

Census Prison Population October 2023 – Cell occupancy – In-Cell Sanitation

This report includes information on the numbers of usable cells in each institution, the number of prisoners in cells that accommodated one, two, three and four or more prisoners, prisoners without access to in-cell sanitation and prisoner who were required to use toilet facilities in the presence of others.

The **key statistics** from this section of the Census are:

- There were **4,618** prisoners in custody.
- **2,004** cells accommodated one prisoner (43%).
- **987** cells accommodated two prisoners (1,974 prisoners – 43%).
- **122** cells accommodated three prisoners (366 prisoners – 8%).
- **68** cells accommodated four or more prisoners (274 prisoners – 6%).
- **7** prisoners (0.1%) were required to slop out.
- **2,369** prisoners (51.3%) were required to use the toilet in the presence of another prisoner.
- **2,242** (48.6%) prisoners were in a single cell with a flush toilet or had access to toilet facilities in private at all times.
- **3** prisoners accommodated in Safety Observation Cells.
- **11** prisoners accommodated in Close Supervision Cells.

Table 1. Form 1 overview on 17th October 2023

Prison	In Custody	Usable Cells	Number of Prisoners in cells accommodating				Access to Toilets		
			One Prisoner	Two Prisoners	Three Prisoners	4+ Prisoners	In-cell slopping out	Presence of others	In Private
Arbour Hill	134	117	98	36	0	0	0	36	98
Castlereagh	366	251	122	208	36	0	0	240	126
Cloverhill	486	213	54	74	174	184	0	432	54
Cork	308	166	35	222	51	0	0	273	35
Limerick Female	51	56	49	2	0	0	0	2	49
Limerick Male	311	229	128	180	3	0	0	183	128
Loughan	129	111	77	52	0	0	0	0	129
Midlands	917	588	277	578	30	32	0	640	277
Mountjoy Female	177	91	27	82	60	8	0	29	148
Mountjoy Male	737	766	629	108	0	0	0	108	629
Portlaoise	232	188	112	114	6	0	7	120	105
Shelton Abbey	102	57	34	12	6	50	0	0	102
Training Unit	96	96	96	0	0	0	0	0	96
Wheatfield	572	447	266	306	0	0	0	306	266
Total	4,618	3,376	2,004	1,974	366	274	7	2,369	2,242

Table 2. 3 year Comparison

	2023				2022				2021				2020
	Oct	Jul	Apr	Jan	Oct	Jul	Apr	Jan	Oct	Jul	Apr	Jan	Oct
Number in Custody	4,618	4,719	4,586	4,321	4,254	4,189	4,013	3, 775	3,838	3,854	3,764	3,683	3,768
One Prisoner	2,004	2,018	1,989	2,065	2,023	2,035	1,954	2,030	2,138	2,068	2,064	2,048	1,964
Two Prisoners	1,974	2,040	1,968	1,796	1,748	1,706	1,646	1,458	1,352	1,484	1,398	1,416	1,498
Three Prisoners	366	405	456	360	264	276	261	243	264	222	240	186	237
4+ Prisoners	274	256	173	100	219	172	152	44	84	80	62	33	69
Slopping out	7	7	8	8	29	32	31	36	38	37	42	45	47
Toilet in others presence	2,369	2,589	2,339	2,158	2,138	2,045	1,908	1,694	1,639	1,720	1,634	1,529	1,714
24 Hour access to toilets	2,242	2,123	2,239	2,155	2,087	2,112	2,074	2,045	2,161	2,097	2,088	2,109	2,007