

Irish Prison Service Monthly Information Note – October 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 persons	6,490 persons	7,484 persons	12,579 persons	14,182 persons	13,408 persons	13,055 persons

Committals to and Releases from Prison in October 2020

	Committals in October	Year To Date	Releases in October	Year To Date
Mountjoy Male	50	360	74	655
Mountjoy Female	37	384	47	448
Cloverhill	232	2,182	139	1,488
Wheatfield	2	9	26	351
Midlands	35	378	53	644
Portlaoise	1	14	8	108
Cork	84	709	54	637
Limerick Male	77	580	56	478
Limerick Female	18	146	14	143
Castlerea	53	540	52	530
Arbour Hill	0	0	1	36
Loughan House	0	0	4	48
Shelton Abbey	0	0	4	34
Total	589 582 persons	5,302 4,492 persons	532 526 persons	5,600 4,949 persons

- The corresponding figures for September 2020 were 510 committals (500 persons) and 480 releases (474 persons)
- The corresponding figures for October 2019 were 863 committals (852 persons) and 734 releases (729 persons)

Comparison of Committals from January to October

	Committals	Persons
Year 2020	5,302	4,492
Year 2019	7,488	6,178
Year 2018	6,610	5,502
Year 2017	8,035	6,649

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

	Number in Custody	Number on Temporary Release
31st October 2020	3,752	253
31st October 2019	3,989	256
31st October 2018	3,906	202
31st October 2017	3,665	168

Prisoners in Custody, on Temporary Release and Remand/Trial

	Average Number in Custody in October	Average Number on TR in October	Average Number on Remand/Trial in October
Mountjoy Male	652	58	47
Mountjoy Female	122	24	36
Cloverhill	369	0	309
Wheatfield	500	41	65
Midlands	805	17	90
Portlaoise	220	2	9
Cork	259	36	63
Limerick Male	206	20	66
Limerick Female	30	14	5
Castlerea	278	13	56
Arbour Hill	125	0	1
Loughan House	99	3	0
Shelton Abbey	83	10	0
Total	3,748	238	747

Corresponding figures:

- September 2020 Number in Custody 3,684 No. on TR 239 Trial/Remand 730
- October 2019 Number in Custody 3,935 No. on TR 250 Trial/Remand 778

Snapshot of population on 31st October 2020

- 3,752 persons in custody
- 2,976 sentenced prisoners
- 768 remand/trial prisoners
- 253 on temporary release – 6.1%
- 8 Extradition/Immigration detainee(s)
- 0 fines prisoner(s)
- 109 Lifers in the community
- 28 Total Subversives

Offence Profile of sentenced prisoners

Offence Group	31/08/20	30/09/20	31/10/20
Homicide Offences	400	402	406
Sexual Offences	429	421	424
Attempts/Threat to Murder, Assaults and Related Offences	448	437	450
Dangerous or Negligent Acts	74	74	73
Kidnapping and Related Offences	48	48	50
Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences	91	85	90
Burglary and Related Offences	301	299	310
Theft and Related Offences	451	459	471
Fraud, Deception and Related Offences	46	45	44
Controlled Drug Offences	309	304	304
Weapons and Explosives Offences	121	123	126
Damage to Property and to the Environment	79	74	81
Public Order and Other Social Code Offences	25	22	26
Road and Traffic Offences	39	46	44
Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime	67	63	63
Offences Not Elsewhere Classified	13	16	14
Total	2,941	2,918	2,976

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	0	6	4	3	1	14
3 to <6 Months	12	16	29	23	14	7	101
6 to <12 Months	15	19	48	57	26	14	179
1 to <2 Years	19	47	7x7	106	49	23	321
2 to <3 Years	18	44	65	120	59	24	330
3 to <5 Years	22	85	130	214	104	74	629
5 to <10 Years	12	58	126	227	140	129	692
10+ Years	1	1	20	65	64	99	250
Life Sentence	1	4	24	124	103	91	347
Total	100	274	525	940	562	462	2,863

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	0	0	0	0
3 to <6 Months	0	0	3	9	2	0	14
6 to <12 Months	1	4	5	5	5	0	20
1 to <2 Years	0	4	3	7	10	0	24
2 to <3 Years	0	1	3	3	2	2	11
3 to <5 Years	0	1	8	9	4	2	24
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	11	23	40	30	8	113

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	17	8	10	6	1	4	1	47
Cloverhill	103	71	61	20	13	11	3	282
Cork	21	10	10	3	1	2	0	47
Limerick	18	14	7	5	3	3	0	50
Midlands	6	8	14	11	7	16	1	63
Mountjoy	14	14	11	8	4	10	1	62
Portlaoise	0	0	2	2	0	2	0	6
Wheatfield	4	10	19	5	8	5	1	52
Total	183	135	134	60	37	53	7	609

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 September

	Female	Male	Total	%
African	4	67	71	12.12
Asian	0	33	33	5.63
British	3	72	75	12.80
Central American	0	1	1	0.17
European Union	13	337	350	59.73
Middle East	1	4	5	0.85
North American	0	1	1	0.17
Oceania	0	2	2	0.34
Other European	0	20	20	3.41
South American	3	24	27	4.61
The Caribbean	0	1	1	0.17
Total	24	562	586	100.00

Top 5 Non Nationals by Nationality in Custody

Nationality	Female	Male	Total
Polish	3	110	113
Lithuanian	2	75	77
Romanian	3	72	75
British	3	72	75
Latvian	3	25	28
Total	14	354	368