

Census Prison Population April 2023 – Cell occupancy – In-Cell Sanitation

This report includes information on the numbers of usable cells in each institution, the number of prisoners in cells that accommodated one, two, three and four or more prisoners, prisoners without access to in-cell sanitation and prisoner who were required to use toilet facilities in the presence of others.

The **key statistics** from this section of the Census are:

- There were **4,586** prisoners in custody.
- **1,989** cells accommodated one prisoner (43%).
- **984** cells accommodated two prisoners (1,968 prisoners – 43%).
- **152** cells accommodated three prisoners (456 prisoners – 10%).
- **43** cells accommodated four or more prisoners (173 prisoners – 4%).
- **8** prisoners (0.2%) were required to slop out.
- **2,339** prisoners (51.0%) were required to use the toilet in the presence of another prisoner.
- **2,239** (48.8%) prisoners were in a single cell with a flush toilet or had access to toilet facilities in private at all times.
- **2** prisoners accommodated in Safety Observation Cells.
- **9** prisoners accommodated in Close Supervision Cells.

Table 1. Form 1 overview on 18th April 2023

Prison	In Custody	Usable Cells	Number of Prisoners in cells accommodating				Access to Toilets		
			One Prisoner	Two Prisoners	Three Prisoners	4+ Prisoners	In-cell slopping out	Presence of others	In private
Arbour Hill	137	117	97	40	0	0	0	40	97
Castlerea	380	250	132	200	48	0	0	248	132
Cloverhill	445	206	49	38	258	100	0	396	49
Cork	304	169	35	242	27	0	0	269	35
Limerick Female	47	23	7	16	24	0	0	40	7
Limerick Male	274	244	107	128	39	0	0	167	107
Loughan	126	111	82	44	0	0	0	0	126
Midlands	906	590	290	574	18	24	0	616	290
Mountjoy Female	172	96	25	120	27	0	0	0	172
Mountjoy Male	808	766	660	148	0	0	0	148	660
Portlaoise	223	181	122	92	9	0	8	101	114
Shelton Abbey	102	58	35	12	6	49	0	0	102
Training Unit	95	96	95	0	0	0	0	0	95
Wheatfield	567	418	253	314	0	0	0	314	253
Total	4,586	3,325	1,989	1,968	456	173	8	2,339	2,239

Table 2. 3 year Comparison

	2023		2022				2021				2020		
	Apr	Jan	Oct	Jul	Apr	Jan	Oct	Jul	Apr	Jan	Oct	Jul	Apr
Number in Custody	4,586	4,321	4,254	4,189	4,013	3, 775	3,838	3,854	3,764	3,683	3,768	3,792	3,826
One Prisoner	1,989	2,065	2,023	2,035	1,954	2,030	2,138	2,068	2,064	2,048	1,964	2,079	2,080
Two Prisoners	1,968	1,796	1,748	1,706	1,646	1,458	1,352	1,484	1,398	1,416	1,498	1,436	1,400
Three Prisoners	456	360	264	276	261	243	264	222	240	186	237	204	264
4+ Prisoners	173	100	219	172	152	44	84	80	62	33	69	73	82
Slopping out	8	8	29	32	31	36	38	37	42	45	47	44	51
Toilet in others presence	2,339	2,158	2,138	2,045	1,908	1,694	1,639	1,720	1,634	1,529	1,714	1,707	1,670
24 Hour access to toilets	2,239	2,155	2,087	2,112	2,074	2,045	2,161	2,097	2,088	2,109	2,007	2,041	2,105