

Irish Prison Service

Monthly Information Note – November 2020

Committals to Prison 2013 – 2019

	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
Committals	8,939	8,071	9,287	15,099	17,206	16,155	15,735
	7,170	6,490	7,484	12,579	14,182	13,408	13,055
	persons	persons	persons	persons	persons	persons	persons

Committals to and Releases from Prison in November 2020

	Committals in November	Year To Date	Releases in November	Year To Date
Mountjoy Male	81	440	48	702
Mountjoy Female	43	427	44	492
Cloverhill	214	2,394	139	1,626
Wheatfield	1	10	31	382
Midlands	42	420	61	705
Portlaoise	0	14	16	124
Cork	93	802	53	690
Limerick Male	56	636	35	513
Limerick Female	28	174	15	158
Castlereagh	48	588	52	582
Arbour Hill	0	0	4	40
Loughan House	0	0	6	54
Shelton Abbey	0	0	3	37
Total	606	5,905	507	6,105
	604 persons	4,949 persons	505 persons	5,336 persons

- The corresponding figures for October 2020 were 589 committals (582 persons) and 532 releases (526 persons)
- The corresponding figures for November 2019 were 828 committals (819 persons) and 726 releases (721 persons)

Comparison of Committals from January to November

	Committals	Persons
Year 2020	5,905	4,949
Year 2019	8,316	6,757
Year 2018	7,429	6,060
Year 2017	8,770	7,153

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

	Number in Custody	Number on Temporary Release
30th November 2020	3,810	291
30th November 2019	4,017	323
30th November 2018	3,962	198
30th November 2017	3,738	200

Prisoners in Custody, on Temporary Release and Remand/Trial

	Average Number in Custody in November	Average Number on TR in November	Average Number on Remand/Trial in November
Mountjoy Male	692	62	47
Mountjoy Female	120	27	35
Cloverhill	353	1	288
Wheatfield	508	48	76
Midlands	805	20	91
Portlaoise	224	3	7
Cork	270	44	57
Limerick Male	206	26	66
Limerick Female	30	17	6
Castlerea	282	15	54
Arbour Hill	122	0	1
Loughan House	99	3	0
Shelton Abbey	81	10	0
Total	3,791	276	728

Corresponding figures:

- October 2020 Number in Custody 3,748 No. on TR 238 Trial/Remand 747
- November 2019 Number in Custody 4,009 No. on TR 293 Trial/Remand 773

Snapshot of population on 30th November 2020

- 3,810 persons in custody
- 3,059 sentenced prisoners
- 738 remand/trial prisoners
- 291 on temporary release – 6.9%
- 13 Extradition/Immigration detainee(s)
- 0 fines prisoner(s)
- 110 Lifers in the community
- 27 Total Subversives

Offence Profile of sentenced prisoners

Offence Group	30/09/20	31/10/20	30/11/20
Homicide Offences	402	406	409
Sexual Offences	421	424	427
Attempts/Threat to Murder, Assaults and Related Offences	437	450	493
Dangerous or Negligent Acts	74	73	68
Kidnapping and Related Offences	48	50	55
Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences	85	90	91
Burglary and Related Offences	299	310	314
Theft and Related Offences	459	471	483
Fraud, Deception and Related Offences	45	44	44
Controlled Drug Offences	304	304	322
Weapons and Explosives Offences	123	126	128
Damage to Property and to the Environment	74	81	81
Public Order and Other Social Code Offences	22	26	22
Road and Traffic Offences	46	44	37
Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime	63	63	71
Offences Not Elsewhere Classified	16	14	14
Total	2,918	2,976	3,059

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	6	3	6	22
3 to <6 Months	9	19	24	35	14	6	107
6 to <12 Months	12	20	42	74	31	16	195
1 to <2 Years	22	52	83	111	47	28	343
2 to <3 Years	13	49	78	125	60	22	347
3 to <5 Years	21	87	140	214	110	75	647
5 to <10 Years	11	65	121	227	139	126	689
10+ Years	1	1	19	66	64	99	250
Life Sentence	2	4	24	125	104	91	350
Total	91	300	535	983	572	469	2,950

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	1	0	2
3 to <6 Months	0	1	2	2	3	1	9
6 to <12 Months	1	4	6	5	3	0	19
1 to <2 Years	0	2	3	8	13	1	27
2 to <3 Years	0	1	3	2	4	1	11
3 to <5 Years	0	1	6	8	4	2	21
5 to <10 Years	0	1	1	4	0	3	9
10+ Years	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Life Sentence	0	0	0	2	7	1	10
Total	1	10	21	33	35	9	109

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
Castlereagh	9	8	10	3	2	3	1	36
Cloverhill	101	91	40	27	15	7	3	284
Cork	22	9	7	6	1	1	0	46
Limerick	28	15	7	5	3	3	0	61
Midlands	6	11	9	8	8	16	1	59
Mountjoy	12	13	10	5	5	9	1	55
Portlaoise	0	0	2	1	1	1	0	5
Wheatfield	4	12	22	6	3	7	0	54
Total	182	159	107	61	38	47	6	600

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 30th November

	Female	Male	Total	%
African	4	68	72	12.14
Asian	0	33	33	5.57
British	3	76	79	13.32
Central American	0	2	2	0.337
European Union	8	338	346	58.35
Middle East	1	3	4	0.675
North American	0	2	2	0.337
Oceania	0	2	2	0.337
Other European	0	22	22	3.710
South American	4	26	30	5.059
The Caribbean	0	1	1	0.169
Total	20	573	593	100.00

Top 5 Non Nationals by Nationality in Custody

Nationality	Female	Male	Total
Polish	1	117	118
British	3	76	79
Romanian	3	74	77
Lithuanian	2	70	72
Brazilian	4	24	28
Total	13	361	374