

Census of Restricted Regime Prisoners April 2021

The result of the April 2021 survey shows that the number of prisoners on restricted regimes decreased by **81** in the overall figure compared to January 2021, from **824** (January 2021) to **743** (April 2021), a decrease of **10%**.

In addition, those on a restricted regime for protection reasons (Rule 63) was **556**, (of which 538 were there at their own request).

The number of prisoners on **22 hour restricted regime** was **186**, which represents an increase of **36** on January 2021 of **150**.

The number of prisoners on **23 hour restricted regime** was **133**, which represents a decrease of **56** on January 2021 of **189**.

The number of prisoners on **24 hour restricted regime** was **15**, which represents a decrease of **59** on January 2021 of **74**.

Since the commencement of the survey in July 2013, the number of prisoners on 22/23 hour, restricted regime has increased by 108 or 51% from 211 to 319.

Key Statistics

- 743 prisoners in total were subject to a restricted regime.
- 556 (15% of prison population 3,764) prisoners restricted on grounds of protection/vulnerability (Rule 63), of which 538 were there of their own request.
- 18 prisoners restricted on grounds of order (Rule 62).
- 2 prisoners was restricted due to medical reasons (Rule 64).
- No prisoners was restricted due to discipline (Rule 67, Part 3 Prisons Act 2007).
- 167 prisoners were restricted due to COVID-19 infection control measures introduced (i.e. Isolation and Quarantine (Rule 103)).

Covid-19 infection control measures captured under Rule 103 include:

- Quarantine of all new prisoners (testing of all new committals to the prisons is in place, which allow for prisoners to exit quarantine and enter the general population upon receipt of a negative result)
- Isolation of a suspected case or a prisoner with symptoms to prevent the risk of transmission of infection;

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.

Table 1. Out of Cell Time

Prison	Total	24 hours in cell	23 hours in cell	22 hours in cell	21 hours in cell	20 hours in cell	19 hours in cell
Arbour Hill	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	55	1	0	25	0	25	4
Cloverhill	174	0	65	16	1	0	92
Cork	47	2	22	0	0	0	23
Limerick Female	7	0	0	7	0	0	0
Limerick Male	41	0	0	41	0	0	0
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	82	8	8	0	62	0	4
Mountjoy Female	8	0	0	8	0	0	0
Mountjoy Male	243	2	24	86	103	11	17
Portlaoise	4	0	0	3	1	0	0
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	80	0	14	0	59	0	7
Totals	743	15	133	186	226	36	147

The number of prisoners on **24 hour in cell** were restricted due to COVID-19 infection control measures introduced (i.e. Isolation (Rule 103)).

Table 2. Reason for Restricted Regime

Prison	Total	Rule 62	Rule 63 Voluntary	Rule 63 Involuntary	Rule 64	0Rule 67	Rule 103 COVID Related
Arbour Hill	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Castlerea	55	0	25	4	1	0	25
Cloverhill	174	7	98	5	1	0	63
Cork	47	0	23	0	0	0	24
Limerick Female	7	0	2	0	0	0	5
Limerick Male	41	0	35	0	0	0	6
Loughan House**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	82	4	61	1	0	0	16
Mountjoy Female	8	0	1	2	0	0	5
Mountjoy Male	243	5	227	0	0	0	11
Portlaoise	4	0	4	0	0	0	0
Shelton Abbey**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	80	2	62	6	0	0	10
Totals	743	18	538	18	2	0	167

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)
- Rule 103** Covid-19 infection control measures (Isolation and Quarantine)

Table 3. 23-hour lock up – Difference

Prison	Jul 13	Oct 13	Jan 14	Apr 14	Jul 14	Oct 14	Jan 15	Apr 15	Jul 15	Oct 15	Jan 16	Apr 16	Jul 16	Oct 16	Jan 17	Apr 17	Jul 17	Oct 17	Jan 18	Apr 18	Jul 18	Oct 18	Jan 19	Apr 19	Jul 19	Oct 19	Jan 20	Apr 20	Jul 20	Oct 20	Jan 21	Apr 21	Jul13 – Apr 21	
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlereagh	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	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	0	1	48	102	70	27	65	46	
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	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick (M)	6	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	-6
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	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	0	0	0	6	0	15	0	8	-2
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	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy (M)	46	0	5	0	1	2	3	12	6	12	8	38	21	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	127	24	-22	
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	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	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	0	0	1	10	4	2	13	14	-9	
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	0	0	4	65	196	103	189	133	-17	

Table 4. 22-hour lock up – Difference

Prison	Jul 13	Oct 13	Jan 14	Apr 14	Jul 14	Oct 14	Jan 15	Apr 15	Jul 15	Oct 15	Jan 16	Apr 16	Jul 16	Oct 16	Jan 17	Apr 17	Jul 17	Oct 17	Jan 18	Apr 18	Jul 18	Oct 18	Jan 19	Apr 19	Jul 19	Oct 19	Jan 20	Apr 20	Jul 20	Oct 20	Jan 21	Apr 21	Jul 13 – Apr 21		
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	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	0	0	15	20	18	13	25	25		
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	3	5	16	1	2	48	0	16	16		
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	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	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	1	2	1	0	3	6	7	7	7		
Limerick (M)	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	26	14	14	26	0	39	35	41	41		
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	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	0	0	0	0	0	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	0	1	0	0	20	0	8	8	8	8	
Mountjoy (M)	0	43	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	36	17	0	23	4	46	18	0	0	60	0	9	0	4	25	29	15	34	14	31	107	84	86	86		
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	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	-1	-1	
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	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	9	14	5	5	0	4	0	0	-56		
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	67	50	71	62	77	224	150	186	125		

Table 5. Age Profile of Restricted Prisoners

Institution	19 hrs			Total	20 hrs			Total	21 hrs			Total	22 hrs			Total	23 hrs			Total	24 hrs			Total	Grand Total
	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+		18-20	21-24	25+		
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	2
Castlerea	0	0	4	4	2	1	22	25	0	0	0	0	0	5	20	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	55
Cloverhill	5	11	76	92	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	13	16	8	7	50	65	0	0	0	0	174
Cork	0	3	20	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	3	16	22	0	0	2	2	47
Limerick Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	5	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Limerick Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	11	27	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41
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	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	12	50	62	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	8	0	2	6	8	82
Mountjoy Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	7	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8
Mountjoy Male	0	2	15	17	0	1	10	11	2	12	89	103	2	11	73	86	1	1	22	24	0	2	0	2	243
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Wheatfield	0	1	6	7	0	0	0	0	5	9	45	59	0	0	0	0	1	2	11	14	0	0	0	0	80
Total	5	17	125	147	2	2	32	36	7	33	186	226	8	31	147	186	13	14	106	133	0	4	11	15	743