



**Monthly statistics December 2018:
Forced returns from Norway**

The Norwegian police returned 322 persons in December 2018, 108 of which were convicted offenders.

The National Police Immigration Service (NPIS) is responsible for forcibly returning those who are not entitled to stay in Norway.

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 2017:

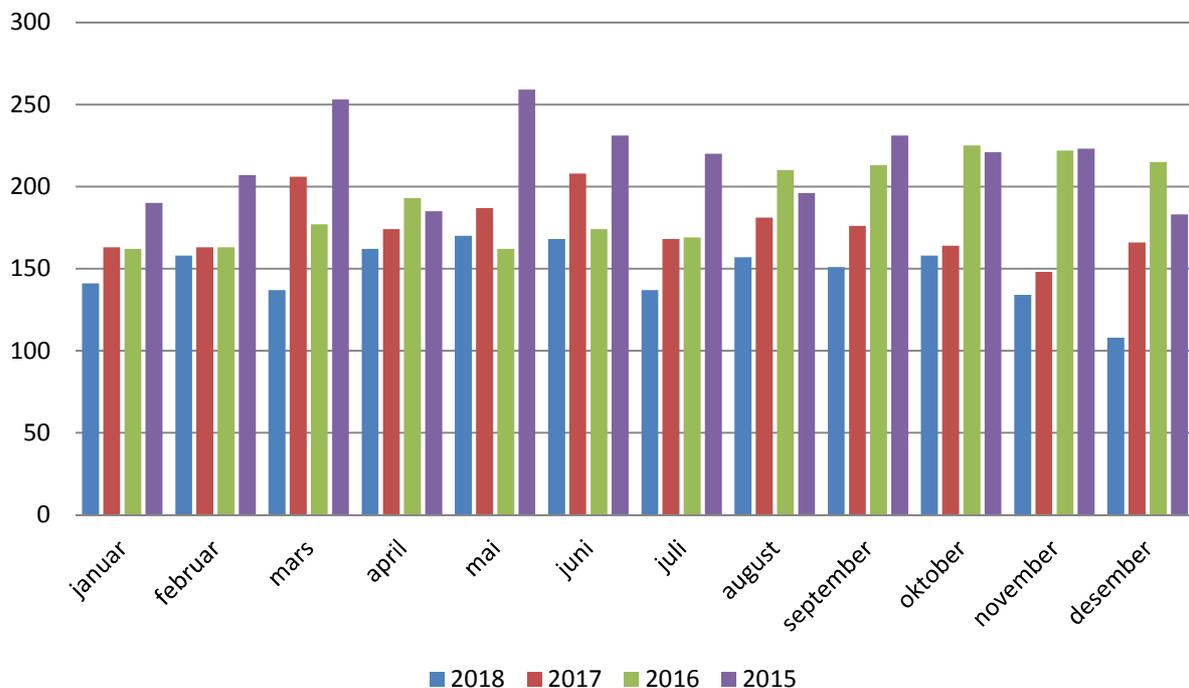
	Forced returns
As at 31 December 2017	5434
As at 31 December 2018	5077
Change in percent	-7

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

Convicted offenders

In December, the police returned 108 convicted offenders, 34% of all returnees that month. The most common nationalities among convicted returnees were Polish (16%), Romanian (14%) and Lithuanian (9%).

Convicted offenders returned over the last four years



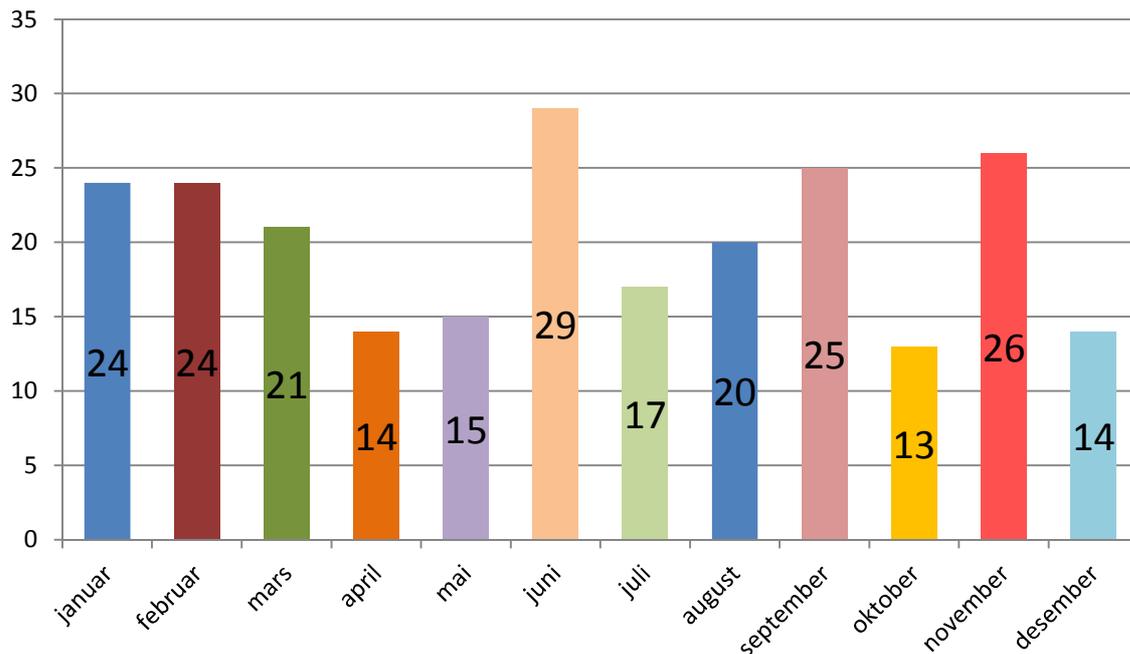
Return of convicted offenders over the last four years

Minors

A total of 14 minors were returned in December. One of them was unaccompanied by adults, while the other 13 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.



Forced return of minors in 2018

Forced returns on chartered flights

Seven returnee flights were chartered in 2018, one of which 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** – persons who have been refused entry into Norway as they are not permitted to stay here. This may be for various reasons, but persons who are refused entry 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 2018 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	96	23	97	216
Albania	31	1	263	295
Algeria	11	8	14	33
Angola	1	23	2	26
Argentina			5	5
Armenia	3		12	15
Azerbaijan	2	8	8	18
Australia	1		8	9
Bangladesh	11	3	8	22
Belgium			5	5
Bhutan			1	1
Bosnia-Herzegovina	9		38	47
Brazil		1	39	40
Bulgaria			25	25
Burundi		1		1
Canada			8	8
Chile			17	17
Colombia	6	1	29	36
Costa Rica	1		2	3
Cuba		3	4	7
Denmark			10	10
Dominican Republic			10	10
Djibouti		1		1
Ecuador			10	10
Egypt	7	4	9	20
Equatorial Guinea		1		1
El Salvador	3		1	4
Ivory Coast	1	2	1	4

Returns in 2018 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total
Eritrea	4	35	62	101
Estonia			21	21
Ethiopia	39	20	26	85
The Philippines			57	57
France			19	19
The Gambia	7	3	30	40
Georgia	19	1	97	117
Ghana	1		15	16
Guinea	5	8	12	25
Guinea-Bissau	1		4	5
Guyana			1	1
Haiti		1	1	2
Greece			1	1
Honduras			2	2
Belarus	1	2	44	47
India	1	3	42	46
Indonesia			5	5
Iraq	59	35	116	210
Iran	8	30	31	69
Ireland			3	3
Iceland			2	2
Israel			20	20
Italy			4	4
Japan			1	1
Yemen		1	2	3
Jordan	1	3	7	11
Cameroon	1	2	8	11
Cape Verde			1	1
Kazakhstan	1	7	5	13
Kenya	1	1	8	10
China		4	43	47
Kyrgyzstan		1	8	9
Democratic Republic of the Congo		9	6	15
Kosovo	5		41	46
Croatia			3	3
Kuwait		2	1	3
Laos			1	1
Latvia			16	16
Lebanon	4	6	3	13
Liberia	1	2	4	7

Returns in 2018 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total
Libya		8	5	13
Lithuania			165	165
Madagascar			1	1
Macedonia	9		44	53
Malawi			1	1
Malaysia			2	2
The Maldives		1	1	2
Mali	1	1	1	3
Morocco	31	10	46	87
Mauritania	1	1		2
Mauritius			1	1
Mexico		1	15	16
Moldova	5		38	43
Mongolia	8		28	36
Montenegro			10	10
Myanmar	1	2	5	8
Namibia			1	1
The Netherlands			25	25
Nepal	1		16	17
New Zealand			2	2
Nicaragua			1	1
Niger	1	1		2
Nigeria	21	7	133	161
Norway		1		1
Pakistan	3	8	82	93
Peru			9	9
Poland			302	302
Portugal			5	5
Romania		1	282	283
Russia	9	19	282	310
Rwanda	1	1	1	3
Saudi Arabia		4	19	23
Senegal	1	3	11	15
Serbia	9		87	96
Serbia and Montenegro			3	3
Sierra Leone	1		2	3
Singapore			1	1
Slovakia			5	5
Somalia	43	12	120	175
Spain			21	21
Sri Lanka	3	3	12	18

Returns in 2018 by nationality				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total
Stateless	6	24	63	93
United Kingdom	1		23	24
Sudan	2	12	3	17
Switzerland			4	4
Sweden			41	41
Syria		54	97	151
South Africa			3	3
South Korea	2			2
Tajikistan	1	2	2	5
Tanzania			1	1
Thailand			79	79
Togo		1		1
Czech Republic	1		5	6
Tunisia	4	6	12	22
Turkmenistan			3	3
Turkey	9	17	76	102
Germany			32	32
Uganda	2		2	4
Unknown			2	2
Ukraine	21	4	278	303
Hungary			3	3
Uruguay			1	1
USA	6		68	74
Uzbekistan	2	3	8	13
Venezuela	1		13	14
Vietnam	2		49	51
Zambia	1			1
Zimbabwe		8	2	10
Total	552	471	4054	5077

Returns in 2018 by destination				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total
Afghanistan	95		2	97
Albania	31		223	254
Algeria	10		1	11
Angola	1		1	2
Argentina			2	2
Armenia	3		9	12
Azerbaijan	2		4	6

Returns in 2018 by destination				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total
Australia	1		8	9
Bahamas			1	1
Bahrain			1	1
Bangladesh	7			7
Belgium		10	10	20
Bosnia-Herzegovina	9		27	36
Brazil			24	24
Bulgaria		1	27	28
Canada			10	10
Chile			12	12
Colombia	6		17	23
Costa Rica	1			1
Cuba			2	2
Denmark		12	58	70
United Arab Emirates			9	9
Ecuador			2	2
Egypt	7		2	9
El Salvador	3			3
Ivory Coast	1			1
Eritrea	2			2
Estonia		2	42	44
Ethiopia	40		18	58
The Philippines			42	42
Finland		15	14	29
France	2	28	45	75
The Gambia	7		3	10
Georgia	19		78	97
Ghana	1		4	5
Guinea	5			5
Guinea-Bissau	1		1	2
Greece	5	54	63	122
Honduras			2	2
Hong Kong			1	1
Belarus	1		29	30
India	1		19	20
Indonesia			2	2
Iraq	53		14	67
Iran	8		7	15
Ireland		5	11	16

Returns in 2018 by destination				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total
Iceland		3	2	5
Israel			19	19
Italy	1	92	336	429
Japan			1	1
Jordan	1		1	2
Cameroon	1			1
Cape Verde			1	1
Kazakhstan	1		3	4
Kenya	2		6	8
China			12	12
Democratic Republic of the Congo			1	1
Kosovo	5		52	57
Croatia			4	4
Kuwait			6	6
Laos			1	1
Latvia		3	39	42
Lebanon	7		3	10
Liberia	1		1	2
Lithuania		5	168	173
Luxembourg			1	1
Madagascar			1	1
Macedonia	9		44	53
Malawi			1	1
Malaysia			2	2
The Maldives			1	1
Mali	1		1	2
Malta	2	1	8	11
Morocco	31		12	43
Mauritius			1	1
Mexico			11	11
Moldova	5		31	36
Mongolia	8		23	31
Montenegro			7	7
Myanmar			1	1
The Netherlands		3	32	35
Nepal	1		8	9
New Zealand			1	1
Nicaragua			1	1
Nigeria	21		16	37
Pakistan	3		20	23

Returns in 2018 by destination				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total
Palestine	3			3
Peru			7	7
Poland		12	338	350
Portugal		26	21	47
Qatar			2	2
Romania		4	280	284
Russia	9		276	285
Rwanda	1			1
Saudi Arabia			14	14
Senegal	1		1	2
Serbia	9		81	90
Sierra Leone	1		1	2
Singapore			1	1
Slovakia		1	10	11
Slovenia		1	1	2
Somalia	40		19	59
Spain		18	164	182
Sri Lanka	3		4	7
United Kingdom	1	1	72	74
Sudan	2		2	4
Switzerland		8	6	14
Sweden	2	79	465	546
South Africa			1	1
South Korea	2			2
Tajikistan	1			1
Taiwan			6	6
Tanzania			2	2
Thailand			33	33
Czech Republic	1	10	15	26
Tunisia	5		2	7
Turkmenistan			3	3
Turkey	12		66	78
Germany	5	70	93	168
Uganda	1		2	3
Ukraine	18		216	234
Hungary		5	7	12
USA	7		85	92
Uzbekistan	2		2	4
Venezuela	1		4	5
Vietnam	2		23	25
Zambia	1			1

Returns in 2018 by destination				
	Asylum	Dublin/safe third country	Refused entry, expelled and other	Total
Austria		2	3	5
Total	552	471	4054	5077

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