

Irish Prison Service Monthly Information Note – January 2020

Committals to Prison 2013 – 2019

	2019*	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Committals	8,941	8,071	9,287	15,099	17,206	16,155	15,735
	7,176	6,490	7,484	12,579	14,182	13,408	13,055
	persons	persons	persons	persons	persons	persons	persons

**Provisional figures pending publication of the Annual Report 2019*

Committals to and Releases from Prison in January 2020

	Committals in January	Year To Date	Releases in January	Year To Date
Mountjoy Male	89	89	76	76
Mountjoy Female	59	59	56	56
Cloverhill	289	289	170	170
Wheatfield	0	0	44	44
Midlands	42	42	58	58
Portlaoise	0	0	10	10
Cork	86	86	63	63
Limerick Male	87	87	57	57
Limerick Female	30	30	22	22
Castlerea	68	68	68	68
Arbour Hill	0	0	5	5
Loughan House	0	0	2	2
Shelton Abbey	0	0	1	1
Total	750 741 persons	750 741 persons	632 628 persons	632 628 persons

- The corresponding figures for December 2019 were 624 committals (611 persons) and 713 releases (708 persons)
- The corresponding figures for January 2019 were 873 committals (864 persons) and 802 releases (797 persons)

Comparison of Committals in January

	Committals	Persons
Year 2020	750	714
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 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	688	87	25
Mountjoy Female	144	48	38
Cloverhill	404	4	319
Wheatfield	493	26	53
Midlands	826	16	79
Portlaoise	238	2	11
Cork	293	61	73
Limerick Male	225	33	89
Limerick Female	36	17	5
Castlerea	301	12	67
Arbour Hill	136	0	2
Loughan House	106	3	0
Shelton Abbey	101	5	0
Total	3,991	314	761

Corresponding figures:

- December 2019 Number in Custody 3,972 No. on TR 337 Trial/Remand 723
- January 2019 Number in Custody 3,947 No. on TR 160 Trial/Remand 714

Snapshot of population on 31st January 2020

- 4,052 persons in custody
- 3,218 sentenced prisoners
- 817 remand/trial prisoners
- 319 On temporary release – 7.1%
- 17 Extradition/Immigration detainee(s)
- 1 fines prisoner(s)
- 99 Lifers in the community
- 36 Total Subversives

Offence Profile of sentenced prisoners

Offence Group	30/11/19	31/12/19	31/01/20
Homicide Offences	412	411	408
Sexual Offences	449	447	442
Attempts/Threat to Murder, Assaults and Related Offences	438	423	418
Dangerous or Negligent Acts	73	65	69
Kidnapping and Related Offences	48	47	46
Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences	89	88	90
Burglary and Related Offences	308	315	325
Theft and Related Offences	582	583	583
Fraud, Deception and Related Offences	42	42	53
Controlled Drug Offences	358	354	358
Weapons and Explosives Offences	113	118	115
Damage to Property and to the Environment	92	91	86
Public Order and Other Social Code Offences	36	29	35
Road and Traffic Offences	65	59	85
Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime	94	97	92
Offences Not Elsewhere Classified	9	11	13
Total	3,208	3,180	3,218

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	7	4	4	2	2	21
3 to <6 Months	5	21	29	54	20	9	138
6 to <12 Months	25	47	61	117	45	19	314
1 to <2 Years	30	64	78	145	76	21	414
2 to <3 Years	10	44	56	109	57	37	313
3 to <5 Years	24	69	129	204	112	81	619
5 to <10 Years	9	53	142	208	137	129	678
10+ Years	0	0	21	65	64	90	240
Life Sentence	0	3	28	127	99	90	347
Total	105	308	548	1,033	612	478	3,084

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 to <6 Months	0	2	2	6	5	0	15
6 to <12 Months	0	2	8	6	4	0	20
1 to <2 Years	1	5	9	12	11	0	38
2 to <3 Years	0	0	3	6	3	0	12
3 to <5 Years	0	1	8	8	6	3	26
5 to <10 Years	0	1	2	5	1	4	13
10+ Years	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Life Sentence	0	0	0	2	6	1	9
Total	1	11	32	46	36	8	134

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	14	19	10	4	2	3	0	52
Cloverhill	103	111	44	22	9	10	2	301
Cork	19	16	14	5	3	1	0	58
Limerick	22	16	7	9	4	3	0	61
Midlands	17	21	17	10	2	9	0	76
Mountjoy	14	10	11	1	2	3	1	42
Portlaoise	0	3	2	1	2	0	1	9
Wheatfield	2	8	13	12	0	5	0	40
Total	191	204	118	64	24	34	4	639

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	75	80	13.33
Asian	1	43	44	7.33
British	4	84	88	14.67
Caribbean	0	1	1	0.17
Central American	0	1	1	0.17
European Union	12	332	344	57.33
Middle East	1	1	2	0.33
North American	0	2	2	0.33
Other European	0	23	23	3.83
South American	3	12	15	2.50
Total	26	574	600	100.00

Top 5 Non Nationals by Nationality in Custody

Nationality	Female	Male	Total
Polish	2	108	110
British	4	84	88
Romanian	3	78	81
Lithuanian	2	77	79
Latvian	3	23	26
Nigerian	3	23	26
Total	17	393	410