

Irish Prison Service Monthly Information Note – February 2020

Committals to Prison 2013 – 2019

	2019*	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Committals	8,941	8,071	9,287	15,099	17,206	16,155	15,735
	7,176	6,490	7,484	12,579	14,182	13,408	13,055
	persons	persons	persons	persons	persons	persons	persons

**Provisional figures pending publication of the Annual Report 2019*

Committals to and Releases from Prison in February 2020

	Committals in February	Year To Date	Releases in February	Year To Date
Mountjoy Male	67	156	96	172
Mountjoy Female	64	123	53	109
Cloverhill	328	617	210	382
Wheatfield	0	0	32	76
Midlands	76	118	71	129
Portlaoise	2	2	4	14
Cork	131	217	75	138
Limerick Male	67	154	63	120
Limerick Female	21	51	20	42
Castlerea	78	146	57	125
Arbour Hill	0	0	2	7
Loughan House	0	0	3	5
Shelton Abbey	0	0	3	4
Total	834 824 persons	1,584 1,539 persons	689 680 persons	1,323 1,294 persons

- The corresponding figures for January 2020 were 750 committals (741 persons) and 632 releases (628 persons)
- The corresponding figures for February 2019 were 776 committals (763 persons) and 712 releases (707 persons)

Comparison of Committals in January to February

	Committals	Persons
Year 2020	1,584	1,539
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
29 th February 2020	4,204	316
28 th February 2019	4,000	221
28 th February 2018	3,870	168
28 th 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	704	86	24
Mountjoy Female	142	47	37
Cloverhill	417	2	341
Wheatfield	518	32	60
Midlands	862	15	85
Portlaoise	236	4	12
Cork	308	56	82
Limerick Male	221	38	85
Limerick Female	36	20	5
Castlerea	312	10	62
Arbour Hill	134	0	1
Loughan House	118	2	0
Shelton Abbey	100	4	0
Total	4,108	316	794

Corresponding figures:

- January 2020 Number in Custody 3,991 No. on TR 314 Trial/Remand 761
- February 2019 Number in Custody 3,967 No. on TR 185 Trial/Remand 704

Snapshot of population on 29th February 2020

- 4,204 persons in custody
- 3,363 sentenced prisoners
- 822 remand/trial prisoners
- 316 On temporary release – 6.8%
- 19 Extradition/Immigration detainee(s)
- 0 fines prisoner(s)
- 100 Lifers in the community
- 34 Total Subversives

Offence Profile of sentenced prisoners

Offence Group	31/12/19	31/01/20	29/02/20
Homicide Offences	411	408	407
Sexual Offences	447	442	452
Attempts/Threat to Murder, Assaults and Related Offences	423	418	463
Dangerous or Negligent Acts	65	69	75
Kidnapping and Related Offences	47	46	44
Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences	88	90	97
Burglary and Related Offences	315	325	348
Theft and Related Offences	583	583	596
Fraud, Deception and Related Offences	42	53	51
Controlled Drug Offences	354	358	369
Weapons and Explosives Offences	118	115	132
Damage to Property and to the Environment	91	86	90
Public Order and Other Social Code Offences	29	35	45
Road and Traffic Offences	59	85	83
Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime	97	92	93
Offences Not Elsewhere Classified	11	13	18
Total	3,180	3,218	3,363

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	2	6	6	8	2	28
3 to <6 Months	5	19	37	53	22	16	152
6 to <12 Months	27	55	76	107	54	21	340
1 to <2 Years	33	64	86	158	82	22	445
2 to <3 Years	14	50	57	116	51	38	326
3 to <5 Years	27	70	136	218	118	82	651
5 to <10 Years	13	57	140	215	137	129	691
10+ Years	0	1	21	67	65	93	247
Life Sentence	0	3	28	125	98	91	345
Total	123	321	587	1,065	635	494	3,225

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	2	0	2	0	4
3 to <6 Months	0	1	2	4	3	1	11
6 to <12 Months	1	1	9	7	6	0	24
1 to <2 Years	1	5	10	15	8	1	40
2 to <3 Years	0	1	2	6	4	0	13
3 to <5 Years	0	1	7	8	6	2	24
5 to <10 Years	0	1	2	5	1	3	12
10+ Years	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Life Sentence	0	0	0	2	6	1	9
Total	2	10	34	48	36	8	138

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
Castlerea	29	7	16	3	1	2	0	58
Cloverhill	120	78	56	15	15	10	2	296
Cork	25	13	15	2	6	0	0	61
Limerick	26	17	9	5	6	4	0	67
Midlands	17	17	22	13	3	8	0	80
Mountjoy	23	4	11	3	3	2	0	46
Portlaoise	1	3	0	1	1	1	2	9
Wheatfield	2	7	17	9	2	5	0	42
Total	243	146	146	51	37	32	4	659

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 29th February

	Female	Male	Total	%
African	3	73	76	12.32
Asian	0	46	46	7.46
British	4	84	88	14.26
Central American	0	1	1	0.16
European Union	15	349	364	59.00
Middle East	1	1	2	0.32
North American	0	2	2	0.32
Oceania	0	1	1	0.16
Other European	0	21	21	3.40
South American	3	12	15	2.43
The Caribbean	0	1	1	0.16
Total	26	591	617	100.00

Top 5 Non Nationals by Nationality in Custody

Nationality	Female	Male	Total
Polish	4	109	113
Romanian	4	90	94
British	4	84	88
Lithuanian	4	79	83
Latvian	1	22	23
Nigerian	1	22	23
Total	18	406	424