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## Summary

- ◆ The overall annual average prison population in Northern Ireland increased by almost 2% from an average of 1,466 in 2007 to an average of 1,490 in 2008. The 2008 average remand population of 507 was a decrease of just over 3% on the 2007 level (525), whilst the average immediate custody population in 2008 was 955, 5% higher than in 2007 (909) (Table 1).
- ◆ The total number of receptions into prison increased by 2% from 6,061 in 2007 to 6,185 in 2008 (Table 7).
- ◆ The overall prison population was predominantly male (97% in 2008) (Table 1). Males also made up 94% of all receptions into prison during 2008 (Table 7).
- ◆ In 2008, 48% of the average immediate custody prison population were between the ages of 17 and 29 (Table 4), while 56% of all immediate custody prison receptions were between the ages of 17 and 29 (Table 10).
- ◆ In 2008, 68% 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 33% of the immediate custody population in 2008; those sentenced to more than five years but less than life made up 31%; those with sentences of one year and under formed 18%. Life sentence prisoners made up 17% of the average immediate custody population in 2008 (Figure 4).
- ◆ Northern Ireland had a rate of 88 prisoners per 100,000 population in 2008 compared to 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 2008 compared with previous years during the last decade (1999 to 2008). 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 Northern Ireland Office. This database is continuously updated with prison population and reception information received from all prison establishments in Northern Ireland.

## Average Prison Population

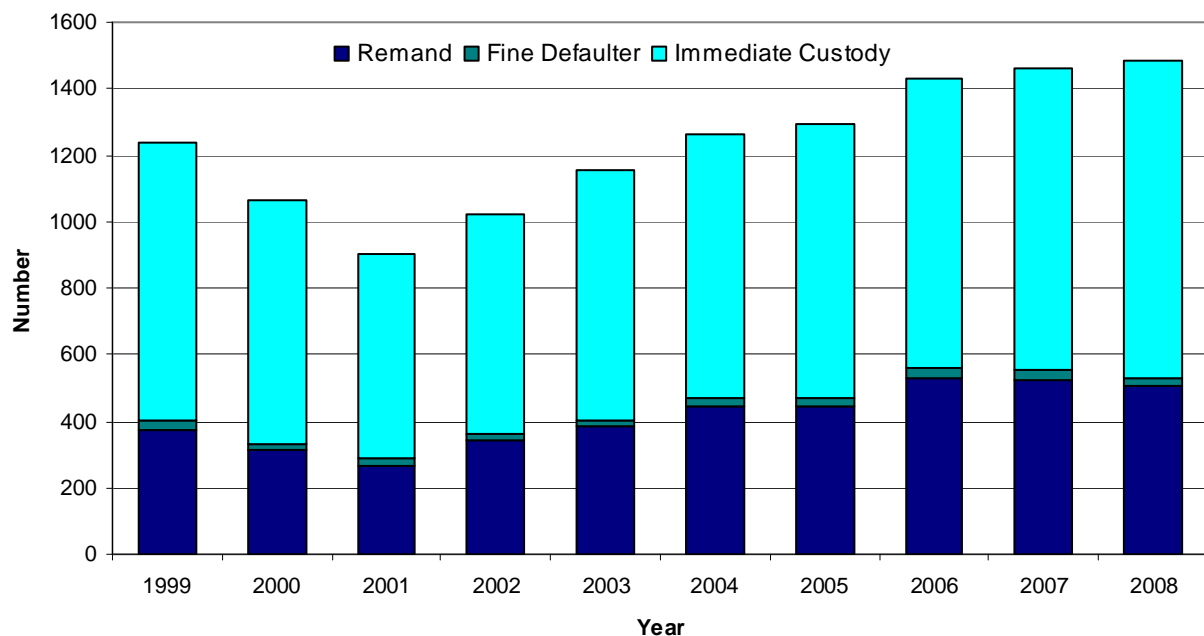
2. The overall annual average prison population in Northern Ireland increased by almost 2% from an average of 1,466 in 2007 to an average of 1,490 in 2008. This was the seventh consecutive increase in the annual average, to follow a previously decreasing long-term trend (Table 1). Compared with 1999 (1,244) the overall average population in 2008 represents an increase of 20% (Figure 1).

## Average Prison Population by Prisoner Type

### Remand Prisoners

3. The 2008 average remand population of 507 was a decrease of just over 3% on the 2007 level (525) (Table 1). In the last three years the remand population has been larger than at any other point over the last decade, whilst the lowest average remand population over the last ten years occurred in 2001 (266). As a proportion of the total prison population, the remand population has also increased in the last decade, growing from 30% of the total in 1999 to representing 34% of the total in 2008. The relative growth of the remand population in the first half of the decade was largely due to a decline in the immediate custody population; however the latter part of the decade has seen the remand population growing in real terms and not just as a proportion of the total. Moreover, the growth of the remand population has been more rapid than the simultaneous growth of the immediate custody population.

Figure 1: Average prison population by prisoner type 1999 to 2008



### Fine Defaulters

4. The average fine defaulter population in 2008 was 21, lower than the previous year (26). 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 3% of the total average prison population during the last decade (Table 1).

### Immediate Custody Prisoners

5. The average immediate custody population in 2008 was 955, 5% higher than in 2007 (909), representing a seventh consecutive annual increase (Table 1). In 1999, the average immediate custody population was 834. The sharpest decline in the annual average immediate custody population occurred between 1999 (834) and 2001 (616), a decrease of 26%.

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 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 2008 under the Act. The majority of releases occurred during the period 1998-2000, and there were no prisoners released under the Act during 2008.

**Non-criminal Prisoners**

7. The average number of non-criminal prisoners - mainly immigrant detainees - in 2008 (6) was the same as 2007. This was the seventh time in the last decade the average population has been 6 (Table 1). The annual average has varied over the last decade from a low of 2 in 2006 to a high of 10 in 2004.

**Average Prison Population by Sex**

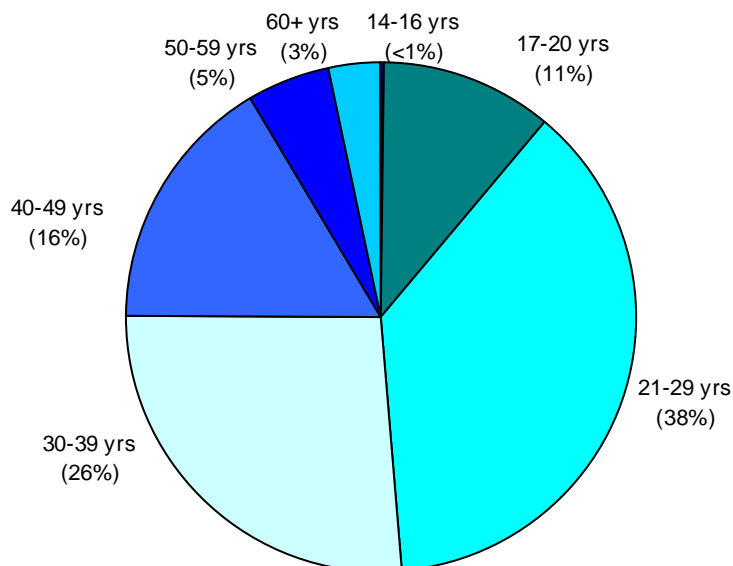
8. Males accounted for 97% of the average total prison population in 2008, and the gender composition of the prison population has not changed greatly over the last decade. The overall gender composition has also been reflected within the different prisoner categories, with males accounting for 95-99% of all remand and immediate custody prisoners during 1999 to 2008 (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 2008, 11% (106) of the average immediate custody population in prison were less than 21 years old, with 38% (359) being between the ages of 21 and 29 at reception (Figure 2). A further 26% (251) were aged between 30 and 39, 16% (157) were between the ages of 40 and 49, while 5% (49) were aged between 50 and 59. Immediate custody prisoners aged 60 years or more at reception accounted for 4% (33) 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 2008, 48% 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 'Mid-Year Population Estimates 2007'. The average number of immediate custody prisoners aged under 21 was slightly lower in 2008 (106) compared with the previous year (109). The proportion of under 21's within the immediate custody population has fluctuated over the decade ranging from a high of 16% in 1999 down to a low of 11% in 2008 (Table 4).

Figure 2: Average prison population under sentence of immediate custody by age at reception 2008



**Average Immediate Custody Prison Population by Offence**

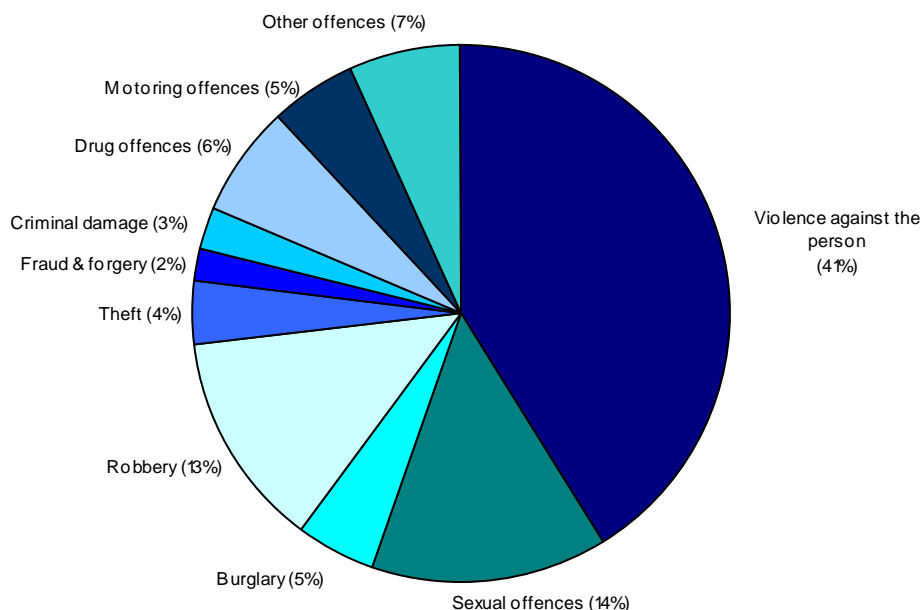
11. For the immediate custody population, five of the ten offence categories listed in Table 6 increased in size between 2007 and 2008. While the annual average immediate custody population as a whole increased by 5%, the average number in custody convicted of violence against the person (VAP) increased by 13% from an average of 347 to 393 and the average number in custody convicted of sexual offences increased by 2% from an average of 134 to 137. The average number of people in custody for burglary offences increased by 29% from 34 in 2007 to 44 in 2008. The average number of prisoners held in immediate custody for drug offences increased by 9% from 57 to 62 whilst the average number in custody convicted of ‘other offences’ increased by 17% from 54 in 2007 to an average of 63 in 2008.

12. Four of the ten offence categories in Table 6 decreased between 2007 and 2008. The average number in custody convicted of robbery offences decreased by 7% from an average of 133 to 124. Those imprisoned for theft and criminal damage offences decreased by 24% and 4% respectively from an average of 50 to 38 for theft, and 27 to 26 for criminal damage. The average immediate custody population for motoring offences decreased by 7%, from 56 in 2007 to 52 in 2008. Finally, the average number of prisoners held for fraud and forgery offences (18), remained the same as in 2007.

13. The annual average number of immediate custody prisoners was larger in 2008 compared with a decade ago in all offence categories except burglary offences (51 in 1999 compared with 44 in 2008), theft (51 in 1999 compared with 38 in 2008), fraud and forgery offences (20 in 1999 compared with 18 in 2008) and criminal damage (30 in 1999 compared with 26 in 2008).

14. The overall changes in the average immediate custody population in the last decade (1999 to 2008) masks proportionate variations within individual offence categories. The violence against the person (VAP) category accounted for 42% of the immediate custody population in 1999, decreasing to 35% in 2002, but in 2008 was 41% of the immediate custody population. During this ten-year period, those in prison convicted of burglary decreased from 6% in 1999 to 5% in 2008, and drug offenders decreased from 10% in 2001 to 6% in 2008. Prisoners convicted of robbery increased from 11% in 1999 to 16% during 2004 to 2006 and was at 13% in 2008. The percentage of sexual offenders in the total immediate custody population has fluctuated between 12% and 16% over the last ten years. Prisoners convicted for ‘other offences’ increased from 4% in 1999 to 7% in 2008 and those convicted of theft decreased from 6% to 4% and for criminal damage offences from 4% to 3%. Those in custody convicted of motoring offences and fraud and forgery offences has remained at 5% and 2% respectively of the total immediate custody prison population, over the same period. (Table 6 and Figure 3).

Figure 3: Average prison population under sentence of immediate custody by offence 2008



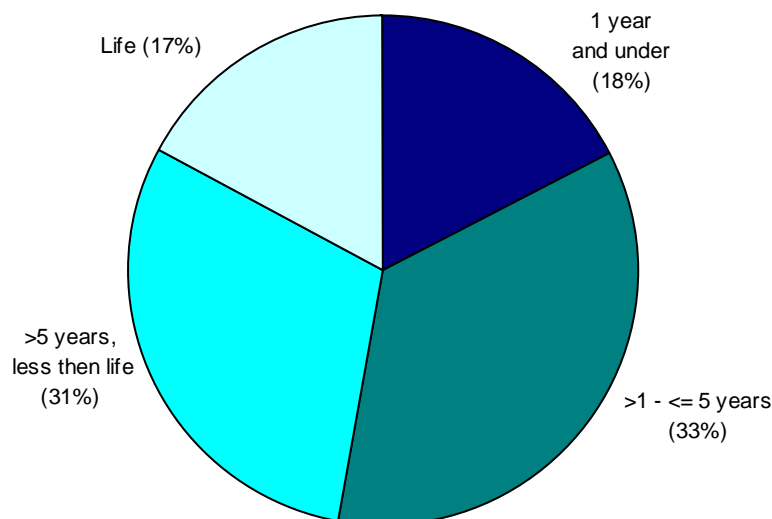
## Average Immediate Custody Prison Population by Sentence Length

15. 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.

16. The average life sentence prison population grew from 158 in 2007 to 161 in 2008, an increase of 2%. The average life sentence prison population has increased by 21% overall during the last decade, from 133 in 1999 to 161 in 2008. 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 2008 (Table 3).

17. The average number of prisoners serving determinate sentences greater than five years increased by 10% between 2007 (272) and 2008 (298), the seventh consecutive annual increase. 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 3% between 2006 (330) and 2008 (319). The annual average population of this group ranged from a low of 258 in 2001 to a high of 330 in 2006. The average number of prisoners serving a sentence of one year and under increased by 10% between 2007 (160) and 2008 (176). 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 2008 level (Table 3).

Figure 4: Average prison population under sentence of immediate custody by sentence length 2008



18. In 2007 and 2008, the proportion of life sentence prisoners was 17% of the immediate custody population. The proportion sentenced to a determinate sentence of more than 5 years increased from 30% in 2007 to 31% in 2008 whilst the proportion of those sentenced to less than 5 years decreased, from 53% to 52% over the same period. During the last decade, life sentence prisoners have fluctuated from 14% to 17% of the immediate custody population. The proportion of those sentenced to a determinate sentence of more than five years has increased from 27% of the population in 1999, to 31% in 2008. Those sentenced to less than five years represented 57% of the immediate custody population in 1999 compared to 52% in 2008 (Table 3 and Figure 4).

## Receptions into Prison

19. The total number of receptions into prison in Northern Ireland increased between 2007 and 2008. A total of 6,185 prisoners were received during 2008, 2% more than in 2007 (6,061) and 9% higher than in 1999 (5,684) (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

20. 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 1% decrease in the number of remand receptions between 2007 (2,929) and 2008 (2,905). The number of remand receptions in 2008 was 16% higher than in 1999 (2,497).

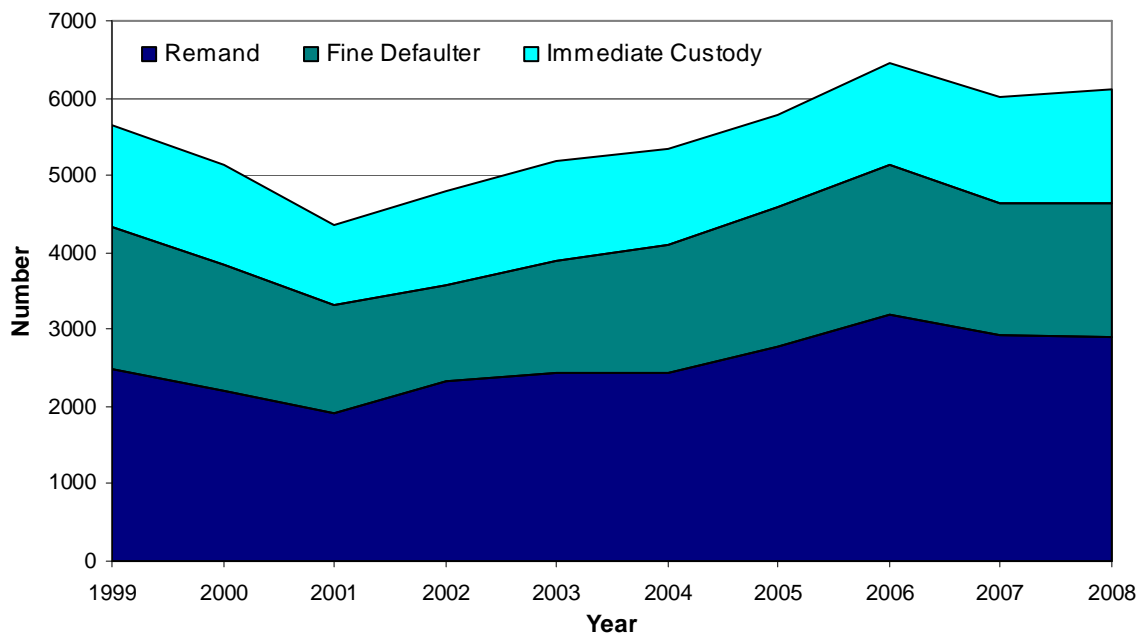
### Fine Defaulters

21. Fine defaulters represent a small part of the overall average annual prison population due to the short duration of their time in prison (in 2008, the average time served for fine default was 4 days). The number of fine default receptions, however, is substantial and accounts for 28% of all receptions (Table 7). The 2008 figure (1,742) was 1% higher than that for 2007 (1,724). 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

22. The number of prisoners received under sentence of immediate custody in 2008 (1,466) was 7% higher than in 2007 (1,370) and 12% higher than in 1999 (1,309). The 2008 figure represents the third consecutive annual increase. 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 1999 to 2008



## Non-Criminal Prisoners

23. The number of non-criminal prisoners received each year is relatively small compared with overall receptions (Table 7). The 2008 figure (72) was an increase on the number received in 2007 (38).

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

24. Females accounted for 6% (375) of all receptions into prison during 2008 while males accounted for 94% (5,810). Male receptions increased by 2% between 2007 (5,691) and 2008 (5,810). Receptions of females in 2008 (375) represented an increase of 1% compared with 2007 (370) (Table 7). Proportionately, females were more likely than males to be received for fine default, with 35% of all female receptions being for fine default compared to 28% of males in 2008. Males (24%) were more likely than females (18%) to be received under sentence of immediate custody whilst the proportion of males and females received as remand prisoners was 47% and 45% respectively. The 7 females who were received as non-criminal prisoners in 2008 represented 10% of all receptions in this category.

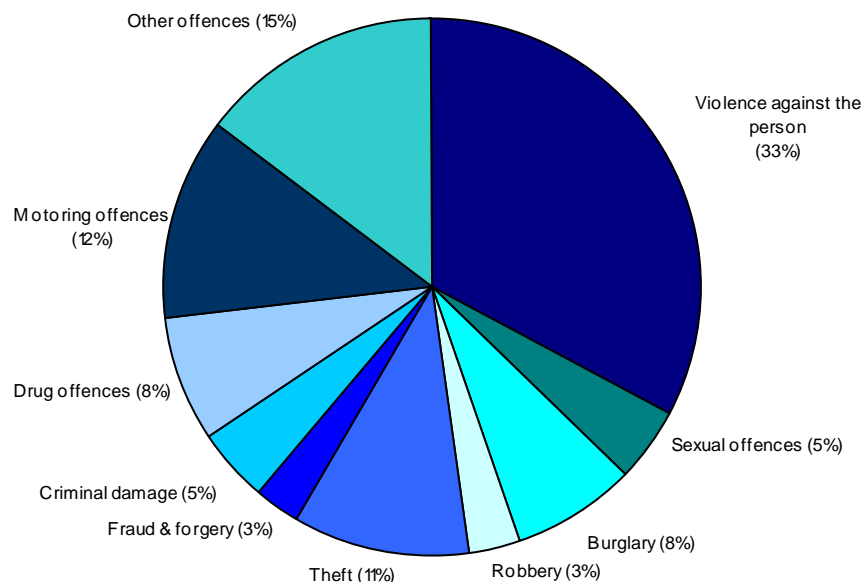
### Immediate Custody Receptions by Age

25. In 2008 approximately one sixth (17%) of all immediate custody prisoners were aged less than 21 years at reception (Table 10). Over the last 10 years, the proportion of immediate custody prisoners aged less than 21 years has remained at approximately one quarter until the last four years. In 2008, 38% of all immediate custody prisoners were aged between 21 and 29 years compared with 44% in 2003 and 40% in 1999. Some 38% were aged between 30 and 49 in 2008 compared with 40% in 2005, and 30% in 1999. Six percent of all immediate custody prisoners received in 2008 were aged over 50 years compared with 5% in 2005, 4% in 2000 and 3% in 1999.

### Immediate Custody Receptions by Offence

26. Receptions for offences of sexual offences, robbery, theft, criminal damage, motoring offences and 'other offences' all decreased in 2008 compared with 2007 (Table 12). Violence against the person (VAP), burglary, fraud and forgery and drug offence receptions increased during the same period.

Figure 6: Immediate custody receptions by offence 2008



27. Closer analysis of Table 12 reveals that immediate custody receptions for VAP decreased on two consecutive occasions from 305 in 1999 to 174 in 2001 before increasing to 480 in 2008. Receptions for sexual offences remained similar in 2000 (65) and 2001 (66), decreased in 2002 (47), increased over the next few years to 83 in 2006 but subsequently decreased by 20% in 2008 (66). The 2008 robbery figure (42) was a decrease of 54% on the 2007 figure (92). Criminal damage and theft receptions decreased by

23% and 3% respectively between 2007 and 2008. Fraud & forgery receptions for 2008 (40) represented an increase of 18% from 2007 (34). Motoring offences decreased in 2008 (178) by 11% from 2007 (201). Drug offences receptions increased by 18%, from 93 in 2007 to 110 in 2008. Burglary receptions increased by 44%, from 77 in 2007 to 111 in 2008, while receptions for 'other offences' decreased between 2007 (219) and 2008 (215).

28. Further analysis of the immediate custody receptions for motoring offences in 2008 reveals that 40% (72) of prisoners received under this category were convicted of 'driving while disqualified', 26% (47) were convicted of 'driving under the influence' and 31% (55) were convicted of 'reckless driving'. The remaining 2% of receptions were convicted of 'driving without insurance', 'failing to stop' or 'driving licence offences'.

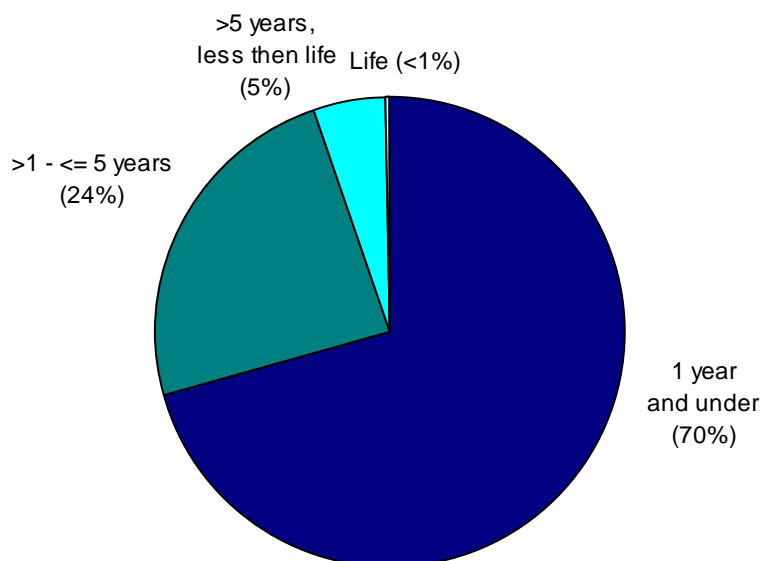
29. A similar analysis of the immediate custody receptions for 'other offences' in 2008 indicates that 50% (108) of prisoners received under this category were convicted of 'breach of order offences', 20% (42) were convicted of 'disorderly behaviour', 13% (27) were convicted of 'possessing illegal documents' and 2% (4) were convicted of 'rioting and riotous behaviour'. The remaining 16% were convicted of a range of other offences.

30. During the last decade, the proportion of prisoners received under sentence of immediate custody has varied from 20% to 25% of the total number of receptions. In 1999 and 2008 the proportions were 23% and 24% respectively (Table 7). However, this masks proportionate variations within individual offence categories. The VAP category accounted for 23% of immediate custody receptions in 1999 compared to 33% in 2008 (Table 12). Burglary offenders decreased from 13% to 8%, theft offenders decreased from 16% to 11%, criminal damage offenders decreased from 8% to 5%, drug offences receptions increased from 7% to 8% and fraud and forgery offenders increased from 2% to 3% of total receptions over this same ten year period. Prisoners received under sentence for robbery were 7% of total immediate custody receptions in 1999 which decreased to 3% in 2008. Over this same ten year period receptions for motoring offences increased from 10% to 12%, receptions for sexual offences made up 4% of total receptions in 1999 compared with 5% in 2008 and receptions for 'other offences' increased from 10% to 15%.

### Immediate Custody Receptions by Sentence Length

31. Life sentence prisoners form a small number of those received into prison each year (Figure 7 and Table 9). The number of life sentence receptions over the last ten years has ranged from a low of 6 in 2008 to a high of 26 in 2007. The average number of life sentence receptions over the last ten years has been 20.

Figure 7: Immediate custody receptions by sentence length 2008



32. There was a decrease in the numbers received into prison sentenced to five years or more but less than life in 2008 (70) compared with 2007 (103). However, this sentence length category increased in 2008 by 11% compared with the 1999 figure (63). The trend for those sentenced to terms of imprisonment greater than one year but less than or equal to five years continues to fluctuate. The 2008 figure (357) was 5% lower than the 2007 figure (374) and 3% lower than in 1999 (369). For those sentenced to determinate sentences of one year and less the number of receptions in 2008 (1,033) increased by 19% from the level in 2007 (867). Overall, the number of prisoners received with sentences of one year and less has increased by 20% between 1999 (860) and 2008 (Table 9).

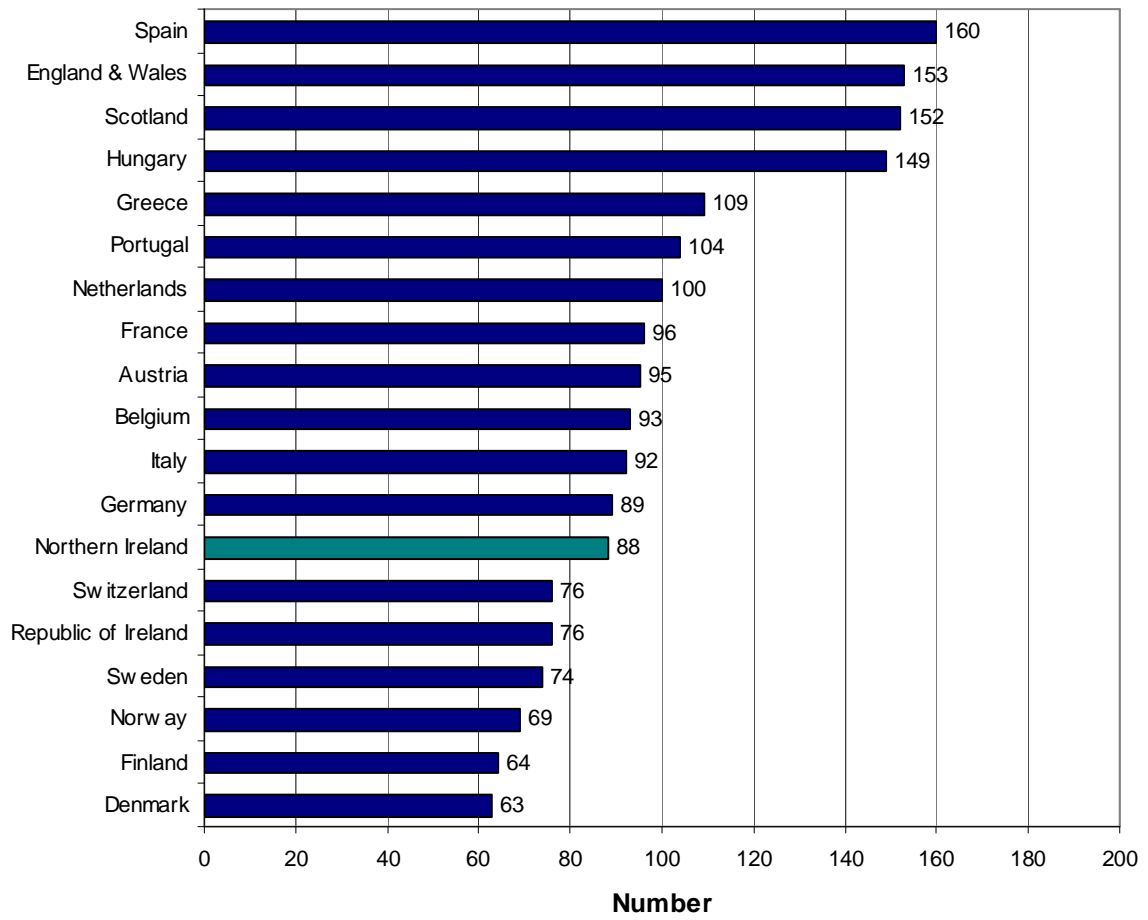
### **Comparing Prison Receptions and the Prison Population**

33. Most prisoners sentenced to immediate custody are received into prison with sentences of one year or less. In 2008, 70% 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 2008, only 18% of those in prison who had been sentenced to immediate custody, had sentences of one year or less compared to 70% of receptions. Some 31% had determinate sentences of over five years and less than life compared to 5% of receptions; 33% had sentences greater than one year up to and including five years compared to 24% of receptions and 17% were serving life sentences (including those detained at the Secretary of State's pleasure) compared to less than 1% of receptions (Tables 3 and 9).

### **International Comparisons**

34. 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 1999-2008**

		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>MALE PRISONERS</b>	Aged under 21	75	69	62	81	97	105	101	117	106	96
	Aged 21 or over	286	232	198	250	280	328	330	393	403	388
	Age unknown	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>361</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>Remand</b>	Aged under 21	8	5	4	3	4	5	4	7	5	3
	Aged 21 or over	23	15	17	13	15	17	20	20	19	17
	<b>Total</b>	<b>31</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>Fine defaulter</b>	YOC	103	78	58	73	80	86	80	72	70	59
	Young Prisoners	27	22	17	20	22	30	32	34	39	47
	Adult Prisoners	695	618	533	557	633	666	697	748	776	829
	<b>Total</b>	<b>825</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>Non-Criminal All Males</b>		6	6	5	5	7	8	5	2	5	6
		1223	1045	894	1002	1138	1246	1269	1393	1422	1443
<b>FEMALE PRISONERS</b>	Aged under 21	4	2	1	1	2	4	3	4	3	3
	Aged 21 or over	5	8	5	9	6	8	10	16	13	21
	<b>Total</b>	<b>10</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>Remand</b>	Aged under 21	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Aged 21 or over	2	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2</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>Fine defaulter</b>	YOC	1	1	1	3	2	2	1	2	2	1
	Young Prisoners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Adult Prisoners	8	10	7	9	10	10	15	17	24	20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9</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>Non-Criminal All Females</b>		0	0	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	0
		21	23	16	24	22	27	32	41	44	46
<b>ALL PRISONERS</b>	Remand	371	311	266	341	385	446	444	529	525	507
	Fine defaulter	33	22	22	17	20	24	25	29	26	21
	Immediate Custody	834	729	616	662	747	794	826	873	909	955
	Non-Criminal	6	6	6	6	8	10	6	2	6	6
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1244</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>

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

**Table 2: Average Northern Ireland prison population under sentence of immediate custody, by age, sex and sentence length 1999-2008**

		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>ADULT MALES</b>	Life	121	99	77	85	95	105	113	123	135	136
	>10 years, less than life	110	73	46	53	60	67	75	86	94	107
	>5 and <=10 years	105	100	102	106	112	119	137	146	162	169
	>4 and <=5 years	52	47	50	45	47	44	49	44	49	55
	>3 and <=4 years	53	59	52	46	49	56	60	71	65	62
	>2 and <=3 years	66	63	50	59	78	64	67	72	80	79
	>1 and <=2 years	77	72	71	73	83	99	89	87	73	80
	>6 and <=12 months	60	63	53	51	70	70	66	74	67	76
	>3 and <=6 months	39	34	24	30	32	33	33	37	39	46
	<=3 months	12	9	8	8	7	9	8	8	11	20
	<b>Total</b>	<b>695</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>YOUNG MALES</b>	Life	11	10	10	11	13	14	16	18	17	20
	>10 years, less than life	6	5	3	3	2	3	3	3	4	6
	>5 and <=10 years	5	6	3	5	4	7	9	9	10	13
	>4 and <=5 years	5	1	1	1	3	6	5	5	8	3
	>3 and <=4 years	11	5	3	6	11	15	18	15	15	11
	>2 and <=3 years	15	11	9	9	11	13	13	9	8	8
	>1 and <=2 years	24	24	16	21	25	24	21	18	14	15
	>6 and <=12 months	29	23	16	22	22	21	17	21	21	17
	>3 and <=6 months	18	10	10	12	10	11	9	8	10	9
	<=3 months	7	4	3	4	2	3	2	2	3	3
	<b>Total</b>	<b>130</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>ALL MALES</b>	<b>825</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>ADULT FEMALES</b>	Life	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	3	6	6
	>5 years, less than life	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	3
	>1 and <=5 years	3	4	3	5	4	4	7	8	8	6
	>6 and <=12 months	3	2	0	1	1	2	4	4	5	2
	>3 and <=6 months	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	3	2
	<=3 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>8</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>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	0	2	1	0	1	0	1	0
	>6 and <=12 months	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
	>3 and <=6 months	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	1	1
	<=3 months	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1</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>ALL FEMALES</b>	<b>9</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>	

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 1999-2008**

		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>MALE PRISONERS</b>	Life	132	109	87	96	108	120	129	140	152	155
	>10 years, less than life	116	78	49	56	62	70	78	89	98	113
	>5 and <=10 years	111	106	105	111	116	126	146	154	172	182
	>4 and <=5 years	57	48	51	46	50	50	54	49	57	59
	>3 and <=4 years	64	64	56	52	60	71	78	86	80	73
	>2 and <=3 years	81	74	60	69	88	77	80	81	88	86
	>1 and <=2 years	101	96	87	94	108	123	110	105	87	95
	>6 and <=12 months	89	86	68	73	92	91	83	95	88	93
	>3 and <=6 months	57	44	34	42	42	44	42	45	49	55
	<=3 months	19	13	11	12	9	12	10	10	13	23
	<b>Total</b>	<b>825</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>FEMALE PRISONERS</b>	Life	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	3	6	6
	>5 years, less than life	0	1	1	1	1	0	0	0	2	3
	>1 and <=5 years	3	4	4	7	6	4	7	8	9	6
	>6 and <=12 months	3	3	0	1	1	2	4	5	5	2
	>3 and <=6 months	2	2	2	1	1	2	2	2	4	2
	<=3 months	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9</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>ALL PRISONERS</b>	Life	133	110	88	97	111	122	131	143	158	161
	>5 years, less than life	227	185	155	168	179	196	224	243	272	298
	>1 and <=5 years	306	286	258	268	312	324	329	330	321	319
	>6 and <=12 months	92	88	69	74	93	93	87	100	93	95
	>3 and <=6 months	58	46	36	43	43	46	44	47	53	57
	<=3 months	19	13	11	12	9	13	12	11	14	24
	<b>Total</b>	<b>834</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>

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 1999-2008**

		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>MALE PRISONERS</b>	14-16 years	3	4	1	1	2	4	5	2	2	3
	17-20 years	128	96	73	92	100	112	108	105	106	102
	21-29 years	336	295	244	241	296	296	289	302	312	352
	30-39 years	233	202	169	179	188	206	215	229	239	243
	40-49 years	83	73	72	88	97	104	131	143	145	153
	50-59 years	33	34	37	40	40	46	46	50	53	48
	60+ years	11	14	11	10	12	14	17	24	27	33
	<b>Total</b>	<b>825</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>FEMALE PRISONERS</b>	14-16 years	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0
	17-20 years	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	2	1
	21-29 years	4	4	3	3	4	3	7	6	8	7
	30-39 years	2	5	4	5	6	4	5	6	8	8
	40-49 years	1	1	1	1	0	1	2	4	7	4
	50-59 years	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	2	1
	60+ years	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>9</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>ALL PRISONERS</b>	14-16 years	3	4	1	2	3	5	5	2	2	3
	17-20 years	128	96	74	94	101	113	109	107	107	103
	21-29 years	340	298	247	243	300	299	296	308	320	359
	30-39 years	235	207	172	183	194	210	220	235	246	251
	40-49 years	84	75	73	89	97	106	133	147	152	157
	50-59 years	33	34	37	40	40	47	47	50	54	49
	60+ years	11	14	11	10	12	14	17	25	27	33
	<b>Total</b>	<b>834</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>

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 1999-2008**

		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>ADULT MALES</b>	Violence against the person	310	256	196	201	235	234	248	267	287	324
	Sexual offences	103	101	90	92	90	95	105	118	129	129
	Burglary	34	25	24	26	22	27	31	31	25	34
	Robbery	79	71	62	63	84	98	108	120	113	110
	Theft	31	27	27	26	30	30	35	35	39	32
	Fraud & forgery	19	18	16	16	17	15	15	20	17	17
	Criminal damage	18	16	10	14	17	17	13	18	19	22
	Drug offences	49	51	59	52	49	57	53	49	53	59
	Motoring offences	30	28	22	29	42	48	54	48	52	48
	Other offences	22	25	27	37	47	45	37	42	41	56
<b>Total</b>		<b>695</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>YOUNG MALES</b>	Violence against the person	39	29	21	27	35	40	42	39	46	58
	Sexual offences	6	5	5	6	3	2	4	2	4	7
	Burglary	17	17	7	9	8	12	12	15	8	9
	Robbery	15	9	8	14	20	27	25	21	19	13
	Theft	17	14	14	12	16	8	8	11	8	5
	Fraud & forgery	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	1
	Criminal damage	11	5	4	7	5	7	6	3	6	4
	Drug offences	7	5	2	4	1	1	1	2	2	1
	Motoring offences	10	6	3	7	8	11	9	3	3	4
	Other offences	9	10	9	7	6	8	6	10	11	5
<b>Total</b>		<b>130</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>ALL MALES</b>		<b>825</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>ADULT FEMALES</b>	Violence against the person	3	4	4	5	6	6	7	7	12	11
	Sexual offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
	Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Robbery	0	0	0	0	1	1	1	0	1	2
	Theft	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	3	1
	Fraud & forgery	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
	Criminal damage	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	2	1
	Drug offences	2	3	1	1	1	1	3	3	2	2
	Motoring offences	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Other offences	0	1	0	0	1	0	1	2	2	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>8</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>YOUNG FEMALES</b>	Violence against the person	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	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	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	Theft	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0
	Fraud & forgery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Criminal damage	1	0	0	1	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Drug offences	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Motoring offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Other offences	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
<b>Total</b>		<b>1</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>ALL FEMALES</b>		<b>9</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>

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 1999-2008**

		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>MALE PRISONERS</b>	Violence against the person	349	284	217	229	270	274	290	306	334	382
	Sexual offences	108	106	96	98	93	97	108	121	134	136
	Burglary	51	42	32	34	30	39	43	47	34	43
	Robbery	94	80	71	77	104	124	133	141	132	122
	Theft	48	41	41	38	46	39	43	46	47	36
	Fraud & forgery	19	18	16	16	17	16	15	20	17	17
	Criminal damage	29	21	14	21	22	23	18	21	25	25
	Drug offences	56	56	60	56	50	58	54	51	55	60
	Motoring offences	39	34	26	36	50	59	63	51	55	51
	Other offences	31	35	36	44	53	54	42	52	52	60
<b>Total</b>		<b>825</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>FEMALE PRISONERS</b>	Violence against the person	3	4	4	5	6	6	7	7	13	11
	Sexual offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	1
	Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Robbery	0	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	1	2
	Theft	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	3	3	1
	Fraud & forgery	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0
	Criminal damage	1	0	0	2	0	0	1	1	2	1
	Drug offences	2	3	2	2	1	1	3	3	2	2
	Motoring offences	0	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	1
	Other offences	0	1	0	0	1	1	1	2	2	3
<b>Total</b>		<b>9</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>ALL PRISONERS</b>	Violence against the person	351	289	221	234	276	280	297	314	347	393
	Sexual offences	109	106	96	98	93	98	109	121	134	137
	Burglary	51	42	32	34	30	40	43	47	34	44
	Robbery	94	80	71	77	106	125	134	142	133	124
	Theft	51	43	42	40	47	40	44	49	50	38
	Fraud & forgery	20	18	16	16	17	16	16	20	18	18
	Criminal damage	30	22	14	23	22	23	19	21	27	26
	Drug offences	58	59	62	58	51	59	57	54	57	62
	Motoring offences	39	34	26	36	50	59	64	51	56	52
	Other offences	31	36	36	44	54	55	43	55	54	63
<b>Total</b>		<b>834</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>

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

**Table 7: Northern Ireland prison receptions, by sex, prisoner type and age group 1999-2008**

		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>MALE PRISONERS</b>	Aged under 21	708	634	582	677	695	654	721	768	634	636
	Aged 21 or over	1674	1455	1255	1551	1631	1622	1906	2211	2130	2099
	Age unknown	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2382</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>Remand</b>	Aged under 21	401	373	293	245	302	339	367	372	288	232
	Aged 21 or over	1329	1176	1020	919	1058	1193	1338	1427	1294	1380
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1730</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>Fine defaulter</b>	YOC	341	275	245	310	257	276	217	220	240	226
	Young Prisoners	6	2	4	7	9	15	6	13	10	17
	Adult Prisoners	938	969	766	885	1002	933	924	1018	1061	1155
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1285</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>Non-Criminal All Males</b>		<b>32</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>5429</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>FEMALE PRISONERS</b>	Aged under 21	35	32	24	28	32	47	35	59	29	34
	Aged 21 or over	80	76	61	81	79	117	114	155	136	136
	Age unknown	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>115</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>Remand</b>	Aged under 21	16	16	10	5	8	12	10	10	11	6
	Aged 21 or over	94	85	70	71	85	103	99	142	131	124
	<b>Total</b>	<b>110</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>Fine defaulter</b>	YOC	5	7	7	5	11	11	5	9	7	13
	Young Prisoners	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Adult Prisoners	19	30	21	24	21	27	36	44	52	55
	<b>Total</b>	<b>24</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>Non-Criminal All Females</b>		<b>6</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>255</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>ALL PRISONERS</b>	Remand	2497	2197	1922	2337	2439	2440	2776	3193	2929	2905
	Fine defaulter	1840	1650	1393	1240	1453	1647	1814	1951	1724	1742
	Immediate Custody	1309	1283	1043	1231	1300	1262	1188	1304	1370	1466
	Non-Criminal	38	56	58	57	117	106	134	24	38	72
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5684</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>

**Table 8: Northern Ireland prison reception under sentence of immediate custody, by age, sex and sentence length 1999-2008**

		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>ADULT MALES</b>	Life	17	18	14	17	19	18	22	21	24	5
	>10 years, less than life	13	14	14	17	15	20	17	22	21	16
	>5 and <=10 years	46	41	46	52	57	47	58	63	75	38
	>4 and <=5 years	26	46	20	35	26	33	35	30	27	30
	>3 and <=4 years	46	51	41	39	54	48	52	57	44	39
	>2 and <=3 years	64	85	58	73	87	78	71	101	85	68
	>1 and <=2 years	148	168	132	154	174	176	173	159	150	153
	>6 and <=12 months	222	222	175	165	249	218	199	240	229	267
	>3 and <=6 months	218	205	154	203	210	197	192	211	238	291
	<=3 months	138	119	112	130	111	98	105	114	168	248
	<b>Total</b>	<b>938</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>YOUNG MALES</b>	Life	0	1	1	2	2	3	2	1	0	0
	>10 years, less than life	0	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	3	1
	>5 and <=10 years	4	1	2	2	3	5	3	5	3	13
	>4 and <=5 years	2	0	1	3	3	5	1	7	4	3
	>3 and <=4 years	9	0	6	6	14	14	10	12	15	9
	>2 and <=3 years	18	13	18	13	14	16	15	12	12	13
	>1 and <=2 years	52	55	38	43	56	48	43	34	32	33
	>6 and <=12 months	82	77	67	98	76	80	59	82	78	63
	>3 and <=6 months	101	68	69	96	65	77	62	55	66	59
	<=3 months	79	62	47	54	32	41	28	25	37	49
	<b>Total</b>	<b>347</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>ALL MALES</b>	<b>1285</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>ADULT FEMALES</b>	Life	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	1
	>5 years, less than life	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2
	>1 and <=5 years	3	8	2	7	7	4	7	14	5	7
	>6 and <=12 months	8	6	6	3	5	7	9	7	18	7
	>3 and <=6 months	6	7	7	3	4	8	8	7	17	12
	<=3 months	2	8	6	9	3	7	12	13	9	26
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19</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>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	1	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	0	2
	>6 and <=12 months	2	1	0	1	5	2	1	5	2	0
	>3 and <=6 months	1	2	2	2	2	4	2	2	4	6
	<=3 months	1	2	3	0	2	3	1	1	1	5
	<b>Total</b>	<b>5</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>ALL FEMALES</b>	<b>24</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>	

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 1999-2008**

		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>MALE PRISONERS</b>	Life	17	19	15	19	21	21	24	22	24	5
	>10 years, less than life	13	14	14	17	16	22	17	22	24	17
	>5 and <=10 years	50	42	48	54	60	52	61	68	78	51
	>4 and <=5 years	28	46	21	38	29	38	36	37	31	33
	>3 and <=4 years	55	51	47	45	68	62	62	69	59	48
	>2 and <=3 years	82	98	76	86	101	94	86	113	97	81
	>1 and <=2 years	200	223	170	197	230	224	216	193	182	186
	>6 and <=12 months	304	299	242	263	325	298	258	322	307	330
	>3 and <=6 months	319	273	223	299	275	274	254	266	304	350
	<=3 months	217	181	159	184	143	139	133	139	205	297
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1285</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>FEMALE PRISONERS</b>	Life	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	2	2	1
	>5 years, less than life	0	1	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	2
	>1 and <=5 years	4	10	4	9	9	6	8	15	5	9
	>6 and <=12 months	10	7	6	4	10	9	10	12	20	7
	>3 and <=6 months	7	9	9	5	6	12	10	9	21	18
	<=3 months	3	10	9	9	5	10	13	14	10	31
	<b>Total</b>	<b>24</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>ALL PRISONERS</b>	Life	17	19	15	20	23	21	24	24	26	6
	>5 years, less than life	63	57	62	72	76	75	78	91	103	70
	>1 and <=5 years	369	428	318	375	437	424	408	427	374	357
	>6 and <=12 months	314	306	248	267	335	307	268	334	327	337
	>3 and <=6 months	326	282	232	304	281	286	264	275	325	368
	<=3 months	220	191	168	193	148	149	146	153	215	328
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1309</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>

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 1999-2008**

		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>MALE PRISONERS</b>	14-16 years	11	14	8	6	12	12	9	4	5	4
	17-20 years	336	263	241	311	254	279	214	229	245	239
	21-29 years	512	531	412	478	562	448	414	467	494	542
	30-39 years	299	281	221	250	269	281	286	296	314	324
	40-49 years	84	106	84	114	117	143	166	175	180	203
	50-59 years	29	34	38	36	38	43	45	56	49	59
	60+ years	14	17	11	7	16	18	13	24	24	27
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1285</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>FEMALE PRISONERS</b>	14-16 years	2	0	1	1	1	2	0	0	0	0
	17-20 years	3	7	6	4	10	9	5	9	7	13
	21-29 years	10	12	9	12	8	12	13	12	19	22
	30-39 years	7	14	9	7	9	8	13	13	13	13
	40-49 years	1	4	3	4	2	6	9	17	17	19
	50-59 years	1	0	0	1	2	0	1	1	3	1
	60+ years	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0
	<b>Total</b>	<b>24</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>ALL PRISONERS</b>	14-16 years	13	14	9	7	13	14	9	4	5	4
	17-20 years	339	270	247	315	264	288	219	238	252	252
	21-29 years	522	543	421	490	570	460	427	479	513	564
	30-39 years	306	295	230	257	278	289	299	309	327	337
	40-49 years	85	110	87	118	119	149	175	192	197	222
	50-59 years	30	34	38	37	40	43	46	57	52	60
	60+ years	14	17	11	7	16	19	13	25	24	27
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1309</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>

**Table 11: Northern Ireland prison receptions under sentence of immediate custody, by age, sex and principal offence 1999-2008**

		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>ADULT MALES</b>	Violence against the person	239	218	135	179	211	172	201	229	252	372
	Sexual offences	51	64	60	46	54	72	64	79	67	61
	Burglary	103	76	60	56	75	66	50	59	51	67
	Robbery	67	96	78	87	99	87	80	84	67	31
	Theft	128	120	105	125	137	94	117	107	110	121
	Fraud & forgery	28	41	30	37	26	31	25	30	27	37
	Criminal damage	59	44	33	50	40	57	29	59	58	49
	Drug offences	73	94	73	57	60	73	59	72	84	100
	Motoring offences	104	112	94	129	185	183	190	180	183	147
	Other offences	86	104	98	119	115	98	109	119	162	170
<b>Total</b>		<b>938</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>YOUNG MALES</b>	Violence against the person	63	35	34	50	46	45	44	49	63	93
	Sexual offences	2	1	6	1	3	3	5	3	8	4
	Burglary	61	49	33	46	30	44	30	36	23	40
	Robbery	25	19	30	24	43	37	34	25	24	9
	Theft	77	77	69	70	60	51	44	45	42	27
	Fraud & forgery	0	2	2	3	0	3	0	0	1	2
	Criminal damage	35	20	19	38	13	25	19	16	23	13
	Drug offences	11	11	4	12	1	1	3	9	6	7
	Motoring offences	28	23	20	35	40	45	27	12	17	28
	Other offences	45	40	32	38	30	37	17	38	43	20
<b>Total</b>		<b>347</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>ALL MALES</b>		<b>1285</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>ADULT FEMALES</b>	Violence against the person	3	7	4	6	6	7	10	13	11	13
	Sexual offences	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	0	1
	Burglary	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	2	2
	Robbery	0	0	1	3	2	0	1	0	1	0
	Theft	5	7	5	4	4	5	5	10	10	6
	Fraud & forgery	1	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	5	1
	Criminal damage	2	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	5	5
	Drug offences	5	5	2	2	2	2	4	6	3	3
	Motoring offences	0	1	3	2	1	2	3	2	1	3
	Other offences	2	5	2	4	4	4	8	8	14	21
<b>Total</b>		<b>19</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>YOUNG FEMALES</b>	Violence against the person	0	3	1	1	2	3	1	1	3	2
	Sexual offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Burglary	0	1	1	0	0	0	1	0	1	2
	Robbery	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	2
	Theft	0	0	2	1	4	3	0	1	0	3
	Fraud & forgery	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0
	Criminal damage	3	1	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	0
	Drug offences	1	1	1	0	1	0	0	1	0	0
	Motoring offences	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
	Other offences	1	1	1	1	2	5	1	4	0	4
<b>Total</b>		<b>5</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>ALL FEMALES</b>		<b>24</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>

**Table 12: Northern Ireland prison receptions under sentence of immediate custody, by sex and principal offence 1999-2008**

		1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
<b>MALE PRISONERS</b>	Violence against the person	302	253	169	229	257	217	245	278	315	465
	Sexual offences	53	65	66	47	57	75	69	82	75	65
	Burglary	164	125	93	102	105	110	80	95	74	107
	Robbery	92	115	108	111	142	124	114	109	91	40
	Theft	205	197	174	195	197	145	161	152	152	148
	Fraud & forgery	28	43	32	40	26	34	25	30	28	39
	Criminal damage	94	64	52	88	53	82	48	75	81	62
	Drug offences	84	105	77	69	61	74	62	81	90	107
	Motoring offences	132	135	114	164	225	228	217	192	200	175
	Other offences	131	144	130	157	145	135	126	157	205	190
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1285</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>FEMALE PRISONERS</b>	Violence against the person	3	10	5	7	8	10	11	14	14	15
	Sexual offences	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	1	1	1
	Burglary	0	1	1	0	0	1	2	0	3	4
	Robbery	0	0	1	3	4	0	1	1	1	2
	Theft	5	7	7	5	8	8	5	11	10	9
	Fraud & forgery	1	2	2	0	0	2	2	2	6	1
	Criminal damage	5	4	3	5	2	2	3	3	6	5
	Drug offences	6	6	3	2	3	2	4	7	3	3
	Motoring offences	0	1	3	2	1	2	4	2	1	3
	Other offences	3	6	3	5	6	9	9	12	14	25
	<b>Total</b>	<b>24</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>ALL PRISONERS</b>	Violence against the person	305	263	174	236	265	227	256	292	329	480
	Sexual offences	54	65	66	47	57	77	69	83	76	66
	Burglary	164	126	94	102	105	111	82	95	77	111
	Robbery	92	115	109	114	146	124	115	110	92	42
	Theft	210	204	181	200	205	153	166	163	162	157
	Fraud & forgery	29	45	34	40	26	36	27	32	34	40
	Criminal damage	99	68	55	93	55	84	51	78	87	67
	Drug offences	90	111	80	71	64	76	66	88	93	110
	Motoring offences	132	136	117	166	226	230	221	194	201	178
	Other offences	134	150	133	162	151	144	135	169	219	215
	<b>Total</b>	<b>1309</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>

## TYPES OF PRISONER

1. In 2008 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.

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