

Irish Prison Service Monthly Information Note – February 2019

Committals to Prison 2013 – 2018

	2018*	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Committals	8,079	9,287	15,099	17,206	16,155	15,735
	6,496 persons	7,484 persons	12,579 persons	14,182 persons	13,408 persons	13,055 persons

**Provisional figures pending publication of the Annual Report 2018*

Committals to and Releases from Prison in February 2019

	Committals in February	Year To Date	Releases in February	Year To Date
Mountjoy Male	116	255	113	249
Mountjoy Female	71	177	79	183
Cloverhill	209	503	160	339
Wheatfield	3	4	48	95
Midlands	85	135	84	176
Portlaoise	0	0	11	21
Cork	137	244	73	152
Limerick Male	67	138	53	112
Limerick Female	25	50	18	33
Castlereagh	63	143	59	129
Arbour Hill	0	0	9	14
Loughan House	0	0	4	9
Shelton Abbey	0	0	1	2
Total	776 763 persons	1,649 1,599 persons	712 707 persons	1,514 1,483 persons

- The corresponding figures for January 2019 were 873 committals (864 persons) and 802 releases (797 persons)
- The corresponding figures for February 2018 were 699 committals (691 persons) and 621 releases (614 persons)

Comparison of Committals in January to February

	Committals	Persons
Year 2019	1,649	1,599
Year 2018	1,420	1,375
Year 2017	2,121	2,055

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

	Number in Custody	Number on Temporary Release
28th February 2019	4,000	221
28th February 2018	3,870	168
28th February 2017	3,777	252

Prisoners in Custody, on Temporary Release and Remand/Trial

	Average Number in Custody in February	Average Number on TR in February	Average Number on Remand/Trial in February
Mountjoy Male	690	54	55
Mountjoy Female	140	17	31
Cloverhill	401	1	322
Wheatfield	483	22	0
Midlands	834	13	72
Portlaoise	230	1	8
Cork	299	32	64
Limerick Male	216	18	70
Limerick Female	38	10	9
Castlerea	300	8	72
Arbour Hill	134	0	1
Loughan House	101	1	0
Shelton Abbey	101	8	0
Total	3,967	185	704

Corresponding figures:

- January 2019 Number in Custody 3,947 No. on TR 160 Trial/Remand 714
- February 2018 Number in Custody 3,815 No. on TR 171 Trial/Remand 657

Snapshot of population on 28th February 2019

- 4,000 persons in custody
- 3,265 sentenced prisoners
- 714 remand/trial prisoners
- 221 On temporary release – 5.1%
- 21 Extradition/Immigration detainee(s)
- 0 fines prisoner(s)
- 91 Lifers in the community
- 39 Total Subversives

Offence Profile of sentenced prisoners

Offence Group	31/12/18	31/01/19	28/02/19
Homicide Offences	423	425	423
Sexual Offences	405	399	395
Attempts/Threat to Murder, Assaults and Related Offences	404	394	414
Dangerous or Negligent Acts	96	91	96
Kidnapping and Related Offences	49	47	46
Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences	91	91	88
Burglary and Related Offences	334	332	350
Theft and Related Offences	558	555	596
Fraud, Deception and Related Offences	32	32	33
Controlled Drug Offences	372	379	397
Weapons and Explosives Offences	119	121	114
Damage to Property and to the Environment	79	80	83
Public Order and Other Social Code Offences	29	38	36
Road and Traffic Offences	56	67	72
Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime	93	98	106
Offences Not Elsewhere Classified	23	22	16
Total	3,163	3,171	3,265

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	4	10	11	24	9	7	65
3 to <6 Months	11	16	35	45	18	12	137
6 to <12 Months	36	41	67	100	37	18	299
1 to <2 Years	19	73	80	134	51	28	385
2 to <3 Years	22	58	82	123	50	38	373
3 to <5 Years	19	77	120	196	109	71	592
5 to <10 Years	12	56	153	212	128	115	676
10+ Years	0	1	27	71	57	84	240
Life Sentence	2	7	24	137	100	89	359
Total	125	339	599	1,042	559	462	3,126

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	2	0	2	1	0	5
3 to <6 Months	0	1	0	4	6	0	11
6 to <12 Months	2	1	6	20	9	0	38
1 to <2 Years	1	4	6	11	6	2	30
2 to <3 Years	0	0	1	8	0	1	10
3 to <5 Years	0	3	5	4	8	3	23
5 to <10 Years	1	1	2	5	1	2	12
10+ Years	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Life Sentence	0	0	0	2	6	1	9
Total	4	12	20	57	37	9	139

Non Irish Nationality Group in custody on 28th February

	Female	Male	Total	%
African	4	74	78	14.86
Asian	0	33	33	6.29
British	6	64	70	13.33
Central American	0	1	1	0.19
European Union	10	295	305	58.09
Middle East	0	2	2	0.38
North American	0	1	1	0.19
Oceania	0	1	1	0.19
Other European	0	20	20	3.81
South American	0	14	14	2.67
Total	20	505	525	100.00

Top 5 Non Irish Nationals by Nationality in custody

Nationality	Female	Male	Total
Polish	4	118	122
British	6	64	70
Lithuanian	1	63	64
Romanian	3	57	60
Nigerian	0	24	24
Total	14	326	340