

Census of Restricted Regime Prisoners January 2022

The result of the January 2022 survey shows that the number of prisoners on restricted regimes increased by **225** in the overall figure compared to October 2021 from **757** to **982** (January 2022) an increase of **30%**.

In addition, those on a restricted regime for protection reasons (Rule 63) was **492**, (of which 460 were there at their own request).

The number of prisoners on **22 hour restricted regime** was **206**, which represents an increase of **51** on October 2021 of **155**.

The number of prisoners on **23 hour restricted regime** was **227**, which represents an increase of **51** on October 2021 of **176**.

The number of prisoners on **24 hour restricted regime** was **253**, which represents an increase of **233** on October 2021 of **20**.

Key Statistics

- **982** prisoners in total were subject to a restricted regime.
- **492** (13% of prison population 3,775) prisoners restricted on grounds of protection/vulnerability (Rule 63), of which 460 were there of their own request.
- **16** prisoners restricted on grounds of order (Rule 62).
- **3** prisoners were restricted due to medical reasons (Rule 64).
- No prisoners was restricted due to discipline (Rule 67, Part 3 Prisons Act 2007).
- **471** prisoners were restricted due to COVID-19 infection control measures introduced (i.e. Isolation and Quarantine (Rule 103)).

Covid-19 infection control measures captured under Rule 103 include:

- Quarantine of all new prisoners (testing of all new committals to the prisons is in place, which allow for prisoners to exit quarantine and enter the general population upon receipt of a negative result)
- Isolation of a suspected case or a prisoner with symptoms to prevent the risk of transmission of infection;

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.

Table 1. Restricted Regime (Rule) classified by Hours in Cell

	Rule 103 COVID Related						Rule 62						Rule 63 Voluntary						Rule 63 Involuntary						Rule 64						
	Hours in Cell						Hours in Cell						Hours in Cell						Hours in Cell						Hours in Cell						Grand Total
	19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20	21	22	23	24	19	20	21	22	23	24	
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	0	0
Castlereagh	0	0	0	0	26	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	59
Cloverhill	0	0	0	0	84	75	0	0	0	6	0	0	17	0	34	64	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	281
Cork	0	0	0	0	15	6	0	0	0	0	1	0	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40
Limerick Female	0	0	0	0	0	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Limerick Male	0	0	0	0	0	42	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Midlands	0	0	0	0	14	15	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	52	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	87
Mountjoy Female	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11
Mountjoy Male	0	0	0	0	74	83	0	0	0	2	1	0	1	14	49	115	9	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	351
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
Wheatfield	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	1	0	0	7	0	7	2	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	57
Total	0	0	0	5	214	252	5	0	0	9	2	0	38	14	215	183	10	0	8	0	16	7	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	982

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)
- Rule 103** Covid-19 infection control measures (Isolation and Quarantine)

Table 2. 23-hour lock up – Difference

Prison	Jan 19	Apr 19	Jul 19	Oct 19	Jan 20	Apr 20	Jul 20	Oct 20	Jan 21	Apr 21	Jul 21	Oct 21	Jan 22
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	20	27
Cloverhill	0	0	0	0	1	48	102	70	27	65	71	62	85
Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	16	15	22	14	33	16
Limerick (F)	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	0	0	3	0
Limerick (M)	2	3	0	0	0	0	56	0	0	0	0	11	0
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	2	0	0
Midlands	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	15	0	8	11	7	14
Mountjoy (F)	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy (M)	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	127	24	31	26	84
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	0	0	0	0	1	10	4	2	13	14	11	14	1
Totals	2	3	0	0	4	65	196	103	189	133	148	176	227

Table 3. 22-hour lock up – Difference

Prison	Jan 19	Apr 19	Jul 19	Jan 20	Jan 20	Apr 20	Jul 20	Oct 20	Jan 21	Apr 21	Jul 21	Oct 21	Jan 22
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	0	0	0	0	0	15	20	18	13	25	38	2	0
Cloverhill	15	12	3	5	16	1	2	48	0	16	19	13	70
Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick (F)	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	3	6	7	0	2	0
Limerick (M)	0	0	26	14	14	26	0	39	35	41	0	20	0
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0
Midlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy (F)	0	1	0	1	0	0	20	0	8	8	13	9	11
Mountjoy (M)	4	25	29	15	34	14	31	107	84	86	61	107	120
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	3	2	0	0
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	19	10	9	14	5	5	0	4	0	0	0	0	5
Totals	38	48	67	50	71	62	77	224	150	186	133	155	206

Table 4. Age Profile of Restricted Prisoners

Institution	19 hrs			Total	20 hrs			Total	21 hrs			Total	22 hrs			Total	23 hrs			Total	24 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+		18-20	21-24	25+			
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
Castlerea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	3	26	31	0	0	0	0	1	2	24	27	0	0	1	1	1	59
Cloverhill	0	1	16	17	0	0	0	0	3	3	28	34	3	8	59	70	7	10	68	85	3	13	59	75	281	
Cork	0	1	17	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	13	16		1	5	6	40	
Limerick Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	21	23	24	
Limerick Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	5	14	20	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	36	42	62	
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	5	
Midlands	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	1	5	46	52	0	0	0	0	3	1	10	14	0	1	15	16	87	
Mountjoy Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	11	
Mountjoy Male	0	0	1	1	1	1	12	14	1	6	42	49	0	17	103	120	4	5	75	84	2	8	73	83	351	
Portlaoise	0	0	3	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	2	5	
Wheatfield	0	0	7	7	0	0	0	0	4	11	29	44	0	1	4	5	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	57	
Total	0	2	49	51	1	1	12	14	12	33	186	231	3	26	177	206	16	20	191	227	6	30	217	253	982	