

Irish Prison Service Monthly Information Note – September 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 September 2020

	Committals in September	Year To Date	Releases in September	Year To Date
Mountjoy Male	20	310	35	581
Mountjoy Female	41	347	33	401
Cloverhill	195	1,950	109	1,349
Wheatfield	0	7	25	325
Midlands	28	343	67	591
Portlaoise	1	13	7	100
Cork	79	625	72	583
Limerick Male	68	503	45	422
Limerick Female	21	128	17	129
Castlerea	57	487	60	478
Arbour Hill	0	0	3	35
Loughan House	0	0	5	44
Shelton Abbey	0	0	2	30
Total	510 500 persons	4,713 4,041 persons	480 474 persons	5,068 4,524 persons

- The corresponding figures for August 2020 were 317 committals (307 persons) and 450 releases (444 persons)
- The corresponding figures for September 2019 were 699 committals (682 persons) and 685 releases (673 persons)

Comparison of Committals from January to September

	Committals	Persons
Year 2020	4,713	4,041
Year 2019	6,623	5,575
Year 2018	5,887	5,009
Year 2017	7,319	6,179

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

	Number in Custody	Number on Temporary Release
30th September 2020	3,714	230
30th September 2019	3,869	250
30th September 2018	3,814	222
30th September 2017	3,584	180

Prisoners in Custody, on Temporary Release and Remand/Trial

	Average Number in Custody in September	Average Number on TR in September	Average Number on Remand/Trial in September
Mountjoy Male	627	58	44
Mountjoy Female	110	28	27
Cloverhill	348	0	295
Wheatfield	497	43	61
Midlands	789	17	85
Portlaoise	213	1	9
Cork	255	30	68
Limerick Male	201	24	74
Limerick Female	30	15	8
Castlerea	295	12	58
Arbour Hill	128	0	1
Loughan House	101	3	0
Shelton Abbey	90	8	0
Total	3,684	239	730

Corresponding figures:

- August 2020 Number in Custody 3,724 No. on TR 269 Trial/Remand 676
- September 2019 Number in Custody 3,851 No. on TR 276 Trial/Remand 699

Snapshot of population on 30th September 2020

- 3,714 persons in custody
- 2,918 sentenced prisoners
- 792 remand/trial prisoners
- 230 On temporary release - 5.6%
- 4 Extradition/Immigration detainee(s)
- 0 fines prisoner(s)
- 109 Lifers in the community
- 27 Total Subversives

Offence Profile of sentenced prisoners

Offence Group	31/07/20	31/08/20	30/09/20
Homicide Offences	406	400	402
Sexual Offences	441	429	421
Attempts/Threat to Murder, Assaults and Related Offences	460	448	437
Dangerous or Negligent Acts	81	74	74
Kidnapping and Related Offences	49	48	48
Robbery, Extortion and Hijacking Offences	90	91	85
Burglary and Related Offences	318	301	299
Theft and Related Offences	487	451	459
Fraud, Deception and Related Offences	49	46	45
Controlled Drug Offences	329	309	304
Weapons and Explosives Offences	127	121	123
Damage to Property and to the Environment	85	79	74
Public Order and Other Social Code Offences	26	25	22
Road and Traffic Offences	43	39	46
Offences against Government, Justice Procedures and Organisation of Crime	73	67	63
Offences Not Elsewhere Classified	12	13	16
Total	3,076	2,941	2,918

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	5	4	7	3	1	21
3 to <6 Months	7	8	22	27	11	6	81
6 to <12 Months	14	18	40	57	23	8	160
1 to <2 Years	23	46	80	101	54	25	329
2 to <3 Years	17	45	59	118	61	26	326
3 to <5 Years	24	81	130	209	98	73	615
5 to <10 Years	13	57	121	221	144	127	683
10+ Years	0	1	20	68	62	99	250
Life Sentence	1	4	25	121	103	90	344
Total	100	265	501	929	559	455	2,809

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	2	1	1	0	4
3 to <6 Months	0	1	2	4	2	0	9
6 to <12 Months	0	3	4	5	2	0	14
1 to <2 Years	0	5	4	13	6	0	28
2 to <3 Years	0	1	3	2	2	1	9
3 to <5 Years	0	1	8	8	5	2	24
5 to <10 Years	0	1	1	4	0	4	10
10+ Years	0	0	0	2	0	0	2
Life Sentence	0	0	0	2	6	1	9
Total	0	12	24	41	24	8	109

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	12	9	8	0	4	1	51
Cloverhill	98	89	62	36	11	10	2	308
Cork	24	18	7	2	2	1	0	54
Limerick	17	13	10	4	1	5	0	50
Midlands	3	8	12	11	13	12	2	61
Mountjoy	16	5	5	8	9	6	2	51
Portlaoise	0	1	1	1	1	2	0	6
Wheatfield	2	10	11	7	9	6	0	45
Total	177	156	117	77	46	46	7	626

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	5	66	71	12.31
Asian	1	36	37	6.41
British	4	69	73	12.65
Central American	0	1	1	0.17
European Union	12	329	341	59.10
Middle East	1	3	4	0.69
North American	0	2	2	0.35
Oceania	0	2	2	0.35
Other European	0	21	21	3.64
South American	3	21	24	4.16
The Caribbean	0	1	1	0.17
Total	26	551	577	100.00

Top 5 Non Nationals by Nationality in Custody

Nationality	Female	Male	Total
Polish	3	103	106
Romanian	5	75	80
Lithuanian	2	75	77
British	4	69	73
Latvian	2	28	30
Total	16	350	366