

Census Prison Population January 2023 – Cell occupancy – In-Cell Sanitation

This report includes information on the numbers of usable cells in each institution, the number of prisoners in cells that accommodated one, two, three and four or more prisoners, prisoners without access to in-cell sanitation and prisoner who were required to use toilet facilities in the presence of others.

The **key statistics** from this section of the Census are:

- There were **4, 321** prisoners in custody.
- **2,065** (47.8%) cells accommodated one prisoner.
- **898** cells accommodated two prisoners (1,796 prisoners).
- **120** cells accommodated three prisoners (360 prisoners).
- **30** cells accommodated four or more prisoners (100 prisoners).
- **8** prisoners (0.2%) were required to slop out.
- **2,158** prisoners (49.9%) were required to use the toilet in the presence of another prisoner.
- **2,155** (49.9%) prisoners were in a single cell with a flush toilet or had access to toilet facilities in private at all times.
- **2** prisoners accommodated in Safety Observation Cell.
- **12** prisoners accommodated in Close Supervision Cells.

Table 1. Form 1 overview on 17th January 2022

Prison	In Custody	Usable Cells	Number of Prisoners in cells accommodating				Access to Toilets		
			One Prisoner	Two Prisoners	Three Prisoners	4+ Prisoners	In-cell slopping out	Presence of others	In private
Arbour Hill	134	117	96	38	0	0	0	38	96
Castlerea	340	249	137	182	21	0	0	203	137
Cloverhill	434	205	59	50	285	40	0	375	59
Cork	268	169	42	226	0	0	0	226	42
Limerick Female	38	29	13	16	9	0	0	25	13
Limerick Male	246	160	81	144	21	0	0	165	81
Loughan	128	111	84	44	0	0	0	0	128
Midlands	865	582	300	530	3	32	0	565	300
Mountjoy Female	160	96	30	124	6	0	0	130	30
Mountjoy Male	751	765	705	46	0	0	0	46	705
Portlaoise	214	252	111	100	3	0	8	103	103
Shelton Abbey	93	63	39	14	12	28	0	0	93
Training Unit	95	96	95	0	0	0	0	0	95
Wheatfield	555	441	273	282	0	0	0	282	273
Total	4,321	3,335	2,065	1,796	360	100	8	2,158	2,155

Table 2. 3 year Comparison

	2023	2022				2021				2020			
	Jan	Oct	Jul	Apr	Jan	Oct	Jul	Apr	Jan	Oct	Jul	Apr	Jan
Number in Custody	4,321	4,254	4,189	4,013	3,775	3,838	3,854	3,764	3,683	3,768	3,792	3,826	3,999
One Prisoner	2,065	2,023	2,035	1,954	2,030	2,138	2,068	2,064	2,048	1,964	2,079	2,080	2,107
Two Prisoners	1,796	1,748	1,706	1,646	1,458	1,352	1,484	1,398	1,416	1,498	1,436	1,400	1,433
Three Prisoners	360	264	276	261	243	264	222	240	186	237	204	264	384
4+ Prisoners	100	219	172	152	44	84	80	62	33	69	73	82	75
Slopping out	8	29	32	31	36	38	37	42	45	47	44	51	58
Toilet in others presence	2,158	2,138	2,045	1,908	1,694	1,639	1,720	1,634	1,529	1,714	1,707	1,670	1,702
24 Hour access to toilets	2,155	2,087	2,112	2,074	2,045	2,161	2,097	2,088	2,109	2,007	2,041	2,105	2,239