

Census Prison Population July 2024 – 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 **5,018** prisoners in custody.
- **1,857** cells accommodated one prisoner (37%).
- **1,200** cells accommodated two prisoners (2,400 prisoners – 48%).
- **161** cells accommodated three prisoners (483 prisoners – 10%).
- **68** cells accommodated four or more prisoners (278 prisoners – 5%).
- **6** prisoners (0.1%) were required to slop out.
- **3,056** prisoners (61%) were required to use the toilet in the presence of another prisoner.
- **1,956** (39%) prisoners were in a single cell with a flush toilet or had access to toilet facilities in private at all times.
- **0** prisoners accommodated in Safety Observation Cells.
- **15** prisoners accommodated in Close Supervision Cells.

Table 1. Form 1 overview on 16th July 2024

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	135	117	95	40	0	0	0	40	95
Castlerea	389	251	94	292	3	0	0	287	102
Cloverhill	500	203	55	58	207	180	0	445	55
Cork	335	168	20	234	81	0	0	315	20
Limerick Female	76	56	36	40	0	0	0	40	36
Limerick Male	344	227	115	202	27	0	0	229	115
Loughan	107	109	73	34	0	0	0	0	107
Midlands	980	607	261	586	81	52	0	719	261
Mountjoy Female	185	95	23	98	60	4	0	162	23
Mountjoy Male	892	768	586	306	0	0	0	306	586
Portlaoise	245	184	118	118	9	0	6	127	112
Shelton Abbey	99	53	36	6	15	42	0	0	99
Training Unit	98	98	98	0	0	0	0	0	98
Wheatfield	633	446	247	386	0	0	0	386	247
Total	5,018	3,382	1,857	2,400	483	278	6	3,056	1,956

Table 2. 3-year Comparison

	Year 2024			Year 2023				Year 2022				Year 2021	
	Jul	Apr	Jan	Oct	Jul	Apr	Jan	Oct	Jul	Apr	Jan	Oct	Jul
Number in Custody	5,018	4,855	4,748	4,618	4,719	4,586	4,321	4,254	4,189	4,013	3, 775	3,838	3,854
One Prisoner	1,857	1,920	1,943	2,004	2,018	1,989	2,065	2,023	2,035	1,954	2,030	2,138	2,068
Two Prisoners	2,400	2,316	2,152	1,974	2,040	1,968	1,796	1,748	1,706	1,646	1,458	1,352	1,484
Three Prisoners	483	402	396	366	405	456	360	264	276	261	243	264	222
4+ Prisoners	278	217	257	274	256	173	100	219	172	152	44	84	80
Slopping out	6	7	7	7	7	8	8	29	32	31	36	38	37
Toilet in others presence	3,056	2,814	2,714	2,369	2,589	2,339	2,158	2,138	2,045	1,908	1,694	1,639	1,720
24 Hour access to toilets	1,956	2,034	2,027	2,242	2,123	2,239	2,155	2,087	2,112	2,074	2,045	2,161	2,097