

Census of Restricted Regime Prisoners April 2023

The result of the April 2023 survey shows that the number of prisoners on restricted regimes has increased by **108** in the overall figure compared to January 2023 from **668 to 776 (April 2023)**, an increase of **16.2%**.

In addition, those on a restricted regime for protection reasons (Rule 63) was **747**, (of which **717** were there at their own request).

The number of prisoners on **22 hour restricted regime** was **43**, which represents a decrease of **82** on January 2023 of **125**.

The number of prisoners on **23 hour restricted regime** was **4**, which represents a decrease of **46** on January 2023 of **50**.

The number of prisoners on **24 hour restricted regime** was **0**, which represents a decrease of **9** on January 2023 of **9**.

Key Statistics

- **776** prisoners in total were subject to a restricted regime.
- **747** (16.3% of prison population 4,586) prisoners restricted on grounds of protection/vulnerability (Rule 63), of which 717 were there of their own request.
- **27** prisoners restricted on grounds of order (Rule 62).
- **2** prisoners were restricted due to medical reasons (Rule 64).
- **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, 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. Restricted Regime (Rule) classified by Hours in Cell

	Rule 62						Rule 63 Voluntary						Rule 63 Involuntary						Rule 64						
	Hours in Cell						Hours in Cell						Hours in Cell						Hours in Cell						Grand Total
	19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20	21	22	23	24	
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	53	0	0	0	0	0	9	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64
Cloverhill	0	0	0	7	0	0	15	42	58	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	140
Cork	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	53	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	56
Limerick Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Limerick Male	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	43
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	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	81
Mountjoy Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7
Mountjoy Male	0	0	0	2	0	0	17	0	257	9	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	288
Portlaoise	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4
Shelton	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
Training Unit	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
Wheatfield	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	76	3	0	0	3	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	86
Total	6	0	9	12	0	0	92	42	500	30	0	0	12	0	68	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	776

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 2. 23-hour lock up – Difference

Prison	Apr 20	Jul 20	Oct 20	Jan 21	Apr 21	Jul 21	Oct 21	Jan 22	Apr 22	Jul 22	Oct 22	Jan 23	Apr 23
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	0	0	0	0	0	8	20	27	0	21	3	0	2
Cloverhill	48	102	70	27	65	71	62	85	0	0	0	0	0
Cork	0	27	16	15	22	14	33	16	8	11	11	38	0
Limerick (F)	0	7	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick (M)	0	56	0	0	0	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loughan House	0	0	0	7	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	6	0	15	0	8	11	7	14	4	4	2	2	0
Mountjoy (F)	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	0
Mountjoy (M)	0	0	0	127	24	31	26	84	53	18	0	10	2
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0
Training Unit	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	10	4	2	13	14	11	14	1	11	5	1	0	0
Totals	65	196	103	189	133	148	176	227	81	70	17	50	4

The Training Unit re-opened on 18 July 2022

Table 3. 22-hour lock up – Difference

Prison	Apr 20	Jul 20	Oct 20	Jan 21	Apr 21	Jul 21	Oct 21	Jan 22	Apr 22	Jul 22	Oct 22	Jan 23	Apr 23
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	15	20	18	13	25	38	2	0	0	6	0	0	0
Cloverhill	1	2	48	0	16	19	13	70	112	84	74	68	25
Cork	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick (F)	1	0	3	6	7	0	2	0	4	12	1	0	0
Limerick (M)	26	0	39	35	41	0	20	0	44	27	0	0	0
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy (F)	0	20	0	8	8	13	9	11	3	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy (M)	14	31	107	84	86	61	107	120	90	77	243	28	12
Portlaoise	0	0	0	4	3	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training Unit	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	5	1	2	2	29	6
Totals	62	77	224	150	186	133	155	206	254	208	320	125	43

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Table 4. 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	0	0	0
Castlerea	1	8	53	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	0	1	14	15	4	3	35	42	2	4	52	58	1	3	21	25	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	4	49	56	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	37	43	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	6	6	0	0	0	0	2	7	66	75	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy Female	0	1	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy Male	0	1	16	17	0	0	0	0	7	27	223	257	1	0	11	12	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelton	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
Training Unit	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
Wheatfield	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	2	12	63	77	1	2	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	1	11	98	110	4	3	35	42	17	59	501	577	3	5	35	43	1	0	3	4	0	0	0	0	776