

Census of Restricted Regime Prisoners January 2016

The result of the January 2016 survey shows that the number of prisoners on restricted regimes has decreased by **50** in the overall figure compared to October 2015. Figures show that there has been a decrease from **389** (October 2015) to **339** (January 2016), a decrease of **12.8%**.

The figure for those on a restricted regime for protection reasons (Rule 63) was 318, (of which 313 were there at their own request).

The number of prisoners on **22 and 23 hour lock up** was **51 (23hr – 26, 22hr - 25)** which represents a decrease of **27 (34.6%)** on October 2015. **Since the commencement of the survey in July 2013, the number of prisoners on 22/23 hour lock up has decreased by 160 or 76% from 211 to 51.**

Key Statistics

- Of the 1,009 prisoners classified as protection prisoners only 318 had regime restricted (Rule 63)
- 339 prisoners in total were subject to a restricted regime
- 318 (8.6% of prison population 3,695) prisoners on protection (Rule 63), of which 313 were there of their own request.
- 15 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	2	1
Cloverhill	12	12	0	0	0	0
Cork	17	3	0	0	0	14
Dochás	2	0	0	1	0	1
Limerick	73	1	0	72	0	0
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	32	0	0	22	0	10
Mountjoy (M)	126	8	17	85	0	16
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	74	2	8	57	1	6
Totals	339	26	25	237	3	48

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	0	2	1	0	0	0
Cloverhill	12	6	2	0	0	0	4
Cork	17	0	17	0	0	0	0
Dochás	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Limerick	73	0	71	0	0	0	2
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	32	3	28	1	0	0	0
Mountjoy (M)	126	5	120	1	0	0	0
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
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	74	1	71	2	0	0	0
Totals	339	15	313	5	0	0	6

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	Jan 2016	Oct 2015	Jul 2015	Apr 2015	Jan 2015	Oct 2014	Jul 2014	Apr 2014	Jan 2014	Oct 2013	Jul 2013	Difference Jul13 – Jan16
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	12	14	10	5	11	5	1	2	0	22	19	-7
Cork	3	1	7	2	8	4	6	2	7	5	10	-7
Dochás	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0
Limerick	1	0	1	6	0	0	2	0	5	3	6	-5
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	0	0	0	1	28	22	17	18	11	6	10	-10
Mountjoy (M)	25	48	6	14	3	2	5	0	5	43	46	-21
Portlaoise	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	19	24	-24
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Pats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	17	-17
Training Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	10	15	41	14	7	17	11	20	16	21	79	-69
Totals	51	78	65	43	57	52	42	43	50	135	211	-160

Table 4. Age Profile of Restricted Prisoners

	19 hours				20 hours		21 hours			22 hours				23 hours			Grand Total			
Institution	18-20	21-24	25+	Total	25+	Total	18-20	21-24	25+	Total	18-20	21-24	25+	Total	18-20	21-24	25+	Total	Total	
Castlerea			1	1	2	2														3
Cloverhill															1	4	7	12		12
Cork		5	9	14													3	3		17
Dochas	1			1					1	1										2
Limerick							10	12	50	72							1	1		73
Midlands			10	10			1	5	16	22										32
Mountjoy	1	3	12	16			2	19	64	85		3	14	17		3	5	8		126
Wheatfield	3		3	6	1	1	8	14	35	57	2	1	5	8		1	1	2		74
Grand Total	5	8	35	48	3	3	21	50	166	237	2	4	19	25	1	8	17	26		339