



**Monthly statistics December 2021:
Forced returns from Norway**

The police returned 220 persons in December 2021, 61 of whom were convicted offenders. In 2021, 18,791 persons were returned, of which 17,013 were refused entry or stay pursuant to the Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals to protect public health.

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:

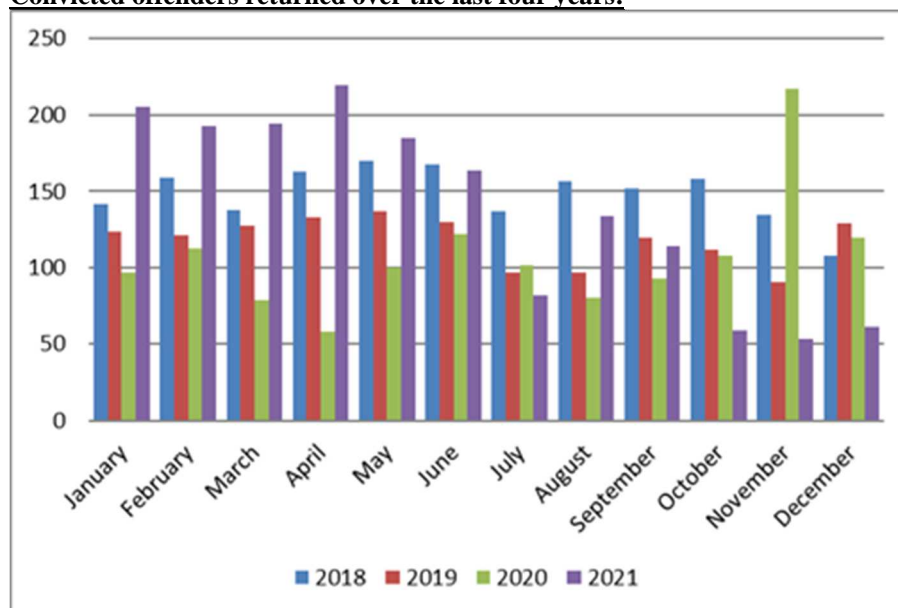
	Forced returns
As at 31 December 2020	10,041
As at 31 December 2021	18,791
Change in percent	87

These figures may change due to delays in the registration process.

Convicted offenders

In December, the police returned 61 convicted offenders, 28% of all returnees that month. In 2021, 1663 convicted offenders were returned, up by 373 from 2020. In 2021, the most common nationalities among convicted offenders returned by the police were Polish (21%), Romanian (20%) and Swedish (15%).

Convicted offenders returned over the last four years:



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Refusals of entry or stay under the Control of Communicable Diseases Act

Most refusals of entry or stay in 2021 were pursuant to the temporary Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals to protect public health. The figures for the year were as follows:

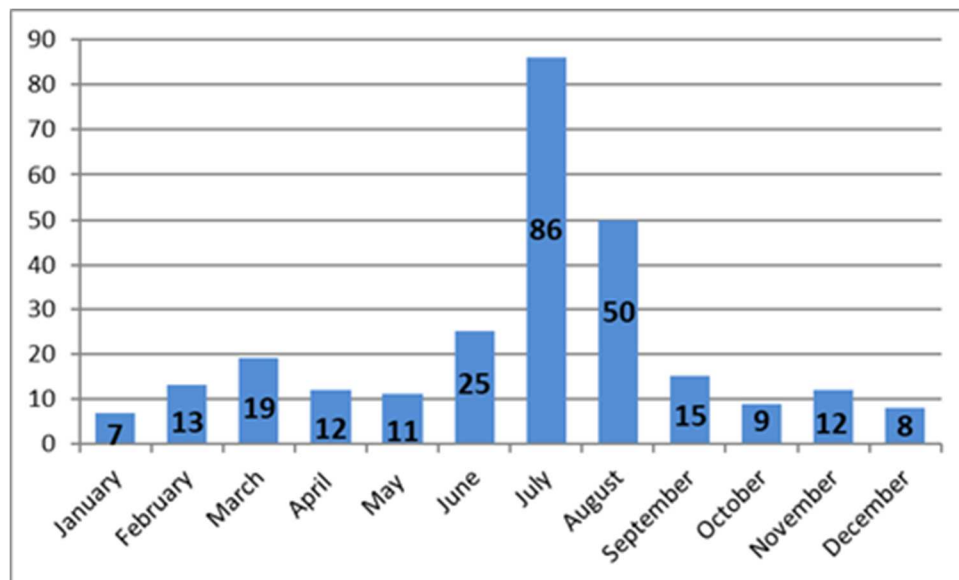
Applicable provision	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	Total
Temporary Act relating to entry restrictions for foreign nationals to protect public health section 2 subs. 3	1467	1325	1250	1524	1754	2445	1936	3017	1970	141	120	64	17013

Minors

8 minors were returned in December, all to their home country or to a safe third country (Dublin return) together with their legal guardians or parents. 267 minors were returned in 2021, up by 56 from the preceding year. The increase is due to a significant increase in the category *refused entry or stay, expelled and other*.

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.



Return of minors in 2021

Forced returns on chartered flights

3 returnee flights were chartered 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 in 2021 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	1	5	220	226
Albania	11		117	128
Algeria		5	17	22
Angola		5	1	6
Argentina			25	25
Armenia			3	3
Azerbaijan			14	14
Australia			13	13
Bahrain			2	2
Bangladesh	1	3	19	23
Barbados			2	2
Belgium			97	97
Bolivia			2	2
Bosnia-Herzegovina			51	51
Brazil	1		67	68

Returnees in 2021 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Bulgaria			268	268
Burkina Faso			1	1
Burundi			2	2
Canada	1		101	102
Chile	2		28	30
Colombia	6		48	54
Costa Rica			7	7
Cuba			8	8
Denmark			532	532
United Arab Emirates			8	8
Dominican Republic			4	4
Djibouti			3	3
Dominica			8	8
Ecuador			7	7
Egypt			11	11
El Salvador		4	4	8
Ivory Coast		4	6	10
Eritrea		18	153	171
Estonia	1		215	216
Ethiopia	4	4	27	35
The Philippines			39	39
Finland			153	153
France			220	220
Gabon			1	1
The Gambia	1	1	16	18
Georgia	1		31	32
Ghana			15	15
Grenada			2	2
Guatemala			7	7
Guinea			5	5
Greece			80	80
Honduras			4	4
Belarus		3	39	42
India			81	81
Indonesia			6	6
Iraq	2	15	145	162
Iran	1	7	92	100
Ireland			36	36
Iceland			19	19
Israel		1	58	59
Italy			248	248
Japan	1		9	10

Returnees in 2021 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Yemen			9	9
Jordan	2	3	18	23
Yugoslavia			1	1
Cambodia			1	1
Cameroon		1	14	15
Cape Verde			1	1
Kazakhstan		1	5	6
Kenya	1		3	4
China			85	85
Kyrgyzstan			1	1
Republic of the Congo		1	22	23
Kosovo	4		43	47
Croatia			163	163
Kuwait			8	8
Laos			1	1
Latvia			517	517
Lebanon			4	4
Liberia		1	2	3
Libya		5	3	8
Liechtenstein			1	1
Lithuania			1616	1616
Luxembourg			5	5
Malaysia	1		7	8
Mali		2	1	3
Malta			5	5
Morocco	1	2	44	47
Mauritania			1	1
Mexico	1	1	41	43
Moldova	1		29	30
Mongolia	2		19	21
Montenegro	1		8	9
Mozambique			1	1
The Netherlands			428	428
Nepal			14	14
New Zealand			8	8
Nicaragua			1	1
Niger		1	2	3
Nigeria	1	7	49	57
North Macedonia			48	48
Norway			2	2
Pakistan		5	114	119
Panama			4	4
Peru	3		11	14

Returnees in 2021 by nationality

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Poland	1		2410	2411
Portugal			96	96
Qatar			2	2
Romania			1440	1440
Russia	13	14	157	184
Rwanda			6	6
Saint Kitts and Nevis			1	1
Saint Lucia			1	1
Saudi Arabia			20	20
Senegal			7	7
Serbia	2		127	129
Serbia and Montenegro			3	3
Sierra Leone			2	2
Singapore			8	8
Slovakia			106	106
Slovenia			24	24
Somalia	6	3	122	131
Spain			298	298
Sri Lanka			20	20
Stateless	1	8	79	88
United Kingdom	2		325	327
Sudan	1	2	4	7
Surinam			1	1
Switzerland			119	119
Sweden			3217	3217
Syria		38	320	358
South Africa		1	6	7
South Korea			12	12
South Sudan		2	4	6
Tajikistan			1	1
Tanzania			1	1
Thailand			34	34
Togo		1	1	2
Trinidad and Tobago			3	3
The Czech Republic			131	131
Tunisia			5	5
Turkey	3	3	100	106
Germany			1207	1207
Uganda			11	11
Unknown			114	114
Ukraine	8		326	334
Hungary			76	76

Returns in 2021 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Uruguay			4	4
United States			644	644
Uzbekistan	4		15	19
Vanuatu			2	2
Venezuela	2		35	37
Vietnam	1		31	32
Zambia			1	1
Zimbabwe			2	2
Austria			80	80
Total	96	177	18518	18791

Returns in 2021 by destination				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	1		7	8
Albania	11		56	67
Algeria			1	1
Argentina			2	2
Australia			2	2
Bahrain			1	1
Bangladesh	1		1	2
Belgium		1	28	29
Bosnia-Herzegovina			12	12
Brazil	1		13	14
Bulgaria			79	79
Canada	1		11	12
Chile	2		6	8
Colombia	6		15	21
Cuba			1	1
Denmark		8	1270	1278
United Arab Emirates			4	4
Djibouti			2	2
Egypt			2	2
Ivory Coast			1	1
Estonia	1		94	95
Ethiopia	4		6	10
The Philippines			13	13

Returnees in 2021 by destination

	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Finland		4	139	143
France		4	205	209
Faroe Islands			10	10
The Gambia	1			1
Georgia	1		14	15
Ghana			1	1
Greece		19	44	63
Belarus			5	5
India			7	7
Indonesia			1	1
Iraq	2		3	5
Iran	1		4	5
Ireland		1	9	10
Iceland			25	25
Israel			5	5
Italy		41	135	176
Japan	1			1
Jordan	2		3	5
Cape Verde			1	1
Kenya	1		2	3
China			5	5
Kosovo	4		13	17
Croatia		1	124	125
Cyprus		4		4
Latvia		1	350	351
Lebanon			1	1
Lithuania		4	656	660
Luxembourg		1	1	2
Malaysia	1			1
Malta		1	4	5
Morocco	1		2	3
Mauritania			1	1
Mexico	1		4	5
Moldova	1		8	9
Mongolia	2		2	4
Montenegro	1		2	3
The Netherlands		14	439	453
Nepal			2	2
Nigeria	1		8	9
North Macedonia			26	26
Pakistan			9	9
Palestine	1			1
Peru	3		2	5
Poland	1	2	1360	1363

Returns in 2021 by destination				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry or stay, expelled and other	Total
Portugal		5	54	59
Qatar			8	8
Romania		3	600	603
Russia	13		50	63
Saudi Arabia			1	1
Serbia	2		104	106
Slovakia		1	7	8
Slovenia			3	3
Somalia	6		9	15
Spain		10	218	228
Sri Lanka			2	2
The United Kingdom	2		298	300
Sudan	1			1
Svalbard and Jan Mayen			1	1
Switzerland		1	65	66
Sweden		26	10,841	10,867
South Africa			1	1
Tanzania			1	1
Thailand			4	4
The Czech Republic			36	36
Turkey	3		82	85
Germany		18	571	589
Uganda			1	1
Ukraine	8		107	115
Hungary			27	27
Uruguay			1	1
United States			103	103
Uzbekistan	4			4
Venezuela	2			2
Vietnam	1		7	8
Austria		7	57	64
Total	96	177	18,518	18,791

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