

Irish Prison Service

Monthly Information Note – December 2017

Committals to Prison 2011 – 2016

| | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 | 2013 | 2012 | 2011 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Committals | 15,099 | 17,206 | 16,155 | 15,735 | 17,026 | 17,319 |
| | 12,579 | 14,182 | 13,408 | 13,055 | 13,860 | 13,952 |
| | persons | persons | persons | persons | persons | persons |

Committals to and Releases from Prison in December 2017

| | Committals in December | Year To Date | Releases in December | Year To Date |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| Mountjoy Male | 52 | 1,331 | 83 | 1,556 |
| Mountjoy Female | 46 | 985 | 53 | 990 |
| Training Unit | 0 | 0 | 0 | 30 |
| St. Patrick's | 0 | 36 | 0 | 4 |
| Cloverhill | 225 | 2,819 | 185 | 2,001 |
| Wheatfield | 0 | 9 | 32 | 455 |
| Midlands | 28 | 722 | 61 | 969 |
| Portlaoise | 1 | 26 | 8 | 141 |
| Cork | 70 | 1,180 | 74 | 1,038 |
| Limerick Male | 45 | 908 | 54 | 827 |
| Limerick Female | 13 | 360 | 16 | 348 |
| Castlerea | 42 | 930 | 52 | 847 |
| Arbour Hill | 0 | 0 | 4 | 59 |
| Loughan House | 0 | 0 | 1 | 42 |
| Shelton Abbey | 0 | 0 | 1 | 25 |
| Total | 522 502 persons | 9,306 7,499 persons | 624 617 persons | 9,332 7,810 persons |

- The corresponding figures for November 2017 were 735 committals (727 persons) and 654 releases (654 persons)
- The corresponding figures for December 2016 were 863 committals (857 persons) and 1,090 releases (1,084 persons)

Comparison of Committals January to December

| | Committals | Persons |
|-------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2017 | 9,332 | 7,810 |
| 2016 | 15,099 | 12,579 |
| 2015 | 17,206 | 14,182 |

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

| | Number in Custody | Number on Temporary Release |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 31st December 2017 | 3,646 | 161 |
| 31st December 2016 | 3,595 | 232 |
| 31st December 2015 | 3,647 | 304 |

Prisoners in Custody, on Temporary Release and Remand/Trial

| | Average Number in Custody in December | Average Number on TR in December | Average Number on Remand/Trial in December |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|
| Mountjoy Male | 607 | 47 | 33 |
| Mountjoy Female | 123 | 12 | 28 |
| Cloverhill | 374 | 7 | 293 |
| Wheatfield | 398 | 21 | 3 |
| Midlands | 830 | 8 | 64 |
| Portlaoise | 230 | 0 | 14 |
| Cork | 280 | 31 | 61 |
| Limerick Male | 210 | 19 | 68 |
| Limerick Female | 27 | 5 | 7 |
| Castlerea | 267 | 29 | 54 |
| Arbour Hill | 136 | 0 | 2 |
| Loughan House | 92 | 7 | 0 |
| Shelton Abbey | 83 | 6 | 0 |
| Total | 3,657 | 192 | 627 |

Corresponding figures:

- November 2017 Number in Custody 3,697 No. on TR 191 Trial/Remand 685
- December 2016 Number in Custody 3,629 No. on TR 313 Trial/Remand 547

Snapshot of population on 31st December 2017

- 3,646 persons in custody
- 2,940 sentenced prisoners
- 698 remand/trial prisoners
- 161 On temporary release – 4.4%
- 8 Extradition/Immigration detainees
- 0 fines prisoner(s)
- 88 Lifers in the community
- 38 Total Subversives

Offence Profile of sentenced prisoners

| Offence Group | 31/10/17 | 30/11/17 | 30/12/17 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Homicide Offences | 420 | 420 | 420 |
| Sexual Offences | 380 | 378 | 380 |
| Attempts/Threat to Murder, Assaults and Related Offences | 380 | 397 | 407 |
| Dangerous or Negligent Acts | 73 | 73 | 68 |
| Kidnapping and Related Offences | 42 | 46 | 46 |
| Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences | 71 | 68 | 74 |
| Burglary and Related Offences | 268 | 302 | 283 |
| Theft and Related Offences | 573 | 563 | 538 |
| Fraud, Deception and Related Offences | 35 | 42 | 41 |
| Controlled Drug Offences | 313 | 347 | 340 |
| Weapons and Explosives Offences | 106 | 109 | 108 |
| Damage to Property and to the Environment | 86 | 83 | 84 |
| Public Order and Other Social Code Offences | 33 | 31 | 27 |
| Road and Traffic Offences | 55 | 62 | 56 |
| Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime | 60 | 56 | 56 |
| Offences Not Elsewhere Classified | 14 | 13 | 12 |
| Total | 2,909 | 2,990 | 2,940 |

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 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 4 | 0 | 3 | 11 |
| 3 to <6 Months | 5 | 20 | 30 | 48 | 15 | 4 | 122 |
| 6 to <12 Months | 28 | 37 | 37 | 79 | 22 | 12 | 215 |
| 1 to <2 Years | 34 | 68 | 73 | 100 | 45 | 22 | 342 |
| 2 to <3 Years | 21 | 71 | 67 | 96 | 48 | 27 | 330 |
| 3 to <5 Years | 18 | 84 | 130 | 182 | 101 | 56 | 571 |
| 5 to <10 Years | 11 | 60 | 137 | 204 | 121 | 110 | 643 |
| 10+ Years | 0 | 6 | 22 | 73 | 67 | 79 | 247 |
| Life Sentence | 1 | 9 | 20 | 138 | 93 | 89 | 350 |
| Total | 118 | 359 | 516 | 924 | 512 | 402 | 2,831 |

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 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| 3 to <6 Months | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 6 | 0 | 16 |
| 6 to <12 Months | 0 | 2 | 3 | 9 | 6 | 0 | 20 |
| 1 to <2 Years | 2 | 2 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 24 |
| 2 to <3 Years | 1 | 1 | 2 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 11 |
| 3 to <5 Years | 1 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 14 |
| 5 to <10 Years | 0 | 1 | 2 | 4 | 2 | 1 | 10 |
| 10+ Years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 2 |
| Life Sentence | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 10 |
| Total | 5 | 11 | 19 | 34 | 33 | 7 | 109 |

Non Irish Nationality Group in custody on 31st December

| | Female | Male | Total | % |
|----------------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|
| African | 1 | 51 | 52 | 11.00 |
| Asian | 3 | 33 | 36 | 7.61 |
| EU | 8 | 262 | 270 | 57.08 |
| Middle East | 0 | 3 | 3 | 0.63 |
| North American | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0.42 |
| Oceania | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.21 |
| Other European | 0 | 18 | 18 | 3.81 |
| South American | 0 | 17 | 17 | 3.60 |
| The Caribbean | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0.21 |
| UK | 7 | 66 | 73 | 15.43 |
| Total | 20 | 453 | 473 | 100.00 |

Top 5 Non Irish Nationals by Nationality in custody

| Nationality | Female | Male | Total |
|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Polish | 2 | 101 | 103 |
| Lithuanian | 2 | 56 | 58 |
| British | 3 | 49 | 52 |
| Romanian | 2 | 45 | 47 |
| Latvian | 1 | 23 | 24 |
| Total | 10 | 274 | 284 |