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Scotland's prison population to Oct 2019

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An overview of the latest prison population statistics for Scotland.



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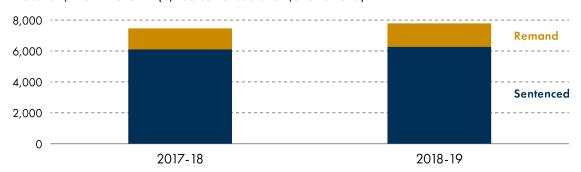
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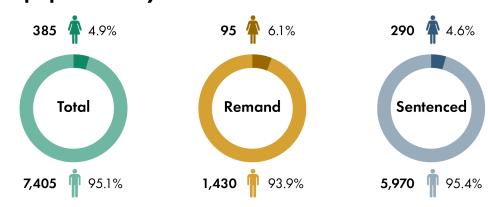
Using Scottish Prison Service population figures, this briefing provides information on the annual average daily prison population during 2017-18 and 2018-19. It also uses weekly population figures, including the latest available figures for 2019-20, to show how prisoner numbers have changed over the last 24 months. The figures in this publication are all rounded to the nearest 5.

Prison population by year

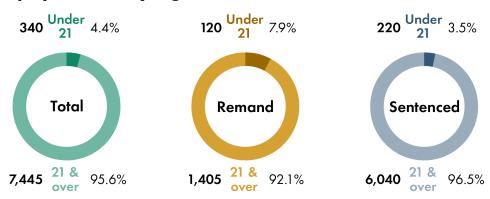
In 2017-18, the average daily prison population was 7,465 (6,105 sentenced and 1,360 remand). This rose to 7,790 in 2018-19 (6,265 sentenced and 1,525 remand).



Prison population by sex in 2018-19



Prison population by age in 2018-19



^{*}Figures may not sum due to rounding

Source: Scottish Prison Service

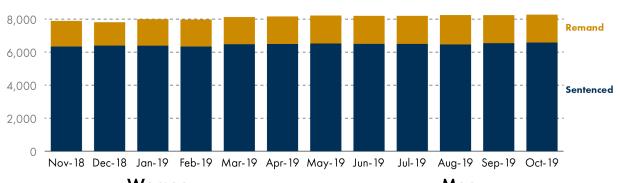
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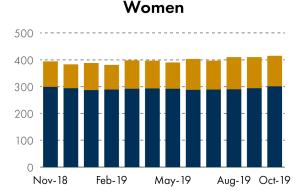
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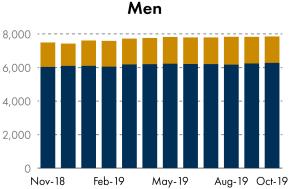
Prison population by month

Monthly prisoner estimates are based on weekly population figures taken each Friday.

Total prison population



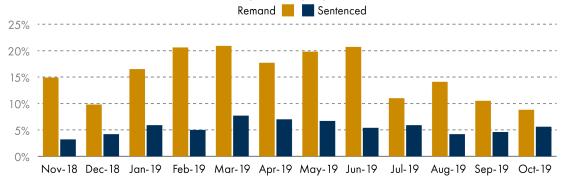


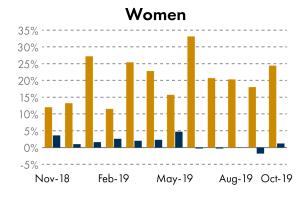


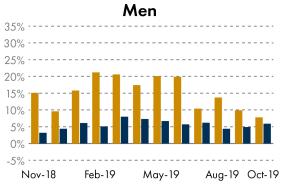
Change in monthly population from previous year

How the prison population compares with the same month one year earlier.

Total prison population







Source: Scottish Prison Service

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