

Irish Prison Service Monthly Information Note – October 2021

Committals to Prison 2014 – 2020

	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014
Committals	6,340	8,939	8,071	9,287	15,099	17,206	16,155
	5,263	7,170	6,490	7,484	12,579	14,182	13,408
	persons	persons	persons	persons	persons	persons	persons

Committals to and Releases from Prison in October 2021

	Committals in October	Year To Date	Releases in October	Year To Date
Mountjoy Male	79	777	91	782
Mountjoy Female	44	340	39	368
Cloverhill	216	1,918	121	1,181
Wheatfield	1	11	35	296
Midlands	24	303	47	558
Portlaoise	1	12	13	105
Cork	75	694	73	564
Limerick Male	42	463	37	401
Limerick Female	16	138	17	124
Castlerea	65	497	51	467
Arbour Hill	0	0	1	38
Loughan House	0	0	7	84
Shelton Abbey	0	0	1	55
Total	563 558 persons	5,153 4,466 persons	533 529 persons	5,023 4,448 persons

- The corresponding figures for September 2021 were 505 committals (501 persons) and 526 releases (524 persons)
- The corresponding figures for October 2020 were 589 committals (582 persons) and 532 releases (526 persons)

Comparison of Committals in January to October

	Committals	Persons
Year 2021	5,153	4,466
Year 2020	5,298	4,490
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
31 st October 2021	3,808	297
31 st October 2020	3,752	253
31 st October 2019	3,989	256
31 st October 2018	3,906	202
31 st 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	696	91	41
Mountjoy Female	117	35	34
Cloverhill	397	6	328
Wheatfield	533	28	63
Midlands	788	16	113
Portlaoise	211	4	9
Cork	255	47	61
Limerick Male	189	27	59
Limerick Female	31	9	8
Castlerea	280	12	65
Arbour Hill	129	0	1
Loughan House	93	7	0
Shelton Abbey	94	8	0
Total	3,813	290	782

Corresponding figures:

- September 2021 Number in Custody 3,776 No. on TR 298 Trial/Remand 747
- October 2020 Number in Custody 3,748 No. on TR 238 Trial/Remand 747

Snapshot of population on 31st October 2021

- 3,808 persons in custody
- 2,972 sentenced prisoners
- 823 remand/trial prisoners
- 297 on temporary release – 7%
- 13 Extradition/Immigration detainee(s)
- 1 fines prisoner(s)
- 118 Lifers in the community
- 20 Total Subversives

Offence Profile of sentenced prisoners

Offence Group	31/08/21	30/09/21	31/10/21
Homicide Offences	408	404	404
Sexual Offences	428	431	434
Attempts/Threat to Murder, Assaults and Related Offences	485	475	471
Dangerous or Negligent Acts	71	71	69
Kidnapping and Related Offences	52	48	48
Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences	74	77	74
Burglary and Related Offences	300	293	294
Theft and Related Offences	467	451	447
Fraud, Deception and Related Offences	52	54	48
Controlled Drug Offences	328	336	326
Weapons and Explosives Offences	121	120	120
Damage to Property and to the Environment	70	71	73
Public Order and Other Social Code Offences	32	38	34
Road and Traffic Offences	39	46	40
Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime	71	70	81
Offences Not Elsewhere Classified	9	9	9
Total	3,007	2,994	2,972

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	1	2	10	10	5	1	29
3 to <6 Months	4	8	24	41	11	8	96
6 to <12 Months	10	19	44	99	29	17	218
1 to <2 Years	15	49	61	111	60	25	321
2 to <3 Years	7	40	71	90	49	32	289
3 to <5 Years	17	76	131	203	110	80	617
5 to <10 Years	6	72	118	233	152	123	704
10+ Years	1	1	21	56	63	102	244
Life Sentence	2	4	18	116	115	92	347
Total	63	271	498	959	594	480	2,865

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	3	0	0	3
3 to <6 Months	0	0	1	3	0	0	4
6 to <12 Months	1	1	3	9	4	2	20
1 to <2 Years	0	2	3	12	12	3	32
2 to <3 Years	1	0	6	0	6	1	14
3 to <5 Years	1	0	3	7	3	1	15
5 to <10 Years	0	0	1	5	2	0	8
10+ Years	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
Life Sentence	0	0	0	2	7	1	10
Total	3	3	17	42	34	8	107

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	22	10	8	2	2	1	2	47
Cloverhill	99	83	39	27	20	26	5	299
Cork	23	11	5	3	1	2	0	45
Limerick	20	10	4	8	2	0	1	45
Midlands	9	25	14	10	9	10	8	85
Mountjoy	14	7	9	1	2	4	3	40
Portlaoise	0	0	1	1	0	2	0	4
Wheatfield	1	6	4	12	4	13	0	50
Total	188	152	84	64	40	58	19	615

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 October 2021

	Female	Male	Total	%
African	6	64	70	12.0
Asian	0	48	48	8.2
British	1	66	67	11.5
Central American	0	1	1	0.2
European Union	8	333	341	58.5
Middle East	1	4	5	0.9
Oceania	0	1	1	0.2
Other European	0	20	20	3.4
South American	2	27	29	5.0
The Caribbean	0	1	1	0.2
Total	18	565	583	100

Top 5 Non Nationals by Nationality in Custody

Nationality	Female	Male	Total
Polish	2	122	124
Romanian	1	83	84
British	1	66	67
Lithuanian	2	63	65
Brazilian	2	25	27
Total	8	359	367