

Irish Prison Service Monthly Information Note – March 2021

Committals to Prison 2014 – 2020

	2020*	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Committals	6,345	8,939	8,071	9,287	15,099	17,206	16,155
	5,275 persons	7,170 persons	6,490 persons	7,484 persons	12,579 persons	14,182 persons	13,408 persons

**Provisional figures pending publication of the Annual Report 2020*

Committals to and Releases from Prison in March 2021

	Committals in March	Year To Date	Releases in March	Year To Date
Mountjoy Male	102	225	96	210
Mountjoy Female	36	92	47	102
Cloverhill	188	565	143	307
Wheatfield	0	0	24	82
Midlands	43	122	62	169
Portlaoise	1	3	12	33
Cork	52	169	38	152
Limerick Male	50	161	48	138
Limerick Female	8	38	14	32
Castlerea	53	143	62	120
Arbour Hill	0	0	9	19
Loughan House	0	0	8	22
Shelton Abbey	0	0	8	15
Total	533 528 persons	1,518 1,460 persons	571 565 persons	1,401 1,356 persons

- The corresponding figures for February 2021 were 575 committals (566 persons) and 444 releases (441 persons)
- The corresponding figures for March 2020 were 519 committals (512 persons) and 597 releases (596 persons)

Comparison of Committals in January to March

	Committals	Persons
Year 2021	1,518	1,460
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 2021	3,753	341
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	694	86	36
Mountjoy Female	121	39	29
Cloverhill	353	0	285
Wheatfield	509	37	72
Midlands	815	41	77
Portlaoise	211	3	9
Cork	257	45	52
Limerick Male	193	27	57
Limerick Female	28	20	8
Castlerea	289	17	55
Arbour Hill	114	0	2
Loughan House	103	3	0
Shelton Abbey	101	5	0
Total	3,788	323	682

Corresponding figures:

- February 2021 Number in Custody 3,783 No. on TR 287 Trial/Remand 712
- March 2020 Number in Custody 4,062 No. on TR 456 Trial/Remand 791

Snapshot of population on 31st March 2021

- 3,753 persons in custody
- 3,053 sentenced prisoners
- 690 remand/trial prisoners
- 341 on temporary release – 8.1%
- 10 Extradition/Immigration detainee(s)
- 0 fines prisoner(s)
- 110 Lifers in the community
- 23 Total Subversives

Offence Profile of sentenced prisoners

Offence Group	31/01/21	28/02/21	31/03/21
Homicide Offences	406	412	412
Sexual Offences	418	424	422
Attempts/Threat to Murder, Assaults and Related Offences	476	482	501
Dangerous or Negligent Acts	68	76	82
Kidnapping and Related Offences	52	55	56
Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences	82	81	83
Burglary and Related Offences	321	318	305
Theft and Related Offences	464	465	462
Fraud, Deception and Related Offences	40	52	55
Controlled Drug Offences	307	324	325
Weapons and Explosives Offences	124	125	125
Damage to Property and to the Environment	72	74	74
Public Order and Other Social Code Offences	23	27	29
Road and Traffic Offences	33	46	39
Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime	61	70	70
Offences Not Elsewhere Classified	13	13	13
Total	2,960	3,044	3,053

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	2	7	9	0	21
3 to <6 Months	4	13	21	33	9	4	84
6 to <12 Months	13	31	47	70	26	17	204
1 to <2 Years	23	47	73	123	48	33	347
2 to <3 Years	9	46	92	116	63	22	348
3 to <5 Years	17	82	143	206	112	82	642
5 to <10 Years	7	75	126	232	133	120	693
10+ Years	1	1	22	63	64	104	255
Life Sentence	2	4	19	124	108	92	349
Total	76	302	545	974	572	474	2,943

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	1	0	0	0	1
3 to <6 Months	1	1	2	0	2	0	6
6 to <12 Months	0	3	5	9	2	2	21
1 to <2 Years	0	1	4	13	8	1	27
2 to <3 Years	1	0	3	3	8	1	16
3 to <5 Years	1	1	6	8	4	2	22
5 to <10 Years	0	0	1	3	0	2	6
10+ Years	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Life Sentence	0	0	0	2	7	1	10
Total	3	6	22	39	31	9	110

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 Hill	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	2
Castlerea	15	11	7	4	0	1	3	41
Cloverhill	77	94	45	13	13	14	4	260
Cork	21	15	5	3	3	2	0	49
Limerick	14	11	3	3	4	2	0	37
Midlands	1	6	14	4	6	18	1	50
Mountjoy	6	8	6	5	3	10	1	39
Portlaoise	0	0	0	1	3	0	1	5
Wheatfield	0	13	15	13	5	8	0	54
Total	135	159	95	46	37	55	10	537

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	5	72	77	13.39
Asian	1	36	37	6.43
British	3	68	71	12.35
Central American	0	1	1	0.17
European Union	11	322	333	57.91
Middle East	1	5	6	1.04
North American	0	2	2	0.35
Oceania	0	1	1	0.17
Other European	0	20	20	3.48
South American	2	24	26	4.52
The Caribbean	0	1	1	0.17
Total	23	552	575	100.00

Top 5 Non Nationals by Nationality in Custody

Nationality	Female	Male	Total
Polish	2	109	111
Romanian	3	75	78
Lithuanian	1	71	72
British	5	66	71
Brazilian	2	22	24
Latvian	2	22	24
Nigerian	1	23	24
Total	16	388	404