

Irish Prison Service Monthly Information Note – January 2023

Committals to Prison 2016 – 2022

	2022*	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Committals	7,055	6,133	6,340	8,939	8,071	9,287	15,099
	5,810	5,179	5,263	7,170	6,490	7,484	12,579
	Persons	persons	persons	persons	persons	persons	persons

**Provisional figures pending publication of the Annual Report 2022*

Committals to and Releases from Prison in January 2023

	Committals in January	Year To Date	Releases in January	Year To Date
Arbour Hill	0	0	5	5
Castlerea	61	61	30	30
Cloverhill	235	235	140	140
Cork	62	62	45	45
Limerick Female	15	15	13	13
Limerick Male	53	53	44	44
Loughan House	0	0	2	2
Midlands	55	55	45	45
Mountjoy Female	73	73	52	52
Mountjoy Male	110	110	105	105
Portlaoise	1	1	7	7
Shelton Abbey	0	0	5	5
Training Unit	0	0	6	6
Wheatfield	0	0	26	26
Total	665 622 persons	665 622 persons	525 518 persons	525 518 persons

- The corresponding figures for December 2022 were 465 committals (462 persons) and 599 releases (594 persons)
- The corresponding figures for January 2022 were 549 committals (541 persons) and 426 releases (421 persons)

Comparison of Committals January

	Committals	Persons
Year 2023	665	622
Year 2022	549	541
Year 2021	410	405
Year 2020	750	741
Year 2019	873	864

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

	Number in Custody	Number on Temporary Release
31 st January 2023	4,398	253
31 st January 2022	3,835	262
31 st January 2021	3,704	270
31 st January 2020	3,650	321
31 st January 2019	3,950	308

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
Arbour Hill	133	0	1
Castlerea	342	13	75
Cloverhill	416	3	352
Cork	269	35	82
Limerick Female	40	15	8
Limerick Male	240	23	62
Loughan House	121	7	0
Midlands	870	18	114
Mountjoy Female	156	36	36
Mountjoy Male	748	78	34
Portlaoise	218	3	16
Shelton Abbey	92	3	0
Training Unit	93	1	0
Wheatfield	555	19	59
Total	4,293	254	839

Corresponding figures:

- December 2022 Number in Custody 4,287 No. on TR 295 Trial/Remand 849
- January 2022 Number in Custody 3,765 No. on TR 258 Trial/Remand 785

Snapshot of population on 31st January 2023

- 4,398 persons in custody
- 3,497 sentenced prisoners
- 888 remand/trial prisoners
- 265 on temporary release – 5%
- 13 Extradition/Immigration detainee(s)
- 1 fine defaulter prisoner(s)
- 120 Lifers in the community
- 8 Total Subversives

Offence Profile of sentenced prisoners

Offence Group	30/11/22	31/12/22	31/01/23
Homicide Offences	410	416	420
Sexual Offences	524	527	526
Attempts/Threat to Murder, Assaults, Harassments and Related Offences	529	539	571
Dangerous or Negligent Acts	78	72	78
Kidnapping and Related Offences	46	47	46
Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences	93	89	95
Burglary and Related Offences	311	315	316
Theft and Related Offences	558	535	561
Fraud, Deception and Related Offences	83	79	83
Controlled Drug Offences	386	400	413
Weapons and Explosives Offences	117	112	121
Damage to Property and to the Environment	92	91	91
Public Order and Other Social Code Offences	36	35	41
Road and Traffic Offences	41	35	44
Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime	92	78	78
Offences Not Elsewhere Classified	13	11	13
Total	3,409	3,381	3,497

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	1	4	10	7	3	27
3 to <6 Months	4	6	25	36	23	6	100
6 to <12 Months	12	19	42	93	41	20	227
1 to <2 Years	17	53	72	167	84	53	446
2 to <3 Years	12	48	87	143	91	48	429
3 to <5 Years	14	61	142	235	147	90	689
5 to <10 Years	6	68	138	268	159	142	781
10+ Years	2	2	26	64	69	113	276
Life Sentence	4	4	14	117	110	112	361
Total	73	262	550	1,133	731	587	3,336

Sentence length by Age of Female prisoners under sentence

	21 to <25	25 to <30	30 to <40	40 to <50	50yrs+	Total
<3 Months	0	1	0	0	0	1
3 to <6 Months	1	2	2	1	1	7
6 to <12 Months	0	2	18	7	2	29
1 to <2 Years	0	3	25	11	7	46
2 to <3 Years	2	4	11	6	1	24
3 to <5 Years	0	4	10	4	1	19
5 to <10 Years	1	0	6	5	1	13
10+ Years	0	0	2	0	0	2
Life Sentence	0	0	3	6	4	13
Total	4	16	77	40	17	154

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	19	14	16	4	6	2	1	62
Cloverhill	103	91	47	48	13	23	11	336
Cork	25	18	8	4	5	7	0	67
Limerick	25	14	11	6	2	4	0	62
Midlands	3	21	14	16	6	11	2	73
Mountjoy	20	8	5	5	1	2	4	45
Portlaoise	1	2	3	0	1	4	1	12
Wheatfield	1	2	3	3	1	9	1	20
Total	197	170	107	86	35	62	20	677

The table will differ from the remand figure published in the daily numbers as the information focuses solely on those held on a remand/trial 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 December

	Female	Male	Total	%
African	3	89	92	14.2
Asian	1	36	37	5.7
British	3	75	78	12.0
Central American	0	1	1	0.2
European Union	8	349	357	55.1
Middle East	1	3	4	0.6
North American	0	2	2	0.3
Oceania	0	1	1	0.2
Other European	0	32	32	4.9
South American	9	35	44	6.8
Total	25	623	648	100.0

Top 5 Non Nationals by Nationality in Custody

Nationality	Female	Male	Total
Polish	2	136	138
British	3	75	78
Romanian	3	68	71
Lithuanian	0	66	66
Brazilian	8	31	39
Total	16	376	392