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Terminology

Supervision of persons sentenced to conditional imprisonment (adults and young persons)

A person may be subjected to supervision for 15 months in order to reinforce conditional imprisonment. Supervision is imposed if it considered to promote the social adaptation of the offender and the prevent further offences. If a sentenced person aged 21 or over upon committing an offence seriously breaches the obligations that are part of the supervision, the supervision period may be extended or the unserved part of the supervision period may be converted into short unconditional imprisonment.

Supervision of parolees

Almost without an exception only a specific proportion of a prison sentence is served in prison. Parole (also known as conditional release) means the release of a prisoner sentenced to unconditional imprisonment so that he or she can serve the rest of the sentence in freedom. A prisoner released on parole is ordered to supervision if the probationary period is longer than one year, the offence was committed when under 21 years of age, or the prisoner so requests.

Length of time in prison

In this publication, the length of time served in prison is used in two different connections: it is used as cumulative data on prisoners released within one year and as cross-sectional data on prisoners in prisons on 1 May. The data differs from each other because the cumulative data emphasises short sentences and the cross-sectional data long sentences.

Juvenile punishment

Juvenile punishment can be sentenced for an offence committed under the age of 18 years if a fine is considered an insufficient sanction and there are no weighty reasons requiring unconditional imprisonment. A juvenile punishment may last from four to twelve months. Juvenile punishment consists of supervision appointments, guidance and support promoting coping in society and orientation to employment.

Fine default prisoner

A fine default prisoner is a person serving a conversion sentence for an unpaid fine. A conversion sentence, i.e. an unpaid fine converted into imprisonment, is imposed on a person who has been sentenced to a fine but the collection of the fine has failed.

House arrest

The court may impose a technically monitored house arrest on a person, who has been sentenced to unconditional imprisonment, as an alternative to remand imprisonment if the sentence is less than two years of imprisonment. Remand imprisonment means the time when a person suspected of an offence is remanded before the judgement becomes enforceable or final.

Remand prisoner

A remand prisoner is a person remanded due to a suspected offence. The court decides on remand. As a rule, a person remanded due to an offence must be taken, without a delay, to an institution approved by the Ministry of Justice to hold remand prisoners. The period of loss of liberty is deducted during the enforcement of the sentence.

Monitoring sentence

A monitoring sentence may be imposed instead of unconditional imprisonment of at most six months if there is an obstacle to sentencing to community service. Prior unconditional prison sentences and monitoring sentences or the nature of the offence may prevent the imposition of a monitoring sentence. Another precondition is that the monitoring sentence has to maintain and promote the social abilities of the accused person. A person serving a monitoring sentence can move outside his or her home only at times determined in the schedule. The use of intoxicating substances is prohibited for the whole duration of the sentence. The sentenced person is monitored with the help of both technical devices and surprise visits to his or her home.

Probationary liberty under supervision

Prisoners may be placed in probationary liberty under supervision outside the prison a maximum of six months before their conditional release. During probationary liberty, the person must comply with the obligation to stay at home or other determined placement and take part in activities, which are scheduled every week. The person is required to abstain from intoxicating substances. The compliance with the conditions of probationary liberty is monitored in many ways.

Sentenced prisoner

A sentenced prisoner is a prisoner who serves a sentence of unconditional fixedterm or life imprisonment.

Recidivism of sentenced prisoners

For the purposes of this statistical yearbook, a recidivist is defined as a person who after the release commits at least one new offence, which results in a final sentence of unconditional imprisonment or community service. The follow-up period starts at the date of release and ends with the date of commission of the first offence or the date of death. Foreign nationals are included in the data set if they have been issued with a Finnish personal identity code.

Combination sentence

A combination sentence consists of unconditional imprisonment and a one-year supervision term that follows the prison term. A combination sentence can be imposed on a person, who has committed a new serious offence and is deemed particularly dangerous to the life, health, or freedom of another. A person serving a combination sentence is not entitled to conditional release and probationary liberty under supervision. The main obligations of the supervised person include remaining at the place of residence at the set times, being sober at events related to the supervision term, and participating in rehabilitation or other activities. The commitment to the obligations is monitored by technical means, such as an ankle tag.

Community service

Community service may be sentenced instead of unconditional imprisonment of at most eight months. It mainly consists of unpaid non-profit work. The precondition is that the sentenced person is suitable for community service and consents to it. The Prison and Probation Service prepares a pre-sentence report and the court makes the final decision on community service. The length of community service varies from 14 to 240 hours.

Community service may also be imposed as an ancillary sanction to conditional imprisonment of over 12 months in which case it can last 20–90 hours.

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Preface

The aim of this statistical publication is to provide a wide range of information about the Prison and Probation Service of Finland, i.e., the enforcement of prison sentences, community sanctions and remand imprisonment. Besides providing an overview of the prison and probation services, the publication also offers insight into the development of the field over the past decade.

The statistical data are based on the data systems used by the Prison and Probation Service. Due to a new offender management system adopted in 2022, some of the data are not comparable with the data from the previous years, and some time series have been discontinued.

The publication is mainly aimed at our own organisation, but it also answers the most common questions about persons serving prison sentences and community sanctions asked by individuals and organisations interested in the activities of the Prison and Probation Service.

All feedback on the publication is welcome. It can be sent by email to: tilastot.rise@om.fi.

1 Sanctions

1.1 Enforcement of sentences

The sentences enforced by the Prison and Probation Service are divided into prison sentences and community sanctions served in freedom. Community sanctions include the community service, monitoring sentence, supervision of persons sentenced to conditional imprisonment, juvenile punishment, supervision of parolees and supervision term of a combination sentence. The enforcement of community sanctions is carried out by the probation offices. Unconditional prison sentences and conversion sentences for unpaid fine are enforced by prisons. In addition, they are responsible for the implementation of remand imprisonment together with the police.

The basic units of the Prison and Probation Service are probation offices, open prisons and closed prisons. At the end of 2024, there were a total of 12 probation offices and 28 prisons in Finland. Approximately 67 per cent of the prisoner places are in closed prisons and 33 per cent in open prisons or open prison wards.

1.2 Overview of the development of the penal system

The enactment of the Imprisonment Act in 2006 marked a shift towards systematic and consistent enforcement. Provisions concerning parole (also known as conditional release) were also revised in connection with the Imprisonment Act and probationary liberty under supervision was introduced. A prisoner can be placed in probationary liberty under supervision a maximum of six months before regular release on parole.

The conversion of unpaid fines into imprisonment was scaled back on several occasions in the mid-2000s by, among other things, abolishing the possibility to convert fines imposed in the penal order proceedings into imprisonment in 2008. However, the use of conversion sentence for unpaid fines was expanded again in 2021. The seventh offence resulting in a fine of a person, who has committed similar offences repeatedly, will be heard at court, which may convert the fine into imprisonment if the person fails to pay the fine.

The Acts concerning the investigation of the circumstances of young offenders and the supervision of conditional imprisonment entered into force in 2011. Supervision became more binding as the number of supervision meetings was increased. The Act on Monitoring Sentence also entered into force in 2011. The Act on Monitoring Sentence made it possible to serve an unconditional prison sentence of no more than six months long under electronic monitoring at one's own home or another location deemed suitable. A monitoring sentence can also include support measures to promote social adaptation.

The Community Sanctions Enforcement Act, which entered into force in 2015, replaced the separate acts on each community sanction. The new Act clarified the interrelation between the different community sanctions and unified the making of assessments and statements linked to the imposition, preparation, and enforcement of community sanctions. A possibility to use both open and institutional substance abuse treatment services was added to the enforcement of community sanctions. Community service sentenced for an offence committed under the age of 21 years can include activities and programmes that are specifically targeted at young people, aim to enhance their social functioning, and provide them with support and guidance. The minimum length of community service was changed to 14 hours and the maximum length to 240 hours so that they would better correspond to the number of days imposed as imprisonment.

At the beginning of 2018, a new combination sentence was introduced. It consists of unconditional imprisonment and a one-year supervision term. A combination sentence can be imposed on a person, who has committed a new serious offence and is deemed particularly dangerous to the life, health, or freedom of another. Only a small proportion of prisoners serves a combination sentence. The annual number of prisoners placed under supervision enhanced by electronic means after their release is low.

The transfer of remand prisoners from police custody facilities to prison has been quicker since the beginning of 2019. Remand prisoners may be kept in police custody facilities for a maximum of seven days unless there are very serious reasons for this. New technically monitored alternatives to remand imprisonment, i.e., intensified travel ban and house arrest were introduced at the beginning of 2019. The intensified travel ban is enforced by the police and the house arrest is enforced by the Prison and Probation Service. By the end of 2024, no cases of house arrests have been enforced.

The whole system of sanctions ancillary to conditional imprisonment was tightened at the beginning of 2020. As a result of the reform, an adult, in other words, a person who has committed an offence when aged 21 or over can also be placed under supervision in order to reinforce conditional imprisonment.

The tightening of legislation on sexual offences entered into force in 2019 and 2023, which led to a clear increase in the number of people sentenced for sexual offences.

2 Prison services

2.1 Development of prison population

The number of prisoners has increased over the past few years. In 2024, the average daily number of prisoners was 3 356, which was over 200 more than the year before (3 143). The figure includes 2 499 sentenced prisoners (2 341 in the previous year), 75 fine default prisoners (99) and 782 remand prisoners (703).

In 2024, a total of 6 355 prisoners were admitted to prison, which was about 100 fewer than a year earlier. The number of admitted remand prisoners was a record high (2 379), which was nearly 200 more than the year before. By contrast, the number of fine default prisoners (1 882) was significantly lower than in the previous year. The number of admitted sentenced prisoners (2 094) increased slightly.

The total number of prisoners released from prison in 2024 was 6 055 of whom 2 814 were sentenced prisoners, 1 773 fine default prisoners, and 1 468 remand prisoners. About 39 per cent of the sentenced prisoners had served at most three months of their sentence in prison and 13 per cent over two years. The average length of prison terms was 11.4 months. Approximately 51 per cent of all sentenced prisoners and 63 per cent of those, who had served more than two years of their sentence in prison, were released from open prisons.

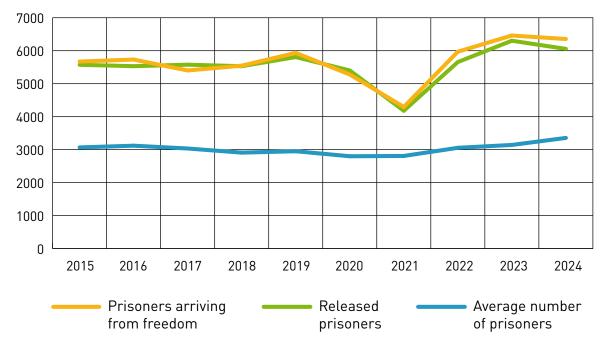


Figure 1. Prisoners arriving from freedom, released prisoners and average number of prisoners per year in 2015–2024

In 2024, an average of 224 prisoners were in probationary liberty under supervision daily, which was slightly more in the previous year (206). There were 800 new placements in probationary liberty. The average length of probationary liberty was 109 days. Approximately 18 per cent of the placements in probationary liberty were cancelled mainly due to a breach of obligations.

2.2 Prison population structure

The biggest prisoner group is persons sentenced for violent offences as their principal offence although their proportion has dropped since the early 2010s. In 2024, about 33 per cent of the prisoners were sentenced for violent offences, i.e., 20 per cent for homicide and 13 per cent for assault.

On average a fourth of all prisoners were sentenced for offences against property. The proportion of prisoners sentenced for robbery (13%) increased clearly compared with the previous years, whereas the proportion of those sentenced for theft (5%) decreased. The proportion of those sentenced for other offences against property was 6 per cent in 2024.

The number of offenders sentenced for narcotics offences is considerable and has increased over the past decade. In 2024, their proportion of all sentenced prisoners was 23 per cent, whereas ten years ago it was 19 per cent. Likewise, the proportion of offenders sentenced for sexual offences has risen steadily. In 2024, about 9 per cent of the prisoners were sentenced for sex offences.

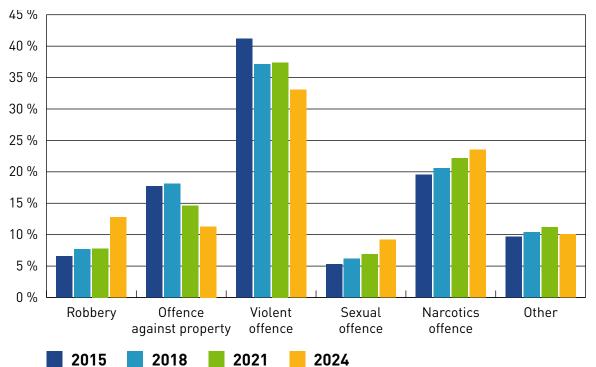


Figure 2. Principal offence of sentenced prisoners on 1 May in 2015, 2018, 2021 and 2024 (%)

In a cross-sectional analysis of the prison population structure, the proportion of long-term prisoners has decreased over the past ten years. The biggest increase was in the proportion of prisoners serving six months but under one year, which was 18 per cent last year. Just under a third (28%) of the prisoners were estimated to be in prison for one to two years and about a fifth (22%) for two to four years. Approximately 9 per cent of the prisoners were looking to serve at least eight years in prison, while six per cent were looking to serve under three months.

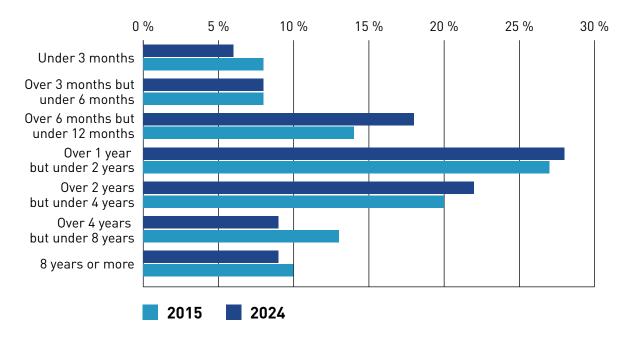


Figure 3. Calculated length of time served in prison by sentenced prisoners on 1 May in 2015 and 2024

In 2024, the average age of all prisoners was 36.4 years. The average age of sentenced prisoners was 37.2 years and the average age of remand prisoners was 34.0 years. Approximately 10 per cent of sentenced prisoners were under 25 years old and 15 per cent were aged 50 or over. About 23 per cent of remand prisoners were under 25 years old.

The proportion of first-time sentenced prisoners has risen from 37 to 46 per cent in the past ten years. In 2024, over a fourth of the sentenced prisoners (26%) were serving their third to seventh sentence and 15 per cent were in prison at least for the eighth time.

In 2024, there were on average 284 female prisoners, who made up about 8.5 per cent of all prisoners. The average age of sentenced female prisoners was 38.2 years. Almost half (45%) of them were sentenced for violent offences.

The number of foreign prisoners has increased over the past couple of years. In 2024, the average daily number of foreign prisoners reached an all-time high (687) with approximately 130 more than in the year before. Nearly half (46%) of foreign prisoners were remand prisoners.

According to the prisoner structure survey of 2024, 13 per cent of the foreign prisoners were Estonian, 10 per cent were Iraqis, and 7 per cent were Romanian. All in all, foreign prisoners represented 72 different nationalities. Half of foreign sentenced prisoners were convicted of narcotics offences (49%).

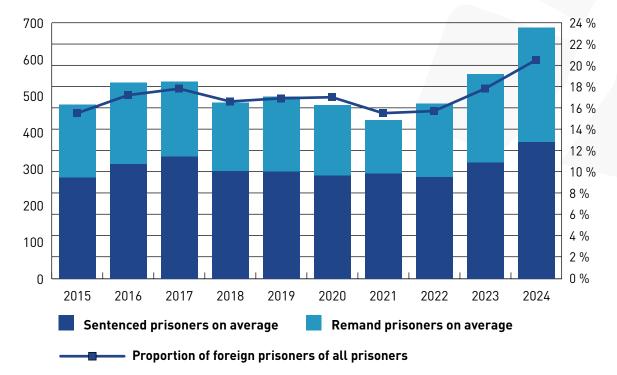


Figure 4. Average number of foreign sentenced and remand prisoners and their proportion of the average number of all prisoners in 2015–2024

2.3 Order and safety

In 2024, 86 per cent of a total of 20 410 submitted prison leave applications were granted, which was slightly more than the year before. The conditions of prison leave were breached on 246 occasions, which is equal to 1.5 per cent of all used prison leaves. The number of violations is not fully comparable to previous years due to differences between the previous and the new offender management system introduced in 2022.

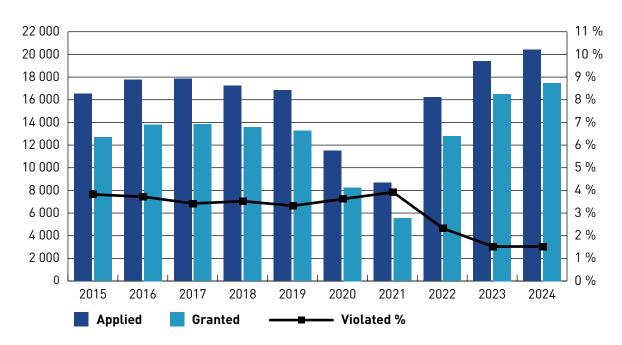


Figure 5. Prison leaves in 2015-2024

The number of escapes has declined clearly over the past ten years. In 2024, there were under five escapes. Most of the escapes happen outside the prison walls, for example from job sites outside the gated areas or from prison officers or other authorities escorting prisoners. In 2024, no prisoners escaped from inside prison walls.

The cases of unauthorised leave from open prisons are not included in the statistics as escapes. Over the past ten years, the highest number of unauthorised leave cases was 75 in 2021. In 2024, there were 64 instances of prisoners leaving open prisons without authorisation.

2.4 Prisoner activities

Prisoner activities consist of work, education, and other activities organised or approved by the prison. Different work activities, such as forestry work, environmental maintenance, building, cleaning or textile work, cover just under a third of the prisoners' use of time.

The education of prisoners is equivalent to that provided in the general education system. Education in the prisons is organised in cooperation with outside education institutions. Prisons offer preparatory training, general education (i.e., basic education and general upper secondary education) and vocational upper secondary education and training.

Prisoners may be granted permission to complete higher education studies as distance learning. In 2024, education formed 11 per cent of the prisoners' overall

use of time. The proportion of prisoners taking part in other activities, such as substance abuse rehabilitation programmes, programmes aimed to reduce recidivism, and other social rehabilitation programmes, was 7 per cent of the use of time. The proportion of prisoner activities of the weekly working hours was about 46 per cent. About 54 per cent of the weekly working hours was so-called passive time, such as sick leave, transfers, court appearances or prison leave.

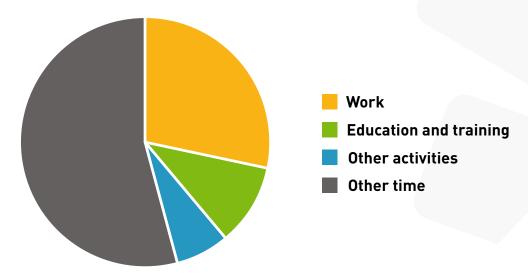


Figure 6. Breakdown of prisoners' use of time on weekdays in 2024

2.5 Recidivism among released sentenced prisoners

Recidivism among released sentenced prisoners stayed steady during the period included in the statistics (prisoners released between 2009 and 2019). During a five-year follow-up period, 62 per cent of sentenced prisoners released in 2019 committed at least one offence resulting in a new sentence of unconditional prison sentence or community service. In comparison with the previous statistical year, recidivism increased slightly when analysed by gender, age and number of previous prison terms. The biggest change was in the recidivism of prisoners, who were 40–49 years old when released from prison (+7 percentage points).

During the past four statistical years, the recidivism rates were influenced by slower court processes and several statutory restrictions on the commencement of prison sentences due to the COVID-19 pandemic. The recidivism of female prisoners (51%) increased by six percentage points since the previous statistical year. Recidivism among prisoners, who had been released from prison the third, fourth or fifth time (67%) dropped by four percentage points compared with those released in 2018. In other categories of previous prison sentences, recidivism increased.

The key indicators of recidivism are criminal history and age: offenders, who have been in prison several times, are at high risk to reoffend and young offenders are more likely to return to prison than older ones.

3 Probation services

3.1 Number of persons sentenced to community sanctions

The average daily number of persons sentenced to community sanctions started to rise in 2019 after a downward trend that had lasted over ten years. Due to the introduction of the new offender management system in 2022, the method for calculating the number of persons sentenced to community sanctions was changed, making comparisons with previous years' averages impossible. The change in the calculation method is linked to differences in the structure of the old and new offender management systems and in the point of time when the processes of enforcement of community sanctions are considered to begin. According to the new definition, persons sentenced to community sanctions are either in the preparation phase of the enforcement process or in the enforcement phase serving their sentence. Enforcements that are postponed or suspended are not included in the calculation. The impact of the change in the calculation method varies depending on the type of sanction.

The actual average number of persons sentenced to community sanctions is estimated to have increased by 9 per cent between 2021 and 2022. Between 2022 and 2023, the average continued to rise noticeably (+8%). The upward trend continued in 2024 (+4%), even though the number of new enforced community sanctions declined for the second consecutive year and the number of ended community sanctions started to rise. It was not possible to calculate the number of sanctions completed in 2022 reliably due to, among other things, overlapping data in the old and new offender management system.

In 2024, the average number of persons sentenced to community service was 1 721. The increase was 2 per cent compared with the previous year. For the first time, the proportion of persons in the preparation phase of all sentenced persons fell below 50 per cent, which was a positive indicator of the progress of enforced sentences. The number of ended community service sentences (1 608), which increased by 8 per cent compared with 2023, also suggests that the processes have become more efficient. The number of new enforced community service sentences (1 810) remained at the same level as the previous year. In contrast, the number of requested suitability assessments for community service (3 703) decreased by around 8 per cent.

For monitoring sentences, all statistics, except for conversions into imprisonment, showed a downward trend in the past year. The number of persons serving a monitoring sentence at the end of 2024 (84) was a third lower than a year earlier and the number of new monitoring sentences enforced during the year (170) was also exceptionally low. Requests for suitability assessments for monitoring sentence dropped by as much as 22 per cent. Although the proportion of positive statements remained at a normal level (60%), the total number of positive statements (191) fell

to its lowest level in the ten-year follow-up period, which indicates a likely continued decline in the number of persons sentenced to a monitoring sentence in the coming years. The proportion of ended monitoring sentences converted into imprisonment (21%) rose sharply compared with previous years.

The average number of persons sentenced to conditional imprisonment with supervision was 15 per cent higher than in 2023. The increase was entirely due to a rise in the number of supervised young persons in the enforcement phase serving their sentence. The average number of supervised persons sentenced for offences committed after the age of 21 was 32, which stayed at the same level as in the previous year, representing less than 5 per cent of all supervised persons. Juvenile punishment statistics increased across the board, although the total number remained very low. In 2024, the average number of persons serving juvenile punishment was ten nationwide.

In 2024, an average of 1 404 parolees (also known as conditional released prisoners) were subject to supervision daily, which was 4 per cent more than in 2023. Approximately one-quarter (346) of these were in the preparation phase. The average number of parolees released under supervision has remained stable at around 1 050 throughout the 2020s, despite significant yearly fluctuations in the number of parole supervision cases in preparation. In 2024, a total of 805 new supervisions were prepared. This figure has been declining since peaking in 2022.

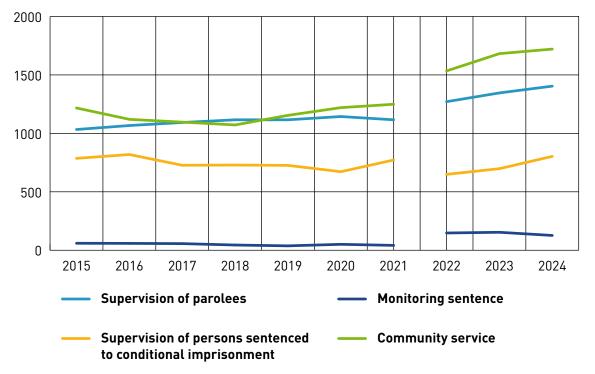


Figure 7. Average daily number of persons sentenced to community sanctions in 2015–2024

The calculation of the number of persons sentenced to community sanctions changed in 2022 due to the new offender management system. A comparison with the average numbers of the previous years is not possible.

3.2 Background information on persons sentenced to community sanctions

The background information reported in the Statistical Yearbook 2023 has been corrected in this publication as a result of technical improvements in the knowledge base. Most of the corrections concern information on supervised parolees, where significant gaps had previously existed.

The most common principal offence of persons sentenced to community service was driving while intoxicated. In both the 2023 and 2024 client structure surveys (on 1 May), the proportion of those sentenced for driving while intoxicated was 41 per cent. In 2024, the next most common principal offences were offences against property (19%) and offences against life and health (14%).

Driving while intoxicated was also the most common principal offence among persons serving a monitoring sentence, accounting for 46 per cent in 2024. The proportion of persons sentenced for offences against life and health (14%) had increased compared with the previous year. In earlier years, refusing military service or non-military service – classified under other offences in the statistics – was a common offence leading to a monitoring sentence. However, in the 2024 survey, it was the principal offence for only 11 per cent of the sentenced persons.

Among persons sentenced to conditional imprisonment with supervision, the proportion sentenced for offences against property rose to a third in 2024. Similarly, the proportion sentenced for offences against life and health increased to 27 per cent. Assault was by far the most common offence in this category, accounting for 67 per cent (n = 147). The proportion of those sentenced for narcotics offences (14%) continued to decline and was down by six percentage points compared with 2019.

The most common principal offences among supervised parolees were clearly offences against life and health, comprising 35 per cent (n = 453) of supervised parolees in May 2024. The most common offences in this category were aggravated assault (n = 168) and attempted murder (n = 162). The next largest categories were offences against property (26%) and narcotics offences (23%). The proportion of those sentenced for sexual offences rose to 13 per cent over the six-year follow-up period.

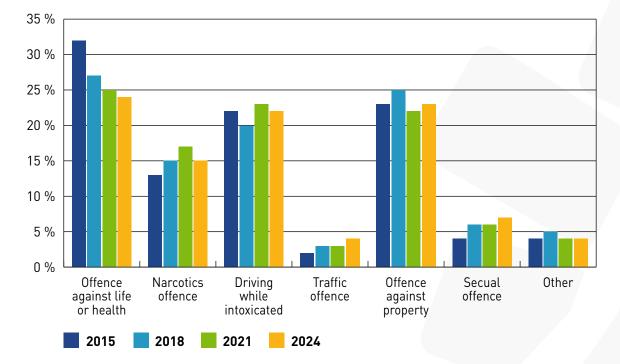


Figure 8. Principal offence of persons sentenced to community sanctions on 1 May in 2015, 2018, 2021 and 2024 (%)

There was no significant change in the age distribution of persons sentenced to community sanctions based on the 2024 survey. The combined proportion of persons aged 21 to 49 remained dominant, accounting for over 70 per cent of all persons sentenced to community sanctions. A total of 539 persons sentenced to community sanctions (13%) were under the age of 21. Compared with the previous year, the most notable increase was in the 30–39 age group, which accounted for 24 per cent (n = 947). The proportion of those aged over 50 was 16 per cent.

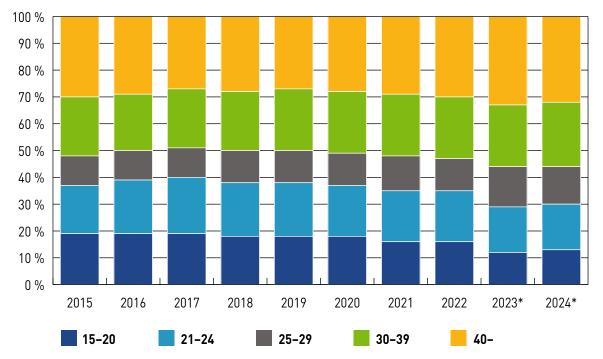


Figure 9. Age distribution of persons sentenced to community sanctions on 1 May in 2015–2024 (%) vuosina 2015–2024 (%)

From 2023 onwards, age distributions have been calculated based on the total number of persons, meaning that persons serving several different types of sanctions simultaneously are counted only once.

The proportion of women sentenced to community sanctions has remained stable at 11–12 per cent for over a decade. In the 2024 survey, there were 474 (12%) women. The highest proportion of women was among those sentenced to conditional imprisonment with supervision (14%), while the lowest proportions were in monitoring sentence and supervised parole (7–8%).

Only a small proportion of persons serving community sanctions are foreign nationals. In the survey of 1 May 2024, a total of 302 persons (8%) were non-Finnish nationals. They represented 50 different nationalities, but there were five or more sentenced persons from only ten countries. The largest groups were Estonians (n = 69) and Iraqis (n = 47), who together accounted for 38 per cent of all foreign nationals.

3.3 Social situation of people sentenced to community sanctions

A typical socio-economic status of persons sentenced to community sanctions is unemployed. In the 2024 survey, approximately half of persons serving community sanctions were unemployed. The most notable change was in monitoring sentence, where the proportion of unemployed rose from 39 to 51 per cent. The highest proportion of employed persons was among those sentenced to community service (33%), while the highest proportion of students was among those sentenced to conditional imprisonment with supervision (29%).

The housing situation of sentenced persons has improved over the last ten years, though the proportion of those without permanent accommodation remains relatively high. According to the survey of 1 May 2024, 15 per cent (n = 594) of all persons sentenced to community sanctions were homeless or living in temporary accommodation, institutions or dormitories. The highest proportions were among supervised persons sentenced to conditional imprisonment and supervised parolees, both at 26 per cent. There was a clear increase in the number of supervised parolees living in temporary accommodation compared with 2023. The housing situation of those sentenced to community service or monitoring sentence remained at a good level, with over 90 per cent having permanent accommodation.

Tables: Prison services

Table 1. Prisoners in prisons according to gender, prisoner group and prison type in 2024

	Sentenced prisoners	Fine default prisoners	Remand prisoners	Men	Women	Total
At the beginning of the year						
All prisons	2 325	63	778	2 910	256	3 166
Closed prisons	1 261	61	778	1 943	157	2 100
Open prisons	1 064	2	0	967	99	1 066
At the end of the year						
All prisons	2 500	32	874	3 132	274	3 406
Closed prisons	1 366	31	874	2 113	158	2 271
Open prisons	1 134	1	0	1 019	116	1 135

Table 2. Average daily number of prisoners according to prisoner group in 2015–2024

Year	Sentenced prisoners	Fine default prisoners	Remand prisoners	Total	Women	Proportion of women of all prisoners
2015	2 419	52	597	3 068	231	7,5
2016	2 478	57	585	3 120	229	7,3
2017	2 383	55	597	3 035	230	7,6
2018	2 304	59	547	2 910	218	7,5
2019	2 247	66	639	2 952	228	7,7
2020	2 104	63	632	2 800	233	8,3
2021	2 187	20	603	2 809	214	7,6
2022	2 281	106	669	3 056	234	7,7
2023	2 341	99	703	3 143	256	8,1
2024	2 499	75	782	3 356	284	8,5

Table 3. Average number of under 21-year-old remand and sentenced prisoners in 2015–2024

Year	15-17-year-olds	18-20-year-olds	Under 21-year- olds in total	All prisoners	Proportion of young prisoners of all prisoners
2015	8	73	81	3 068	2,6
2016	9	80	89	3 120	2,9
2017	10	85	95	3 035	3,1
2018	5	78	83	2 910	2,9
2019	7	76	83	2 952	2,8
2020	7	79	86	2 800	3,1
2021	11	69	80	2 809	2,8
2022	8	80	88	3 056	2,9
2023	14	95	109	3 143	3,5
2024	16	107	123	3 356	3,7

Table 4. Persons arriving at prison from freedom according to prisoner
group, gender and prison type in 2024

	Closed prisons	Open prisons	Men	Women	15-17- year- olds	18-20- year- olds	over 21-year- olds	Total
Sentenced prisoners	1 648	446	1 882	212	8	29	2 057	2 094
Fine default prisoners	1 851	31	1 498	384	0	25	1 857	1 882
Remand prisoners	2 379	-	2 129	250	82	305	1 992	2 379
Total	5 878	477	5 509	846	90	359	5 906	6 355

Table 5. Persons arriving at prison from freedom according to prisoner group in 2015–2024

Year	Sentenced prisoners		Fine default prisoners		Remand prisoners		Total	
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
2015	2 453	196	1 203	160	2 015	194	5 671	550
2016	2 439	214	1 344	212	1 949	184	5 732	610
2017	2 233	169	1 251	200	1 917	166	5 401	535
2018	2 325	188	1 321	209	1 900	188	5 546	585
2019	2 302	186	1 472	256	2 160	218	5 934	660
2020	1 797	159	1 221	230	2 260	228	5 278	617
2021	1 904	176	290	60	2 100	212	4 294	448
2022	2 041	200	1 910	389	2 019	207	5 970	796
2023	1 922	193	2 347	446	2 192	223	6 461	862
2024	2 094	212	1 882	250	2 379	384	6 355	846

Table 6. Released prisoners according to grounds for release, gender and prison type in 2024

	Closed prisons	Open prisons	Men	Women	Total
Released prisoners in total	4 575	1 480	5 226	829	6 055
1. Sentence served completely	1 719	60	1 401	378	1 779
2. Pardoned from further serving of sentence	0	0	0	0	0
3. Released on parole	1 377	1 414	2 530	261	2 791
4. Released from remand imprisonment	1 468	-	1 280	188	1 468
- Imposed an intensified travel ban	70	-	57	13	70
5. Other grounds	11	6	15	2	17
Dead	3	1	4	0	4
Transferred to another country	42	10	51	1	52

Table 7. Released sentenced prisoners according to served prison term, gender and prison type in 2024

Served sentence term	Closed prisons	Open prisons	Men	Women	Total
Under 1 month	235	143	334	44	378
Over 1 month to 2 months	298	187	437	48	485
Over 2 months to 3 months	138	100	218	20	238
Over 3 months to 6 months	208	186	349	45	394
Over 6 months to 12 months	212	270	445	37	482
Over 1 year to 2 years	164	304	414	54	468
Over 2 years	136	233	354	15	369
Total	1 391	1 423	2 551	263	2 814

Table 8. Length of conversion sentences for unpaid fines completed in2024

Prisoners serving only conversion sentence for unpaid fines	Men	Women	Total
At most 10 days	655	154	809
11-30 days	559	166	725
31-90 days	181	58	239
Total	1 395	378	1 773

Table 9. Released prisoners according to prisoner group and gender in2015–2024

Year	Sentenced	l prisoners	Fine defaul	t prisoners	Remand	prisoners	All in	total
	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women	Total	Women
2015	3 304	278	1 167	156	1 102	130	5 573	564
2016	3 223	254	1 247	192	1 061	117	5 531	563
2017	3 198	250	1 246	207	1 132	114	5 576	571
2018	3 166	247	1 259	199	1 106	126	5 531	572
2019	3 138	237	1 389	249	1 280	143	5 807	629
2020	2 757	246	1 153	220	1 492	171	5 402	637
2021	2 581	219	290	59	1 309	173	4 180	451
2022	2 714	252	1 666	359	1 276	151	5 656	762
2023	2 701	238	2 263	455	1 339	156	6 303	849
2024	2 814	263	1 773	378	1 468	188	6 055	829

Served sentence term	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Under 1 month	14	14	13	15	14	13	12	12	12	13
Over 1 month to 2 months	19	17	17	19	18	16	16	16	17	17
Over 2 months to 3 months	9	8	9	8	9	9	9	9	9	8
Over 3 months to 6 months	14	16	15	13	14	12	16	15	16	14
Over 6 months to 12 months	16	14	15	15	14	15	13	14	16	17
Over 1 year to 2 years	19	19	21	19	18	22	19	20	18	17
Over 2 years to 4 years	7	8	9	8	8	9	10	9	9	10
Over 4 years	3	4	3	3	3	3	3	3	3	З
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
N	3 304	3 223	3 198	3 166	3 138	2 757	2 581	2 714	2 701	2 814

Table 10. Length of time served in prison by released prisoners in 2015–2024 (%)

Table 11. Prisoners released on parole in 2015–2024

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Released on parole in total	3 266	3 187	3 170	3 142	3 114	2 741	2 564	2 683	2 680	2 791
Based on the decision on the sentence term	1 969	3 172	3 151	3 125	3 098	2 720	2 549	2 674	2 671	2 778
Based on other decision*	1 297	15	16	17	16	21	15	9	9	13
Placed under supervision	720	759	794	782	817	795	718	706	712	794

* Those released based on other decision in 2015 include 1 281 prisoners released by decision of the prison director/board.

Table 12. Number of life sentence prisoners at the beginning of the year and commenced life imprisonments, released life sentence prisoners and average length of the served sentence during the year in 2015–2025

Year	Number of life sentence prisoners at the beginning of the year	Commenced life imprisonments during the year	Released life sentence prisoners	Average length of sentences served by released life sentence prisoners (years)
2015	203	15	16	13,8
2016	202	12	13	14,0
2017	200	12	15	14,6
2018	195	9	16	14,5
2019	187	10	14	14,9
2020	183	20	19	15,3
2021	182	19	14	14,2
2022	185	18	9	14,5
2023	194	7	7	16,8
2024	192	Under 5	11	16,1
2025	186	_	_	_

Year	Started	Ended	Cancelled	Cancelled of ended (%)	In probationary liberty on average daily	Average length of probationary liberty (days)
2015	702	657	104	16	209	108
2016	690	687	123	18	203	110
2017	754	774	125	16	214	104
2018	749	754	146	19	207	99
2019	854	795	137	17	216	97
2020	828	871	154	18	227	97
2021	856	819	157	19	213	92
2022	756	773	153	20	208	104
2023	757	736	143	19	206	104
2024	800	789	141	18	224	109

 Table 13. Probationary liberty under supervision in 2015–2024

Table 14. Principal offence of sentenced prisoners on 1 May in 2015–2024 (%)

All	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Robbery	7	9	8	8	9	9	8	9	12	13
Theft	10	10	10	9	9	7	8	8	6	5
Other offence against property	7	8	8	9	8	7	7	6	7	6
Homicide	24	21	21	20	21	23	22	21	21	20
Other violent offence	17	17	17	17	16	16	16	16	13	13
Sexual offence	5	5	7	6	6	7	7	8	8	9
Narcotics offence	19	19	20	21	21	23	22	22	23	23
Driving while intoxicated	8	8	7	8	8	6	9	8	5	4
Other offence	2	2	2	2	3	2	3	3	5	6
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Ν	2 513	2 498	2 423	2 365	2 260	2 089	2 215	2 362	2 346	2 508

Women	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Robbery	4	4	5	4	7	11	7	7	10	13
Theft	7	10	12	9	8	9	9	5	9	6
Other offence against property	8	12	12	14	14	14	11	13	17	13
Homicide	33	32	28	26	27	24	26	26	27	29
Other violent offence	18	16	17	18	16	16	17	15	12	16
Sexual offence	1	1	1	2	1	2	3	2	2	2
Narcotics offence	21	19	20	18	16	17	16	21	13	17
Driving while intoxicated	5	4	2	5	9	4	7	6	6	2
Other offence	3	2	3	4	1	2	4	4	5	2
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Ν	181	167	181	174	164	161	167	175	174	205

All	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
15–20	2	1	2	2	2	2	2	2	2	2
21–24	8	8	8	9	9	9	9	8	8	8
25-29	16	17	17	17	18	18	18	18	17	19
30-39	36	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	34
40-49	22	22	23	21	21	21	21	21	23	22
50-	16	16	15	16	15	15	16	15	14	15
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Ν	2 513	2 498	2 423	2 365	2 260	2 089	2 215	2 362	2 346	2 508

Table 15. Age groups of sentenced prisoners on 1 May in 2015–2024 (%)

Women	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
15–20	1	2	2	1	2	3	2	0	2	2
21–24	7	10	12	5	9	7	5	5	6	8
25–29	16	14	14	18	18	19	16	14	14	18
30-39	31	33	29	33	31	39	31	39	34	30
40-49	24	20	24	25	23	18	27	22	25	23
50-	20	22	20	17	17	14	20	19	20	19
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
N	181	167	181	174	164	161	167	175	174	205

Table 16. Calculated length of time served in prison by sentenced prisoners on 1 May in 2015–2024 (%)

All	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
< 3 months	8	7	6	7	8	3	7	8	7	6
3 < 6 months	8	9	8	7	8	7	7	10	8	8
6 < 12 months	14	14	13	14	13	13	14	17	17	18
1 < 2 years	27	27	27	28	27	30	27	30	29	28
2 < 4 years	20	20	22	21	21	23	22	19	21	22
4 < 8 years	13	13	13	12	12	13	13	8	8	9
8 > years	10	10	10	10	10	11	10	9	9	9
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Ν	2 466	2 456	2 385	2 324	2 213	2 043	2 153	2 294	2 295	2 472

Women	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
< 3 months	7	7	6	8	10	3	9	9	8	7
3 < 6 months	10	7	8	6	8	4	7	11	9	11
6 < 12 months	12	16	17	15	16	15	16	18	24	19
1 < 2 years	28	30	27	29	31	42	34	33	29	31
2 < 4 years	18	17	18	21	15	17	14	14	16	19
4 < 8 years	16	13	14	12	10	10	12	8	6	5
8 > years	8	10	9	9	9	10	9	8	8	8
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Ν	179	166	179	173	160	154	161	169	170	202

* The table excludes prisoners whose sentence term had not yet been calculated or who were at large.

All	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1st time	37	36	38	39	38	42	41	41	43	46
2nd time	13	13	14	14	15	14	14	14	13	13
3rd–7th time	32	32	31	30	30	28	28	28	27	26
8th– time	18	19	18	17	17	16	17	17	17	15
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
N	2 512	2 494	2 421	2 364	2 260	2 088	2 215	2 361	2 346	2 508

Table 17. Number of sentenced prisoners' previous prison sentences on 1 May in 2015–2024 (%)

Women	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
1st time	56	53	54	51	53	62	57	63	56	58
2nd time	14	15	13	14	14	14	13	10	11	11
3rd–7th time	23	24	20	26	25	18	20	21	24	23
8th– time	7	8	13	9	8	6	10	5	9	8
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
N	181	167	181	174	164	161	167	175	174	205

Table 18. Average number of foreign prisoners according to prisoner group and their proportion of all prisoners in 2015–2024

Year	Foreign prisoners serving a sentence	Foreign remand prisoners	Foreign prisoners in total	All prisoners	Proportion of foreign prisoners of all prisoners
2015	277	200	477	3 068	15,5
2016	314	223	537	3 120	17,2
2017	334	206	540	3 035	17,8
2018	295	187	482	2 910	16,6
2019	293	206	499	2 952	16,9
2020	282	193	475	2 800	17,0
2021	288	146	434	2 809	15,5
2022	279	201	480	3 056	15,7
2023	318	242	560	3 143	17,8
2024	374	313	687	3 356	20,5

Table 19. Principal offence of foreign sentenced prisoners on 1 May in 2015–2024 (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Robbery	5	6	5	7	5	3	4	4	5	6
Theft	15	12	7	7	13	8	6	5	8	4
Other offence against property	3	3	3	3	2	3	2	3	4	2
Homicide	11	10	10	10	10	10	11	15	10	9
Other violent offence	6	7	10	9	9	8	8	7	7	5
Sexual offence	10	6	14	9	11	15	14	12	16	20
Narcotics offence	46	50	46	49	44	49	50	48	42	49
Driving while intoxicated	1	5	3	4	4	2	4	2	5	1
Other offences	2	3	2	2	1	3	2	3	4	5
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Ν	294	307	324	306	292	279	292	268	308	343

Table 20. Nationalities of foreign prisoners on 1 May 2024

Prisoners in total	639
Nationalities in total	72

Largest nationality groups	
Estonia	83
Iraq	63
Romania	42
Albania	37
Sweden	36
Lithuania	33
Netherlands	26
Latvia	24
Somalia	24
Gambia	20
Russia	19
Iran	15
Syria	13
Afghanistan	12
Ukraine	11
Spain	9
Morocco	8
Poland	7
Türkiye	7

Other nationalities,	150 prisoners in total	
Algeria	Dem. Rep. of the Congo	Sierra Leone
Angola	Greece	Slovakia
Australia	Croatia	Sri Lanka
Belgium	Liberia	Sudan
Bosnia and Herzegovina	Libya	Tanzania
Bulgaria	Malaysia	Denmark
Egypt	Mexico	Thailand
Eritrea	Montenegro	Czechia
Philippines	Myanmar	Tunisia
Georgia	Niger	Uganda
Ghana	Nigeria	Hungary
lceland	Norway	Belarus
Israel	Pakistan	Vietnam
Italy	Portugal	United Kingdom
Yemen	France	United States
Cameroon	Rwanda	
Canada	Germany	
China	Senegal	
Colombia	Serbia	

Year	Applied	Grai	nted	Revoked		Used		Compli condi		Violated conditions	
	N	Ν	%	N	%	Ν	%	N	%	N	%
2015	16 550	12 708	76,8	405	3,2	12 303	96,8	11 832	96,2	471	3,8
2016	17 776	13 813	77,7	465	3,4	13 348	96,6	12 857	96,3	491	3,7
2017	17 852	13 844	77,5	464	3,4	13 380	96,6	12 926	96,6	454	3,4
2018	17 243	13 557	78,6	390	2,9	13 167	97,1	12 701	96,5	466	3,5
2019	16 845	13 248	78,6	481	3,6	12 767	96,4	12 349	96,7	418	3,3
2020	11 499	8 258	71,8	477	5,8	7 781	94,2	7 503	96,4	278	3,6
2021	8 658	5 551	64,1	361	6,5	5 190	93,5	4 988	96,1	202	3,9
2022	16 205	12 775	78,8	841	6,6	11 934	93,4	11 654	97,7	280	2,3
2023	19 421	16 509	85,0	1 127	6,8	15 382	93,2	15 147	98,5	235	1,5
2024	20 410	17 482	85,7	1 177	6,7	16 305	93,3	16 059	98,5	246	1,5

Table 21. Prison leaves in 2015-2024

 Table 22. Escapes and unauthorised leaves in 2015–2024

Year	Escapes in total	Escapes from closed prisons	Escapes from inside prison walls	Unauthorised leaves from open prisons	Unauthorised leaves from rehabilitation institutions
2015	10	8	2	42	29
2016	10	9	4	55	9
2017	8	7	5	63	10
2018	11	5	1	52	8
2019	6	3	1	38	7
2020	7	5	2	73	8
2021	4	4	1	75	18
2022	13	11	5	60	22
2023	8	4	1	60	15
2024	1	1	0	64	15

	Dai	ily averag	e number	of prison	ers	Senter	nced perso	ons arrivi	ng at priso	on from fr	eedom	Released from pris- ons	Prisons on 31 Decem- ber		e prisoner Ices
Year	Total	Women	Fine default prison- ers	Re- mand prison- ers	Foreign prison- ers	Total		tenced oners	As fine default prison- ers	As rema on	ind pris- ers			In all prisons	Closed prisons (%)
							Total	Under 21- year- olds		Total	Under 21- year- olds				
1985	4 411	137	113	500	15	9 307	5 277	408	1 161	2 846	672	9 516	18	4 693	74
1986	4 219	126	132	510	11	9 216	5 010	297	1 337	2 867	402	9 240	18	4 738	72
1987	4 175	127	66	468	12	9 467	5 392	285	1 429	2 646	438	9 744	19	4 716	75
1988	3 972	125	91	421	11	9 379	5 096	260	1 821	2 462	382	9 707	21	4 700	75
1989	3 389	112	98	350	11	8 648	5 237	292	1 720	1 691	205	9 272	21	4 739	75
1990	3 441	109	95	372	20	8 831	5 349	201	1 556	1 926	325	8 561	21	4 214	73
1991	3 467	110	137	293	28	8 874	5 411	232	2 016	1 447	247	9 183	22	4 210	71
1992	3 511	110	189	263	43	9 851	5 769	268	2 557	1 525	248	9 755	23	4 220	72
1993	3 421	119	245	248	48	9 435	5 055	234	2 944	1 436	274	9 593	24	4 286	73
1994	3 275	122	221	259	57	8 711	4 424	205	2 661	1 626	306	8 984	25	4 102	72
1995	3 248	133	173	289	73	7 755	3 910	169	2 273	1 572	298	7 661	24	4 095	69
1996	3 197	149	132	300	94	6 594	3 254	172	1 703	1 637	279	7 028	24	3 907	71
1997	2 974	144	119	295	116	6 201	2 937	134	1 671	1 593	205	6 314	24	3 827	71
1998	2 809	140	96	292	130	5 803	2 982	120	1 318	1 503	198	5 883	23	3 508	71
1999	2 743	126	102	354	138	5 838	2 858	113	1 391	1 589	145	5 972	23	3 494	71
2000	2 855	144	121	376	173	6 561	3 312	122	1 581	1 668	220	6 272	22	3 357	71
2001	3 135	159	149	457	248	6 832	3 248	184	1 698	1 886	278	6 516	22	3 399	71
2002	3 433	204	190	478	293	7 451	3 452	106	2 156	1 843	219	7 245	22	3 437	72
2003	3 578	205	198	492	291	7 654	3 520	123	2 223	1 911	211	7 511	21	3 286	76
2004	3 577	206	81	473	284	6 575	3 863	129	867	1 845	189	6 322	21	3 479	72
2005	3 888	242	179	519	282	7 552	3 779	95	1 843	1 930	178	7 063	21	3 460	73
2006	3 778	246	189	463	306	7 292	3 496	72	2 098	1 698	155	7 672	26	3 607	71
2007	3 551	244	134	506	307	7 303	3 568	57	1 856	1 879	177	7 352	26	3 540	71
2008	3 526	232	121	559	325	7 321	3 539	88	1 852	1 930	224	7 196	26	3 517	72
2009	3 492	246	83	569	370	7 059	3 469	104	1 627	1 963	180	7 246	26	3 298	70
2010	3 291	246	57	599	394	6 545	3 244	83	1 303	1 998	186	6 506	28	3 113	67
2011	3 262	234	53	598	444	6 436	3 097	80	1 277	2 062	200	6 358	27	3 092	67
2012	3 236	224	49	626	470	6 066	2 744	65	1 135	2 187	215	6 073	26	3 089	71
2013	3 175	242	48	578	464	5 809	2 640	54	1 179	1 990	187	5 851	26	3 089	70
2014	3 097	239	52	619	483	5 749	2 525	52	1 244	1 980	198	5 700	26	3 083	69
2015	3 086	231	52	597	477	5 671	2 453	42	1 203	2 015	206	5 573	26	3 007	70
2016	3 120	229	57	585	537	5 732	2 439	37	1 344	1 949	200	5 531	26	2 959	67
2017	3 035	230	55	597	540	5 401	2 234	44	1 251	1 916	190	5 576	26	2 922	66
2018	2 910	218	59	547	482	5 546	2 325	42	1 321	1 900	164	5 531	26	2 975	67
2019	2 952	228	66	639	499	5 934	2 302	40	1 472	2 160	206	5 807	26	2 878	68
2020	2 800	233	63	632	475	5 278	1 797	27	1 221	2 260	231	5 402	26	2 997	68
2021	2 809	214	20	603	434	4 294	1 904	24	290	2 100	232	4 180	26	3 011	67
2022	3 056	234	106	669	480	5 970	2 041	22	1 910	2 019	238	5 656	28	2 991	67
2023	3 143	256	99	703	560	6 461	1 922	35	2 347	2 192	304	6 303	28	2 958	67
2024	3 356	284	75	782	687	6 355	2 094	37	1 882	2 379	387	6 055	28	2 978	67

Table 23. Prisoners and prisons in 1985–2024

Table 24. Recidivism of sentenced prisoners released in 2010–2019 (%) within a five-year follow-up period according to gender, age and previous prison sentences

		2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Gender	Total	59	61	58	58	57	58	59	58	60	62
	Men	60	61	59	59	58	60	60	59	61	62
	Women	50	51	46	46	44	44	50	42	45	51
Age when released	15 < 21	78	87	74	75	91	79	83	72	74	74
	21 < 30	70	68	67	70	66	66	70	65	68	69
	30 < 40	65	65	60	62	59	63	64	63	65	64
	40 < 50	50	55	51	50	51	52	53	53	53	60
	50-	35	39	38	34	35	39	33	34	38	38
Previous prison sentences	1	41	41	36	38	36	37	42	37	41	43
	2	60	59	57	60	55	56	52	56	54	59
	3–5	66	68	69	68	65	66	67	63	71	67
	6-	73	75	74	73	75	78	74	75	76	80
Total N		3 915	3 659	3 456	3 304	3 098	3 035	2 952	2 890	2 857	2 820

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Table 25. Average daily number of persons sentenced to communitysanctions in 2015–2024

Year	Community service	Monitoring sentence	Supervision of persons sentenced to con- ditional imprison- ment*	Juvenile punishment	Supervision of parolees	Supervision of persons sentenced to com- bination sentence	Persons in total
2015	1 217	48	786	9	1 033		3 093
2016	1 120	47	819	9	1 067		3 061
2017	1 096	45	727	7	1 093		2 967
2018	1 072	33	729	8	1 116		2 959
2019	1 154	26	726	9	1 116		3 031
2020	1 220	39	674	6	1 144		3 083
2021	1 249	30	772	8	1 116		3 174
2022**	1 534	136	649	7	1 271	Under 5	3 502
2023**	1 682	142	698	7	1 346	Under 5	3 785
2024**	1 721	115	803	10	1 404	6	3 941

* As from 2020, this also includes supervised adults sentenced to conditional imprisonment.

** The calculation of the number of persons sentenced to community sanctions changed in 2022 due to the new offender management system. A comparison with the average numbers of the previous years is not possible.

Table 26. Enforcement of community service in 2015–2024

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	2023	2024
Requested suitability assessments	4 037	3 858	3 850	4 057	3 872	4 190	4 228	3 868	4 008	3 703
Prepared suitability assessments**	3 136	2 990	3 067	3 095	2 912	3 184	3 203	2 763	2 936	2 896
Given positive statements	2 744	2 602	2 600	2 574	2 436	2 679	2 672	2 316	2 414	2 395
Given positive statements (%)	88	87	85	83	84	84	83	84	82	83
New enforced community service sentences	2 329	2 037	1 938	2 009	1 930	1 752	2 004	1 888	1 829	1 810
Completed community service sentences	1 832	1 643	1 489	1 436	1 445	1 166	1 437		1 293	1 392
Ended community service sentences***	2 210	2 062	1 849	1 828	1 774	1 503	1 744		1 486	1 608
Converted into imprisonment or monitoring sentence by a District Court's decision	326	359	321	343	280	294	246		190	214
Proportion of ended sentences (%)	15	17	17	19	16	20	14		13	13
Served community service hours in a year	173 658	151 396	140 408	136 865	143 786	118 345	145 650	131 214	125 948	138 993
Persons sentenced to communi- ty service (31 December)	1 127	1 021	1 015	1 039	1 128	1 175	1 177	1 639	1 677	1 652
Daily average of persons sentenced to community service	1 217	1 120	1 096	1 072	1 154	1 220	1 249	1 534	1 682	1 721

* The statistics of 2022 are incomplete because of the offender management system reform of the Prison and Probation Service.

** Does not include cases where it was not possible to prepare a statement.

*** Ended community service sentences include completed and converted sentences, deaths, and other (the court has regarded the enforcement to be completed).

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	2023	2024
Requested suitability assessments	828	704	654	700	735	620	620	623	606	474
Prepared suitability assessments**	573	538	465	497	538	464	472	416	377	319
Given positive statements	340	328	299	297	325	271	294	271	234	191
Given positive statements (%)	59	61	64	60	60	58	62	65	62	60
New enforced monitoring sentences	270	261	246	207	197	188	190	235	215	170
Ended monitoring sentences	221	241	224	177	157	164	149		181	152
Converted into imprison- ment by a District Court's decision	21	33	26	25	23	20	13		23	32
Proportion of ended sentences (%)	10	14	12	14	15	12	9		13	21
Average length of served time (days)	63	60	62	55	47	50	65		66	53
Persons sentenced to monitoring sentence (31 December)	51	34	32	26	22	37	30	154	127	84
Daily average of persons sentenced to monitoring sentence	48	47	45	33	26	39	30	136	142	115

Table 27. Enforcement of monitoring sentence in 2015–2024

* The statistics of 2022 are incomplete because of the offender management system reform of the Prison and Probation Service.

** Does not include cases where it was not possible to prepare a statement.

Table 28. Supervision of persons sentenced to conditional imprisonment in2015–2024

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	2021*	2022**	2023	2024
New supervisions	772	707	665	700	626	684	750	738	774	697
Under supervision in total in a year	1 452	1 241	1 133	1 302	1 266	1 266	1 361		928	1 170
Supervision cancelled	23	27	26	21	14	7	16		12	36
Supervision period ended	624	699	647	532	605	592	564		541	494
Probationary period ended	40	23	23	26	23	16	17		0	0
Under supervision on 31 December	795	762	715	743	687	714	796	655	762	813
Daily average of supervised persons	786	819	727	729	726	674	772	649	698	803

* As from 2020, this also includes supervised adults sentenced to conditional imprisonment.

** The statistics of 2022 are incomplete because of the offender management system reform of the Prison and Probation Service.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	2023	2024
New enforced juvenile punishments	8	6	5	11	7	7	10	11	8	13
Completed juvenile punishments	6	5	7	4	6	5	5		5	8
Daily average of persons serving juvenile punishment	9	9	7	8	9	6	8	7	7	10

Table 29. Enforcement of juvenile punishment in 2015–2024

* The statistics of 2022 are incomplete because of the offender management system reform of the Prison and Probation Service.

	2015	2017	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	2022	2027
	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022*	2023	2024
New supervisions in a year	733	762	750	785	817	774	711	940	864	805
Under supervision in total in a year	1 710	1 558	1 588	1 761	1 796	1 796	1 754		1 444	1 526
Supervision cancelled	122	119	117	97	124	92	101		149	161
Probationary period ended	597	583	591	635	653	636	648		571	551
Under supervision on 31 December	1 023	1 043	1 097	1 108	1 114	1 136	1 054	1 259	1 392	1 432
Daily average of supervised persons	1 033	1 067	1 093	1 116	1 116	1 144	1 116	1 271	1 346	1 404

* The statistics of 2022 are incomplete because of the offender management system reform of the Prison and Probation Service.

Table 31. Principal offence of persons sentenced to community sanctions according to sanction on 1 May in 2019–2024 (%)

			20	19			2020					
	CS	MS	SCS	JP	SP	Total	CS	MS	SCS*	JP	SP	Total
Offence against life or health	16	15	21		40	26	13		21		39	24
Narcotics offence	10	15	20	0	20	16	13		21		21	18
Driving while intoxicated	39	48	13	0	2	19	41	35	12	0	1	20
Traffic offence	4		5		1	3	4		6	0	1	3
Offence against property	23	15	31	73	24	25	22		33		24	25
Sexual offence	4	0	4	0	10	6	2	0	4	0	11	6
Other	5		7	0	3	5	4	27	4		2	4
Yhteensä	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
Ν	1 203	33	754	11	1 111	3 112	1 293	26	695	7	1 147	3 168
						2022						
			20	21					20	22		
	CS	MS	20 SCS*	21 JP	SP	Total	CS	MS	20 SCS*	22 JP	SP	Total
Offence against life or health	CS 14	MS 21	1	1	SP 39	Total 25	CS 13	MS 			SP 40	Total 25
			SCS*	JP					SCS*	JP	-	
health	14	21	SCS* 22	JP 	39	25	13		SCS* 23	JP 	40	25
health Narcotics offence	14 12	21	SCS* 22 21	JP 0	39 21	25 17	13 13		SCS* 23 18	JP 	40	25 17
health Narcotics offence Driving while intoxicated	14 12 46	21 27	SCS* 22 21 16	JP 0 	39 21 2	25 17 23	13 13 43	 30	SCS* 23 18 15	JP 	40 22 2	25 17 22
health Narcotics offence Driving while intoxicated Traffic offence	14 12 46 4	21 27 	SCS* 22 21 16 6	JP 0 0	39 21 2 1	25 17 23 3	13 13 43 5	 30 	SCS* 23 18 15 6	JP 0	40 22 2 0	25 17 22 4
health Narcotics offence Driving while intoxicated Traffic offence Offence against property	14 12 46 4 17	21 27 	SCS* 22 21 16 6 27	JP 0 0 	39 21 2 1 24	25 17 23 3 22	13 13 43 5 19	 30 11	SCS* 23 18 15 6 27	JP 0 58	40 22 2 0 22	25 17 22 4 22
health Narcotics offence Driving while intoxicated Traffic offence Offence against property Sexual offence	14 12 46 4 17 3	21 27 0	SCS* 22 21 16 6 27 2	JP 0 0 0	39 21 2 1 24 12	25 17 23 3 22 6	13 13 43 5 19 3	 30 11 0	SCS* 23 18 15 6 27 4	JP 0 58 0	40 22 2 0 22 11	25 17 22 4 22 6

			20	23			2024					
	CS	MS	SCS*	JP	SP	Total***	CS	MS	SCS*	JP	SP	Total***
Offence against life or health	14	10	25		35	22	14	14	27	0	35	24
Narcotics offence	11	9	16		24	15	11	4	14		23	15
Driving while intoxicated	41	51	11	0	1	25	41	46	10	0	1	22
Traffic offence	6	7	7	0	1	5	5	8	7	0	1	4
Offence against property	20	9	32	67	24	23	19	10	33		26	23
Sexual offence	4	0	3	0	13	6	5	0	4	0	13	7
Other	4	14	6	0	3	5	4	18	4	0	2	4
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
N**	1 707	135	651	9	920	3 349	1 780	120	807	8	1 306	3 916

* Includes supervision of adults sentenced to conditional imprisonment.

** Excludes sentenced persons who lack information on their principal offence.

*** From 2023 onwards, community sanctions in total is the number of persons sentenced to community sanctions, meaning that persons serving several different types of sanctions simultaneously are counted only once. SCS = Supervision of conditionally sentenced persons

SP = Supervision of parolees

CS = Community service

JP = Juvenile punishment

MS = Monitoring sentence

	15–17	18–20	21-24	25–29	30-39	40-49	50-	Total	N
Commur	nity service								
2015	0	3	15	15	29	21	19	100	1 229
2016	0	3	17	16	29	19	17	100	1 178
2017	0	2	13	19	28	18	19	100	1 121
2018	0	3	13	18	31	17	18	100	1 087
2019	0	3	10	18	31	20	18	100	1 203
2020	0	2	10	19	30	19	19	100	1 293
2021	0	2	11	15	29	20	23	100	1 323
2022	0	2	12	16	28	22	21	100	1 195
2023	0	2	10	17	27	22	22	100	1 719
2024	0	2	11	15	29	20	23	100	1 785
Monitori	ng sentenc	e							
2015	0	13	25	17	21	10	15	100	48
2016	0		29	25	15	21		100	48
2017	0			20	25	18	20	100	44
2018	0			24	16	16	19	100	37
2019	0				39	27		100	33
2020	0		19		19	27		100	26
2021	0			15	30	18	15	100	33
2022	0		24	20	19	26		100	54
2023	0			22	23	22	25	100	139
2024	0			22	26	25	19	100	124
Supervis	ion of pers	ons senten	ced to cond	litional imp	orisonment	*			
2015	7	57	35	1	0	0	0	100	800
2016	9	54	36	0	0	0	0	100	846
2017	9	52	39	0	0	0	0	100	748
2018	9	52	39	1	0	0	0	100	739
2019	7	53	40	0	0	0	0	100	754
2020	7	55	37	0	0	0	0	100	695
2021	8	52	39	1	0	0	1	100	761
2022	8	50	38	1	1	0	1	100	722
2023	11	44	41	2	1	1	1	100	684
2024	12	44	39	2	2	0	1	100	807

Table 32. Age distribution of persons sentenced to community sanctions according to sanction on 1 May in 2015–2024 (%)

* As from 2020, this also includes supervised adults sentenced to conditional imprisonment.

	15–17	18–20	21-24	25-29	30-39	40-49	50-	Total	N
Juvenile	punishme	nt							
2015		82		0	0	0	0	100	11
2016		78		0	0	0	0	100	9
2017			0	0	0	0	0	100	8
2018		67		0	0	0	0	100	9
2019		73		0	0	0	0	100	11
2020			0	0	0	0	0	100	7
2021			0	0	0	0	0	100	5
2022	58			0	0	0	0	100	12
2023				0	0	0	0	100	9
2024			0	0	0	0	0	100	8
Supervis	sion of paro	lees							
2015	0	4	14	13	30	22	17	100	1 067
2016	0	4	15	13	30	21	17	100	1 094
2017	0	4	14	14	30	19	19	100	1 095
2018	0	3	16	14	30	20	17	100	1 106
2019	0	4	16	15	29	19	16	100	1 111
2020	0	3	17	15	30	18	17	100	1 147
2021	0	3	16	16	29	19	16	100	1 140
2022	0	3	17	19	27	19	15	100	1 018
2023	0	5	16	19	28	17	15	100	1 342
2024	0	5	16	17	29	19	14	100	1 401

 \ast As from 2020, this also includes supervised adults sentenced to conditional imprisonment.

Table 33. Persons sentenced to community sanctions according to gender on 1 May in 2015–2024 (%)

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
Community service										
Men	1 081	1 017	969	950	1 063	1 147	1 149	1 036	1 452	1 539
Women	148	161	152	137	140	146	174	159	267	246
Total	1 229	1 178	1 121	1 087	1 203	1 293	1 323	1 195	1 719	1 785
Monitoring sentence										
Total	48	48	40	37	33	26	33	54	139	124
Supervision of person	s senten	ced to co	nditiona	l impriso	onment*					
Men	716	737	652	649	664	611	665	643	594	693
Women	84	109	96	90	90	84	96	79	90	114
Total	800	846	748	739	754	695	761	722	684	807
Juvenile punishment										
Total	11	9	8	9	11	7	5	12	9	8
Supervision of parolee	s									
Men	961	1 001	1 007	1 007	1 011	1 045	1 028	941	1 255	1 286
Women	106	93	88	99	100	102	112	77	87	115
Total	1 067	1 094	1 095	1 106	1 111	1 147	1 140	1 018	1 342	1 401
Community sanctions	in total*'	*								
Men	2 811	2 809	2 672	2 647	2 776	2 832	2 877	2 679	3 356	3 541
Women	344	366	340	331	336	336	385	322	453	474
Total	3 155	3 175	3 012	2 978	3 112	3 168	3 262	3 001	3 809	4 015
Women %	10,9	11,5	11,3	11,1	10,8	10,6	11,8	10,7	11,9	11,8

* As from 2020, includes both young persons and adults sentenced to conditional imprisonment with supervision.

** From 2023 onwards, community sanctions in total is the number of persons sentenced to community sanctions, meaning that persons serving several different types of sanctions simultaneously are counted only once.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
INCOME										
Student	6	7	8	6	6	7	6	7	6	7
Employed	23	26	27	31	31	29	27	34	36	33
Unemployed	58	57	56	54	53	54	56	48	47	47
In military service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pensioner	11	9	8	8	9	10	11	11	8	9
Other	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	0	3	4
Total	99	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
N*	1 117	1 062	860	811	865	1 036	1 034	1 104	1 574	1 644
HOUSING SITUATION										
Permanent accommodation	89	86	85	86	86	86	88	88	92	90
Dormitory	1	1	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Temporary accommodation	6	8	10	9	9	9	8	7	6	8
In prison	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1
Homeless	3	4	4	3	4	4	3	3	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
N*	1 121	1 069	866	816	866	1 035	1 034	1 102	1 559	1 651

Table 34. Socio-economic background of persons serving community service on 1 May in 2015–2024 (%)

* Excludes sentenced persons who lack the survey data.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
INCOME										
Student	15	13			15		15	15	6	9
Employed	23	27	27	35	39	31	21	43	34	26
Unemployed	42	50	52	49	33	38	55	30	39	51
In military service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pensioner	10								16	9
Other	10					0			6	5
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
N*	48	48	44	37	33	26	33	54	124	112
HOUSING SITUATION										
Permanent accommodation	94	94	95	95	94	96	91	93	95	93
Dormitory				0	0	0	0	0		0
Temporary accommodation	0									
In prison			0					· · ·		
Homeless	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
N*	48	48	44	37	32	26	33	54	119	113

Table 35. Socio-economic background of persons serving monitoring sentence on 1 May in 2015–2024 (%)

* Excludes sentenced persons who lack the survey data.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020*	2021*	2022*	2023*	2024*
INCOME										
Student	28	28	27	23	25	24	25	23	28	29
Employed	12	12	12	13	15	13	10	13	13	13
Unemployed	54	49	53	58	54	58	57	56	50	49
In military service	1	1	0	0	1	0	1	1	0	0
Pensioner	2	4	1	1	1	1	3	3	1	1
Other	4	6	7	4	4	4	4	5	8	8
Total	101	100	100	99	100	100	100	100	100	100
N**	661	729	646	583	549	535	559	593	624	736
HOUSING SITUATION										
Permanent accommodation	82	79	78	76	77	81	77	75	71	75
Dormitory	1	1	1	1	1	0	1	1	1	2
Temporary accommodation	7	7	8	8	8	6	9	8	15	11
In prison	4	7	8	7	6	5	6	8	12	13
Homeless	6	6	5	8	8	7	8	9	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
N**	669	739	648	591	557	549	575	608	624	746

Table 36. Socio-economic background of supervised persons sentenced to conditional imprisonment on 1 May in 2015–2024 (%)

* As from 2020, this also includes supervised adults sentenced to conditional imprisonment.

** Excludes sentenced persons who lack the survey data.

	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024
INCOME										
Student	9	11	11	11	10	11	14	15	17	16
Employed	24	25	23	24	26	26	22	25	23	22
Unemployed	56	53	54	54	53	51	54	51	45	48
In military service	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Pensioner	10	10	11	11	9	10	9	9	8	6
Other	0	1	1	1	1	1	1	0	7	7
Total	99	100	100	101	100	100	100	100	100	100
N*	983	1 000	985	1 012	991	1 047	1 014	958	710	971
HOUSING SITUATION										
Permanent accommodation	74	77	77	77	74	77	77	79	80	73
Dormitory	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2	2
Temporary accommodation	15	11	10	11	14	12	11	11	13	19
In prison	1	2	2	2	2	1	2	1	4	5
Homeless	8	8	10	9	10	9	9	8	0	0
Total	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
N*	1 002	1 006	1 007	1 016	992	1 057	1 025	963	705	946

Table 37. Socio-economic background of supervised parolees on 1 May in 2015–2024 (%)

 $\ensuremath{^*}$ Excludes sentenced persons who lack the survey data.



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