

Census of Restricted Regime Prisoners October 2015

The result of the October 2015 survey shows that the number of prisoners on restricted regimes has decreased by 10 in the overall figure compared to July 2015. Figures show that there has been a decrease from 399 (July 2015) to **389** (October 2015), a decrease of 2.5%.

The figure for those on a restricted regime for protection reasons (Rule 63) was 325, (of which 324 were there at their own request).

The number of prisoners on **22 and 23 hour lock up** was **78 (23hr – 31, 22hr - 47)** which represents an increase of **13 (20%)** on July 2015. Since the commencement of the survey in July 2013, the number of prisoners on 22/23 hour lock up has decreased by 133 or 63% from 211 to 78.

Key Statistics

- Of the 1,025 prisoners classified as protection prisoners only 325 had regime restricted (Rule 63).
- 389 prisoners in total were subject to a restricted regime
- 325 (8.8% of prison population 3,685) prisoners on protection (Rule 63), of which 324 were there of their own request.
- 39 prisoners restricted on grounds of order (Rule 62)
- No 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	3	0	0	0	1	2
Cloverhill	14	14	0	0	0	0
Cork	26	0	1	10	0	15
Dochás	2	0	0	0	0	2
Limerick	71	0	0	71	0	0
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	37	0	0	25	0	12
Mountjoy (M)	133	12	36	0	0	85
Portlaoise	25	0	0	0	0	25
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	78	5	10	52	0	11
Totals	389	31	47	158	1	152

Table 2. Reason for Restricted Regime

Prison	Total	Rule 62	Rule 63 Voluntary	Rule 63 Involuntary	Rule 64	Rule 67	Other
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	3	1	2	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	14	7	1	0	4	0	2
Cork	26	0	25	0	0	0	1
Dochas	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick	71	0	71	0	0	0	0
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	37	10	27	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy (M)	133	7	126	0	0	0	0
Portlaoise	25	7	0	0	0	0	18
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	78	5	72	1	0	0	0
Totals	389	39	324	1	4	0	21

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	Oct 2015	Jul 2015	Apr 2015	Jan 2015	Oct 2014	Jul 2014	Apr 2014	Jan 2014	Oct 2013	Jul 2013	Difference Jul13 – Oct15
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	14	10	5	11	5	1	2	0	22	19	-5
Cork	1	7	2	8	4	6	2	7	5	10	-9
Dochás	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Limerick	0	1	6	0	0	2	0	5	3	6	-6
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	0	0	1	28	22	17	18	11	6	10	-10
Mountjoy (M)	48	6	14	3	2	5	0	5	43	46	2
Portlaoise	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	19	24	-24
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Pats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	17	-17
Training Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	15	41	14	7	17	11	20	16	21	79	-64
Totals	78	65	43	57	52	42	43	50	135	211	-133