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# Prison Population Statistics

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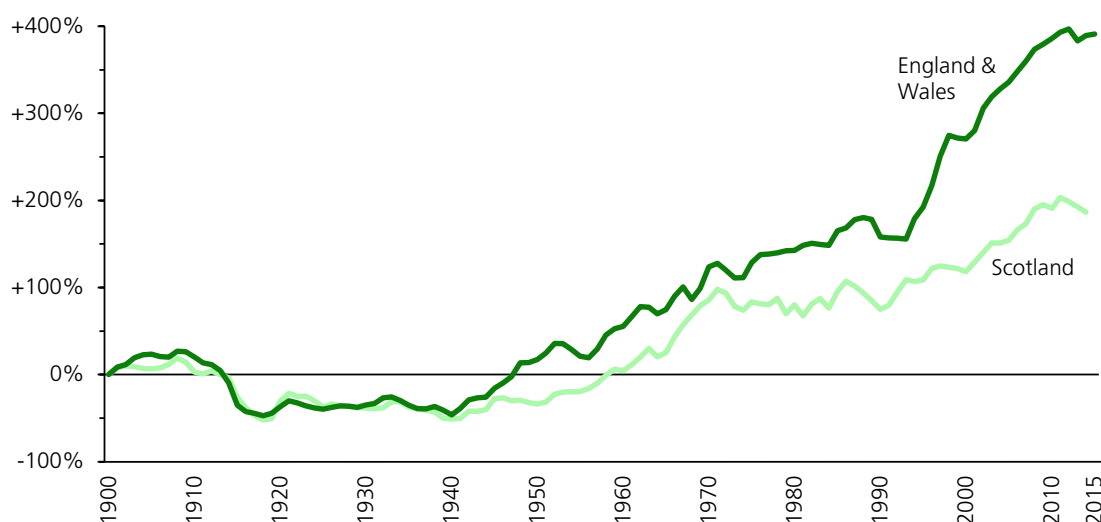
## Summary

This briefing paper<sup>1</sup> explores prison population data in the UK from the Ministry of Justice, Scottish Government, and the Northern Ireland Department of Justice. Each country receives individual analysis utilising the available data. International comparisons are also made.

As at 31 March 2016 the total prison population in England and Wales was just over 85,400. In Scotland the prison population was just under 7,700 as at 3 June 2016. For the 2014/15 financial year the total average daily prison population was just under 1,800 in Northern Ireland.

There is a general underlying trend of an increasing number of people held in prison. The prison population of England & Wales rose by just over 90% between 1990 and 2015, an average rise of 3.6% per annum. In Scotland this increase was 64%. Between 2000 and 2014/15 the prison population of Northern Ireland increased by 68%.

### Percentage change in prison population, England & Wales and Scotland<sup>2</sup>



#### Key Statistics:

##### England & Wales:

- As at Friday 1 July 2016 the total prison population was **85,128**.
- The prison population as at the end of March 2016 was just over **85,400**, a decrease of **0.3%** on March 2015.
- Adults accounted for around **94%** of prisoners, 18-20 year olds **5%** and 15-17 year olds **0.6%**.

##### Scotland:

- As at 24 June 2016 there were just over **7,600** prisoners in custody (excluding home curfew).
- The average daily prison population for 2014/15 was **7,731**.
- As at 30 June 2013 around **59%** of prisoners were under the age of 35. Just over **one fifth** of prisoners were under the age of 25.

##### Northern Ireland:

- For the 2014/15 financial year the average total daily prison population was just under **1,800**.
- Prisoners aged under 30 accounted for around **42%** in 2014/15.

<sup>1</sup> All sources, including for charts and graphs, are located in the appendix.

<sup>2</sup> 1900 = base year.

# 1. England & Wales

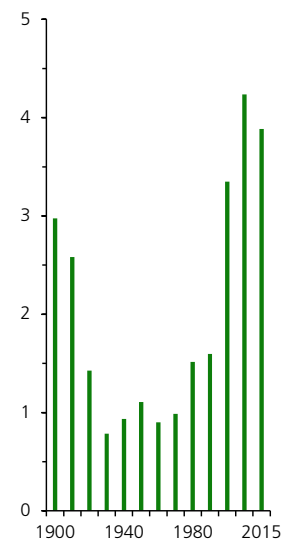
The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) publishes rolling quarterly figures on the prison population at the end of each month through its [Offender Management Statistics Bulletin](#). The bulletin contains information on the prison population including breakdowns by age, sex, ethnicity, religion as well as many other characteristics.

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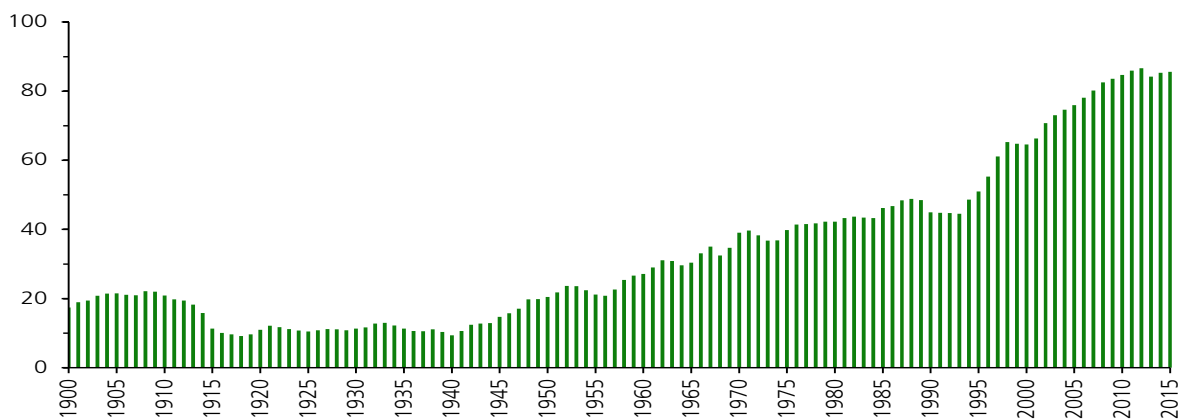
## 1.1 Long term trends

The MoJ has produced a time-series of the prison population, from 1900 to 2013, calculating the average prison population for each year. This note includes data from 2014 and 2015 from the corresponding published quarterly bulletins.

**Female prison population (000s)**



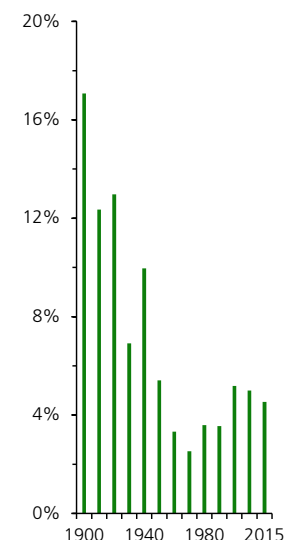
**Total prison population in England & Wales, 1900-2015 (000s)**



The average prison population has increased from just over 17,000 in 1900 to over 85,000 in 2015 (a five-fold increase). The prison population was relatively stable between 1915 and 1945, a period which included the two World Wars. From the mid-1940s the prison population grew steadily. There was a small sustained period in the early 1990s when the prison population decreased for four consecutive years. Since that time the prison population has again increased.

In 1990 the prison population was around 158% greater than in 1900, an average annual increase of 1.7% per annum. Between 1990 and 2015 the prison population has increased by just over 90%, averaging 3.6% per annum.

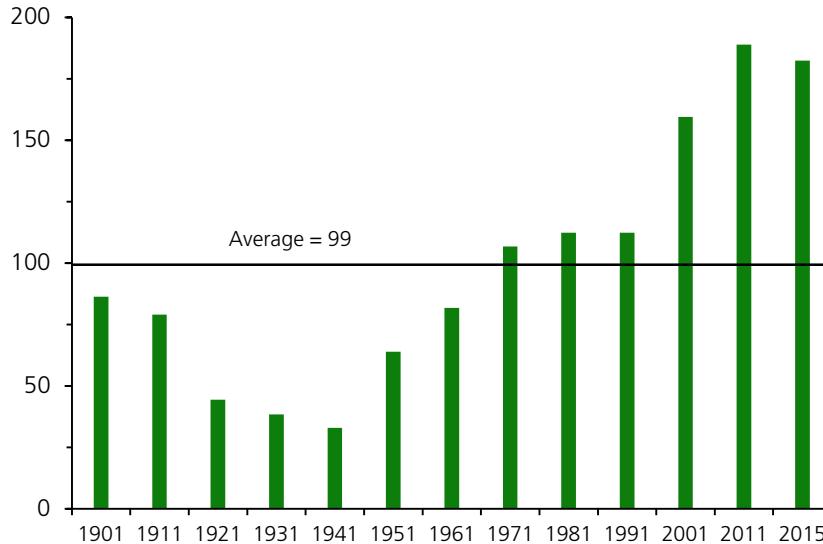
**Females as a proportion of prison population**



<sup>3</sup> MoJ, [Population bulletin: weekly 10 June 2016](#), accessed 1 July 2016.

The rise in the prison population should be seen in the context of a rise in the general population. While the absolute number in prison has increased five-fold between 1900 and 2015, the number per capita has increased by around two-fold.

**Prison population per 100,000 head of population, 1901-2015<sup>4</sup>, selected years**



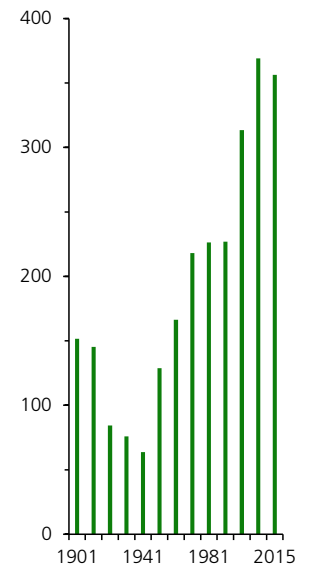
In 1901 there were 86 prisoners per 100,000 head of population in England & Wales. In 2015 this had increased to 182 prisoners per 100,000 head of population. For the 13 years depicted in the graph, the average rate of prisoners per 100,000 head of population was 99.

In 1901 there were 152 male prisoners per 100,000 male head of population. This rate increased to 356 per 100,000 in 2015. There were 27 female prisoners per 100,000 head of female population in 1901. In 2015 this rate had decreased to 16 per 100,000.

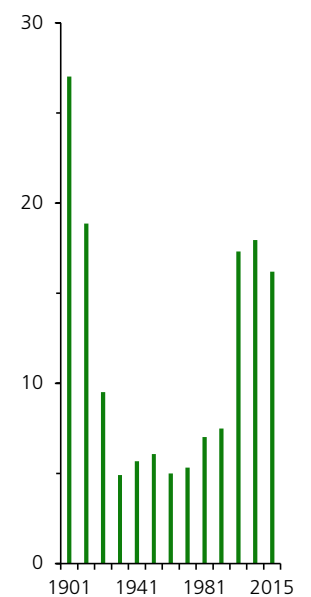
The number of female prisoners reduced during most of the 20th century but began to increase in the 1990s and 2000s. In 2005 the number of female prisoners peaked at 4,467. The female prison population averaged at 3,885 in 2015.

The female prisoner population as a proportion of the total has decreased from a peak in 1915-17 of 18%.<sup>5</sup> The beginning of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century was a period when women made up a greater proportion of the prisoner population than at any time since. This is (presumably) a consequence of women being imprisoned for offences related to suffragette militancy. In the year immediately after the [Representation of the People Act 1918](#) the proportion of female prisoners dropped 3 percentage points. Ten years after the Act the proportion of female prisoners had decreased to 9% - half of what it had been just over 10 years earlier.

**Male prisoners per 100,000 head of male population**



**Female prisoners per 100,000 head of female population**



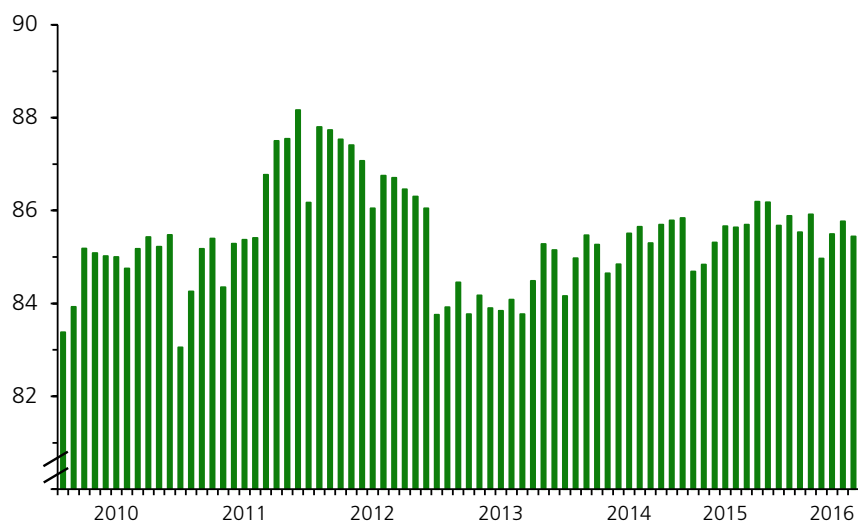
<sup>4</sup> England and Wales population aged 15 or over and 16 or over after from 1991 onwards.

<sup>5</sup> See Table 1 in appendix.

## 1.2 Recent trends

The prison population surpassed 80,000 for the first time in December 2006 and over 85,000 in June 2010. In November 2011 the prison population reached its highest level of just over 88,000.

### Prison population at month end, 2010-2016 (000s)



The rise in the prison population over the last months of 2011 can be partially explained by the remanding and sentencing of individuals alleged to have been involved in the riots in England in August 2011. See the MoJ [Statistical bulletin on the public disorder of 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> August 2011](#) for further details.

Between the peak of November 2011 and the corresponding month in 2012 the prison population reduced by 2.4% to just over 86,000. Between November and December 2012 the population reduced by a further 2.6%. At the end of December 2012 the prison population was just over 83,700.

Since December 2012 the number of prisoners has been relatively stable with the population never fluctuating more than 1.3% in consecutive months.

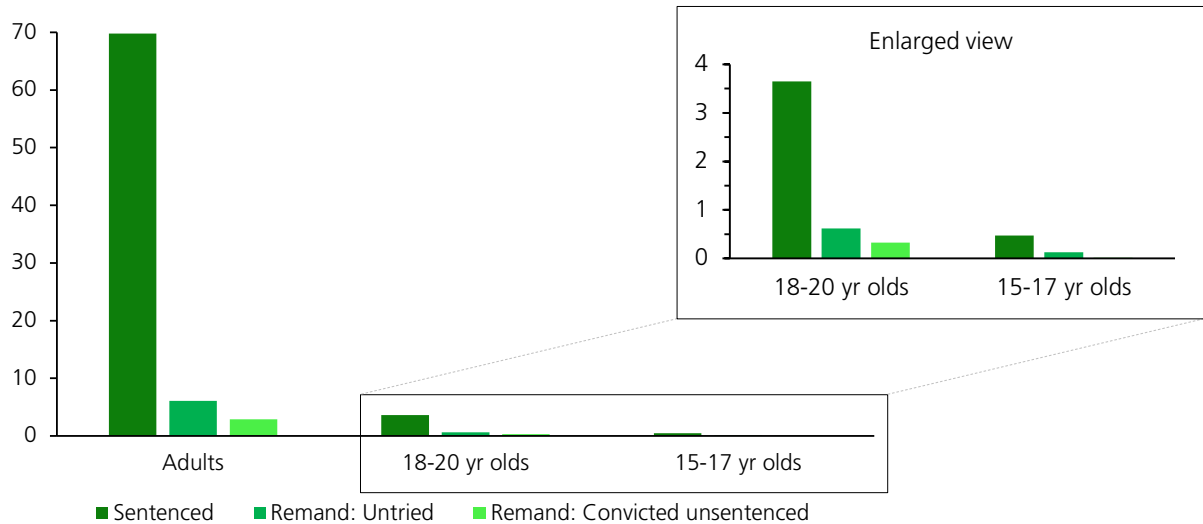
The prison population at the end of March 2016 was just over 85,400. Over the last year the population peaked in June 2015 at just under 86,200. Between June and December 2015 the population reduced by around 1.4% so that December 2015 had the lowest prisoner population during the year. By the end of March 2016 the population had increased again by just under 1% from December 2015.

Over the period the proportion of women in the prison population has remained stable at around 5%.

## 1.3 Current population

The prison population as at the end of March 2016 was just over 85,400, a decrease of 0.3% on March 2015.

### Prison population by custody and age group, March 2016 (000s)<sup>6</sup>



Individuals with sentences comprised around 87% of the prison population. Of this, adults<sup>7</sup> accounted for around 94% of prisoners, 18-20 year olds 5% and 15-17 year olds around 0.6%.

People on remand (awaiting commencement or continuation of trial prior to a verdict) accounted for 8% of the prison population. Of these, 89% were adults, 9% 18-20 year olds and 1.9% 15-17 year olds.

Individuals convicted and awaiting sentence accounted for 3.7% of the prisoner population. 89% of these were adults, 10% 18-29 year olds and 0.4% aged 15-17.

## 1.4 Sentence length

As at the end of March 2016 the most frequent length of sentence being served was typically a determinate sentence over 4 years. Around 41% of prisoners were serving this type of sentence. About a quarter of prisoners were serving sentences ranging between 1-4 years. Offenders on recall and those serving sentences of less than one year in length accounted for 9% each.

The length of sentence for offenders has remained largely stable across the 4 year period shown in the chart below, except for a notable increase in indeterminate sentences<sup>8</sup> between June 2005 and 2010. During this period the proportion of prisoners serving this type of sentence doubled.

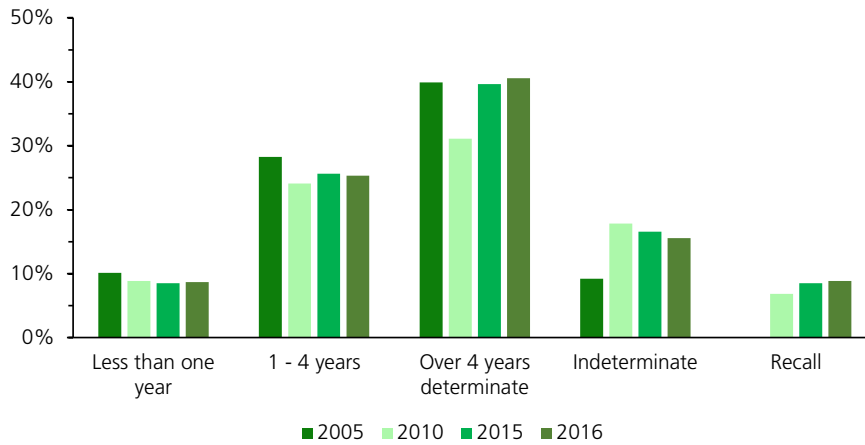
<sup>6</sup> Does not include non-criminal prisoners – those held for civil offences. Mini-chart is 'zoomed' in version for 18-20 year olds and 15-17 year olds.

<sup>7</sup> Adults are those aged 21 and over, see MoJ, [Offender Management Statistics: Definitions and measurement](#), April 2011.

<sup>8</sup> For more information on indeterminate sentences see [GOV.UK, Types of Prison Sentence](#)

A decrease in other sentences between June 2005 and 2010 was largely due to a change in recording nature.

**Total sentenced population by sentence length, 2005-2016<sup>9</sup>**

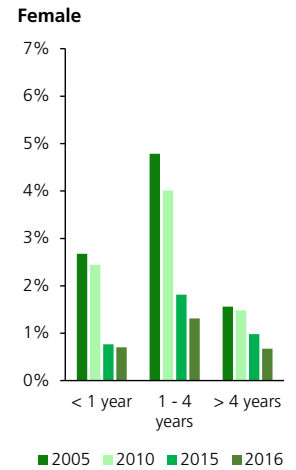
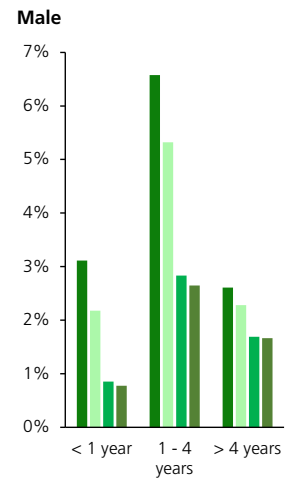


The proportion of male offenders aged 15-20 (non-adults) serving determinate sentences at the end of March 2016 fell in all sentence categories compared to June 2005. Offenders sentenced to 1-4 years reduced the largest amount (4 percentage points) compared to any other sentence type.

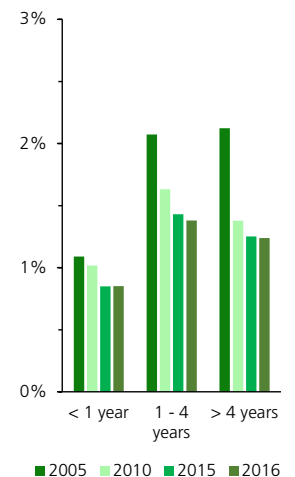
The reduction in the proportion of male non-adults serving determinate sentences was mirrored for non-adult female offenders. With sentences of 1-4 years similarly being reduced by the largest amount (3.5 percentage points).

The reductions noted above were replicated in the proportion of women serving determinate sentences. As at June 2005 the proportion of women serving sentences of 1-4 years or less than 4 years was around 2% in each category. At the end of March 2016 these proportions were just over 1%.

**% of non-adults by gender and sentence length**



**% of women of total sentenced population by sentence length**



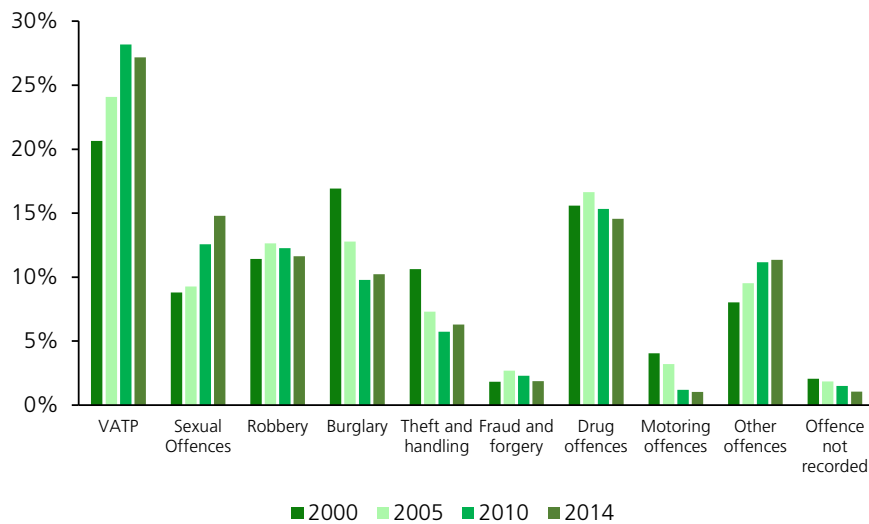
<sup>9</sup> 2005, 2010 and 2015 based on end of June and 2016 based on end of March. Prior to 2010 offenders recalled to prison were included in the relevant service length band. Since 2010 recalls have been recorded separately. Does not include fine defaulters nor cases where the sentence length was not recorded.



## 1.5 Type of offence

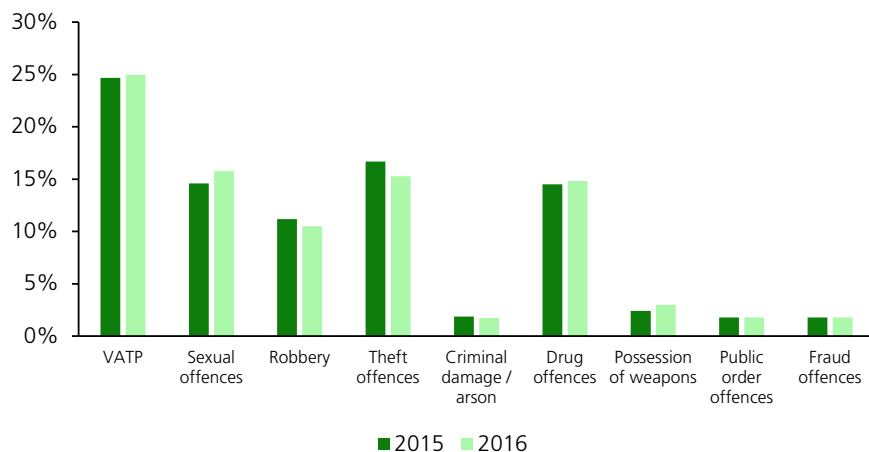
Prior to 2015 the offence categories within the MoJ's [Offender Management Statistics](#) had been kept the same since 2000, allowing for time series comparisons. Since 2015 the number of categories has expanded. While this allows for greater detail it effectively creates a break in the time series as categories do not match with previous years.

### All prison population by offence category, 2000-2014<sup>10</sup>



For each of the four years shown the greatest proportion of offenders in prison were there due to violence against the person (VATP) offences. Drug offences accounted for the second highest proportion of prisoners except for 2000 when Burglary was the second highest.

### All prison population by offence category, 2015-2016<sup>11</sup>



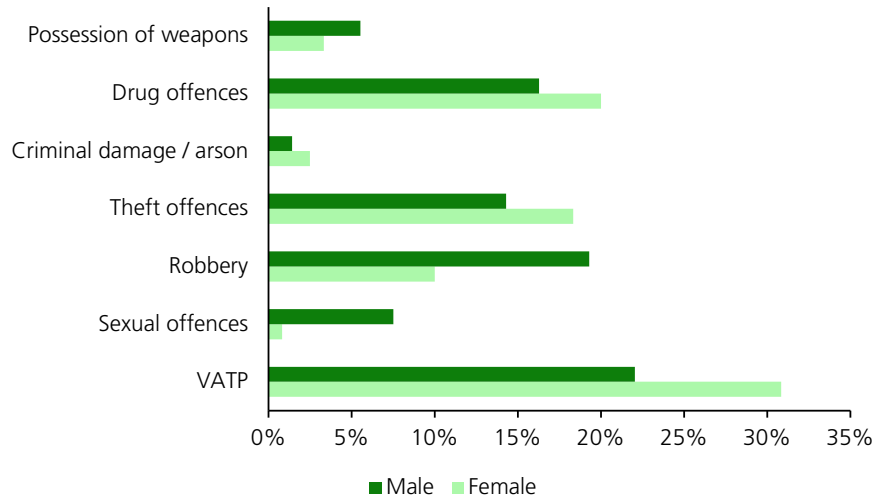
Violence against the person (VATP) offences accounted for the highest proportion of prisoners at the end of March 2016. Sexual, theft and drug offences each accounted for around 15% of the reason offenders were in prison.

<sup>10</sup> Remand and immediate custodial sentence. At end of June.

<sup>11</sup> Remand and immediate custodial sentence. At end of March. Selected offence categories.

The chart below breaks down the non-adult male and female prison population by offence category. The main reason non-adult males were in prison was because of VATP offences (22% of all non-adult males committed this offence). This is a lower proportion compared to non-adult women where VATP was the reason 31% were in prison.

**Non-adult prison population by offence category, 2016<sup>12</sup>**



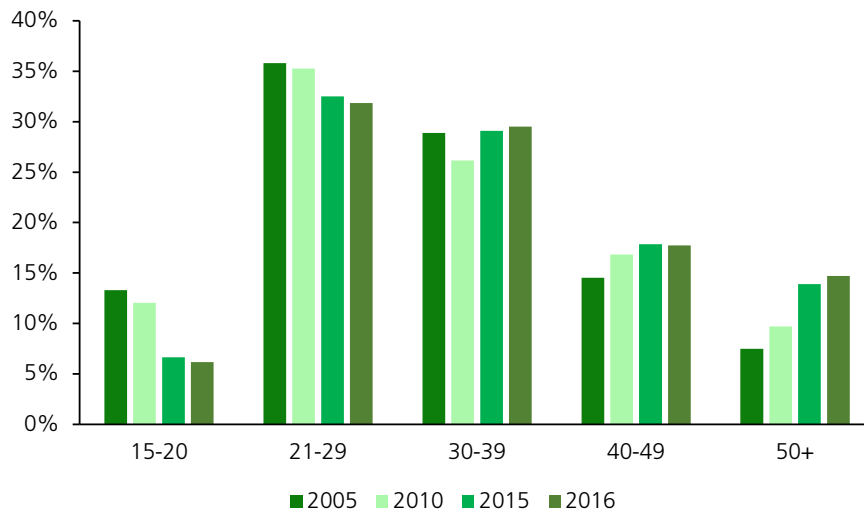
Sexual, robbery and possession of weapons offences accounted for a greater proportion of non-adult males compared to females. The proportion of offenders in prison for drug and theft offences was greater for non-adult women compared to non-adult males.

<sup>12</sup> See note 6.

## 1.6 Age profile of prisoners

At the end of March 2016 the prisoner population was just over 85,400. The chart below shows the changes in the age profile of prisoners over the last 10 years.

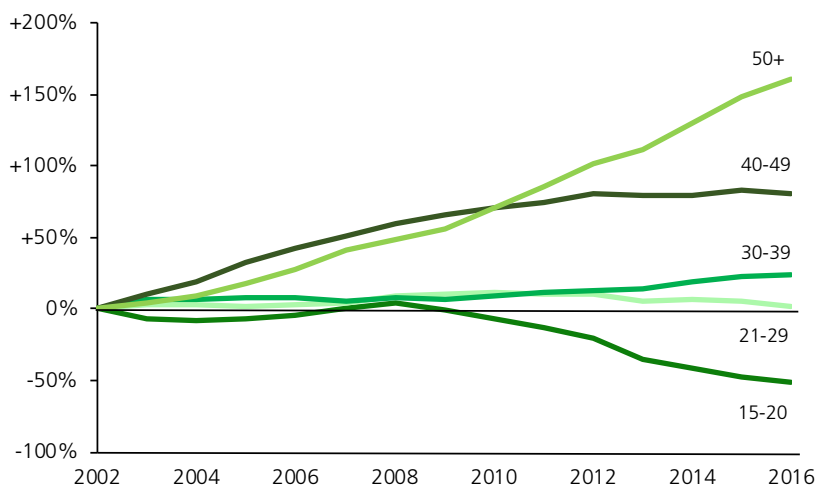
**Prison population proportion by age, 2005-2016<sup>13</sup>**



The proportion of offenders under the age of 25 has decreased since 2005 when they represented around 13% of the prison population. At the end of March 2016 under 20s accounted for 6% of the population – a decrease of just over 4,800 people or just under 48%.

The proportion of offenders aged between 21 and 29 decreased over the four years, accounting for 36% of the prison population in 2005 and 32% in 2016. The proportion of 30-39 year olds has remained relatively stable (around 30%) except for a dip in 2010

**Prison population annual percentage change by age, 2002-2016<sup>14</sup>**

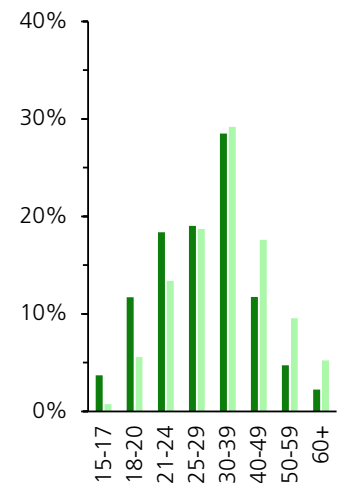


**Prison population by age, March 2016**

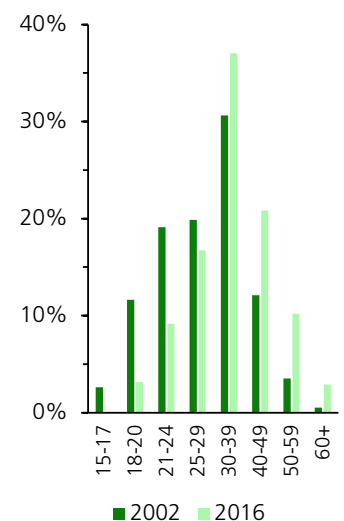
Age	Number	%
15-17	615	1%
18-20	4,668	5%
21-24	11,272	13%
25-29	15,930	19%
30-39	25,224	30%
40-49	15,155	18%
50-59	8,204	10%
60+	4,373	5%
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,441</b>	<b>100%</b>

**Prison population proportion by age, 2002-2016**

**Male**



**Female**



<sup>13</sup> 2005-2015 at end of June. 2016 at end of March.

<sup>14</sup> 2002-2015 at end of June. 2016 at end of March. Age groups combined.

The chart above shows how the age profile of prisoners has changed over time. It is clear that the prison population made up of offenders aged 50 years or over increased proportionately more than any other age group. As at the end of March 2016 the number of prisoners aged 50 or over was 161% higher than the number in 2002.

The trends do not vary by gender. For both males and females the proportion of offenders aged under 25 has decreased compared to 2002 and the proportion of older offenders has increased.

Offenders aged 30-39 remained relatively similar for males in 2016 compared to 2012, although the proportion increased for women.

## 1.7 Nationality, ethnicity and religion

### Foreign national prisoners

As at the end of March 2016 there were just under 10,000 foreign nationals within the prison population.<sup>15</sup>

Since 2002 the proportion of foreign nationals within the prison population has remained relatively stable. In 2002 they accounted for 11% of the total population. As at the end of March this proportion was 12%. During the mid-2000s there was a small increase although this never reached more than 14%.

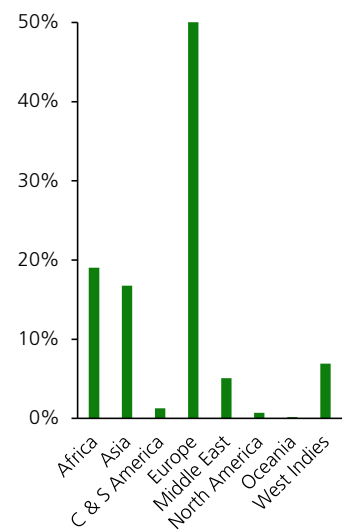
Foreign nationals from Europe accounted for the greatest proportion of all foreign nationals within the prison population (50%), those from Africa (19%) and Asia (17%) contributed the second and third largest proportion.

As at March 2016 foreign nationals originating from the European Union (excluding the UK) accounted for 42% of all foreign nationals in prison and just under 5% of the total prison population.

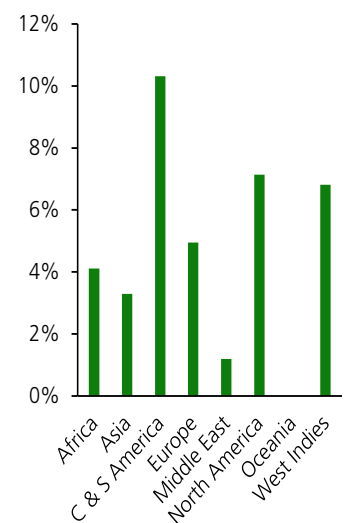
Men accounted for 95% of all foreign nationals within the prison population. Broken down by world region the majority of female foreign nationals came from Central and South America followed by North America and the West Indies.

As at the end of March 2016 foreign nationals came from 166 different countries. The top ten countries from which foreign national originated accounted for 55% of all foreign nationals.<sup>16</sup>

**Foreign national prisoners by world region, March 2016**



**% female foreign nationals by world region, March 2016**



**Top 10 foreign nationalities, March 2016**

Nationality	Number	% of all FN
Polish	965	9.7%
Irish	762	7.6%
Romanian	702	7.0%
Jamaican	532	5.3%
Albanian	492	4.9%
Lithuanian	452	4.5%
Pakistani	424	4.3%
Somalian	381	3.8%
Indian	373	3.7%
Nigerian	368	3.7%

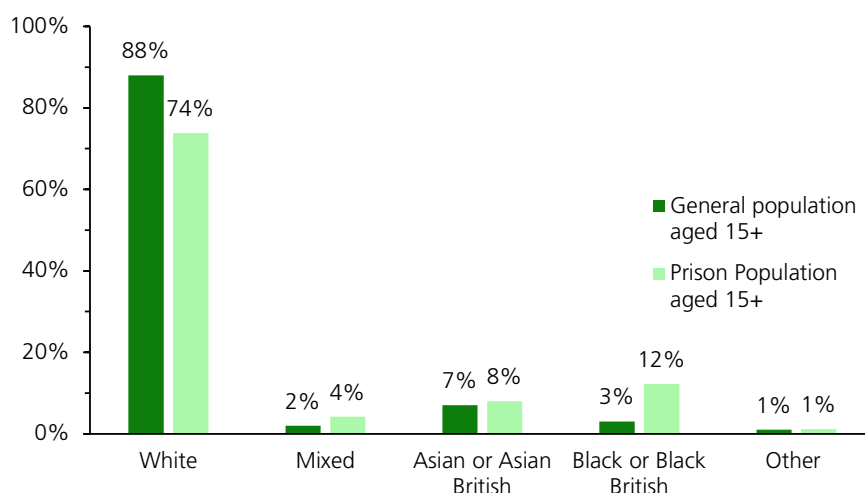
<sup>15</sup> See table 7 in appendix.

<sup>16</sup> [MoJ, Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, October – December 2015](#)

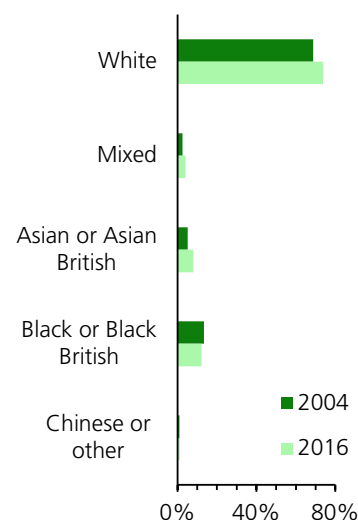
## Ethnicity

As at the end of March 2016 just over a quarter of the prison population was from a non-white ethnic group – this represents an increase of 4 percentage points compared to June 2004.<sup>17</sup>

### Prison population by ethnicity, March 2016



### Prison population by ethnicity, 2004-2016



Compared to the population as a whole, the non-white population is over represented within the prison population.

## Religion

At the end of March 2016 just under half of the prison population was of a Christian faith – a decrease of 9 percentage points compared to June 2002. The proportion of Muslim prisoners has increased from 8% in 2002 to 15% in 2016. The proportion of prisoners with no religion in 2016 (31.4%) was down 0.6 of a percentage point compared to 2002.

### Prison population by religious group, March 2016

	Number	% of prison population	% pt. change on 2002	% general population aged 15+
Christian	41,940	49.1%	-9.0%	61.3%
Muslim	12,506	14.6%	+6.9%	4.0%
Hindu	421	0.5%	+0.1%	1.5%
Sikh	732	0.9%	+0.2%	0.7%
Buddhist	1,558	1.8%	+0.9%	0.5%
Jewish	406	0.5%	+0.2%	0.5%
No religion	26,349	30.8%	-0.6%	24.1%
Other	1,437	1.7%	+1.1%	0.5%
Not recorded	92	0.1%	+0.1%	7.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>85,441</b>	<b>100%</b>		

<sup>17</sup> In June 2015 the Chinese ethnicity was moved into Asian or Asian British group. The Chinese or other ethnic group category was renamed "Other". This should be considered when comparing ethnicity rates pre and post June 2015.

## 1.8 Overcrowding

A prison is classified as overcrowded if the number of prisoners held exceeds the establishments Certified Normal Accommodation (CNA). The CNA is the Prison Service's own measure of accommodation and represents the decent standard of accommodation that the Prison Service aspires to provide all prisoners.

Statistics on the number of prisoners in each prison establishment are published for the last working Friday of every month.

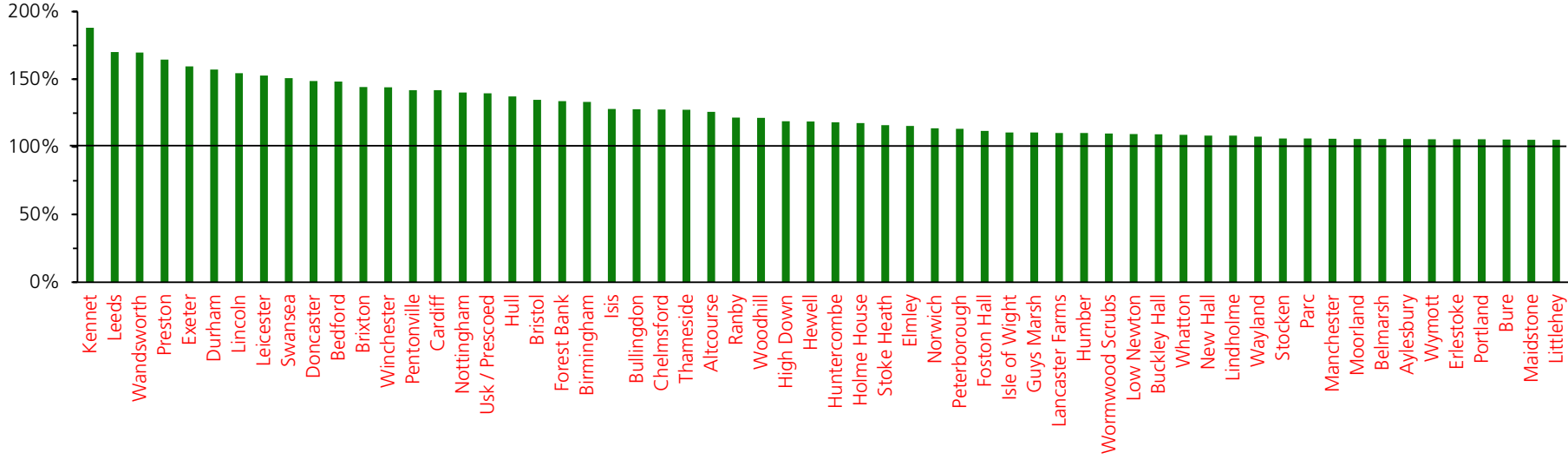
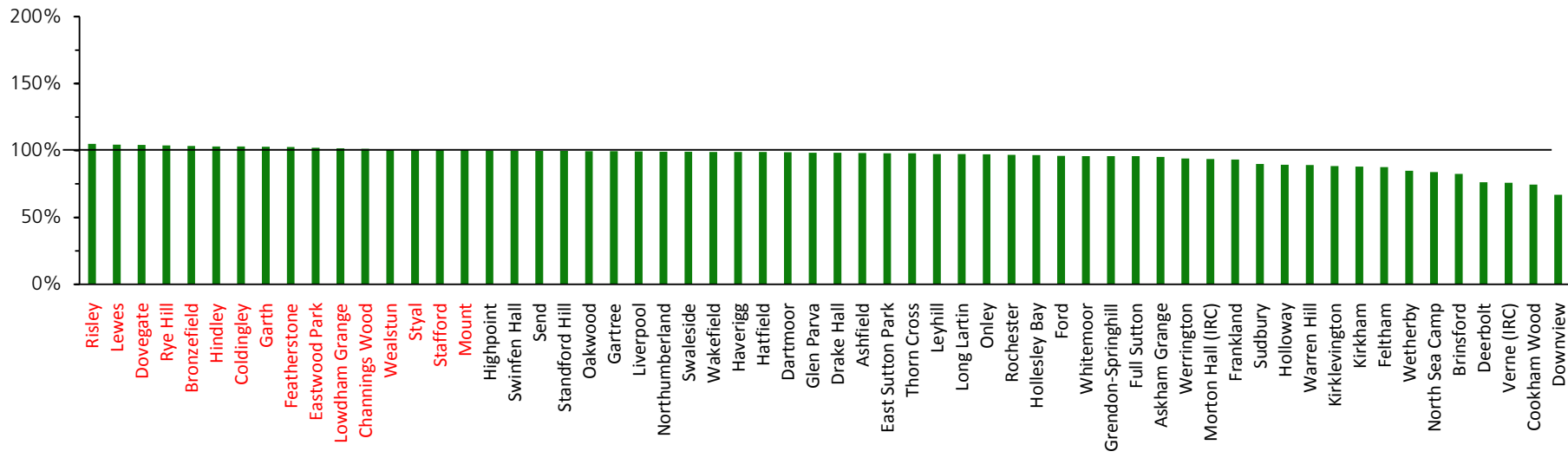
As at the 27 May 2016 just over 60% (76) of prison establishments were overcrowded.<sup>18</sup> In total, overcrowded prisons held 9,700 more prisoners than they were designed to.

The chart opposite shows the prison population in relation to the CNA for each prison establishment ranked highest to lowest. Prison names in red indicate that the establishment was overcrowded.

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<sup>18</sup> Does not include Blantyre House, Downview, Dover or Haslar establishments as they recorded zero prisoners.

**Prison population to Certified Normal Accomodation(CNA) - 27 May 2016**

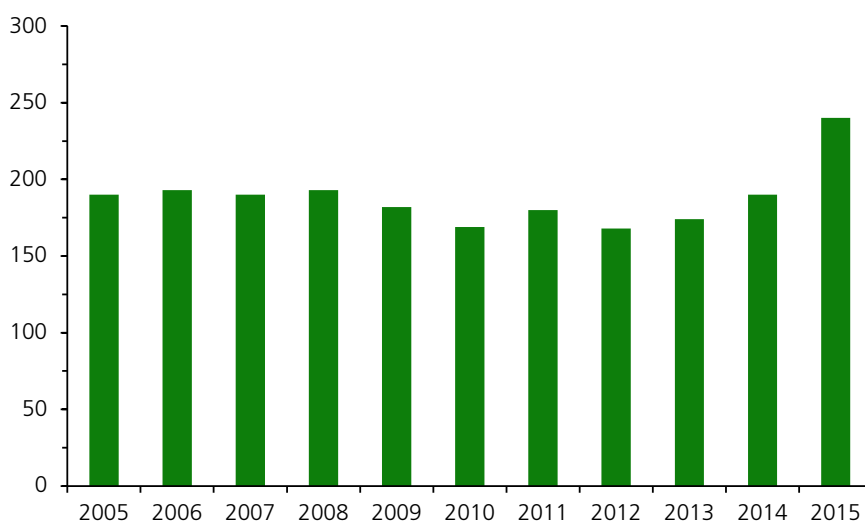


## 1.9 Safety in prisons

### Assaults

In the 12 months to December 2015 there were just over 20,500 assault incidents within prisons. This was an increase of 42% compared to the figure in 2005 and a 27% increase on 2014.

#### Total number of assaults per 1,000 prisoners



Of the assaults, 19,700 (96%) occurred within male establishments. This was an increase of 4 percentage points compared to 2005. In female establishments there were just under 760 assaults (4% of the total) in the 12 months to December 2015. This was a decrease of 4 percentage points compared to 2005.

The rising number of assaults should be viewed within the context of the rising number of prisoners within the prison system between 2005 and 2015. In 2005 there was around 190 assaults per 1,000 prisoners. By 2015 this rate had increased to 240 per 1,000. There was a dip in the early 2010s although from 2012 the rate has increased year on year.

### Self-harming

In the 12 months to December 2015 there were just over 32,000 self-harm incidents. This was an increase of just under 26% compared to 2005 and an increase of 25% compared to 2014.

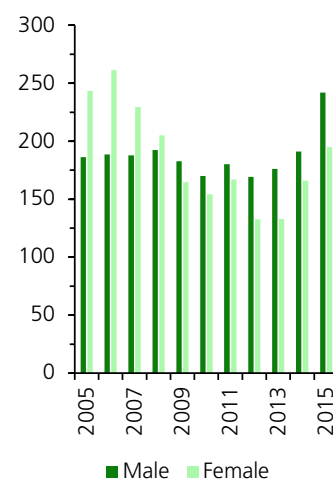
Of all the self-harm incidents, around 77% occurred in male establishments. This was an increase compared to 2005 when 43% of self-incidents occurred in male establishments.

The 32,000 self-harm incidents in 2015 were committed by just under 9,500 individuals. The number of individual prisoners self-harming increased by around 62% from 2005.

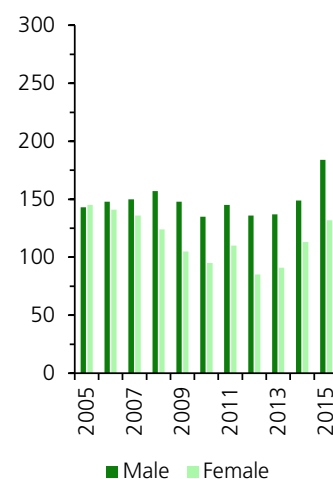
Between 2005 and 2015 the number of individual males self-harming has increased by 91% while the number of women has decreased around 23%. In 2015 there were around 3.4 self-harm incidents per self-harming individuals.

Just under 60% of self-harmers in 2015 were under 30 years old.

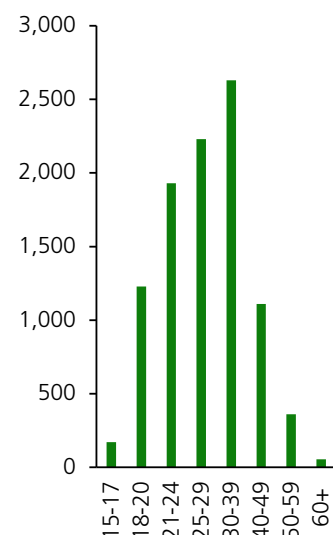
#### Assaults per 1,000 prisoners



#### Prisoner on prisoner assaults per 1,000



#### Self-harmers by age group, 2015



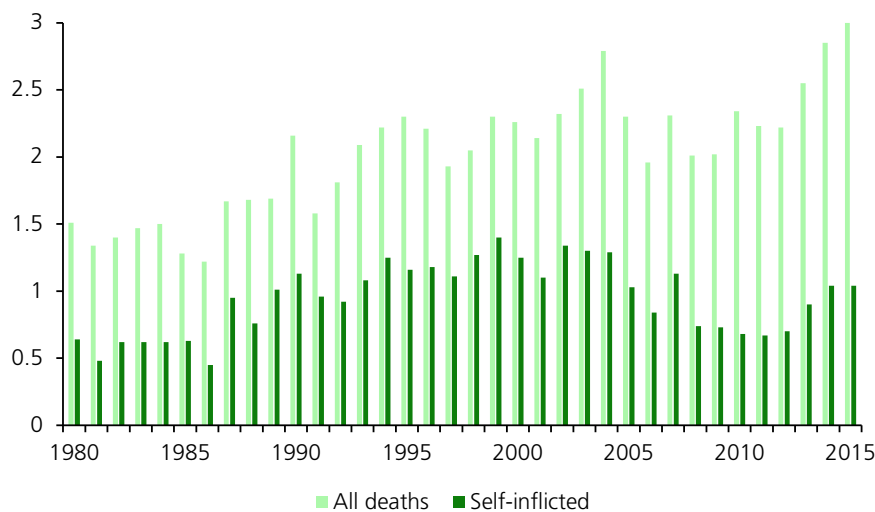


## Deaths

In the 12 months to December 2015 there were 257 deaths of prisoners in custody. Around 57% of the deaths were through natural causes, 35% were self-inflicted, 5% were classed as other (including those awaiting for further information on cause of death) and 3% were the result of homicide.

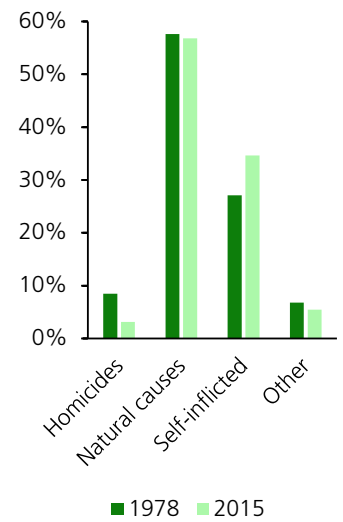
The proportion of deaths attributed to homicide decreased by 5 percentage points compared to 1978 whereas the proportion which were self-inflicted increased by 8 percentage points.

### Deaths per 1,000 prisoners, 1978-2015



The rate of self-inflicted deaths per 1,000 prisoners was relatively stable in the early 1980s at around 0.6 per 1,000. From 1987 the rate of self-inflicted deaths generally increased until reaching a peak rate in 1999 of 1.4 deaths per 1,000. From 2004 the rate decreased (with the exception of 2006) so that by around 2010 self-inflicted deaths were similar to the rate at the beginning of the period. From 2013 the rate began to increase once more. The year ending December 2015 the rate of self-inflicted deaths was 1.04 per 1,000 prisoners.

### Proportion of cause of death, 1978-2015



## 2. Scotland

The [Scottish Government](#) publishes a statistical bulletin on Scottish prison statistics annually as part of a series on aspects of the criminal justice system.

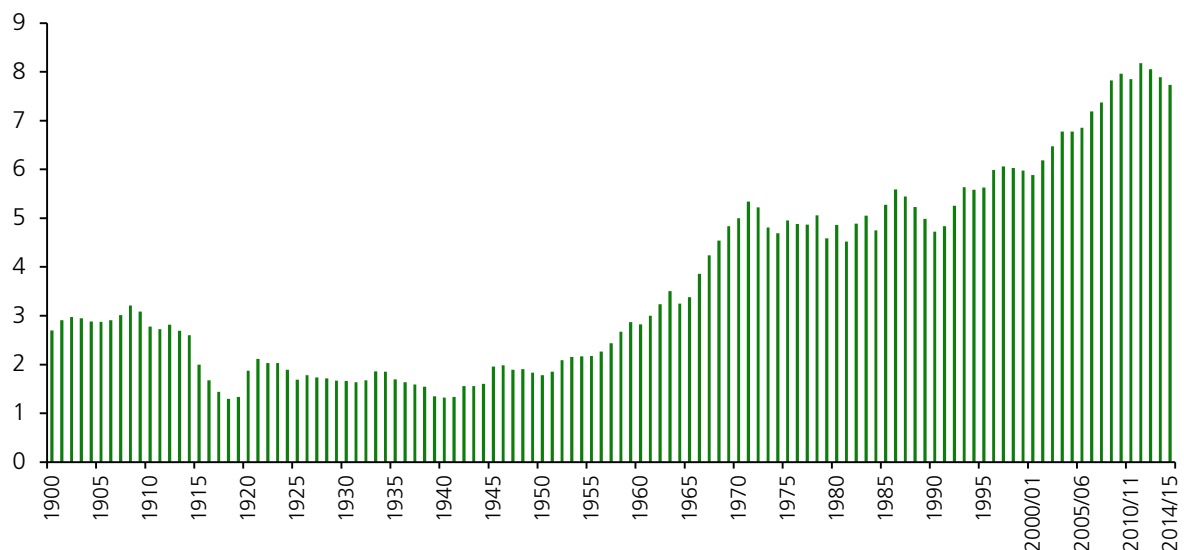
On-going technical difficulties have led to substantial delays in the publication of Scottish prisons data. Data for 2013/14 is the latest available from the Scottish government.<sup>19</sup>

As at 24 June 2016 there were just over 7,600 prisoners (excluding Home Detention Curfew) in custody.<sup>20</sup>

### 2.1 Long term trends

The Scottish Government has produced the average daily number of prisoners in the Scottish prison system as far back as 1900.

#### Average daily prison population Scotland, 1900-2013/14 (000s)<sup>21</sup>



The average daily prison population increased from just under 2,700 in 1900 to just over 7,700 by 2014/15 (a three-fold increase). There was a decrease in the daily average in the mid-1910s and early 1940s, due to the effects of the two World Wars. From the mid-1940s the prison population increased steadily until the 1970s where it remained relatively stable except for small variations year by year. Since the 1990s the prison population has increased, reaching a peak in 2011/12.

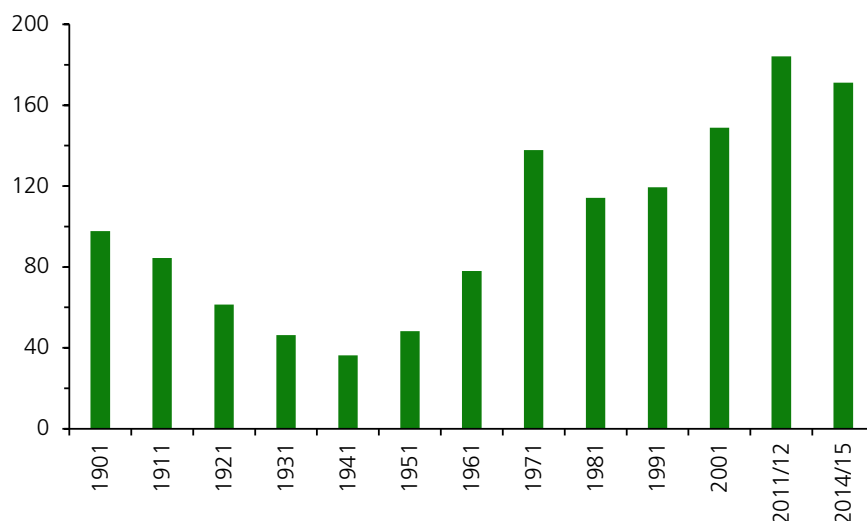
The average daily prison population increased by just over 190% between 1900 and 2013/14. To put this increase into context the figure should be considered alongside the total population of Scotland.

<sup>19</sup> Scottish Government, [Crime and Justice Publications: Prisons](#).

<sup>20</sup> Scottish Prison Service, [SPS Prison Population](#), [accessed on 1 July 2016].

<sup>21</sup> Data is based on financial year from 1996/97 onwards.

### Average daily prison population per 100,000 head of population, 1901-2014/15<sup>22</sup>



In 1901 there were around 98 prisoners per 100,000 head of population in Scotland, dropping to around 36 per 100,000 in 1941. By 1971 this rate had risen to around 138 per 100,000 and by 2011 had increased to around 184 per 100,000 head of population.

## 2.2 Recent trends

Between 2004/05-2013/14 the average daily prison population increased by 17%. The number of male prisoners increased around by 16% and female prisoners by 30%. Female prisoners averaged around 5% of the average daily prison population over the period.

### Average daily prison population, 2004/05-2013/14

	Male	Female	Total	% Female
2004/05	6,444	332	6,776	5%
2005/06	6,521	335	6,856	5%
2006/07	6,833	354	7,187	5%
2007/08	7,004	372	7,376	5%
2008/09	7,413	414	7,827	5%
2009/10	7,538	426	7,964	5%
2010/11	7,418	436	7,854	6%
2011/12	7,710	469	8,179	6%
2012/13	7,598	459	8,057	6%
2013/14	7,462	432	7,894	5%

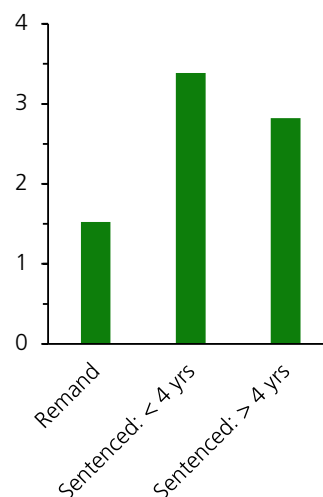
Source:

Scottish Government, *Prison statistics and population projections Scotland 2013/14*

## 2.3 Current average daily population

The average daily prison population for 2014/15<sup>23</sup> was 7,731. Just over 1,500 (20%) of those were prisoners on remand – either awaiting trial or sentencing. Just over 6,200 (80%) were prisoners with sentences of which 55% were serving sentences of less than 4 years in length.

### Avg. daily population by custody type, 2014/15 (000s)



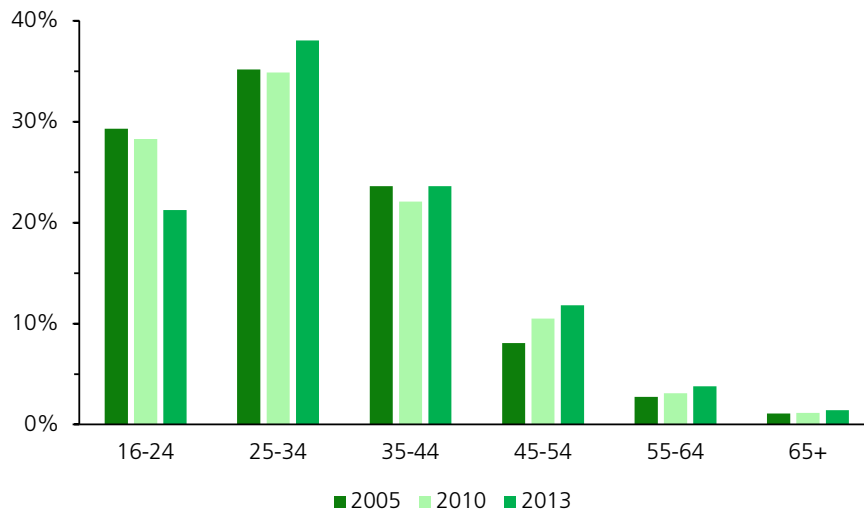
<sup>22</sup> Population of Scotland aged 15 or over.

<sup>23</sup> Scottish Prison Service, [SPS Annual Report and Accounts 2014/15](#), p. 63

## 2.4 Age profile of prisoners

As at 30 June 2013 (the latest available date) around 59% of prisoners were under the age of 35. Just over one fifth of prisoners were under the age of 25.

**Prisoner age profile, 2005-2013<sup>24</sup>**



Between 2005 and 2013 the proportion of 16-24 year olds in prison reduced by 8 percentage points. Those aged 25-34 increased 3 percentage points accounting for just over 3,000 prisoners. The proportion of 35-44 year olds in 2013 was the same as in 2005. The proportion of those aged 45-54 increased 4 percentage points compared to 2005. The proportion of those in categories 55-64 or 65+ increased by a small amount or stayed the same compared to 2005.

## 2.5 Ethnicity and Religion

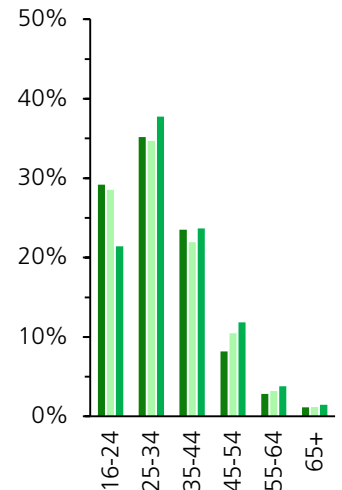
### Ethnicity

As at June 2013 the Scottish prison population was just over 96% white. Prisoners from Asian or Black ethnicities accounted for just over 3% of the population. Around 0.5% of prisoners were from mixed or other ethnicities.

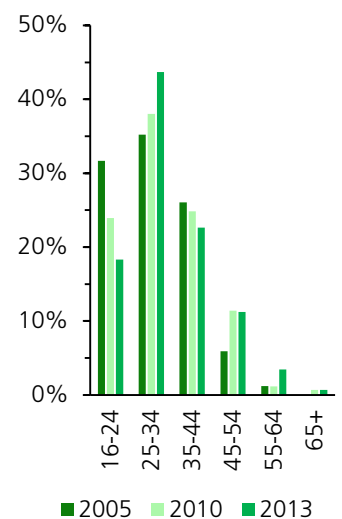
The Scotland Census 2011 suggests that the proportion of prisoners classified as being from a white ethnicity is the same proportion found among the general population. The proportion of people from Asian or Black ethnicities within the general population differed from the rate of the prison population. 2.5% of the population was from an Asian ethnicity, whereas 1.7% of the prison population were classified as Asian. People from black ethnicities accounted for 0.6% of the population, although they accounted for 1.4% of the prison population.<sup>25</sup>

### Prisoner age profile by gender

#### Male



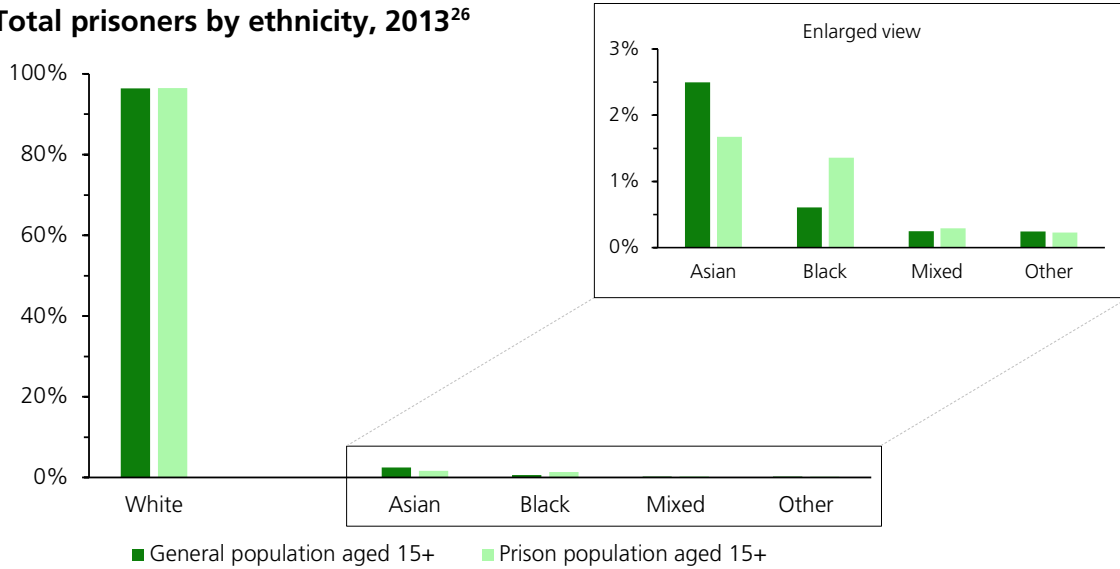
#### Female



<sup>24</sup> As at 30 June. Age groups combined. 16-24 includes under 16 year olds.

<sup>25</sup> Scotland Census, [Census 2001-2011](#)

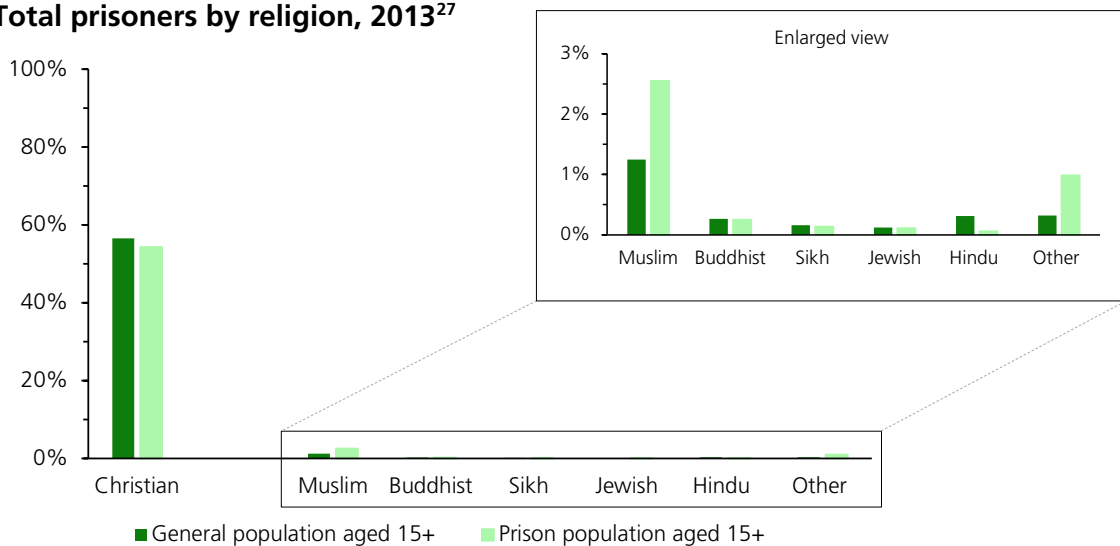
### Total prisoners by ethnicity, 2013<sup>26</sup>



### Religion

As at 30 June 2013 just over 4,600 prisoners (58% of the prison population) in Scotland indicated that they held religious beliefs. Of these, 93% were Christian (of various denominations). Muslim prisoners accounted for 4.4%. Together Buddhist, Sikh, Jewish, Hindu and other religions accounted for 2.7% of the religious prison population. Just over 3,270 prisoners (42% of the prison population) held no religious beliefs.

### Total prisoners by religion, 2013<sup>27</sup>



The proportion of Muslims among the prison population was greater than the rate among the general population. According to the 2011 Census<sup>28</sup> Muslims accounted for around 1.2% of the Scottish population aged 15 and over, however, in prison the rate was over double at 2.5%. Aside from the "other" grouping, no other religion had a higher rate of representation in prisons than among the general

<sup>26</sup> Prison population as at June 30. General population from Scotland Census 2011. Ethnicities/Religions grouped. Does not show prisoners with no religion.

<sup>27</sup> See note above.

<sup>28</sup> See note 24.

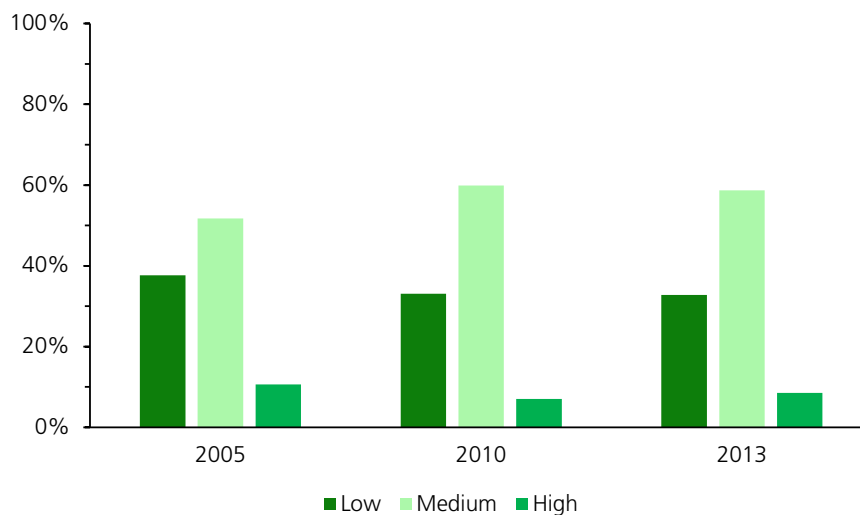
population. Individuals with no religious identity accounted for around 41% of the general population and just over 41% of the prison population.

## 2.6 Supervision level

Prisoners in Scotland are rated to as what level of supervision they require whilst in custody. A prisoner with high supervision needs all activities and movements authorised, supervised and monitored by a prison officer. Prisoners rated as needing medium supervision are subject to limited supervision. Prisoners with low supervision are subject to minimum supervision and may also be allowed to participate in activities within the wider community.<sup>29</sup>

As at 30 June 2013 just under 60% of prisoners were classified as requiring a medium level of supervision whilst in custody. Just over a third were considered to be a low risk and under 10% were considered to be a high risk.

### Total prisoner population by supervision level<sup>30</sup>



<sup>29</sup> Offenders Families Helpline, [Prisoner Category](#), [accessed 1 July 2016].

<sup>30</sup> As at 30 June.

### 3. Northern Ireland

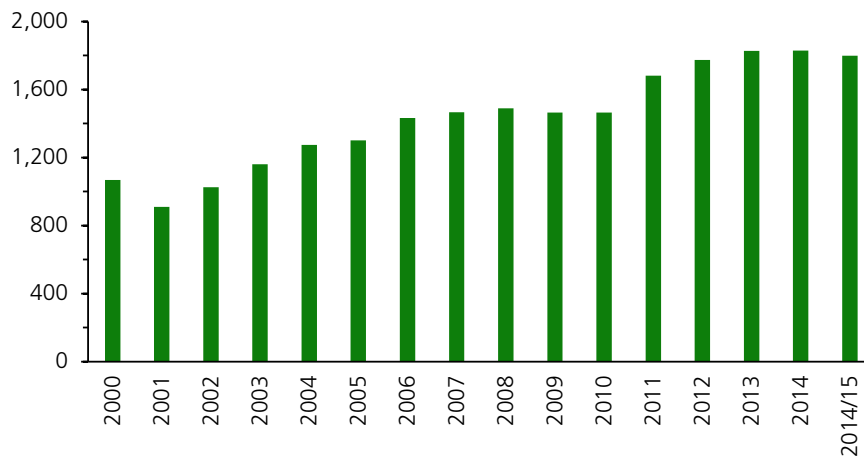
The Northern Ireland [Department of Justice](#) has produced statistics on the prison population in Northern Ireland from 2000.

For the 2014/15 financial year the average total daily prison population was just under 1,800.

#### 3.1 Recent trends

For the 2013 and 2014 calendar year the average total daily prison population was around 1,830. The figure for 2014 is 71% greater than for the same period in 2000.

**Average daily prison population, 2000-2014/15**



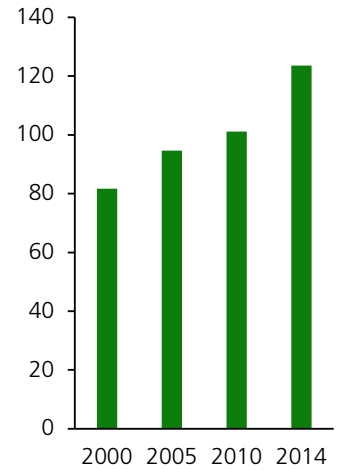
The average daily prison population in 2000 was just over 1,000. After a drop in 2001 the population increased year on year until 2008 when the population was 63% higher than in 2001. From 2011 the population increased year on year until 2014. The population figure for 2014 is double that of 2001.

The prison population as a proportion of the total general 15+ population in Northern Ireland increased from around 0.08% in 2000 to 0.12% in 2014. In 2000 there were around 82 prisoners per 100,000 head of population. By 2014 this had increased to 124 per 100,000.

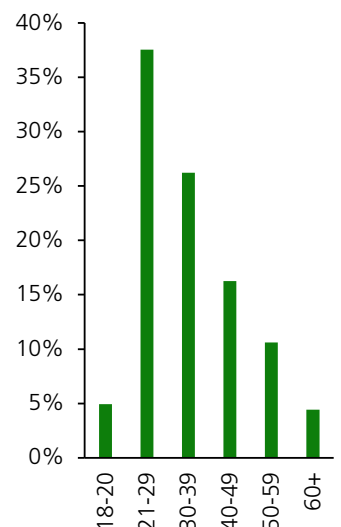
#### 3.2 Age profile of prisoners

People aged 21-29 accounted for 38% of the prisoner population in 2014/15 compared 15% amongst the general 15+ population. Prisoners aged 30-39 accounted for 26% of the prison population, 40-49 and 50-59 year olds accounted for 16% and 11% respectively. Prisoners aged 18-20 and 60+ both had a similar proportion of around 5%.

**Prison population per 100,000 head of population**



**Prisoner population age profile, 2014/15**

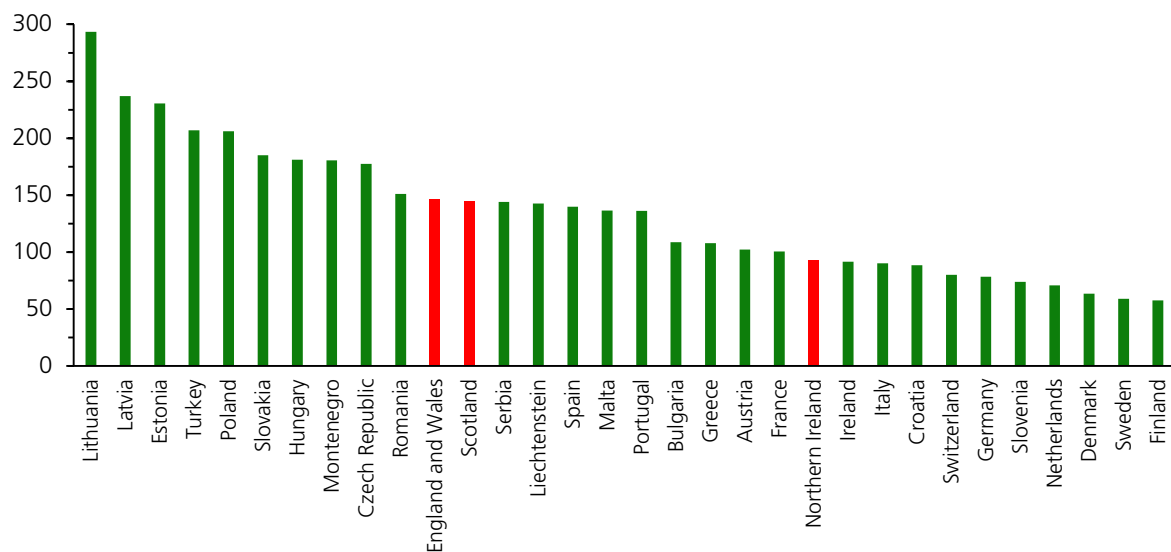


## 4. International comparisons

International comparisons of prison populations between countries should be considered with caution. All countries have varying criminal justice systems and different levels and varieties of prison establishments.

[Eurostat](#) publish the number of prisoners per 100,000 head of population for EU countries. The latest data available is from 2014. Rates per 100,000 head of population for the UK may differ from those stated earlier in this briefing as rates are for the entire population, rather than just the population aged 15 and older.

### European prison population per 100,000 population, 2014



England and Wales had 146 prisoners per 100,000 head of population, the 11<sup>th</sup> highest rate in Europe and the highest amongst western European jurisdictions. Scotland had the 12<sup>th</sup> highest with 145 prisoners per 100,000. Northern Ireland had 93 prisoners per 100,000 of population and ranked 22<sup>nd</sup>.



## Appendix Tables

**Table 1a: England & Wales prison population annual average by gender, 1900-2015**

Year	Males	Females	Total	Year	Males	Females	Total
1900	14,459	2,976	17,435	1961	28,094	931	29,025
1901	15,868	3,112	18,980	1962	30,066	997	31,063
1902	16,240	3,197	19,437	1963	29,925	971	30,896
1903	17,418	3,377	20,795	1964	28,718	882	29,600
1904	18,167	3,261	21,428	1965	29,580	841	30,421
1905	18,398	3,127	21,525	1966	32,127	959	33,086
1906	18,102	2,972	21,074	1967	34,056	953	35,009
1907	18,045	2,881	20,926	1968	31,656	805	32,461
1908	19,268	2,878	22,146	1969	33,814	853	34,667
1909	19,333	2,685	22,018	1970	38,040	988	39,028
1910	18,323	2,581	20,904	1971	38,673	1,035	39,708
1911	17,325	2,472	19,797	1972	37,348	980	38,328
1912	16,829	2,613	19,442	1973	35,747	1,027	36,774
1913	15,752	2,484	18,236	1974	35,823	1,044	36,867
1914	13,449	2,359	15,808	1975	38,601	1,219	39,820
1915	9,244	2,067	11,311	1976	40,161	1,282	41,443
1916	8,210	1,848	10,058	1977	40,212	1,358	41,570
1917	7,891	1,769	9,660	1978	40,409	1,387	41,796
1918	7,595	1,604	9,199	1979	40,762	1,458	42,220
1919	8,279	1,404	9,683	1980	40,748	1,516	42,264
1920	9,573	1,427	11,000	1981	41,904	1,407	43,311
1921	10,791	1,388	12,179	1982	42,381	1,326	43,707
1922	10,557	1,209	11,766	1983	42,072	1,390	43,462
1923	10,117	1,031	11,148	1984	41,822	1,473	43,295
1924	9,808	942	10,750	1985	44,701	1,532	46,233
1925	9,635	874	10,509	1986	45,163	1,607	46,770
1926	9,972	888	10,860	1987	46,722	1,704	48,426
1927	10,300	879	11,179	1988	47,113	1,759	48,872
1928	10,305	804	11,109	1989	46,736	1,764	48,500
1929	10,094	767	10,861	1990	43,378	1,597	44,975
1930	10,561	785	11,346	1991	43,250	1,559	44,809
1931	10,884	792	11,676	1992	43,157	1,562	44,719
1932	11,992	811	12,803	1993	42,991	1,561	44,552
1933	12,180	806	12,986	1994	46,810	1,811	48,621
1934	11,493	745	12,238	1995	48,983	1,979	50,962
1935	10,587	719	11,306	1996	53,019	2,262	55,281
1936	9,939	674	10,613	1997	58,439	2,675	61,114
1937	9,894	668	10,562	1998	62,194	3,105	65,299
1938	10,388	698	11,086	1999	61,523	3,247	64,770
1939	9,662	664	10,326	2000	61,252	3,350	64,602
1940	8,443	934	9,377	2001	62,560	3,740	66,300
1941	9,667	968	10,635	2002	66,479	4,299	70,778
1942	11,223	1,177	12,400	2003	68,612	4,425	73,037
1943	11,430	1,360	12,790	2004	70,208	4,448	74,656
1944	11,438	1,477	12,915	2005	71,512	4,467	75,979
1945	13,180	1,528	14,708	2006	73,680	4,447	78,127
1946	14,556	1,233	15,789	2007	75,842	4,374	80,216
1947	15,986	1,081	17,067	2008	78,158	4,414	82,572
1948	18,621	1,144	19,765	2009	79,277	4,283	83,559
1949	18,783	1,096	19,879	2010	80,489	4,236	84,725
1950	19,367	1,107	20,474	2011	81,763	4,188	85,951
1951	20,687	1,093	21,780	2012	82,481	4,154	86,634
1952	22,568	1,112	23,680	2013	80,359	3,890	84,249
1953	22,473	1,137	23,610	2014	81,402	3,905	85,307
1954	21,337	1,084	22,421	2015	81,741	3,885	85,626
1955	20,156	978	21,134				
1956	19,941	866	20,807				
1957	21,742	860	22,602				
1958	24,459	920	25,379				
1959	25,727	896	26,623				
1960	26,198	901	27,099				

Note:

Annual average is average of the 12 month end populations

2014 and 2015 calculated from quarterly reports

Sources:

MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, October-December 2013*

MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, various years*

**Table 1b: England & Wales prison population at months end, 2010-2016**

Year	Month	Males	Females	Total
2010	January	79,253	4,125	83,378
	February	79,701	4,224	83,925
	March	80,894	4,290	85,184
	April	80,758	4,328	85,086
	May	80,695	4,323	85,018
	June	80,735	4,267	85,002
	July	80,549	4,201	84,750
	August	80,916	4,257	85,173
	September	81,150	4,279	85,429
	October	80,989	4,235	85,224
	November	81,174	4,299	85,473
	December	79,054	4,001	83,055
2011	January	80,166	4,089	84,255
	February	80,953	4,224	85,177
	March	81,148	4,252	85,400
	April	80,225	4,123	84,348
	May	81,080	4,209	85,289
	June	81,189	4,185	85,374
	July	81,272	4,139	85,411
	August	82,501	4,269	86,770
	September	83,245	4,256	87,501
	October	83,319	4,224	87,543
	November	83,945	4,222	88,167
	December	82,112	4,060	86,172
2012	January	83,607	4,192	87,799
	February	83,530	4,203	87,733
	March	83,313	4,218	87,531
	April	83,130	4,279	87,409
	May	82,860	4,208	87,068
	June	81,925	4,123	86,048
	July	82,574	4,178	86,752
	August	82,594	4,114	86,708
	September	82,334	4,123	86,457
	October	82,170	4,131	86,301
	November	81,894	4,153	86,047
	December	79,837	3,920	83,757
2013	January	80,001	3,917	83,918
	February	80,489	3,962	84,451
	March	79,900	3,869	83,769
	April	80,289	3,887	84,176
	May	80,044	3,853	83,897
	June	79,989	3,853	83,842
	July	80,232	3,853	84,085
	August	79,925	3,845	83,770
	September	80,555	3,933	84,488
	October	81,306	3,971	85,277
	November	81,220	3,933	85,153
	December	80,356	3,807	84,163
2014	January	81,045	3,932	84,977
	February	81,521	3,948	85,469
	March	81,377	3,888	85,265
	April	80,789	3,857	84,646
	May	80,988	3,857	84,845
	June	81,580	3,929	85,509
	July	81,726	3,927	85,653
	August	81,387	3,915	85,302
	September	81,783	3,915	85,698
	October	81,869	3,917	85,786
	November	81,894	3,943	85,837
	December	80,863	3,828	84,691
2015	January	81,035	3,803	84,838
	February	81,478	3,833	85,311
	March	81,798	3,866	85,664
	April	81,797	3,844	85,641
	May	81,789	3,905	85,694
	June	82,289	3,904	86,193
	July	82,257	3,922	86,179
	August	81,732	3,947	85,679
	September	81,998	3,888	85,886
	October	81,617	3,917	85,534
	November	81,957	3,963	85,920
	December	81,143	3,825	84,968
2016	January	81,664	3,831	85,495
	February	81,912	3,854	85,766
	March	81,615	3,826	85,441

Sources:

MoJ, *Offender Management Caseload Statistics 2010 Tables*MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly October-December 2013*

**Table 2: Population of England & Wales**

Year	Males	Females	Total
1901	10,463,400	11,518,700	21,982,100
1911	11,924,700	13,105,000	25,029,700
1921	12,790,100	14,596,100	27,386,200
1931	14,324,600	16,107,700	30,432,300
1941	15,195,750	17,053,500	32,249,250
1951	16,066,900	17,999,300	34,066,200
1961	16,879,800	18,640,200	35,520,000
1971	17,739,600	19,433,200	37,172,800
1981	18,513,500	20,045,200	38,558,700
1991	19,054,011	20,822,863	39,876,874
2001	19,953,785	21,599,395	41,553,180
2011	22,156,014	23,340,766	45,496,780
2015	22,941,259	23,983,751	46,925,010

Notes:

1901-1981 figures are those aged 15 and over

1991 onwards figures are those aged 16 and over

1941 is average of 1931 and 1951

Sources:

B. Mitchell, *British Historical Statistics*, 1988, p. 15-16.

NOMIS, *Census 1991-2011*

ONS, *Population Estimates Analysis Tool, 2015*

**Table 3: E&W Prison population by type of custody, March 2016**

	Sentenced	Remand: Untried	Remand: Convicted unsentenced
Adults	69,809	6,071	2,901
18-20 yr olds	3,647	619	329
15-17 yr olds	469	130	16

Source:

Moj, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, October-December 2013*

**Table 4: E&W Sentenced population by sentence length**

<b>Total prison population by sentence length</b>							
Year	Less than or equal to 6 months	6 months to less than 12	12 months to less than 4 years	4 years or more determinate	Indeterminate	Recall	Total
2005	4,680	1,632	17,596	24,848	5,723	-	62,257
2010	4,335	1,956	17,125	22,094	12,680	4,873	71,000
2015	4,111	2,079	18,608	28,807	12,053	6,176	72,659
2016	4,272	2,163	18,724	29,988	11,505	6,564	73,925

<b>Non-adult males by sentence</b>						
Year	Less than one year	1 - 4 years	Over 4 years determinate	Indeterminate	Recall	Total sentenced males (all ages)
2005	1,829	3,866	1,532	149		58,780
2010	1,470	3,594	1,540	438	457	67,561
2015	591	1,965	1,174	130	286	69,404
2016	549	1,869	1,177	122	268	70,654

<b>Non-adult females by sentence</b>						
Year	Less than one year	1 - 4 years	Over 4 years determinate	Indeterminate	Recall	Total sentenced females (all ages)
2005	93	166	54	10		3,477
2010	84	138	51	16	20	3,439
2015	25	59	32	3	7	3,255
2016	23	43	22	4	8	3,271

<b>All males by sentence</b>						
Year	Less than one year	1 - 4 years	Over 4 years determinate	Indeterminate	Recall	Total sentenced people (male & female)
2005	61,579	60,966	60,935	62,072	-	62,257
2010	70,278	69,841	70,021	70,619	70,820	71,000
2015	72,042	71,619	71,749	72,297	72,401	72,659
2016	73,296	72,904	73,009	73,565	73,630	73,925

<b>All females by sentence</b>						
Year	Less than one year	1 - 4 years	Over 4 years determinate	Indeterminate	Recall	Total sentenced people (male & female)
2005	678	1,291	1,322	185	-	62,257
2010	722	1,159	979	381	180	71,000
2015	617	1,040	910	362	258	72,659
2016	629	1,021	916	360	295	73,925

Note:

2005, 2010 and 2015 as at end June. 2016 as at end March

Sources:

MoJ, *Offender Management Caseload Statistics 2010 Tables*MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, October-December 2013*

**Table 5a: E&W Prisoners in custody by offence type, 2000-2014, as at 30 June**

	All Male											All Female											
	VATP	Sexual Offences	Robbery	Burglary	Theft and handling	Fraud and forgery	Drug offences	Motoring offences	Other offences	Offence not recorded	TOTAL	VATP	Sexual Offences	Robbery	Burglary	Theft and handling	Fraud and forgery	Drug offences	Motoring offences	Other offences	Offence not recorded	TOTAL	
2000	12,819	5,651	7,140	10,706	6,177	1,031	8,956	2,571	4,900	1,245	61,196	2000	509	27	233	214	685	150	1,099	43	282	86	3,328
2001	13,336	5,571	7,401	10,050	5,847	1,108	9,330	2,770	4,573	1,574	61,560	2001	556	28	295	222	637	147	1,324	50	307	104	3,670
2002	14,085	5,857	8,512	10,831	5,965	1,112	10,109	2,609	5,083	1,855	66,018	2002	670	26	418	325	737	143	1,491	43	347	133	4,333
2003	14,883	6,070	9,036	10,426	5,737	1,114	10,362	3,039	5,397	1,854	67,918	2003	644	30	524	341	769	148	1,513	71	412	94	4,546
2004	15,950	6,362	9,186	9,847	5,223	1,288	10,562	2,672	6,126	1,803	69,019	2004	741	34	468	322	630	165	1,423	44	472	101	4,400
2005	17,294	6,908	9,084	9,281	4,903	1,744	11,054	2,370	6,641	1,288	70,567	2005	788	42	404	312	579	269	1,437	42	502	103	4,478
2006	18,518	7,447	9,348	8,905	4,784	1,871	10,891	2,111	7,110	1,081	72,066	2006	802	48	383	282	615	304	1,326	36	501	113	4,410
2007	19,899	8,062	9,733	9,097	4,282	1,965	11,216	1,593	7,265	1,029	74,141	2007	847	57	367	246	488	296	1,240	37	537	122	4,237
2008	21,439	8,480	9,768	9,188	4,303	2,123	11,700	1,483	7,789	893	77,166	2008	936	53	359	270	586	374	1,134	25	554	108	4,399
2009	22,207	9,158	9,825	8,706	3,492	2,073	11,354	1,105	7,466	2,124	77,510	2009	1,027	82	408	246	502	318	999	16	524	105	4,227
2010	22,551	10,415	9,960	8,018	4,281	1,689	11,901	973	8,735	1,145	79,668	2010	1,090	121	321	192	530	233	962	21	629	108	4,207
2011	22,612	10,832	10,148	8,222	4,573	1,476	11,611	875	8,952	840	80,141	2011	1,104	103	378	232	552	221	824	18	657	69	4,158
2012	22,145	11,407	10,244	8,405	5,003	1,425	11,663	825	8,838	712	80,667	2012	1,098	98	397	258	599	237	651	22	667	65	4,092
2013	21,132	11,515	9,581	8,143	4,808	1,376	11,247	743	8,537	875	77,957	2013	1,045	92	369	235	536	194	551	24	667	82	3,795
2014	21,631	12,241	9,363	8,264	4,645	1,380	11,631	839	8,861	811	79,666	2014	1,079	116	358	275	614	187	544	27	625	67	3,892

	Non-adult male											Non-adult female											
	VATP	Sexual Offences	Robbery	Burglary	Theft and handling	Fraud and forgery	Drug offences	Motoring offences	Other offences	Offence not recorded	TOTAL	VATP	Sexual Offences	Robbery	Burglary	Theft and handling	Fraud and forgery	Drug offences	Motoring offences	Other offences	Offence not recorded	TOTAL	
2011	2,343	556	2,190	1,322	508	30	790	83	1,152	108	9,082	2011	114	8	56	9	31	5	45	0	82	10	360
2012	2,041	538	2,118	1,203	517	33	697	60	1,030	86	8,323	2012	112	8	52	19	30	3	25	1	55	6	311
2013	1,762	441	1,668	994	399	30	639	52	732	91	6,808	2013	74	2	35	10	18	3	13	1	33	5	194
2014	1,567	422	1,375	795	334	23	794	62	718	84	6,174	2014	67	0	31	6	16	0	11	2	32	3	168

Sources:

- MoJ, *Offender Management Caseload Statistics 2010 Tables*
- MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, October-December 2013*
- MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, April 2010-September 2012*
- MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, January to March 2014*

**Table 5b: E&W Prisoners in custody by offence type, 2015-2016 as at 31 March**

<b>All male</b>														
	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	Theft offences	Criminal damage and arson	Drug offences	Possession of weapons	Public order offences	Miscellaneous crimes against society	Fraud offences	Summary non-motoring	Summary motoring	Offence not recorded	TOTAL
2015	19,663	12,117	8,987	13,132	1,412	11,613	1,968	1,452	3,611	1,308	3,540	389	728	79,920
2016	19,886	13,114	8,461	11,990	1,331	11,927	2,435	1,458	3,774	1,263	3,587	379	501	80,106

<b>All female</b>														
	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	Theft offences	Criminal damage and arson	Drug offences	Possession of weapons	Public order offences	Miscellaneous crimes against society	Fraud offences	Summary non-motoring	Summary motoring	Offence not recorded	TOTAL
2015	997	93	370	844	155	526	65	54	269	185	206	16	50	3,830
2016	1,049	120	340	825	122	516	76	39	239	222	181	9	52	3,790

<b>Non-adult male</b>														
	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	Theft offences	Criminal damage and arson	Drug offences	Possession of weapons	Public order offences	Miscellaneous crimes against society	Fraud offences	Summary non-motoring	Summary motoring	Offence not recorded	TOTAL
2015	1,204	378	1,195	1,052	96	722	205	128	189	23	341	19	53	5,605
2016	1,122	383	982	728	73	829	282	107	189	13	307	22	53	5,090

<b>Non-adult female</b>														
	Violence against the person	Sexual offences	Robbery	Theft offences	Criminal damage and arson	Drug offences	Possession of weapons	Public order offences	Miscellaneous crimes against society	Fraud offences	Summary non-motoring	Summary motoring	Offence not recorded	TOTAL
2015	55	2	34	21	9	14	5	4	8	3	18	1	3	177
2016	37	1	12	22	3	24	4	0	4	1	10	0	2	120

Source

Moj, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, October to December 2015*

**Table 6: E&W Prisoner population by age**

	15-17	18-20	21-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60+
2002	2,592	8,330	13,111	13,599	20,390	8,371	3,313	1,511
2003	2,254	7,945	13,613	13,971	21,654	9,210	3,446	1,564
2004	2,275	7,736	13,233	14,127	21,877	9,973	3,613	1,655
2005	2,327	7,811	12,964	14,309	22,007	11,069	3,929	1,775
2006	2,440	8,003	12,623	14,889	21,960	11,881	4,231	1,954
2007	2,429	8,616	12,776	15,067	21,413	12,638	4,583	2,212
2008	2,526	8,826	13,392	15,830	22,073	13,400	4,753	2,394
2009	2,120	8,772	13,909	15,477	21,699	13,866	5,023	2,525
2010	1,656	8,578	14,274	15,686	22,220	14,325	5,414	2,849
2011	1,581	7,927	14,047	15,491	22,740	14,645	5,928	3,015
2012	1,282	7,443	14,005	15,575	22,900	15,116	6,460	3,267
2013	866	6,272	12,822	15,395	23,248	15,008	6,760	3,471
2014	741	5,701	12,473	16,136	24,361	15,017	7,360	3,720
2015	680	5,050	11,939	16,088	25,075	15,381	7,871	4,109
2016	615	4,668	11,272	15,930	25,224	15,155	8,204	4,373

Note:

2002-2015 at end of June. 2016 at end March

Sources:

MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, October - December 2015*

MoJ, *Offender Management Caseload Statistics 2010 Tables*

MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, January to March 2014*

**Table 7: E&W Prisoner population by nationality, ethnicity and religion**

	Nationality				Ethnicity							Total
	British nationals	Foreign nationals	Unrecorded nationality	Total	White	Mixed	Asian or Asian British	Black or Black British	Chinese or other ethnic group	Not stated/Unrecorded/1991		
2002	62,564	7,716	939	71,219	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2003	63,614	8,912	1,132	73,658	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2004	64,379	8,942	1,167	74,488	51,281	1,859	3,837	10,044	694	6,772	74,487	74,487
2005	65,670	9,651	869	76,190	56,824	2,157	4,564	11,170	862	613	76,190	76,190
2006	66,160	10,879	944	77,983	57,137	2,299	5,117	11,806	954	668	77,981	77,981
2007	67,767	11,093	874	79,734	58,251	2,441	5,288	12,017	1,155	581	79,733	79,733
2008	70,751	11,498	946	83,195	60,196	2,691	5,804	12,557	1,354	592	83,194	83,194
2009	70,898	11,467	1,026	83,391	60,718	2,846	6,040	12,099	1,448	240	83,391	83,391
2010	71,016	11,135	2,851	85,002	61,229	2,995	6,042	11,639	1,202	1,895	85,002	85,002
2011	73,030	10,779	1,565	85,374	61,899	3,114	6,193	11,126	924	2,118	85,374	85,374
2012	73,238	10,861	1,949	86,048	61,867	3,159	6,335	11,281	960	2,446	86,048	86,048
2013	72,179	10,786	877	83,842	60,706	3,208	6,474	10,847	1,014	1,593	83,842	83,842
2014	73,999	10,834	676	85,509	62,491	3,479	6,615	10,790	1,053	1,081	85,509	85,509
2015	75,161	10,512	520	86,193	63,498	3,492	6,992	10,686	909	616	86,193	86,193
2016	75,209	9,971	261	85,441	63,045	3,564	6,844	10,459	1,012	517	85,441	85,441

	Religion							Other/non-recognised	Not recorded	Total
	Christian	Muslim	Hindu	Sikh	Buddhist	Jewish	No religion			
2002	41,342	5,502	271	442	676	179	22,405	390	10	71,217
2003	42,463	6,136	339	490	947	184	22,584	503	12	73,657
2004	41,438	6,571	342	498	1,133	181	23,709	607	9	74,488
2005	41,154	7,246	370	543	1,237	197	24,826	612	3	76,189
2006	40,827	8,243	368	579	1,432	187	25,598	746	2	77,982
2007	41,350	8,864	357	608	1,609	231	25,900	811	4	79,733
2008	41,794	9,795	434	648	1,737	220	27,710	839	17	83,193
2009	40,244	9,932	431	661	1,817	220	29,201	846	39	83,391
2010	41,226	10,437	435	669	1,872	233	26,830	935	2,365	85,002
2011	42,511	10,672	452	711	1,793	228	26,113	1,027	1,867	85,374
2012	43,176	11,248	456	777	1,756	252	25,269	1,077	2,037	86,048
2013	42,341	11,426	451	799	1,638	268	24,484	1,322	1,113	83,842
2014	42,706	12,106	447	732	1,629	319	25,619	1,593	358	85,509
2015	42,678	12,543	476	788	1,556	372	26,284	1,317	179	86,193
2016	41,940	12,506	421	732	1,558	406	26,349	1,437	92	85,441

Note:

2002-2015 at end of June. 2016 at end March

June 2015 onwards Chinese or other ethnic group renamed other ethnic group. Chinese ethnicity moved to Asian or Asian British

Source:

MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, October - December 2015*

MoJ, *Offender Management Caseload Statistics 2010 Tables*

MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, January to March 2014*



**Table 8: Prison population to Certified Normal Accommodation by establishment, 27 May 2016**

Establishment	In use		% pop to	Establishment	In use		% pop to	Establishment	In use		% pop to	Establishment	In use		% pop to
	CNA	Population	CNA		CNA	Population	CNA		CNA	Population	CNA		Population	CNA	CNA
Kennet	175	329	188.0%	Huntercombe	367	434	118.3%	Risley	1,050	1,101	104.9%	Drake Hall	340	334	98.2%
Leeds	669	1138	170.1%	Holme House	1036	1218	117.6%	Lewes	617	644	104.4%	Ashfield	408	400	98.0%
Wandsworth	943	1600	169.7%	Stoke Heath	662	768	116.0%	Dovegate	1,060	1,105	104.2%	East Sutton Park	100	98	98.0%
Preston	455	749	164.6%	Elmley	943	1090	115.6%	Rye Hill	600	622	103.7%	Thorn Cross	381	373	97.9%
Exeter	318	507	159.4%	Norwich	626	712	113.7%	Bronze field	527	545	103.4%	Leyhill	515	501	97.3%
Durham	595	935	157.1%	Peterborough	1119	1268	113.3%	Hindley	492	507	103.0%	Long Lartin	548	533	97.3%
Lincoln	403	623	154.6%	Foston Hall	303	339	111.9%	Coldingley	493	508	103.0%	Onley	742	721	97.2%
Leicester	214	327	152.8%	Isle of Wight	976	1081	110.8%	Garth	810	833	102.8%	Rochester	754	730	96.8%
Swansea	268	404	150.7%	Guys Marsh	518	573	110.6%	Featherstone	671	689	102.7%	Hollesley Bay	424	409	96.5%
Doncaster	678	1008	148.7%	Lancaster Farms	495	546	110.3%	Eastwood Park	356	363	102.0%	Ford	506	486	96.0%
Bedford	321	476	148.3%	Humber	947	1044	110.2%	Lowdham Grange	900	914	101.6%	Whitemoor	458	439	95.9%
Brixton	528	762	144.3%	Wormwood Scrubs	1156	1271	109.9%	Channings Wood	698	706	101.1%	Grendon-Springhill	568	544	95.8%
Winchester	469	676	144.1%	Low Newton	306	335	109.5%	Wealstun	809	816	100.9%	Full Sutton	606	580	95.7%
Pentonville	906	1286	141.9%	Buckley Hall	409	447	109.3%	Styal	470	474	100.9%	Askham Grange	126	120	95.2%
Cardiff	539	765	141.9%	Whatton	769	838	109.0%	Stafford	741	743	100.3%	Werrington	118	111	94.1%
Nottingham	723	1014	140.2%	New Hall	371	402	108.4%	Mount	1,002	1,004	100.2%	Morton Hall (IRC)	392	367	93.6%
Usk / Prescoed	378	528	139.7%	Lindholme	916	992	108.3%	Highpoint	1,297	1,297	100.0%	Frankland	844	787	93.2%
Hull	723	993	137.3%	Wayland	886	954	107.7%	Swinfen Hall	604	603	99.8%	Sudbury	581	522	89.8%
Bristol	407	549	134.9%	Stocken	668	710	106.3%	Send	282	281	99.6%	Holloway	94	84	89.4%
Forest Bank	1064	1424	133.8%	Parc	1557	1653	106.2%	Standford Hill	464	462	99.6%	Warren Hill	257	229	89.1%
Birmingham	1093	1457	133.3%	Manchester	965	1023	106.0%	Oakwood	1,605	1,596	99.4%	Kirklevington	283	250	88.3%
Isis	478	612	128.0%	Moorland	943	999	105.9%	Gartree	708	704	99.4%	Kirkham	657	578	88.0%
Bullingdon	869	1111	127.8%	Belmarsh	781	827	105.9%	Liverpool	1,101	1,093	99.3%	Feltham	555	486	87.6%
Chelmsford	551	703	127.6%	Aylesbury	410	434	105.9%	Northumberland	1,348	1,336	99.1%	Wetherby	336	285	84.8%
Thameside	932	1188	127.5%	Wymott	1099	1162	105.7%	Swaleside	1,112	1,102	99.1%	North Sea Camp	420	352	83.8%
Altcourse	794	1000	125.9%	Erlestoke	494	522	105.7%	Wakefield	732	724	98.9%	Brinsford	423	349	82.5%
Ranby	832	1012	121.6%	Portland	464	490	105.6%	Haverigg	622	615	98.9%	Deerbolt	513	391	76.2%
Woodhill	568	690	121.5%	Bure	604	637	105.5%	Hatfield	338	334	98.8%	Verne (IRC)	570	432	75.8%
High Down	999	1188	118.9%	Maidstone	565	595	105.3%	Dartmoor	640	631	98.6%	Cookham Wood	188	140	74.5%
Hewell	1018	1210	118.9%	Littlehey	1154	1214	105.2%	Glen Parva	519	510	98.3%	Downview	130	87	66.9%

Source:

MoJ, Population bulletin: montly May 2016

**Table 9a: E&W Safety in custody by calendar year**

	<b>Prisoner assaults</b>								
	Assaults per 1,000 prisoners	Assaults	Serious assaults	Prisoner on Prisoner assaults	PonP assaults per 1,000	Serious PonP assaults	Assaults on staff	Assaults on staff per 1,000	Serious assaults on staff
2005	14,413	190	1,372	10,894	143	1,068	3,502	46	299
2006	15,057	193	1,404	11,530	148	1,116	3,530	45	279
2007	15,272	190	1,485	12,018	150	1,202	3,279	41	285
2008	15,959	193	1,491	12,834	155	1,236	3,219	39	284
2009	15,180	182	1,317	12,148	145	1,051	3,080	37	269
2010	14,335	169	1,385	11,244	133	1,098	2,848	34	302
2011	15,440	180	1,374	12,316	143	1,120	3,132	36	273
2012	14,511	168	1,255	11,584	134	1,003	2,987	34	260
2013	14,664	174	1,588	11,397	135	1,257	3,266	39	359
2014	16,219	190	2,150	12,552	147	1,682	3,640	43	477
2015	20,518	240	2,813	15,511	181	2,197	4,963	58	625

	<b>Self-harming</b>					
	Self-harm incidents	Self-harm individuals	Self-harm incidents per 1,000 prisoners	Self-harm individuals per 1,000 prisoners	Self-harm incidents per individual	Hospital Attendances
2005	23,781	5,837	313	77	4.1	1,219
2006	23,400	6,090	299	78	3.8	1,214
2007	23,000	6,296	286	78	3.7	1,290
2008	25,234	6,586	305	80	3.8	1,290
2009	24,184	7,149	289	86	3.4	1,304
2010	26,979	6,767	318	80	4.0	1,386
2011	24,648	6,907	287	80	3.6	1,540
2012	23,158	6,821	267	79	3.4	1,547
2013	23,230	6,942	276	82	3.3	1,603
2014	25,775	7,722	302	91	3.3	1,749
2015	32,313	9,458	377	110	3.4	2,261

Sources:

MoJ, *Safety in custody: Assaults in prison custody 200 to 2015*MoJ, *Safety in custody: Self-harm in prison custody 2004 to 2015*MoJ, *Safety in custody: Deaths in prison custody 1978 to 2015*

**Table 9b: E&W Safety in custody by calander year**

	Homicides				Total	Deaths per 1,000 prisoners			
	Natural causes	Self-inflicted	Other			Natural causes	Self-inflicted	Other	All deaths
1978	5	34	16	4	59	0.81	0.38	0.10	1.41
1979	1	43	27	1	72	1.02	0.64	0.02	1.71
1980	2	35	27	0	64	0.83	0.64	0.00	1.51
1981	1	36	21	0	58	0.83	0.48	0.00	1.34
1982	0	32	27	2	61	0.73	0.62	0.05	1.40
1983	0	37	27	0	64	0.85	0.62	0.00	1.47
1984	1	35	27	2	65	0.81	0.62	0.05	1.50
1985	0	27	29	3	59	0.58	0.63	0.06	1.28
1986	2	29	21	5	57	0.62	0.45	0.11	1.22
1987	0	35	46	0	81	0.72	0.95	0.00	1.67
1988	0	44	37	1	82	0.90	0.76	0.02	1.68
1989	0	31	49	2	82	0.64	1.01	0.04	1.69
1990	4	39	51	3	97	0.87	1.13	0.07	2.16
1991	3	21	43	4	71	0.47	0.96	0.09	1.58
1992	3	34	41	3	81	0.76	0.92	0.07	1.81
1993	3	40	48	2	93	0.90	1.08	0.04	2.09
1994	4	38	61	5	108	0.78	1.25	0.10	2.22
1995	3	52	59	3	117	1.02	1.16	0.06	2.30
1996	2	53	65	2	122	0.96	1.18	0.04	2.21
1997	2	47	68	1	118	0.77	1.11	0.02	1.93
1998	4	46	83	1	134	0.70	1.27	0.02	2.05
1999	0	58	91	0	149	0.90	1.40	0.00	2.30
2000	3	61	81	1	146	0.94	1.25	0.02	2.26
2001	0	68	73	1	142	1.03	1.10	0.02	2.14
2002	0	66	95	3	164	0.93	1.34	0.04	2.32
2003	1	86	95	1	183	1.18	1.30	0.01	2.51
2004	2	101	96	9	208	1.35	1.29	0.12	2.79
2005	3	89	78	5	175	1.17	1.03	0.07	2.30
2006	0	83	66	4	153	1.06	0.84	0.05	1.96
2007	1	89	91	4	185	1.11	1.13	0.05	2.31
2008	3	99	61	3	166	1.20	0.74	0.04	2.01
2009	0	104	61	4	169	1.24	0.73	0.05	2.02
2010	1	126	58	13	198	1.49	0.68	0.15	2.34
2011	2	122	58	10	192	1.42	0.67	0.12	2.23
2012	0	123	61	8	192	1.42	0.70	0.09	2.22
2013	4	131	76	4	215	1.55	0.90	0.05	2.55
2014	3	145	89	6	243	1.70	1.04	0.07	2.85
2015	8	146	89	14	257	1.71	1.04	0.16	3.00

Sources:

MoJ, Safety in custody: Assaults in prison custody 200 to 2015

MoJ, Safety in custody: Self-harm in prison custody 2004 to 2015

MoJ, Safety in custody: Deaths in prison custody 1978 to 2015

**Table 10: Scotland daily average prison population 1900-2014/15**

Year	Total	Year	Total	Year	Total	Year	Total
1900	2,698	1929	1,670	1958	2,672	1987	5,446
1901	2,908	1930	1,661	1959	2,866	1988	5,229
1902	2,971	1931	1,636	1960	2,821	1989	4,986
1903	2,946	1932	1,677	1961	2,997	1990	4,724
1904	2,883	1933	1,856	1962	3,238	1991	4,839
1905	2,874	1934	1,851	1963	3,504	1992	5,257
1906	2,906	1935	1,694	1964	3,250	1993	5,637
1907	3,016	1936	1,636	1965	3,381	1994	5,585
1908	3,208	1937	1,593	1966	3,858	1995	5,626
1909	3,084	1938	1,543	1967	4,238	1996/97	5,993
1910	2,777	1939	1,350	1968	4,541	1997/98	6,059
1911	2,722	1940	1,320	1969	4,834	1998/99	6,029
1912	2,814	1941	1,337	1970	5,003	1999/00	5,975
1913	2,694	1942	1,559	1971	5,338	2000/01	5,883
1914	2,603	1943	1,560	1972	5,220	2001/02	6,186
1915	1,995	1944	1,606	1973	4,810	2002/03	6,475
1916	1,674	1945	1,955	1974	4,689	2003/04	6,776
1917	1,437	1946	1,983	1975	4,951	2004/05	6,779
1918	1,296	1947	1,889	1976	4,884	2005/06	6,856
1919	1,335	1948	1,902	1977	4,871	2006/07	7,187
1920	1,874	1949	1,835	1978	5,062	2007/08	7,376
1921	2,115	1950	1,781	1979	4,585	2008/09	7,827
1922	2,028	1951	1,851	1980	4,860	2009/10	7,964
1923	2,028	1952	2,089	1981	4,518	2010/11	7,854
1924	1,891	1953	2,152	1982	4,891	2011/12	8,179
1925	1,688	1954	2,169	1983	5,052	2012/13	8,057
1926	1,781	1955	2,176	1984	4,753	2013/14	7,894
1927	1,735	1956	2,268	1985	5,273	2014/15	7,731
1928	1,715	1957	2,435	1986	5,587		

Sources:

Scottish Government, *Prison statistics and population projections Scotland 2013/14*

Scottish Prison Service, *Scottish Prison Service Annual Report and Accounts 2014/15*

**Table 10b: Population of Scotland**

Year	Population
1901	2,977,100
1911	3,224,300
1921	3,442,800
1931	3,538,200
1941	3,689,750
1951	3,841,300
1961	3,840,300
1971	3,874,300
1981	3,957,300
1991	4,051,748
2001	4,155,129
2011/12	4,441,350
2014/15	4,495,200

Notes:

1941 is the average of 1931 and 1951

2014 is the ONS mid year population estimate

People aged 15 years or older

Sources:

B. Mitchell, *British Historical Statistics*, 1988, p. 15-16.

NOMIS, *Census 1991*

ONS, *Population Estimates Analysis Tool, 2015*

Scotlands Census, *Census 2001-2011*

**Table 11: Average daily Scotland prison population by custody type**

	Remand					Sentenced						Other	
	Untried	Convicted awaiting sentence	Total	Young persons	Adults	Young persons (direct sentence)	Adult (direct sentence)	Fine defaulters	Recalls from supervision	Others	Total	Court martial	Civil prisoners
2004-05	1,036	188	1,223	261	962	545	4,599	51	351	5	5,551	1	1
2005-06	1,032	218	1,250	285	965	607	4,553	47	397	1	5,605	-	1
2006-07	1,329	243	1,572	361	1,211	621	4,433	46	515	*	5,614	-	1
2007-08	1,306	255	1,561	355	1,206	658	4,516	28	611	*	5,814	*	1
2008-09	1,415	264	1,679	334	1,344	658	4,879	11	600	-	6,147	1	*
2009-10	1,170	352	1,522	305	1,217	690	5,120	9	622	-	6,441	-	1
2010-11	1,112	362	1,474	262	1,212	576	5,111	9	682	-	6,378	1	*
2011-12	1,238	363	1,601	258	1,342	533	5,332	8	702	-	6,576	1	1
2012-13	1,155	314	1,469	198	1,271	473	5,392	9	713	-	6,587	1	*
2013-14	1,163	311	1,474	167	1,307	383	5,334	9	693	-	6,419	*	1

Source:

Scottish Government, *Prison statistics and population projections Scotland 2013/14*

**Table 12: Scotland Prison population by age, as at 30 June**

	2005			2010			2013		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Under 16	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	0
16	51	0	51	30	0	30	14	1	15
17	139	5	144	120	7	127	62	1	63
18	180	6	186	209	14	223	124	6	130
19	236	14	250	250	10	260	170	7	177
20	238	9	247	293	16	309	190	12	202
21	223	16	239	314	11	325	208	13	221
22	259	24	283	305	17	322	275	12	287
23 - 24	546	33	579	632	30	662	553	28	581
25 - 29	1,223	66	1,289	1,433	106	1,539	1,463	91	1,554
30 - 34	1,035	53	1,088	1,185	61	1,246	1,347	100	1,447
35 - 39	903	52	955	889	69	958	965	60	1,025
40 - 44	606	36	642	765	40	805	798	39	837
45 - 49	345	13	358	516	32	548	529	31	560
50 - 54	180	7	187	273	18	291	354	18	372
55 - 59	118	2	120	150	4	154	182	14	196
60 - 64	64	2	66	92	1	93	102	1	103
65 or over	73	0	73	88	3	91	110	3	113

Sources:

Scottish Government, *Prison Statistics Scotland 2005/06*Scottish Government, *Prison Statistics and population projections 2010/11*Scottish Government, *Prison statistics and population projections 2013/14***Table 13: Scotland Prison population by ethnicity, as at 30 June**

	2005			2010			2013		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
White	6,270	323	6,593	7,226	426	7,652	7,181	422	7,603
Pakistani	41	-	41	24	2	26	66	2	68
Indian	9	2	11	56	0	56	11	1	12
Bangladeshi	2	-	2	19	3	22	2	0	2
Chinese	10	-	10	13	3	16	10	1	11
Other Asian	3	-	3	73	1	74	38	1	39
Black-African	15	3	18	6	0	6	44	2	46
Black-Caribbean	22	2	24	69	1	70	38	0	38
Black-Other	19	3	22	26	1	27	20	3	23
Mixed	1	2	3	21	2	23	19	4	23
Other	29	3	32	11	0	11	17	1	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,421</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>6,759</b>	<b>7,544</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>7,983</b>	<b>7,446</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>7,883</b>

Sources:

Scottish Government, *Prison Statistics Scotland 2005/06*Scottish Government, *Prison Statistics and population projections 2010/11*Scottish Government, *Prison statistics and population projections 2013/14*

**Table 14: Scotland Prison population by religion, as at 30 June**

	2005			2010			2013		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Church of Scotland	2,502	89	2,591	2,357	91	2,448	2,077	68	2,145
Roman Catholic	1,630	86	1,716	1,761	100	1,861	1,701	83	1,784
Other Christian	242	13	255	328	16	344	333	24	357
Muslim	87	0	87	178	2	180	198	3	201
Buddhist	7	0	7	35	-	35	19	1	20
Sikh	4	1	5	7	1	8	10	1	11
Jewish	2	0	2	3	-	3	9	-	9
Hindu	2	0	2	3	-	3	5	-	5
Other	87	13	100	54	5	59	71	7	78
None	1,858	136	1,994	2,818	224	3,042	3,023	250	3,273
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,421</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>6,759</b>	<b>7,544</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>7,983</b>	<b>7,446</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>7,883</b>

Sources:

Scottish Government, Prison Statistics Scotland 2005/06

Scottish Government, Prison Statistics and population projections 2010/11

Scottish Government, Prison statistics and population projections 2013/14

**Table 15: Scotland Prison population by supervision level, as at 30 June**

	2005			2010			2013		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
High	693	25	718	526	32	558	642	32	674
Medium	3,271	225	3,496	4,482	300	4,782	4,354	273	4,627
Low	2,457	88	2,545	2,536	107	2,643	2,450	132	2,582
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,421</b>	<b>338</b>	<b>6,759</b>	<b>7,544</b>	<b>439</b>	<b>7,983</b>	<b>7,446</b>	<b>437</b>	<b>7,883</b>

Sources:

Scottish Government, Prison Statistics Scotland 2005/06

Scottish Government, Prison Statistics and population projections 2010/11

Scottish Government, Prison statistics and population projections 2013/14

**Table 16: Average daily NI prison population by custody type**

	Remand	Fine defaulter	Immediate custody	Non-criminal	Total	NI Population
2000	311	22	729	6	1,068	1,306,841
2001	266	22	616	6	910	1,318,565
2002	341	17	662	6	1,026	1,333,076
2003	385	20	747	8	1,160	1,345,859
2004	446	24	794	10	1,274	1,359,060
2005	444	25	826	6	1,301	1,374,990
2006	529	29	873	2	1,433	1,391,959
2007	525	26	909	6	1,466	1,410,124
2008	507	21	955	6	1,489	1,425,672
2009	505	20	934	6	1,465	1,438,948
2010	508	30	925	2	1,465	1,449,687
2011	590	33	1,057	2	1,682	1,458,055
2012	545	35	1,193	1	1,774	1,466,330
2013	492	4	1,330	1	1,827	1,471,570
2014	421	2	1,406	1	1,830	1,480,918
2014/15	419	3	1,376	1	1,799	-

Note:

2014/15 refers to financial year

Sources:

Northern Ireland DoJ, *Prison population*, various years.NISRA, *NI mid-year population estimates*



**Table 17: International comparisons: prisoners per 100,000 head of population**

Country	Rate
Lithuania	293
Latvia	237
Estonia	231
Turkey	207
Poland	206
Slovakia	185
Hungary	181
Montenegro	181
Czech Republic	177
Romania	151
England and Wales	146
Scotland	145
Serbia	144
Liechtenstein	143
Spain	140
Malta	137
Portugal	136
Bulgaria	109
Greece	108
Austria	102
France	101
Northern Ireland	93
Ireland	92
Italy	90
Croatia	89
Switzerland	80
Germany	78
Slovenia	74
Netherlands	71
Denmark	64
Sweden	59
Finland	58

Source:

Eurostat, *Prison capacity and number of persons held*



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