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## Summary

- ◆ The overall annual average prison population in Northern Ireland decreased by almost 2% from an average of 1,490 in 2008 to an average of 1,465 in 2009. The 2009 average remand population of 505 was almost unchanged from the 2007 level (507), whilst the average immediate custody population in 2009 (934) was 2% lower than in 2008 (955) (Table 1).
- ◆ The total number of receptions into prison decreased by almost 5% from 6,185 in 2008 to 5,892 in 2009 (Table 7).
- ◆ The overall prison population was predominantly male (97% in 2009) (Table 1). Males also made up 96% of all receptions into prison during 2009 (Table 7).
- ◆ In 2009, 49% of the average immediate custody prison population were between the ages of 17 and 29 (Table 4), while 55% of all immediate custody prison receptions were between the ages of 17 and 29 (Table 10).
- ◆ In 2009, 67% of the immediate custody prisoner population were serving sentences for violent offences (violence against the person, sexual offences or robbery) (Figure 3).
- ◆ Prisoners with sentences of greater than one year but less than or equal to five years formed 31% of the immediate custody population in 2009; those sentenced to more than five years but less than life made up 31%; those with sentences of one year and under formed 19%. Life sentence prisoners made up 19% of the average immediate custody population in 2009 (Figure 4).
- ◆ Northern Ireland had a rate of 88 prisoners per 100,000 population in 2008 compared with 153 in England & Wales and 152 in Scotland. The Republic of Ireland had a rate of 76 prisoners per 100,000 population. The USA had the highest rate of imprisonment in the world, 756 prisoners per 100,000 population, followed by the Russian Federation on 629.

## Introduction

1. This bulletin examines the size and composition of the prison population in Northern Ireland in 2009 compared with previous years during the last decade (2000 to 2009). The statistics presented in the bulletin focus on:

- ◆ the annual average prison population, and
- ◆ all receptions of prisoners into prison establishments during the year.

The statistics have been derived from the Northern Ireland PRISM prisoner database and analysis performed by the Statistics and Research Branch of the Department of Justice. This database is continuously updated with prison population and reception information received from all prison establishments in Northern Ireland.

## Average Prison Population

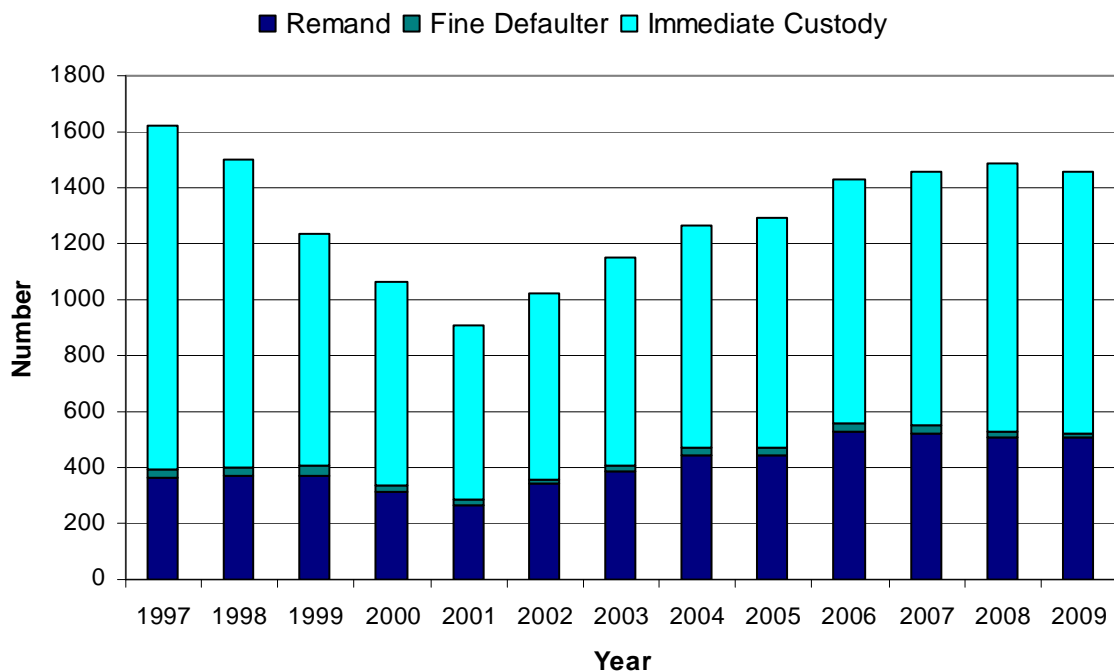
2. The overall annual average prison population in Northern Ireland decreased by almost 2% from an average of 1,490 in 2008 to an average of 1,465 in 2009. This was the first decrease since 2000, following seven consecutive increases in the annual average between 2001 and 2008 (Figure 1). Compared with 2001 (910) the overall average population in 2009 represented an increase of 61% (Table 1).

## Average Prison Population by Prisoner Type

### Remand Prisoners

3. The 2009 average remand population of 505 was a decrease of just 2 on the 2008 level (507) (Table 1). In the last four years the remand population has been larger than at any other point since 1997 (Figure 1), whilst since 1997 the lowest average remand population occurred in 2001 (266). As a proportion of the total prison population, the remand population has also increased during this period, growing from less than 30% before 2002 to 35% of the total in 2009.

Figure 1: Average prison population by prisoner type 1997 to 2009



### Fine Defaulters

4. The average fine default population in 2009 was 20, similar to than the previous year (21). The average number of fine defaulters has fluctuated during the last decade, reaching a high of 33 in 1999 and a low of 17 in 2002. Proportionately, fine defaulters have constituted between 1% and 2% of the total average prison population during the last decade (Table 1).

### Immediate Custody Prisoners

5. The average immediate custody population in 2009 was 934, 2% lower than in 2008 (955), representing the first decrease since 2000 (Table 1). In 2000, the average immediate custody population was 729. The period of sharpest decline in the annual average immediate custody population occurred between 1997 (1,226) and 2001 (616), a decrease of 63% (Figure 1).

6. The decrease in the annual average immediate custody population during the initial part of the last decade can be partially explained by the number of prisoners discharged under the Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998. Under the terms of the Belfast (Good Friday) Agreement, the Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act was introduced in July 1998. Prisoners convicted of scheduled offences and attracting a sentence of five years or more became eligible to apply for early release to the Independent Sentence Review Commissioners. A total of 450 prisoners have been released up until the end of 2009 under the Act. The majority of releases occurred during the period 1998-2000, with the last prisoner being released under the Act in November 2006.

## Non-criminal Prisoners

7. The average number of non-criminal prisoners - mainly immigrant detainees - in 2009 (6) was the same as 2008. While the annual average has varied over the last decade from a low of 2 in 2006 to a high of 10 in 2004, in most years the non-criminal population has been an average of 6 (Table 1).

### Average Prison Population by Sex

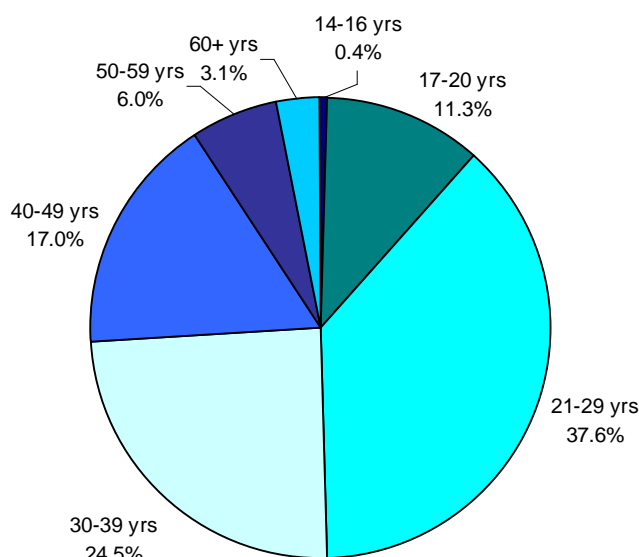
8. Males accounted for 97% of the average total prison population in 2009, and the gender composition of the prison population has not changed greatly over the last decade. This gender composition has overall been reflected within the different prisoner categories, with males accounting for 95-99% of all remand and immediate custody prisoners between 2000 and 2009 (Table 1). In the same period the male proportion of the fine defaulter population ranged from 91% to 96%. On average in the last 10 years nearly all non-criminal prisoners were male - there have been a very small average number of female non-criminal prisoners.

### Average Immediate Custody Prison Population by Age

9. In 2009, 12% (110) of the average immediate custody population in prison were less than 21 years old, with 38% (352) being between the ages of 21 and 29 at reception (Figure 2). A further 25% (229) were aged between 30 and 39, 17% (159) were between the ages of 40 and 49, while 6% (56) were aged between 50 and 59. Immediate custody prisoners aged 60 years or more at reception accounted for 3% (29) of the average immediate custody population (Table 4).

10. The age profile at reception of the average immediate custody prison population is markedly different from the overall Northern Ireland population. In 2009, 49% of the average immediate custody prison population were between the ages of 17 and 29, compared to 18% of the Northern Ireland population as a whole. Some 38% of immediate custody prisoners were between the ages of 21 and 29 at reception (Figure 2) compared to 13% of the Northern Ireland population - based on the 'Northern Ireland Mid-Year Population Estimates 2008'. The average number of immediate custody prisoners aged under 21 was slightly higher in 2009 (110) compared with the previous year (106). The proportion of under 21's within the immediate custody population has fluctuated over the decade, ranging from a high of 15% in 2002 down to a low of 11% in 2008 (Table 4).

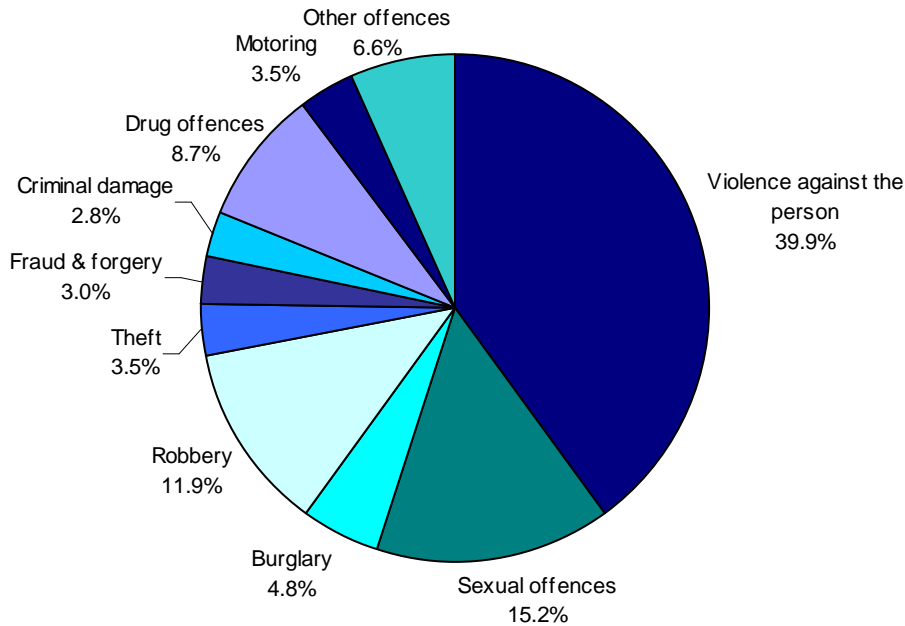
Figure 2: Average prison population under sentence of immediate custody by age at reception 2009



### Average Immediate Custody Prison Population by Offence

11. While the annual average immediate custody population as a whole decreased by 2% between 2008 and 2009, four of the ten offence categories listed in Table 6 increased in size. The average number of prisoners held in immediate custody for drug offences increased by 31% from 62 to 81, while the average number in custody convicted of fraud offences increased by 56% from an average of 18 to 28 between 2008 and 2009. Increases were also found for sexual offences and burglary (Table 6). However, the average number in custody convicted of motoring offences decreased by 37% from an average of 52 in 2008 to 33 in 2009, while violence against the person decreased by 5% from an average of 393 to 372 during this period (Table 6 and Figure 3).

Figure 3: Average prison population under sentence of immediate custody by offence 2009



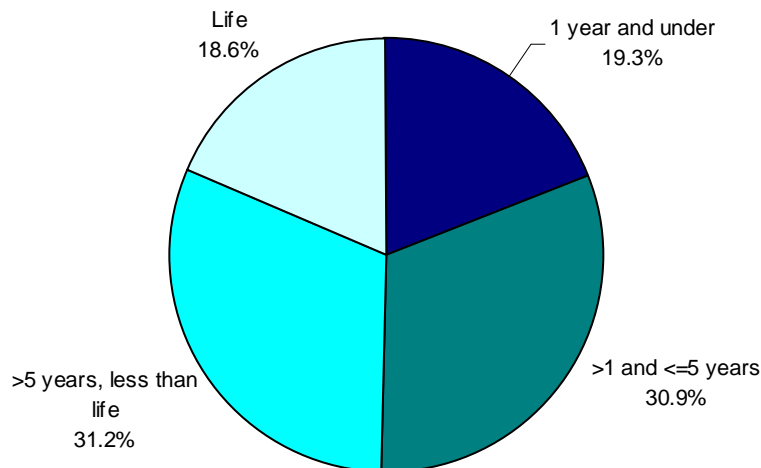
### Average Immediate Custody Prison Population by Sentence Length

12. The following analysis of the immediate custody prison population consists of four categories, based on sentence length - life sentence prisoners, prisoners with determinate sentences of more than five years, prisoners with determinate sentences of more than one year but less than or equal to five years and prisoners with determinate sentences of one year and under. A determinate sentence is a sentence where a specific period of imprisonment is given to the person convicted. This excludes a life sentence or the detention of a person at the Secretary of State’s Pleasure.

13. The average life sentence prison population grew from 161 in 2008 to 174 in 2009, an increase of 8%. The average life sentence prison population has risen from 133 in 1999 to 174 in 2009, an increase of 31%. During the last decade the life sentence population was lowest in 2001 at 88 (influenced by the early release arrangements of the Northern Ireland (Sentences) Act 1998) and was at its highest in 2009 (Table 3).

14. The average number of prisoners serving determinate sentences greater than five years decreased by 2% between 2008 (298) and 2009 (292), the first decrease since 2000. The average number of prisoners in this category was at 227 prisoners in 1999, and then decreased to a low of 155 in 2001. The annual average population of those sentenced to more than one year but less than or equal to five years had been increasing in recent years until 2006 but has decreased by 12% between 2006 (330) and 2009 (289). The average number of prisoners serving a sentence of one year and under increased by 2% between 2008 (176) and 2009 (180). The average number of prisoners in this category has fluctuated during the last decade, reaching 169 in 1999 and falling to a low of 116 in 2001 before increasing again to the 2009 level (Table 3).

Figure 4: Average prison population under sentence of immediate custody by sentence length 2009



15. In 2009, the proportion of life sentence prisoners was 19% of the immediate custody population. The proportion sentenced to a determinate sentence of more than 5 years was 31% in 2009 and 2008, whilst the proportion of those sentenced to less than 5 years decreased from 52% to 50% over the same period. During the last decade, life sentence prisoners have fluctuated from 14% to 19% of the immediate custody population. The proportion of those sentenced to a determinate sentence of more than five years has increased from 25% of the population in 2000, to 31% in 2009. Those sentenced to less than five years represented 59% of the immediate custody population in 2000 compared with 50% in 2009 (Table 3 and Figure 4).

## Receptions into Prison

16. The total number of receptions into prison in Northern Ireland decreased between 2008 and 2009. A total of 5,892 prisoners were received during 2009, 5% less than in 2008 (6,185) and 14% higher than in 2000 (5,186) (Table 7). During the last decade the number of receptions has fluctuated, falling to a low of 4,416 in 2001 and reaching a high of 6,472 in 2006.

## Prison Receptions by Prisoner Type

### Remand Prisoners

17. The number of remand receptions has fluctuated quite substantially over the last decade, from a high of 3,193 in 2006 to a low of 1,922 in 2001. There was a 6% increase in the number of remand receptions between 2008 (2,905) and 2009 (3,082). The number of remand receptions in 2009 was 40% higher than in 2000 (2,197).

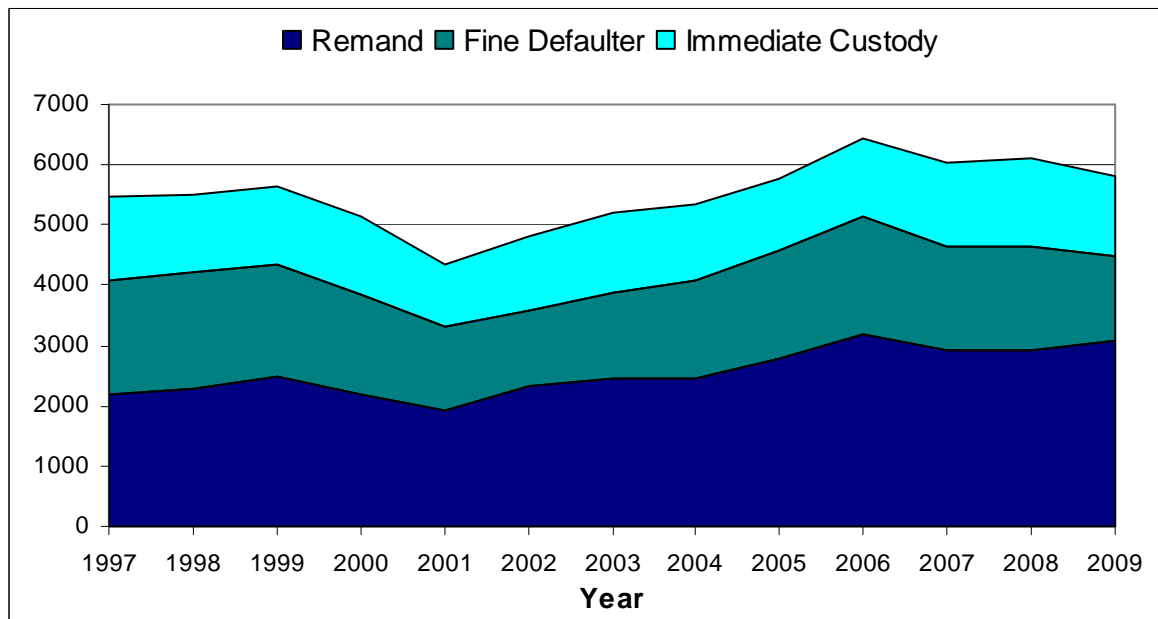
### Fine Defaulters

18. Fine defaulters represent a small part of the overall average annual prison population due to the short duration of their time in prison (in 2009, the average time served for fine default was 4 days). The number of fine default receptions, however, is substantial and accounted for 24% of all receptions (Table 7). The 2009 figure (1,394) was 20% lower than that for 2008 (1,742). Fine defaulter receptions have fluctuated over the last decade, with a high of 1,951 in 2006 and a low of 1,240 in 2002.

### Immediate Custody Prisoners

19. The number of prisoners received under sentence of immediate custody in 2009 (1,325) was 10% lower than in 2008 (1,466) but 3% higher than in 2000 (1,283). The 2009 figure represented the first annual decrease since 2004. Overall the number of immediate custody receptions has fluctuated during the last decade, with a high of 1,466 in 2008 and a low of 1,043 in 2001.

Figure 5: Prison receptions by prisoner type 1997 to 2009



### Non-Criminal Prisoners

20. The number of non-criminal prisoners received each year is relatively small compared with the number of overall receptions (Table 7). The 2009 figure (91) was an increase on the number received in 2008 (72). The number of non-criminal receptions into prison peaked at 134 in 2005, whilst the 2006 figure (24) was the lowest in the last decade.

### Prison Receptions by Sex

21. Females accounted for 4% (251) of all receptions into prison during 2009 while males accounted for 96% (5,641). Male receptions decreased by 3% from the 2008 level (5,810). Receptions of females in 2009 (251) represented a decrease of 33% compared with 2008 (375) (Table 7). Proportionately, in 2009 females were less likely than males to be received for fine default, with 20% of all female receptions being for fine default compared with 24% of males. During 2009, males (23%) were more likely than females (13%) to be received under sentence of immediate custody, whilst the proportion of males and females received as remand prisoners was 52% and 61% respectively. The 14 females who were received as non-criminal prisoners represented 15% of all non-criminal receptions during 2009.

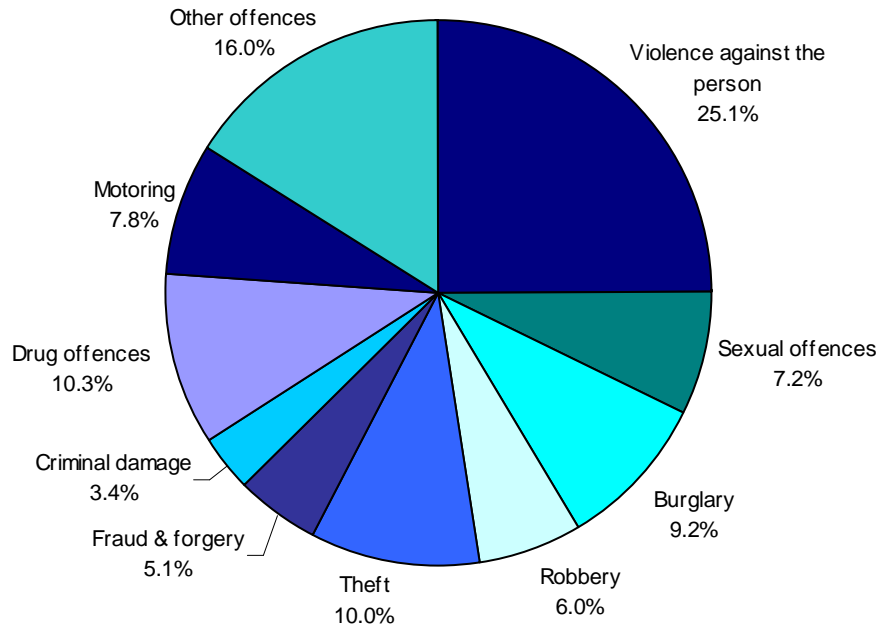
### Immediate Custody Receptions by Age

22. In 2009, 12% of all immediate custody prisoners were aged less than 21 years at reception (Table 10). This was the lowest proportion of immediate custody prisoners aged less than 21 years since 2000, with the highest proportion (26%) in 2002. In 2009, 44% of all immediate custody prisoners were aged between 21 and 29 years. One quarter (25%) were aged between 30 and 49, with 6% of all immediate custody prisoners received in 2009 aged 50 years or over.

## Immediate Custody Receptions by Offence

23. Receptions for sexual offences, burglary, robbery, fraud and drug offences all increased in 2009 compared with 2008 (Table 12). Receptions for violence against the person, theft, criminal damage, motoring and 'other offences' decreased during the same period. Violence against the person (VAP) offences made up a quarter of all immediate custody receptions, while overall violent offences (VAP, sexual offences and robbery) together made up 38% of all immediate custody receptions (Figure 6).

Figure 6: Immediate custody receptions by offence 2009

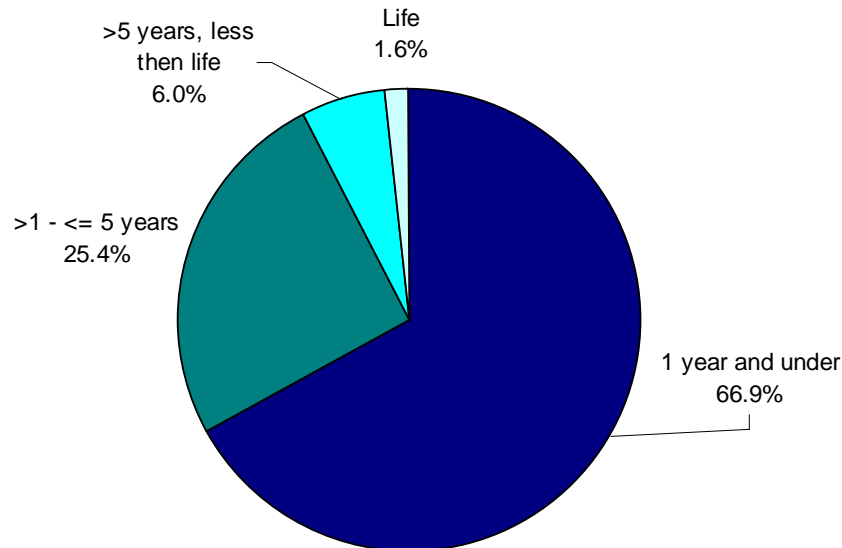


## Immediate Custody Receptions by Sentence Length

24. Life sentence prisoners form a small proportion of all those received into prison each year (normally between 1% and 2%) (Figure 7). The number of life sentence receptions over the last ten years has ranged from a high of 26 in 2007 to a low of 6 in 2008. There were 21 life sentence receptions during 2009 and overall since 2000 there have been an average number of 20 life sentence receptions each year (Table 9).

25. There was a 14% increase in the numbers received into prison sentenced to five years or more but less than life in 2009 (80) compared with 2008 (70). This sentence length category increased by 40% in 2009 compared with the 2000 figure (57). The trend for those sentenced to terms of imprisonment greater than one year but less than or equal to five years continued to fluctuate. The 2009 figure (337) was 6% lower than the 2008 figure (357) and 21% lower than in 2000 (428). For those sentenced to determinate sentences of one year and less, the number of receptions in 2009 (887) was a decrease of 14% from the 2008 level (1,033). Overall, the number of prisoners received with sentences of one year and less has increased by 14% between 2000 (779) and 2009 (Table 9).

Figure 7: Immediate custody receptions by sentence length 2009



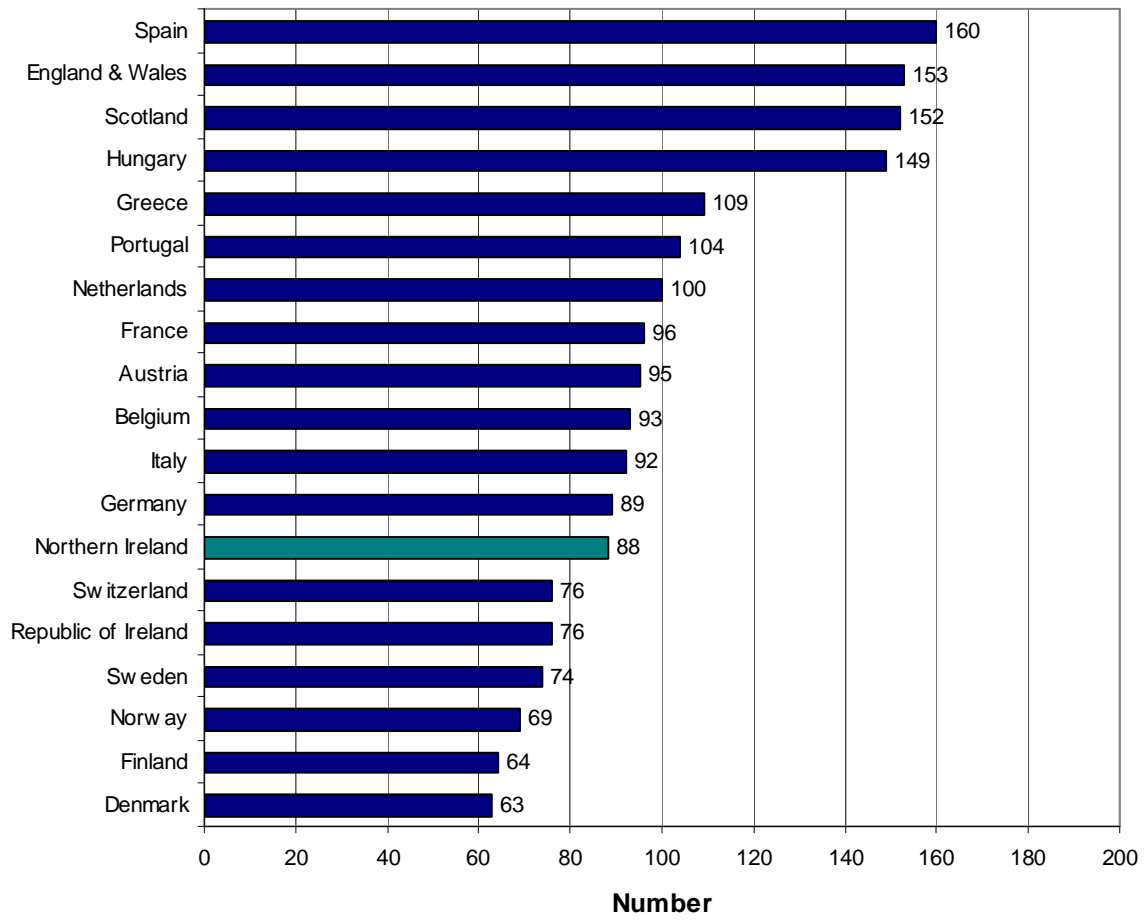
### Comparing Prison Receptions and the Prison Population

26. Most prisoners sentenced to immediate custody are received into prison with sentences of one year or less. In 2009, 67% of immediate custody receptions were in this category (Figure 7). However, because these prisoners remain in prison for a relatively short period (when the effect of remission is taken into account) the average daily prison population is made up primarily of longer sentence prisoners (Figure 4). For example, on average in 2009, only 18% of those in prison who had been sentenced to immediate custody, had sentences of one year or less compared with 67% of receptions. Some 31% had determinate sentences of over five years and less than life compared with 6% of receptions; 31% had sentences greater than one year up to and including five years compared with 25% of receptions and 19% were serving life sentences (including those detained at the Secretary of State's pleasure) compared with 2% of receptions (Tables 3 and 9).

### International Comparisons

27. The King's College London International Centre for Prison Studies publication, "World Prison Population List (eighth edition)" published in early 2009 indicated that on 24 November 2008, Northern Ireland had 88 prisoners for every 100,000 people in the population. Figure 8 shows that on similar dates in England & Wales and Scotland the equivalent figures were 153 and 152 respectively. The rate in the Republic of Ireland was 76 (26 October 2007). Among selected western European countries, Spain (160) had the highest rate of imprisonment per 100,000 population, whilst Denmark (63 on 4 September 2008) had the lowest rate. Germany (89 on 31 August 2008) and Italy (92 on 30 June 2008) were two other European countries with a similar rate to Northern Ireland. The USA (756 on 31 December 2007) had the highest rate in the world, followed by the Russian Federation (629 on 1 November 2008).

Figure 8: Prisoners per 100,000 population for selected European jurisdictions.



**Table 1: Average Northern Ireland prison population, by sex, prisoner type and age group 2000-2009**

		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>MALE PRISONERS</b>	Aged under 21	69	62	81	97	105	101	117	106	96	82
	Aged 21 or over	232	198	250	280	328	330	393	403	388	400
	Age unknown	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>301</b>	<b>260</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>377</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>431</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>509</b>	<b>483</b>	<b>482</b>
<b>Remand</b>	Aged under 21	5	4	3	4	5	4	7	5	3	3
	Aged 21 or over	15	17	13	15	17	20	20	19	17	16
	<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>
<b>Immediate Custody</b>	YOC	78	58	73	80	86	80	72	70	59	65
	Young Prisoners	22	17	20	22	30	32	34	39	47	45
	Adult Prisoners	618	533	557	633	666	697	748	776	829	802
	<b>Total</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>Non-Criminal All Males</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>	
<b>All Males</b>	<b>1045</b>	<b>894</b>	<b>1002</b>	<b>1138</b>	<b>1246</b>	<b>1269</b>	<b>1393</b>	<b>1422</b>	<b>1443</b>	<b>1417</b>	
<b>FEMALE PRISONERS</b>	Aged under 21	2	1	1	2	4	3	4	3	3	2
	Aged 21 or over	8	5	9	6	8	10	16	13	21	21
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Remand</b>	Aged under 21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Aged 21 or over	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Fine defaulter</b>	YOC	1	1	3	2	2	1	2	2	1	0
	Young Prisoners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Adult Prisoners	10	7	9	10	10	15	17	24	20	23
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>Non-Criminal All Females</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>All Females</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>48</b>	
<b>ALL PRISONERS</b>	Remand	311	266	341	385	446	444	529	525	507	505
	Fine defaulter	22	22	17	20	24	25	29	26	21	20
	Immediate Custody	729	616	662	747	794	826	873	909	955	934
	Non-Criminal	6	6	6	8	10	6	2	6	6	6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1068</b>	<b>910</b>	<b>1026</b>	<b>1160</b>	<b>1274</b>	<b>1301</b>	<b>1433</b>	<b>1466</b>	<b>1490</b>	<b>1465</b>

Note: (1) Components may not sum to totals due to rounding.  
(2) Within the Immediate Custody category, 'YOC' refers to those prisoners aged under 21 at date of reception and given a sentence of 4 years or less. Likewise, 'Young Prisoners' refers to those prisoners aged under 21 at date of reception and given a sentence of more than 4 years, while 'Adult Prisoners' refers to those prisoners aged 21 or more at reception, irrespective of sentence length.

**Table 2: Average Northern Ireland prison population under sentence of immediate custody, by age, sex and sentence length 2000-2009**

		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>ADULT MALES</b>	Life	99	77	85	95	105	113	123	135	136	137
	>10 years, less than life	73	46	53	60	67	75	86	94	107	100
	>5 and <=10 years	100	102	106	112	119	137	146	162	169	158
	>4 and <=5 years	47	50	45	47	44	49	44	49	55	46
	>3 and <=4 years	59	52	46	49	56	60	71	65	62	52
	>2 and <=3 years	63	50	59	78	64	67	72	80	79	65
	>1 and <=2 years	72	71	73	83	99	89	87	73	80	75
	>6 and <=12 months	63	53	51	70	70	66	74	67	76	70
	>3 and <=6 months	34	24	30	32	33	33	37	39	46	45
	<=3 months	9	8	8	7	9	8	8	11	20	24
	<b>Total</b>	<b>618</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>772</b>
<b>YOUNG MALES</b>	Life	10	10	11	13	14	16	18	17	20	31
	>10 years, less than life	5	3	3	2	3	3	3	4	6	8
	>5 and <=10 years	6	3	5	4	7	9	9	10	13	21
	>4 and <=5 years	1	1	1	3	6	5	5	8	3	6
	>3 and <=4 years	5	3	6	11	15	18	15	15	11	14
	>2 and <=3 years	11	9	9	11	13	13	9	8	8	11
	>1 and <=2 years	24	16	21	25	24	21	18	14	15	13
	>6 and <=12 months	23	16	22	22	21	17	21	21	17	20
	>3 and <=6 months	10	10	12	10	11	9	8	10	9	10
	<=3 months	4	3	4	2	3	2	2	3	3	4
	<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>ALL MALES</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>911</b>	
<b>ADULT FEMALES</b>	Life	1	1	1	3	3	2	3	6	6	6
	>5 years, less than life	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	3	5
	>1 and <=5 years	4	3	5	4	4	7	8	8	6	7
	>6 and <=12 months	2	0	1	1	2	4	4	5	2	3
	>3 and <=6 months	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2	1
	<=3 months	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1	2
<b>Total</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>	
<b>YOUNG FEMALES</b>	Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	>5 years, less than life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	>1 and <=5 years	0	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0	0
	>6 and <=12 months	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
	>3 and <=6 months	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1	0
	<=3 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>	

Notes: (1) Components may not sum to totals due to rounding.  
(2) Life includes those detained at the Secretary of State's Pleasure.

**Table 3: Average Northern Ireland prison population under sentence of immediate custody, by sex and sentence length 2000-2009**

		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>MALE PRISONERS</b>	Life	109	87	96	108	120	129	140	152	155	168
	>10 years, less than life	78	49	56	62	70	78	89	98	113	108
	>5 and <=10 years	106	105	111	116	126	146	154	172	182	179
	>4 and <=5 years	48	51	46	50	50	54	49	57	59	52
	>3 and <=4 years	64	56	52	60	71	78	86	80	73	66
	>2 and <=3 years	74	60	69	88	77	80	81	88	86	76
	>1 and <=2 years	96	87	94	108	123	110	105	87	95	87
	>6 and <=12 months	86	68	73	92	91	83	95	88	93	91
	>3 and <=6 months	44	34	42	42	44	42	45	49	55	55
	<=3 months	13	11	12	9	12	10	10	13	23	29
<b>Total</b>		<b>718</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>FEMALE PRISONERS</b>	Life	1	1	1	3	3	2	3	6	6	6
	>5 years, less than life	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	3	5
	>1 and <=5 years	4	4	7	6	4	7	8	9	6	7
	>6 and <=12 months	3	0	1	1	2	4	5	5	2	3
	>3 and <=6 months	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	4	2	1
	<=3 months	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>ALL PRISONERS</b>	Life	110	88	97	111	122	131	143	158	161	174
	>5 years, less than life	185	155	168	179	196	224	243	272	298	292
	>1 and <=5 years	286	258	268	312	324	329	330	321	319	289
	>6 and <=12 months	88	69	74	93	93	87	100	93	95	94
	>3 and <=6 months	46	36	43	43	46	44	47	53	57	56
	<=3 months	13	11	12	9	13	12	11	14	24	30
<b>Total</b>		<b>729</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>934</b>

Notes: (1) Components may not sum to totals due to rounding.  
 (2) Life includes those detained at the Secretary of State's Pleasure.

**Table 4: Average Northern Ireland prison population under sentence of immediate custody, by sex and age at reception 2000-2009**

		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>MALE PRISONERS</b>	14-16 years	4	1	1	2	4	5	2	2	3	4
	17-20 years	96	73	92	100	112	108	105	106	102	106
	21-29 years	295	244	241	296	296	289	302	312	352	345
	30-39 years	202	169	179	188	206	215	229	239	243	221
	40-49 years	73	72	88	97	104	131	143	145	153	153
	50-59 years	34	37	40	40	46	46	50	53	48	54
	60+ years	14	11	10	12	14	17	24	27	33	29
	<b>Total</b>	<b>718</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>FEMALE PRISONERS</b>	14-16 years	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0
	17-20 years	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1	0
	21-29 years	4	3	3	4	3	7	6	8	7	7
	30-39 years	5	4	5	6	4	5	6	8	8	8
	40-49 years	1	1	1	0	1	2	4	7	4	6
	50-59 years	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	2
	60+ years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>ALL PRISONERS</b>	14-16 years	4	1	2	3	5	5	2	2	3	4
	17-20 years	96	74	94	101	113	109	107	107	103	106
	21-29 years	298	247	243	300	299	296	308	320	359	352
	30-39 years	207	172	183	194	210	220	235	246	251	229
	40-49 years	75	73	89	97	106	133	147	152	157	159
	50-59 years	34	37	40	40	47	47	50	54	49	56
	60+ years	14	11	10	12	14	17	25	27	33	29
	<b>Total</b>	<b>729</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>934</b>

Note: (1) Components may not sum to totals due to rounding.

**Table 5: Average Northern Ireland prison population under sentence of immediate custody, by age, sex and principal offence 2000-2009**

		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>ADULT MALES</b>	Violence against the person	256	196	201	235	234	248	267	287	324	285
	Sexual offences	101	90	92	90	95	105	118	129	129	135
	Burglary	25	24	26	22	27	31	31	25	34	32
	Robbery	71	62	63	84	98	108	120	113	110	93
	Theft	27	27	26	30	30	35	35	39	32	30
	Fraud & forgery	18	16	16	17	15	15	20	17	17	26
	Criminal damage	16	10	14	17	17	13	18	19	22	23
	Drug offences	51	59	52	49	57	53	49	53	59	74
	Motoring offences	28	22	29	42	48	54	48	52	48	27
	Other offences	25	27	37	47	45	37	42	41	56	48
<b>Total</b>		<b>618</b>	<b>533</b>	<b>557</b>	<b>633</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>697</b>	<b>748</b>	<b>776</b>	<b>829</b>	<b>772</b>
<b>YOUNG MALES</b>	Violence against the person	29	21	27	35	40	42	39	46	58	76
	Sexual offences	5	5	6	3	2	4	2	4	7	7
	Burglary	17	7	9	8	12	12	15	8	9	13
	Robbery	9	8	14	20	27	25	21	19	13	17
	Theft	14	14	12	16	8	8	11	8	5	4
	Fraud & forgery	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1	2
	Criminal damage	5	4	7	5	7	6	3	6	4	4
	Drug offences	5	2	4	1	1	1	2	2	1	2
	Motoring offences	6	3	7	8	11	9	3	3	4	5
	Other offences	10	9	7	6	8	6	10	11	5	11
<b>Total</b>		<b>100</b>	<b>75</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>102</b>	<b>116</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>105</b>	<b>139</b>
<b>ALL MALES</b>		<b>718</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>ADULT FEMALES</b>	Violence against the person	4	4	5	6	6	7	7	12	11	12
	Sexual offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
	Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Robbery	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	2	1
	Theft	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	3	1	0
	Fraud & forgery	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
	Criminal damage	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1	0
	Drug offences	3	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	2	4
	Motoring offences	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
	Other offences	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	3	2
<b>Total</b>		<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>YOUNG FEMALES</b>	Violence against the person	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Sexual offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Robbery	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Theft	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Fraud & forgery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Criminal damage	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Drug offences	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Motoring offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other offences	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>

Note: (1) Components may not sum to totals due to rounding.

**Table 6: Average Northern Ireland prison population under sentence of immediate custody, by sex and principal offence 2000-2009**

		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>MALE PRISONERS</b>	Violence against the person	284	217	229	270	274	290	306	334	382	360
	Sexual offences	106	96	98	93	97	108	121	134	136	142
	Burglary	42	32	34	30	39	43	47	34	43	45
	Robbery	80	71	77	104	124	133	141	132	122	110
	Theft	41	41	38	46	39	43	46	47	36	33
	Fraud & forgery	18	16	16	17	16	15	20	17	17	27
	Criminal damage	21	14	21	22	23	18	21	25	25	26
	Drug offences	56	60	56	50	58	54	51	55	60	77
	Motoring offences	34	26	36	50	59	63	51	55	51	31
	Other offences	35	36	44	53	54	42	52	52	60	59
<b>Total</b>		<b>718</b>	<b>608</b>	<b>650</b>	<b>735</b>	<b>782</b>	<b>809</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>884</b>	<b>934</b>	<b>911</b>
<b>FEMALE PRISONERS</b>	Violence against the person	4	4	5	6	6	7	7	13	11	12
	Sexual offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0
	Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Robbery	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	2	1
	Theft	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	3	1	0
	Fraud & forgery	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	1
	Criminal damage	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	1	0
	Drug offences	3	2	2	1	1	3	3	2	2	4
	Motoring offences	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1	1
	Other offences	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	3	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>11</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>ALL PRISONERS</b>	Violence against the person	289	221	234	276	280	297	314	347	393	372
	Sexual offences	106	96	98	93	98	109	121	134	137	142
	Burglary	42	32	34	30	40	43	47	34	44	45
	Robbery	80	71	77	106	125	134	142	133	124	111
	Theft	43	42	40	47	40	44	49	50	38	33
	Fraud & forgery	18	16	16	17	16	16	20	18	18	28
	Criminal damage	22	14	23	22	23	19	21	27	26	26
	Drug offences	59	62	58	51	59	57	54	57	62	81
	Motoring offences	34	26	36	50	59	64	51	56	52	33
	Other offences	36	36	44	54	55	43	55	54	63	62
<b>Total</b>		<b>729</b>	<b>616</b>	<b>662</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>794</b>	<b>826</b>	<b>873</b>	<b>909</b>	<b>955</b>	<b>934</b>

Note: (1) Components may not sum to totals due to rounding.

**Table 7: Northern Ireland prison receptions, by sex, prisoner type and age group 2000-2009**

		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>MALE PRISONERS</b>	Aged under 21	634	582	677	695	654	721	768	634	636	660
	Aged 21 or over	1455	1255	1551	1631	1622	1906	2211	2130	2099	2268
	Age unknown	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Remand</b>	<b>2089</b>	<b>1837</b>	<b>2228</b>	<b>2327</b>	<b>2276</b>	<b>2627</b>	<b>2979</b>	<b>2764</b>	<b>2735</b>	<b>2928</b>
<b>Fine defaulter</b>	Aged under 21	373	293	245	302	339	367	372	288	232	121
	Aged 21 or over	1176	1020	919	1058	1193	1338	1427	1294	1380	1222
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1549</b>	<b>1313</b>	<b>1164</b>	<b>1360</b>	<b>1532</b>	<b>1705</b>	<b>1799</b>	<b>1582</b>	<b>1612</b>	<b>1343</b>
<b>Immediate Custody</b>	YOC	275	245	310	257	276	217	220	240	226	141
	Young Prisoners	2	4	7	9	15	6	13	10	17	13
	Adult Prisoners	969	766	885	1002	933	924	1018	1061	1155	1139
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1246</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>1202</b>	<b>1268</b>	<b>1224</b>	<b>1147</b>	<b>1251</b>	<b>1311</b>	<b>1398</b>	<b>1293</b>
<b>Non-Criminal</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>46</b>	<b>82</b>	<b>92</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>77</b>	
<b>All Males</b>	<b>4934</b>	<b>4220</b>	<b>4640</b>	<b>5037</b>	<b>5124</b>	<b>5582</b>	<b>6048</b>	<b>5691</b>	<b>5810</b>	<b>5641</b>	
<b>FEMALE PRISONERS</b>	Aged under 21	32	24	28	32	47	35	59	29	34	22
	Aged 21 or over	76	61	81	79	117	114	155	136	136	132
	Age unknown	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Remand</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>112</b>	<b>164</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>170</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>Fine defaulter</b>	Aged under 21	16	10	5	8	12	10	10	11	6	3
	Aged 21 or over	85	70	71	85	103	99	142	131	124	48
	<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>80</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>115</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>152</b>	<b>142</b>	<b>130</b>	<b>51</b>
<b>Immediate Custody</b>	YOC	7	7	5	11	11	5	9	7	13	1
	Young Prisoners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Adult Prisoners	30	21	24	21	27	36	44	52	55	31
	<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>Non-Criminal</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>35</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>All Females</b>	<b>252</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>225</b>	<b>272</b>	<b>331</b>	<b>330</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>370</b>	<b>375</b>	<b>251</b>	
<b>ALL PRISONERS</b>	Remand	2197	1922	2337	2439	2440	2776	3193	2929	2905	3082
	Fine defaulter	1650	1393	1240	1453	1647	1814	1951	1724	1742	1394
	Immediate Custody	1283	1043	1231	1300	1262	1188	1304	1370	1466	1325
	Non-Criminal	56	58	57	117	106	134	24	38	72	91
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5186</b>	<b>4416</b>	<b>4865</b>	<b>5309</b>	<b>5455</b>	<b>5912</b>	<b>6472</b>	<b>6061</b>	<b>6185</b>	<b>5892</b>

Note: (1) Within the Immediate Custody category, 'YOC' refers to those prisoners aged under 21 at date of reception and given a sentence of 4 years or less. Likewise, 'Young Prisoners' refers to those prisoners aged under 21 at date of reception and given a sentence of more than 4 years, while 'Adult Prisoners' refers to those prisoners aged 21 or more at reception, irrespective of sentence length.

**Table 8: Northern Ireland prison reception under sentence of immediate custody, by age, sex and sentence length 2000-2009**

		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>ADULT MALES</b>	Life	18	14	17	19	18	22	21	24	5	17
	>10 years, less than life	14	14	17	15	20	17	22	21	16	23
	>5 and <=10 years	41	46	52	57	47	58	63	75	38	49
	>4 and <=5 years	46	20	35	26	33	35	30	27	30	39
	>3 and <=4 years	51	41	39	54	48	52	57	44	39	42
	>2 and <=3 years	85	58	73	87	78	71	101	85	68	73
	>1 and <=2 years	168	132	154	174	176	173	159	150	153	133
	>6 and <=12 months	222	175	165	249	218	199	240	229	267	208
	>3 and <=6 months	205	154	203	210	197	192	211	238	291	240
	<=3 months	119	112	130	111	98	105	114	168	248	315
<b>Total</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>1002</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>1061</b>	<b>1155</b>	<b>1139</b>	
<b>YOUNG MALES</b>	Life	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	0	0	3
	>10 years, less than life	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	1	2
	>5 and <=10 years	1	2	2	3	5	3	5	3	13	4
	>4 and <=5 years	0	1	3	3	5	1	7	4	3	4
	>3 and <=4 years	0	6	6	14	14	10	12	15	9	6
	>2 and <=3 years	13	18	13	14	16	15	12	12	13	5
	>1 and <=2 years	55	38	43	56	48	43	34	32	33	25
	>6 and <=12 months	77	67	98	76	80	59	82	78	63	52
	>3 and <=6 months	68	69	96	65	77	62	55	66	59	31
	<=3 months	62	47	54	32	41	28	25	37	49	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>154</b>	
<b>ALL MALES</b>	<b>1246</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>1202</b>	<b>1268</b>	<b>1224</b>	<b>1147</b>	<b>1251</b>	<b>1311</b>	<b>1398</b>	<b>1293</b>	
<b>ADULT FEMALES</b>	Life	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	1	1
	>5 years, less than life	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	2
	>1 and <=5 years	8	2	7	7	4	7	14	5	7	10
	>6 and <=12 months	6	6	3	5	7	9	7	18	7	7
	>3 and <=6 months	7	7	3	4	8	8	7	17	12	3
	<=3 months	8	6	9	3	7	12	13	9	26	8
<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>31</b>	
<b>YOUNG FEMALES</b>	Life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	>5 years, less than life	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	>1 and <=5 years	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	0	2	0
	>6 and <=12 months	1	0	1	5	2	1	5	2	0	0
	>3 and <=6 months	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	4	6	1
	<=3 months	2	3	0	2	3	1	1	1	5	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>32</b>	

Notes: (1) Life includes those detained at the Secretary of State's Pleasure.

**Table 9: Northern Ireland prison receptions under sentence of immediate custody, by sex and sentence length 2000-2009**

		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>MALE PRISONERS</b>	Life	19	15	19	21	21	24	22	24	5	20
	>10 years, less than life	14	14	17	16	22	17	22	24	17	25
	>5 and <=10 years	42	48	54	60	52	61	68	78	51	53
	>4 and <=5 years	46	21	38	29	38	36	37	31	33	43
	>3 and <=4 years	51	47	45	68	62	62	69	59	48	48
	>2 and <=3 years	98	76	86	101	94	86	113	97	81	78
	>1 and <=2 years	223	170	197	230	224	216	193	182	186	158
	>6 and <=12 months	299	242	263	325	298	258	322	307	330	260
	>3 and <=6 months	273	223	299	275	274	254	266	304	350	271
	<=3 months	181	159	184	143	139	133	139	205	297	337
<b>Total</b>		<b>1246</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>1202</b>	<b>1268</b>	<b>1224</b>	<b>1147</b>	<b>1251</b>	<b>1311</b>	<b>1398</b>	<b>1293</b>
<b>FEMALE PRISONERS</b>	Life	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	1	1
	>5 years, less than life	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2	2
	>1 and <=5 years	10	4	9	9	6	8	15	5	9	10
	>6 and <=12 months	7	6	4	10	9	10	12	20	7	7
	>3 and <=6 months	9	9	5	6	12	10	9	21	18	4
	<=3 months	10	9	9	5	10	13	14	10	31	8
<b>Total</b>		<b>37</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>ALL PRISONERS</b>	Life	19	15	20	23	21	24	24	26	6	21
	>5 years, less than life	57	62	72	76	75	78	91	103	70	80
	>1 and <=5 years	428	318	375	437	424	408	427	374	357	337
	>6 and <=12 months	306	248	267	335	307	268	334	327	337	267
	>3 and <=6 months	282	232	304	281	286	264	275	325	368	275
	<=3 months	191	168	193	148	149	146	153	215	328	345
<b>Total</b>		<b>1283</b>	<b>1043</b>	<b>1231</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>1262</b>	<b>1188</b>	<b>1304</b>	<b>1370</b>	<b>1466</b>	<b>1325</b>

Notes: (1) Life includes those detained at the Secretary of State's Pleasure.

**Table 10: Northern Ireland prison receptions under sentence of immediate custody, by sex and age at reception 2000-2009**

		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>MALE PRISONERS</b>	14-16 years	14	8	6	12	12	9	4	5	4	1
	17-20 years	263	241	311	254	279	214	229	245	239	153
	21-29 years	531	412	478	562	448	414	467	494	542	565
	30-39 years	281	221	250	269	281	286	296	314	324	318
	40-49 years	106	84	114	117	143	166	175	180	203	183
	50-59 years	34	38	36	38	43	45	56	49	59	56
	60+ years	17	11	7	16	18	13	24	24	27	17
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1246</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>1202</b>	<b>1268</b>	<b>1224</b>	<b>1147</b>	<b>1251</b>	<b>1311</b>	<b>1398</b>	<b>1293</b>
<b>FEMALE PRISONERS</b>	14-16 years	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0
	17-20 years	7	6	4	10	9	5	9	7	13	1
	21-29 years	12	9	12	8	12	13	12	19	22	13
	30-39 years	14	9	7	9	8	13	13	13	13	8
	40-49 years	4	3	4	2	6	9	17	17	19	9
	50-59 years	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	3	1	1
	60+ years	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>ALL PRISONERS</b>	14-16 years	14	9	7	13	14	9	4	5	4	1
	17-20 years	270	247	315	264	288	219	238	252	252	154
	21-29 years	543	421	490	570	460	427	479	513	564	578
	30-39 years	295	230	257	278	289	299	309	327	337	326
	40-49 years	110	87	118	119	149	175	192	197	222	192
	50-59 years	34	38	37	40	43	46	57	52	60	57
	60+ years	17	11	7	16	19	13	25	24	27	17
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1283</b>	<b>1043</b>	<b>1231</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>1262</b>	<b>1188</b>	<b>1304</b>	<b>1370</b>	<b>1466</b>	<b>1325</b>

**Table 11: Northern Ireland prison receptions under sentence of immediate custody, by age, sex and principal offence 2000-2009**

		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>ADULT MALES</b>	Violence against the person	218	135	179	211	172	201	229	252	372	283
	Sexual offences	64	60	46	54	72	64	79	67	61	92
	Burglary	76	60	56	75	66	50	59	51	67	84
	Robbery	96	78	87	99	87	80	84	67	31	65
	Theft	120	105	125	137	94	117	107	110	121	123
	Fraud & forgery	41	30	37	26	31	25	30	27	37	60
	Criminal damage	44	33	50	40	57	29	59	58	49	36
	Drug offences	94	73	57	60	73	59	72	84	100	125
	Motoring offences	112	94	129	185	183	190	180	183	147	98
	Other offences	104	98	119	115	98	109	119	162	170	173
	<b>Total</b>	<b>969</b>	<b>766</b>	<b>885</b>	<b>1002</b>	<b>933</b>	<b>924</b>	<b>1018</b>	<b>1061</b>	<b>1155</b>	<b>1139</b>
<b>YOUNG MALES</b>	Violence against the person	35	34	50	46	45	44	49	63	93	41
	Sexual offences	1	6	1	3	3	5	3	8	4	4
	Burglary	49	33	46	30	44	30	36	23	40	37
	Robbery	19	30	24	43	37	34	25	24	9	13
	Theft	77	69	70	60	51	44	45	42	27	8
	Fraud & forgery	2	2	3	0	3	0	0	1	2	2
	Criminal damage	20	19	38	13	25	19	16	23	13	7
	Drug offences	11	4	12	1	1	3	9	6	7	10
	Motoring offences	23	20	35	40	45	27	12	17	28	5
	Other offences	40	32	38	30	37	17	38	43	20	27
	<b>Total</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>249</b>	<b>317</b>	<b>266</b>	<b>291</b>	<b>223</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>250</b>	<b>243</b>	<b>154</b>
<b>ALL MALES</b>	<b>1246</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>1202</b>	<b>1268</b>	<b>1224</b>	<b>1147</b>	<b>1251</b>	<b>1311</b>	<b>1398</b>	<b>1293</b>	
<b>ADULT FEMALES</b>	Violence against the person	7	4	6	6	7	10	13	11	13	8
	Sexual offences	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1	0
	Burglary	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2	1
	Robbery	0	1	3	2	0	1	0	1	0	2
	Theft	7	5	4	4	5	5	10	10	6	1
	Fraud & forgery	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	5	1	5
	Criminal damage	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	5	5	2
	Drug offences	5	2	2	2	2	4	6	3	3	1
	Motoring offences	1	3	2	1	2	3	2	1	3	0
	Other offences	5	2	4	4	4	8	8	14	21	11
	<b>Total</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>52</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>31</b>
<b>YOUNG FEMALES</b>	Violence against the person	3	1	1	2	3	1	1	3	2	0
	Sexual offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Burglary	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2	0
	Robbery	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	2	0
	Theft	0	2	1	4	3	0	1	0	3	0
	Fraud & forgery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
	Criminal damage	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	0	0
	Drug offences	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Motoring offences	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Other offences	1	1	1	2	5	1	4	0	4	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>ALL FEMALES</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>32</b>	

**Table 12: Northern Ireland prison receptions under sentence of immediate custody, by sex and principal offence 2000-2009**

		2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
<b>MALE PRISONERS</b>	Violence against the person	253	169	229	257	217	245	278	315	465	324
	Sexual offences	65	66	47	57	75	69	82	75	65	96
	Burglary	125	93	102	105	110	80	95	74	107	121
	Robbery	115	108	111	142	124	114	109	91	40	78
	Theft	197	174	195	197	145	161	152	152	148	131
	Fraud & forgery	43	32	40	26	34	25	30	28	39	62
	Criminal damage	64	52	88	53	82	48	75	81	62	43
	Drug offences	105	77	69	61	74	62	81	90	107	135
	Motoring offences	135	114	164	225	228	217	192	200	175	103
	Other offences	144	130	157	145	135	126	157	205	190	200
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1246</b>	<b>1015</b>	<b>1202</b>	<b>1268</b>	<b>1224</b>	<b>1147</b>	<b>1251</b>	<b>1311</b>	<b>1398</b>	<b>1293</b>
<b>FEMALE PRISONERS</b>	Violence against the person	10	5	7	8	10	11	14	14	15	8
	Sexual offences	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1	0
	Burglary	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	3	4	1
	Robbery	0	1	3	4	0	1	1	1	2	2
	Theft	7	7	5	8	8	5	11	10	9	1
	Fraud & forgery	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	6	1	5
	Criminal damage	4	3	5	2	2	3	3	6	5	2
	Drug offences	6	3	2	3	2	4	7	3	3	1
	Motoring offences	1	3	2	1	2	4	2	1	3	0
	Other offences	6	3	5	6	9	9	12	14	25	12
	<b>Total</b>	<b>37</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>38</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>68</b>	<b>32</b>
<b>ALL PRISONERS</b>	Violence against the person	263	174	236	265	227	256	292	329	480	332
	Sexual offences	65	66	47	57	77	69	83	76	66	96
	Burglary	126	94	102	105	111	82	95	77	111	122
	Robbery	115	109	114	146	124	115	110	92	42	80
	Theft	204	181	200	205	153	166	163	162	157	132
	Fraud & forgery	45	34	40	26	36	27	32	34	40	67
	Criminal damage	68	55	93	55	84	51	78	87	67	45
	Drug offences	111	80	71	64	76	66	88	93	110	136
	Motoring offences	136	117	166	226	230	221	194	201	178	103
	Other offences	150	133	162	151	144	135	169	219	215	212
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1283</b>	<b>1043</b>	<b>1231</b>	<b>1300</b>	<b>1262</b>	<b>1188</b>	<b>1304</b>	<b>1370</b>	<b>1466</b>	<b>1325</b>

## TYPES OF PRISONER

1. In 2009 there were three prison establishments in Northern Ireland receiving prisoners - these were HMP Magilligan, HMP Maghaberry and Hydebank Wood Young Offenders Centre & Prison. Female prisoners are held in a separate unit within the Hydebank Wood Prison.
2. The prison population consists mainly of offenders sentenced by the courts to immediate custody for criminal offences. It also includes fine defaulters, remand prisoners and a small number of non-criminal prisoners.
3. Fine defaulters are those who have been given a fine by the courts (strictly a fine or custodial sentence), have not paid the fine within a stipulated time, and have then been the subject of a warrant issued by the court. The duration of sentence is dependent upon the amount of the unpaid fine and ranges from one week where the default is £200 or less, to ten years where the default exceeds £1 million. Fine defaulters aged under 17 are no longer held in custody, due to changes brought about by the Criminal Justice Order (1998), and are not included in this bulletin.
4. Remand prisoners include those charged with an offence and whom the courts have ruled should be detained in custody pending trial; those whom the courts have permitted to be released on bail pending trial but have not as yet met the conditions (usually financial) of the bail; those who had been released on bail but have subsequently been re-admitted to prison because they breached a condition of bail; and those who have been found guilty by the court but have been ordered to be detained in custody pending sentence. Persons aged under seventeen years on remand will normally be detained in a juvenile justice centre, and are excluded from this bulletin.
5. Non-criminal prisoners include those who have been imprisoned for non-payment of maintenance, non-payment of a debt, contempt of court, or are being held under the terms of an Immigration Act.
6. Some of the tables in this bulletin refer to 'adult' and 'young' prisoners. An 'adult' is aged 21 years and over; a 'young' prisoner is aged under 21 years.

## COUNTING RULES

7. The prison population fluctuates throughout the year and within each week. This is a consequence of factors such as the pattern of court sitting and discharge rules relating to weekends. To remove within-week variation and provide a more consistent approach, prison population statistics are based on counts taken on the last Thursday night of each month. Annual averages are derived from twelve such monthly counts. Annual prison receptions are calculated simply as the sum total of admissions into prisons during the year.
8. In general the counting rules in operation closely follow those used by the Home office. Important features of these are:
  - ◆ where a person is received more than once a year he will be counted separately on each occasion, including each occasion of change of status between remand and sentenced/fine defaulter;
  - ◆ where a person is received under sentence for two or more offences, only the principal criminal offence is recorded;
  - ◆ where a person is received under sentence for two or more offences, sentence length is taken as the longest of any concurrent sentences, with consecutive sentences being treated as one sentence equal in length to the sentences added together; and
  - ◆ the age of a prisoner is calculated as age at reception.

## Previous Publications

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2/2004	The Northern Ireland Prison Population in 2003 S McMullan & K Amelin	<i>June 2004</i>
8/2005	The Northern Ireland Prison Population in 2004 C O'Loan & K Amelin	<i>June 2005</i>
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