

Census of Restricted Regime Prisoners January 2020

The result of the January 2020 survey shows that the number of prisoners on restricted regimes has increased by **44** in the overall figure compared to October 2019. Figures show that there has been an increase from **545** (October 2019) to **589** (January 2020), an increase of **8%**.

The figure for those on a restricted regime for protection reasons (Rule 63) was **552**, (of which 533 were there at their own request).

The number of prisoners on **23 hour restricted regime** was **4**, which represents an increase of **4** on October 2020 of **0**.

The number of prisoners on **22 hour restricted regime** was **71**, which represents an increase of **21** on October 2019 of **50**.

Since the commencement of the survey in July 2013, the number of prisoners on 22/23 hour, restricted regime has decreased by 136 or 64% from 211 to 75.

Key Statistics

- 589 prisoners in total were subject to a restricted regime.
- 552 (14% of prison population 3,999) prisoners restricted on grounds of protection/vulnerability (Rule 63), of which 533 were there of their own request.
- 36 prisoners restricted on grounds of order (Rule 62).
- 1 prisoners was restricted due to medical reasons (Rule 64).
- 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 (Rule 64) 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	28	0	1
Cloverhill	110	1	16	1	0	92
Cork	39	0	0	0	0	39
Limerick Female	2	0	2	0	0	0
Limerick Male	14	0	14	0	0	0
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	64	0	0	64	0	0
Mountjoy Female	1	0	0	1	0	0
Mountjoy Male	243	2	34	132	51	24
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	87	1	5	69	0	12
Totals	589	4	71	295	51	168

Table 2. Reason for Restricted Regime

Prison	Total	Rule 62	Rule 63 Voluntary	Rule 63 Involuntary	Rule 64	Rule 67
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	29	0	29	0	0	0
Cloverhill	110	12	95	2	1	0
Cork	39	1	38	0	0	0
Limerick Female	2	0	0	2	0	0
Limerick Male	14	4	9	1	0	0
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	64	6	58	0	0	0
Mountjoy Female	1	0	1	0	0	0
Mountjoy Male	243	10	231	2	0	0
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	87	3	72	12	0	0
Totals	589	36	533	19	1	0

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. 23-hour lock up - Difference

Prison	Jul 13	Oct 13	Jan 14	Apr 14	Jul 14	Oct 14	Jan 15	Apr 15	Jul 15	Oct 15	Jan 16	Apr 16	Jul 16	Oct 16	Jan 17	Apr 17	Jul 17	Oct 17	Jan 18	Apr 18	Jul 18	Oct 18	Jan 19	Apr 19	Jul 19	Oct 19	Jan 20	Jul13 – Jan20
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	19	22	0	2	1	5	11	5	10	14	12	13	14	7	4	3	5	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	-18
Cork	9	0	7	2	2	3	1	2	1	0	3	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-9
Limerick (F)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick (M)	6	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	-6
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	10	6	11	18	17	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2	2	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	-10
Mountjoy (F)	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy (M)	46	0	5	0	1	2	3	12	6	12	8	38	21	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	-44
Portlaoise	20	19	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-20
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Pats	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-17
Training Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Wheatfield	23	18	16	20	10	17	7	9	41	5	2	5	0	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	-22
Totals	150	65	44	43	32	51	22	29	58	31	26	64	35	14	7	17	7	4	8	4	5	2	2	3	0	4	-146	

Table 4. 22-hour lock up - Difference

Prison	Jul 13	Oct 13	Jan 14	Apr 14	Jul 14	Oct 14	Jan 15	Apr 15	Jul 15	Oct 15	Jan 16	Apr 16	Jul 16	Oct 16	Jan 17	Apr 17	Jul 17	Oct 17	Jan 18	Apr 18	Jul 18	Oct 18	Jan 19	Apr 19	Jul 19	Oct 19	Jan 20	Jul13 – Jan20	
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	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	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	10	8	0	5	12	6	12	7	15	12	3	5	16	16	
Cork	1	5	0	0	4	1	7	0	6	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	-1
Limerick (F)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	2	
Limerick (M)	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	26	14	14	14	
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy (F)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	
Mountjoy (M)	0	43	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	36	17	0	23	4	46	18	0	0	60	0	9	0	4	25	29	15	34	34	
Portlaoise	4	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-4
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
St Pats	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Training Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0
Wheatfield	56	3	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	10	8	20	15	6	5	1	3	0	5	0	3	4	19	10	9	14	5	-51	
Totals	61	70	6	0	10	1	35	14	7	47	25	21	39	17	65	27	3	5	77	8	30	14	38	48	67	50	71	10	

Table 5. Age Profile of Restricted Prisoners

Institution	19 hrs			Total	20 hrs			Total	21 hrs			Total	22 hrs			Total	23 hrs			Total	Grand Total
	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	1				0	4	2	22	28				0				0	29
Cloverhill	12	10	70	92				0	0	0	1	1	4	4	8	16	0	1	0	1	110
Cork	1	6	32	39				0				0				0				0	39
Limerick Female				0				0				0			2	2				0	2
Limerick Male				0				0				0	1	2	11	14				0	14
Midlands				0					2	13	49	64				0				0	64
Mountjoy Female				0				0	0	0	1	1				0				0	1
Mountjoy Male	1	0	23	24	5	2	44	51	4	18	110	132	0	4	30	34	0	0	2	2	243
Portlaoise				0				0				0				0				0	0
Wheatfield	0	1	11	12				0	5	14	50	69	0	1	4	5	0	0	1	1	87
Total				168				51				295				71				4	589