

Appendix: prison population, capacity, early release and recall in England and Wales, the tables behind the story

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1. Weekly population against useable operational capacity, by year

"Headroom" is capacity minus population as published; capacity already deducts an operating margin (1,340 to 1,350 in 2023 and 2024, 1,640 now) for places that cannot be used because of category, sex or risk. Figures include youth custody. Bank-holiday weeks have no bulletin.

Year	Weeks	Average population	Average capacity	Average occupancy	Weeks with under 1,000 free places	Lowest headroom (date)	Highest population (date)
2015	50	84,550	86,690	97.5%	0	1,521 (2015-07-10)	85,163 (2015-11-27)
2016	49	84,597	86,400	97.9%	4	811 (2016-11-11)	85,167 (2016-11-18)
2017	51	84,936	86,069	98.7%	18	641 (2017-08-04)	85,565 (2017-12-01)
2018	51	83,143	85,740	97.0%	0	1,959 (2018-11-16)	84,304 (2018-01-12)
2019	49	82,710	84,625	97.7%	0	1,006 (2019-09-27)	83,536 (2019-10-25)
2020	49	80,506	82,454	97.6%	1	991 (2020-02-28)	83,740 (2020-03-06)
2021	51	78,478	80,749	97.2%	0	1,195 (2021-11-26)	79,685 (2021-11-26)
2022	50	80,800	82,801	97.6%	0	1,196 (2022-11-25)	82,896 (2022-12-02)
2023	51	85,838	86,967	98.7%	20	557 (2023-10-13)	88,225 (2023-10-13)
2024	52	87,173	89,008	97.9%	2	839 (2024-03-08)	88,521 (2024-09-06)
2025	48	87,369	89,251	97.9%	1	961 (2025-04-14)	88,424 (2025-09-01)
2026	36	86,666	89,402	96.9%	0	1,556 (2026-09-28)	87,751 (2026-03-16)

2. Every prison, August 2026: population against the uncrowded standard

Certified normal accommodation (CNA) is the number of places the Prison Service says a prison can hold without crowding; "in use" excludes places out of use. Operational capacity is the most the governor can safely hold. Crowding is population as a share of in-use CNA.

Rank	Prison	Population	In-use CNA	Baseline CNA	Operational capacity	Crowding (% of CNA)	Occupancy (% of op. cap.)	Held above CNA
1	Leeds	1,068	641	655	1,090	166.6%	98%	427
2	Durham	931	561	602	965	166.0%	97%	370
3	Wandsworth	1,463	894	979	1,478	163.6%	99%	569
4	Preston	678	427	427	680	158.8%	100%	251
5	Swansea	399	255	260	447	156.5%	89%	144
6	Exeter	301	193	307	310	156.0%	97%	108
7	Doncaster	1,123	738	738	1,145	152.2%	98%	385
8	Altcourse	1,128	790	790	1,144	142.8%	99%	338
9	Cardiff	711	508	513	777	140.0%	92%	203
10	Hull	984	704	722	1,017	139.8%	97%	280
11	Forest Bank	1,464	1,052	1,061	1,470	139.2%	100%	412
12	Bedford	363	262	262	378	138.5%	96%	101
13	Bristol	552	411	428	580	134.3%	95%	141
14	Leicester	282	211	219	303	133.6%	93%	71
15	Winchester	610	457	460	637	133.5%	96%	153
16	Lewes	614	461	461	627	133.2%	98%	153
17	Pentonville	1,200	904	928	1,205	132.7%	100%	296
18	Nottingham	953	719	724	960	132.5%	99%	234
19	Thameside	1,221	926	926	1,232	131.9%	99%	295
20	Lincoln	514	391	403	576	131.5%	89%	123
21	Usk / Prescoed	482	374	379	496	128.9%	97%	108

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22	Birmingham	994	772	1,102	1,003	128.8%	99%	222
23	Chelmsford	624	490	533	639	127.3%	98%	134
24	Bullingdon	1,095	867	868	1,112	126.3%	99%	228
25	Isis	599	478	478	628	125.3%	95%	121
26	Oakwood	1,981	1,628	1,628	2,034	121.7%	97%	353
27	Guys Marsh	444	366	476	445	121.3%	100%	78
28	Huntercombe	493	409	409	520	120.5%	95%	84
29	Hewell	975	812	827	1,074	120.1%	91%	163
30	Parc	1,817	1,559	1,559	1,849	116.5%	98%	258
31	Brixton	611	529	529	673	115.5%	91%	82
32	Lindholme	938	812	812	1,010	115.5%	93%	126
33	Portland	529	459	466	537	115.3%	99%	70
34	Ranby	952	835	919	1,003	114.0%	95%	117
35	Peterborough (Male & Female)	1,240	1,097	1,106	1,304	113.0%	95%	143
36	Hindley	588	523	524	600	112.4%	98%	65
37	Lancaster Farms	559	498	498	584	112.2%	96%	61
38	Stoke Heath	713	644	662	754	110.7%	95%	69
39	Buckley Hall	451	409	409	469	110.3%	96%	42
40	High Down	1,044	950	1,003	1,133	109.9%	92%	94
41	Littlehey	1,238	1,126	1,126	1,243	109.9%	100%	112
42	Holme House	1,100	1,006	1,057	1,123	109.3%	98%	94
43	Moorland	1,006	920	1,001	1,037	109.3%	97%	86
44	Coldingley	509	468	559	513	108.8%	99%	41
45	Dovegate	1,145	1,060	1,061	1,160	108.0%	99%	85
46	Isle of Wight	942	879	1,064	968	107.2%	97%	63
47	Channings Wood	758	711	716	776	106.6%	98%	47
48	Bure	640	604	604	643	106.0%	100%	36
49	Rye Hill	1,120	1,058	1,058	1,122	105.9%	100%	62
50	Stocken	1,256	1,188	1,188	1,285	105.7%	98%	68
51	Risley	1,006	953	1,075	1,034	105.6%	97%	53
52	Erlestoke	504	480	480	512	105.0%	98%	24
53	Whatton	775	746	770	805	103.9%	96%	29
54	Norwich	647	629	647	712	102.9%	91%	18
55	Featherstone	615	599	671	642	102.7%	96%	16
56	Swinfen Hall	611	604	604	624	101.2%	98%	7
57	Wealstun	857	849	850	920	100.9%	93%	8
58	Five Wells	1,733	1,722	1,722	1,733	100.6%	100%	11
59	The Verne	644	640	640	645	100.6%	100%	4
60	Onley	717	714	714	742	100.4%	97%	3
61	Stafford	756	753	753	761	100.4%	99%	3
62	Whitemoor	457	458	473	458	99.8%	100%	-1
63	Humber	947	951	965	1,079	99.6%	88%	-4
64	Thorn Cross	427	429	429	429	99.5%	100%	-2
65	Hollesley Bay	651	655	655	655	99.4%	99%	-4
66	The Mount	1,047	1,056	1,059	1,078	99.1%	97%	-9

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67	Ashfield	412	416	416	415	99.0%	99%	-4
68	Leyhill	468	474	488	474	98.7%	99%	-6
69	Wormwood Scrubs	1,088	1,106	1,183	1,143	98.4%	95%	-18
70	Foston Hall	285	290	290	314	98.3%	91%	-5
71	North Sea Camp	295	300	300	300	98.3%	98%	-5
72	Wayland	825	839	951	846	98.3%	98%	-14
73	Deerbolt	481	490	531	490	98.2%	98%	-9
74	Northumberland	1,291	1,324	1,388	1,356	97.5%	95%	-33
75	Ford	378	389	389	389	97.2%	97%	-11
76	Hatfield	348	358	358	358	97.2%	97%	-10
77	Highpoint	1,109	1,141	1,303	1,160	97.2%	96%	-32
78	Rochester	734	759	862	766	96.7%	96%	-25
79	Brinsford	514	532	532	577	96.6%	89%	-18
80	Fosse Way	1,899	1,968	1,968	1,960	96.5%	97%	-69
81	Kirkham	595	618	618	618	96.3%	96%	-23
82	Maidstone	539	560	562	553	96.3%	98%	-21
83	New Hall	327	340	340	337	96.2%	97%	-13
84	Berwyn	1,967	2,050	2,050	2,000	96.0%	98%	-83
85	Kirklevington Grange	179	187	327	187	95.7%	96%	-8
86	Wymott	1,123	1,179	1,179	1,144	95.3%	98%	-56
87	Gartree	663	697	699	697	95.1%	95%	-34
88	Morton Hall	335	353	353	353	94.9%	95%	-18
89	Bronzeﬁeld	498	527	527	527	94.5%	95%	-29
90	Aylesbury	379	402	402	402	94.3%	94%	-23
91	Haverigg	511	548	610	544	93.2%	94%	-37
92	Liverpool	802	863	1,145	840	92.9%	96%	-61
93	Full Sutton	581	631	658	594	92.1%	98%	-50
94	Frankland	810	885	889	846	91.5%	96%	-75
95	Warren Hill	228	250	269	250	91.2%	91%	-22
96	Eastwood Park	330	363	403	371	90.9%	89%	-33
97	Belmarsh	733	808	808	773	90.7%	95%	-75
98	Elmley	912	1,007	1,007	923	90.6%	99%	-95
99	Garth	730	811	811	791	90.0%	92%	-81
100	Woodhill	566	633	647	586	89.4%	97%	-67
101	Drake Hall	303	340	340	338	89.1%	90%	-37
102	Sudbury	580	661	755	661	87.7%	88%	-81
103	Send	222	256	266	255	86.7%	87%	-34
104	Standford Hill	402	464	464	464	86.6%	87%	-62
105	Grendon / Springhill	489	568	621	546	86.1%	90%	-79
106	Styal	385	454	469	454	84.8%	85%	-69
107	Wakefield	627	752	753	648	83.4%	97%	-125
108	Low Newton	267	322	322	298	82.9%	90%	-55
109	Downview	294	356	356	356	82.6%	83%	-62
110	Lowdham Grange	718	888	888	842	80.9%	85%	-170
111	Feltham	476	595	732	553	80.0%	86%	-119

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112	Cookham Wood	131	166	183	137	78.9%	96%	-35
113	Long Lartin	515	653	658	537	78.9%	96%	-138
114	Manchester	548	696	696	572	78.7%	96%	-148
115	Werrington	90	118	118	118	76.3%	76%	-28
116	Millsike	1,119	1,468	1,468	1,158	76.2%	97%	-349
117	East Sutton Park	76	104	135	100	73.1%	76%	-28
118	Swaleside	687	985	1,112	787	69.7%	87%	-298
119	Askham Grange	85	128	128	128	66.4%	66%	-43
120	Wetherby	98	270	348	154	36.3%	64%	-172
121	Dartmoor	0	0	640	0			

3. Early release: ECSL and SDS40 by month

Month	Scheme	Releases
2023-10	ECSL	302
2023-11	ECSL	356
2023-12	ECSL	242
2024-01	ECSL	518
2024-02	ECSL	1,125
2024-03	ECSL	1,991
2024-04	ECSL	1,607
2024-05	ECSL	2,372
2024-06	ECSL	1,569
2024-07	ECSL	1,840
2024-08	ECSL	1,130
2024-09	ECSL	273
2024-09	SDS40	3,785
2024-10	SDS40	5,366
2024-11	SDS40	3,491
2024-12	SDS40	3,580
2025-01	SDS40	3,641
2025-02	SDS40	3,240
2025-03	SDS40	3,353
2025-04	SDS40	3,658
2025-05	SDS40	3,571
2025-06	SDS40	4,358
2025-07	SDS40	3,926
2025-08	SDS40	3,441
2025-09	SDS40	3,521
2025-10	SDS40	4,038
2025-11	SDS40	3,259
2025-12	SDS40	3,880
2026-01	SDS40	3,389
2026-02	SDS40	3,232
2026-03	SDS40	3,337

4. Recalls, receptions and releases

Annual figures from the 2025 Offender Management Statistics tables; the recall population is at 30 June each year.

Year	First receptions	of which remand	of which sentenced	Releases	Licence recalls	Mean sentence of those released (months)	Remand at 30 June	Remand share	Recall population at 30 June	Recall share	Foreign nationals at 30 June	Share
2015	93,722	51,855	41,679	74,443	21,467	18.4	11,785	13.7%	6,176	7.2%	10,512	12.2%
2016	86,258	44,585	41,496	73,418	21,559	18.8	9,288	10.9%	6,617	7.8%	9,891	11.6%
2017	83,916	44,059	39,646	71,495	21,914	19.2	9,638	11.2%	6,390	7.4%	9,756	11.4%
2018	76,450	40,913	35,349	69,622	24,268	20.4	9,285	11.2%	6,293	7.6%	9,066	11.0%
2019	72,172	39,746	32,240	62,771	26,503	22.0	9,145	11.1%	7,435	9.0%	9,089	11.0%
2020	59,576	38,071	21,293	53,253	24,437	25.2	11,388	14.3%	9,226	11.6%	9,308	11.7%
2021	59,440	36,693	22,521	47,014	22,105	26.6	12,727	16.3%	9,092	11.6%	9,815	12.5%
2022	63,517	40,413	22,863	46,804	23,571	25.8	13,409	16.6%	9,892	12.3%	9,682	12.0%
2023	70,828	47,382	23,126	49,134	27,820	25.2	15,523	18.1%	11,901	13.9%	10,321	12.0%
2024	73,717	51,494	21,829	57,277	37,573	30.0	17,070	19.5%	12,199	13.9%	10,435	11.9%
2025	75,578	52,747	22,426	56,923	48,327	27.6	17,701	20.3%	13,538	15.5%	10,772	12.3%
2026							15,386	17.9%	12,145	14.2%	10,134	11.8%

Quarterly recalls and recall admissions, 2025 to 2026.

Quarter	Licence recalls	Recall admissions to prison
Jan to Mar 2025	10,101	
Apr to June 2025	11,041	
July to Sept 2025	12,836	
Oct to Dec 2025	14,349	
Jan to Mar 2026	13,193	

5. Projections and the capacity outlook

MoJ Prison Population Projections, end-September figures rounded to 100; neither edition includes the Sentencing Act 2026. Then the Annual Statement's adult-estate supply line against central demand with and without the Act.

Edition	Date	Scenario	Total	Remand	Determinate	Indeterminate	Recall
2025-2030 (Dec 2025)	September 2025	Actuals	87,465	17,700	48,224	8,493	12,657
2025-2030 (Dec 2025)	September 2026	Central	91,400	18,200	50,700	8,400	13,700
2025-2030 (Dec 2025)	September 2027	Central	94,700	18,700	52,900	8,400	14,400
2025-2030 (Dec 2025)	September 2028	Central	97,400	19,200	54,700	8,400	14,800
2025-2030 (Dec 2025)	September 2029	Central	99,600	19,400	56,400	8,300	15,100
2025-2030 (Dec 2025)	September 2026	Low	91,100	18,000	50,600	8,400	13,600
2025-2030 (Dec 2025)	September 2027	Low	93,500	17,900	52,400	8,400	14,300
2025-2030 (Dec 2025)	September 2028	Low	95,700	18,000	54,200	8,400	14,700
2025-2030 (Dec 2025)	September 2029	Low	97,400	18,000	55,700	8,300	14,900
2025-2030 (Dec 2025)	September 2026	High	92,200	18,400	51,200	8,400	13,700
2025-2030 (Dec 2025)	September 2027	High	96,200	19,300	53,600	8,400	14,500
2025-2030 (Dec 2025)	September 2028	High	99,200	20,100	55,400	8,400	14,900
2025-2030 (Dec 2025)	September 2029	High	102,100	20,900	57,200	8,300	15,300
2024-2029 (Dec 2024)	September 2024	Actuals	86,966	17,662	47,818	8,501	12,579
2024-2029 (Dec 2024)	September 2025	Central	89,100	19,300	48,100	8,300	12,900
2024-2029 (Dec 2024)	September 2026	Central	93,500	20,200	51,500	8,200	13,200
2024-2029 (Dec 2024)	September 2027	Central	97,300	20,800	54,500	8,000	13,500
2024-2029 (Dec 2024)	September 2028	Central	99,800	21,300	56,100	8,000	13,900
2024-2029 (Dec 2024)	September 2025	Low	87,100	18,400	47,200	8,300	12,800
2024-2029 (Dec 2024)	September 2026	Low	90,000	18,600	49,700	8,100	13,000

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2024-2029 (Dec 2024)		September 2027	Low	92,900	18,800	52,400		8,000	13,200
2024-2029 (Dec 2024)		September 2028	Low	95,000	19,400	53,700		7,900	13,600
2024-2029 (Dec 2024)		September 2025	High	90,300	19,600	48,700		8,300	13,200
2024-2029 (Dec 2024)		September 2026	High	95,200	20,800	52,200		8,200	13,600
2024-2029 (Dec 2024)		September 2027	High	100,000	22,200	55,400		8,000	14,000
2024-2029 (Dec 2024)		September 2028	High	103,800	23,600	57,300		8,000	14,400
Statement	Demand basis		Date	Supply (adult estate)	Demand low	Demand central	Demand high	Central demand minus supply	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	with Sentencing Act 2026 measures		May 2026	89,900	88,600	88,800	89,200	-1,100	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	with Sentencing Act 2026 measures		November 2026	89,300	87,600	87,900	88,900	-1,400	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	with Sentencing Act 2026 measures		May 2027	88,300	85,800	86,300	87,600	-2,000	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	with Sentencing Act 2026 measures		November 2027	88,300	86,000	87,200	88,400	-1,100	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	with Sentencing Act 2026 measures		May 2028	89,800	87,200	88,600	90,200	-1,200	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	with Sentencing Act 2026 measures		November 2028	90,900	88,000	89,700	91,300	-1,200	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	with Sentencing Act 2026 measures		May 2029	93,200	89,200	91,000	93,100	-2,200	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	with Sentencing Act 2026 measures		November 2029	95,100	89,500	91,700	94,300	-3,400	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	with Sentencing Act 2026 measures		May 2030	95,900	90,500	92,600	95,700	-3,300	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	with Sentencing Act 2026 measures		November 2030	96,000	90,700	93,300	96,400	-2,700	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	with Sentencing Act 2026 measures		May 2031	96,400	91,600	94,200	97,500	-2,200	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	with Sentencing Act 2026 measures		November 2031	96,900	91,600	94,700	98,300	-2,200	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	with Sentencing Act 2026 measures		May 2032	98,300	92,200	95,300	99,100	-3,000	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	with Sentencing Act 2026 measures		November 2032	98,900	92,400	95,900	100,000	-3,000	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	without Sentencing Act 2026 measures		May 2026	89,900	89,500	89,700	90,200	-200	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	without Sentencing Act 2026 measures		November 2026	89,300	91,300	91,800	92,900	2,500	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	without Sentencing Act 2026 measures		May 2027	88,300	93,000	93,700	95,100	5,400	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	without Sentencing Act 2026 measures		November 2027	88,300	93,500	94,900	96,300	6,600	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	without Sentencing Act 2026 measures		May 2028	89,800	94,800	96,400	98,200	6,600	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	without Sentencing Act 2026 measures		November 2028	90,900	95,600	97,600	99,300	6,700	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	without Sentencing Act 2026 measures		May 2029	93,200	96,800	98,900	101,100	5,700	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	without Sentencing Act 2026 measures		November 2029	95,100	97,200	99,600	102,300	4,500	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	without Sentencing Act 2026 measures		May 2030	95,900	98,200	100,600	103,800	4,700	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	without Sentencing Act 2026 measures		November 2030	96,000	98,500	101,300	104,500	5,300	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	without Sentencing Act 2026 measures		May 2031	96,400	99,400	102,100	105,700	5,700	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	without Sentencing Act 2026 measures		November 2031	96,900	99,400	102,700	106,400	5,800	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	without Sentencing Act 2026 measures		May 2032	98,300	100,000	103,300	107,200	5,000	
Annual Statement 2025 (Jan 2026)	without Sentencing Act 2026 measures		November 2032	98,900	100,200	103,900	108,200	5,000	
Annual Statement 2024 (Dec 2024)	with Oct 2024 HDC/RARR measures, pre-Sentencing Review		May 2025	88,500	85,600	87,000	87,800	-1,500	
Annual Statement 2024 (Dec 2024)	with Oct 2024 HDC/RARR measures, pre-Sentencing Review		November 2025	88,700	85,800	88,000	89,300	-700	
Annual Statement 2024 (Dec 2024)	with Oct 2024 HDC/RARR measures, pre-Sentencing Review		May 2026	88,400	86,800	89,800	91,300	1,400	
Annual Statement 2024 (Dec 2024)	with Oct 2024 HDC/RARR measures, pre-Sentencing Review		November 2026	88,900	88,400	92,200	94,000	3,300	
Annual Statement 2024 (Dec 2024)	with Oct 2024 HDC/RARR measures, pre-Sentencing Review		May 2027	89,400	89,600	93,900	96,300	4,500	
Annual Statement 2024 (Dec 2024)	with Oct 2024 HDC/RARR measures, pre-Sentencing Review		November 2027	90,600	91,400	96,000	98,700	5,400	
Annual Statement 2024 (Dec 2024)	with Oct 2024 HDC/RARR measures, pre-Sentencing Review		May 2028	91,200	92,000	96,900	100,300	5,700	
Annual Statement 2024 (Dec 2024)	with Oct 2024 HDC/RARR measures, pre-Sentencing Review		November 2028	93,300	93,300	98,300	102,400	5,000	
Annual Statement 2024 (Dec 2024)	with Oct 2024 HDC/RARR measures, pre-Sentencing Review		May 2029	94,800	93,500	99,200	103,800	4,400	
Annual Statement 2024 (Dec 2024)	with Oct 2024 HDC/RARR measures, pre-Sentencing Review		November 2029	96,600	94,000	99,700	105,000	3,100	

Statement	Demand basis	Date	Supply (adult estate)	Demand low	Demand central	Demand high	Central demand minus supply
Annual Statement 2024 (Dec 2024)	with Oct 2024 HDC/RARR measures, pre-Sentencing Review	May 2030	97,200	94,700	100,600	106,400	3,400
Annual Statement 2024 (Dec 2024)	with Oct 2024 HDC/RARR measures, pre-Sentencing Review	November 2030	96,900	95,300	101,400	107,800	4,500
Annual Statement 2024 (Dec 2024)	with Oct 2024 HDC/RARR measures, pre-Sentencing Review	May 2031	96,700	95,800	102,200	109,000	5,500
Annual Statement 2024 (Dec 2024)	with Oct 2024 HDC/RARR measures, pre-Sentencing Review	November 2031	97,200	96,200	102,800	110,000	5,600
Annual Statement 2024 (Dec 2024)	with Oct 2024 HDC/RARR measures, pre-Sentencing Review	May 2032	98,500	96,600	103,600	111,100	5,100
Annual Statement 2024 (Dec 2024)	with Oct 2024 HDC/RARR measures, pre-Sentencing Review	November 2032	99,000	97,300	104,100	112,300	5,100

6. The building programme: promises, deliveries and losses, with sources

Date or period	Measure	Places	Source	Note
2010-05	total operational capacity	89,757	MoJ transparency note, places built and closed 2010-2024 (Oct 2024)	Baseline used for the "net 500 places in 14 years" claim
2024-04	total operational capacity	90,239	MoJ transparency note, places built and closed 2010-2024 (Oct 2024)	Net +482 places vs May 2010
2010-05 to 2023-08	places built (incl. re-roles)	13,009	MoJ transparency note (Oct 2024), citing Edward Argar MP 18 Jul 2024	
2010-05 to 2023-08	places closed (incl. re-roles and dilapidation)	12,514	MoJ transparency note (Oct 2024)	Not to be netted against places built, per MoJ caveat
2010 to 2015	prisons closed	18	Independent Prison Capacity Review (Owers, Aug 2025) p.27	5,300 places lost; saved est. GBP 70m/yr
2010 to 2015	places lost to prison closures	5,300	Independent Prison Capacity Review (Aug 2025) p.27	
2010 to 2025	places lost to closure of prisons or wings	7,500	Independent Prison Capacity Review (Aug 2025) p.37	Since 2010, approx.
2010 to 2025	places lost to dilapidation / critical infrastructure (incl. fire safety)	4,000	Independent Prison Capacity Review (Aug 2025) p.37	Includes 1,875 modular places at 25 sites taken out of use in 2021
2015-05	useable operational capacity	88,053	Review p.27 citing MoJ weekly figures	At 2015 general election
2018-03	useable operational capacity	86,515	Review p.27	When c.6,500 PETP places were cut
2020-06	useable operational capacity	81,749	Review p.28	Units out of use for repairs/safety
2016	target: new adult places (PETP)	10,000	Prison Safety and Reform white paper 2016; Review p.27	GBP 1.3bn; programme never delivered; c.6,500 places removed Mar 2018
2019-08	target: additional places	10,000	Johnson government announcement; Review p.28	GBP 2.5bn, on top of Five Wells and Fosse Way
2021	target: additional places by mid-2020s	20,000	Spending Review 2021 (GBP 3.8bn over 3 yrs); 10-year Capacity Strategy p.3	Original cost GBP 5.2bn, now GBP 9.4-10.1bn
2024-12	target: additional places by 2031	14,000	10-year Prison Capacity Strategy (Dec 2024)	Remainder of the 20,000; ~6,000 already delivered before Jul 2024; up to GBP 7bn 2024/25-2029/30 (Annual Statement 2025)
2020 to 2024-09	places delivered under expansion portfolio	6,518	NAO, Increasing the capacity of the prison estate (4 Dec 2024)	278 of which from extra crowding at four private prisons
2022-03	new prison opened: HMP Five Wells	1,700	Review Table 1	c.1,700 places, GBP 253m, announced Jun 2018
2023-05	new prison opened: HMP Fosse Way	1,950	Review Table 1	c.1,950 incl. +250 permission Aug 2022; GBP 283m; +c.250-place houseblock Dec 2025
2025-04	new prison opened: HMP Millsike	1,450	Review Table 1; Annual Statement 2025 says c.1,500 opened Mar 2025	GBP 400m; Aug 2026 monthly bulletin op cap 1,158
2029	new prison planned: HMP Welland Oaks (Leicestershire, next to Gartree)	1,700	Annual Statement 2025; Review Table 1	Scheduled 2029; c.5,000 places under construction end 2025
by 2031	new prison planned: Buckinghamshire (Grendon/Spring Hill)	1,450	Review Table 1	outline planning Jan 2024 after appeal
by 2031	new prison planned: Lancashire (Garth/Wymott)	1,700	Review Table 1; consultation open Oct 2026	outline planning Dec 2024 after appeal
by 2031	planned houseblock places (strategy)	6,400	10-year Prison Capacity Strategy	incl. c.500 at Channings Wood
2020 to 2025	rapid deployment cells delivered	767	Review p.33 (767 at 14 sites); Strategy says ~800	1,000 more planned (tranches 3-4, mid-2027); tranche 5 cancelled Feb 2024; cost 259% over budget
2024-07 to 2024-12	places delivered since July 2024	500	10-year Prison Capacity Strategy (Dec 2024)	
2024-07 to 2025-09	places delivered since July 2024	2,500	Sentencing Bill overarching factsheet (Sep 2025)	
2024-07 to 2025-12	places delivered since July 2024	2,900	Annual Statement on Prison Capacity 2025 (Jan 2026)	Millsike c.1,500 + Fosse Way houseblock c.250 among them
2024-07 to 2026-08	places delivered since July 2024	3,200	gov.uk topical event page (Aug 2026)	

Date or period	Measure	Places	Source	Note
2024-07 to 2026-09	places delivered since July 2024	3,300	MoJ press releases 14 Sep and 1 Oct 2026	"more than 3,300"; 14,000 by 2031; GBP 4.7bn this SR
2025-12	places under construction	5,000	Annual Statement 2025	
2024-09	ISG collapse: places at risk	3,634	NAO Dec 2024 p.17 via Review	Contractor into administration
2032-11	projected supply, adult estate	98,900	Annual Statement 2025 Figure 4	Dec 2024 statement projected c.99,000
2026-09	HMP Dartmoor closed (radon)	640	Aug 2026 monthly bulletin shows 0 in-use CNA; Strategy p.12	Baseline CNA 640, op cap 0
2026-09	RDC expansion: HMP Kirklevington Grange	152	MoJ press release 14 Sep 2026	under construction
2026-09	expansion announced: Lancashire prison +240	240	MoJ press release 14 Sep 2026	
2026-03	contingency crowding		Review p.35	MoJ supply projections assume crowding continues; capped at HMPPS "red lines"

7. Proven reoffending within 12 months of release, adults, by sentence length

Quarterly cohorts; the latest cohort is July to September 2024 because of the 12-month follow-up and a six-month allowance for convictions. The "adjusted" rate controls for the predicted risk of the cohort.

Cohort group	Quarter	Reoffending rate	Adjusted rate	Reoffenders	Cohort size	Reoffences per reoffender
All adults (all disposals)	Apr - Jun 2013	30.6%	29.8%	41,489	135,480	3.58
All adults (all disposals)	Jul - Sep 2013	30.4%	29.9%	42,216	138,676	3.54
All adults (all disposals)	Oct - Dec 2013	29.5%	29.1%	40,114	135,827	3.57
All adults (all disposals)	Jan - Mar 2014	29.4%	29.0%	40,301	136,975	3.62
All adults (all disposals)	Apr - Jun 2014	29.4%	28.9%	37,858	128,773	3.65
All adults (all disposals)	Jul - Sep 2014	29.2%	28.8%	38,222	131,002	3.64
All adults (all disposals)	Oct - Dec 2014	28.8%	28.6%	36,215	125,863	3.71
All adults (all disposals)	Jan - Mar 2023	26.2%	29.6%	20,954	79,870	4.2
All adults (all disposals)	Apr - Jun 2023	27.3%	30.1%	20,896	76,605	4.43
All adults (all disposals)	Jul - Sep 2023	27.8%	30.5%	21,936	78,946	4.61
All adults (all disposals)	Oct - Dec 2023	28.2%	30.8%	22,001	78,144	4.86
All adults (all disposals)	Jan - Mar 2024	28.8%	31.4%	23,966	83,129	5.05
All adults (all disposals)	Apr - Jun 2024	29.5%	31.8%	24,281	82,430	5.16
All adults (all disposals)	Jul - Sep 2024	29.7%	31.9%	24,870	83,652	5.12
Custody (all sentence lengths)	Apr - Jun 2013	50.0%	49.1%	8,353	16,722	4.83
Custody (all sentence lengths)	Jul - Sep 2013	49.7%	49.0%	8,076	16,238	5.03
Custody (all sentence lengths)	Oct - Dec 2013	48.8%	48.1%	7,794	15,982	5.06
Custody (all sentence lengths)	Jan - Mar 2014	50.1%	48.4%	7,830	15,643	5.12
Custody (all sentence lengths)	Apr - Jun 2014	49.4%	48.1%	7,557	15,295	5.12
Custody (all sentence lengths)	Jul - Sep 2014	48.7%	48.0%	7,496	15,394	5.17
Custody (all sentence lengths)	Oct - Dec 2014	48.0%	47.3%	7,438	15,483	5.16
Custody (all sentence lengths)	Jan - Mar 2023	37.2%	43.8%	4,377	11,775	5.73
Custody (all sentence lengths)	Apr - Jun 2023	38.3%	44.6%	4,640	12,107	6.09
Custody (all sentence lengths)	Jul - Sep 2023	41.3%	46.8%	4,922	11,905	6.37
Custody (all sentence lengths)	Oct - Dec 2023	41.1%	46.9%	5,056	12,296	6.9
Custody (all sentence lengths)	Jan - Mar 2024	43.8%	48.7%	5,715	13,055	7.5
Custody (all sentence lengths)	Apr - Jun 2024	44.0%	49.2%	5,937	13,498	7.56
Custody (all sentence lengths)	Jul - Sep 2024	40.6%	46.9%	6,005	14,778	7.15
Custody: less than 12 months	Apr - Jun 2013	63.9%	62.5%	5,309	8,307	5.71
Custody: less than 12 months	Jul - Sep 2013	64.4%	62.6%	5,199	8,067	5.98
Custody: less than 12 months	Oct - Dec 2013	63.7%	61.7%	5,239	8,221	5.92
Custody: less than 12 months	Jan - Mar 2014	65.1%	62.7%	5,025	7,722	6.09
Custody: less than 12 months	Apr - Jun 2014	64.0%	61.5%	4,856	7,591	6.13

Cohort group	Quarter	Reoffending rate	Adjusted rate	Reoffenders	Cohort size	Reoffences per reoffender
Custody: less than 12 months	Jul - Sep 2014	64.0%	62.3%	4,967	7,760	6.14
Custody: less than 12 months	Oct - Dec 2014	64.4%	61.9%	4,982	7,741	6.08
Custody: less than 12 months	Jan - Mar 2023	56.9%	60.8%	3,220	5,658	6.66
Custody: less than 12 months	Apr - Jun 2023	59.2%	62.4%	3,347	5,650	7.15
Custody: less than 12 months	Jul - Sep 2023	62.4%	65.1%	3,652	5,849	7.47
Custody: less than 12 months	Oct - Dec 2023	61.2%	64.2%	3,699	6,045	8.12
Custody: less than 12 months	Jan - Mar 2024	66.0%	67.5%	4,166	6,315	8.86
Custody: less than 12 months	Apr - Jun 2024	67.1%	68.8%	4,316	6,433	9.03
Custody: less than 12 months	Jul - Sep 2024	68.2%	70.2%	3,972	5,820	9
Custody: 6 months or less	Apr - Jun 2013	67.2%	65.9%	4,400	6,544	5.83
Custody: 6 months or less	Jul - Sep 2013	67.7%	65.7%	4,389	6,481	6.1
Custody: 6 months or less	Oct - Dec 2013	67.0%	65.1%	4,330	6,463	6.05
Custody: 6 months or less	Jan - Mar 2014	67.8%	65.7%	4,049	5,969	6.23
Custody: 6 months or less	Apr - Jun 2014	66.9%	64.5%	3,977	5,944	6.29
Custody: 6 months or less	Jul - Sep 2014	66.8%	65.2%	4,168	6,235	6.3
Custody: 6 months or less	Oct - Dec 2014	67.6%	65.6%	4,113	6,085	6.17
Custody: 6 months or less	Jan - Mar 2023	59.5%	63.7%	2,484	4,175	6.92
Custody: 6 months or less	Apr - Jun 2023	62.3%	65.3%	2,638	4,236	7.39
Custody: 6 months or less	Jul - Sep 2023	65.2%	68.4%	2,999	4,599	7.73
Custody: 6 months or less	Oct - Dec 2023	64.7%	67.4%	3,027	4,678	8.35
Custody: 6 months or less	Jan - Mar 2024	68.4%	70.2%	3,381	4,941	9.09
Custody: 6 months or less	Apr - Jun 2024	69.5%	71.6%	3,486	5,015	9.25
Custody: 6 months or less	Jul - Sep 2024	71.1%	73.4%	3,196	4,496	9.16
Custody: more than 6 to less than 12 months	Apr - Jun 2013	51.6%	49.9%	909	1,763	5.1
Custody: more than 6 to less than 12 months	Jul - Sep 2013	51.1%	50.2%	810	1,586	5.32
Custody: more than 6 to less than 12 months	Oct - Dec 2013	51.7%	49.2%	909	1,758	5.28
Custody: more than 6 to less than 12 months	Jan - Mar 2014	55.7%	51.8%	976	1,753	5.51
Custody: more than 6 to less than 12 months	Apr - Jun 2014	53.4%	50.3%	879	1,647	5.4
Custody: more than 6 to less than 12 months	Jul - Sep 2014	52.4%	50.5%	799	1,525	5.31
Custody: more than 6 to less than 12 months	Oct - Dec 2014	52.5%	48.3%	869	1,656	5.66
Custody: more than 6 to less than 12 months	Jan - Mar 2023	49.6%	51.0%	736	1,483	5.79
Custody: more than 6 to less than 12 months	Apr - Jun 2023	50.1%	52.5%	709	1,414	6.24
Custody: more than 6 to less than 12 months	Jul - Sep 2023	52.2%	52.8%	653	1,250	6.24
Custody: more than 6 to less than 12 months	Oct - Dec 2023	49.2%	52.5%	672	1,367	7.08
Custody: more than 6 to less than 12 months	Jan - Mar 2024	57.1%	57.3%	785	1,374	7.89
Custody: more than 6 to less than 12 months	Apr - Jun 2024	58.5%	58.4%	830	1,418	8.11
Custody: more than 6 to less than 12 months	Jul - Sep 2024	58.6%	58.5%	776	1,324	8.36
Custody: 12 months or more	Apr - Jun 2013	36.8%	35.8%	3,031	8,237	3.31
Custody: 12 months or more	Jul - Sep 2013	35.8%	35.3%	2,857	7,990	3.32
Custody: 12 months or more	Oct - Dec 2013	33.4%	33.6%	2,539	7,610	3.31
Custody: 12 months or more	Jan - Mar 2014	35.9%	34.2%	2,783	7,755	3.4
Custody: 12 months or more	Apr - Jun 2014	35.6%	34.8%	2,695	7,578	3.29
Custody: 12 months or more	Jul - Sep 2014	33.6%	33.3%	2,509	7,477	3.29
Custody: 12 months or more	Oct - Dec 2014	32.1%	32.5%	2,440	7,612	3.29
Custody: 12 months or more	Jan - Mar 2023	19.2%	27.6%	1,153	6,001	3.15

Cohort group	Quarter	Reoffending rate	Adjusted rate	Reoffenders	Cohort size	Reoffences per reoffender
Custody: 12 months or more	Apr - Jun 2023	20.3%	28.2%	1,287	6,333	3.35
Custody: 12 months or more	Jul - Sep 2023	21.2%	28.6%	1,261	5,947	3.24
Custody: 12 months or more	Oct - Dec 2023	22.0%	29.7%	1,352	6,148	3.56
Custody: 12 months or more	Jan - Mar 2024	23.3%	30.5%	1,543	6,634	3.85
Custody: 12 months or more	Apr - Jun 2024	23.2%	30.6%	1,618	6,964	3.63
Custody: 12 months or more	Jul - Sep 2024	22.9%	29.9%	2,028	8,870	3.55
Custody: 12 months to less than 2 years	Apr - Jun 2013	41.1%	39.7%	1,303	3,168	3.59
Custody: 12 months to less than 2 years	Jul - Sep 2013	39.6%	39.7%	1,155	2,914	3.66
Custody: 12 months to less than 2 years	Oct - Dec 2013	38.5%	38.5%	1,075	2,794	3.74
Custody: 12 months to less than 2 years	Jan - Mar 2014	42.6%	39.7%	1,208	2,834	3.79
Custody: 12 months to less than 2 years	Apr - Jun 2014	41.9%	39.9%	1,193	2,850	3.67
Custody: 12 months to less than 2 years	Jul - Sep 2014	38.9%	38.1%	1,022	2,626	3.74
Custody: 12 months to less than 2 years	Oct - Dec 2014	36.8%	36.8%	930	2,528	3.53
Custody: 12 months to less than 2 years	Jan - Mar 2023	30.9%	35.5%	576	1,866	3.81
Custody: 12 months to less than 2 years	Apr - Jun 2023	31.9%	37.6%	635	1,990	4.14
Custody: 12 months to less than 2 years	Jul - Sep 2023	33.3%	37.6%	588	1,767	4.05
Custody: 12 months to less than 2 years	Oct - Dec 2023	33.1%	38.0%	637	1,925	4.46
Custody: 12 months to less than 2 years	Jan - Mar 2024	35.9%	39.8%	776	2,163	4.79
Custody: 12 months to less than 2 years	Apr - Jun 2024	35.7%	39.8%	744	2,083	4.68
Custody: 12 months to less than 2 years	Jul - Sep 2024	34.2%	38.3%	740	2,161	4.69
Custody: 2 to less than 4 years	Apr - Jun 2013	37.6%	35.9%	1,253	3,334	3.14
Custody: 2 to less than 4 years	Jul - Sep 2013	37.2%	35.5%	1,227	3,299	3.25
Custody: 2 to less than 4 years	Oct - Dec 2013	33.5%	32.8%	1,026	3,061	3.16
Custody: 2 to less than 4 years	Jan - Mar 2014	35.5%	33.2%	1,132	3,188	3.17
Custody: 2 to less than 4 years	Apr - Jun 2014	36.0%	34.4%	1,063	2,951	3.13
Custody: 2 to less than 4 years	Jul - Sep 2014	34.3%	33.2%	1,054	3,069	3.12
Custody: 2 to less than 4 years	Oct - Dec 2014	33.2%	32.7%	1,049	3,163	3.3
Custody: 2 to less than 4 years	Jan - Mar 2023	15.9%	25.5%	371	2,337	2.6
Custody: 2 to less than 4 years	Apr - Jun 2023	17.6%	26.5%	462	2,632	2.45
Custody: 2 to less than 4 years	Jul - Sep 2023	18.5%	26.8%	441	2,386	2.63
Custody: 2 to less than 4 years	Oct - Dec 2023	19.3%	27.6%	483	2,500	2.88
Custody: 2 to less than 4 years	Jan - Mar 2024	20.0%	28.5%	526	2,626	3.09
Custody: 2 to less than 4 years	Apr - Jun 2024	21.0%	28.6%	610	2,898	2.8
Custody: 2 to less than 4 years	Jul - Sep 2024	22.1%	29.5%	890	4,034	3.02
Custody: 4 to 10 years	Apr - Jun 2013	27.8%	27.3%	463	1,664	3
Custody: 4 to 10 years	Jul - Sep 2013	26.9%	26.1%	461	1,714	2.69
Custody: 4 to 10 years	Oct - Dec 2013	25.3%	25.6%	432	1,706	2.6
Custody: 4 to 10 years	Jan - Mar 2014	26.0%	25.9%	434	1,669	2.93
Custody: 4 to 10 years	Apr - Jun 2014	24.9%	25.5%	427	1,713	2.65
Custody: 4 to 10 years	Jul - Sep 2014	24.7%	25.0%	427	1,728	2.63
Custody: 4 to 10 years	Oct - Dec 2014	24.2%	24.4%	447	1,846	2.78
Custody: 4 to 10 years	Jan - Mar 2023	12.8%	18.8%	193	1,508	2.35
Custody: 4 to 10 years	Apr - Jun 2023	12.5%	17.2%	180	1,436	2.94
Custody: 4 to 10 years	Jul - Sep 2023	14.2%	19.3%	218	1,535	2.37
Custody: 4 to 10 years	Oct - Dec 2023	15.1%	21.2%	218	1,446	2.53

Cohort group	Quarter	Reoffending rate	Adjusted rate	Reoffenders	Cohort size	Reoffences per reoffender
Custody: 4 to 10 years	Jan - Mar 2024	13.7%	19.0%	213	1,556	2.63
Custody: 4 to 10 years	Apr - Jun 2024	14.8%	21.5%	246	1,658	2.63
Custody: 4 to 10 years	Jul - Sep 2024	16.1%	21.2%	379	2,357	2.63
Custody: 10 years or more	Apr - Jun 2013	16.9%	19.1%	12	71	*
Custody: 10 years or more	Jul - Sep 2013	22.2%	22.8%	14	63	*
Custody: 10 years or more	Oct - Dec 2013	12.2%	10.4%	6	49	*
Custody: 10 years or more	Jan - Mar 2014	14.1%	14.5%	9	64	*
Custody: 10 years or more	Apr - Jun 2014	18.8%	21.5%	12	64	*
Custody: 10 years or more	Jul - Sep 2014	11.1%	17.0%	6	54	*
Custody: 10 years or more	Oct - Dec 2014	18.7%	22.2%	14	75	*
Custody: 10 years or more	Jan - Mar 2023	4.5%	11.0%	13	290	*
Custody: 10 years or more	Apr - Jun 2023	3.6%	8.8%	10	275	*
Custody: 10 years or more	Jul - Sep 2023	5.4%	8.4%	14	259	*
Custody: 10 years or more	Oct - Dec 2023	5.1%	8.4%	14	277	*
Custody: 10 years or more	Jan - Mar 2024	9.7%	14.0%	28	289	*
Custody: 10 years or more	Apr - Jun 2024	5.5%	10.2%	18	325	*
Custody: 10 years or more	Jul - Sep 2024	6.0%	10.2%	19	318	*

8. Deaths and assaults in prison, calendar years

Year	Average population	Deaths	Self-inflicted	Natural causes	Homicide	Other or unclassified	Deaths per 1,000	Self-inflicted per 1,000	Assaults	Assaults per 1,000	Serious assaults per 1,000	Assaults on staff per 1,000
2010	84,725	198	58	126	1	13	2.34	0.68	14,335	169	16	34
2011	85,951	192	58	122	2	10	2.23	0.67	15,440	180	16	36
2012	86,634	192	61	123	0	8	2.22	0.7	14,510	167	14	34
2013	84,249	215	76	131	4	4	2.55	0.9	14,664	174	19	39
2014	85,307	243	89	145	3	6	2.85	1.04	16,219	190	25	43
2015	85,626	257	90	147	8	12	3	1.05	20,518	240	33	58
2016	85,348	354	124	207	3	20	4.15	1.45	26,022	305	41	80
2017	85,632	295	73	193	3	26	3.44	0.85	29,478	344	45	98
2018	83,296	325	93	168	4	60	3.9	1.12	32,539	393.8	46.4	117.9
2019	82,935	300	86	176	3	35	3.62	1.04	30,302	368.2	44.7	111.6
2020	80,366	318	67	223	2	26	3.96	0.83	20,263	253.8	28.2	93.9
2021	78,536	371	89	261	1	20	4.72	1.13	19,681	251.9	26	96.5
2022	80,798	301	77	202	1	21	3.73	0.95	21,006	261.2	30.2	89.8
2023	85,968	311	97	188	2	24	3.62	1.13	26,924	314.8	35.5	107.6
2024	87,256	342	90	207	6	39	3.92	1.03	30,499	351.1	39	122.1
2025	87,279	394	79	224	7	84	4.51	0.91	31,345	360.5	40.1	116.6

9. Urgent notifications issued by HM Chief Inspector of Prisons, November 2022 to date

Date	Establishment
17 Nov 2022	HMP Exeter
28 Apr 2023	HMYOI Cookham Wood
26 Jul 2023	HMP Bristol
30 Aug 2023	HMP Woodhill
15 Nov 2023	HMP Bedford
8 May 2024	HMP Wandsworth

Date	Establishment
30 Aug 2024	HMP Rochester
10 Oct 2024	HMP Manchester
24 Oct 2024	HMP Winchester
18 Jul 2025	HMP Pentonville
17 Dec 2025	HMP Swaleside

10. Method and limits

The weekly series was built from every bulletin on the gov.uk "Prison population figures" pages for 2015 to 2026 (587 files in three layouts); the column excluding immigration removal centres was used for 2015 to 2021, and one gov.uk file labelled 8 January 2015 was corrected to 8 January 2016 from its contents. Prison-by-prison figures are the August 2026 monthly bulletin. ECSL and SDS40 counts are MoJ transparency tables and will not reconcile with the official releases series; after its two first-day tranches, SDS40 is the normal flow of people reaching a release point now set at 40%, not an additional release. Recalls, receptions, releases and populations by type are accredited official statistics. Projections exclude the Sentencing Act 2026; the Annual Statement adds the Act's impact-assessment estimates and extrapolates beyond 2030 by holding court demand constant, which the MoJ labels experimental. Building figures mix gross places delivered, net capacity change and rounded press-release totals, and each row carries its source. Reoffending rates are affected by changes in who is sentenced to custody; safety figures for 2025 are provisional, with 54 deaths awaiting classification.