

### **Census of Restricted Regime Prisoners October 2020**

The result of the October 2020 survey shows that the number of prisoners on restricted regimes has decreased by **105** in the overall figure compared to July 2020. Figures show that there has been a decrease from **833** (July 2020) to **728** (October 2020), a decrease of **13%**.

The figure for those on a restricted regime for protection reasons (Rule 63) was **533**, (of which 523 were there at their own request).

The number of prisoners on **23 hour restricted regime** was **103**, which represents a decrease of **93** on July 2020 of **196**.

The number of prisoners on **22 hour restricted regime** was **224**, which represents an increase of **147** on July 2020 of **77**.

**Since the commencement of the survey in July 2013, the number of prisoners on 22/23 hour, restricted regime has increased by 116 or 55% from 211 to 327.**

#### **Key Statistics**

- 728 prisoners in total were subject to a restricted regime.
- 533 (14% of prison population 3,768) prisoners restricted on grounds of protection/vulnerability (Rule 63), of which 523 were there of their own request.
- 34 prisoners restricted on grounds of order (Rule 62).
- 0 prisoners was restricted due to medical reasons (Rule 64).
- 0 prisoners were restricted due to discipline (Rule 67, Part 3 Prisons Act 2007).
- 161 prisoners were restricted due to COVID-19 infection control measures introduced (i.e. Isolation and Quarantine (Rule 103)).

The restriction of a prisoner's regime can occur due to a number of factors including, medical reasons (Rule 64) and/or the protection of vulnerable prisoners. This is provided for under Rule 63 of the Prison Rules 2007. A prisoner may, either at his/her own request or when the Governor considers it necessary, in so far as is practicable and subject to the maintenance and good order and safe and secure custody, be kept separate from other prisoners who are reasonably likely to cause significant harm to him/her.

The fact that prisoners seeking protection are immediately separated from the general population or from specific prisoners identified as presenting a threat, clearly demonstrates the commitment of the Irish Prison Service to ensure their safety and security. The status of each prisoner on restricted regime within the prison system is regularly reviewed. If possible, prisoners can be transferred to other institutions where a restricted regime would not be necessary.

In addition, the Governor may decide, for the maintenance of good order in the prison, to remove a prisoner from general association or structured activity to reduce the negative effect that a prisoner or prisoners may have on the general population. This is provided for under Rule 62 of the Prison Rules 2007.

The Director General of the Irish Prison Service chairs a high-level group, which looks at measures which can be introduced to reduce the number of prisoners currently held on restricted regimes and monitors Census results and returns from individual prisons.

**Table 1. Out of Cell Time**

Prison	Total	23 hours in cell	22 hours in cell	21 hours in cell	20 hours in cell	19 hours in cell
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	50	0	18	0	0	32
Cloverhill	177	70	48	4	0	55
Cork	36	16	5	0	0	15
Limerick Female	3	0	3	0	0	0
Limerick Male	39	0	39	0	0	0
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	89	15	0	70	0	4
Mountjoy Female	14	0	0	0	0	14
Mountjoy Male	242	0	107	93	18	24
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	78	2	4	67	0	5
<b>Totals</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>149</b>

**Table 2. Reason for Restricted Regime**

Prison	Total	Rule 62	Rule 63 Voluntary	Rule 63 Involuntary	Rule 64	Rule 67	Rule 103 COVID Related
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	50	1	36	0	0	0	13
Cloverhill	177	11	96	0	0	0	70
Cork	36	2	17	1	0	0	16
Limerick Female	3	0	2	0	0	0	1
Limerick Male	39	1	21	0	0	0	17
Loughan House**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Midlands	89	5	69	0	0	0	15
Mountjoy Female	14	0	0	3	0	0	11
Mountjoy Male	242	8	218	0	0	0	16
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Shelton Abbey**	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	78	6	64	6	0	0	2
<b>Totals</b>	<b>728</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>161</b>

**Note: Definition of Rules**

- Rule 62** Removal on grounds of order
- Rule 63** Protection of vulnerable prisoners – Voluntary
- Rule 63** Protection of Vulnerable prisoners – Involuntary
- Rule 64** Special observations
- Rule 67** Discipline (Part 3 of Prisons Act, Section 13)
- Rule 103** Covid-19 infection control measures (Isolation and Quarantine)

**Table 3. 23-hour lock up – Difference**

Prison	Jul 13	Oct 13	Jan 14	Apr 14	Jul 14	Oct 14	Jan 15	Apr 15	Jul 15	Oct 15	Jan 16	Apr 16	Jul 16	Oct 16	Jan 17	Apr 17	Jul 17	Oct 17	Jan 18	Apr 18	Jul 18	Oct 18	Jan 19	Apr 19	Jul 19	Oct 19	Jan 20	Apr 20	Jul 20	Oct 20	Jul13 – Jul 20	
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Castlereagh	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Cloverhill	19	22	0	2	1	5	11	5	10	14	12	13	14	7	4	3	5	1	1	2	0	1	0	0	0	0	1	48	102	70	51	
Cork	9	0	7	2	2	3	1	2	1	0	3	4	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	27	16	7
Limerick (F)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	0	0	
Limerick (M)	6	0	5	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	1	2	1	2	3	0	0	0	0	56	0	-6	
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Midlands	10	6	11	18	17	22	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	2	2	4	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	0	15	5	
Mountjoy (F)	0	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	
Mountjoy (M)	46	0	5	0	1	2	3	12	6	12	8	38	21	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	-46	
Portlaoise	20	19	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-20	
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
St Pats	17	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-17	
Training Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	
Wheatfield	23	18	16	20	10	17	7	9	41	5	2	5	0	5	1	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	10	4	2	-21		
Totals	150	65	44	43	32	51	22	29	58	31	26	64	35	14	7	17	7	4	8	4	5	2	2	3	0	0	4	65	196	103	-47	

**Table 4. 22-hour lock up – Difference**

Prison	Jul 13	Oct 13	Jan 14	Apr 14	Jul 14	Oct 14	Jan 15	Apr 15	Jul 15	Oct 15	Jan 16	Apr 16	Jul 16	Oct 16	Jan 17	Apr 17	Jul 17	Oct 17	Jan 18	Apr 18	Jul 18	Oct 18	Jan 19	Apr 19	Jul 19	Oct 19	Jan 20	Apr 20	Jul 20	Oct 20	Jul13 – Jul 20	
Arbour Hill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Castlerea	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	15	20	18	18	
Cloverhill	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	10	8	0	5	12	6	12	7	15	12	3	5	16	1	2	48	48	
Cork	1	5	0	0	4	1	7	0	6	1	0	1	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	5	4	
Limerick (F)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	2	1	0	3	3		
Limerick (M)	0	3	0	0	1	0	0	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	26	14	14	26	0	39	39	
Loughan House	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Midlands	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Mountjoy (F)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	2	0	1	0	1	0	0	20	0	0	
Mountjoy (M)	0	43	0	0	4	0	0	2	0	36	17	0	23	4	46	18	0	0	60	0	9	0	4	25	29	15	34	14	31	107	107	
Portlaoise	4	0	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Shelton Abbey	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
St Pats	0	16	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Training Unit	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Wheatfield	56	3	0	0	1	0	0	5	0	10	8	20	15	6	5	1	3	0	5	0	3	4	19	10	9	14	5	5	0	4	-52	
Totals	61	70	6	0	10	1	35	14	7	47	25	21	39	17	65	27	3	5	77	8	30	14	38	48	67	50	71	62	77	224	163	

**Table 5. Age Profile of Restricted Prisoners**

Institution	19 hrs			Total	20 hrs			Total	21 hrs			Total	22 hrs			Total	23 hrs			Total	Grand Total
	18-20	21-24	25+		18-20	21-24	25+		18-20	21-24	25+		18-20	21-24	25+		18-20	21-24	25+		
Castlerea	2	7	23	32	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	16	18	0	0	0	0	50
Cloverhill	2	4	49	55	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	4	1	6	41	48	5	9	56	70	177
Cork	2	1	12	15	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	5	0	2	14	16	36
Limerick Female	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	2	3	0	0	0	0	3
Limerick Male	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5	3	31	39	0	0	0	0	39
Midlands	0	0	4	4	0	0	0	0	2	9	59	70	0	0	0	0	0	1	14	15	89
Mountjoy Female	1	3	10	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	14
Mountjoy Male	0	1	23	24	0	3	15	18	4	7	82	93	6	11	90	107	0	0	0	0	242
Portlaoise	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Wheatfield	0	0	5	5	0	0	0	0	5	13	49	67	0	0	4	4	0	1	1	2	78
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>234</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>189</b>	<b>224</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>728</b>