

SPICe Briefing
Pàipear-ullachaidh SPICe

# Scotland's prison population to Dec 2019

**Andrew Aiton** 

An overview of the latest prison population statistics for Scotland.



## **Contents**

Annual population	:
Monthly population	

# **Annual population**





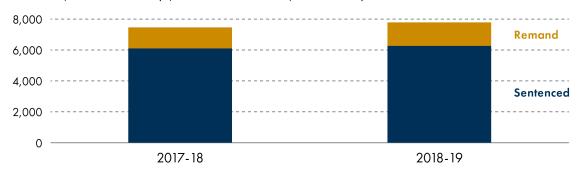
SB 20-05i

### Scotland's prison population to Dec 2019

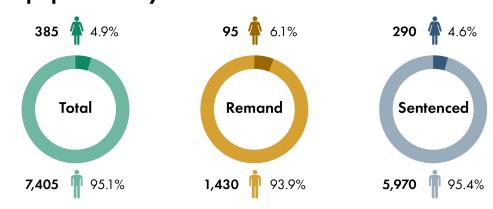
Using Scottish Prison Service population figures, this briefing provides information on the annual average daily prison population during 2017-18 and 2018-19. It also uses weekly population figures, including the latest available figures for 2019-20, to show how prisoner numbers have changed over the last 24 months. The figures in this publication are all rounded to the nearest 5 so totals my not sum due to rounding.

#### Prison population by year

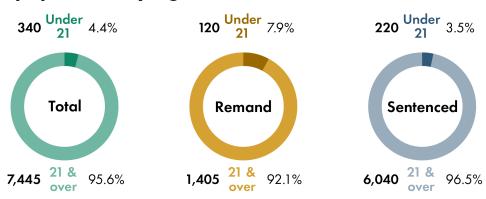
In 2017-18, the average daily prison population was 7,465 (6,105 sentenced and 1,360 remand). This rose to 7,790 in 2018-19 (6,265 sentenced and 1,525 remand).



#### Prison population by sex in 2018-19



#### Prison population by age in 2018-19



<sup>\*</sup>Figures may not sum due to rounding

Source: Scottish Prison Service

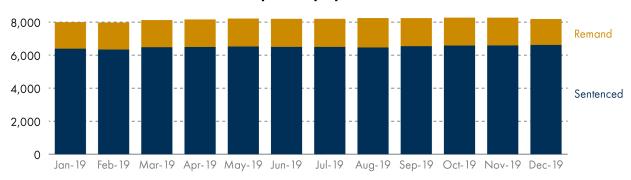
Scottish Prison Service

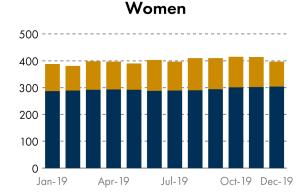
## **Monthly population**

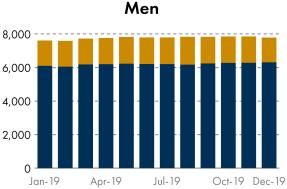
#### Prison population by month

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

#### Total prison population



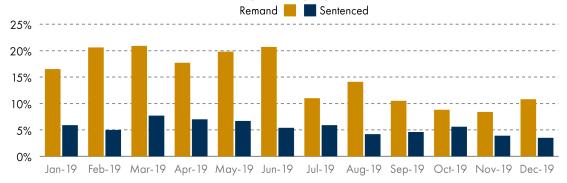


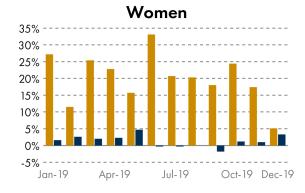


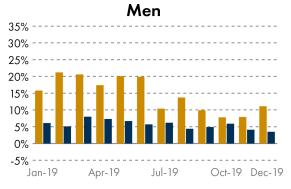
#### Change in monthly population from previous year

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

#### Total prison population







Source: Scottish Prison Service

Scottish Prison Service

Scottish Parliament Information Centre (SPICe) Briefings are compiled for the benefit of the Members of the Parliament and their personal staff. Authors are available to discuss the contents of these papers with MSPs and their staff who should contact Frazer McCallum on telephone number 85189 or Frazer.McCallum@scottish.parliament.uk.

Members of the public or external organisations may comment on this briefing by emailing us at SPICe@parliament.scot. However, researchers are unable to enter into personal discussion in relation to SPICe Briefing Papers. If you have any general questions about the work of the Parliament you can email the Parliament's Public Information Service at sp.info@parliament.scot. Every effort is made to ensure that the information contained in SPICe briefings is correct at the time of publication. Readers should be aware however that briefings are not necessarily updated or otherwise amended to reflect subsequent changes.

