

## **Census of Restricted Regime Prisoners July 2015**

The result of the July 2015 survey shows that the number of prisoners on restricted regimes has increased by 98 in the overall figure compared to April 2015. Figures show that there has been an increase from 301 (April 2015) to **399** (July 2015), an increase of 33%.

The figure for those on a restricted regime for protection reasons (Rule 63) was 332, (of which 329 were there at their own request).

The number of prisoners on **22 and 23 hour lock up** was **65 (23hr – 58, 22hr - 7)** which represents a increase of **22 (51%)** on April 2015. Since the commencement of the survey in July 2013, the number of prisoners on 22/23 hour lock up has decreased by 146 or 69% from 211 to 65.

### **Key Statistics**

- Of the 1,010 prisoners classified as protection prisoners only 332 had regime restricted (Rule 63).
- 399 prisoners in total were subject to a restricted regime
- 332 (8.7% of prison population 3,802) prisoners on protection (Rule 63), of which 329 were there of their own request.
- 40 prisoners restricted on grounds of order (Rule 62)
- 1 prisoners were restricted due to discipline (Rule 67, Part 3 Prisons Act 2007).

The restriction of a prisoner's regime can occur due to a number of factors including, the protection of vulnerable prisoners. This is provided for under Rule 63 of the Prison Rules 2007. A prisoner may, either at his/her own request or when the Governor considers it necessary, in so far as is practicable and subject to the maintenance and good order and safe and secure custody, be kept separate from other prisoners who are reasonably likely to cause significant harm to him/her.

The fact that prisoners seeking protection are immediately separated from the general population or from specific prisoners identified as presenting a threat, clearly demonstrates the commitment of the Irish Prison Service to ensure their safety and security. The status of each prisoner on restricted regime within the prison system is regularly reviewed. If possible, prisoners can be transferred to other institutions where a restricted regime would not be necessary.

In addition, the Governor may decide, for the maintenance of good order in the prison, to remove a prisoner from general association or structured activity to reduce the negative effect that a prisoner or prisoners may have on the general

population. This is provided for under Rule 62 of the Prison Rules 2007. There may also be a smaller number of prisoners who would be restricted for medical (Rule 64) or discipline reasons (Rule 67).

In July 2013, the Director General of the Irish Prison Service established a high level group to look at measures which can be introduced to reduce the number of prisoners currently held on restricted regimes with a view to ensuring that all receive, as a minimum standard, out of cell time of 3 hours per day, to engage in exercise or activity.

**Table 1. Out of Cell time**

Prison	total	23 hours in cell	22 hours in cell	21 hours in cell	20 hours in cell	19 hours in cell
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	35	10	0	6	0	19
Cork	30	1	6	6	0	17
Dochas	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick	71	0	1	70	0	0
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	37	0	0	32	0	5
Mountjoy (M)	119	6	0	84	0	29
Portlaoise	23	0	0	0	0	23
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Pats	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	84	41	0	43	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>241</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>93</b>

**Table 2. Reason for Restricted Regime**

Prison	total	Rule 62	Rule 63	Rule 63	Rule 64	Rule 67	Other
			Voluntary	Involuntary			
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	35	2	25	0	6	0	2
Cork	30	2	23	1	0	0	4
Dochas	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick	71	0	62	0	0	0	9
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	37	12	25	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy (M)	119	5	113	0	0	0	1
Portlaoise	23	11	7	0	0	1	4
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Pats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	84	8	74	2	0	0	0
<b>Totals</b>	<b>399</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>329</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>20</b>

**Note: Definition of Rules**

**Rule 62** Removal on grounds of order

**Rule 63** Protection of vulnerable prisoners – Voluntary

**Rule 63** Protection of Vulnerable prisoners – Involuntary

**Rule 64** Special observations

**Rule 67** Discipline (Part 3 of Prisons Act, Section 13)

**Table 3. 22/23 hour lock up - difference**

Prison	Jul	Apr	Jan	Oct	Jul	Apr	Jan	Oct	Jul	Difference Jul13 – Apr 15
	2015	2015	2015	2014	2014	2014	2014	2013	2013	
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	10	5	11	5	1	2	0	22	19	-9
Cork	7	2	8	4	6	2	7	5	10	-3
Dochás	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Limerick	1	6	0	0	2	0	5	3	6	-5
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	0	1	28	22	17	18	11	6	10	-10
Mountjoy (M)	6	14	3	2	5	0	5	43	46	-40
Portlaoise	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	19	24	-24
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Pats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	17	-17
Training Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	41	14	7	17	11	20	16	21	79	-38
<b>Totals</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>42</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>135</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>-146</b>