

Census of Restricted Regime Prisoners January 2018

The result of the January 2018 survey shows that the number of prisoners on restricted regimes has increased by **53** in the overall figure compared to October 2017. Figures show that there has been an increase from **428** (October 2017) to **481** (January 2018), an increase of **12%**.

The figure for those on a restricted regime for protection reasons (Rule 63) was **445**, (of which 438 were there at their own request).

The number of prisoners on **22 and 23 hour restricted regime** was **85** (23hr - 8, 22hr - 77) which represents an increase of **76 (844%)** on October 2017.

Since the commencement of the survey in July 2013, the number of prisoners on 22/23 hour, restricted regime has decreased by 126 or 60% from 211 to 85.

Key Statistics

- 481 prisoners in total were subject to a restricted regime
- 445 (11.9% of prison population 3,751) prisoners restricted on grounds of order (Rule 63), of which 438 were there of their own request.
- 29 prisoners restricted on grounds of order (Rule 62)
- 0 prisoners were restricted due to discipline (Rule 67, Part 3 Prisons Act 2007).

The restriction of a prisoner's regime can occur due to a number of factors including, medical reasons and/or the protection of vulnerable prisoners. This is provided for under Rule 63 of the Prison Rules 2007. A prisoner may, either at his/her own request or when the Governor considers it necessary, in so far as is practicable and subject to the maintenance and good order and safe and secure custody, be kept separate from other prisoners who are reasonably likely to cause significant harm to him/her.

The fact that prisoners seeking protection are immediately separated from the general population or from specific prisoners identified as presenting a threat, clearly demonstrates the commitment of the Irish Prison Service to ensure their safety and security. The status of each prisoner on restricted regime within the prison system is regularly reviewed. If possible, prisoners can be transferred to other institutions where a restricted regime would not be necessary.

In addition, the Governor may decide, for the maintenance of good order in the prison, to remove a prisoner from general association or structured activity to reduce the negative effect that a prisoner or prisoners may have on the general population. This is provided for under Rule 62 of the Prison Rules 2007.

The Director General of the Irish Prison Service chairs a high-level group, which looks at measures which can be introduced to reduce the number of prisoners currently held on restricted regimes and monitors Census results and returns from individual prisons.

Table 1. Out of cell time

Prison	Total	23 hours in cell	22 hours in cell	21 hours in cell	20 hours in cell	19 hours in cell
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	29	0	0	0	0	29
Cloverhill	16	1	12	2	0	1
Cork	34	0	0	0	0	34
Dochás	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick	79	3	0	11	0	65
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	63	4	0	59	0	0
Mountjoy Male*	194	0	60	134	0	0
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	66	0	5	61	0	0
Totals	481	8	77	267	0	129

**Mountjoy Male Prison – due to an administrative error on the evening of the Census, out of cell time was incomplete for the sixty prisoners recorded on 22 hours in cell. As the out of cell time was not recorded, the Governor was not in a position to definitively say that the prisoners received more than two hours out of cell for this period.*

Table 2. Reason for Restricted Regime

Prison	Total	Rule 62	Rule 63 Voluntary	Rule 63 Involuntary	Rule 64	Rule 67	Other
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	29	0	29	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	16	12	3	0	1	0	0
Cork	34	0	34	0	0	0	0
Dochás	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick	79	0	76	1	0	0	2
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	63	7	52	0	4	0	0
Mountjoy Male	194	10	184	0	0	0	0
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	66	0	60	6	0	0	0
Totals	481	29	438	7	5	0	2

Note: Definition of Rules

- Rule 62** Removal on grounds of order
- Rule 63** Protection of vulnerable prisoners – Voluntary
- Rule 63** Protection of Vulnerable prisoners – Involuntary
- Rule 64** Special observations
- Rule 67** Discipline (Part 3 of Prisons Act, Section 13)

Table 3. 22/23 hour lock up - Difference

Prison	Jan 2018	Oct 2017	Jul 2017	Apr 2017	Jan 2017	Oct 2016	Jul 2016	Apr 2016	Jan 2016	Oct 2015	Jul 2015	Apr 2015	Jan 2015	Oct 2014	Jul 2014	Apr 2014	Jan 2014	Oct 2013	Jul 2013	Jul13 – Oct17	
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	13	6	5	11	14	14	14	13	12	14	10	5	11	5	1	2	0	22	19	-6	
Cork	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	5	3	1	7	2	8	4	6	2	7	5	10	-10	
Dochás	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	
Limerick	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	6	0	0	2	0	5	3	6	-3	
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Midlands	4	2	2	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	28	22	17	18	11	6	10	-6	
Mountjoy (M)	60	0	0	22	47	6	44	38	25	48	6	14	3	2	5	0	5	43	46	14	
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6	19	24	-24	
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
St Pats	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	16	17	-17	
Training Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Wheatfield	5	1	3	2	6	11	15	25	10	15	41	14	7	17	11	20	16	21	79	-74	
Totals	85	9	10	44	72	31	74	85	51	78	65	43	57	52	42	43	50	135	211	-126	

Table 4. Age Profile of Restricted Prisoners

	19 hrs			Total	20 hrs			Total	21 hrs			Total	22 hrs			Total	23 hrs			Total	Grand Total
Institution	18-20	21-24	25+		18-20	21-24	25+		18-20	21-24	25+		18-20	21-24	25+		18-20	21-24	25+		
Castlerea	1	3	25	29				0				0				0				0	29
Cloverhill	0	0	1	1				0	0	0	2	2	1	1	10	12	0	0	1	1	16
Cork	3	5	26	34				0				0				0				0	34
Dochás				0				0				0				0				0	0
Limerick	6	16	43	65				0	3	4	4	11				0	1	0	2	3	79
Midlands				0				0	2	15	42	59				0	1	1	2	4	63
Mountjoy				0				0	5	21	108	134	4	6	50	60				0	194
Portlaoise				0				0				0				0				0	0
Wheatfield				0				0	8	16	37	61	0	2	3	5				0	66
Total				129				0				267				77				8	481