

Irish Prison Service Monthly Information Note – March 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 March 2020

	Committals in March	Year To Date	Releases in March	Year To Date
Mountjoy Male	53	209	86	258
Mountjoy Female	40	163	51	160
Cloverhill	219	836	160	542
Wheatfield	2	2	43	119
Midlands	30	148	68	197
Portlaoise	0	2	11	25
Cork	58	275	52	190
Limerick Male	68	222	51	171
Limerick Female	13	64	16	58
Castlerea	36	182	43	169
Arbour Hill	0	0	3	10
Loughan House	0	0	8	13
Shelton Abbey	0	0	5	9
Total	519	2,103	597	1,921
	512 persons	2,011 persons	596 persons	1,859 persons

- The corresponding figures for February 2020 were 834 committals (824 persons) and 689 releases (680 persons)
- The corresponding figures for March 2019 were 778 committals (773 persons) and 717 releases (715 persons)

Comparison of Committals in January to March

	Committals	Persons
Year 2020	2,103	2,011
Year 2019	2,427	2,317
Year 2018	2,078	1,972
Year 2017	3,094	2,918

Comparison number in custody & temporary release – last day of month

	Number in Custody	Number on Temporary Release
31st March 2020	3,881	585
31st March 2019	4,034	220
31st March 2018	3,889	203
31st March 2017	3,788	260

Prisoners in Custody, on Temporary Release and Remand/Trial

	Average Number in Custody in March	Average Number on TR in March	Average Number on Remand/Trial in March
Mountjoy Male	670	94	22
Mountjoy Female	136	70	41
Cloverhill	403	5	346
Wheatfield	520	54	58
Midlands	868	38	85
Portlaoise	234	6	13
Cork	298	85	69
Limerick Male	224	42	93
Limerick Female	31	25	4
Castlerea	315	19	58
Arbour Hill	135	0	2
Loughan House	126	9	0
Shelton Abbey	102	9	0
Total	4,062	456	791

Corresponding figures:

- February 2020 Number in Custody 4,108 No. on TR 316 Trial/Remand 794
- March 2019 Number in Custody 3,998 No. on TR 217 Trial/Remand 660

Snapshot of population on 31st March 2020

- 3,881 persons in custody
- 3,058 sentenced prisoners
- 814 remand/trial prisoners
- 585 On temporary release – 12.7%
- 9 Extradition/Immigration detainee(s)
- 0 fines prisoner(s)
- 103 Lifers in the community
- 34 Total Subversives

Offence Profile of sentenced prisoners

Offence Group	31/01/20	29/02/20	31/03/20
Homicide Offences	408	407	410
Sexual Offences	442	452	458
Attempts/Threat to Murder, Assaults and Related Offences	418	463	427
Dangerous or Negligent Acts	69	75	65
Kidnapping and Related Offences	46	44	43
Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences	90	97	87
Burglary and Related Offences	325	348	312
Theft and Related Offences	583	596	489
Fraud, Deception and Related Offences	53	51	45
Controlled Drug Offences	358	369	344
Weapons and Explosives Offences	115	132	127
Damage to Property and to the Environment	86	90	79
Public Order and Other Social Code Offences	35	45	28
Road and Traffic Offences	85	83	39
Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime	92	93	88
Offences Not Elsewhere Classified	13	18	17
Total	3,218	3,363	3,058

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	0	3	4	4	1	2	14
3 to <6 Months	3	15	21	25	9	5	78
6 to <12 Months	19	32	55	80	36	14	236
1 to <2 Years	29	58	81	134	71	24	397
2 to <3 Years	16	46	54	117	52	35	320
3 to <5 Years	30	71	129	210	109	78	627
5 to <10 Years	15	55	139	215	143	127	694
10+ Years	0	1	22	66	63	92	244
Life Sentence	0	3	28	124	99	91	345
Total	112	284	533	975	583	468	2,955

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 Months	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
3 to <6 Months	0	0	1	1	1	0	3
6 to <12 Months	0	1	3	6	1	0	11
1 to <2 Years	1	6	9	12	4	0	32
2 to <3 Years	0	1	2	4	3	0	10
3 to <5 Years	0	1	8	8	4	2	23
5 to <10 Years	0	1	1	5	1	4	12
10+ Years	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Life Sentence	0	0	0	2	7	1	10
Total	1	10	24	40	21	7	103

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	11	13	13	3	2	2	0	44
Cloverhill	111	118	65	13	16	10	2	335
Cork	15	21	15	2	1	2	0	56
Limerick	20	16	11	4	6	3	0	60
Midlands	12	24	20	12	7	5	0	80
Mountjoy	9	11	11	3	1	1	1	37
Portlaoise	0	1	4	1	0	2	1	9
Wheatfield	0	7	15	11	4	4	0	41
Total	178	211	154	49	37	29	4	662

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 March

	Female	Male	Total	%
African	4	66	70	12.45
Asian	0	38	38	6.76
British	4	80	84	14.95
Central American	0	1	1	0.18
European Union	13	313	326	58.00
Middle East	1	2	3	0.53
North American	0	2	2	0.36
Oceania	0	1	1	0.18
Other European	0	21	21	3.74
South American	3	12	15	2.67
The Caribbean	0	1	1	0.18
Total	25	537	562	100.00

Top 5 Non Nationals by Nationality in Custody

Nationality	Female	Male	Total
Polish	3	98	101
Romanian	3	81	84
British	4	80	84
Lithuanian	4	65	69
Latvian	1	21	22
Total	15	345	360