



**Monthly statistics December 2020:
Forced returns from Norway**

The police returned 1364 persons in December 2020, 120 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 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.

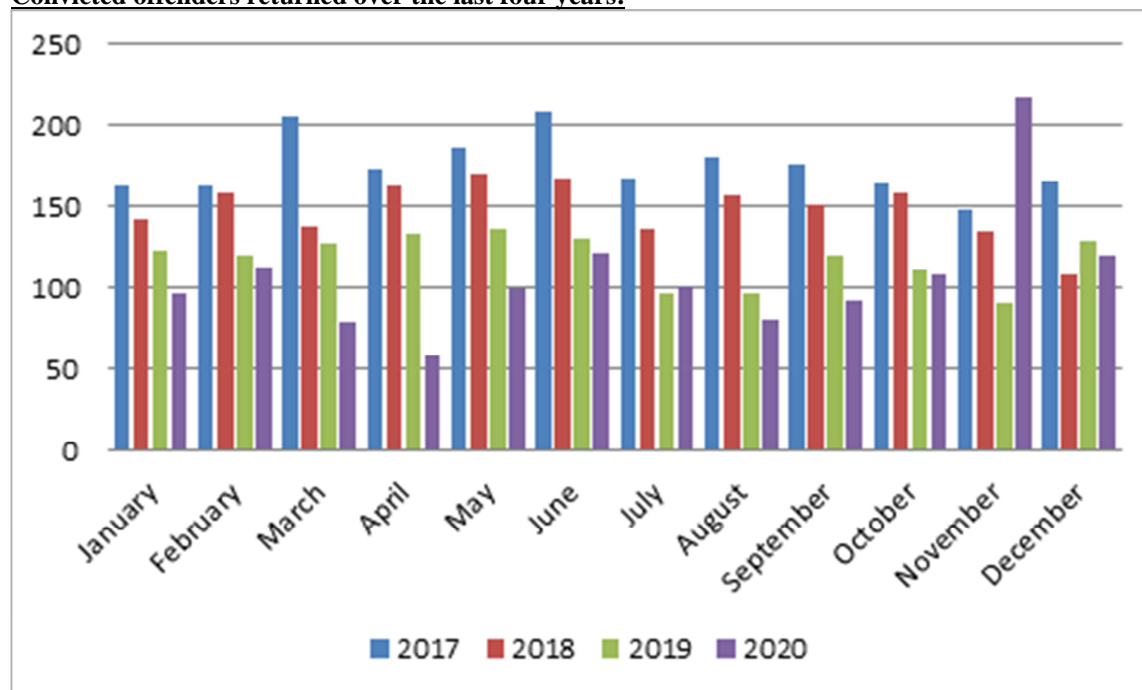
Compared with 2019:

	Forced returns
As at 31.12.2019	4157
As at 31.12.2020	10.044
Change in percent	113

Convicted offenders

In December, the police returned 120 convicted offenders, 9 % of all returnees that month. For 2020 as a whole, 1290 convicted offenders were returned, compared with a total of 1419 in 2019. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees 2020 were Romanian (28%), Polish (13%) and Lithuanian (11%).

Convicted offenders returned over the last four years:



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Refusals of entry and orders to leave the country under the Control of Communicable Diseases Act

Norway closed its borders for foreign nationals who do not reside in Norway on 16 March, and the majority of those returned due to being refused entry or ordered to leave the country since then have been returned under the Control of Communicable Diseases Act.

The table shows the number of persons returned after 16 March pursuant to the new regulations.

Legal basis	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Temporary Act relating to entry restrictions for foreigners to protect the public health section 2 subs. 3.		6	43	489	663	517	491	505	1166	1142	5026
The Immigration Act of 2008 section 121 subs. 1 c) o	214	348	614	420	281	77	39	15	101	53	2159
The Immigration Act of 2008 section 17 subs. 1 l)	146	104	177	125	151	53	29	9	10	7	810
Total	360	458	834	1034	1095	647	559	529	1277	1202	7995

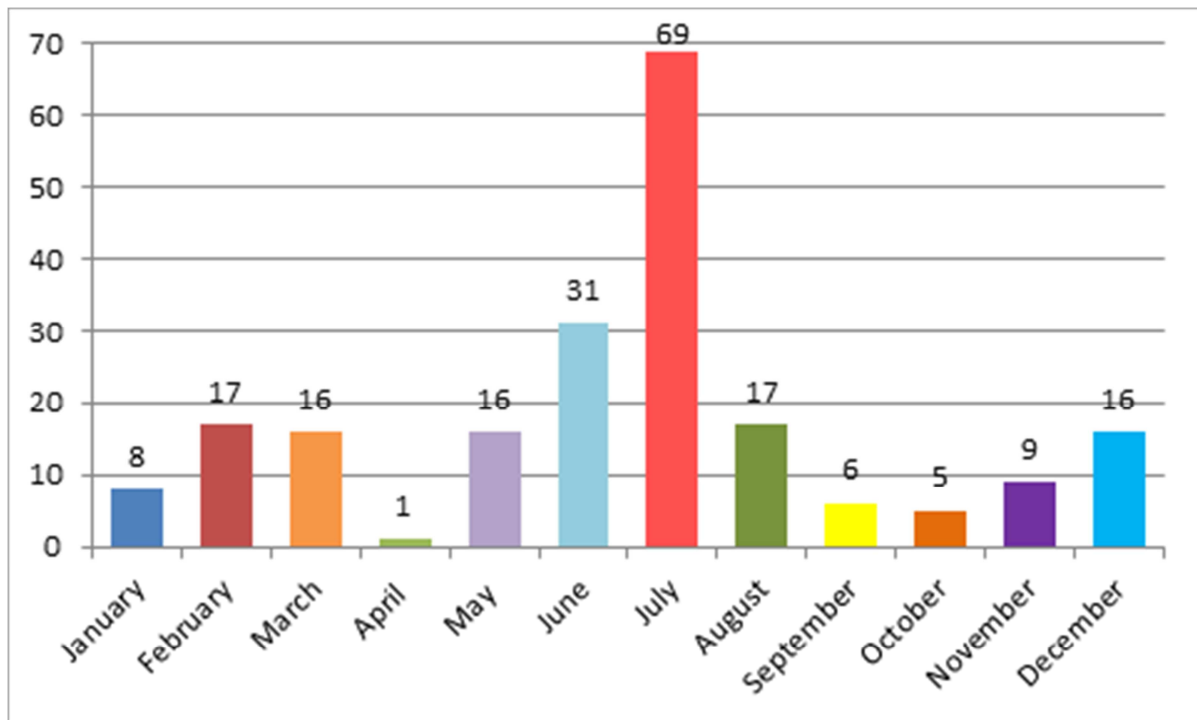
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Minors

16 minors were returned in December. 14 were accompanied by their parents or guardians, while 2 were unaccompanied minors who were refused entry and returned to Sweden.

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 in 2020.

Forced returns on chartered flights

Five returnee flights were chartered in 2020, none of them in December.

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, as well as persons subject to an expulsion order. The Dublin Regulation applies in the EU, Iceland, Liechtenstein, Switzerland and Norway. The UK was an EU member from 1.1.20 to 31.1.20, and was subject to the Dublin Regulation from 1.2.20 to 31.12.20 in spite of no longer being an EU member. 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 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.

Forced returns in 2020 by nationalities				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	3	7	257	267
Albania	4		120	124
Algeria	3	3	13	19
Angola		4	3	7
Argentina			12	12
Armenia	1		4	5
Azerbaijan		1	8	9
Australia			19	19
Bangladesh	1		13	14
Belgium			40	40
Bolivia			12	12
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1		21	22
Brazil		1	47	48
Bulgaria			84	84
Burkina Faso			1	1
Canada			34	34
Chile	1		26	27
Colombia		1	38	39
Costa Rica			2	2
Cuba			4	4
Denmark			156	156
United Arab Emirates			1	1
Dominican Republic			17	17
Djibouti	1		0	1
Ecuador			2	2
Egypt		1	5	6
El Salvador			1	1
Ivory Coast	1	2	3	6
Eritrea	1	14	133	148
Estonia			80	80
Ethiopia	6	4	22	32
The Philippines			14	14
Finland			44	44

Forced returns in 2020 by nationalities

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
France			125	125
The Gambia	1	2	14	17
Georgia	9		21	30
Ghana	2		13	15
Grenada			6	6
Guinea		3	1	4
Haiti			1	1
Greece			34	34
Belarus		4	34	38
India		3	52	55
Indonesia			4	4
Iraq	6	10	216	232
Iran	3	7	78	88
Ireland			18	18
Iceland			8	8
Israel			5	5
Italy			93	93
Japan			6	6
Yemen		2	12	14
Jordan		1	7	8
Yugoslavia			1	1
Cambodia		1	0	1
Cameroon		1	11	12
Kazakhstan			12	12
Kenya			10	10
China		5	61	66
Kyrgyzstan		1	2	3
D.R. Congo			23	23
Kosovo	5		60	65
Croatia			22	22
Cyprus			1	1
Latvia			153	153
Lebanon		1	5	6
Liberia			1	1
Libya	1	2	7	10
Lithuania			392	392
Malaysia	1		5	6
Mali			1	1
Malta			1	1
Morocco	2	6	48	56

Forced returns in 2020 by nationalities

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Mauritania			2	2
Mexico	3		17	20
Moldova			31	31
Mongolia			4	4
Montenegro			4	4
Myanmar	1		2	3
The Netherlands			167	167
Nepal			7	7
New Zealand			3	3
Nicaragua	4		0	4
Nigeria	1	2	56	59
North Macedonia			36	36
Pakistan	5	8	119	132
Panama			1	1
Paraguay			1	1
Peru	3		11	14
Poland			754	754
Portugal			29	29
Romania			1079	1079
Russia	12	4	186	202
Rwanda	1		2	3
Saudi Arabia		1	2	3
Senegal		1	3	4
Serbia	3		64	67
Serbia and Montenegro			2	2
Sierra Leone			8	8
Singapore			1	1
Slovakia			30	30
Slovenia			6	6
Somalia	5	4	183	192
Spain			97	97
Sri Lanka		5	5	10
Stateless	1	7	122	130
The United Kingdom	1	1	199	201
Sudan	1	1	8	10
Switzerland			39	39
Sweden			2345	2345
Syria		21	362	383
South Africa			3	3

Forced returns in 2020 by nationalities				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
South Korea	2		6	8
Tajikistan			1	1
Tanzania	1		4	5
Thailand			53	53
Togo			1	1
Chad		1	4	5
The Czech Republic			34	34
Tunisia			8	8
Turkmenistan			2	2
Turkey	4	5	51	60
Germany			362	362
Uganda			9	9
Unknown			9	9
Ukraine	9		256	265
Hungary			23	23
Uruguay			2	2
The United States			78	78
Uzbekistan	1	1	30	32
Venezuela	1	1	10	12
Vietnam			25	25
Zambia			1	1
Zimbabwe			4	4
Austria			16	16
Totalsum	112	150	9779	10041

Forced returns in 2020 by destinations				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	3			3
Albania	4		59	63
Algeria	3			3
Argentina			2	2
Armenia	1			1
Australia			5	5
Bangladesh	1		4	5
Belgium			11	11
Bosnia-Herzegovina	1		9	10
Brazil			14	14

Forced returns in 2020 by destinations

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Bulgaria	1	2	16	19
Canada			16	16
Chile	1		8	9
Colombia			6	6
Costa Rica			1	1
Denmark		4	180	184
United Arab Emirates			3	3
Dominican Republic			2	2
Djibouti	1			1
Egypt			2	2
Eritrea	1			1
Estonia	1		42	43
Ethiopia	6		3	9
The Philippines			6	6
Finland			54	54
France		10	90	100
The Gambia	1		1	2
Georgia	9		9	18
Ghana	2		2	4
Greece		9	37	46
Hong Kong			3	3
Belarus			9	9
India			12	12
Iraq	5		3	8
Iran	2		2	4
Ireland		1	8	9
Iceland		1	15	16
Israel			4	4
Italy		20	122	142
Japan			1	1
Jordan			1	1
Cameroon			1	1
Kazakhstan			5	5
Kenya			5	5
China			2	2
Kyrgyzstan			1	1
Kosovo	4		13	17
Croatia			6	6
Cyprus			4	4
Latvia		4	110	114

Forced returns in 2020 by destinations

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Libya	1			1
Lithuania		1	171	172
Luxembourg			2	2
Malaysia	1		2	3
Malta			4	4
Morocco	2		2	4
Mauritania			1	1
Mexico	3		7	10
Moldova			13	13
Montenegro			1	1
Myanmar	1		2	3
The Netherlands		4	135	139
Nicaragua	4			4
Nigeria	1		6	7
Nord-Makedonia			20	20
Norway			3	3
Pakistan	5		6	11
Panama			1	1
Peru	1		2	3
Poland		8	398	406
Portugal		4	28	32
Qatar			8	8
Romania		5	338	343
Russia	12		120	132
Rwanda	1			1
Saudi Arabia			1	1
Serbia	3		32	35
Slovakia			7	7
Slovenia	1		2	3
Somalia	5		6	11
Spain		6	126	132
The United Kingdom	3	5	210	218
Sudan	1			1
Switzerland		3	26	29
Sweden	1	36	6755	6792
South Africa			1	1
South Korea	2		1	3
Taiwan			1	1
Tanzania	1		1	2
Thailand			23	23

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	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, ordered to leave, expelled and other	Total
Chad			3	3
The Czech Republic			10	10
Tunisia			1	1
Turkey	5		19	24
Germany		25	189	214
Ukraine	9		95	104
Hungary			15	15
The United States			35	35
Uzbekistan	1		3	4
Venezuela	1		2	3
Vietnam			1	1
Zimbabwe			2	2
Austria		2	33	35
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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).