	25
Nepal		1	11	12
New Zealand			2	2
Nicaragua	1		1	2
Niger			1	1
Nigeria	5	7	78	90
North Macedonia	6		47	53
Norway		1		1
Pakistan	3	6	71	80
Paraguay			2	2
Peru			8	8
Poland	1		193	194
Portugal	1		6	7
Qatar			5	5
Romania			253	253
Russia	6	18	228	252
Saudi Arabia		4	19	23
Senegal	2	1	5	8

Returnees in 2019 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave expelled and other	Total
Serbia	7		68	75
Serbia and Montenegro			3	3
Sierra Leone		1	1	2
Singapore			5	5
Slovakia			1	1
Somalia	38	11	91	140
Spain			26	26
Sri Lanka	2	3	13	18
Stateless	7	20	64	91
The UK	1		19	20
Sudan	1	6	5	12
Switzerland			2	2
Sweden			25	25
Syria		42	87	129
South Africa			8	8
South Korea			3	3
South Sudan		1	1	2
Tajikistan		2	1	3
Tanzania	2			2
Thailand			49	49
Trinidad and Tobago			1	1
Chad			2	2
Czech Republic			3	3
Tunisia	5	2	6	13
Turkmenistan			1	1
Turkey	3	17	43	63
Germany			23	23
Uganda		3	4	7
Unknown		1	1	2
Ukraine	16	2	281	299
Hungary			6	6
USA	4	1	59	64
Uzbekistan	2	2	9	13
Venezuela	5	1	19	25
Vietnam	1		47	48
Zambia		2	1	3
Austria			2	2
Total	358	343	3456	4157

Returns in 2019 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	36		6	42
Albania	38		159	197
Algeria	6		5	11
Argentina			6	6
Armenia	2		7	9
Azerbaijan			3	3
Australia	1		7	8
Bahamas			1	1
Bahrain			1	1
Bangladesh	7		1	8
Belgium		4	15	19
Bolivia	1			1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	2		12	14
Brazil	2		36	38
Bulgaria		4	16	20
Burundi	2		1	3
Canada			6	6
Chile	1		8	9
Colombia	2		33	35
Cuba			3	3
Denmark		13	26	39
United Arab Emirates	1		3	4
Dominican Republic			1	1
Djibouti	1			1
Ecuador			2	2
Egypt			1	1
Eritrea	2			2
Estonia		4	29	33
Ethiopia	20		11	31
The Philippines	1		37	38
Finland		3	15	18
France		25	56	81
The Gambia	1		4	5
Georgia	10		54	64
Ghana	2		2	4

Returns in 2019 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave expelled and other	Total
Grenada			1	1
Guatemala			2	2
Guinea	6		1	7
Greece	1	36	49	86
Honduras			3	3
Hong Kong			1	1
Belarus	3		26	29
India	2		13	15
Indonesia			1	1
Iraq	7		4	11
Iran	19		8	27
Ireland	1	1	5	7
Iceland		1	1	2
Israel	1		26	27
Italy	2	39	191	232
Japan			2	2
Jordan			2	2
Cameroon	6			6
Cape Verde			8	8
Kazakhstan			62	62
Kenya	1		3	4
China	6		20	26
Kyrgyzstan	2		12	14
Democratic Republic of the Congo	2		3	5
Kosovo	11		26	37
Croatia		1	4	5
Kuwait	1			1
Cyprus			2	2
Latvia	1	5	60	66
Lebanon	5		2	7
Lithuania		3	168	171
Luxembourg		2		2
Malaysia	1		3	4
Malta		2	7	9
Morocco	14		12	26
Mauritania			1	1
Mauritius	1			1
Mexico			13	13
Moldova	3		40	43
Mongolia	8		2	10

Returns in 2019 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave expelled and other	Total
Montenegro			4	4
Myanmar	3			3
The Netherlands		15	32	47
Nepal			4	4
Nicaragua	1			1
Niger			1	1
Nigeria	4		12	16
North Macedonia	6		44	50
Pakistan	2		11	13
Palestine	5		1	6
Paraguay			1	1
Peru			8	8
Poland		14	238	252
Portugal	1	19	23	43
Qatar			6	6
Romania		2	253	255
Russia	6		206	212
Saudi Arabia			14	14
Senegal	2		1	3
Serbia	6		62	68
The Seychelles			1	1
Sierra Leone			1	1
Singapore			4	4
Slovakia			2	2
Slovenia		4	4	8
Somalia	38		15	53
Spain	1	26	121	148
Sri Lanka	2		4	6
The UK	1	3	83	87
Sudan	1		1	2
Svalbard and Jan Mayen			2	2
Switzerland		4	8	12
Sweden		58	426	484
South Africa			8	8
South Korea			3	3
Tajikistan			1	1
Tanzania	2			2
Thailand			25	25
Chad			1	1
Czech Republic		7	19	26

Returns in 2019 by destination				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave expelled and other	Total
Tunisia	5		2	7
Turkey	3		42	45
Germany		45	57	102
Uganda			3	3
Ukraine	16		229	245
Hungary			16	16
USA	4		74	78
Uzbekistan	2		2	4
Venezuela	4		8	12
Vietnam	1		15	16
Zambia			1	1
Austria		3	6	9
Total	358	343	3456	4157

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