

Irish Prison Service

Monthly Information Note – May 2022

Committals to Prison 2015 – 2021

	2021*	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Committals	6,136	6,340	8,939	8,071	9,287	15,099	17,206
	5,182	5,263	7,170	6,490	7,484	12,579	14,182
	persons	persons	persons	persons	persons	persons	persons

**Provisional figures pending publication of the Annual Report 2021*

Committals to and Releases from Prison in May 2022

	Committals in May	Year To Date	Releases in May	Year To Date
Arbour Hill	0	0	1	12
Castlerea	78	321	42	217
Cloverhill	237	1,110	147	611
Cork	66	370	60	291
Limerick Female	21	87	25	66
Limerick Male	60	241	34	170
Loughan House	0	0	4	16
Midlands	45	218	68	304
Mountjoy Female	56	247	45	204
Mountjoy Male	113	483	111	519
Portlaoise	0	8	12	53
Shelton Abbey	0	0	6	14
Wheatfield	0	0	31	158
Total	676 668 persons	3,085 2,843 persons	586 580 persons	2,635 2,486 persons

- The corresponding figures for April 2022 were 576 committals (563 persons) and 541 releases (538 persons)
- The corresponding figures for May 2021 were 592 committals (589 persons) and 460 releases (460 persons)

Comparison of Committals January to May

	Committals	Persons
Year 2022	3,085	2,843
Year 2021	2,618	2,447
Year 2020	2,863	2,647
Year 2019	3,959	3,579
Year 2018	3,471	3,156

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

	Number in Custody	Number on Temporary Release
31 st May 2022	4,104	273
31 st May 2021	3,832	364
31 st May 2020	3,737	402
31 st May 2019	4,018	290
31 st May 2018	3,992	220

Prisoners in Custody, on Temporary Release and Remand/Trial

	Average Number in Custody in May	Average Number on TR in May	Average Number on Remand/Trial in May
Arbour Hill	130	1	2
Castlerea	320	16	69
Cloverhill	419	2	358
Cork	266	39	75
Limerick Female	33	19	11
Limerick Male	203	23	62
Loughan House	100	4	0
Midlands	871	16	143
Mountjoy Female	132	36	39
Mountjoy Male	718	115	46
Portlaoise	212	1	17
Shelton Abbey	90	9	0
Wheatfield	545	19	76
Total	4,039	300	898

Corresponding figures:

- April 2022 Number in Custody 3,994 No. on TR 328 Trial/Remand 885
- May 2021 Number in Custody 3,801 No. on TR 335 Trial/Remand 670

Snapshot of population on 31st May 2022

- 4,104 persons in custody
- 3,147 sentenced prisoners
- 950 remand/trial prisoners
- 273 on temporary release – 6%
- 7 Extradition/Immigration detainee(s)
- 2 fine defaulter prisoner(s)
- 121 Lifers in the community
- 13 Total Subversives

Offence Profile of sentenced prisoners

Offence Group	31/03/22	30/04/22	31/05/22
Homicide Offences	408	408	405
Sexual Offences	466	470	489
Attempts/Threat to Murder, Assaults and Related Offences	456	424	471
Dangerous or Negligent Acts	70	65	68
Kidnapping and Related Offences	46	45	43
Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences	82	80	91
Burglary and Related Offences	274	275	280
Theft and Related Offences	458	468	492
Fraud, Deception and Related Offences	57	55	54
Controlled Drug Offences	341	323	351
Weapons and Explosives Offences	135	131	140
Damage to Property and to the Environment	90	88	76
Public Order and Other Social Code Offences	40	38	37
Road and Traffic Offences	39	47	47
Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime	91	83	87
Offences Not Elsewhere Classified	14	12	16
Total	3,067	3,012	3,147

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	3	4	9	3	5	26
3 to <6 Months	7	8	28	52	18	7	120
6 to <12 Months	13	38	43	77	50	16	237
1 to <2 Years	14	29	68	126	63	39	339
2 to <3 Years	9	36	63	105	61	43	317
3 to <5 Years	16	66	147	205	124	88	646
5 to <10 Years	5	70	127	243	146	137	728
10+ Years	1	5	26	60	64	107	263
Life Sentence	3	4	16	112	114	100	349
Total	70	259	522	989	643	542	3,025

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	1	0	0	1	0	1	3
3 to <6 Months	0	0	3	4	1	0	8
6 to <12 Months	0	1	2	14	8	1	26
1 to <2 Years	1	2	3	13	8	1	28
2 to <3 Years	1	1	5	3	6	0	16
3 to <5 Years	0	0	3	9	3	1	16
5 to <10 Years	0	0	1	5	4	0	10
10+ Years	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Life Sentence	0	0	0	3	8	2	13
Total	3	4	17	54	38	6	122

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
Arbour	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1
Castlerea	22	18	11	3	3	1	2	60
Cloverhill	111	109	60	32	16	22	6	356
Cork	22	19	15	2	1	1	1	61
Limerick	24	12	8	6	0	3	0	53
Midlands	11	31	17	11	9	15	4	98
Mountjoy	14	13	4	1	2	4	4	42
Portlaoise	0	0	5	3	2	0	0	10
Wheatfield	0	3	10	14	6	8	2	43
Total	204	206	130	72	39	54	19	724

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 May

	Female	Male	Total	%
African	4	71	75	12.3
Asian	1	30	31	5.1
British	1	66	67	11.0
Central American	0	1	1	0.2
European Union	10	357	367	60.1
Middle East	1	4	5	0.8
Oceania	0	1	1	0.2
Other European	0	26	26	4.3
South American	6	32	38	6.2
Total	23	588	611	100.0

Top 5 Non Nationals by Nationality in Custody

Nationality	Female	Male	Total
Polish	3	141	144
Romanian	1	76	77
Lithuanian	4	67	71
British	1	66	67
Brazilian	6	30	36
Total	15	380	395