

Justice and Defence

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- There were 101,659 headline offences in 2005, up from 98,964 in 2004.
- There were 54 murders in 2005.
- There were 11,646 arrests for drunk driving in 2005, of which 36% resulted in convictions.
- 4,323 applications for asylum were received in 2005. This represented a fall of 9% on the 2004 figures.
- There were 3,183 applications for Barring Orders in 2005 under the Domestic Violence Act. This was approximately the same number as in 2004, but down 35% on 2000.
- The number of Gardaí in 2005, at 12,265, was 1,477 above the 1997 level.
- In 2003 quarter 4, over 5% of persons aged 18 or over were victims of a personal crime.

Introduction

The statistics in this chapter relate to a number of aspects of justice and defence. They have been obtained from the reports of the Garda Síochána, the Courts Service, the Prison Service, the Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner and the Defence Forces. Results from the Quarterly National Household Survey (QNHS) ad hoc module on Crime and Victimization are also included.

Crime figures up to 1999 reflect a former classification of crimes as indictable/non-indictable. With the introduction of the PULSE information system in the Garda Síochána, a new classification of crimes as headline/non-headline has been introduced. The figures for 2000 onwards refer to the new classification of headline crimes. While this reflects to a large extent what in the past was defined as indictable crime, the terms are not identical and so direct comparisons cannot be made between years prior to 2000 and subsequent years. Caution is required generally in looking at trends in crimes and offences over time, particularly when talking about the number of headline offences. There can be changes in recording rules and enforcement practices, and levels of reporting by the public. There were also changes in the definition of offences.

While the primary purpose of the QNHS is to collect information on employment and unemployment it also includes modules on social topics of interest. A module on Crime and Victimization was included in the QNHS in the three months from September to November 2003. The module contained over 50 questions on crime-related topics, divided into household and individual questions.

Table 6.1

The effect of a change in classification from indictable offences to headline offences is outlined in the chapter introduction.

Table 6.2

The figure for homicides recorded includes murder, manslaughter, infanticide, abortion and attempted murder.

Table 6.4

Rape Section 4 is a broader definition of the offence than that used in previous legal definitions. The victim may be male or female.

Table 6.7

Annual figures refer to the period from 1 August in the previous year to 31 July in the current year.

In some cases, Interim Barring Orders have been granted on foot of an application for Protection Orders and vice versa.

Tables 6.9, 6.10 and 6.11

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Table 6.15

The figures in this table refer to first instance recommendations only. Figures for decisions on asylum applications granted and refused in any year may pertain to applications received in earlier years.

Table 6.17

Figures as at 31 March. Personnel in the naval forces have been entered at equivalent army rank.

Table 6.1 Indictable/headline offences and murders recorded

Year	Indictable/headline offences recorded	Number of murders
1950	12,231	9
1955	11,531	4
1960	15,375	3
1965	16,736	7
1970	30,756	11
1975	48,387	23
1980	72,782	21
1985	91,285	25
1990	87,658	17
1995	102,484	43
2000	73,276	39
2001	86,633	52
2002	106,415	52
2003	103,360	45
2004	98,964	37
2005	101,659	54

Source: Garda Síochána Annual Report

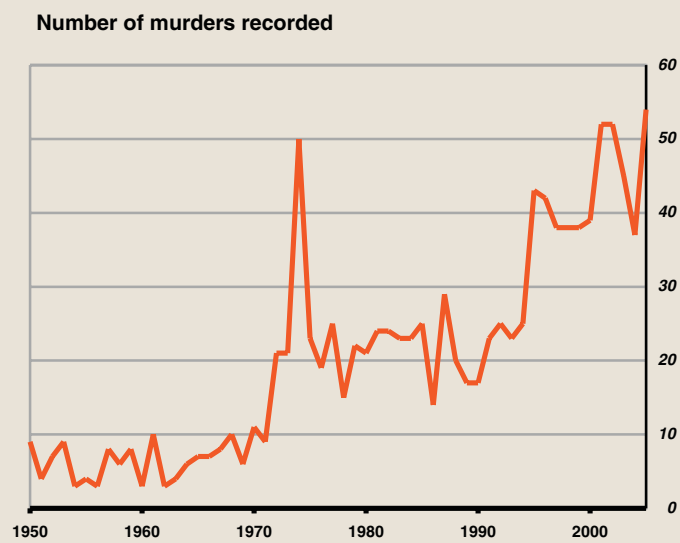


Table 6.2 Headline offences and detection rate, 2005

Offence group	Number		
	Recorded	Detected	Detection rate %
Homicide	155	98	63
Assault	4,374	2,745	63
Sexual	1,950	882	45
Arson	1,448	242	17
Drugs	3,064	3,045	99
Larceny	56,364	20,487	36
Burglary	26,400	4,367	17
Robbery	2,341	884	38
Fraud	3,893	2,168	56
Other	1,670	1,026	61
Total	101,659	35,944	35

Source: Garda Síochána Annual Report

Table 6.3 Homicide victims by age and sex, 2005

Age	Number			
	Murder		Manslaughter	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
0 - 10	0	0	0	0
11 - 20	4	0	0	0
21 - 30	24	3	0	0
31 - 40	9	1	0	0
41 - 50	3	4	2	0
51 - 60	3	0	1	0
61 - 70	1	1	1	0
71 and over	1	0	0	0
Total	45	9	4	0

Source: Garda Síochána Annual Report

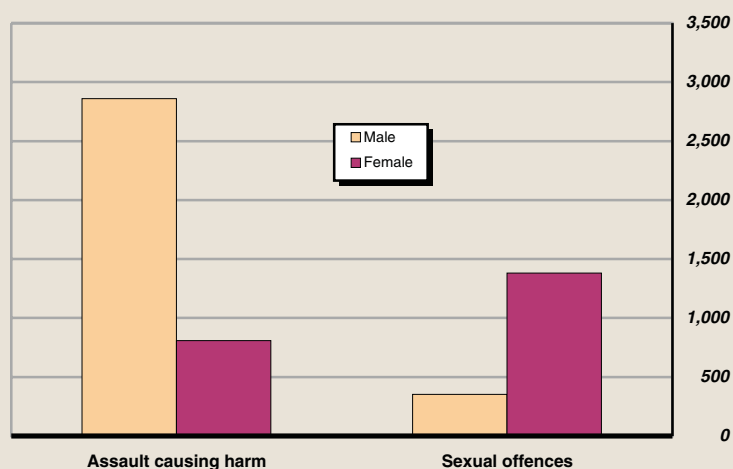
Victims of assault and sexual offences by sex, 2005

Table 6.4 Victims of assault and sexual offences by sex, 2005

Offence	Number		
	Male	Female	Total
Assault causing harm	2,861	809	3,670
Sexual offences	353	1,381	1,734
Sexual assault	291	813	1,104
Aggravated sexual assault	2	6	8
Sexual offence involving mentally impaired person	3	10	13
Gross indecency	10	4	14
Buggery	35	0	35
Unlawful carnal knowledge	0	95	95
Rape Section 4	12	69	81
Rape of a female	0	377	377
Incest	0	7	7

Source: Garda Síochána Annual Report

Table 6.5 Robberies and aggravated burglaries

Offence	Number									
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	
Involving firearms	252	221	290	203	232	364	313	428	353	
Robbery with use of firearm	88	61	133	152	171	284	251	379	312	
Aggravated burglary with use of firearm	164	160	157	51	61	80	62	49	41	
Involving use of syringe	893	442	384	361	371	221	287	171	165	
Robbery with use of syringe	590	318	274	320	350	204	275	162	160	
Aggravated burglary with use of syringe	303	124	110	41	21	17	12	9	5	

Source: Garda Síochána Annual Report

Number of robberies and aggravated burglaries

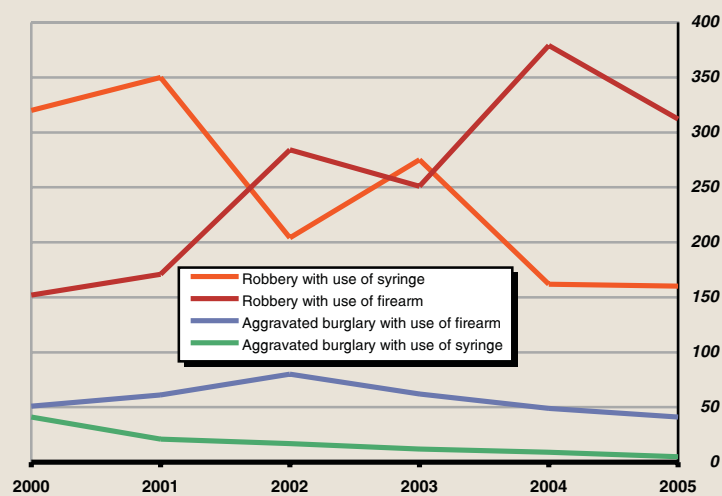


Table 6.6 Arrests and convictions for drink/driving offences

Year	Number of arrests	Number of convictions	Conviction rate
1997	7,541	4,379	58%
1998	8,707	5,756	66%
1999	9,570	5,853	61%
2000	10,433	6,593	63%
2001	12,841	6,790	53%
2002	13,441	5,212	39%
2003	11,344	3,060	27%
2004	12,307	3,180	26%
2005	11,646	4,140	36%

Source: Garda Síochána Annual Report

Table 6.7 Applications under the Domestic Violence Act

	Number						
	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Barring orders							
Applications	4,668	4,908	4,470	4,067	3,586	3,210	3,183
Granted	2,219	2,319	2,067	1,740	1,575	1,295	1,265
Protection orders							
Applications	3,619	4,381	4,263	3,677	3,109	3,054	2,850
Granted	3,390	3,467	3,711	3,248	2,814	2,810	2,622
Safety orders							
Applications	2,039	2,336	2,903	2,814	2,557	2,611	2,866
Granted	970	988	1,232	1,187	1,108	987	1,037
Interim barring orders							
Applications	1,120	506	1,159	852	629	698	622
Granted	1,002	415	1,007	706	531	604	550

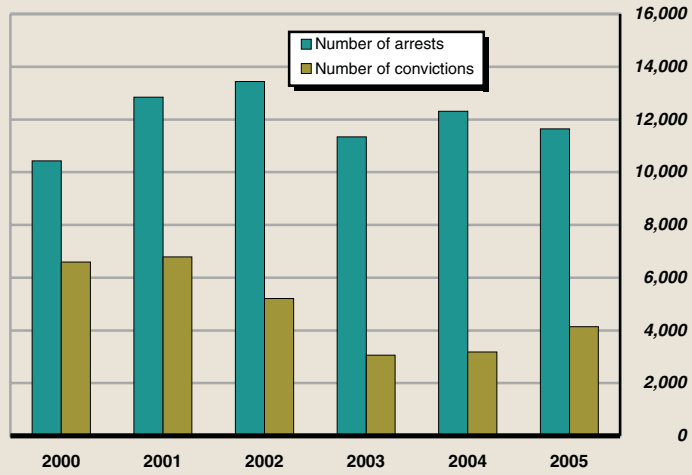
Source: Courts Service Annual Report

Table 6.8 Numbers in each rank of the Garda Síochána

	Number								
Year	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Commissioner ranks	12	13	13	13	13	13	13	14	15
Chief Superintendents	44	46	46	46	47	47	47	47	47
Superintendents	163	168	168	169	170	171	173	168	173
Inspectors	263	262	263	293	289	294	294	291	289
Sergeants	1,844	1,866	1,876	1,897	1,933	1,928	1,946	1,950	1,926
Gardaí	8,462	8,880	9,092	9,222	9,362	9,447	9,545	9,739	9,815
Total	10,788	11,235	11,458	11,640	11,814	11,900	12,018	12,209	12,265

Source: Garda Síochána Annual Report

Number of arrests and convictions for drink/driving offences



Applications under the Domestic Violence Act

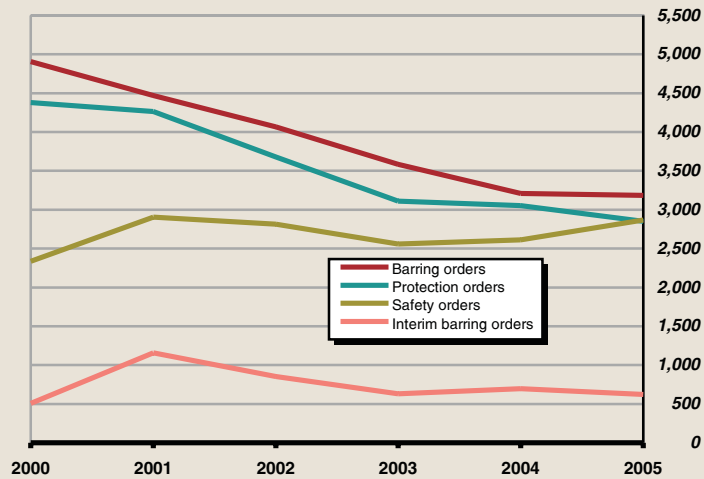


Table 6.9 Persons aged 18 and over classified by whether they were victims of crime, Q4 2003

	Theft with violence		Theft without violence		Physical assault		Total victims of any crime		Total
	000	%	000	%	000	%	000	%	000
Region									
Border	1.6	0.5	7.2	2.2	2.4	0.7	10.9	3.4	323.7
Midland	2.2	1.3	1.0	0.6	1.5	0.9	4.4	2.6	167.8
West	2.3	0.8	8.8	3.0	2.7	0.9	13.2	4.5	292.3
Dublin	18.6	2.1	38.1	4.3	12.4	1.4	64.3	7.3	878.7
Mid-East	5.8	1.9	8.8	2.8	2.2	0.7	15.5	5.0	311.5
Mid-West	4.3	1.7	8.3	3.2	4.1	1.6	14.9	5.8	256.0
South-East	3.3	1.0	7.1	2.2	4.8	1.5	13.2	4.1	319.0
South-West	3.1	0.7	12.2	2.7	4.5	1.0	19.3	4.3	445.3
Males by age group									
18-24	8.2	3.5	13.1	5.7	12.6	5.5	29.5	12.8	231.1
25-44	11.2	1.8	20.9	3.4	11.1	1.8	40.1	6.6	610.0
45-64	4.2	1.0	10.9	2.5	3.7	0.8	17.6	4.1	435.5
65 and over	1.0	0.5	2.4	1.2	0.4	0.2	3.6	1.8	195.5
Total	24.5	1.7	47.3	3.2	27.8	1.9	90.9	6.2	1,472.1
Females by age group									
18-24	5.6	2.5	13.0	5.7	2.7	1.2	20.3	8.9	228.0
25-44	7.0	1.1	17.9	2.9	2.6	0.4	26.2	4.3	611.5
45-64	2.6	0.6	9.7	2.3	1.2	0.3	13.1	3.1	430.4
65 and over	1.4	0.6	3.6	1.4	0.3	0.1	5.1	2.0	252.6
Total	16.6	1.1	44.2	2.9	6.7	0.4	64.8	4.3	1,522.5
All persons by age group									
18-24	13.8	3.0	26.1	5.7	15.3	3.3	49.8	10.8	459.1
25-44	18.2	1.5	38.9	3.2	13.7	1.1	66.4	5.4	1,221.3
45-64	6.8	0.8	20.6	2.4	4.9	0.6	30.8	3.6	865.9
65 and over	2.4	0.5	6.0	1.3	0.7	0.2	8.6	1.9	448.1
Nationality									
Irish	36.6	1.3	85.5	3.1	31.5	1.1	143.4	5.1	2,795.1
Other EU 15	2.3	2.2	2.9	2.7	1.2	1.1	5.7	5.4	106.5
Other	2.3	2.5	3.1	3.3	1.8	1.9	6.4	6.9	93.0
Principal Economic Status									
At work	25.9	1.6	58.5	3.5	20.7	1.2	98.0	5.9	1,669.7
Unemployed	2.4	1.9	2.9	2.4	3.5	2.8	8.2	6.6	123.4
Student	6.5	3.3	15.2	7.7	6.6	3.4	25.5	13.0	196.7
Home duties	4.2	0.7	9.2	1.5	1.3	0.2	14.1	2.3	616.4
Retired	1.3	0.4	3.9	1.3	0.7	0.2	5.6	1.9	290.7
Others	0.9	0.9	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.8	4.2	4.3	97.8
Total	41.1	1.4	91.5	3.1	34.5	1.2	155.6	5.2	2,994.4

Source: CSO

Table 6.10 Persons aged 18 and over classified by their perception of crime in Ireland, Q4 2003

	%						
	Very serious problem	Serious problem	Fairly serious problem	Not a serious problem	Not a problem	Not stated	Total
Region							
Border	36.1	36.6	23.3	3.3	0.1	0.6	100.0
Midland	49.9	36.0	12.6	1.1	0.2	0.2	100.0
West	38.1	39.7	19.4	1.7	0.3	0.8	100.0
Dublin	44.3	33.6	19.1	2.2	0.4	0.3	100.0
Mid-East	44.5	35.6	17.2	2.1	0.3	0.4	100.0
Mid-West	53.6	32.9	12.0	1.4	*	0.1	100.0
South-East	59.2	30.6	8.3	1.3	0.2	0.3	100.0
South-West	49.7	29.1	16.6	4.0	0.4	0.2	100.0
Males by age group							
18-24	28.1	37.3	27.5	6.0	0.7	0.5	100.0
25-44	37.8	36.6	21.2	3.5	0.5	0.4	100.0
45-64	47.1	34.2	16.2	2.1	0.2	0.3	100.0
65 and over	56.4	29.7	12.3	1.3	0.2	0.2	100.0
Total	41.5	35.1	19.5	3.2	0.4	0.4	100.0
Females by age group							
18-24	36.7	40.0	20.0	2.3	0.3	0.6	100.0
25-44	46.1	34.9	16.5	1.9	0.2	0.5	100.0
45-64	58.1	28.9	11.9	0.7	0.1	0.3	100.0
65 and over	63.8	26.4	8.5	1.0	*	0.3	100.0
Total	51.0	32.6	14.4	1.5	0.2	0.4	100.0
Nationality							
Irish	47.8	33.8	16.4	1.7	0.1	0.2	100.0
Other EU 15	29.7	36.2	25.6	5.6	1.3	1.7	100.0
Other	21.3	32.6	22.2	16.1	3.6	4.1	100.0
Principal Economic Status							
At work	42.6	36.2	18.4	2.3	0.3	0.3	100.0
Unemployed	44.7	32.3	18.2	3.6	0.5	0.6	100.0
Student	29.2	39.6	25.0	4.9	0.7	0.7	100.0
Home duties	56.7	28.8	12.4	1.5	0.2	0.5	100.0
Retired	57.3	28.8	12.3	1.1	0.1	0.3	100.0
Others	49.1	30.0	15.1	4.1	0.6	1.1	100.0
Victim of any crime							
Yes	46.2	34.0	16.9	2.3	0.3	0.4	100.0
No	48.8	31.0	16.7	2.4	0.5	0.5	100.0
Total	46.3	33.8	16.9	2.3	0.3	0.4	100.0

Source: CSO

TABLE 6.10

Table 6.11 Households classified by whether they were victims of crime, Q4 2003

	Household burglary	Theft of vehicles	Theft from vehicles	Theft of bicycles	Vandalism	Victims of any crime
%						
Region						
Border	1.9	0.4	2.2	1.4	4.5	8.3
Midland	4.4	0.6	1.3	1.2	2.3	8.4
West	1.8	0.7	2.2	2.2	3.0	7.2
Dublin	4.8	2.2	6.0	7.6	7.9	18.7
Mid-East	3.9	1.3	3.0	2.4	5.0	12.4
Mid-West	3.3	0.8	4.6	4.3	3.9	11.1
South-East	3.7	0.8	2.3	1.4	2.6	8.1
South-West	1.8	0.7	2.5	2.0	3.5	7.7
Number of persons in household						
One person	3.3	0.9	3.6	3.9	3.9	8.9
Two persons	3.2	1.2	2.7	3.7	4.7	10.4
Three or more persons	3.5	1.2	3.9	3.6	5.3	13.5
Family composition						
Couple with no children	3.3	1.0	2.7	3.2	4.4	10.3
Couple with children	3.3	1.0	3.6	2.9	5.0	12.7
Lone parent	3.6	1.7	3.2	5.5	6.4	13.2
No family unit/not stated	3.4	1.5	4.3	6.0	4.2	10.6
Sex of reference person						
Male	3.4	1.2	3.3	3.4	4.6	11.5
Female	3.3	1.1	3.7	3.8	5.0	11.9
Age group of reference person						
Less than 25	3.5	2.4	5.6	8.1	4.9	13.8
25-44	3.5	1.4	4.3	3.8	5.8	14.1
45-64	3.5	1.0	3.2	3.2	4.9	11.8
65 and over	2.9	0.5	1.4	1.7	2.9	6.6
Principal economic status of reference person						
At work	3.4	1.3	4.1	3.4	5.5	13.5
Unemployed	4.1	2.1	2.7	3.5	5.2	12.3
Student	3.1	1.8	5.9	12.8	5.6	15.3
Home duties	3.0	1.1	2.6	3.6	4.0	9.6
Retired	3.2	0.5	1.9	1.7	3.6	7.9
Other	5.0	1.3	2.9	3.2	5.5	11.6
All households	3.4	1.2	3.5	3.6	4.8	11.7

Source: CSO

Percentage of households that were victims of crime classified by region, Q4 2003

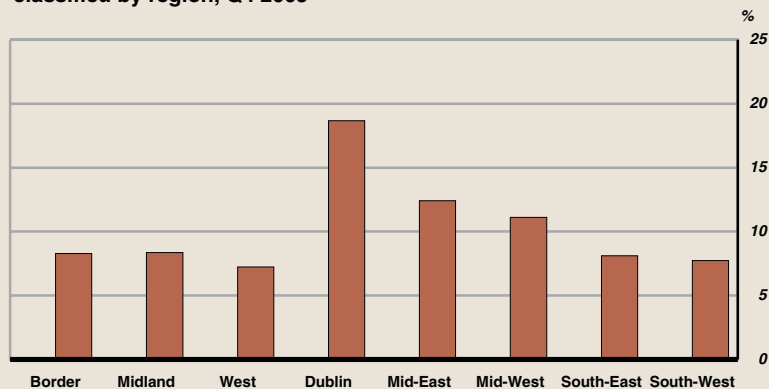


Table 6.12 Average daily number of prisoners in custody

Institution	Number								
	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Arbour Hill	139	139	138	139	135	137	138	138	138
Castlereagh	25	109	195	190	186	193	195	210	210
Cloverhill	–	–	–	213	374	386	375	392	391
Cork	268	262	271	267	274	267	268	274	257
Curragh	72	94	93	94	98	92	98	8	–
Fort Mitchel	101	101	100	89	95	84	94	6	–
Limerick (male)	132	182	226	225	171	171	169	247	253
Limerick (female)	12	12	14	13	14	16	16	13	15
Loughan House	70	48	56	66	72	70	71	72	74
Midlands	–	–	–	–	241	375	384	439	426
Mountjoy (male)	650	729	826	723	504	441	460	485	488
Mountjoy (female)	51	59	70	59	82	88	81	84	87
Portlaoise	164	155	148	167	145	137	128	123	121
St. Patrick's	208	187	194	193	206	179	188	198	187
Shanganagh Castle	48	41	39	28	27	23	–	–	–
Shelton Abbey	47	47	46	25	27	47	50	49	51
Training Unit	85	85	87	89	89	91	86	87	93
Wheatfield	350	360	368	368	372	368	375	374	360
Total	2,422	2,610	2,871	2,948	3,112	3,165	3,176	3,199	3,151

Source: Irish Prison Service Annual Report

TABLE 6.12

TABLE 6.13

Table 6.13 Prisoners in custody by age and sex, 3 December 2005

Age	Number		
	Male	Female	Total
15-16	10	0	10
17-20	289	6	295
21-24	509	10	519
25-29	563	17	580
30-39	695	25	720
40-49	289	8	297
50 and over	209	7	216
Total	2,564	73	2,637

Source: Irish Prison Service Annual Report

Table 6.14 Prisoners by length of sentence and sex, 3 December 2005

Number

Sentence	Male	Female	Total
Life	215	6	221
10 years or more	191	4	195
5 up to 10 years	558	7	565
3 up to 5 years	468	8	476
2 up to 3 years	262	11	273
1 up to 2 years	356	13	369
6 - 12 months	269	10	279
under 6 months	245	14	259
Total	2,564	73	2,637

Source: Irish Prison Service Annual Report

TABLE 6.14

Age and sex profile of prisoners in custody, 3 December 2005

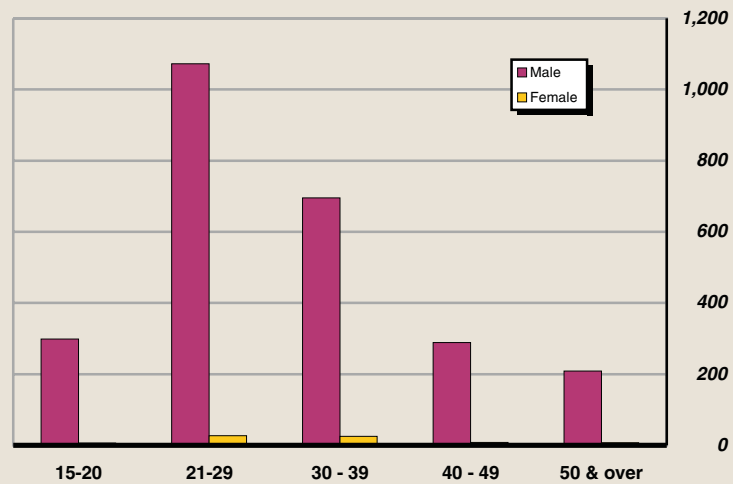


Table 6.15 Details of asylum applications

Year	Applications	Number	
		Granted asylum	Refused asylum
1999	7,724	166	4,737
2000	10,938	211	6,282
2001	10,325	458	6,501
2002	11,634	893	7,469
2003	7,900	345	7,847
2004	4,766	430	6,460
2005	4,323	455	4,787

Source: Office of the Refugee Applications Commissioner

Table 6.16 Defence Forces (permanent and reserve)

Year	Number	
	Permanent Defence Force	Reserve Defence Force
1960	8,965	24,569
1965	8,199	21,946
1970	8,574	20,253
1975	12,059	17,221
1980	13,383	19,249
1985	13,778	16,358
1990	13,233	15,982
1995	12,742	16,188
2000	10,958	13,967
2001	10,675	13,076
2002	10,559	13,365
2003	10,498	13,941
2004	10,551	13,167
2005	10,455	10,368

Source: Defence Forces

TABLE 6.15

TABLE 6.16

Persons granted asylum



Table 6.17 Numbers in each rank of the Defence Forces

Rank	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Commissioned Officers	1,296	1,246	1,243	1,270	1,303	1,336	1,348
Lieutenant-General	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Major-General	2	3	3	3	3	2	2
Brigadier-General	9	7	8	9	8	8	8
Colonel	36	32	37	38	41	42	43
Lieutenant-Colonel	133	130	131	140	145	151	149
Commandant	434	444	440	442	423	429	423
Captain	434	392	355	327	324	336	365
Lieutenant	176	165	174	211	257	234	235
2nd Lieutenant	71	72	94	99	101	133	122
Non-Commissioned Officers	4,102	4,117	3,985	3,962	3,967	3,960	3,934
Sergeant-Major	40	45	48	49	47	47	46
Battalion Quartermaster-Sergeant	46	48	51	48	52	52	53
Company Sergeant	229	236	248	265	271	256	260
Company Quartermaster-Sergeant	293	273	258	279	278	279	278
Sergeant	1,346	1,336	1,291	1,354	1,395	1,364	1,383
Corporal	2,148	2,179	2,089	1,967	1,924	1,962	1,914
Private	5,715	5,476	5,296	5,194	5,090	5,119	5,038
Cadet	96	119	108	133	138	136	125
Total Permanent Defence Force	11,209	10,958	10,632	10,559	10,498	10,551	10,445
Total Reserve Defence Force	14,514	13,967	13,097	13,365	13,941	13,167	10,368
Reserve of Officers (First Line)	203	194	179	186	179	177	177
Reserve of Men (First Line)	280	283	287	267	230	223	224
Reserve (Second Line) All Ranks	14,031	13,490	12,631	12,912	13,532	12,767	9,967

Source: Defence Forces

TABLE 6.17

Numbers in the Defence Forces

