

Census of Restricted Regime Prisoner October 2023

The result of the October 2023 survey shows that the number of prisoners on restricted regimes has decreased by **56** in the overall figure compared to July 2023 from **766** to **710**, a decrease of **7%**.

In addition, those on a restricted regime for protection reasons (Rule 63) was **685**, (of which **659** were there at their own request).

The number of prisoners on **22 hour restricted regime** was **167**, which represents an increase of **81** on July 2023 of **86**.

The number of prisoners on **23 hour restricted regime** was **4**, which represents a decrease of **11** on July 2023 of **15**.

The number of prisoners on **24 hour restricted regime** was **1**, which represents an increase of **6** on July 2023 of **7**.

Key Statistics

- **710** prisoners in total were subject to a restricted regime.
- **685** (15% of prison population 4,618) prisoners restricted on grounds of protection/vulnerability (Rule 63), of which **659** were there of their own request.
- **22** prisoners restricted on grounds of order (Rule 62).
- **2** prisoners were restricted due to medical reasons (Rule 64).
- **1** prisoner were restricted due to discipline (Rule 67, Part 3 Prisons Act 2007).

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.

Table 1. Restricted Regime (Rule) classified by Hours in Cell

| | Rule 62 | | | | | | Rule 63 Voluntary | | | | | | Rule 63 Involuntary | | | | | | Rule 64 | | | | | | Rule 67 | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---------------|----------|----------|-----------|----------|----------|-------------------|-----------|------------|------------|----------|----------|---------------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|---------------|----------|----------|----------|----------|----------|-------------|
| | Hours in Cell | | | | | | Hours in Cell | | | | | | Hours in Cell | | | | | | Hours in Cell | | | | | | Hours in Cell | | | | | | Grand Total |
| | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | |
| 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 |
| Castlerea | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 |
| Cloverhill | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 51 | 0 | 0 | 71 | 1 | 0 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 140 |
| Cork | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| Limerick Female | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Limerick Male | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| 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 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 74 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 83 |
| Mountjoy (F) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 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 | 1 |
| Mountjoy (M) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 19 | 46 | 113 | 75 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 257 |
| Portlaoise | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 |
| Shelton | 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 |
| Training Unit | 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 |
| Wheatfield | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 75 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 |
| Total | 9 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 2 | 0 | 173 | 46 | 285 | 153 | 2 | 0 | 15 | 0 | 8 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 710 |

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)

Table 2. 23-hour lock up – Difference

| Prison | Oct 20 | Jan 21 | Apr 21 | Jul 21 | Oct 21 | Jan 22 | Apr 22 | Jul 22 | Oct 22 | Jan 23 | Apr 23 | Jul 23 | Oct 23 |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|----------|
| Arbour Hill | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Castlerea | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 | 20 | 27 | 0 | 21 | 3 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| Cloverhill | 70 | 27 | 65 | 71 | 62 | 85 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Cork | 16 | 15 | 22 | 14 | 33 | 16 | 8 | 11 | 11 | 38 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Limerick (F) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Limerick (M) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 11 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Loughan House | 0 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Midlands | 15 | 0 | 8 | 11 | 7 | 14 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mountjoy (F) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 3 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mountjoy (M) | 0 | 127 | 24 | 31 | 26 | 84 | 53 | 18 | 0 | 10 | 2 | 1 | 0 |
| Portlaoise | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 1 |
| Shelton Abbey | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Training Unit | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wheatfield | 2 | 13 | 14 | 11 | 14 | 1 | 11 | 5 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 |
| Totals | 103 | 189 | 133 | 148 | 176 | 227 | 81 | 70 | 17 | 50 | 4 | 15 | 4 |

The Training Unit re-opened on 18 July 2022

Table 3. 22-hour lock up – Difference

| Prison | Oct 20 | Jan 21 | Apr 21 | Jul 21 | Oct 21 | Jan 22 | Apr 22 | Jul 22 | Oct 22 | Jan 23 | Apr 23 | Jul 23 | Oct 23 |
|---------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|------------|
| Arbour Hill | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Castlerea | 18 | 13 | 25 | 38 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Cloverhill | 48 | 0 | 16 | 19 | 13 | 70 | 112 | 84 | 74 | 68 | 25 | 34 | 79 |
| Cork | 5 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 |
| Limerick (F) | 3 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 4 | 12 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Limerick (M) | 39 | 35 | 41 | 0 | 20 | 0 | 44 | 27 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Loughan House | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Midlands | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Mountjoy (F) | 0 | 8 | 8 | 13 | 9 | 11 | 3 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 |
| Mountjoy (M) | 107 | 84 | 86 | 61 | 107 | 120 | 90 | 77 | 243 | 28 | 12 | 16 | 78 |
| Portlaoise | 0 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 |
| Shelton Abbey | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Training Unit | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | NA | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Wheatfield | 4 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | 1 | 2 | 2 | 29 | 6 | 30 | 7 |
| Totals | 224 | 150 | 186 | 133 | 155 | 206 | 254 | 208 | 320 | 125 | 43 | 86 | 167 |

The Training Unit re-opened on 18 July 2022

Table 4. Age Profile of Restricted Prisoners

| Institution | 19 hrs | | | Total | 20 hrs | | | Total | 21 hrs | | | Total | 22 hrs | | | Total | 23 hrs | | | Total | 24 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+ | | 18-20 | 21-24 | 25+ | | | |
| 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 |
| Castlerea | 1 | 8 | 49 | 58 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 58 |
| Cloverhill | 4 | 8 | 48 | 60 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 11 | 64 | 79 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 140 |
| Cork | 0 | 2 | 42 | 44 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 45 |
| Limerick Female | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 7 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 8 |
| Limerick Male | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 16 | 22 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 23 |
| 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 |
| Midlands | 1 | 0 | 8 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 11 | 62 | 74 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 83 |
| Mountjoy Female | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 |
| Mountjoy Male | 1 | 1 | 17 | 19 | 0 | 4 | 43 | 47 | 2 | 13 | 98 | 113 | 1 | 11 | 66 | 78 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 257 |
| Portlaoise | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 2 | 2 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | |
| Shelton | 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 | |
| Training Unit | 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 | |
| Wheatfield | 0 | 0 | 7 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 6 | 14 | 56 | 76 | 1 | 0 | 6 | 7 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 90 | |
| Total | 7 | 19 | 171 | 197 | 0 | 4 | 43 | 47 | 9 | 45 | 240 | 294 | 6 | 23 | 138 | 167 | 0 | 0 | 4 | 4 | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 710 | |