

Irish Prison Service

Monthly Information Note – February 2022

Committals to Prison 2015 – 2021

| | 2021* | 2020 | 2019 | 2018 | 2017 | 2016 | 2015 |
|-------------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|
| Committals | 6,136 | 6,340 | 8,939 | 8,071 | 9,287 | 15,099 | 17,206 |
| | 5,182 | 5,263 | 7,170 | 6,490 | 7,484 | 12,579 | 14,182 |
| | persons | persons | persons | persons | persons | persons | persons |

**Provisional figures pending publication of the Annual Report 2021*

Committals to and Releases from Prison in February 2022

| | Committals in February | Year To Date | Releases in February | Year To Date |
|-----------------|------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Arbour Hill | 0 | 0 | 3 | 5 |
| Castlerea | 69 | 137 | 36 | 90 |
| Cloverhill | 217 | 420 | 113 | 195 |
| Cork | 88 | 153 | 75 | 118 |
| Limerick Female | 21 | 34 | 12 | 18 |
| Limerick Male | 58 | 95 | 37 | 67 |
| Loughan House | 0 | 0 | 4 | 5 |
| Midlands | 45 | 88 | 60 | 112 |
| Mountjoy Female | 57 | 94 | 43 | 75 |
| Mountjoy Male | 125 | 205 | 106 | 184 |
| Portlaoise | 4 | 7 | 9 | 22 |
| Shelton Abbey | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 |
| Wheatfield | 0 | 0 | 37 | 66 |
| Total | 684 | 1,233 | 536 | 962 |
| | 671 persons | 1,191 persons | 530 persons | 941 persons |

- The corresponding figures for January 2022 were 549 committals (541 persons) and 426 releases (421 persons)
- The corresponding figures for February 2021 were committals (persons) and 444 releases (441 persons)

Comparison of Committals in February

| | Committals | Persons |
|-----------|------------|---------|
| Year 2022 | 1,233 | 1,191 |
| Year 2021 | 985 | 958 |
| Year 2020 | 1,584 | 1,539 |
| Year 2019 | 1,649 | 1,599 |
| Year 2018 | 1,420 | 1,375 |

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

| | Number in Custody | Number on Temporary Release |
|--------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 28 th February 2022 | 3,939 | 304 |
| 28 th February 2021 | 3,832 | 310 |
| 29 th February 2020 | 4,204 | 316 |
| 28 th February 2019 | 4,000 | 221 |
| 28 th February 2018 | 3,870 | 168 |

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 February |
|-----------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------------|---|
| Arbour Hill | 128 | 1 | 0 |
| Castlerea | 302 | 10 | 71 |
| Cloverhill | 395 | 0 | 334 |
| Cork | 253 | 36 | 56 |
| Limerick Female | 30 | 13 | 8 |
| Limerick Male | 201 | 23 | 63 |
| Loughan House | 95 | 5 | 0 |
| Midlands | 845 | 13 | 124 |
| Mountjoy Female | 122 | 35 | 36 |
| Mountjoy Male | 701 | 122 | 43 |
| Portlaoise | 208 | 2 | 15 |
| Shelton Abbey | 83 | 7 | 0 |
| Wheatfield | 523 | 26 | 85 |
| Total | 3,886 | 293 | 835 |

Corresponding figures:

- January 2022 Number in Custody 3,765 No. on TR 258 Trial/Remand 785
- February 2021 Number in Custody 3,783 No. on TR 287 Trial/Remand 712

Snapshot of population on 28th February 2022

- 3,939 persons in custody
- 2,930 sentenced prisoners
- 886 remand/trial prisoners
- 304 on temporary release – 6.9%
- 13 Extradition/Immigration detainee(s)
- 1 fines prisoner(s)
- 121 Lifers in the community
- 18 Total Subversives

Offence Profile of sentenced prisoners

| Offence Group | 31/12/21 | 31/01/22 | 28/02/22 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Homicide Offences | 407 | 407 | 409 |
| Sexual Offences | 458 | 460 | 463 |
| Attempts/Threat to Murder, Assaults and Related Offences | 446 | 442 | 449 |
| Dangerous or Negligent Acts | 69 | 69 | 74 |
| Kidnapping and Related Offences | 48 | 46 | 46 |
| Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences | 76 | 77 | 76 |
| Burglary and Related Offences | 281 | 281 | 284 |
| Theft and Related Offences | 442 | 439 | 441 |
| Fraud, Deception and Related Offences | 49 | 50 | 56 |
| Controlled Drug Offences | 313 | 327 | 332 |
| Weapons and Explosives Offences | 128 | 134 | 143 |
| Damage to Property and to the Environment | 73 | 79 | 90 |
| Public Order and Other Social Code Offences | 25 | 33 | 40 |
| Road and Traffic Offences | 27 | 33 | 35 |
| Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime | 65 | 79 | 89 |
| Offences Not Elsewhere Classified | 14 | 14 | 13 |
| Total | 2,921 | 2,970 | 3,040 |

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 | 7 | 22 | 7 | 1 | 39 |
| 3 to <6 Months | 8 | 10 | 16 | 36 | 13 | 6 | 89 |
| 6 to <12 Months | 8 | 30 | 49 | 83 | 48 | 18 | 236 |
| 1 to <2 Years | 11 | 36 | 57 | 117 | 47 | 23 | 291 |
| 2 to <3 Years | 9 | 37 | 68 | 88 | 61 | 38 | 301 |
| 3 to <5 Years | 15 | 77 | 150 | 200 | 123 | 81 | 646 |
| 5 to <10 Years | 4 | 70 | 120 | 244 | 154 | 130 | 722 |
| 10+ Years | 1 | 2 | 23 | 59 | 62 | 109 | 256 |
| Life Sentence | 3 | 4 | 17 | 116 | 116 | 94 | 350 |
| Total | 60 | 267 | 507 | 965 | 631 | 500 | 2,930 |

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 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 6 |
| 3 to <6 Months | 0 | 0 | 1 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 7 |
| 6 to <12 Months | 0 | 1 | 2 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 15 |
| 1 to <2 Years | 0 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 6 | 1 | 27 |
| 2 to <3 Years | 1 | 1 | 4 | 2 | 7 | 2 | 17 |
| 3 to <5 Years | 0 | 0 | 3 | 9 | 1 | 2 | 15 |
| 5 to <10 Years | 0 | 0 | 1 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 10 |
| 10+ Years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Life Sentence | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 8 | 2 | 12 |
| Total | 2 | 6 | 17 | 48 | 29 | 8 | 110 |

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 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Castlerea | 25 | 20 | 6 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 60 |
| Cloverhill | 95 | 78 | 57 | 32 | 13 | 26 | 4 | 305 |
| Cork | 24 | 14 | 9 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0 | 55 |
| Limerick | 30 | 12 | 10 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 59 |
| Midlands | 8 | 18 | 23 | 11 | 6 | 13 | 7 | 86 |
| Mountjoy | 21 | 10 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 46 |
| Portlaoise | 5 | 5 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 16 |
| Wheatfield | 0 | 15 | 21 | 6 | 4 | 11 | 1 | 58 |
| Total | 209 | 172 | 130 | 65 | 30 | 61 | 19 | 686 |

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 | 4 | 60 | 64 | 10.5 |
| Asian | 0 | 35 | 35 | 5.7 |
| British | 2 | 62 | 64 | 10.5 |
| Central American | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.2 |
| European Union | 16 | 358 | 374 | 61.4 |
| Middle East | 1 | 8 | 9 | 1.5 |
| Oceania | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.2 |
| Other European | 0 | 27 | 27 | 4.4 |
| South American | 4 | 30 | 34 | 5.6 |
| Total | 27 | 582 | 609 | 100.0 |

Top 5 Non Nationals by Nationality in Custody

| Nationality | Female | Male | Total |
|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Polish | 5 | 141 | 146 |
| Romanian | 2 | 76 | 78 |
| Lithuanian | 3 | 64 | 67 |
| British | 2 | 62 | 64 |
| Brazilian | 4 | 27 | 31 |
| Total | 16 | 370 | 386 |