

Census of Restricted Regime Prisoners April 2019

The result of the April 2019 survey shows that the number of prisoners on restricted regimes has increased by **7** in the overall figure compared to January 2019. Figures show that there has been an increase from **570** (January 2019) to **577** (April 2019), an increase of **1%**.

The figure for those on a restricted regime for protection reasons (Rule 63) was **545**, (of which 530 were there at their own request).

The number of prisoners on **23 hour restricted regime** was **3**, which represents an increase of **1** on January 2019 of **2**.

The number of prisoners on **22 hour restricted regime** was **48**, which represents an increase of **10** on January 2019 of **38**.

Since the commencement of the survey in July 2013, the number of prisoners on 22/23 hour, restricted regime has decreased by 160 or 76% from 211 to 51.

Key Statistics

- 577 prisoners in total were subject to a restricted regime.
- 545 (13% of prison population 4,043) prisoners restricted on grounds of protection/vulnerability (Rule 63), of which 530 were there of their own request.
- 30 prisoners restricted on grounds of order (Rule 62).
- 2 prisoners were restricted due to medical reasons (Rule 64).
- 0 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, medical reasons (Rule 64) and/or 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.

The Director General of the Irish Prison Service chairs a high-level group, which looks at measures which can be introduced to reduce the number of prisoners currently held on restricted regimes and monitors Census results and returns from individual prisons.

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	26	0	0	0	0	26
Cloverhill	112	0	12	22	1	77
Cork	31	0	0	31	0	0
Limerick Female	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick Male	14	3	0	11	0	0
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	56	0	0	56	0	0
Mountjoy Female	1	0	1	0	0	0
Mountjoy Male	239	0	25	209	0	5
Portlaoise	2	0	0	0	0	2
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	96	0	10	14	62	10
Totals	577	3	48	343	63	120

Table 2. Reason for Restricted Regime

Prison	Total	Rule 62	Rule 63 Voluntary	Rule 63 Involuntary	Rule 64	Rule 67
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	26	1	24	0	1	0
Cloverhill	112	7	101	3	1	0
Cork	31	0	31	0	0	0
Limerick Female	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick Male	14	1	13	0	0	0
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	56	7	49	0	0	0
Mountjoy Female	1	1	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy Male	239	7	232	0	0	0
Portlaoise	2	2	0	0	0	0
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	96	4	80	12	0	0
Totals	577	30	530	15	2	0

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. 23 hour lock up - Difference

Prison	Jul 2013	Oct 2013	Jan 2014	Apr 2014	Jul 2014	Oct 2014	Jan 2015	Apr 2015	Jul 2015	Oct 2015	Jan 2016	Apr 2016	Jul 2016	Oct 2016	Jan 2017	Apr 2017	Jul 2017	Oct 2017	Jan 2018	Apr 2018	Jul 2018	Oct 2018	Jan 2019	Apr 2019	Jul13 - Apr19
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	19	22	0	2	1	5	11	5	10	14	12	13	14	7	4	3	5	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0
Cork	9	0	7	2	2	3	1	2	1	0	3	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick (F)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick Male	6	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	1	2	3	-3
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	10	6	11	18	17	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2	2	4	1	2	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy (F)	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy Male	46	0	5	0	1	2	3	12	6	12	8	38	21	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	-46
Portlaoise	20	19	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-20
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Pats	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-17
Training Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Wheatfield	23	18	16	20	10	17	7	9	41	5	2	5	0	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-23
Totals	150	65	44	43	32	51	22	29	58	31	26	64	35	14	7	17	7	4	8	4	5	2	2	3	-147

Table 4. 22 hour lock up - Difference

Prison	Jul 2013	Oct 2013	Jan 2014	Apr 2014	Jul 2014	Oct 2014	Jan 2015	Apr 2015	Jul 2015	Oct 2015	Jan 2016	Apr 2016	Jul 2016	Oct 2016	Jan 2017	Apr 2017	Jul 2017	Oct 2017	Jan 2018	Apr 2018	Jul 2018	Oct 2018	Jan 2019	Apr 2019	Jul13 - Apr19
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	10	8	0	5	12	6	12	7	15	12	12
Cork	1	5	0	0	4	1	7	0	6	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	-1
Limerick (F)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick Male	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy (F)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	1	1
Mountjoy Male	0	43	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	36	17	0	23	4	46	18	0	0	60	0	9	0	4	25	25
Portlaoise	4	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-4
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Pats	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Training Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Wheatfield	56	3	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	10	8	20	15	6	5	1	3	0	5	0	3	4	19	10	-46
Totals	61	70	6	0	10	1	35	14	7	47	25	21	39	17	65	27	3	5	77	8	30	14	38	48	-13

Table 5. Age Profile of Restricted Prisoners

	19 hrs			Total	20 hrs			Total	21 hrs			Total	22 hrs			Total	23 hrs			Total	Grand Total
Institution	18-20	21-24	25+		18-20	21-24	25+		18-20	21-24	25+		18-20	21-24	25+		18-20	21-24	25+		
Castlereagh	3	6	17	26				0				0				0				0	26
Cloverhill	9	8	60	77	0	0	1	1	2	3	17	22	1	3	8	12				0	112
Cork				0				0	0	7	24	31				0				0	31
Limerick Male				0				0	0	1	10	11				0	0	1	2	3	14
Midlands				0				0	2	6	48	56				0				0	56
Mountjoy Female				0				0				0	0	0	1	1				0	1
Mountjoy Male	0	0	5	5				0	6	27	176	209	1	5	19	25				0	239
Portlaoise	0	0	2	2				0				0				0				0	2
Wheatfield	0	0	10	10	4	13	45	62	1	3	10	14	0	3	7	10				0	96
Total				120				63				343				48				3	577