

Irish Prison Service Monthly Information Note – February 2021

Committals to Prison 2014 – 2020

| | 2020* | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 | 2014 |
|-------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| Committals | 6,345 | 8,939 | 8,071 | 9,287 | 15,099 | 17,206 | 16,155 |
| | 5,275 persons | 7,170 persons | 6,490 persons | 7,484 persons | 12,579 persons | 14,182 persons | 13,408 persons |

**Provisional figures pending publication of the Annual Report 2020*

Committals to and Releases from Prison in February 2021

| | Committals in February | Year To Date | Releases in February | Year To Date |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mountjoy Male | 77 | 123 | 60 | 114 |
| Mountjoy Female | 39 | 56 | 30 | 55 |
| Cloverhill | 205 | 377 | 95 | 164 |
| Wheatfield | 0 | 0 | 26 | 58 |
| Midlands | 52 | 79 | 53 | 107 |
| Portlaoise | 1 | 2 | 15 | 21 |
| Cork | 73 | 117 | 60 | 113 |
| Limerick Male | 58 | 111 | 45 | 90 |
| Limerick Female | 18 | 30 | 14 | 18 |
| Castlerea | 52 | 90 | 28 | 58 |
| Arbour Hill | 0 | 0 | 6 | 10 |
| Loughan House | 0 | 0 | 8 | 14 |
| Shelton Abbey | 0 | 0 | 4 | 7 |
| Total | 575 566 persons | 985 958 persons | 444 441 persons | 829 812 persons |

- The corresponding figures for January 2021 were 410 committals (405 persons) and 385 releases (381 persons)
- The corresponding figures for February 2020 were 834 committals (824 persons) and 689 releases (680 persons)

Comparison of Committals in January to February

| | Committals | Persons |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Year 2021 | 985 | 958 |
| 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 |
|--------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 28th February 2021 | 3,832 | 310 |
| 29th February 2020 | 4,204 | 316 |
| 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 | 699 | 70 | 45 |
| Mountjoy Female | 122 | 37 | 33 |
| Cloverhill | 365 | 3 | 289 |
| Wheatfield | 490 | 33 | 73 |
| Midlands | 817 | 24 | 80 |
| Portlaoise | 210 | 3 | 10 |
| Cork | 267 | 39 | 56 |
| Limerick Male | 196 | 32 | 60 |
| Limerick Female | 31 | 20 | 9 |
| Castlerea | 288 | 14 | 55 |
| Arbour Hill | 119 | 0 | 2 |
| Loughan House | 97 | 4 | 0 |
| Shelton Abbey | 82 | 8 | 0 |
| Total | 3,783 | 287 | 712 |

Corresponding figures:

- January 2021 Number in Custody 3,681 No. on TR 281 Trial/Remand 666
- February 2020 Number in Custody 4,108 No. on TR 316 Trial/Remand 794

Snapshot of population on 28th February 2021

- 3,832 persons in custody
- 3,044 sentenced prisoners
- 774 remand/trial prisoners
- 310 on temporary release – 7.2%
- 14 Extradition/Immigration detainee(s)
- 0 fines prisoner(s)
- 109 Lifers in the community
- 25 Total Subversives

Offence Profile of sentenced prisoners

| Offence Group | 31/12/20 | 31/01/21 | 28/02/21 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Homicide Offences | 409 | 406 | 412 |
| Sexual Offences | 421 | 418 | 424 |
| Attempts/Threat to Murder, Assaults and Related Offences | 470 | 476 | 482 |
| Dangerous or Negligent Acts | 74 | 68 | 76 |
| Kidnapping and Related Offences | 53 | 52 | 55 |
| Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences | 84 | 82 | 81 |
| Burglary and Related Offences | 327 | 321 | 318 |
| Theft and Related Offences | 466 | 464 | 465 |
| Fraud, Deception and Related Offences | 42 | 40 | 52 |
| Controlled Drug Offences | 305 | 307 | 324 |
| Weapons and Explosives Offences | 127 | 124 | 125 |
| Damage to Property and to the Environment | 72 | 72 | 74 |
| Public Order and Other Social Code Offences | 23 | 23 | 27 |
| Road and Traffic Offences | 36 | 33 | 46 |
| Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime | 62 | 61 | 70 |
| Offences Not Elsewhere Classified | 14 | 13 | 13 |
| Total | 2,985 | 2,960 | 3,044 |

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 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 4 | 2 | 31 |
| 3 to <6 Months | 4 | 11 | 17 | 30 | 10 | 7 | 79 |
| 6 to <12 Months | 9 | 25 | 46 | 82 | 26 | 16 | 204 |
| 1 to <2 Years | 24 | 53 | 74 | 121 | 47 | 29 | 348 |
| 2 to <3 Years | 12 | 44 | 85 | 120 | 58 | 22 | 341 |
| 3 to <5 Years | 17 | 83 | 145 | 197 | 112 | 86 | 640 |
| 5 to <10 Years | 7 | 72 | 122 | 234 | 132 | 122 | 689 |
| 10+ Years | 1 | 1 | 21 | 64 | 63 | 101 | 251 |
| Life Sentence | 2 | 4 | 20 | 124 | 107 | 92 | 349 |
| Total | 78 | 299 | 541 | 978 | 559 | 477 | 2,932 |

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 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| 3 to <6 Months | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 1 | 11 |
| 6 to <12 Months | 0 | 5 | 5 | 8 | 2 | 1 | 21 |
| 1 to <2 Years | 0 | 1 | 3 | 10 | 9 | 1 | 24 |
| 2 to <3 Years | 1 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 8 | 0 | 13 |
| 3 to <5 Years | 0 | 1 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 2 | 21 |
| 5 to <10 Years | 0 | 0 | 1 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 6 |
| 10+ Years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Life Sentence | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 7 | 1 | 10 |
| Total | 1 | 9 | 18 | 39 | 37 | 8 | 112 |

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 |
|--------------|------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------|
| Arbour Hill | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Castlerea | 18 | 18 | 4 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 50 |
| Cloverhill | 107 | 63 | 56 | 18 | 9 | 19 | 4 | 276 |
| Cork | 19 | 14 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 0 | 45 |
| Limerick | 29 | 12 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 57 |
| Midlands | 1 | 8 | 13 | 7 | 5 | 17 | 1 | 52 |
| Mountjoy | 8 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 5 | 11 | 1 | 42 |
| Portlaoise | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Wheatfield | 4 | 8 | 21 | 13 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 61 |
| Total | 186 | 129 | 109 | 55 | 35 | 64 | 10 | 588 |

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 28th February

| | Female | Male | Total | % |
|-------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|
| African | 6 | 76 | 82 | 13.97 |
| Asian | 1 | 39 | 40 | 6.81 |
| British | 3 | 67 | 70 | 11.93 |
| Central American | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.17 |
| European Union | 13 | 326 | 339 | 57.75 |
| Middle East | 1 | 2 | 3 | 0.51 |
| Oceania | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.17 |
| Other European | 0 | 24 | 24 | 4.09 |
| South American | 3 | 23 | 26 | 4.43 |
| The Caribbean | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.17 |
| Total | 27 | 560 | 587 | 100.00 |

Top 5 Non Nationals by Nationality in Custody

| Nationality | Female | Male | Total |
|-------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Polish | 4 | 111 | 115 |
| Lithuanian | 2 | 75 | 77 |
| Romanian | 1 | 74 | 75 |
| British | 3 | 67 | 70 |
| Nigerian | 2 | 25 | 27 |
| Total | 12 | 352 | 364 |