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- There was a slight increase in Burglary and related offences, from 27,695 (2011) to 27,774 (2012).
- Over 37% of offenders re-offended within a two-year period of being placed under Probation Service supervision in 2007.
- Just over 62% of offenders re-offended within a three year period of being released from custody of the Irish Prison Service in 2007.
- In 2012, 47% of prison sentences ranged from 1 to 5 years.
- In 2012 there were 13,424 Gardaí, a drop of 3.4% from 2011.

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Introduction

The statistics in this chapter relate to a number of aspects of justice and defence. They have been obtained from the Garda Síochána, the Prison Service, the Probation Service, the Defence Forces, the Department of Justice, Equality and Law Reform and the Central Statistics Office.

Crime figures are provided for the number of offences recorded by the Garda Síochána. These are based on the Irish Crime Classification System (ICCS), launched in April 2008, but exclude elements of Group 4 (Dangerous or negligent acts) and all of Groups 14 (Road and traffic offences (Not elsewhere classified)) and 16 (Offences not elsewhere classified). Details of this classification system can be found at www.cso.ie. All crime figures are provisional and may be revised, due to the nature of reporting and recording, subsequent to this publication.

Prison Recidivism provides figures for the re-offending rates of those released from the custody of the Irish Prison Service in 2007. These figures were published in May 2013 and were produced using a combination of Garda Síochána and Prison Service records, based on the Irish Crime Classification System (ICCS).

Probation recidivism provides figures for the reoffending rates of those placed on Probation Orders and Community Service Orders in the year 2007 (the 2007 cohort). These figures were published in November 2012 and were produced using a combination of Garda Síochána and Probation Service records, based on the Irish Crime Classification System (ICCS).

Technical Notes

Table 7.1

Table 7.1 figures are based on data received from the Garda Síochána at the end of Quarter 4 2012. These figures may be updated in further CSO releases.

Tables 7.4

A re-offender for the purpose of this table is defined as an individual who committed a recorded offence within two years of commencing probation; and who is convicted in court proceedings that commenced within two years of the offence date.

Table 7.5

A re-offender for the purpose of this table is defined as an individual who committed a recorded offence within three years of prison release date; and who is subsequently convicted in court proceedings.

Tables 7.6 and 7.7

Figures exclude non-criminal prisoners (eg immigration detainees) and those on trial and on remand.

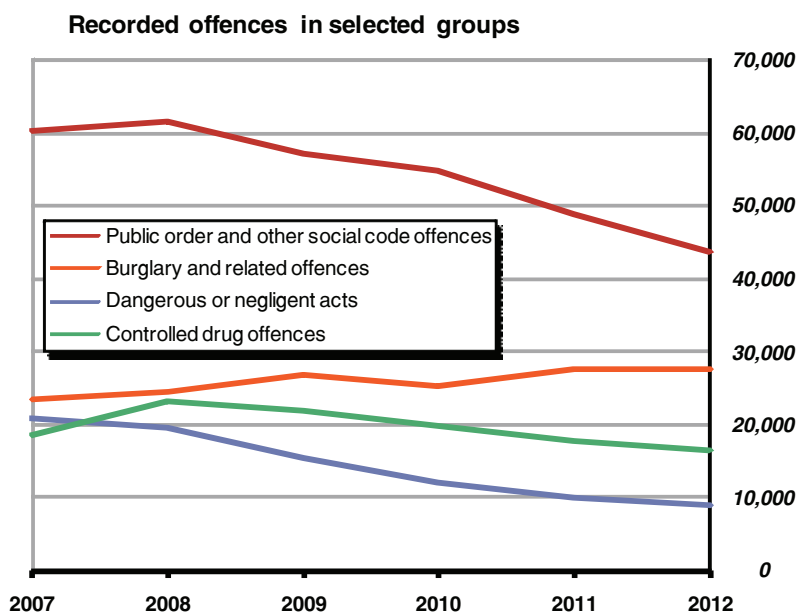
Tables 7.8 and 7.9

The given 'per 100,000 population' figures are calculated based on 2002, 2006 and 2011 census figures and interim population estimates.

Table 7.1 Recorded offences

Offence	Number					
	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Homicide offences	132	89	88	89	66	78
Sexual offences	1,366	1,406	1,480	2,368	2,014	2,059
Attempts/threats to murder, assaults, harassments and related offences	17,666	19,150	18,353	17,704	17,062	15,313
Dangerous or negligent acts	21,009	19,587	15,532	12,093	9,946	9,012
Kidnapping and related offences	106	77	146	134	109	98
Robbery, extortion and hijacking offences	2,171	2,299	2,491	3,196	2,932	2,818
Burglary and related offences	23,603	24,683	26,911	25,420	27,695	27,774
Theft and related offences	75,190	76,861	77,031	76,828	76,975	76,549
Fraud, deception and related offences	5,858	5,410	4,947	4,988	5,370	5,544
Controlled drug offences	18,554	23,404	21,982	20,005	17,695	16,471
Weapons and explosives offences	3,595	4,016	4,064	4,099	3,484	3,011
Damage to property and to the environment	43,284	44,626	42,330	39,369	35,575	32,609
Public order and other social code offences	60,584	61,822	57,351	54,943	49,060	43,780
Offences against Government, justice procedures and organisation of crime	11,001	13,283	11,900	11,409	10,178	8,852

Source: CSO



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Table 7.2 Incidents of assaults, recorded, per 100,000 population, detections and with relevant proceedings, 2011

Number and percentage

Garda region	Recorded	Per 100,000 population	Detected	Detection rate %	With relevant proceedings
Northern	1,912	368.8	1,524	79.7	855
Western	1,632	277.8	1,294	79.3	574
Southern	2,683	309.4	1,945	72.5	878
Eastern	2,109	273.3	1,327	62.9	558
South Eastern	1,863	326.9	1,444	77.5	590
Dublin Metropolitan	4,301	338.0	2,109	49.0	944
State	14,500	316.1	9,643	66.5	4,399

Source: CSO

Table 7.3 Incidents of burglary, recorded, per 100,000 population, detections and with relevant proceedings, 2011

Number and percentage

Garda region	Recorded	Per 100,000 population	Detected	Detection rate %	With relevant proceedings
Northern	2,409	464.6	584	24.2	349
Western	2,071	352.6	532	25.7	286
Southern	3,500	403.6	1,138	32.5	673
Eastern	5,601	725.9	1,057	18.9	564
South Eastern	3,373	591.9	796	23.6	432
Dublin Metropolitan	10,737	843.7	2,318	21.6	1,457
State	27,691	603.7	6,425	23.2	3,761

Source: CSO

Table 7.4 Probation offender numbers and whether there was a re-offence within two years, 2007 cohort

	Re-offence within two years			Recidivism rate
	Yes	No	Total	%
Total offenders	1,332	2,244	3,576	37.2
Sex				
Male	1,175	1,911	3,086	38.1
Female	157	333	490	32.0
Male age group				
<18	82	74	156	52.6
18-24	573	785	1,358	42.2
25-44	476	936	1,412	33.7
45-64	43	105	148	29.1
65 +	1	11	12	8.3
Female age group				
<18	15	10	25	60.0
18-24	56	112	168	33.3
25-44	77	191	268	28.7
45-64	9	19	28	32.1
65 +	0	1	1	0.0
All persons age group				
<18	97	84	181	53.6
18-24	629	897	1,526	41.2
25-44	553	1,127	1,680	32.9
45-64	52	124	176	29.5
65 +	1	12	13	7.7
Probation type				
Community service	430	852	1,282	33.5
Probation order	902	1,392	2,294	39.3
Referral offence group (ICCS)				
01 Homicide offences	1	2	3	33.3
02 Sexual offences	5	27	32	15.6
03 Attempts/Threats to Murder, assaults, harassments and related offences	127	288	415	30.6
04 Dangerous or negligent acts	44	111	155	28.4
05 Kidnapping and related offences	0	2	2	0.0
06 Robbery, extortion and hijacking offences	25	64	89	28.1
07 Burglary and related offences	92	101	193	47.7
08 Theft and related offences	291	400	691	42.1
09 Fraud, deception and related offences	9	44	53	17.0
10 Controlled drug offences	159	409	568	28.0
11 Weapons and explosives offences	38	61	99	38.4
12 Damage to property and to the environment	70	105	175	40.0
13 Public order and other social code offences	349	360	709	49.2
14 Road and traffic offences	76	187	263	28.9
15 Offences against Government, justice procedures and organisation of crime	43	64	107	40.2
16 Offences not elsewhere classified	1	7	8	12.5
Not stated	2	12	14	14.3

Source: CSO

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Table 7.5 Prison offender numbers and whether there was a re-offence within three years, 2007

	Re-offence within three years			Recidivism rate
	Yes	No	Total	%
Total offenders	4,795	2,906	7,701	62.3
Sex				
Male	4,445	2,644	7,089	62.7
Female	350	262	612	57.2
Male age group				
<21	817	359	1,176	69.5
21-25	1,282	595	1,877	68.3
26-30	906	469	1,375	65.9
31-35	569	452	1,021	55.7
36-40	384	274	658	58.4
41-50	378	320	698	54.2
51-60	85	132	217	39.2
61 +	24	43	67	35.8
Female age group				
<21	40	36	76	52.6
21-25	85	55	140	60.7
26-30	77	56	133	57.9
31-35	76	43	119	63.9
36-40	32	35	67	47.8
41-50	31	24	55	56.4
51-60	6	13	19	31.6
61 +	3	0	3	100.0
All persons age group				
<21	857	395	1,252	68.5
21-25	1,367	650	2,017	67.8
26-30	983	525	1,508	65.2
31-35	645	495	1,140	56.6
36-40	416	309	725	57.4
41-50	409	344	753	54.3
51-60	91	145	236	38.6
61 +	27	43	70	38.6
Imprisonment offence group (ICCS)				
01 Homicide offences	11	31	42	26.2
02 Sexual offences	31	77	108	28.7
03 Attempts/Threats to Murder, assaults, harassments and related offences	465	270	735	63.3
04 Dangerous or negligent acts	307	266	573	53.6
05 Kidnapping and related offences	10	7	17	58.8
06 Robbery, extortion and hijacking offences	63	28	91	69.2
07 Burglary and related offences	190	49	239	79.5
08 Theft and related offences	763	314	1,077	70.8
09 Fraud, deception and related offences	68	148	216	31.5
10 Controlled drug offences	298	252	550	54.2
11 Weapons and explosives offences	176	77	253	69.6
12 Damage to property and to the environment	308	120	428	72.0
13 Public order and other social code offences	962	397	1,359	70.8
14 Road and traffic offences	483	278	761	63.5
15 Offences against Government, justice procedures and organisation of crime	442	309	751	58.9
16 Offences not elsewhere classified	218	283	501	43.5

Source: CSO

Table 7.6 Sentenced prisoners in custody by length of sentence and sex, 31 August 2012

Number and percentage

Length of sentence	Male		Female		Total	%
	Number	%	Number	%		
Life	302	8	6	5	308	8
10 years or more	291	8	3	2	294	8
5 to 10 years	911	25	25	21	936	25
3 to 5 years	865	24	17	14	882	23
2 to 3 years	413	11	18	15	431	11
1 to 2 years	449	12	21	17	470	12
6 to 12 months	323	9	25	21	348	9
Under 6 months	114	3	6	5	120	3
Total	3,668	100	121	100	3,789	100

Source: Irish Prison Service

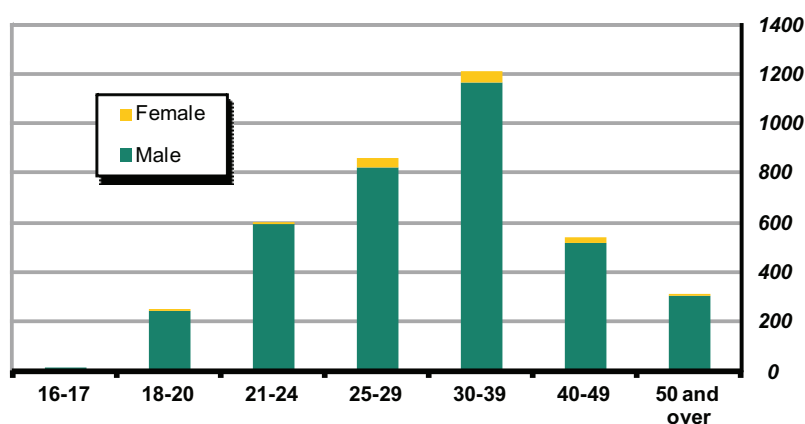
Table 7.7 Sentenced prisoners in custody by age and sex, 31 August 2012

Number

Age	Male	Female	Total
16-17	18	0	18
18-20	246	3	249
21-24	592	11	603
25-29	823	33	856
30-39	1,167	42	1,209
40-49	517	27	544
50 and over	305	5	310
Total	3,668	121	3,789

Source: Irish Prison Service

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Table 7.8 Numbers in each rank of the Defence Forces

Rank	Number							
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Commissioned Officers	1,348	1,360	1,345	1,378	1,347	1,337	1,303	1,265
Lieutenant-General	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Major-General	2	2	3	3	2	2	1	2
Brigadier-General	8	8	10	9	8	6	7	8
Colonel	43	43	44	45	32	35	35	38
Lieutenant-Colonel	149	153	159	155	141	124	136	136
Commandant	423	401	391	380	358	340	302	327
Captain	365	393	358	361	398	438	460	433
Lieutenant	235	239	226	289	355	349	309	291
2nd Lieutenant	122	120	153	135	52	42	52	29
Non-Commissioned Officers	3,934	3,919	3,817	3,845	3,682	3,454	3,404	3,245
Sergeant-Major	46	45	44	45	37	33	39	42
Battalion Quartermaster-Sergeant	53	48	45	50	40	32	33	44
Company Sergeant	260	263	254	257	251	219	183	196
Company Quartermaster-Sergeant	278	271	281	281	262	245	209	175
Sergeant	1,383	1,354	1,400	1,399	1,331	1,275	1,196	1,068
Corporal	1,914	1,938	1,793	1,813	1,761	1,650	1,744	1,720
Private	5,038	5,088	5,162	5,087	4,813	4,684	4,668	4,783
Cadet	125	112	110	98	91	75	63	66
TOTAL PERMANENT DEFENCE FORCE	10,445	10,479	10,434	10,408	9,933	9,550	9,438	9,359
Permanent personnel per 100,000 population	253	248	238	232	219	210	206	204
Total Reserve Defence Force	10,368	9,506	8,793	8,042	6,998	6,400	5,511	5,141
Reserve of Officers (First Line)	177	155	144	142	123	107	90	77
Reserve of Men (First Line)	224	217	241	229	231	210	201	185
Reserve (Second Line) All Ranks	9,967	9,134	8,408	7,671	6,644	6,083	5,220	4,879

Source: Defence Forces

Table 7.9 Numbers in each rank of the Garda Síochána

Year	Number							
	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Commissioner ranks	15	14	15	15	14	12	10	12
Chief Superintendents	47	46	52	52	39	45	37	41
Superintendents	173	166	185	187	167	170	149	153
Inspectors	289	287	330	344	317	336	319	262
Sergeants	1,926	1,945	2,083	2,229	2,078	2,135	2,024	1,903
Gardaí	9,815	10,496	11,090	11,584	11,932	11,679	11,355	11,053
Total	12,265	12,954	13,755	14,411	14,547	14,377	13,894	13,424
Garda personnel per 100,000 population	297	306	314	321	321	316	304	293

Source: Garda Síochána

Table 7.10 Type and frequency of seizures of particular drugs

Quantity and number

Drug		2011		2012	
		Quantity seized	No. of seizures	Quantity seized	No. of seizures
Alprazolam	Tablets	32,246	121	8,864	111
Amphetamine	Powder (gms)	23,077	104	22,396	90
BZP	Tablets	17,625	114	6,233	16
	Powder (gms)	9,942		349	
	Capsules	5		0	
Cannabis	Resin (gms)	1,814,349	722	1,185,154	527
	Herbal (gms)	1,865,607	1,833	1,020,023	1,843
	Plants	6,606	582	11,601	542
Clonazepam	Tablets	1,731	16	750	15
Cocaine	Powder (gms)	179,752	476	459,264	391
Diamporphine (Heroin)	Powder (gms)	32,409	752	60,751	766
Diazepam	Tablets	210,250	479	173,177	463
	Powder (gms)	206		330	
Dihydrocodeine	Tablets	109	10	421	14
Ephedrine	Tablets	27,291	26	2,708	8
	Powder (gms)	0		0	
Ecstasy MDMA	Tablets	97,882	272	148,195	311
	Powder (gms)	0		5,659	
	Capsules	33		0	
Flunitrazepam (Rohypnol)	Tablets	9	3	1,736	9
Flurazepam	Tablets	27	46	51	52
	Capsules	3,193		872	
Ketamine	Powder (gms)	90	18	76	13
Lignocaine	Powder (gms)	17,535	37	0	
LSD	Tablets	97,882	19	0	
	Units	1,946		402	24
Methandienone	Tablets	1,584	18	0	0
Methadone	Liquid (ml)	4,401	36	8,992	33
	Tablets	94		0	
Methylamphetamine	Powder (gms)	3,709	41	1,277	53
Oxymetholone	Tablets	834	13	0	
Sildenafil	Tablets	1,299	17	0	
Temazepam	Tablets	41	5	466	12
Triazolam	Tablets	226	13	467	11
TFMPP	Tablets	18,224	58	36,349	44
Zolpidem	Tablets	358	14	134	16
Zopiclone	Tablets	36,591	155	0	

Source: Forensic Science Laboratory, Department of Justice and Equality

Permanent personnel per 100,000 population

