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# Scotland's prison population to Feb 2020

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An overview of the latest prison population statistics for Scotland.



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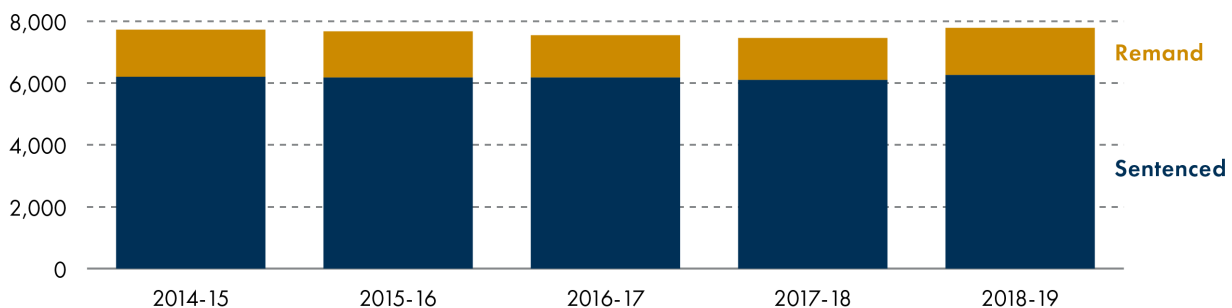
# Annual population

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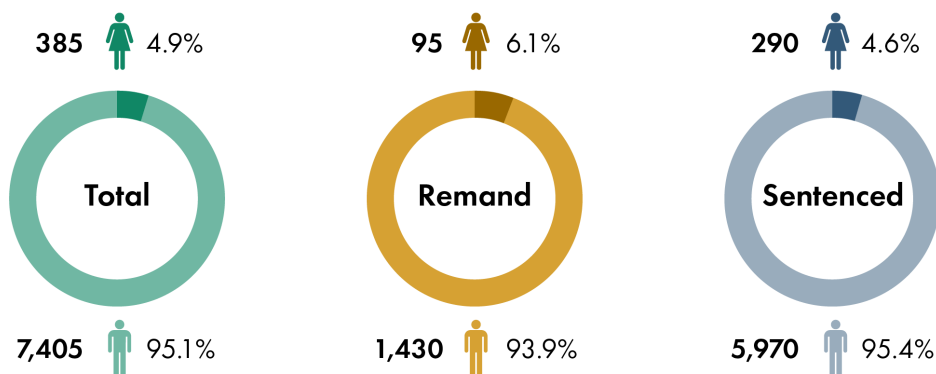
Using Scottish Prison Service population figures, this briefing provides information on the annual average daily prison population during the five-year period to 2018-19. It also uses weekly population figures, including the latest available figures for 2019-20, to show how prisoner numbers have changed over the last 24 months. The figures in this paper may not sum due to rounding (to the nearest five).

## Prison population by year

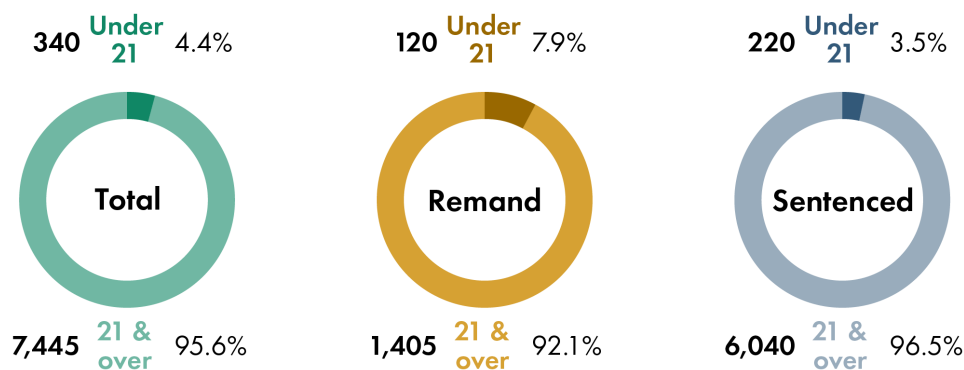
Between 2014-15 and 2017-18, there was a small decrease in the average prison population (falling from 7,730 to 7,465). This was reversed in 2018-19, with the population rising to 7,790. As indicated below, monthly estimates for 2019-20 have shown a total prison population consistently at or above 8,000



## Prison population by sex in 2018-19



## Prison population by age in 2018-19



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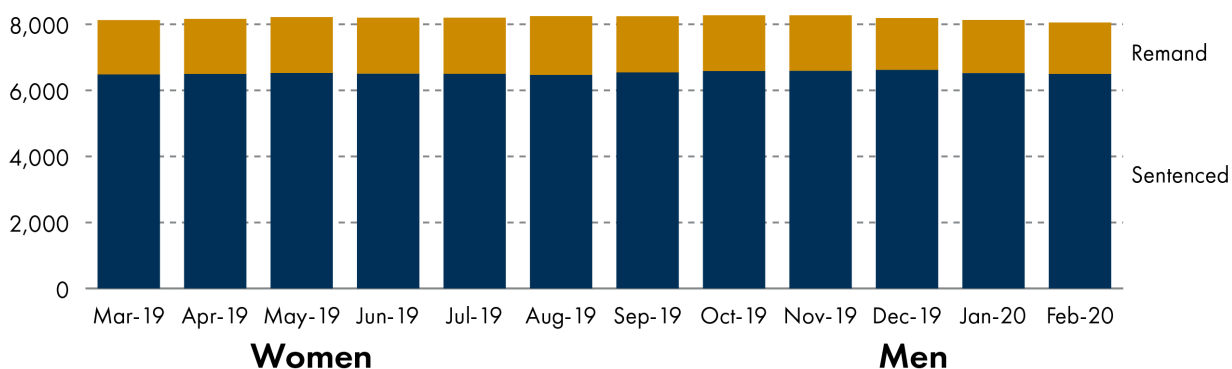
Source: Scottish Prison Service

# Monthly population

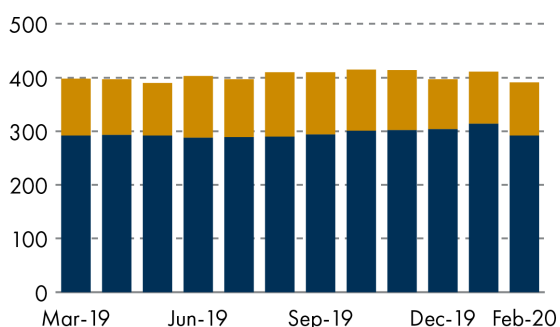
## Prison population by month

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

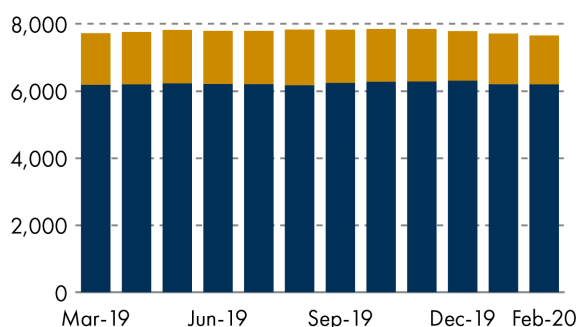
### Total prison population



### Women



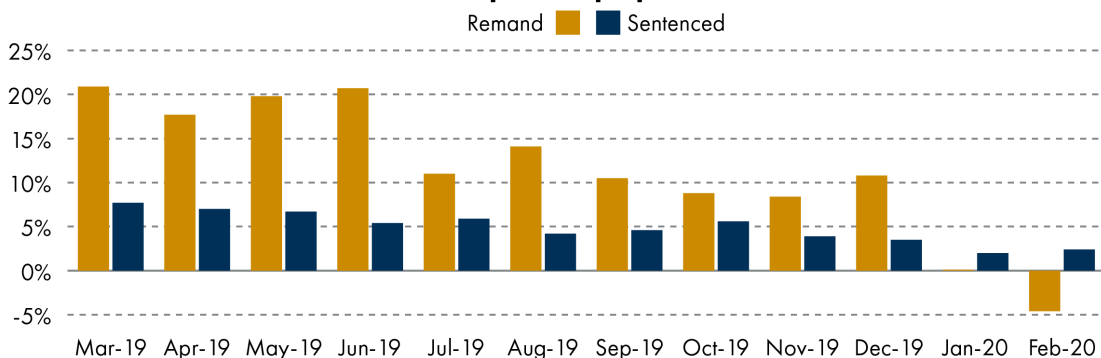
### Men



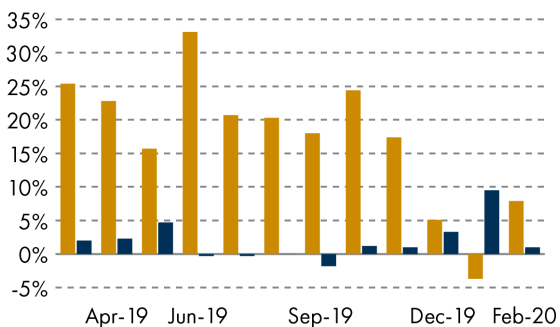
## Change in monthly population from previous year

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

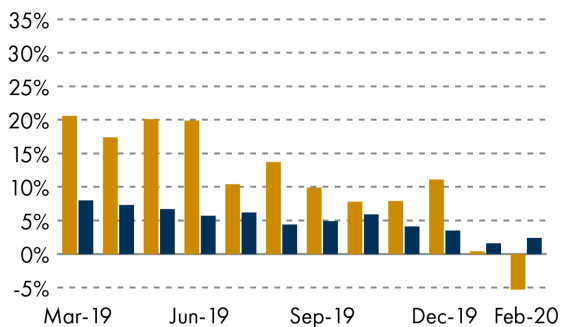
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