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Prison Population Statistics

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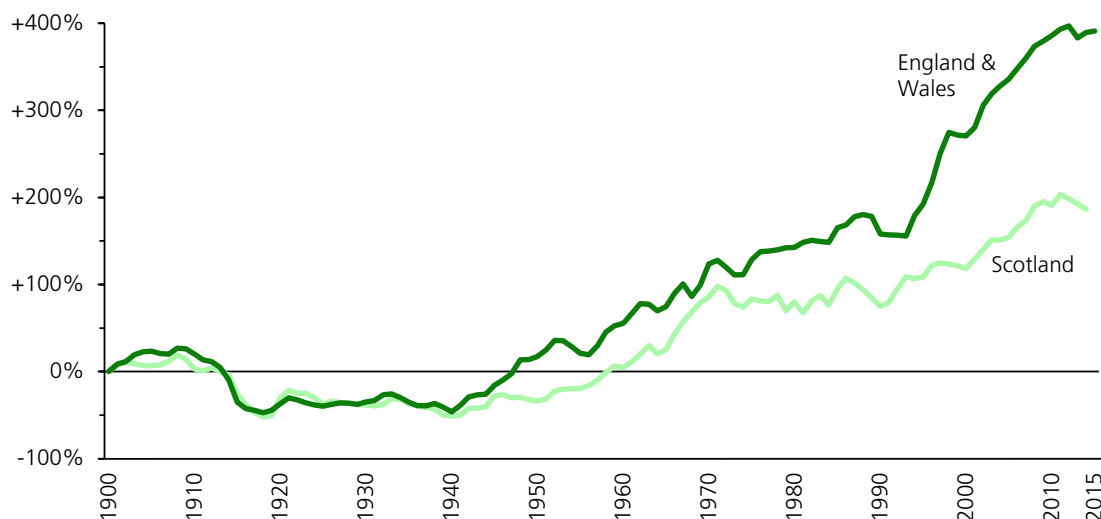
Summary

This briefing paper¹ 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 Scotland²



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.

¹ All sources, including for charts and graphs, are located in the appendix.

² 1900 = base year.

1. England & Wales

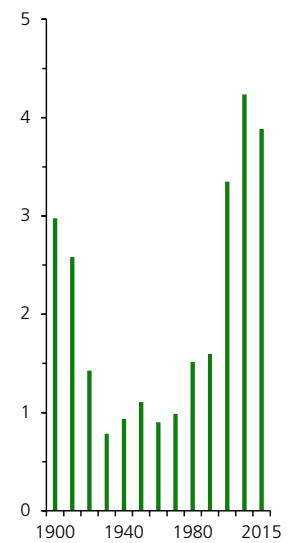
The Ministry of Justice (MoJ) publishes rolling quarterly figures on the prison population at the end of each month through its [Offender Management Statistics Bulletin](#). The bulletin contains information on the prison population including breakdowns by age, sex, ethnicity, religion as well as many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

As at Friday 1 July 2016 the total prison population was 85,128.³

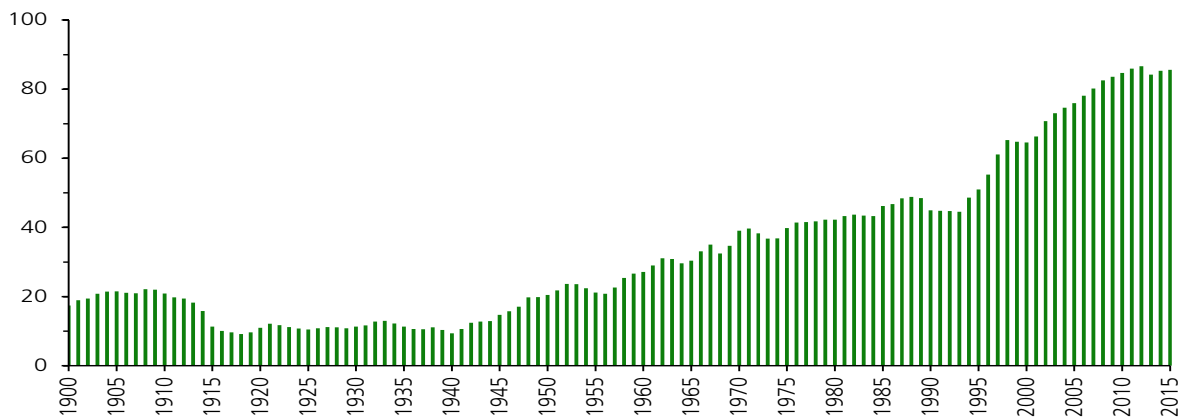
1.1 Long term trends

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)



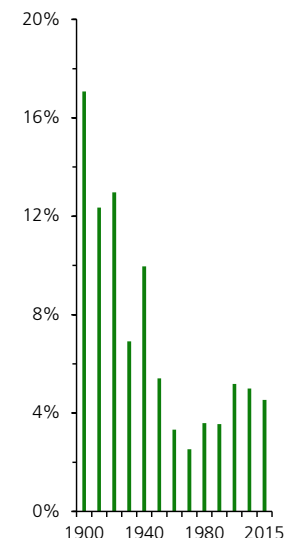
Total prison population in England & Wales, 1900-2015 (000s)



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.

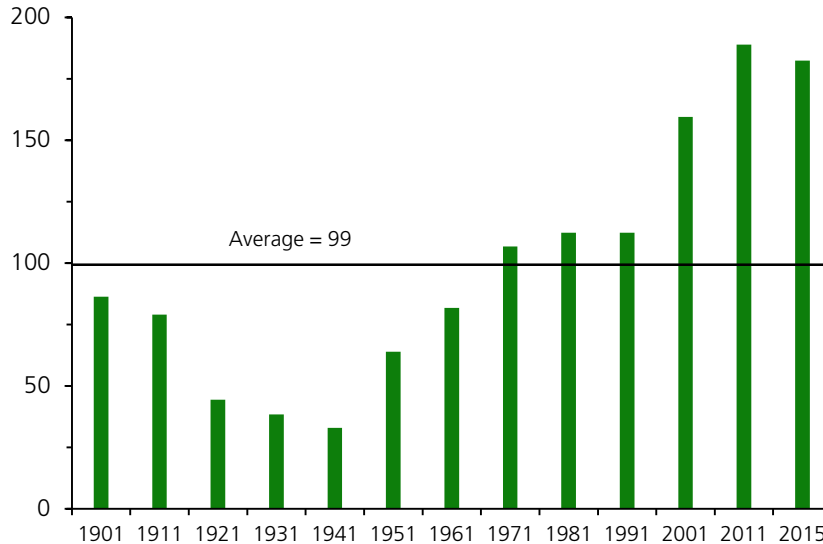
Females as a proportion of prison population



³ 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, 1901-2015⁴, selected years



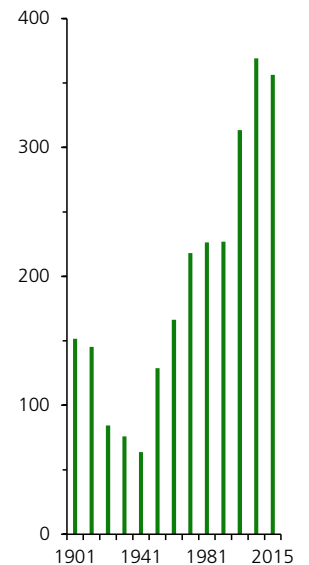
In 1901 there were 86 prisoners per 100,000 head of population in England & Wales. In 2015 this had increased to 182 prisoners per 100,000 head of population. For the 13 years depicted in the graph, the average rate of prisoners per 100,000 head of population was 99.

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.

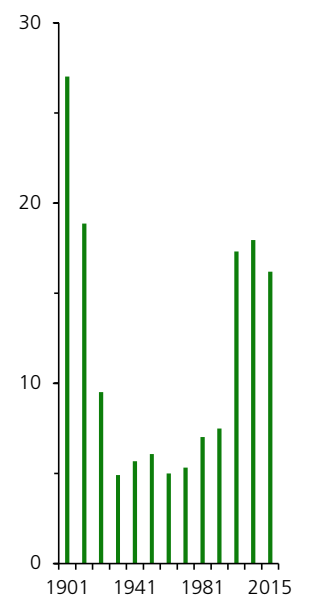
The number of female prisoners reduced during most of the 20th century but began to increase in the 1990s and 2000s. In 2005 the number of female prisoners peaked at 4,467. The female prison population averaged at 3,885 in 2015.

The female prisoner population as a proportion of the total has decreased from a peak in 1915-17 of 18%.⁵ The beginning of the 20th 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



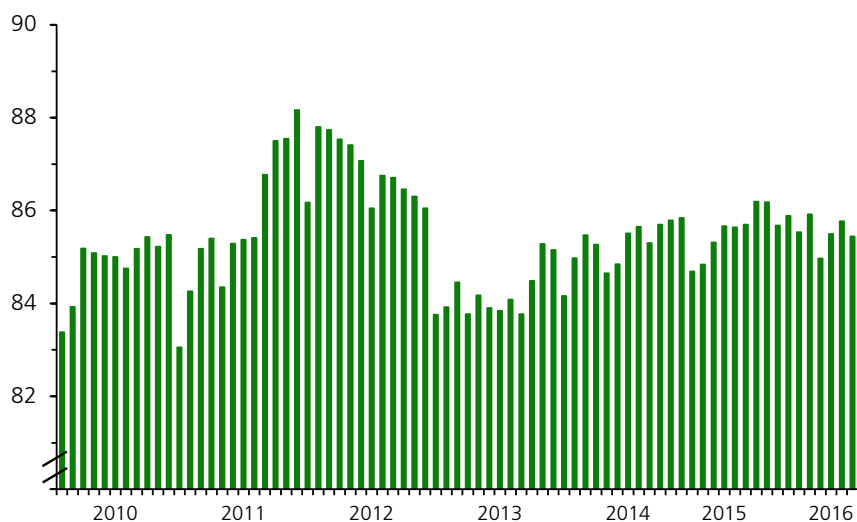
⁴ England and Wales population aged 15 or over and 16 or over after from 1991 onwards.

⁵ 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 6th-9th 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.

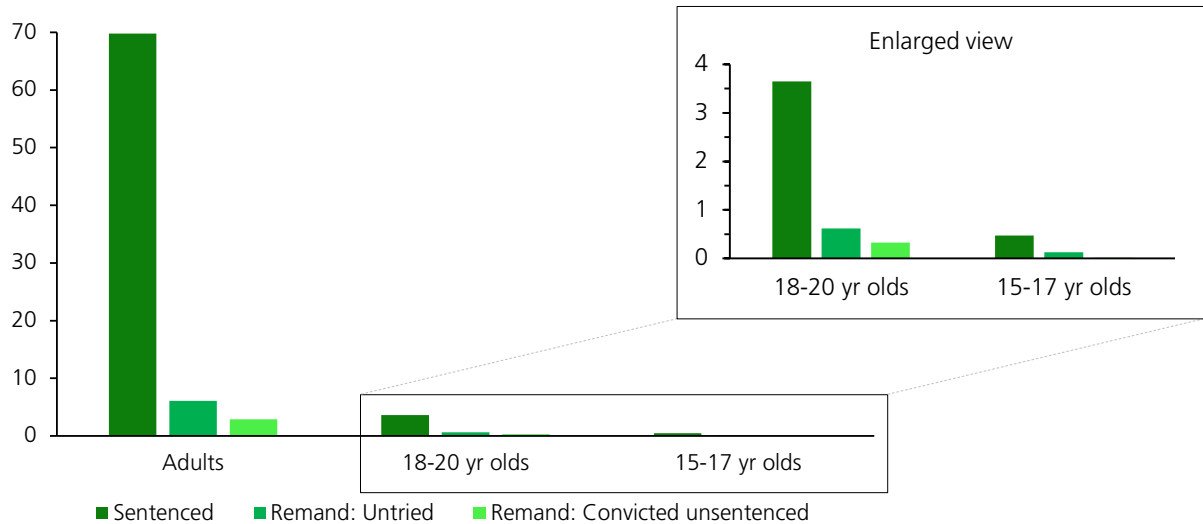
The prison population at the end of March 2016 was just over 85,400. Over the last year the population peaked in June 2015 at just under 86,200. Between June and December 2015 the population reduced by around 1.4% so that December 2015 had the lowest prisoner population during the year. By the end of 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)⁶



Individuals with sentences comprised around 87% of the prison population. Of this, adults⁷ 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 sentences⁸ between June 2005 and 2010. During this period the proportion of prisoners serving this type of sentence doubled.

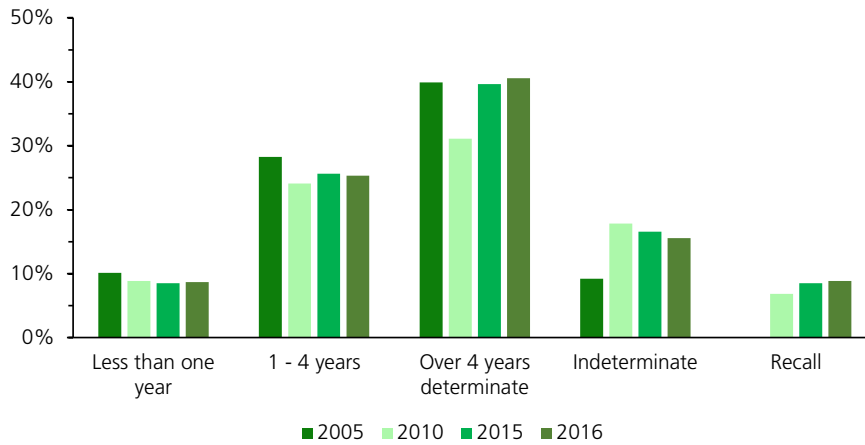
⁶ Does not include non-criminal prisoners – those held for civil offences. Mini-chart is 'zoomed' in version for 18-20 year olds and 15-17 year olds.

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

⁸ 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, 2005-2016⁹

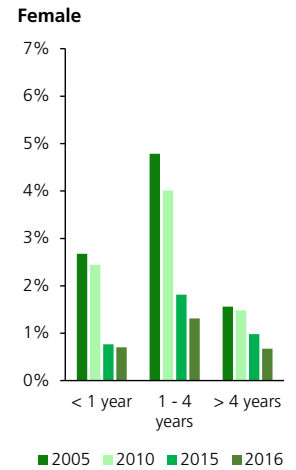
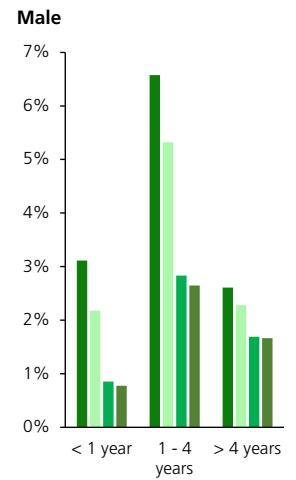


The proportion of male offenders aged 15-20 (non-adults) serving determinate sentences at the end of March 2016 fell in all sentence categories compared to June 2005. Offenders sentenced to 1-4 years reduced the largest amount (4 percentage points) compared to any other sentence type.

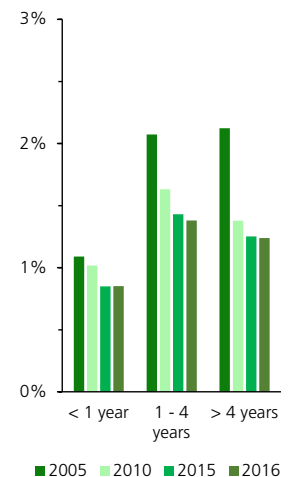
The reduction in the proportion of male non-adults serving determinate sentences was mirrored for non-adult female offenders. With sentences of 1-4 years similarly being reduced by the largest amount (3.5 percentage points).

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

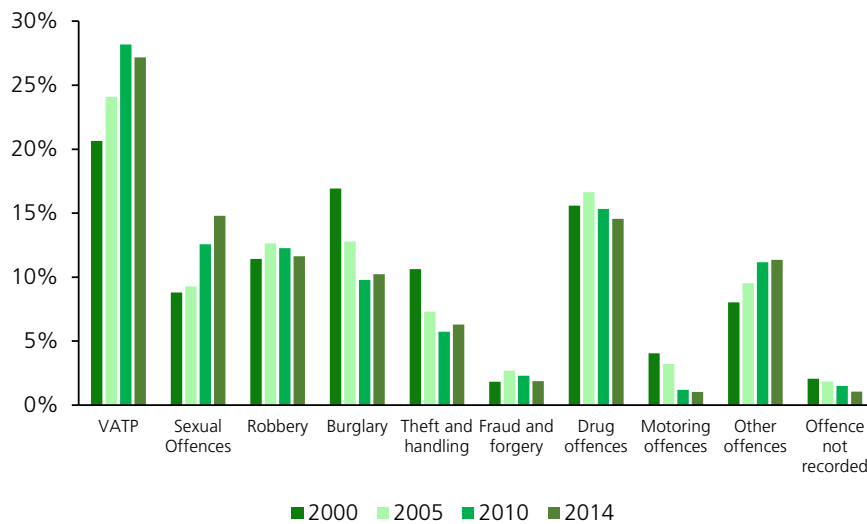


⁹ 2005, 2010 and 2015 based on end of June and 2016 based on end of March. Prior to 2010 offenders recalled to prison were included in the relevant service length band. Since 2010 recalls have been recorded separately. Does not include fine defaulters nor cases where the sentence length was not recorded.

1.5 Type of offence

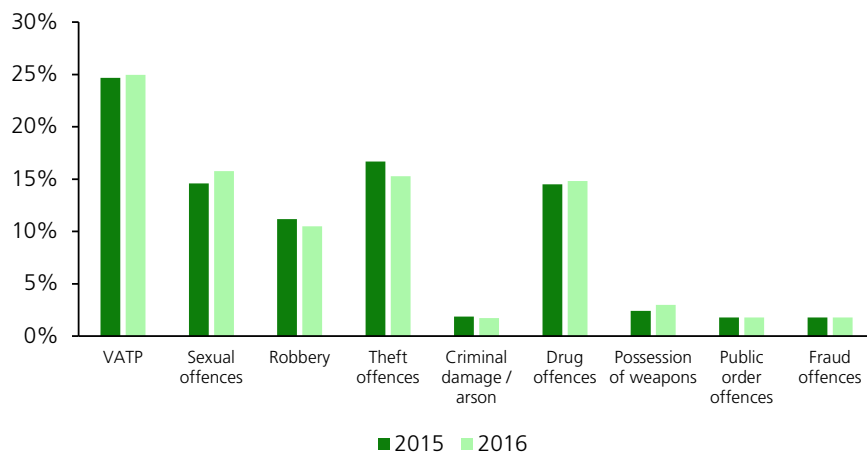
Prior to 2015 the offence categories within the MoJ's [Offender Management Statistics](#) had been kept the same since 2000, allowing for time series comparisons. Since 2015 the number of categories has expanded. While this allows for greater detail it effectively creates a break in the time series as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

All prison population by offence category, 2000-2014¹⁰



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, 2015-2016¹¹



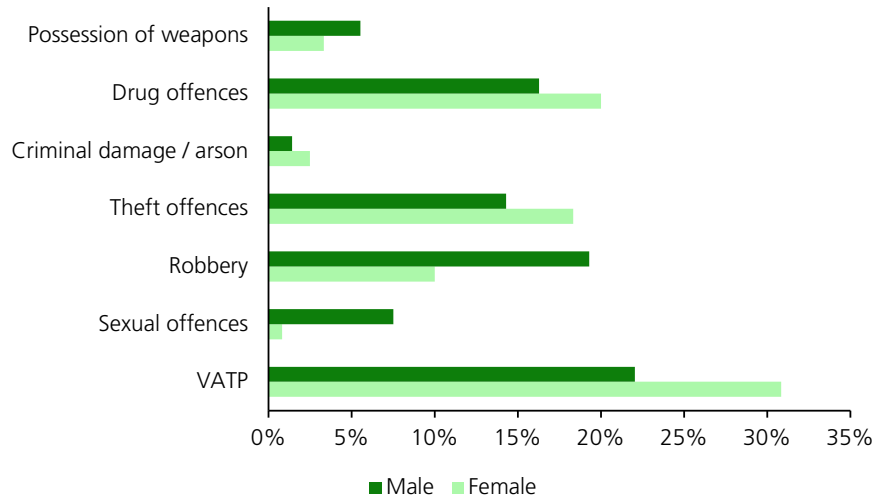
Violence against the person (VATP) offences accounted for the highest proportion of prisoners at the end of March 2016. Sexual, theft and drug offences each accounted for around 15% of the reason offenders were in prison.

¹⁰ Remand and immediate custodial sentence. At end of June.

¹¹ 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, 2016¹²



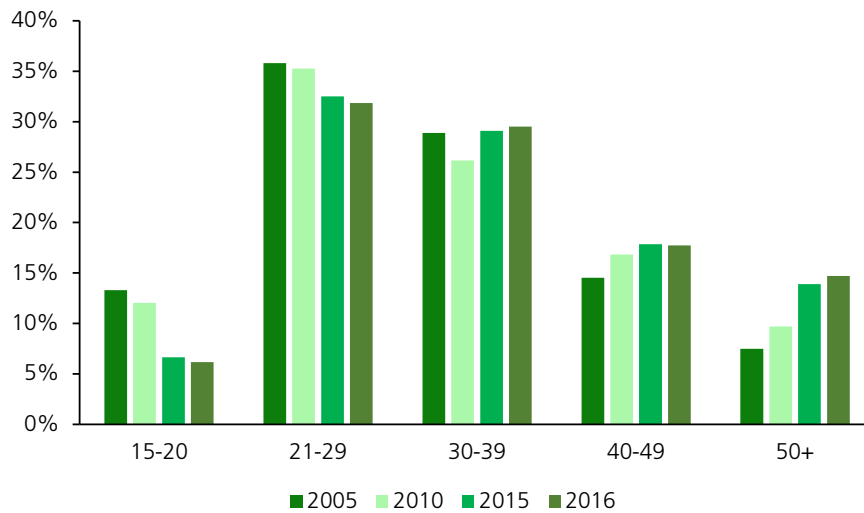
Sexual, robbery and possession of weapons offences accounted for a greater proportion of non-adult males compared to females. The proportion of offenders in prison for drug and theft offences was greater for non-adult women compared to non-adult males.

¹² 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.

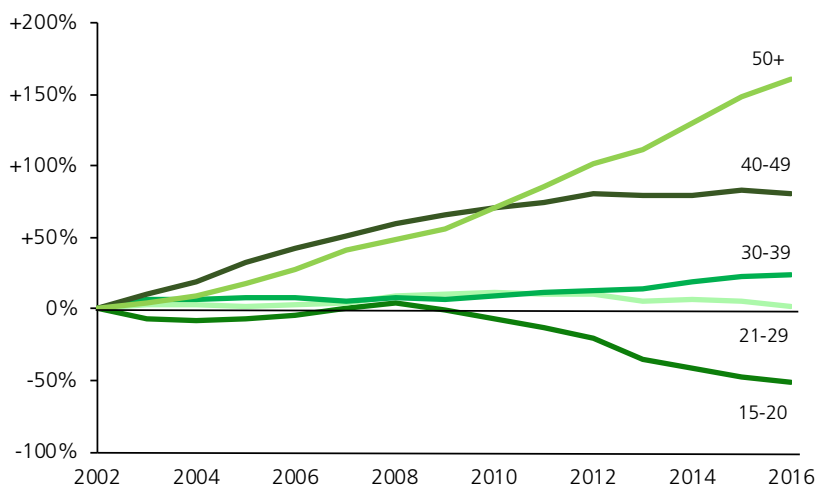
Prison population proportion by age, 2005-2016¹³



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, 2002-2016¹⁴

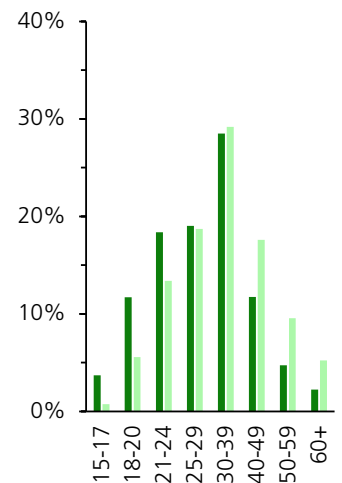


Prison population by age, March 2016

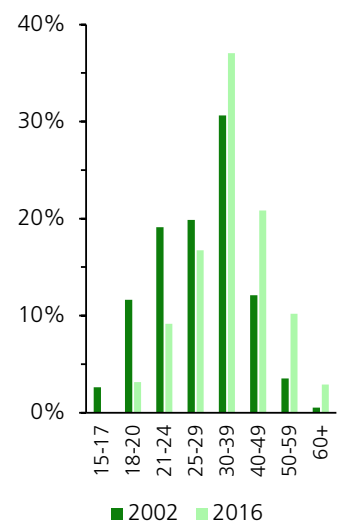
| Age | Number | % |
|--------------|---------------|-------------|
| 15-17 | 615 | 1% |
| 18-20 | 4,668 | 5% |
| 21-24 | 11,272 | 13% |
| 25-29 | 15,930 | 19% |
| 30-39 | 25,224 | 30% |
| 40-49 | 15,155 | 18% |
| 50-59 | 8,204 | 10% |
| 60+ | 4,373 | 5% |
| Total | 85,441 | 100% |

Prison population proportion by age, 2002-2016

Male



Female



¹³ 2005-2015 at end of June. 2016 at end of March.

¹⁴ 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.¹⁵

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%.

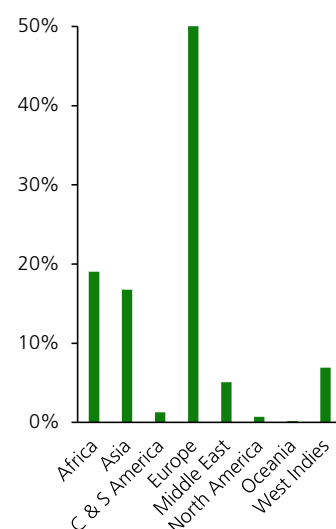
Foreign nationals from Europe accounted for the greatest proportion of all foreign nationals within the prison population (50%), those from Africa (19%) and Asia (17%) contributed the second and third largest proportion.

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.

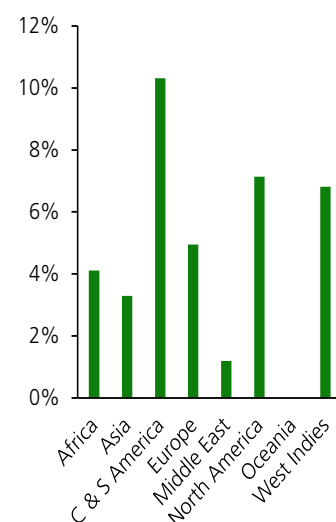
Men accounted for 95% of all foreign nationals within the prison population. Broken down by world region the majority of female foreign nationals came from Central and South America followed by North America and the West Indies.

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.¹⁶

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% |

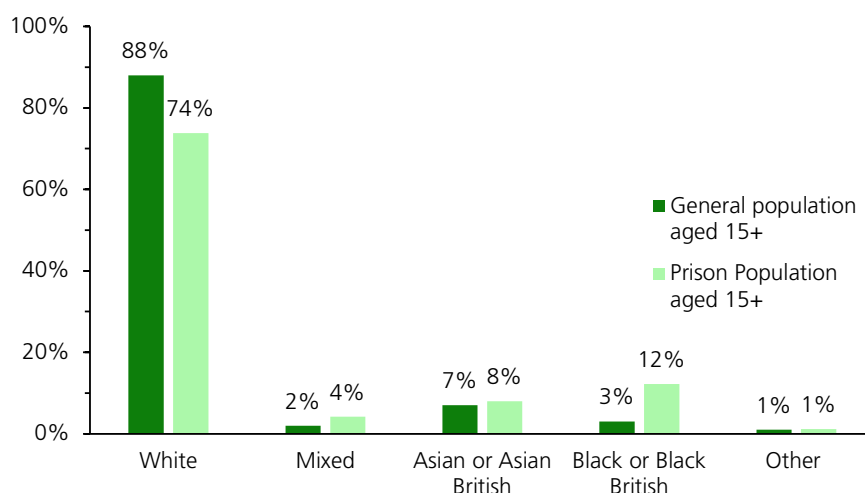
¹⁵ See table 7 in appendix.

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

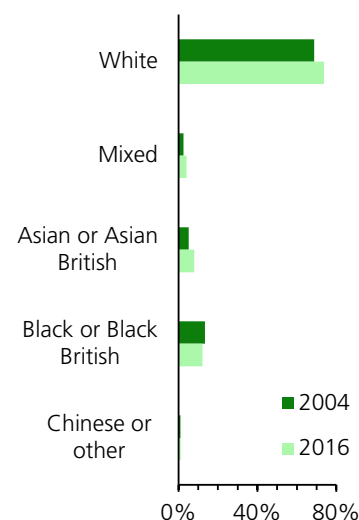
Ethnicity

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 2004.¹⁷

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% |
| Total | 85,441 | 100% | | |

¹⁷ 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.

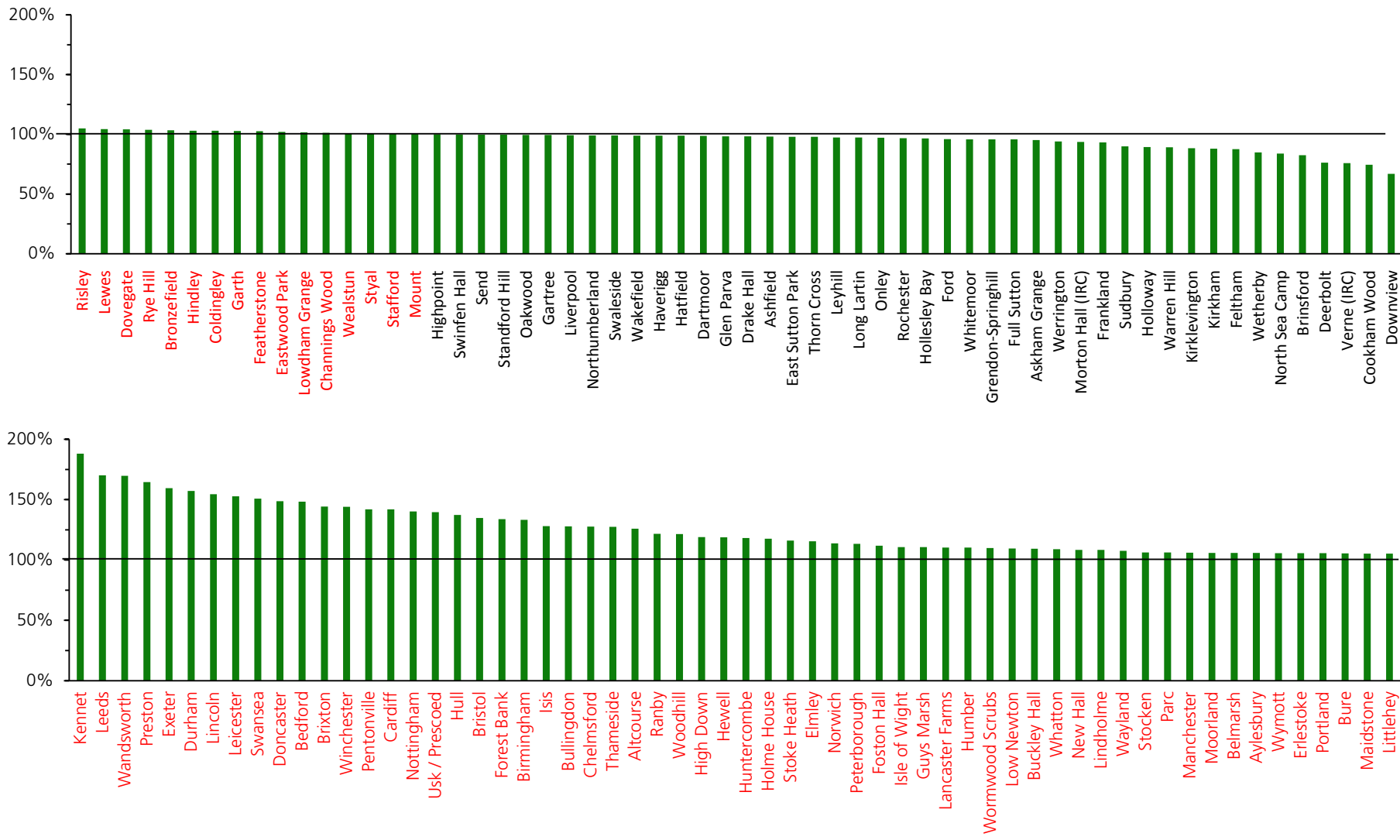
Statistics on the number of prisoners in each prison establishment are published for the last working Friday of every month.

As at the 27 May 2016 just over 60% (76) of prison establishments were overcrowded.¹⁸ 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.

¹⁸ 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

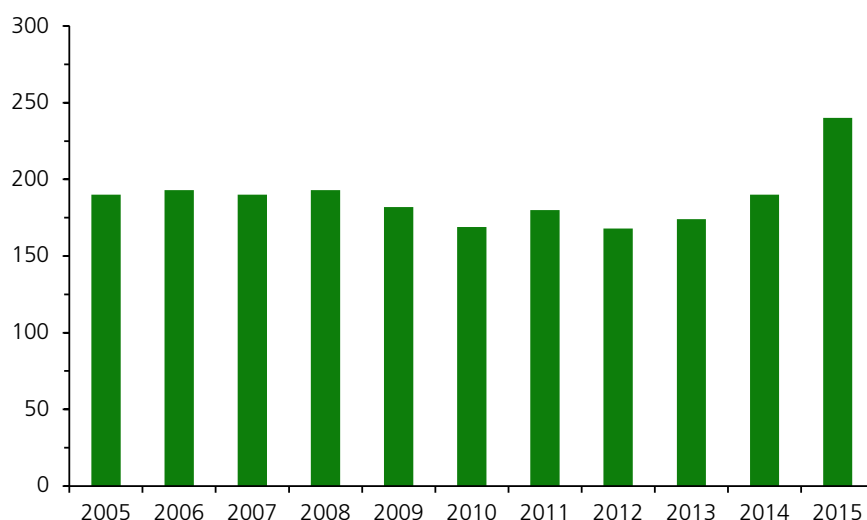


1.9 Safety in prisons

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.

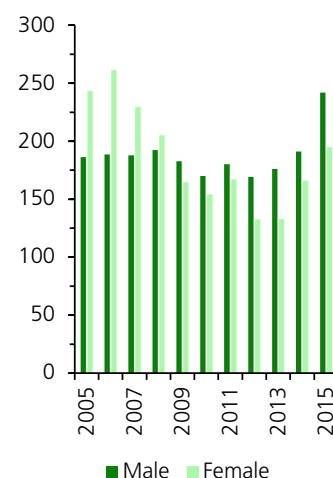
Of all the self-harm incidents, around 77% occurred in male establishments. This was an increase compared to 2005 when 43% of self-incidents occurred in male establishments.

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.

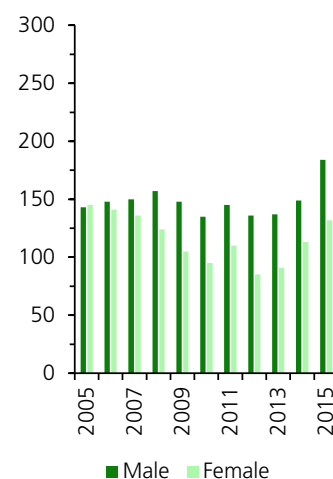
Between 2005 and 2015 the number of individual males self-harming has increased by 91% while the number of women has decreased around 23%. In 2015 there were around 3.4 self-harm incidents per self-harming individuals.

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

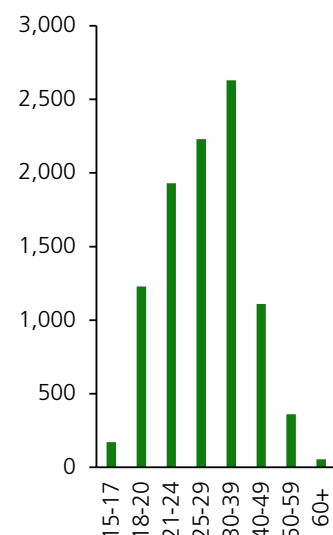
Assaults per 1,000 prisoners



Prisoner on prisoner assaults per 1,000



Self-harmers by age group, 2015

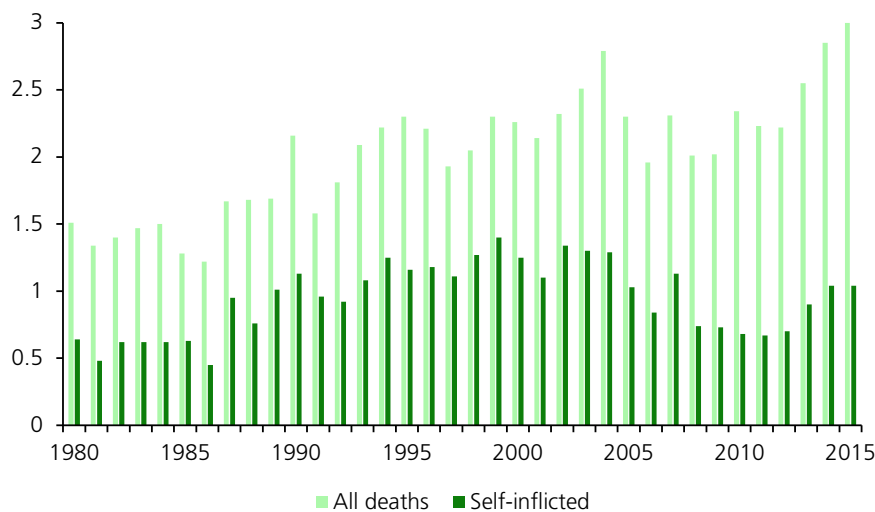


Deaths

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.

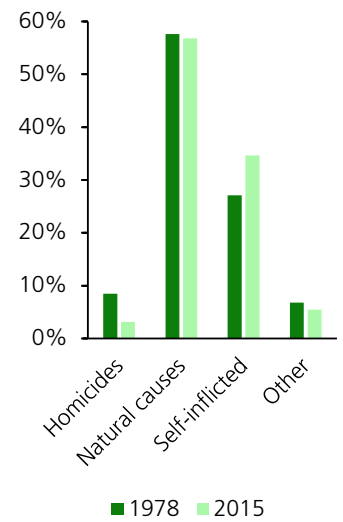
The proportion of deaths attributed to homicide decreased by 5 percentage points compared to 1978 whereas the proportion which were self-inflicted increased by 8 percentage points.

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.

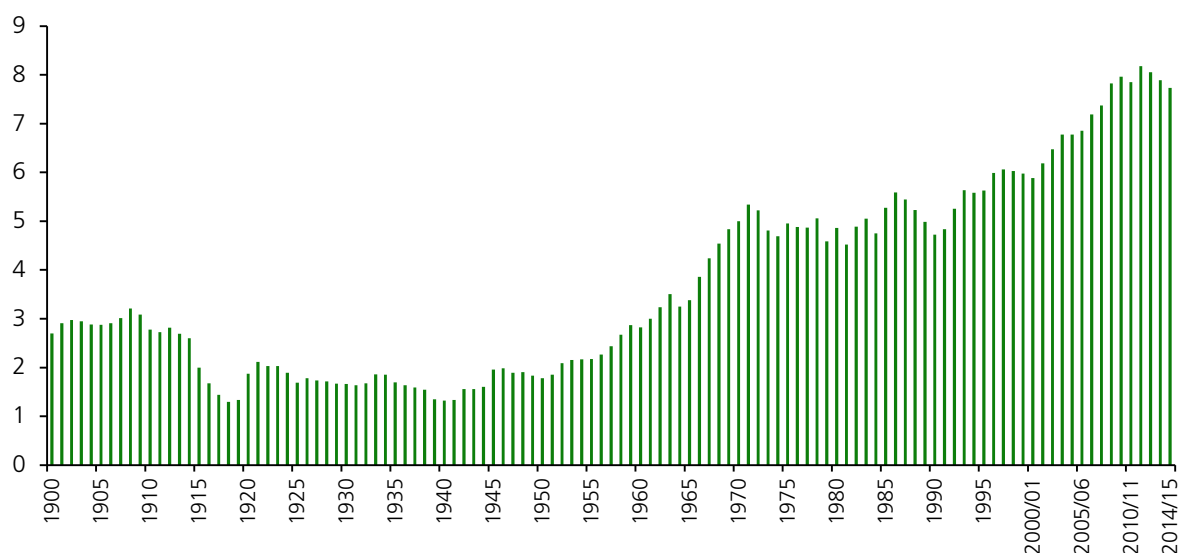
On-going technical difficulties have led to substantial delays in the publication of Scottish prisons data. Data for 2013/14 is the latest available from the Scottish government.¹⁹

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

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)²¹



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.

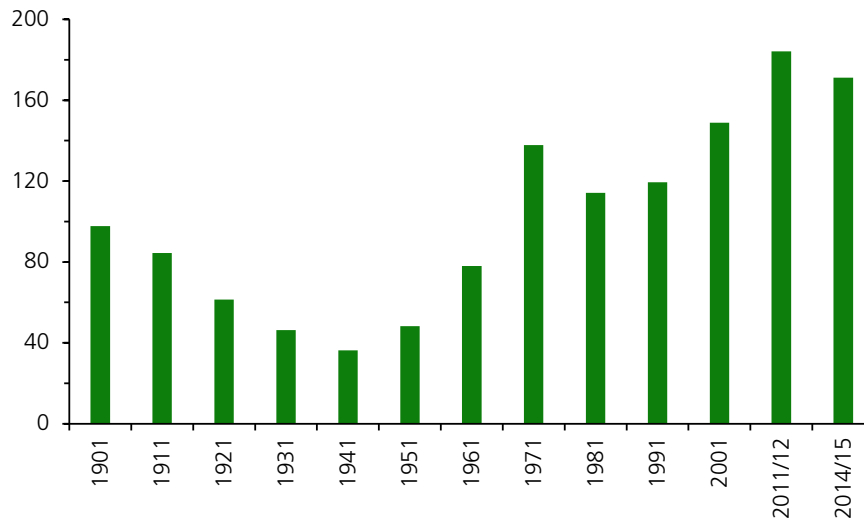
The average daily prison population increased by just over 190% between 1900 and 2013/14. To put this increase into context the figure should be considered alongside the total population of Scotland.

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

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

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

Average daily prison population per 100,000 head of population, 1901-2014/15²²



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% |

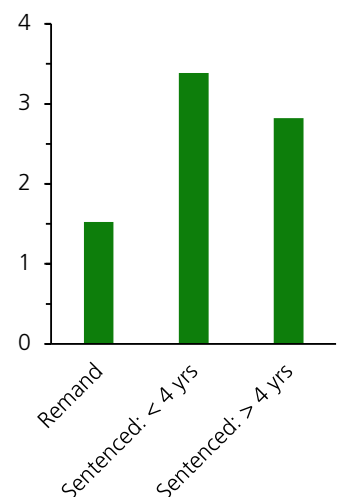
Source:

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

2.3 Current average daily population

The average daily prison population for 2014/15²³ 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)



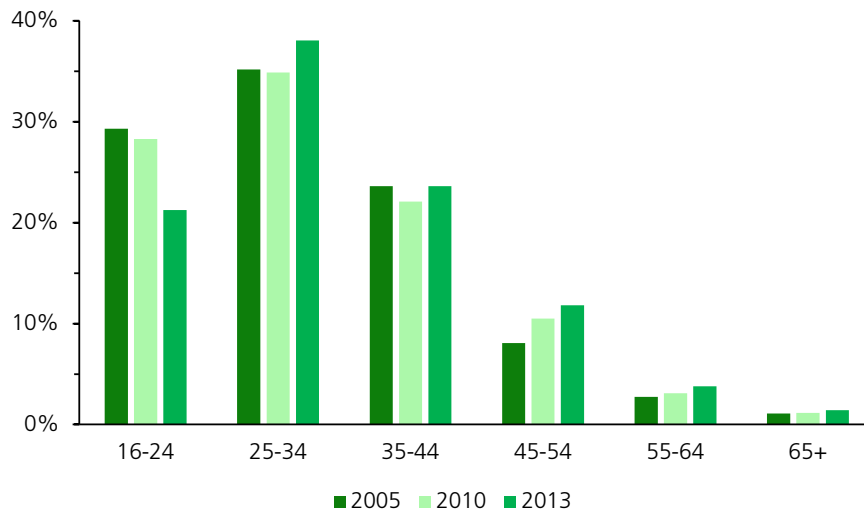
²² Population of Scotland aged 15 or over.

²³ 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, 2005-2013²⁴



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

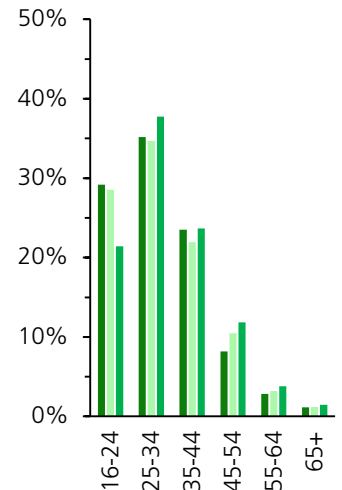
Ethnicity

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.

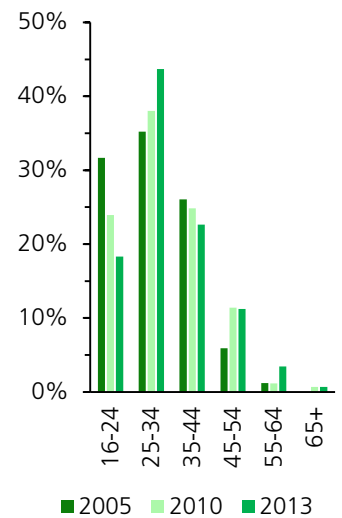
The Scotland Census 2011 suggests that the proportion of prisoners classified as being from a white ethnicity is the same proportion found among the general population. The proportion of people from Asian or Black ethnicities within the general population differed from the rate of the prison population. 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.²⁵

Prisoner age profile by gender

Male



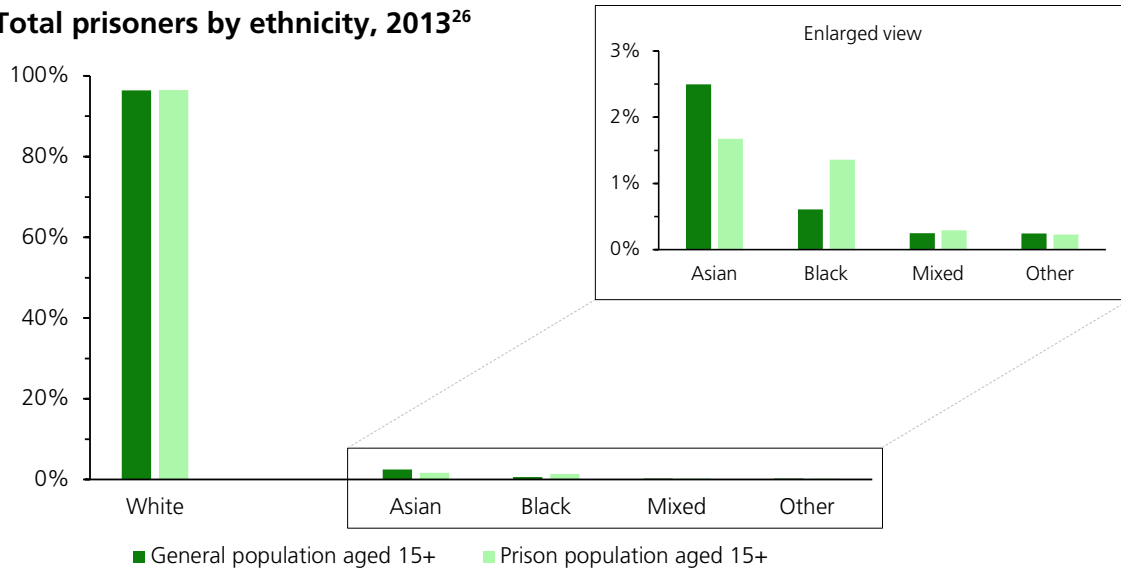
Female



²⁴ As at 30 June. Age groups combined. 16-24 includes under 16 year olds.

²⁵ Scotland Census, [Census 2001-2011](#)

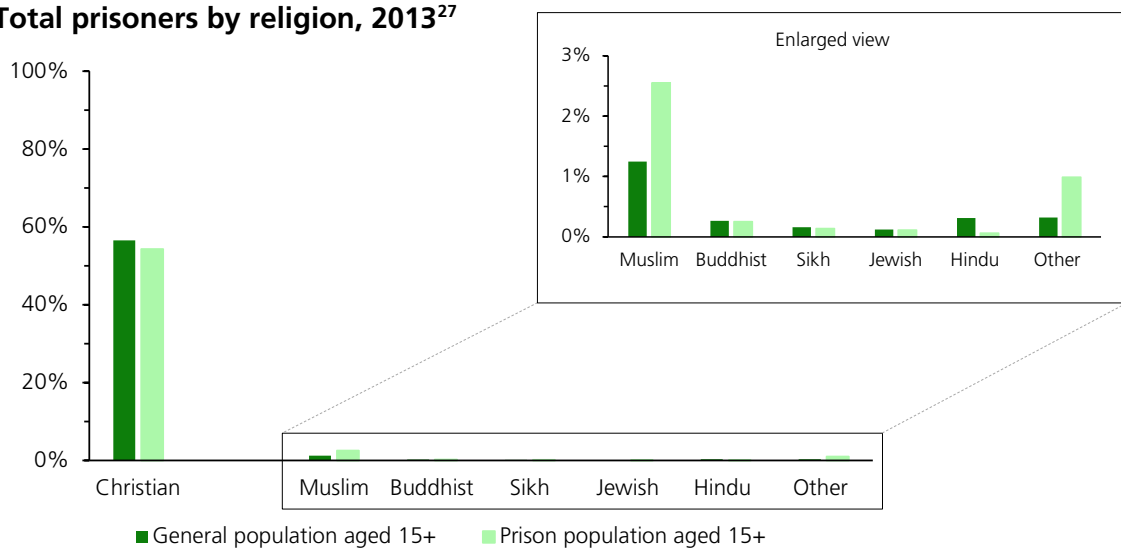
Total prisoners by ethnicity, 2013²⁶



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, 2013²⁷



The proportion of Muslims among the prison population was greater than the rate among the general population. According to the 2011 Census²⁸ 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

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

²⁷ See note above.

²⁸ See note 24.

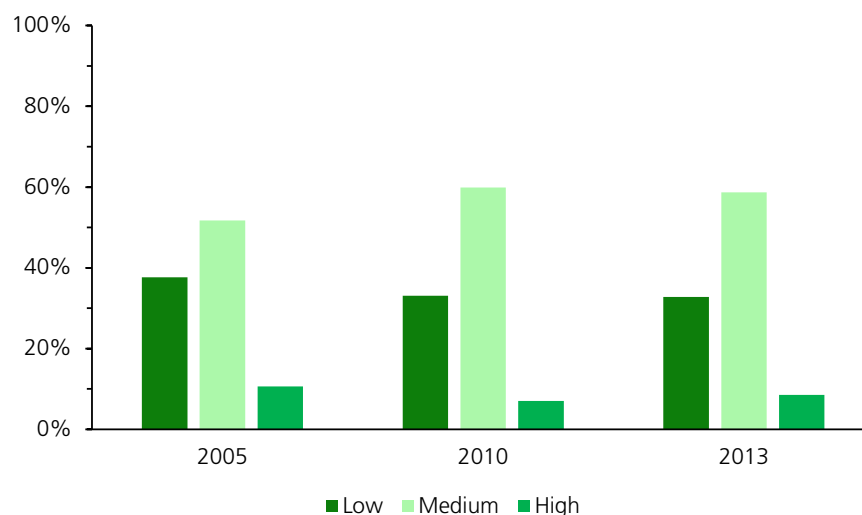
population. Individuals with no religious identity accounted for around 41% of the general population and just over 41% of the prison population.

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.²⁹

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 level³⁰



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

³⁰ As at 30 June.

3. Northern Ireland

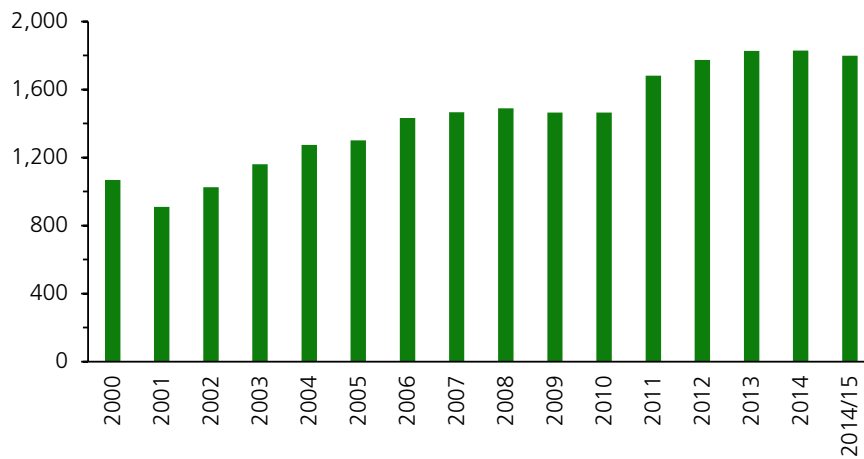
The Northern Ireland [Department of Justice](#) has produced statistics on the prison population in Northern Ireland from 2000.

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



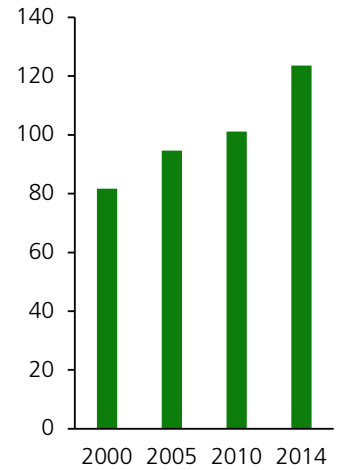
The average daily prison population in 2000 was just over 1,000. After a drop in 2001 the population increased year on year until 2008 when the population was 63% higher than in 2001. From 2011 the population increased year on year until 2014. The population figure for 2014 is double that of 2001.

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.

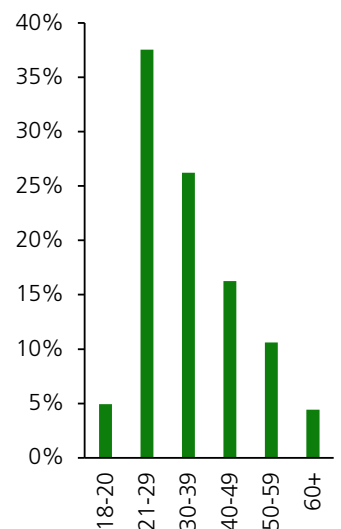
3.2 Age profile of prisoners

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

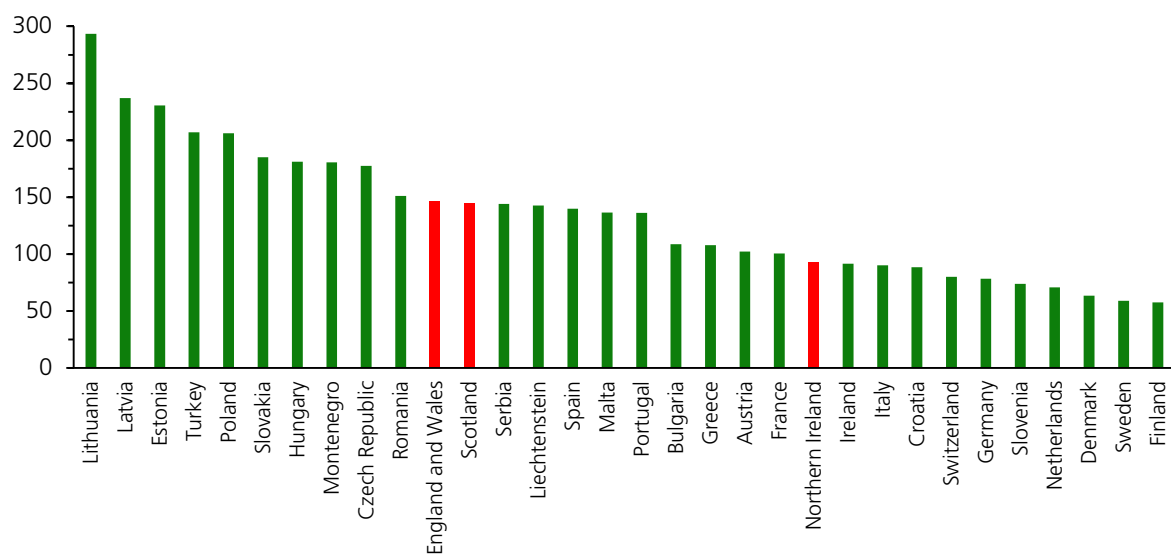


4. International comparisons

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 11th highest rate in Europe and the highest amongst western European jurisdictions. Scotland had the 12th highest with 145 prisoners per 100,000. Northern Ireland had 93 prisoners per 100,000 of population and ranked 22nd.

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

| Year | Total prison population by sentence length | | | | | | Total |
|------|--|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|--------|--------|
| | 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 | |
| 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 |

| Year | Non-adult males by sentence | | | | | Total sentenced males (all ages) |
|------|-----------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------|----------------------------------|
| | Less than one year | 1 - 4 years | Over 4 years determinate | Indeterminate | Recall | |
| 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 |

| Year | Non-adult females by sentence | | | | | Total sentenced females (all ages) |
|------|-------------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------|------------------------------------|
| | Less than one year | 1 - 4 years | Over 4 years determinate | Indeterminate | Recall | |
| 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 |

| Year | All males by sentence | | | | | Total sentenced people (male & female) |
|------|-----------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------|--|
| | Less than one year | 1 - 4 years | Over 4 years determinate | Indeterminate | Recall | |
| 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 |

| Year | All females by sentence | | | | | Total sentenced people (male & female) |
|------|-------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|---------------|--------|--|
| | Less than one year | 1 - 4 years | Over 4 years determinate | Indeterminate | Recall | |
| 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

| All male | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------|
| | 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 |

| All female | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------|
| | 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 |

| Non-adult male | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------|
| | 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 |

| Non-adult female | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|---------|----------------|---------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------|----------------------|------------------|----------------------|-------|
| | 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 | | CNA | Population | 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% | Bronzefield | 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

| | Prisoner assaults | | | | | | | | |
|------|------------------------------|----------|------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | 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 |

| | Self-harming | | | | | |
|------|---------------------|-----------------------|---|---|------------------------------------|----------------------|
| | 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

| | Deaths | | | | | Deaths per 1,000 prisoners | | | |
|------|-----------|----------------|----------------|-------|-------|----------------------------|----------------|-------|------------|
| | Homicides | Natural causes | Self-inflicted | Other | Total | 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 |
| Total | 6,421 | 338 | 6,759 | 7,544 | 439 | 7,983 | 7,446 | 437 | 7,883 |

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 |
| Total | 6,421 | 338 | 6,759 | 7,544 | 439 | 7,983 | 7,446 | 437 | 7,883 |

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 |
| Total | 6,421 | 338 | 6,759 | 7,544 | 439 | 7,983 | 7,446 | 437 | 7,883 |

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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