

Irish Prison Service Monthly Information Note – April 2021

Committals to Prison 2014 – 2020

	2020*	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Committals	6,345	8,939	8,071	9,287	15,099	17,206	16,155
	5,275 persons	7,170 persons	6,490 persons	7,484 persons	12,579 persons	14,182 persons	13,408 persons

**Provisional figures pending publication of the Annual Report 2020*

Committals to and Releases from Prison in April 2021

	Committals in April	Year To Date	Releases in April	Year To Date
Mountjoy Male	80	305	90	300
Mountjoy Female	32	124	37	139
Cloverhill	181	746	128	435
Wheatfield	1	1	31	113
Midlands	34	156	59	228
Portlaoise	3	6	16	49
Cork	68	237	47	199
Limerick Male	37	198	34	172
Limerick Female	18	56	16	48
Castlerea	55	198	48	168
Arbour Hill	0	0	5	24
Loughan House	0	0	7	29
Shelton Abbey	0	0	9	24
Total	509 505 persons	2,027 1,919 persons	527 523 persons	1,928 1,850 persons

- The corresponding figures for March 2021 were 533 committals (528 persons) and 571 releases (565 persons)
- The corresponding figures for April 2020 were 359 committals (350 persons) and 544 releases (538 persons)

Comparison of Committals in January to April

	Committals	Persons
Year 2021	2,027	1,919
Year 2020	2,460	2,319
Year 2019	3,163	2,949
Year 2018	2,745	2,564
Year 2017	3,884	3,579

Comparison number in custody & temporary release – last day of month

	Number in Custody	Number on Temporary Release
30th April 2021	3,775	308
30th April 2020	3,789	502
30th April 2019	3,981	255
30th April 2018	3,927	209
30th April 2017	3,711	276

Prisoners in Custody, on Temporary Release and Remand/Trial

	Average Number in Custody in April	Average Number on TR in April	Average Number on Remand/Trial in April
Mountjoy Male	674	97	27
Mountjoy Female	112	36	28
Cloverhill	362	0	291
Wheatfield	518	36	77
Midlands	797	39	72
Portlaoise	209	2	12
Cork	251	40	55
Limerick Male	197	23	54
Limerick Female	28	17	6
Castlerea	294	16	56
Arbour Hill	118	0	3
Loughan House	101	2	0
Shelton Abbey	102	4	0
Total	3,763	312	682

Corresponding figures:

- March 2021 Number in Custody 3,788 No. on TR 323 Trial/Remand 682
- April 2020 Number in Custody 3,822 No. on TR 551 Trial/Remand 790

Snapshot of population on 30th April 2021

- 3,775 persons in custody
- 3,071 sentenced prisoners
- 695 remand/trial prisoners
- 308 on temporary release – 7.3%
- 9 Extradition/Immigration detainee(s)
- 2 fines prisoner(s)
- 112 Lifers in the community
- 21 Total Subversives

Offence Profile of sentenced prisoners

Offence Group	28/02/21	31/03/21	30/04/21
Homicide Offences	412	412	407
Sexual Offences	424	422	423
Attempts/Threat to Murder, Assaults and Related Offences	482	501	500
Dangerous or Negligent Acts	76	82	85
Kidnapping and Related Offences	55	56	56
Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences	81	83	84
Burglary and Related Offences	318	305	308
Theft and Related Offences	465	462	468
Fraud, Deception and Related Offences	52	55	52
Controlled Drug Offences	324	325	330
Weapons and Explosives Offences	125	125	123
Damage to Property and to the Environment	74	74	79
Public Order and Other Social Code Offences	27	29	28
Road and Traffic Offences	46	39	47
Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime	70	70	67
Offences Not Elsewhere Classified	13	13	14
Total	3,044	3,053	3,071

Sentence length by Age of Male prisoners under sentence

	18 to <21	21 to <25	25 to <30	30 to <40	40 to <50	50yrs+	Total
<3 Months	0	5	6	6	4	1	22
3 to <6 Months	5	17	27	37	14	8	108
6 to <12 Months	13	30	43	77	19	12	194
1 to <2 Years	24	52	73	125	52	28	354
2 to <3 Years	9	40	90	113	59	28	339
3 to <5 Years	19	88	141	205	116	84	653
5 to <10 Years	7	76	121	231	136	122	693
10+ Years	1	1	23	63	63	104	255
Life Sentence	2	4	19	122	109	91	347
Total	80	313	543	979	572	478	2,965

Sentence length by Age of Female prisoners under sentence

	18 to <21	21 to <25	25 to <30	30 to <40	40 to <50	50yrs+	Total
<3 Months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 to <6 Months	1	1	2	3	2	0	9
6 to <12 Months	0	3	4	5	2	1	15
1 to <2 Years	1	2	3	15	7	1	29
2 to <3 Years	1	0	4	3	6	1	15
3 to <5 Years	1	1	6	7	3	2	20
5 to <10 Years	0	0	1	4	0	2	7
10+ Years	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Life Sentence	0	0	0	2	7	1	10
Total	4	7	20	40	27	8	106

Remand Prisoners classified by length of time on remand

	<1 month	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	1 to 2 years	2 years plus	Total
Arbour Hill	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Castlerea	21	8	8	2	2	1	3	45
Cloverhill	83	72	44	25	12	13	5	254
Cork	23	15	6	3	2	1	0	50
Limerick	17	15	5	1	2	5	0	45
Midlands	6	6	12	3	4	15	2	48
Mountjoy	5	5	4	5	4	9	2	34
Portlaoise	2	2	0	0	3	1	1	9
Wheatfield	2	18	10	17	5	10	0	62
Total	159	142	89	56	34	55	13	548

The table will differ from the remand figure published in the daily numbers as the information focuses solely on those held on a remand/trail warrant and does not include prisoners who were/are held on a sentence warrant but also have a remand warrant which becomes active once the sentence warrant expires.

Non Irish Nationality Group in custody on 30th April

	Female	Male	Total	%
African	5	73	78	13.47
Asian	1	37	38	6.56
British	3	65	68	11.74
Central American	0	1	1	0.17
European Union	10	332	1	59.07
Middle East	1	5	342	1.04
Oceania	0	17	1	0.17
Other European	0	1	17	2.94
South American	2	25	27	4.66
The Caribbean	0	1	0	0.17
Total	22	557	579	100.00

Top 5 Non Nationals by Nationality in Custody

Nationality	Female	Male	Total
Polish	3	118	121
Romanian	3	75	78
Lithuanian	1	72	73
British	3	65	68
Nigerian	1	24	25
Total	11	354	365