

Irish Prison Service Monthly Information Note – August 2021

Committals to Prison 2014 – 2020

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Committals	6,340	8,939	8,071	9,287	15,099	17,206	16,155
	5,263 persons	7,170 persons	6,490 persons	7,484 persons	12,579 persons	14,182 persons	13,408 persons

Committals to and Releases from Prison in August 2021

	Committals in August	Year To Date	Releases in August	Year To Date
Mountjoy Male	10	617	60	613
Mountjoy Female	17	262	34	299
Cloverhill	171	1,512	115	927
Wheatfield	2	10	18	233
Midlands	6	254	53	451
Portlaoise	0	9	7	80
Cork	38	542	44	423
Limerick Male	24	376	40	333
Limerick Female	3	108	16	95
Castlerea	34	395	34	362
Arbour Hill	0	0	3	34
Loughan House	0	0	13	69
Shelton Abbey	0	0	10	45
Total	305 303 persons	4,085 3,649 persons	447 444 persons	3,964 3,630 persons

- The corresponding figures for July 2021 were 558 committals (550 persons) and 597 releases (589 persons)
- The corresponding figures for August 2020 were 316 committals (307 persons) and 450 releases (444 persons)

Comparison of Committals in January to August

	Committals	Persons
Year 2021	4,085	3,649
Year 2020	4,201	3,678
Year 2019	5,926	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 2021	3,778	324
31st August 2020	3,687	245
31st August 2019	3,825	291
31st August 2018	3,851	231
31st August 2017	3,552	208

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	1	1	2	4	0	0	8
3 to <6 Months	2	11	22	33	12	7	87
6 to <12 Months	9	27	50	79	34	14	213
1 to <2 Years	17	60	64	118	64	26	349
2 to <3 Years	5	44	81	96	61	33	320
3 to <5 Years	18	79	139	197	116	86	635
5 to <10 Years	6	74	117	236	146	125	704
10+ Years	1	1	21	60	65	100	248
Life Sentence	2	4	19	117	114	93	349
Total	61	301	515	940	612	484	2,913

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	1	1	0	0	2
3 to <6 Months	0	0	1	2	0	0	3
6 to <12 Months	1	2	2	3	2	2	12
1 to <2 Years	1	2	3	10	10	1	27
2 to <3 Years	1	1	7	1	6	1	17
3 to <5 Years	1	0	6	6	2	1	16
5 to <10 Years	0	0	1	4	1	0	6
10+ Years	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Life Sentence	0	0	0	2	7	1	10
Total	4	5	21	30	28	6	94

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
Castlereagh	27	22	5	2	1	1	2	60
Cloverhill	87	81	50	31	16	21	6	292
Cork	16	11	4	5	0	2	0	38
Limerick	16	13	9	6	1	1	1	47
Midlands	13	18	13	7	7	10	7	75
Mountjoy	7	9	5	4	1	7	2	35
Portlaoise	0	1	1	0	1	2	0	5
Wheatfield	0	12	13	17	5	11	0	58
Total	166	167	100	72	32	55	18	610

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 2021

	Female	Male	Total	%
African	8	69	77	13.16
Asian	0	41	41	7.01
British	0	64	64	10.94
Central American	0	2	2	0.34
European Union	9	336	345	58.97
Middle East	1	4	5	0.86
Oceania	0	1	1	0.17
Other European	0	20	20	3.42
South American	3	25	28	4.79
The Caribbean	0	2	2	0.34
Total	21	564	585	100.00

Top 5 Non Nationals by Nationality in Custody

Nationality	Female	Male	Total
Polish	3	122	125
Romanian	2	79	81
Lithuanian	2	64	66
British	0	64	64
Brazilian	3	23	26
Nigerian	3	23	26
Total	13	375	388