Census of Restricted Regime Prisoners July 2024

The result of the July 2024 survey shows that the number of prisoners on restricted regimes has increased by **116** in the overall figure compared to April 2024 from **781 to 897**, an increase of **15%.**
In addition, those on a restricted regime for protection reasons (Rule 63) was **870**, (of which **738** were there at their own request).

The number of prisoners on **22-hour restricted regime** was **213**, which represents a decrease of **88** on April 2024 of **301.**

The number of prisoners on **23-hour restricted regime** was **9,** which represents an increase of **9** on April 2024 of **0.**

The number of prisoners on **24-hour restricted regime** was **4,** which represents a decrease of **2** on April 2024 of **6.**

Key Statistics

- **897** prisoners in total were subject to a restricted regime.
- **870** prisoners (17% of prison population of 5,018 prisoners) restricted on grounds of protection/vulnerability (Rule 63), of which **738** were there of their own request.
- **21** prisoners restricted on grounds of order (Rule 62).
- **3** prisoners were restricted due to medical reasons (Rule 64).
- No prisoners were restricted due to discipline (Rule 67, Part 3 Prisons Act 2007).
- **3** prisoner(s) were restricted due to infection control measures introduced (i.e. Isolation and Quarantine (Rule 103)).

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						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**
Castlerea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**62**
Cloverhill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	8	0	0	0	0	0	95	0	0	0	0	0	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**133**
Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**58**
Limerick (F)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**9**
Limerick (M)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	0	0	0	0	0	28	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**55**
Loughan	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**
Midlands	0	0	0	0	0	2	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	73	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**80**
Mountjoy (F)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**2**
Mountjoy (M)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	18	0	259	22	2	0	65	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	**372**
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**8**
Shelton	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**
Training Unit	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**
Wheatfield	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	117	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**118**
Total	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**5**	**0**	**3**	**8**	**4**	**1**	**80**	**0**	**481**	**175**	**2**	**0**	**65**	**0**	**37**	**30**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**3**	**0**	**897**

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 Infection control measures (Isolation and Quarantine)

Table 2. 23-hour lock up – Difference

Prison	Jul 21	Oct 21	Jan 22	Apr 22	Jul 22	Oct 22	Jan 23	Apr 23	Jul 23	Oct 23	Jan 24	Apr 24	Jul 24
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	8	20	27	0	21	3	0	2	2	0	0	0	0
Cloverhill	71	62	85	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
Cork	14	33	16	8	11	11	38	0	0	1	0	0	0
Limerick (Female)	0	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
Limerick (Male)	0	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
Loughan House	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	11	7	14	4	4	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy (Female)	0	0	0	3	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Mountjoy (Male)	31	26	84	53	18	0	10	2	1	0	0	0	8
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	1	4	0	0
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training Unit	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	11	14	1	11	5	1	0	0	6	0	1	0	0
Totals	**148**	**176**	**227**	**81**	**70**	**17**	**50**	**4**	**15**	**4**	**7**	**0**	**9**

The Training Unit re-opened on 18 July 2022

Table 3. 22-hour lock up – Difference

Prison	Jul 21	Oct 21	Jan 22	Apr 22	Jul 22	Oct 22	Jan 23	Apr 23	Jul 23	Oct 23	Jan 24	Apr 24	Jul 24
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	38	2	0	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
Cloverhill	19	13	70	112	84	74	68	25	34	79	80	147	133
Cork	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	58
Limerick (Female)	0	2	0	4	12	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Limerick (Male)	0	20	0	44	27	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Loughan House	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Mountjoy (Female)	13	9	11	3	0	0	0	0	5	1	0	0	0
Mountjoy (Male)	61	107	120	90	77	243	28	12	16	78	58	45	22
Portlaoise	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Training Unit	NA	NA	NA	NA	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	0	0	5	1	2	2	29	6	30	7	2	108	0
Totals	**133**	**155**	**206**	**254**	**208**	**320**	**125**	**43**	**86**	**167**	**141**	**301**	**213**

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Table 4. Age Profile of Restricted Prisoners

	19 hrs			Total	20 hrs			Total	21 hrs			Total	22 hrs			Total	23 hrs			Total	24 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+**		**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**
Castlerea	2	4	56	**62**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	**62**
Cloverhill	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	12	14	107	**133**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	**133**
Cork	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	1	4	53	**58**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	**58**
Limerick Female	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	8	**8**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	1	**1**	0	0	0	**0**	**9**
Limerick Male	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	0	3	52	**55**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	**55**
Loughan	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	5	**5**	0	0	0	**0**	3	6	64	**73**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	2	**2**	**80**
Mountjoy Female	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	2	**2**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	**2**
Mountjoy Male	3	3	77	**83**	0	0	0	**0**	6	22	231	**259**	2	2	18	**22**	0	3	5	**8**	0	0	0	**0**	**372**
Portlaoise	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	0	1	6	**7**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	1	**1**	**8**
Shelton	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**
Training Unit	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**
Wheatfield	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	2	19	96	**117**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	0	**0**	0	0	1	**1**	**118**
Total	**5**	**7**	**138**	**150**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**0**	**11**	**51**	**459**	**521**	**15**	**20**	**193**	**213**	**0**	**3**	**6**	**9**	**0**	**0**	**4**	**4**	**897**