

Irish Prison Service Monthly Information Note – August 2019

Committals to Prison 2013 – 2018

	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Committals	8,071	9,287	15,099	17,206	16,155	15,735
	6,490 persons	7,484 persons	12,579 persons	14,182 persons	13,408 persons	13,055 persons

Committals to and Releases from Prison in August 2019

	Committals in August	Year To Date	Releases in August	Year To Date
Mountjoy Male	11	711	87	856
Mountjoy Female	36	619	54	602
Cloverhill	181	2,075	160	1,435
Wheatfield	1	8	35	354
Midlands	23	511	79	647
Portlaoise	2	12	11	89
Cork	44	718	64	569
Limerick Male	43	559	45	490
Limerick Female	10	169	20	153
Castlerea	44	541	64	514
Arbour Hill	0	0	3	39
Loughan House	0	0	13	40
Shelton Abbey	0	0	5	22
Total	395 383 persons	5,923 5,095 persons	640 632 persons	5,810 5,125 persons

- The corresponding figures for July 2019 were 833 committals (820 persons) and 781 releases (775 persons)
- The corresponding figures for August 2018 were 369 committals (374 persons) and 569 releases (561 persons)

Comparison of Committals in January to August

	Committals	Persons
Year 2019	5,923	5,095
Year 2018	5,269	4,563
Year 2017	6,708	5,755

Comparison number in custody & temporary release – last day of month

	Number in Custody	Number on Temporary Release
31st August 2019	3,825	291
31st August 2018	3,851	231
31st August 2017	3,552	208

Prisoners in Custody, on Temporary Release and Remand/Trial

	Average Number in Custody in August	Average Number on TR in August	Average Number on Remand/Trial in August
Mountjoy Male	667	91	23
Mountjoy Female	125	41	37
Cloverhill	356	2	288
Wheatfield	499	32	29
Midlands	849	27	79
Portlaoise	233	6	7
Cork	280	40	50
Limerick Male	218	32	78
Limerick Female	30	23	7
Castlerea	317	15	54
Arbour Hill	137	0	1
Loughan House	111	4	0
Shelton Abbey	106	5	0
Total	3,928	318	653

Corresponding figures:

- July 2019 Number in Custody 4,031 No. on TR 314 Trial/Remand 688
- August 2018 Number in Custody 3,924 No. on TR 234 Trial/Remand 643

Snapshot of population on 31st August 2019

- 3,825 persons in custody
- 3,143 sentenced prisoners
- 673 remand/trial prisoners
- 291 On temporary release – 6.8%
- 9 Extradition/Immigration detainee(s)
- 0 fines prisoner(s)
- 100 Lifers in the community
- 40 Total Subversives

Offence Profile of sentenced prisoners

Offence Group	30/06/19	31/07/19	31/08/19
Homicide Offences	411	416	412
Sexual Offences	424	446	435
Attempts/Threat to Murder, Assaults and Related Offences	412	456	414
Dangerous or Negligent Acts	89	80	74
Kidnapping and Related Offences	46	49	48
Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences	84	90	88
Burglary and Related Offences	346	335	314
Theft and Related Offences	575	616	558
Fraud, Deception and Related Offences	41	44	36
Controlled Drug Offences	350	378	354
Weapons and Explosives Offences	117	130	119
Damage to Property and to the Environment	90	96	84
Public Order and Other Social Code Offences	40	45	30
Road and Traffic Offences	63	67	48
Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime	108	111	118
Offences Not Elsewhere Classified	13	13	11
Total	3,209	3,372	3,143

Sentence length by Age of Male prisoners under sentence

	18 to <21	21 to <25	25 to <30	30 to <40	40 to <50	50yrs+	Total
<3 Months	2	3	4	4	0	0	13
3 to <6 Months	13	17	28	38	21	8	125
6 to <12 Months	23	38	67	105	48	11	292
1 to <2 Years	25	52	67	118	62	25	349
2 to <3 Years	13	53	72	122	49	35	344
3 to <5 Years	26	80	126	209	123	73	637
5 to <10 Years	9	58	141	216	139	127	690
10+ Years	0	2	23	66	59	90	240
Life Sentence	0	6	27	126	100	90	349
Total	111	309	555	1,004	601	459	3,039

Sentence length by Age of Female prisoners under sentence

	18 to <21	21 to <25	25 to <30	30 to <40	40 to <50	50yrs+	Total
<3 Months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
3 to <6 Months	0	0	1	4	1	0	6
6 to <12 Months	0	4	1	9	6	1	21
1 to <2 Years	1	4	4	7	6	1	23
2 to <3 Years	0	0	3	5	0	0	8
3 to <5 Years	0	1	5	7	7	4	24
5 to <10 Years	0	2	1	4	2	3	12
10+ Years	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Life Sentence	0	0	0	2	6	1	9
Total	1	11	15	39	28	10	104

Remand Prisoners classified by length of time on remand

	<1 month	1 to 3 months	3 to 6 months	6 to 9 months	9 to 12 months	1 to 2 years	2 years plus	Total
Castlereah	14	16	11	3	1	1	0	46
Cloverhill	64	85	60	13	10	5	1	238
Cork	11	15	13	1	1	1	0	42
Limerick	18	21	13	3	2	0	0	57
Midlands	9	30	8	3	7	8	0	65
Mountjoy	15	10	7	4	1	4	0	41
Portlaoise	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	4
Wheatfield	1	6	5	3	2	2	0	19
Total	132	184	117	30	25	22	2	512

The table will differ from the remand figure published in the daily numbers as the information focuses solely on those held on a remand/trail warrant and does not include prisoners who were/are held on a sentence warrant but also have a remand warrant which becomes active once the sentence warrant expires.

Non Irish Nationality Group in custody on 31st August

	Female	Male	Total	%
African	2	66	68	12.66
Asian	1	37	38	7.07
British	7	65	72	13.41
Central American	0	1	1	0.19
European Union	9	313	322	59.96
Middle East	1	2	3	0.56
Other European	0	17	17	3.17
South American	5	11	16	2.98
Total	25	512	537	100.00

Top 5 Non Nationals by Nationality in custody

Nationality	Female	Male	Total
Polish	2	109	111
Lithuanian	2	70	72
British	7	65	72
Romanian	2	68	70
Nigerian	2	20	22
Total	15	332	347