

Irish Prison Service Monthly Information Note – January 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 January 2021

| | Committals in January | Year To Date | Releases in January | Year To Date |
|------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Mountjoy Male | 46 | 46 | 54 | 54 |
| Mountjoy Female | 17 | 17 | 25 | 25 |
| Cloverhill | 172 | 172 | 69 | 69 |
| Wheatfield | 0 | 0 | 32 | 32 |
| Midlands | 27 | 27 | 54 | 54 |
| Portlaoise | 1 | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| Cork | 44 | 44 | 53 | 53 |
| Limerick Male | 53 | 53 | 45 | 45 |
| Limerick Female | 12 | 12 | 4 | 4 |
| Castlerea | 38 | 38 | 30 | 30 |
| Arbour Hill | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 |
| Loughan House | 0 | 0 | 6 | 6 |
| Shelton Abbey | 0 | 0 | 3 | 3 |
| Total | 410 405 persons | 410 405 persons | 385 381 persons | 385 381 persons |

- The corresponding figures for December 2020 were 440 committals (435 persons) and 576 releases (573 persons)
- The corresponding figures for January 2020 were 750 committals (741 persons) and 632 releases (628 persons)

Comparison of Committals in January

| | Committals | Persons |
|------------------|--------------|--------------|
| Year 2021 | 410 | 405 |
| Year 2020 | 750 | 741 |
| Year 2019 | 873 | 864 |
| Year 2018 | 721 | 707 |
| Year 2017 | 1,089 | 1,079 |

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

| | Number in Custody | Number on Temporary Release |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| 31st January 2021 | 3,724 | 280 |
| 31st January 2020 | 4,052 | 319 |
| 31st January 2019 | 3,983 | 171 |
| 31st January 2018 | 3,798 | 165 |
| 31st January 2017 | 3,690 | 270 |

Prisoners in Custody, on Temporary Release and Remand/Trial

| | Average Number in Custody in January | Average Number on TR in January | Average Number on Remand/Trial in January |
|-----------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------------------|---|
| Mountjoy Male | 687 | 68 | 45 |
| Mountjoy Female | 114 | 36 | 33 |
| Cloverhill | 321 | 2 | 260 |
| Wheatfield | 495 | 36 | 65 |
| Midlands | 800 | 19 | 84 |
| Portlaoise | 217 | 4 | 7 |
| Cork | 259 | 46 | 58 |
| Limerick Male | 197 | 32 | 59 |
| Limerick Female | 31 | 19 | 5 |
| Castlerea | 270 | 10 | 48 |
| Arbour Hill | 121 | 0 | 1 |
| Loughan House | 91 | 3 | 0 |
| Shelton Abbey | 78 | 8 | 0 |
| Total | 3,681 | 281 | 666 |

Corresponding figures:

- December 2020 Number in Custody 3,732 No. on TR 323 Trial/Remand 656
- January 2020 Number in Custody 3,991 No. on TR 314 Trial/Remand 761

Snapshot of population on 31st January 2021

- 3,724 persons in custody
- 2,960 sentenced prisoners
- 750 remand/trial prisoners
- 280 on temporary release – 6.8%
- 14 Extradition/Immigration detainee(s)
- 0 fines prisoner(s)
- 109 Lifers in the community
- 26 Total Subversives

Offence Profile of sentenced prisoners

| Offence Group | 30/11/20 | 31/12/20 | 31/01/21 |
|---|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Homicide Offences | 409 | 409 | 406 |
| Sexual Offences | 427 | 421 | 418 |
| Attempts/Threat to Murder, Assaults and Related Offences | 493 | 470 | 476 |
| Dangerous or Negligent Acts | 68 | 74 | 68 |
| Kidnapping and Related Offences | 55 | 53 | 52 |
| Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences | 91 | 84 | 82 |
| Burglary and Related Offences | 314 | 327 | 321 |
| Theft and Related Offences | 483 | 466 | 464 |
| Fraud, Deception and Related Offences | 44 | 42 | 40 |
| Controlled Drug Offences | 322 | 305 | 307 |
| Weapons and Explosives Offences | 128 | 127 | 124 |
| Damage to Property and to the Environment | 81 | 72 | 72 |
| Public Order and Other Social Code Offences | 22 | 23 | 23 |
| Road and Traffic Offences | 37 | 36 | 33 |
| Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime | 71 | 62 | 61 |
| Offences Not Elsewhere Classified | 14 | 14 | 13 |
| Total | 3,059 | 2,985 | 2,960 |

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 | 6 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 17 |
| 3 to <6 Months | 4 | 11 | 16 | 30 | 8 | 6 | 75 |
| 6 to <12 Months | 10 | 25 | 42 | 81 | 26 | 13 | 197 |
| 1 to <2 Years | 23 | 45 | 69 | 114 | 59 | 27 | 323 |
| 2 to <3 Years | 13 | 43 | 79 | 119 | 45 | 21 | 334 |
| 3 to <5 Years | 19 | 85 | 139 | 201 | 105 | 79 | 628 |
| 5 to <10 Years | 9 | 66 | 121 | 230 | 132 | 124 | 682 |
| 10+ Years | 1 | 1 | 19 | 62 | 66 | 101 | 250 |
| Life Sentence | 2 | 4 | 22 | 122 | 107 | 91 | 348 |
| Total | 82 | 281 | 513 | 963 | 549 | 466 | 2,854 |

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 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| 3 to <6 Months | 0 | 1 | 0 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 10 |
| 6 to <12 Months | 0 | 2 | 6 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 20 |
| 1 to <2 Years | 0 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 23 |
| 2 to <3 Years | 1 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 8 | 1 | 14 |
| 3 to <5 Years | 0 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 4 | 2 | 20 |
| 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 | 6 | 18 | 36 | 35 | 10 | 106 |

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 | 15 | 12 | 5 | 5 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 44 |
| Cloverhill | 94 | 53 | 61 | 22 | 10 | 17 | 4 | 261 |
| Cork | 18 | 18 | 7 | 6 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 53 |
| Limerick | 18 | 11 | 4 | 5 | 5 | 4 | 0 | 47 |
| Midlands | 1 | 12 | 10 | 10 | 5 | 16 | 1 | 55 |
| Mountjoy | 4 | 13 | 10 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 1 | 48 |
| Portlaoise | 1 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 6 |
| Wheatfield | 4 | 8 | 20 | 11 | 5 | 9 | 0 | 57 |
| Total | 155 | 127 | 117 | 67 | 36 | 60 | 9 | 571 |

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 31st January

| | Female | Male | Total | % |
|------------------|-----------|------------|------------|---------------|
| African | 5 | 68 | 73 | 12.94 |
| Asian | 0 | 34 | 34 | 6.03 |
| British | 3 | 66 | 69 | 12.23 |
| Central American | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.18 |
| European Union | 10 | 326 | 336 | 59.57 |
| Middle East | 1 | 3 | 4 | 0.71 |
| Oceania | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.18 |
| Other European | 0 | 18 | 18 | 3.19 |
| South American | 4 | 23 | 27 | 4.79 |
| The Caribbean | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0.18 |
| Total | 23 | 541 | 564 | 100.00 |

Top 5 Non Nationals by Nationality in Custody

| Nationality | Female | Male | Total |
|--------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Polish | 4 | 111 | 115 |
| Romanian | 2 | 74 | 76 |
| Lithuanian | 1 | 70 | 71 |
| British | 3 | 66 | 69 |
| Brazilian | 4 | 21 | 25 |
| Latvian | 1 | 24 | 25 |
| Total | 15 | 366 | 381 |