



HEADQUARTERS  
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Our Ref: HQ25163

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Dear

Thank you for your request dated 3 July 2025 under the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002 (FOI(S)A).

For reference, you requested: I would like to request data on the Scotland prison population by broad nationality, age, and sex.

**RFI 1:** “Please provide data on the size of the prison population as at 31 December 2024 for each of the following combinations:

- nationality (UK/Ireland; EEA; Non-EEA);
- age (0-15; 16-24; 25-34; 35-44; 45-54; 55-64; 65+);
- sex (males and females).
- custody type (Untried; All other custody types – so unsentenced through to life sentences).”

**RFI 2:** “Please provide data on the Scotland prison population as at 31 December 2024 by broad nationality (i.e., UK/Ireland; EEA; Non-EEA) and custodial sentence length. If possible, it would be great if the remand population could be split into ‘untried’ and ‘unsentenced’.”

We have now completed our search for the information you requested.

**RFI 1 Response:** Please see table below:

Prison Population 31 December 2024				
Economic Zone	Age Group	Gender	Sentence Category	Total
EAA	16-24	Male	Life/OLR	<5
EAA	16-24	Male	Long Term Prisoner	<5
EAA	16-24	Male	Remand	11
EAA	25-34	Female	Remand	<5
EAA	25-34	Female	Short Term Prisoner	<5
EAA	25-34	Male	Long Term Prisoner	26
EAA	25-34	Male	Remand	24
EAA	25-34	Male	Short Term Prisoner	13
EAA	35-44	Female	Remand	<5
EAA	35-44	Female	Short Term Prisoner	<5
EAA	35-44	Male	Life/OLR	14

EAA	35-44	Male	Long Term Prisoner	17
EAA	35-44	Male	Remand	32
EAA	35-44	Male	Short Term Prisoner	18
EAA	45-54	Female	Remand	<5
EAA	45-54	Male	Life/OLR	5
EAA	45-54	Male	Long Term Prisoner	6
EAA	45-54	Male	Remand	13
EAA	45-54	Male	Short Term Prisoner	8
EAA	55-64	Male	Life/OLR	<5
EAA	55-64	Male	Long Term Prisoner	<5
EAA	55-64	Male	Remand	5
EAA	55-64	Male	Short Term Prisoner	<5
EAA	65+	Male	Long Term Prisoner	<5
EAA	65+	Male	Remand	<5
Non-EEA	16-24	Male	Long Term Prisoner	8
Non-EEA	16-24	Male	Remand	29
Non-EEA	16-24	Male	Short Term Prisoner	9
Non-EEA	25-34	Female	Long Term Prisoner	<5
Non-EEA	25-34	Female	Remand	<5
Non-EEA	25-34	Male	Life/OLR	<5
Non-EEA	25-34	Male	Long Term Prisoner	34
Non-EEA	25-34	Male	Remand	77
Non-EEA	25-34	Male	Short Term Prisoner	27
Non-EEA	35-44	Female	Life/OLR	<5
Non-EEA	35-44	Female	Long Term Prisoner	<5
Non-EEA	35-44	Female	Remand	<5
Non-EEA	35-44	Male	Life/OLR	<5
Non-EEA	35-44	Male	Long Term Prisoner	47
Non-EEA	35-44	Male	Remand	58
Non-EEA	35-44	Male	Short Term Prisoner	18
Non-EEA	45-54	Female	Long Term Prisoner	<5
Non-EEA	45-54	Female	Short Term Prisoner	<5
Non-EEA	45-54	Male	Life/OLR	6
Non-EEA	45-54	Male	Long Term Prisoner	12
Non-EEA	45-54	Male	Remand	12
Non-EEA	45-54	Male	Short Term Prisoner	9
Non-EEA	55-64	Female	Remand	<5
Non-EEA	55-64	Male	Life/OLR	<5
Non-EEA	55-64	Male	Long Term Prisoner	<5
Non-EEA	55-64	Male	Remand	<5
Non-EEA	55-64	Male	Short Term Prisoner	<5
Non-EEA	65+	Female	Long Term Prisoner	<5
Non-EEA	65+	Male	Long Term Prisoner	<5
Non-EEA	65+	Male	Short Term Prisoner	<5

UK/Ireland	16-24	Female	Life/OLR	<5
UK/Ireland	16-24	Female	Long Term Prisoner	<5
UK/Ireland	16-24	Female	Remand	6
UK/Ireland	16-24	Female	Short Term Prisoner	8
UK/Ireland	16-24	Male	Life/OLR	20
UK/Ireland	16-24	Male	Long Term Prisoner	145
UK/Ireland	16-24	Male	Remand	192
UK/Ireland	16-24	Male	Short Term Prisoner	200
UK/Ireland	25-34	Female	Life/OLR	8
UK/Ireland	25-34	Female	Long Term Prisoner	12
UK/Ireland	25-34	Female	Remand	30
UK/Ireland	25-34	Female	Short Term Prisoner	48
UK/Ireland	25-34	Male	Life/OLR	145
UK/Ireland	25-34	Male	Long Term Prisoner	768
UK/Ireland	25-34	Male	Remand	602
UK/Ireland	25-34	Male	Short Term Prisoner	758
UK/Ireland	35-44	Female	Life/OLR	14
UK/Ireland	35-44	Female	Long Term Prisoner	8
UK/Ireland	35-44	Female	Remand	42
UK/Ireland	35-44	Female	Short Term Prisoner	56
UK/Ireland	35-44	Male	Life/OLR	341
UK/Ireland	35-44	Male	Long Term Prisoner	688
UK/Ireland	35-44	Male	Remand	633
UK/Ireland	35-44	Male	Short Term Prisoner	687
UK/Ireland	45-54	Female	Life/OLR	11
UK/Ireland	45-54	Female	Long Term Prisoner	13
UK/Ireland	45-54	Female	Remand	16
UK/Ireland	45-54	Female	Short Term Prisoner	18
UK/Ireland	45-54	Male	Life/OLR	282
UK/Ireland	45-54	Male	Long Term Prisoner	362
UK/Ireland	45-54	Male	Remand	264
UK/Ireland	45-54	Male	Short Term Prisoner	292
UK/Ireland	55-64	Female	Life/OLR	6
UK/Ireland	55-64	Female	Long Term Prisoner	<5
UK/Ireland	55-64	Female	Remand	<5
UK/Ireland	55-64	Female	Short Term Prisoner	<5
UK/Ireland	55-64	Male	Life/OLR	200
UK/Ireland	55-64	Male	Long Term Prisoner	254
UK/Ireland	55-64	Male	Remand	78
UK/Ireland	55-64	Male	Short Term Prisoner	103
UK/Ireland	65+	Female	Life/OLR	<5
UK/Ireland	65+	Female	Remand	<5
UK/Ireland	65+	Male	Life/OLR	63
UK/Ireland	65+	Male	Long Term Prisoner	152

UK/Ireland	65+	Male	Remand	20
UK/Ireland	65+	Male	Short Term Prisoner	45

We do endeavour to provide information wherever possible, however disclosing specific numbers where the number of instances is low, may lead to the subsequent identification of the individual(s) concerned. It is for this reason an exemption under Section 38(1) (b) (personal information) of FOI(S)A has been applied to some of the information requested and has been recorded as less than five (<5).

**RFI 2 Response:** Please see table below:

Prison Population 31 December 2024			
Economic Zone	Sentence Length	Sentence Category	Total
EAA	1-6 Months	Short Term Prisoner	7
EAA	6 Months - 1 Year	Short Term Prisoner	6
EAA	1-2 Years	Short Term Prisoner	15
EAA	2-4 Years	Short Term Prisoner	14
EAA	4-10 Years	Long Term Prisoner	46
EAA	10+ Years	Long Term Prisoner	8
EAA	Life/OLR	Life/OLR	22
EAA	Remand	Convicted Awaiting Sentencing	9
EAA	Remand	Untried	82
Non-EEA	6 Months - 1 Year	Short Term Prisoner	6
Non-EEA	1-2 Years	Short Term Prisoner	22
Non-EEA	2-4 Years	Short Term Prisoner	39
Non-EEA	4-10 Years	Long Term Prisoner	95
Non-EEA	10+ Years	Long Term Prisoner	16
Non-EEA	Life/OLR	Life/OLR	18
Non-EEA	Remand	Convicted Awaiting Sentencing	17
Non-EEA	Remand	Untried	169
UK/Ireland	0-1 Month	Short Term Prisoner	7
UK/Ireland	1-6 Months	Short Term Prisoner	167
UK/Ireland	6 Months - 1 Year	Short Term Prisoner	378
UK/Ireland	1-2 Years	Short Term Prisoner	719
UK/Ireland	2-4 Years	Short Term Prisoner	947
UK/Ireland	4-10 Years	Long Term Prisoner	1944
UK/Ireland	10+ Years	Long Term Prisoner	461
UK/Ireland	Life/OLR	Life/OLR	946
UK/Ireland	Life Recall	Life/OLR	147
UK/Ireland	Remand	Convicted Awaiting Sentencing	307
UK/Ireland	Remand	Untried	1579

This concludes our response to your request.

If you are unhappy with this response to your request, you may ask us to conduct an internal review, by writing to The Chief Executive, One Lochside, 1 Lochside Avenue, Edinburgh, EH12 9DJ. Your request should explain why you wish a review to be conducted and should

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be made within forty working days of receipt of this letter, and we will reply within twenty working days of receipt. If you are not satisfied with the result of the review, you then have the right to make a formal complaint to the Scottish Information Commissioner.

Yours sincerely

Freedom of Information Manager

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