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Prisons Statistics, England and Wales

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Summary

This paper provides background statistics on prisons in England and Wales ahead of the Backbench Business debate on a motion on prison reform and safety (Robert Niell MP) on 7 December 2017.

Commons Briefing Paper SN04334: [UK Prison Population Statistics](#) (currently being updated) explores prison population data for England and Wales in more depth and includes data for the rest of the UK.

Prison Population

As at 30 September 2017:

- The total prison population was 85,997.
- The most frequent length of sentence being served was a sentence over 4 years.
- Violence against the person (VATP) offences accounted for the highest proportion (25%) of prisoners. Sexual, theft and drug offences each accounted for approximately 15% of the reason offenders were in prison.
- There were just under 10,000 foreign nationals within the prison population. Those originating from the European Union (excluding the UK) accounted for 41% of all foreign nationals in prison and just under 5% of the total prison population.
- As at October 2017, 67% (78) of prison establishments were overcrowded.

Prison Safety

In the 12 months to June 2017:

- There were just over 27,000 prisoner assault incidents within prisons, a 14% increase the figure to June 2016.
- There were 7,437 assaults on prison staff, 798 of which were serious. There was a rise of 25% from the twelve months ending June 2016.
- There were over 41,103 self-harm incidents. This was an increase of 77% compared to the 12 months to June 2007 and an increase of 12% compared to the 12 months to June 2016.
- In the 12 months to September 2017 there were 300 deaths of prisoners in custody. Around 63% of the deaths were through natural causes, 26% were self-inflicted, 10% were classed as other (including those awaiting for further information on cause of death) and 1% were the result of homicide.
- The number of prisoner escapes has reduced since 1995/96 when 52 prisoners escaped. There were four KPI prisoner escapes in 2016/17 and two in 2015/16.

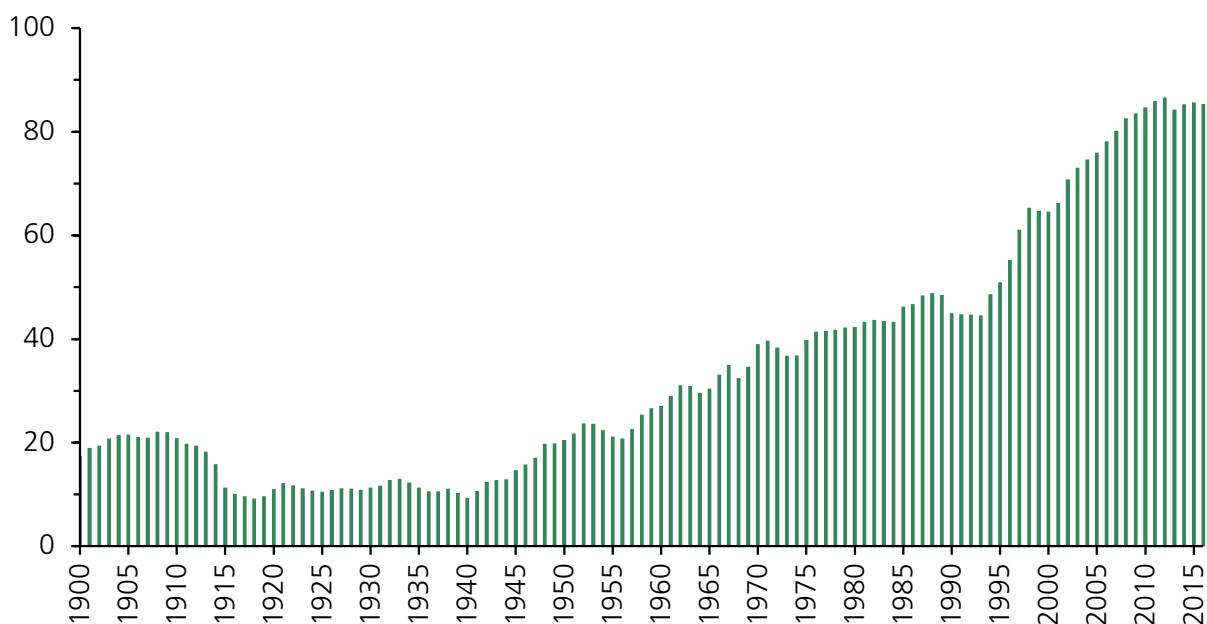
1. Prison population

1.1 Long term trends

The MoJ has produced a time-series of annual average prison population for each year from 1900 to 2013. This note also includes annual average data from the corresponding published quarterly bulletins from 2014 onwards:

Average total prison population

England & Wales, 1900-2016 (000s)



Source: MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly*, various years

The average annual prison population has increased from just over 17,400 in 1900 to just over 85,300 in 2016 (a five-fold increase). The prison population was relatively stable between 1915 and 1945. From 1940 the prison population grew steadily, although there was a small period in the early 1990s when the prison population decreased for four consecutive years before rising steeply again in the subsequent decade. Since 2010, the average prison population has remained relatively stable.

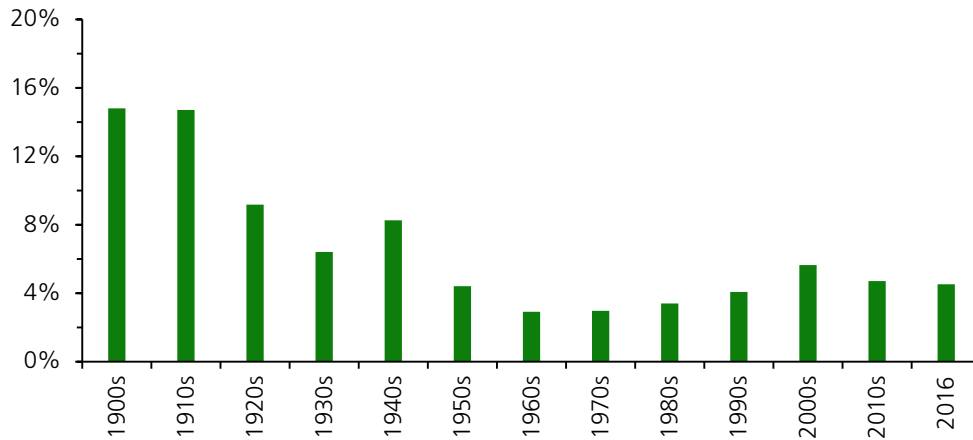
Gender

In 1900 there were 152 male prisoners per 100,000 men in the population. This rate has increased to 355 per 100,000 in 2016. There were 27 female prisoners per 100,000 head of female population in 1900. In 2016 this rate had decreased to 16 per 100,000.¹

¹ MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly October-December 2013*, 24 April 2014; MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly*, various years

Females as a proportion of the prison population

Decade averages, England & Wales, 1990s-2016



Source: MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly October-December 2013*, 24 April 2014; MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly*, various years

Notes: 2010's is the average of the years 2010-2016. 2016 figure is for the single year 12 month average

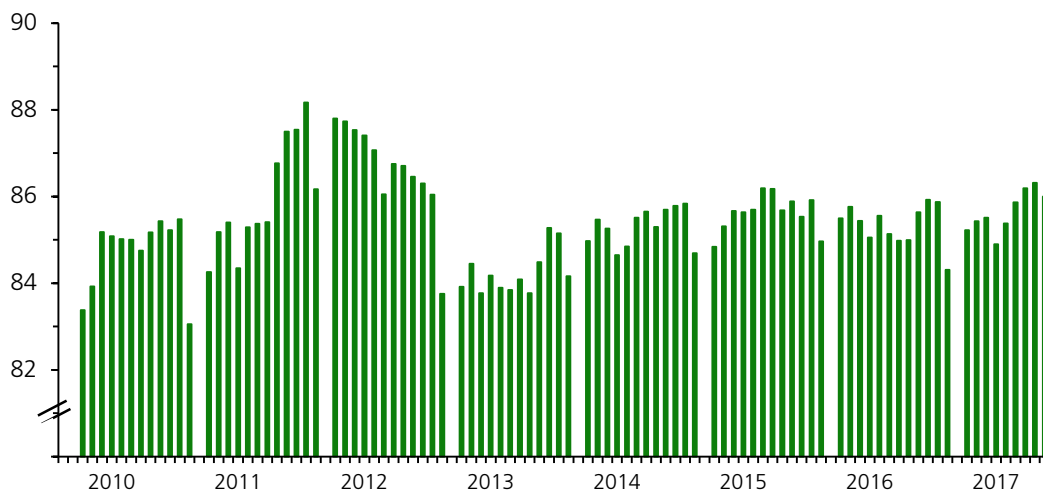
The percentage of females as a proportion of the prison population has fallen from 17% in 1900 to 5% in 2016. The lowest this figure has been during this period was 2% which occurred in 1968 and 1969.

1.2 Recent population trends

The prison population passed 80,000 for the first time in December 2006 and 85,000 in June 2010. In November 2011 the prison population reached its highest level of just over 88,000. As at 30 September 2017, the total prison population was 85,997.

Prison population at month end

England & Wales, 2010-2017, (000s)



Sources: MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly October-December 2013*, 24 April 2014; MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly*, various years

The rise in the prison population over the last months of 2011 can be, at least partially, explained by the remanding and sentencing of individuals following

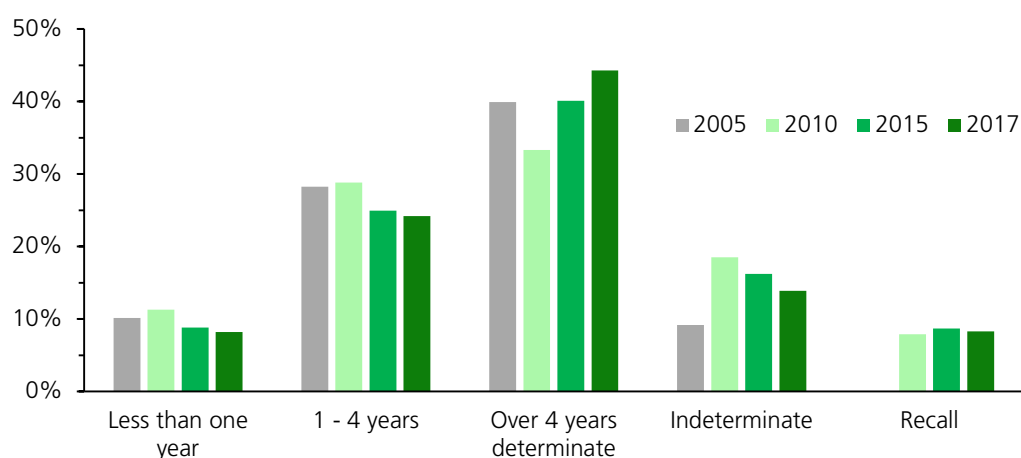
the riots in England in August 2011.² The population in 2017 so far peaked in August (86,320) and was at its lowest in April (84,897).³ The August population figure was the highest since September 2012.

1.3 Sentence length and offences

As at the end of September 2017 the most frequent length of sentence being served was a determinate⁴ sentence of over 4 years. Around 44% of the sentenced population were serving this length of sentence. About a quarter of prisoners were serving sentences ranging between 1-4 years and around 14% had indeterminate sentences.

Total sentenced prison population by sentence length

England and Wales, 2005-2017



Sources: MoJ, *Offender Management Caseload Statistics 2010 Tables*, 25 April 2013; MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly*, various years

Notes: Data at September each year in 2010, 2015 and 2017. Data at June in 2005.

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.

² See MoJ *Statistical bulletin on the public disorder of 6th-9th August 2011*, 13 September 2012.

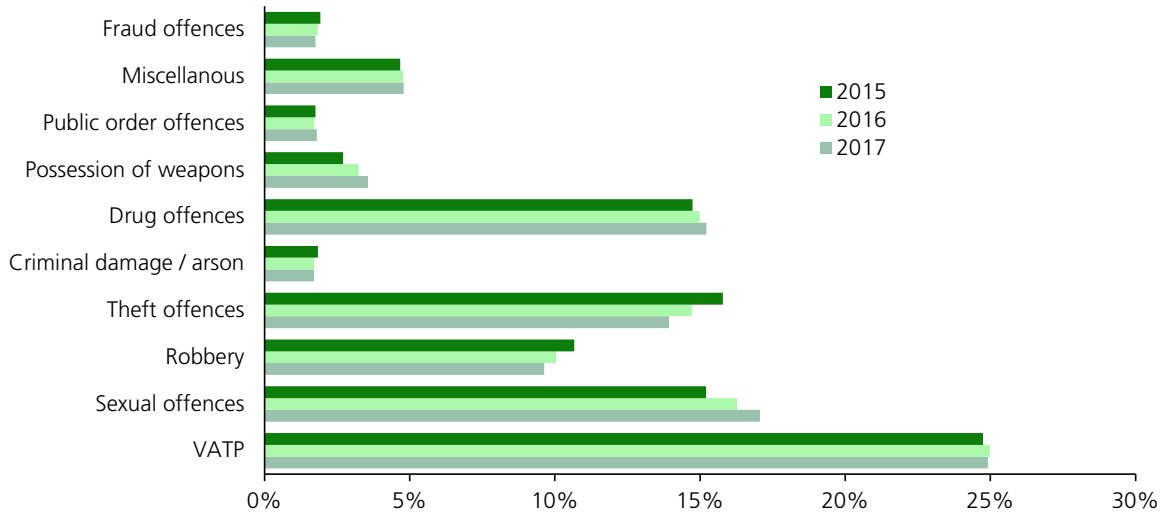
³ MoJ, *Offender management statistics quarterly: April to June 2017*, accessed 28 November 2017.

⁴ A 'determinate' prison sentence is for a fixed length of time. An 'indeterminate' prison sentence doesn't have a fixed length.

Prisoners in custody for Violence against the person (VATP) offences accounted for the highest proportion of prisoners at the end of September 2017 (25%). Sexual, theft and drug offences each accounted for approximately 15% of the reason offenders were in prison.

Prison population by offence category

England and Wales, as at September 2015-2017



Sources: MoJ, *Offender management statistics quarterly: April to June 2017*, 26 October 2017 and MoJ, *Offender management statistics quarterly: April to June 2015*, 29 October 2017

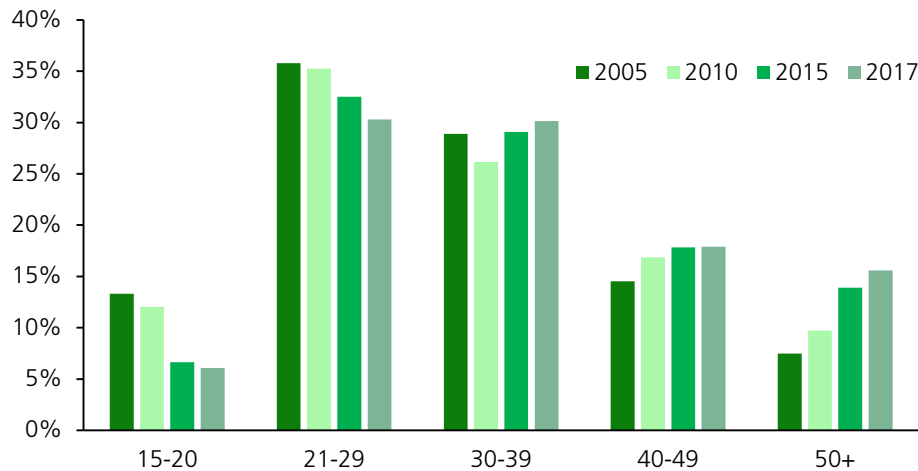
Notes: Remand and immediate custodial sentence. Selected offence categories.

1.4 Age profile of prisoners

The chart below shows the change in the age profile of prisoners over the last 12 years looking at comparative data from June each year. The latest data is at September 2017 and is outlined below.

Prison population by age,

England and Wales, as at end June, 2005, 2010, 2015 & 2017



Sources: MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly*, various years

The proportion of offenders under the age of 21 has decreased since 2007 when they represented around 14% of the prison population. At the end of September 2017 under 21s accounted for 6% of the prison population – a decrease of approximately 5,900 since 2007.

The proportion of offenders aged between 21 and 29 also decreased over the last 5 years, accounting for 34% of the prison population in 2012 and 30% in September 2017. The proportion of 30-39 year olds has remained relatively stable (around 30%) except for a small dip in 2010. The proportion of prisoners aged over 50 has increased from 9% in 2007 to 16% in September 2017. As of the 31 December 2016, there was one prisoner over the age of 100.⁵

1.5 Nationality, ethnicity and religion

Foreign national prisoners

At the end of September 2017 there were just under 10,000 foreign nationals within the prison population. Foreign nationals came from 166 different countries. The top ten countries foreign nationalities originated from accounted for 54% of all foreign nationals:⁶

Foreign nationals from Europe accounted for the greatest proportion of all foreign nationals within the prison population (51%), those from Africa (19%) and Asia (15%) contributed the second and third largest proportion respectively. Those originating from the European Union (excluding the UK) accounted for 41% of all foreign nationals in prison and just under 5% of the total prison population.⁷

Top 10 foreign nationalities

England and Wales, September 2017

Nationality	Number	% of all FN
Polish	891	9%
Irish	770	8%
Albanian	726	7%
Romanian	638	6%
Jamaican	527	5%
Pakistani	426	4%
Lithuanian	424	4%
Indian	345	3%
Somalian	339	3%
Nigerian	285	3%

Sources: MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly: April to June 2017*, 26 October 2017

⁵ MoJ, *Over 80 prison population by offence group, 31 December 2016*, Statistical notice, Further breakdown of the prison population by age and offence group as at 31 December 2016, 27 February 2017

⁶ MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, April to June 2017*, 26 October 2017

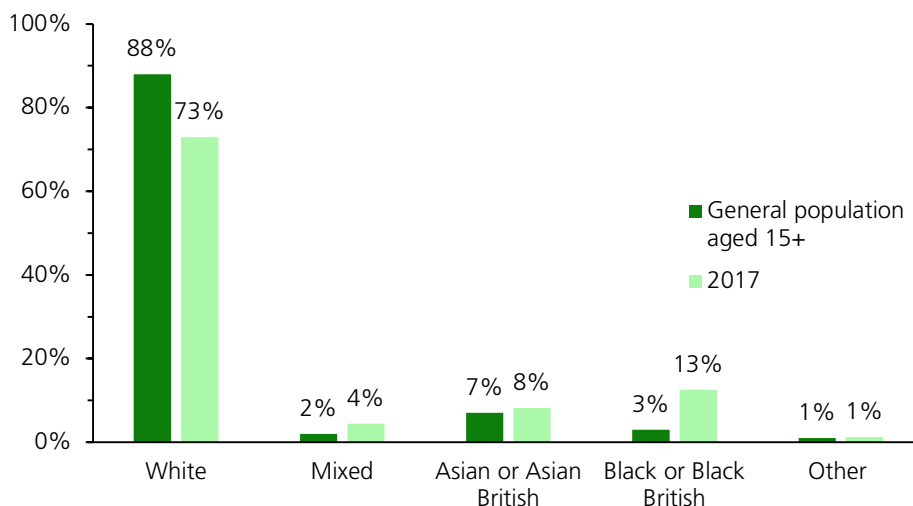
⁷ *ibid.*

Ethnicity

As at the end of September 2017 just over a quarter of the prison population was from a non-white ethnic group – this figure has stayed relatively constant since 2005.

Prison population by ethnicity

England and Wales, September 2017



Sources: MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, April to June 2017*, 26 October 2017; NOMIS, *Census 2011*

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

Religion

At the end of September 2017 just under half of the prison population was of a Christian faith (48%) – a decrease of just over 10 percentage points compared to June 2002. The proportion of Muslim prisoners has increased from 8% in 2002 to 15% in 2017. The proportion of prisoners with no religion in 2017 (31%) was down from 31.5% in 2002.

Prison population by religious group

England and Wales, September 2017

	Number	% of prison population	% point change on 2002	% general population aged 15+
Christian	41,204	47.9%	-10.1%	61.3%
Muslim	13,244	15.4%	+7.7%	4.0%
Hindu	398	0.5%	+0.1%	1.5%
Sikh	707	0.8%	+0.2%	0.7%
Buddhist	1,539	1.8%	+0.8%	0.5%
Jewish	505	0.6%	+0.3%	0.5%
No religion	26,486	30.8%	-0.7%	24.1%
Other	1,755	2.0%	+1.5%	0.5%
Not recorded	159	0.2%	+0.2%	7.0%
Total	85,997			

Sources: MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, April to June 2017*, 26 October 2017; NOMIS, *Census 2011*

1.6 Prison 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.

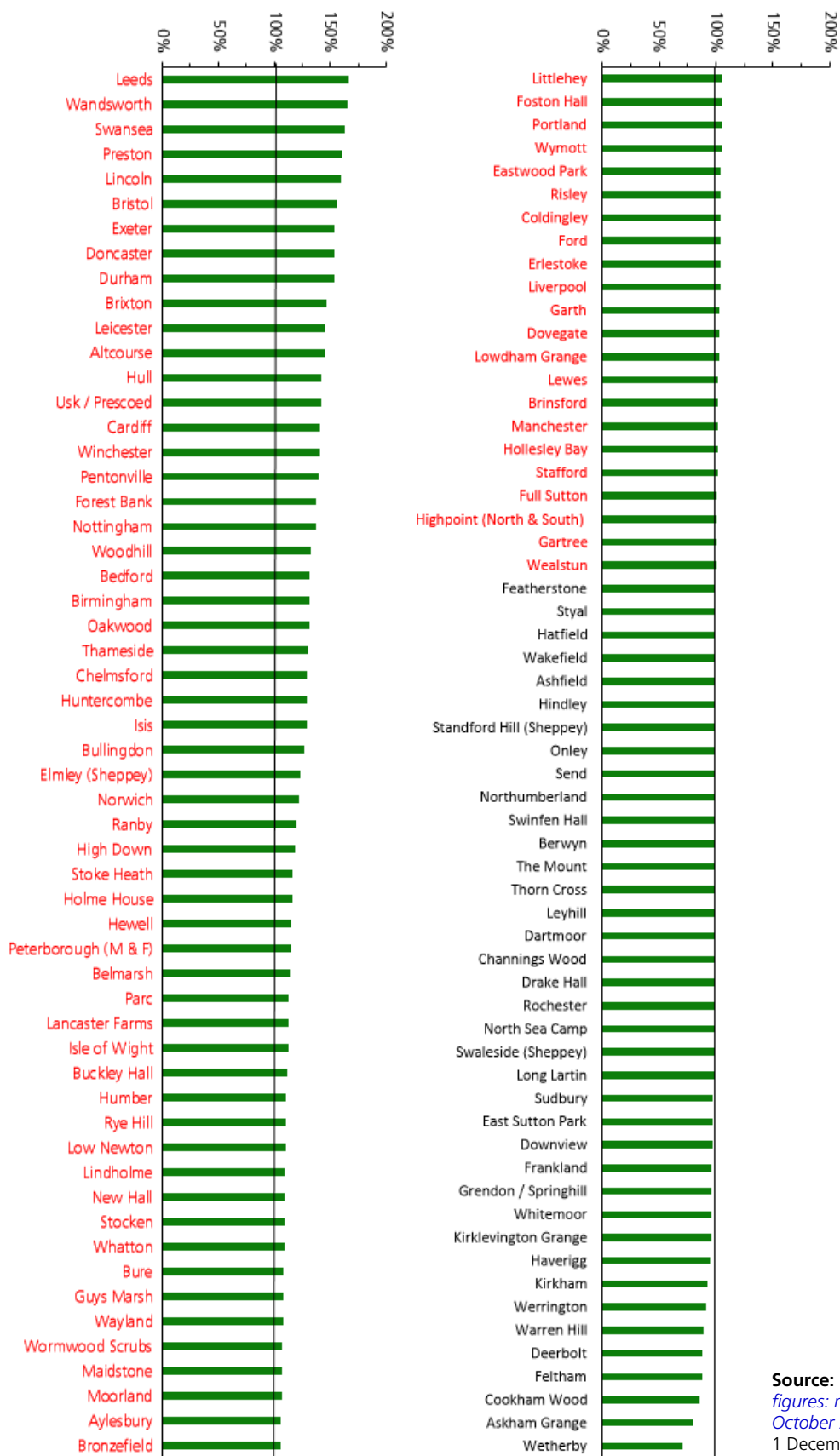
As at October 2017,⁸ 67% (78) of prison establishments were overcrowded.⁹ In total, overcrowded prisons held 10,068 more prisoners than the establishments in use CNA.

The chart below shows in use CNA for each establishment at October 2017. Those exceeding the CNA are shown in red:

⁸ MoJ, *Population bulletin: monthly October 2016*, accessed 1 December 2017

⁹ Does not include Blantyre House as they recorded zero prisoners.

Prison population to Certified Normal Accomodation(CNA) - October 2017



Source: MoJ, *Prison population figures: monthly bulletin, October 2017*, accessed 1 December 2017

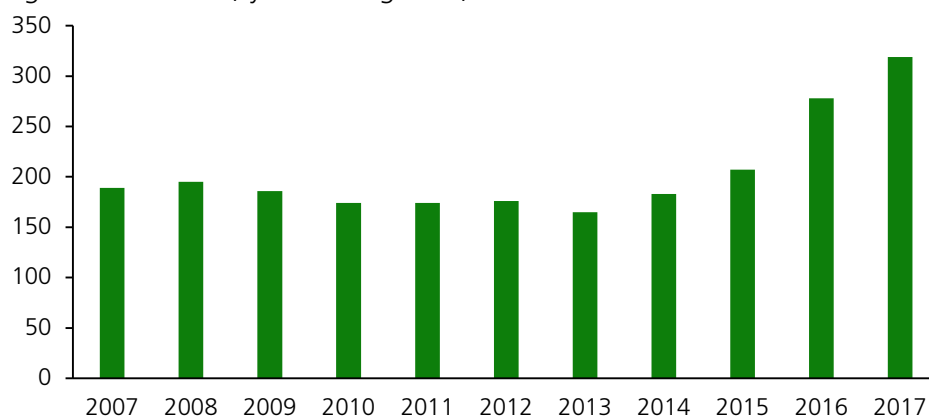
2. Safety in prisons

2.1 Prisoner assaults

In the 12 months to June 2017 there were just over 27,000 prisoner assault incidents¹⁰ within prisons. This was an 80% increase compared to June 2007 and a 14% increase from June 2016.

Total number of assaults per 1,000 prisoners

England and Wales, year ending June, 2007-2017



Source: MoJ, *Safety in Custody Quarterly: update to June 2017*, 26 October 2017

Notes: Figures at June each year, 2017 figures provisional

Of the assaults, 26,149 (96% of the total) occurred in male establishments. This was an increase of 14% compared to the 12 months ending June 2016. In female establishments there were just under 1,044 assaults (4% of the total) in the 12 months to June 2017. This was an increase of 21% on the figure a year earlier.

The rising number of assaults should be viewed within the context of the rising number of prisoners within the prison system. In the twelve months ending June 2007 there were just under 190 assaults per 1,000 prisoners. By June 2017 this rate had increased to nearly 320 per 1,000 prisoners. There was a dip in the early 2010s although from 2013 the rate has increased year on year.

2.2 Assaults on staff

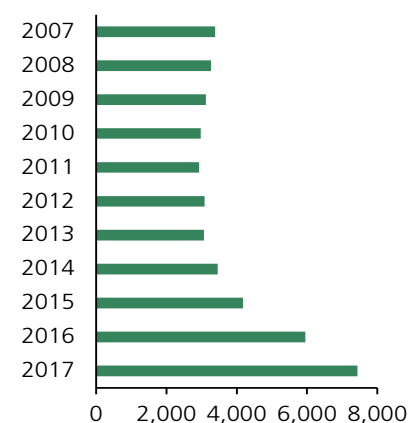
In the year to June 2017, there were 7,437 assaults on prison staff, 798 of which were classed as 'serious'. Assaults on prison staff more than doubled between 2007 and 2017. There was a rise of 25% from year ending June 2016.

To take account of the increase in prison population, the table below shows the number of assaults on prison staff per 1,000 prisoners. Assaults on prison staff per 1,000 prisoners has doubled from 43 in 2007 to 87 in 2017. In the twelve months since June 2016 assaults on staff have increased by 24%.

¹⁰ This is the total 'assault incidents', it includes prisoner on prisoner assaults and prisoner assaults on staff. Figure also include incidents at NOMS operated Immigration Removal Centres.

Prisoner Assaults on Staff, year ending June 2007-2017

	Assaults on staff	Serious assaults on staff	Assaults on staff per 1,000 prisoners	% change on 2007
2007	3,386	283	43	-
2008	3,269	295	40	-7%
2009	3,121	273	38	-12%
2010	2,977	290	35	-19%
2011	2,933	296	35	-19%
2012	3,087	257	35	-19%
2013	3,065	300	36	-16%
2014	3,458	408	41	-5%
2015	4,177	579	49	14%
2016	5,949	697	70	63%
2017	7,437	798	87	102%

Assaults on staff

Source: MoJ, *Safety in Custody Quarterly: update to June 2017*, 26 October 2017

Notes: Figures at June each year, 2017 figures are provisional

2.3 Self-harming

In the 12 months to June 2017 there were over 41,000 self-harm incidents. This was an increase of 77% compared to the 12 months to June 2007 and an increase of 12% compared to the 12 months to June 2016.

Of the self-harm incidents, around 82% occurred in male establishments. By comparison, in 2006, self-harm incident numbers between men and women were almost identical, 11,534 and 11,914 respectively. Between 2007 and 2017 the number of individual males self-harming has increased threefold while the number of individual women self-harming has decreased by almost a third (32%).¹¹

The 41,103 self-harm incidents in year ending June 2017 were committed by 10,994 individuals,¹² around 3.7 self-harm incidents per self-harming individual.¹³ Around 56% of self-harmers in the year ending December 2016 were under 30 years old.¹⁴

2.4 Deaths

In 2016 there were 354 deaths of prisoners in custody, a 38% increase on the previous year. Around 55% of the deaths were through natural causes, 34% were self-inflicted, 10% were classed as other (including those awaiting for further information on the cause of death) and less than 1% were the result of homicide.

The latest data shows that there were 300 deaths in the year ending September 2017. This was a 7% decrease from year ending September 2016.

¹¹ MoJ, *Safety in Custody quarterly: update to June 2017*, 26 October 2017

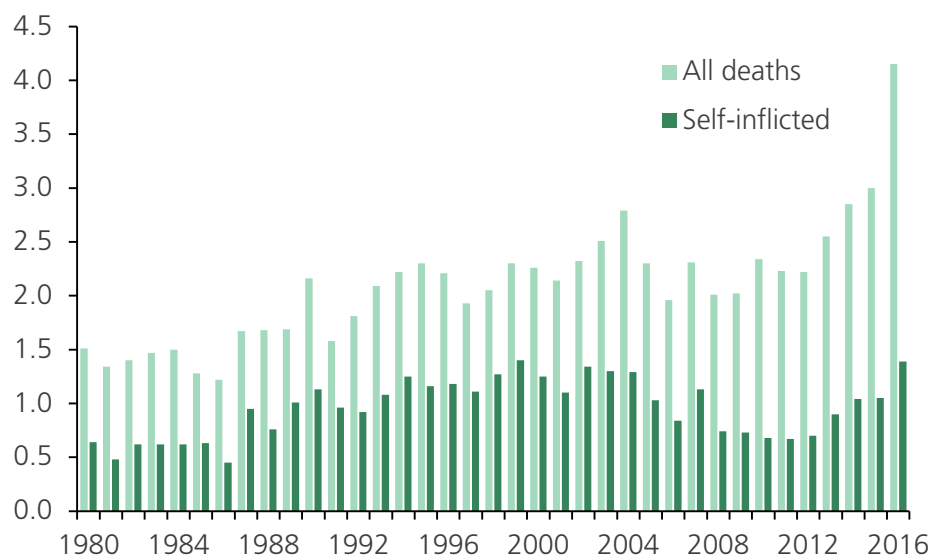
¹² Numbers of individuals should be treated as approximate, as the details of prisoners are not always recorded against each self-harm incident.

¹³ MoJ, *Safety in Custody quarterly: update to June 2017*, 26 October 2017

¹⁴ MoJ, *Safety in Custody quarterly: update to June 2017, Self-harm in prison custody 2004 to 2016*, 26 October 2017

Deaths per 1,000 prisoners

England and Wales, year ending December, 1980-2016



Source: MoJ, *Safety in Custody Quarterly: update to June 2017*, Deaths in prison custody 1978 to 2016, table 1.1, 26 October 2017

Note: 2016 figures provisional

2.5 Self-inflicted deaths

The rate of self-inflicted deaths per 1,000 prisoners was relatively stable in the early 1980s at around 0.6. From 1987 the rate of self-inflicted deaths generally increased until reaching a peak rate in 1999 of 1.4 deaths per 1,000 prisoners. In 2016, the rate of self-inflicted deaths was close to the 1999 peak at 1.39 deaths per 1,000 prisoners.

The number of self-inflicted deaths increased from 16 in 1978 to 119 in the twelve months ending September 2017. There were 77 self-inflicted deaths in the year ending September 2017.

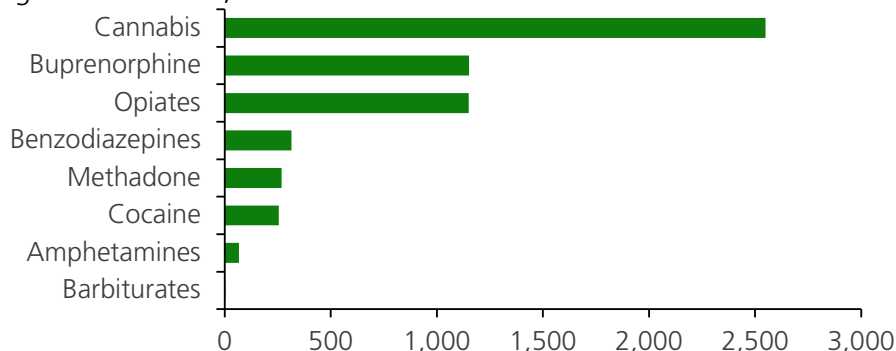
2.6 Incidence of drugs

The level of drug misuse in prisons is measured by the Random Mandatory Drug Testing programme (RMDT). The aim of RMDT is to test a random sample of 5% or 10% of prisoners each month (depending on prison capacity) and to monitor and deter drug-misuse.¹⁵

In 2016/17 there were 5,113 positive results recorded (9.3% of the 54,811 tests administered). The drugs which were tested for in 2016/17 and made up the RMDT rate included the substances shown in the graph below.

Number of positive results by drug tested

England and Wales, 2016/17

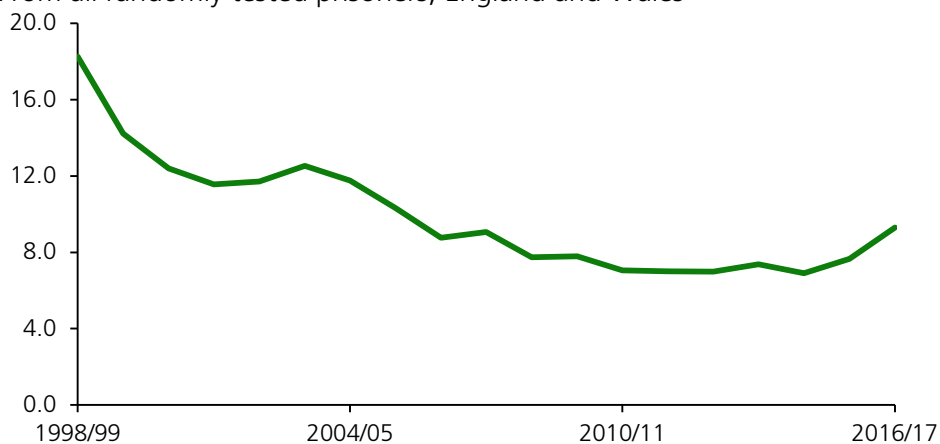


Source: MoJ, *National Offender Management Service workforce statistics*, [Supplementary tables and MDT data tool](#), table 07, 28 July 2017

Between 1998/99 and 2014/15, share of prisoners testing positive for drug use from all randomly tested prisoners decreased from 18.3% to just below 7% respectively. The level has increased in recent years to 9.3% in 2016/17.¹⁶

% of prisoners testing positive for drug use, 1998/99 - 2016/17

From all randomly tested prisoners, England and Wales



Source: MoJ, *National Offender Management Service workforce statistics*, [Supplementary tables and MDT data tool](#), table 07, 28 July 2017

In 2016/17, the highest percentage of positive results from those tested came from the male category C prison, Kennet with 32.9% testing positive. Second was Bristol, a male local prison, with 31.3% and third was Liverpool, another male local prison with 24.8%. Data on drug testing since 1998/99 is available in [NOMS 2016/17, Supplementary tables, table 7.2](#).

¹⁵ MoJ, *Annual NOMS Digest 2016 to 2017*, 28 July 2017

¹⁶ MoJ, *Prison performance statistics 2016 to 2017, Supplementary tables, Mandatory drug testing final*; 28 July 2017

3. Prison staffing

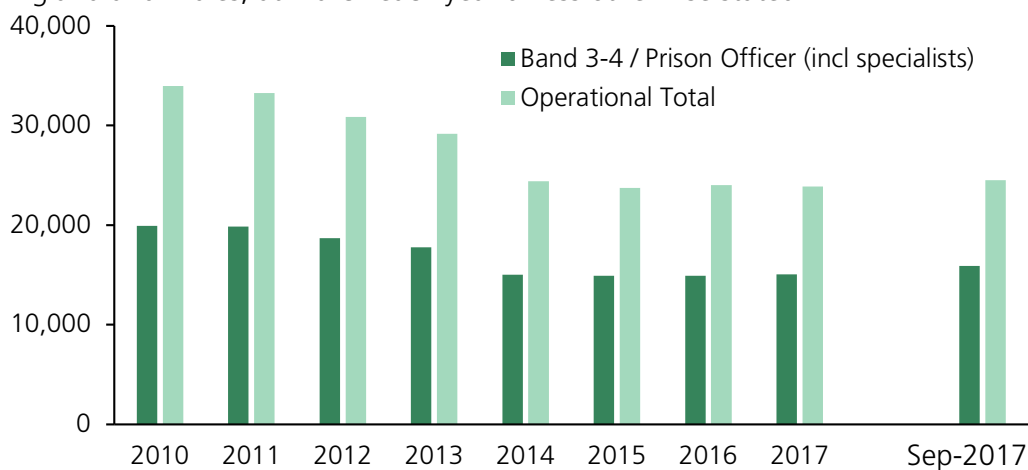
The quarterly National Offender Management Service (NOMS) workforce statistics bulletin monitors changes to staffing figures and the composition of NOMS staff over time and covers all civil service employees (public sector) of the prison and probation services in England and Wales. These are available on the MoJ website: [National Offender Management Service workforce statistics](#).

Prison officers mostly work at band 3 and band 4 dependant on whether they have a particular specialism. The latest release shows that the number of NOMS staff at band 3-4, including specialists, at the end of September 2017 was 15,897 Full time Equivalent (FTE). There were 24,515 operational staff in total.

The chart below shows both staff at band 3-4 and the operational total levels in each year since March 2010. Levels have fallen since March 2010, with figures at March 2010 at 19,908 and 33,962 for Bands 3-4 and operational total respectively, but have remained steady since 2014 in both categories.

Prison officer numbers including operational total

England and Wales, at March each year unless otherwise stated



Source: Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service, *workforce quarterly: September 2017*; HMPPS staff in post, by grade (full time equivalent)

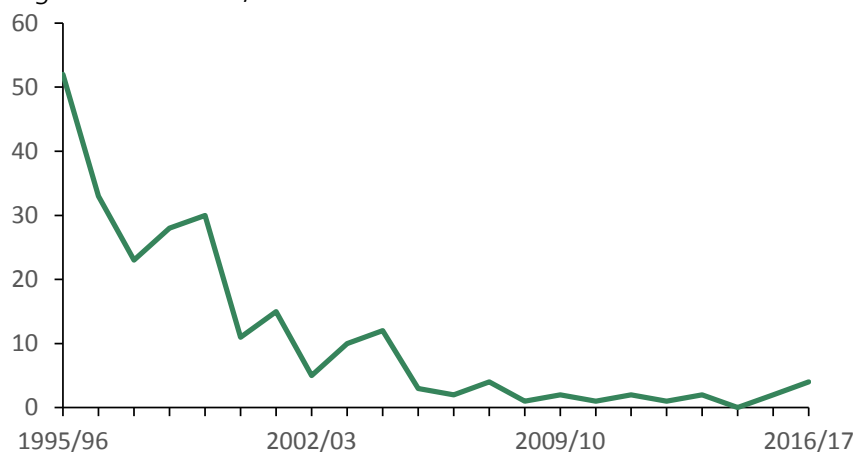
4. Prisoner escapes and absconds

4.1 Escapes

The number of KPI prisoner escapes¹⁷ has fallen since 1995/96 when 52 prisoners escaped. There were four KPI prisoner escapes in 2016/17. This was the highest figure since 2007/08. In 2015/16 there were two escapes and none in 2014/15.

Number of KPI prisoner escapes from establishments

England and Wales, 1995/96 - 2016/17



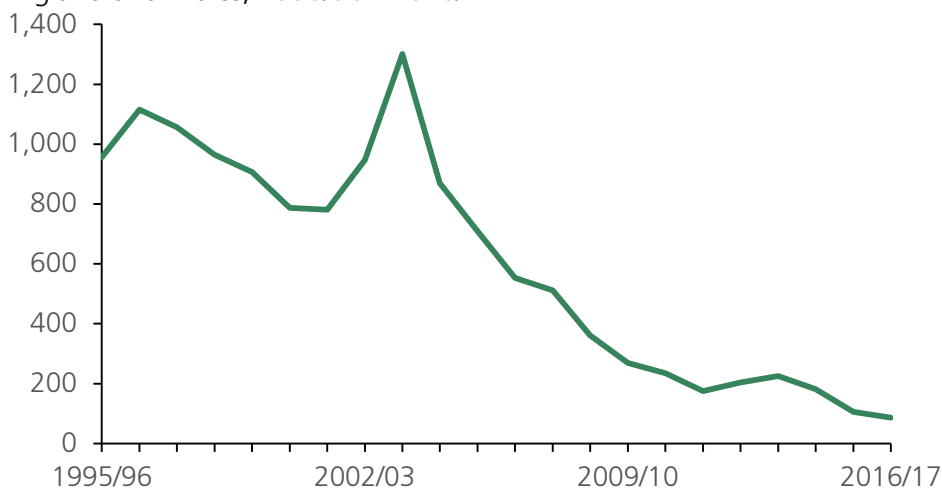
Source: MoJ, *Prison performance statistics 2016-2017*, 28 July 2017

4.2 Prisoner Absconds

The number of prisoner absconds¹⁸ has fallen in recent years. The highest recorded year was in 2003/04 when 1,301 cases were recorded and the numbers have decreased steadily since to 86 in 2016/17.

Number of Absconds from establishments

England and Wales, 1995/96 - 2016/17



Source: MoJ, *Prison performance statistics 2016-2017*, 28 July 2017

¹⁷ An escape is deemed to be a Key Performance Indicators (KPI's) escape if (i) the prisoner is at liberty for 15 minutes or more before recapture or (ii) an offence is committed during an escape lasting less than 15 minutes.

¹⁸ An 'abscond' is recorded when a prisoner is temporarily released but then does not come back.

5. Prisons expenditure

The costs per place and costs per prisoner by individual prison (including by establishment) are published as a Management Information Addendum to the National Offender Management Service Annual Report and Accounts on the MoJ website: [Prison and probation trusts performance statistics](#). The table below shows the average cost per prisoner (using direct resource expenditure) per prison function type and the change between 2014/15 and 2016/17.

The total average cost per-prisoner was £22,933 in 2016/17, a decrease of 5.4% from the 2015/16 figure of £24,249.

Average Cost Per Prisoner by Prison Function

Direct Resource Expenditure, England and Wales, 2014/15-2016/17

	2014-15 (Restated)	2015-16	2016-17	% Change 2015/16- 2016/17
Male Category B	£25,223	£25,007	£26,003	4.0%
Male Category C	£19,624	£18,818	£19,148	1.8%
Male Dispersal	£41,105	£40,068	£40,884	2.0%
Female Closed	£24,558	£25,410	£28,692	12.9%
Female Local	£33,651	£34,617	£34,978	1.0%
Female Open	£30,442	£33,209	£33,574	1.1%
Male Closed YOI (Ages 15-21)	£31,471	£34,619	£31,921	-7.8%
Male Closed YOI (Ages 15-17)	£60,100	£61,538	£63,092	2.5%
Male Local	£21,344	£21,627	£22,530	4.2%
Male Open	£16,674	£17,651	£17,297	-2.0%
Total	£24,673	£24,249	£22,933	-5.4%

Source: MoJ, [Prison performance statistics 2016 to 2017](#), Table 1, 26 October 2017 and earlier years

Notes: Establishments are categorised in these tables by their main role as at the end of each year. Establishments that have more than one role have been placed in the category that represents the primary function. Private and public prisons are included. The unit costs are not directly comparable because of different methods of financing and of scope.

6. Appendix tables

Table 1a: Prison population annual average by gender, England and Wales

Year	Males	Females	Total	% Female	Year	Males	Females	Total	% Female
1900	14,459	2,976	17,435	17%	1959	25,727	896	26,623	3%
1901	15,868	3,112	18,980	16%	1960	26,198	901	27,099	3%
1902	16,240	3,197	19,437	16%	1961	28,094	931	29,025	3%
1903	17,418	3,377	20,795	16%	1962	30,066	997	31,063	3%
1904	18,167	3,261	21,428	15%	1963	29,925	971	30,896	3%
1905	18,398	3,127	21,525	15%	1964	28,718	882	29,600	3%
1906	18,102	2,972	21,074	14%	1965	29,580	841	30,421	3%
1907	18,045	2,881	20,926	14%	1966	32,127	959	33,086	3%
1908	19,268	2,878	22,146	13%	1967	34,056	953	35,009	3%
1909	19,333	2,685	22,018	12%	1968	31,656	805	32,461	2%
1910	18,323	2,581	20,904	12%	1969	33,814	853	34,667	2%
1911	17,325	2,472	19,797	12%	1970	38,040	988	39,028	3%
1912	16,829	2,613	19,442	13%	1971	38,673	1,035	39,708	3%
1913	15,752	2,484	18,236	14%	1972	37,348	980	38,328	3%
1914	13,449	2,359	15,808	15%	1973	35,747	1,027	36,774	3%
1915	9,244	2,067	11,311	18%	1974	35,823	1,044	36,867	3%
1916	8,210	1,848	10,058	18%	1975	38,601	1,219	39,820	3%
1917	7,891	1,769	9,660	18%	1976	40,161	1,282	41,443	3%
1918	7,595	1,604	9,199	17%	1977	40,212	1,358	41,570	3%
1919	8,279	1,404	9,683	14%	1978	40,409	1,387	41,796	3%
1920	9,573	1,427	11,000	13%	1979	40,762	1,458	42,220	3%
1921	10,791	1,388	12,179	11%	1980	40,748	1,516	42,264	4%
1922	10,557	1,209	11,766	10%	1981	41,904	1,407	43,311	3%
1923	10,117	1,031	11,148	9%	1982	42,381	1,326	43,707	3%
1924	9,808	942	10,750	9%	1983	42,072	1,390	43,462	3%
1925	9,635	874	10,509	8%	1984	41,822	1,473	43,295	3%
1926	9,972	888	10,860	8%	1985	44,701	1,532	46,233	3%
1927	10,300	879	11,179	8%	1986	45,163	1,607	46,770	3%
1928	10,305	804	11,109	7%	1987	46,722	1,704	48,426	4%
1929	10,094	767	10,861	7%	1988	47,113	1,759	48,872	4%
1930	10,561	785	11,346	7%	1989	46,736	1,764	48,500	4%
1931	10,884	792	11,676	7%	1990	43,378	1,597	44,975	4%
1932	11,992	811	12,803	6%	1991	43,250	1,559	44,809	3%
1933	12,180	806	12,986	6%	1992	43,157	1,562	44,719	3%
1934	11,493	745	12,238	6%	1993	42,991	1,561	44,552	4%
1935	10,587	719	11,306	6%	1994	46,810	1,811	48,621	4%
1936	9,939	674	10,613	6%	1995	48,983	1,979	50,962	4%
1937	9,894	668	10,562	6%	1996	53,019	2,262	55,281	4%
1938	10,388	698	11,086	6%	1997	58,439	2,675	61,114	4%
1939	9,662	664	10,326	6%	1998	62,194	3,105	65,299	5%
1940	8,443	934	9,377	10%	1999	61,523	3,247	64,770	5%
1941	9,667	968	10,635	9%	2000	61,252	3,350	64,602	5%
1942	11,223	1,177	12,400	9%	2001	62,560	3,740	66,300	6%
1943	11,430	1,360	12,790	11%	2002	66,479	4,299	70,778	6%
1944	11,438	1,477	12,915	11%	2003	68,612	4,425	73,037	6%
1945	13,180	1,528	14,708	10%	2004	70,208	4,448	74,656	6%
1946	14,556	1,233	15,789	8%	2005	71,512	4,467	75,979	6%
1947	15,986	1,081	17,067	6%	2006	73,680	4,447	78,127	6%
1948	18,621	1,144	19,765	6%	2007	75,842	4,374	80,216	5%
1949	18,783	1,096	19,879	6%	2008	78,158	4,414	82,572	5%
1950	19,367	1,107	20,474	5%	2009	79,277	4,283	83,559	5%
1951	20,687	1,093	21,780	5%	2010	80,489	4,236	84,725	5%
1952	22,568	1,112	23,680	5%	2011	81,763	4,188	85,951	5%
1953	22,473	1,137	23,610	5%	2012	82,481	4,154	86,634	5%
1954	21,337	1,084	22,421	5%	2013	80,359	3,890	84,249	5%
1955	20,156	978	21,134	5%	2014	81,402	3,905	85,307	5%
1956	19,941	866	20,807	4%	2015	81,741	3,885	85,626	5%
1957	21,742	860	22,602	4%	2016	81,493	3,854	85,348	5%
1958	24,459	920	25,379	4%					

Sources:

Moj, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, October-December 2013*, 24 April 2014

Moj, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly*, various years

Notes:

Annual average is average of the 12 month end populations

2014 - 2016 calculated from quarterly reports

Table 1b: Monthly Prison Population, England and Wales, 2010-2017

Year	At end of	Males	Females	Total	% females	Year	At end of	Males	Females	Total	% females
2010	January	79,253	4,125	83,378	5%	2014	January	81,045	3,932	84,977	5%
	February	79,701	4,224	83,925	5%		February	81,521	3,948	85,469	5%
	March	80,894	4,290	85,184	5%		March	81,377	3,888	85,265	5%
	April	80,758	4,328	85,086	5%		April	80,789	3,857	84,646	5%
	May	80,695	4,323	85,018	5%		May	80,988	3,857	84,845	5%
	June	80,735	4,267	85,002	5%		June	81,580	3,929	85,509	5%
	July	80,549	4,201	84,750	5%		July	81,726	3,927	85,653	5%
	August	80,916	4,257	85,173	5%		August	81,387	3,915	85,302	5%
	September	81,150	4,279	85,429	5%		September	81,783	3,915	85,698	5%
	October	80,989	4,235	85,224	5%		October	81,869	3,917	85,786	5%
	November	81,174	4,299	85,473	5%		November	81,894	3,943	85,837	5%
	December	79,054	4,001	83,055	5%		December	80,863	3,828	84,691	5%
2011	January	80,166	4,089	84,255	5%	2015	January	81,035	3,803	84,838	4%
	February	80,953	4,224	85,177	5%		February	81,478	3,833	85,311	4%
	March	81,148	4,252	85,400	5%		March	81,798	3,866	85,664	5%
	April	80,225	4,123	84,348	5%		April	81,797	3,844	85,641	4%
	May	81,080	4,209	85,289	5%		May	81,789	3,905	85,694	5%
	June	81,189	4,185	85,374	5%		June	82,289	3,904	86,193	5%
	July	81,272	4,139	85,411	5%		July	82,257	3,922	86,179	5%
	August	82,501	4,269	86,770	5%		August	81,732	3,947	85,679	5%
	September	83,245	4,256	87,501	5%		September	81,998	3,888	85,886	5%
	October	83,319	4,224	87,543	5%		October	81,617	3,917	85,534	5%
	November	83,945	4,222	88,167	5%		November	81,957	3,963	85,920	5%
	December	82,112	4,060	86,172	5%		December	81,143	3,825	84,968	5%
2012	January	83,607	4,192	87,799	5%	2016	January	81,664	3,831	85,495	4%
	February	83,530	4,203	87,733	5%		February	81,912	3,854	85,766	4%
	March	83,313	4,218	87,531	5%		March	81,615	3,826	85,441	4%
	April	83,130	4,279	87,409	5%		April	81,269	3,783	85,052	4%
	May	82,860	4,208	87,068	5%		May	81,699	3,859	85,558	5%
	June	81,925	4,123	86,048	5%		June	81,272	3,862	85,134	5%
	July	82,574	4,178	86,752	5%		July	81,116	3,868	84,984	5%
	August	82,594	4,114	86,708	5%		August	81,143	3,854	84,997	5%
	September	82,334	4,123	86,457	5%		September	81,796	3,843	85,639	4%
	October	82,170	4,131	86,301	5%		October	82,025	3,901	85,926	5%
	November	81,894	4,153	86,047	5%		November	81,934	3,939	85,873	5%
	December	79,837	3,920	83,757	5%		December	80,476	3,831	84,307	5%
2013	January	80,001	3,917	83,918	5%	2017	January	81,265	3,961	85,226	5%
	February	80,489	3,962	84,451	5%		February	81,480	3,953	85,433	5%
	March	79,900	3,869	83,769	5%		March	81,535	3,978	85,513	5%
	April	80,289	3,887	84,176	5%		April	80,990	3,907	84,897	5%
	May	80,044	3,853	83,897	5%		May	81,406	3,970	85,376	5%
	June	79,989	3,853	83,842	5%		June	81,856	4,007	85,863	5%
	July	80,232	3,853	84,085	5%		July	82,218	3,973	86,191	5%
	August	79,925	3,845	83,770	5%		August	82,339	3,981	86,320	5%
	September	80,555	3,933	84,488	5%		September	82,040	3,957	85,997	5%
	October	81,306	3,971	85,277	5%						
	November	81,220	3,933	85,153	5%						
	December	80,356	3,807	84,163	5%						

Sources:MoJ, *Offender Management Caseload Statistics 2010 Tables*, 25 April 2013MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly*, various years

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
2016	23,155,902	24,139,136	47,295,038

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 2016](#), 22 June 2017

Table 3: Prison population by type of custody, YE September 2017

	Sentenced	Remand: Untried	Remand: Convicted unsentenced
Adults	70,665	6,119	2,670
18-20 yr olds	3,515	668	302
15-17 yr olds	455	106	37

Source:

MoJ, [Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, April to June 2017](#), *Prison population 30 September 2017*, 26 October 2017

Table 4: Sentenced population by sentence length, Year Ending September, England and Wales

Total prison population by sentence length							
Year	Less than or equal to 6 months	6 months to less than 12	12 months to less than 4 years	4 years or more determinate	Indeterminate	Recall	Total
2010	5,532	2,564	20,674	23,916	13,271	5,659	71,744
2015	4,315	2,122	18,212	29,249	11,835	6,356	72,975
2017	3,866	2,275	18,057	33,039	10,378	6,186	74,635
Non-adult (under 21) males by sentence							
Year	Less than one year	1 - 4 years	Over 4 years determinate	Indeterminate	Recall	Total sentenced non-adult males (under 21)	
2010	1,504	4,000	2,139	704	626	8,975	
2015	565	1,851	1,158	119	290	4,027	
2017	469	1,816	1,271	101	190	3,897	
Non-adult (under 21) females by sentence							
Year	Less than one year	1 - 4 years	Over 4 years determinate	Indeterminate	Recall	Total sentenced non-adult females (under 21)	
2010	97	150	71	22	27	367	
2015	25	51	28	3	3	111	
2017	12	37	20	2	0	73	
All males by sentence							
Year	Less than one year	1 - 4 years	Over 4 years determinate	Indeterminate	Recall	Total sentenced males	
2010	7,357	19,487	22,951	12,899	5,465	68,274	
2015	5,839	17,162	28,343	11,475	6,103	69,575	
2017	5,545	17,019	32,013	10,033	5,917	71,285	
All females by sentence							
Year	Less than one year	1 - 4 years	Over 4 years determinate	Indeterminate	Recall	Total sentenced females	
2010	739	1,187	965	372	194	3,470	
2015	598	1,050	906	360	253	3,220	
2017	596	1,038	1,026	345	269	3,350	

Source: MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly April to June 2017*, Prison population 30 September, table 1.1, & earlier years,

Notes:

For offender management statistics, adults are those aged 21 and over at the date of sentence, young adults are those aged 18 to 20 and juveniles refer to those aged 15 to 17

Table 5a: Prisoners in custody by offence type, England and Wales, 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 Statistics Quarterly*, various yearsMoJ, *Offender Management Caseload Statistics 2010 Tables*, 25 April 2013MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, April 2010-September 2012*, 25 April 2013MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly, January to March 2014*, 31 July 2014

Table 5b: Prisoners in custody by offence type, England and Wales, year ending September, 2015-2017

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	19,786	12,677	8,629	12,443	1,407	11,854	2,209	1,441	3,668	1,406	3,760	412	548	80,240
2016	19,893	13,536	8,109	11,557	1,308	12,068	2,633	1,372	3,758	1,346	3,485	463	572	80,100
2017	19,960	14,276	7,786	10,980	1,308	12,339	2,905	1,473	3,798	1,289	3,469	444	527	80,554
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	1,024	108	340	830	138	541	69	38	262	209	229	11	42	3,841
2016	1,064	127	315	788	126	504	81	63	251	192	215	17	59	3,802
2017	1,083	136	349	786	135	519	106	46	251	194	239	7	64	3,915
Non-adult male (under 21)														
	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	300	108	184	180	33	213	65	34	44	6	75	6	21	1,269
2016	247	83	129	165	26	162	68	12	44	3	52	4	18	1,013
2017	298	84	135	147	16	193	74	20	32	1	50	2	21	1,073
Non-adult female (under 21)														
	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	11	0	3	8	1	5	0	1	2	1	2	0	1	35
2016	5	0	4	2	1	1	2	0	0	0	3	0	0	18
2017	10	2	6	0	4	5	5	3	1	0	3	0	1	40

Source: MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly April to June 2017*, Prison population 30 September, table 1.2a, & earlier years,

Notes:

For offender management statistics, adults are those aged 21 and over at the date of sentence, young adults are those aged 18 to 20 and juveniles refer to those aged 15 to 17.

Table 6: Prisoner population by age, England and Wales

	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	600	4,357	10,464	15,361	25,374	15,183	8,386	4,582
2017	649	4,570	10,393	15,627	25,894	15,354	8,564	4,812
2017 Sep	598	4,549	10,323	15,637	25,948	15,341	8,749	4,852

Sources:

MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly*, various years

MoJ, *Offender Management Caseload Statistics 2010 Tables*, 25 April 2013

Notes:

Figures taken at the end of June 2002-2017 and at September 2017

Table 7: Prisoner population by nationality, ethnicity and religion, England and Wales

	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	
2005	65,670	9,651	869	76,190	56,824	2,157	4,564	11,170	862	613	76,190	
2006	66,160	10,879	944	77,983	57,137	2,299	5,117	11,806	954	668	77,981	
2007	67,767	11,093	874	79,734	58,251	2,441	5,288	12,017	1,155	581	79,733	
2008	70,751	11,498	946	83,195	60,196	2,691	5,804	12,557	1,354	592	83,194	
2009	70,898	11,467	1,026	83,391	60,718	2,846	6,040	12,099	1,448	240	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	
2011	73,030	10,779	1,565	85,374	61,899	3,114	6,193	11,126	924	2,118	85,374	
2012	73,238	10,861	1,949	86,048	61,867	3,159	6,335	11,281	960	2,446	86,048	
2013	72,179	10,786	877	83,842	60,706	3,208	6,474	10,847	1,014	1,593	83,842	
2014	73,999	10,834	676	85,509	62,491	3,479	6,615	10,790	1,053	1,081	85,509	
2015	75,161	10,512	520	86,193	63,498	3,492	6,992	10,686	909	616	86,193	
2016	74,316	9,749	242	84,307	61,755	3,590	6,877	10,461	1,014	610	84,307	

	Religion							Other/non-		Total
	Christian	Muslim	Hindu	Sikh	Buddhist	Jewish	No religion	recognised	Not recorded	
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	40,919	12,825	400	759	1,529	449	25,749	1,547	130	84,307
2017	41,209	13,185	395	739	1,543	504	26,443	1,678	167	85,863
2017 Sep	41,204	13,244	398	707	1,539	505	26,486	1,755	159	85,997

Sources:MoJ, *Offender Management Statistics Quarterly*, various yearsMoJ, *Offender Management Caseload Statistics 2010 Tables*, 25 April 2013**Notes:**

2002-2017 data at end of June, latest 2017 figures also shown for September

In June 2015 the "Chinese" ethnicity was moved into the "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.

Table 8: Prison population to Certified Normal Accommodation by establishment, England and Wales, December 2016

Establishment	In use CNA	Population	% pop to CNA	Establishment	In use CNA	Population	% pop to CNA	Establishment	In use CNA	Population	% pop to CNA	Establishment	In use CNA	Population	% pop to CNA
Leeds	669	1,117	167.0%	Norwich	616	753	122.2%	Portland	458	482	105.2%	Northumberland	1,327	1,316	99.2%
Wandsworth	943	1,555	164.9%	Ranby	892	1,068	119.7%	Wymott	1,099	1,153	104.9%	Swinfen Hall	604	598	99.0%
Swansea	268	438	163.4%	High Down	945	1,121	118.6%	Eastwood Park	382	399	104.5%	Berwyn	740	732	98.9%
Preston	433	693	160.0%	Stoke Heath	662	772	116.6%	Risley	1,050	1,095	104.3%	The Mount	999	987	98.8%
Lincoln	403	643	159.6%	Holme House	1,036	1,204	116.2%	Coldingley	400	417	104.3%	Thorn Cross	381	376	98.7%
Bristol	341	532	156.0%	Hewell	1,018	1,171	115.0%	Ford	521	540	103.6%	Leyhill	515	507	98.4%
Exeter	318	490	154.1%	Peterborough (Male & Female)	1,119	1,283	114.7%	Erlestoke	494	512	103.6%	Dartmoor	640	630	98.4%
Doncaster	738	1,132	153.4%	Belmarsh	760	866	113.9%	Liverpool	1,029	1,066	103.6%	Channings Wood	698	687	98.4%
Durham	595	912	153.3%	Parc	1,559	1,752	112.4%	Garth	810	833	102.8%	Drake Hall	340	334	98.2%
Brixton	529	777	146.9%	Lancaster Farms	495	556	112.3%	Dovegate	1,062	1,092	102.8%	Rochester	754	740	98.1%
Leicester	208	302	145.2%	Isle of Wight	976	1,095	112.2%	Lowdham Grange	900	923	102.6%	North Sea Camp	420	412	98.1%
Altcourse	794	1,151	145.0%	Buckley Hall	409	455	111.2%	Lewes	617	631	102.3%	Swaleside (Sheppey)	1,065	1,042	97.8%
Hull	723	1,028	142.2%	Humber	947	1,048	110.7%	Brinsford	438	447	102.1%	Long Lartin	499	488	97.8%
Usk / Prescoed	378	536	141.8%	Rye Hill	600	663	110.5%	Manchester	958	977	102.0%	Sudbury	581	564	97.1%
Cardiff	522	735	140.8%	Low Newton	313	345	110.2%	Hollesley Bay	471	477	101.3%	East Sutton Park	100	97	97.0%
Winchester	469	658	140.3%	Lindholme	904	991	109.6%	Stafford	741	750	101.2%	Downview	340	329	96.8%
Pentonville	906	1,259	139.0%	New Hall	371	406	109.4%	Full Sutton	550	555	100.9%	Frankland	844	815	96.6%
Forest Bank	1,064	1,455	136.7%	Stocken	768	837	109.0%	Highpoint (North & South)	1,291	1,302	100.9%	Grendon / Springhill	568	545	96.0%
Nottingham	723	988	136.7%	Whatton	769	835	108.6%	Gartree	708	711	100.4%	Whitemoor	464	445	95.9%
Woodhill	539	715	132.7%	Bure	604	655	108.4%	Wealstun	809	812	100.4%	Kirklevington Grange	283	271	95.8%
Bedford	307	404	131.6%	Guys Marsh	453	491	108.4%	Featherstone	578	577	99.8%	Haverigg	289	275	95.2%
Birmingham	1,093	1,432	131.0%	Wayland	867	938	108.2%	Styal	471	470	99.8%	Kirkham	657	610	92.8%
Oakwood	1,600	2,094	130.9%	Wormwood Scrubs	1,156	1,241	107.4%	Hatfield	378	377	99.7%	Werrington	118	108	91.5%
Thameside	932	1,212	130.0%	Maidstone	565	606	107.3%	Wakefield	750	748	99.7%	Warren Hill	264	235	89.0%
Chelmsford	551	714	129.6%	Moorland	943	1,007	106.8%	Ashfield	409	407	99.5%	Deerbolt	453	401	88.5%
Huntercombe	369	476	129.0%	Aylesbury	410	435	106.1%	Hindley	542	539	99.4%	Feltham	568	502	88.4%
Isis	478	615	128.7%	Bronzeield	527	557	105.7%	Standford Hill (Sheppey)	464	461	99.4%	Cookham Wood	188	160	85.1%
Bullingdon	869	1,100	126.6%	Littlehey	1,154	1,219	105.6%	Onley	742	737	99.3%	Askham Grange	126	100	79.4%
Elmley (Sheppey)	1,007	1,243	123.4%	Foston Hall	302	318	105.3%	Send	282	280	99.3%	Wetherby	336	239	71.1%

Source: MoJ, *Population bulletin: monthly October 2017*, accessed 1 December 2017

Notes: The prison unlock figure may be lower than the 'Population', as the 'Population' includes prisoners on authorised absence.

Table 9a: Safety in custody year ending June, England and Wales

	Prisoner assaults (Year ending June)									
	Assaults	Assaults per 1,000 prisoners	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	
2007	15,082	189	1,470	11,723	147	1,189	3,386	43	283	
2008	15,877	195	1,523	12,693	156	1,254	3,269	40	295	
2009	15,434	186	1,353	12,376	149	1,091	3,121	38	273	
2010	14,713	174	1,414	11,673	138	1,134	2,977	35	290	
2011	14,739	174	1,341	11,601	137	1,049	2,933	35	296	
2012	15,319	176	1,338	12,315	141	1,098	3,087	35	257	
2013	14,045	165	1,377	11,036	130	1,096	3,065	36	300	
2014	15,548	183	1,854	12,039	142	1,463	3,458	41	408	
2015	17,697	207	2,495	13,472	158	1,926	4,177	49	579	
2016	23,819	278	3,146	17,850	209	2,476	5,949	70	697	
2017	27,193	319	3,687	19,678	231	2,911	7,437	87	798	

	Self-harming (Year ending June)							
	Self-harm incidents	Self-harm individuals ¹	Self-harm incidents per 1,000 prisoners	Self-harm individuals per 1,000 prisoners ¹	Self-harm incidents per individual	Self harm related Hospital Attendances	Proportion of Hospital Attendances	
2007	23,240	6,093	292	78	4	1,197	5.2%	
2008	23,330	6,267	286	79	4	1,333	5.7%	
2009	25,253	6,399	304	79	4	1,298	5.1%	
2010	25,739	6,388	305	82	4	1,333	5.2%	
2011	25,953	6,914	306	82	4	1,444	5.6%	
2012	23,522	6,792	270	81	4	1,524	6.5%	
2013	23,180	6,824	273	78	3	1,597	6.9%	
2014	23,952	7,234	282	82	3	1,696	7.1%	
2015	28,931	8,602	338	89	3	1,909	6.6%	
2016	36,751	10,606	430	105	4	2,608	7.1%	
2017	41,103	10,994	482	126	4	2,833	6.9%	

Sources:

MoJ, *Safety in Custody Quarterly: update to June 2017*, 26 October 2017 and earlier years

Notes: figures for 2017 are provisional

1. Numbers of individuals should be treated as approximate, as the details of prisoners are not always recorded against each self-harm incident.

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

	Homicides	Natural causes	Self-inflicted	Other	Total	Deaths per 1,000 prisoners			
						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	147	90	12	257	1.72	1.05	0.14	3.00
2016	3	196	119	36	354	2.30	1.39	0.42	4.15
YE Sep. 2017	3	190	77	30	300	2.20	0.90	0.35	3.50

Source: MoJ, *Safety in Custody Quarterly: update to June 2017*, Deaths in prison custody 1978 to 2016, table 1.1, 26 October 2017

Notes: Figures at June each year, 2017 figures provisional

Table 10: Percentage of prisoners testing positive for drug use from all randomly tested prisoners by establishment

England and Wales, 2016/17

Prison	Type	Actual	Target	Prison	Type	Actual	Target	Prison	Type	Actual	Target
Kennet	Male Category C	32.9%	7.0%	Norwich	Male Local	10.2%	10.0%	Low Newton	Female (w. Local Function)	4.7%	6.0%
Bristol	Male Local	31.3%	11.0%	Maidstone	Male Category C	10.2%	5.0%	Forest Bank	Male Local	4.4%	10.0%
Liverpool	Male Local	24.8%	12.5%	Erlestoke	Male Category C	9.8%	11.0%	Moorland	Male Category C	4.2%	6.0%
Brixton	Male Category C	23.2%	11.0%	Mount	Male Category C	9.8%	8.5%	Send	Female	4.0%	3.0%
Lancaster Farms	Male Category C	22.7%	9.0%	Wymott	Male Category C	9.8%	6.0%	Frankland	High Security - Dispersal	4.0%	3.8%
Hindley	Male Category C	22.3%	8.0%	Lincoln	Male Local	9.7%	9.5%	Feltham	Male Category C	3.9%	4.4%
Bedford	Male Local	20.2%	9.8%	Portland	Male Category C	9.5%	6.1%	Wetherby	Male Category C	3.6%	0.0%
Onley	Male Category C	19.6%	8.5%	Elmley	Male Local	9.4%	9.0%	Oakwood	Male Category C	3.4%	9.0%
Swansea	Male Local	19.1%	10.0%	Leeds	Male Local	9.4%	10.0%	Standford Hill	Male Open	3.2%	7.0%
Rochester	Male Category C	18.4%	9.3%	Styal	Female (w. Local Function)	9.2%	6.4%	Warren Hill	Male Category C	3.2%	8.0%
Chelmsford	Male Local	17.5%	10.0%	Nottingham	Male Local	9.1%	10.3%	Dartmoor	Male Category C	3.1%	7.0%
Pentonville	Male Local	17.4%	12.0%	Channings Wood	Male Category C	9.1%	4.0%	Leyhill	Male Open	3.0%	7.9%
Manchester	High Security - Core Local	16.7%	8.0%	Holme House	Male Local	9.0%	11.0%	Werrington	Male Category C	2.9%	0.0%
Birmingham	Male Local	16.5%	11.3%	Coldingley	Male Category C	8.9%	8.0%	Stoke Heath	Male Category C	2.9%	6.7%
Garth	Male Category B	15.8%	6.8%	Kirkham	Male Open	8.9%	7.9%	Deerbolt	Male Category C	2.9%	4.0%
Northumberland	Male Category C	15.7%	16.0%	Dovegate	Male Category B	8.9%	9.0%	Usk / Prescoed	Male Category C	2.8%	7.5%
Cardiff	Male Local	15.2%	10.4%	Risley	Male Category C	8.8%	7.0%	Grendon / Spring Hill	Male Category B	2.5%	5.0%
High Down	Male Local	15.1%	9.8%	Buckley Hall	Male Category C	8.8%	9.8%	Hatfield	Male Open	2.5%	9.0%
Wandsworth	Male Local	14.6%	11.7%	Leicester	Male Local	8.7%	9.5%	Hollesley Bay	Male Open	2.4%	8.0%
Hewell	Male Local	14.6%	9.7%	Featherstone	Male Category C	8.1%	8.0%	Whitemoor	High Security - Dispersal	2.3%	3.8%
Lindholme	Male Category C	14.6%	10.0%	Winchester	Male Local	8.1%	7.5%	Kirklevington Grange	Male Open	2.2%	6.0%
Lewes	Male Local	14.5%	9.5%	Belmarsh	High Security - Core Local	8.0%	8.0%	Askham Grange	Female	2.2%	4.0%
Peterborough Male	Male Local	14.4%	9.9%	Preston	Male Local	7.7%	10.0%	Whatton	Male Category C	2.2%	3.0%
Guys Marsh	Male Category C	14.3%	10.5%	Aylesbury	Male Category C	7.7%	4.3%	North Sea Camp	Male Open	1.9%	7.9%
Doncaster	Male Local	14.0%	9.0%	Hull	Male Local	7.7%	9.7%	Swinfen Hall	Male Category C	1.7%	3.5%
Swaleside	Male Category B	13.8%	5.0%	Thorn Cross	Male Open	7.4%	7.0%	Long Lartin	High Security - Dispersal	1.5%	3.8%
Lowdham Grange	Male Category B	13.7%	6.7%	Drake Hall	Female	7.3%	4.1%	Cookham Wood	Male Category C	1.4%	0.0%
Altcourse	Male Local	13.4%	9.8%	Highpoint	Male Category C	7.0%	7.0%	Isle of Wight	Male Category B	1.4%	4.0%
Brinsford	Male Category C	13.2%	4.3%	Bronzefield	Female (w. Local Function)	6.9%	6.0%	Wakefield	High Security - Dispersal	1.1%	3.8%
Ford	Male Open	13.1%	7.9%	Wealstun	Male Category C	6.9%	9.0%	Bure	Male Category C	1.0%	4.0%
Wormwood Scrubs	Male Local	12.9%	11.5%	Downview	Female	6.9%	-	Rye Hill	Male Category B	1.0%	4.0%
Thameside	Male Local	12.4%	11.0%	Wayland	Male Category C	6.7%	7.8%	Stocken	Male Category C	0.8%	4.5%
Haverigg	Male Category C	12.2%	9.5%	New Hall	Female (w. Local Function)	6.6%	6.0%	Littlehey	Male Category C	0.8%	3.5%
Foston Hall	Female (w. Local Function)	11.8%	5.0%	Ranby	Male Category C	6.3%	7.0%	Huntercombe	Male Category C	0.7%	8.2%
Bullingdon	Male Local	11.8%	9.0%	Isis	Male Category C	5.7%	6.0%	Stafford	Male Category C	0.4%	5.5%
Parc	Male Category C	11.5%	8.0%	Sudbury	Male Open	5.6%	7.9%	Ashfield	Male Category C	0.4%	5.0%
Humber	Male Category C	11.4%	9.0%	Woodhill	High Security - Core Local	5.4%	8.0%	Full Sutton	High Security - Dispersal	0.3%	3.8%
Glen Parva	Male Category C	11.4%	4.0%	Gartree	Male Category B	5.4%	5.6%	East Sutton Park	Female	0.0%	4.0%
Durham	Male Local	11.2%	12.0%	Eastwood Park	Female (w. Local Function)	5.3%	7.5%				
Exeter	Male Local	10.3%	10.5%	Peterborough Female	Female (w. Local Function)	4.8%	6.0%				

Source: MoJ, *National Offender Management Service workforce statistics*, Supplementary tables and MDT data tool, table 07, 28 July 2017

Table 11: National Offender Management Service workforce statistics by Grade, England and Wales, 2010-17

At March each year unless otherwise stated

	Band 3-4 / Prison Officer (incl specialists)	Operational Total
Mar-10	19,908	33,962
Mar-11	19,836	33,263
Mar-12	18,679	30,859
Mar-13	17,764	29,156
Mar-14	15,014	24,391
Mar-15	14,904	23,746
Mar-16	14,917	24,034
Mar-17	15,039	23,865
Sep-17	15,897	24,515

Source: MoJ, *Her Majesty's Prison and Probation Service workforce quarterly: September 2017*; HMPPS staff in post, by grade (full time equivalent)

Notes: From March 2015, some National probation staff were added to the grand total figures

Table 12: Prisoner escapes and absconds, England and Wales

1995/96 - 2016/17

	Escapes	Absconds
1995/96	52	956
1996/97	33	1,115
1997/98	23	1,056
1998/99	28	965
1999/00	30	907
2000/01	11	787
2001/02	15	781
2002/03	5	947
2003/04	10	1,301
2004/05	12	870
2005/06	3	709
2006/07	2	553
2007/08	4	511
2008/09	1	361
2009/10	2	269
2010/11	1	235
2011/12	2	175
2012/13	1	204
2013/14	2	225
2014/15	0	181
2015/16	2	105
2016/17	4	86

Source: MoJ, *Prison performance statistics 2016 to 2017, Annual National Offender Management Service digest: 2016 to 2017*, Supplementary tables, 28 July 2017

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