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# Foreword

The correctional services of the Nordic countries have been publishing comparative statistics of their services since the eighties. This and former English editions of the various series of correctional statistics has been collected and edited by the University College of Norwegian Correctional Service. I want to thank my Nordic colleagues for their continuous effort and support to make this publication possible.

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# Preface

Statisticians from the correctional services in the Nordic countries have provided the information collected and presented in this publication. Ragnar Kristoffersen has authored and edited the publication. Any questions about the content of the publication should therefore be directed to him.

Exact statistical comparability is difficult to attain given that law, practice and methods of data compilation vary between the Nordic countries. Even though present and former statisticians in the Nordic correctional services have tried to establish a high level of comparability by carefully working out common definitions over the years, any differences between the countries shown in this report still need to be interpreted with caution. The reader is therefore requested to carefully note the definitions and the footnotes to the tables.

Ragnar Kristoffersen

# 1 Definitions

## **Average length of imposed prison sentence in months**

Average length of prison sentence in months refers to yearly imposed prison sentences by the courts regardless of type of serving or actual length of serving. Figures for Denmark, Finland and Norway are gathered from the national bureaus of criminal statistics. Figures for Iceland and Sweden are based on the yearly numbers of prison sentences received by the correctional service.

## **Capacity**

Available places, places that have been or could have been used.

## **Central administration**

In Denmark, it refers to the Department of Prisons and Probation. (“Direktoratet for Kriminalforsorgen”). From 2015 four regional offices are included. In Finland, it refers to the Central Administration of the Criminal Sanctions Agency (“Rikosseuraamuslaitoksen keskushallintoyksikkö”) and three regional offices. In Norway, it refers to the Norwegian Directorate for Correctional Services (“Kriminalomsorgsdirektoratet”) including the regional offices. In Sweden, central administration refers to the Prison and Probation Service Headquarter (“Kriminalvårdens huvudkontor”) and the regional offices. In Iceland, central administration refers to the Prison and Probation Administration (“Fangelsismálastofnun ríkisins”).

## **Closed prisons**

Prisons or units with some form of escape obstacle.

## **Community sentence**

1 March 2002 community sentence (“samfunnsstraff”) was introduced in Norway, replacing the former orders of community service and conditional sentence with supervision. The offender needs to consent. A fixed number of hours (30 – 420) must be served either by a) unpaid work, b) participation in programme or c) other activities

aimed at the prevention of reoffending. The offender is under supervision by the probation service.

### **Community service**

Community service is meant to replace a prison sentence. The offender performs unpaid work for a fixed number of hours. The work is usually done for a non-profit organization. The offender needs to consent. In Denmark, community service is a condition attached to a suspended sentence or to an early release. In both cases, the offender is under supervision by the probation service. In Sweden there are two types of community service. Both are conditional prison sentences. One is combined with supervision and the other one is not. In Iceland, the Prison and Probation Administration can decide community service when the offender is sentenced to an unconditional prison sentence up to twelve months from 30 March 2016 and up to 24 months from 10 July 2021. Offenders unable to pay a fine exceeding the amount of ISK 100.000 (approx. € 670) may also serve community service in Iceland.

### **Conditional release with supervision**

In accordance with certain rules, those who have served a prison sentence may be released when a certain part of the sentence has been served. Those accounted for under the probation service are persons who have been conditionally released and have a supervisor. A condition of admittance to an institution for substance abusers or other conditions may be applied.

### **Conditional sentence with supervision**

Refers to those who receive a conditional prison sentence, in which case the sentenced person will be under supervision by the probation service for a specified period. The offender must abide by certain conditions pertaining to the sentence, of which regular meetings or interviews with the supervisor are normally required. During the probation period, the sentence can be transformed to imprisonment if a new offence is committed or in case of non-compliance with the conditions. In Denmark, Finland, Iceland and Norway conditions of treatment of e.g. substance- and alcohol dependency may also be



applied. In Finland, such conditions concern only juveniles who were from 15 up to 21 years old when the offence was committed.

### **Deaths in prisons and remand units**

Refer to persons who taken their own life or died from other causes inside the prison. If an inmate has inflicted injuries on himself inside a prison and later dies from these injuries outside the prison, for example in a hospital, this is counted as a suicide inside the prison.

### **Electronic monitoring**

This order implies serving a prison sentence outside the prison establishment. Having a residence, a daytime occupation (e.g. a job or attending school) and consent from any cohabitants are minimum requirements for all participants serving electronic monitoring in the Nordic countries. The order includes a prohibition to leave one's residence except at specified times and for specified reasons, for example to go to work or to buy necessities. Use of alcohol or drugs is also prohibited while serving the order. Electronic equipment is used to check whether there is a breach of restrictions. Until July 2005, Sweden was the only Nordic country using this type of sanction.

Denmark introduced electronic monitoring 1 July 2005 for persons sentenced to prison for a maximum of three months. The target group was initially drink drivers and persons who have been driving without a driving license. From spring 2006, the order includes sentenced persons under the age of 25 years with a prison sentence up to three months. July 2008, the condition that the participant must be under the age of 25 was repealed. From July 2010, the order included sentenced persons with a prison sentence up to five months, and from July 2013 it includes sentences up to six months. At the same time, Denmark introduced "back door" electronic monitoring for those who have up to six months left to serve. From July 2022 it includes those who have eight months left to serve.

1 October 2006 Finland introduced electronic monitoring as a "back door" order for prisoners with no more than six months left to serve. 1 November 2011 Finland

expanded the possibility of serving with electronic monitoring for offenders sentenced to a prison sentence of maximum six months. From 2018 it is possible to combine a prison sentence with electronic monitoring for those who reoffend to serious crimes or are dangerous to others. Prison officers in Finland supervise back door electronic monitoring. For the sake of comparison, the numbers are reported in tables presenting the probation service.

1 October 2011 Iceland introduced back door supervision with electronic monitoring for prisoners. If the prison sentence is 12 months, the prisoner can complete serving his sentence outside prison with electronic monitoring for 60 days. If the prison sentence is 12 months or more, the prisoner will get 5 days on electronic monitoring for each month exceeding 12 months, though in total not more than 360 days. Offenders serving electronic monitoring in Iceland are supervised by employees at private halfway houses.

1 August 2008 Norway introduced electronic monitoring as a pilot. The order was implemented nationwide in 2014. The target group in Norway was initially those sentenced to prison for four months or those who have four months left to serve.

1.9.2020 the law was changed making it possible for people sentenced to six months prison or six months left to apply.

Initially the target group in Sweden was those sentenced to a maximum of three months in prison. 1 April 2005 the target group was widened in Sweden, including prison sentences up to six months. Those serving electronic monitoring in Sweden may participate in programmes or other kinds of treatment. Since 1 October 2001, the tag has also been applied as a “back door” order for Swedish inmates serving a prison sentence of at least two years. Since 2007 inmates sentenced to a minimum of six months can apply for back door electronic monitoring to support reintegration into society.

### **Entries to prison sentences**

Persons who have started serving a prison sentence in a prison or a remand unit in the relevant period. Fine defaulters and electronic monitoring are not included.

### **Entries to the probation service**

Refer to persons who have started serving some form of sentence or order administered by the probation service, and who are not imprisoned at the same time. Those on conditional release with supervision are included.

### **Escapes from prisons**

The number of times prisoners have escaped from a prison. If two persons escape together, this is counted as two escapes.

### **Fine defaulters**

Those who have been sentenced to a fine and unable to pay can be ordered to serve a subsidiary prison sentence. In Denmark, Iceland and Norway a person who for the time being is serving an ordinary prison sentence can remain in prison in order to serve the subsidiary prison sentence. In Norway and Iceland such a person is included in the category of fine defaulters, but in Denmark, he is counted as serving a prison sentence. In Iceland offenders unable to pay a fine exceeding ISK 100,000 (approx. € 710) may serve community sentence. In Finland fine defaulting implies that those who are unable to pay their fines are sentenced to imprisonment for at least four days or a maximum of 60 days. In Sweden they will be sentenced to imprisonment for at least fourteen days and at most three months.

### **Foreign citizens**

Refer to all persons with a foreign citizenship, independent of their place of residence.

### **Life sentenced prisoners**

Persons sentenced to lifetime imprisonment. Iceland and Norway do not impose life sentences, but the sanction exist in Icelandic law. In Finland and Sweden, the sentence is considered served if the person is pardoned. In Finland, the life sentenced prisoner can be conditionally released by the Helsinki court of appeal when the prisoner has served at least 12 years. In Denmark, the possibility of conditional release is considered when the life sentenced prisoner has served 12 years. If granted, a probation period of maximum five years is set. In Sweden, pardon usually means that a life sentence is

converted into a sentence with a fixed duration. A person is considered a life-sentenced prisoner if the duration of the punishment is not fixed.

### **Occupancy**

Number of persons occupying prison places.

### **Open prisons**

Institutions or units where there are no real escape obstacles.

### **Other entries**

Refer to groups of persons not otherwise accounted for in the tables.

### **Population**

Number of inhabitants at the beginning of a year.

### **Preventive detention**

Refers to somewhat similar orders in the Nordic countries, where the offender is considered dangerous, and confinement is deemed necessary for the protection of the society. In Denmark and Norway, preventive detention is called “forvaring”. In Denmark, it implies a sentence of imprisonment for an indefinite period for those who repeatedly have committed a serious crime and who are considered a danger to other people’s lives. The court decides when the prisoner will be released. In Norway, preventive detention implies a sentence of imprisonment for persons who have committed a serious crime and who in the opinion of the court constitute a risk for re-offending. The court states a maximum duration and usually a minimum duration for which the sentence must be served. The offender can be conditionally released after having served the minimum duration period. The court may also prolong the maximum duration.

### **Principal crime**

The crime that entails the longest prison sentence. Threats are counted as violence and drink driving is counted as a traffic crime. Murder includes both wilful murder and homicide as an unintended consequence of intentional violence. Involuntary

manslaughter is not included. Economic crimes do not include thefts, which is listed as a separate category.

### **Reconvictions within two years of released sentenced prisoners**

Refer to the numbers of new unconditional prison or community sentences/services within two years after year of release from a prison sentence, in which case the new sentence must be served in the national correctional services. The crime leading to a new sentence must have been committed after release. Fine defaulters and deceased released prisoners are excluded.

### **Registered inmates**

Refer to all persons registered at prison establishments and remand units under the management of the prison service, except for those absent without permission to leave. If not otherwise stated, inmates temporarily absent with permission to leave and those who are serving their sentences fully or partly at a hospital, a treatment centre or in any institution not run by the prison service, are also included in the term “registered inmates”. Unless differently indicated, sentenced prisoners serving front door or back door electronic monitoring are registered as persons in the probation service.

### **Registered persons in the probation service**

Refer to persons serving a sentence or a conditional order under the responsibility of the probation service. Electronic monitoring, a type of community sanction, is included irrespective of which service responsible for the supervision.

### **Remand unit**

Usually closed prison units where prisoners are held in remand custody. In Denmark, about 80 % of the capacity of the local prisons (“arresthus”) is used for remand prisoners. The remaining 20 % consists of formerly remanded prisoners newly convicted and awaiting transfer to closed and open prisons for serving the remaining part of their sentences. In Sweden, these units are called “häkte”. About 85 % of the inmates in Swedish remand units are remand prisoners. The remaining 15 % consists partly of sentenced prisoners who are put there for special reasons, and partly of other

inmates according to definition. In Finland, Iceland and Norway there are no separate remand prisons. Remand prisoners are being held in certain closed prisons, where sentenced prisoners are also held. In Iceland they are sometimes held in open prisons.

### **Remand custody**

Persons suspected of having committed a crime and consequently are imprisoned by a court decision. In Denmark a person may be imprisoned by order of the police for a maximum period of 24 hours before any continuation of the order has to be approved by the courts. In Norway the same rule will apply when the imprisonments ordered by the police exceed 48 hours.

### **Sentenced prisoners**

Those sentenced to a sanction involving deprivation of liberty and who are serving their sentence inside or outside a prison establishment or temporarily absent with permission to leave. Electronic monitoring is not included, cf. the definition of “registered persons in the probation service”.

### **Staff**

Refers to the total of employed and available staff expressed in full time equivalents (FTEs), irrespective of sick leave. Thus, a half-time staff member who has worked for six months during a given year is counted as 0.25 staff resource. In Denmark, both teachers and health personnel are employed by the correctional service. In Finland, health personnel and teachers are not employed by the correctional service. In Iceland and Norway, teachers, health staff and librarians are not employed by the correctional service. Except in one prison, kitchen staff in Iceland is not employed by the correctional service. In Sweden, this is the case with doctors. From 2008, teachers are employed by the correctional service in Sweden. Categories of staff included in table 9 are shown below.

Category	Denmark	Finland	Iceland	Norway	Sweden
Teachers for inmates	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Teachers for staff	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Officers under education	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Officers in training	Yes	Yes	No	No	Yes
Doctors	Yes	No	No	No	No
Nurses	Yes	No	No	No	Yes
Culture and pastime	No	Partly	Partly	Yes	Partly
Treatment/programs	Partly	Partly	Partly	Partly	Partly
Transport	Partly	Partly	Partly	Yes	Yes

## **Supervision**

In Sweden, this refers to persons sentenced to supervision with a probation period of three years. After one year, the probation service decides whether the probation period should continue or subside. The law was changed in May 2021. Before that, supervision was stopped after one year. Conditions may be added, e.g. staying in an institution for substance abusers.

## **Supervision with a treatment plan**

In Sweden, this is a conditional prison sentence primarily for substance abusers, which replaces a prison sentence. The offender must consent to participate in the treatment. He will be supervised by the probation service for a maximum of three years. After one year, it is decided whether the supervision should subside or continue. The treatment takes place in a treatment centre or polyclinic.

## **Supervision of mentally disturbed persons**

Persons, who at the time of the crime were irresponsible due to mental illness or severe mental defect, are not liable to punishment according to the penal code in Denmark. Still the court may decide that they shall be under supervision by the probation service.

## **Supervision with treatment of alcohol problems**

In Denmark, supervision with treatment of alcohol problems is a conditional prison sentence that can be imposed if the sentenced person's blood alcohol concentration is higher than 2 per thousand litre or if he is a reoffender in drink driving. The length of

the treatment period is decided by the Court, based on a pre-sentence report carried out by the probation service. Usually, it will last for a year. The treatment will normally consist of a cure of Antabuse twice a week and medical and social counselling. In Norway, drivers under the influence of drink, drugs or medication can be sentenced to a conditional prison sentence provided that the offender participate in a treatment programme, which includes assessment of the need for treatment, individual talks at least once a fortnight and a total of 20 to 30 hours of lessons, normally in groups. The offender must consent to participate in the programme. The majority of the participants will be drink drivers.

### **Unit**

This term refers to an entire prison or a separate part of a prison. A prison with a closed and open section is counted as having two units. A prison with two geographically separate sections, of which one is closed, and the other is open, is also counted as two units.

### **Explanation of symbols**

- Zero
- 0 Less than 0.5
- . No adequate information
- .. No information

All figures are rounded.



## 2 Tables

### 2.1 New entries to the correctional services

<b>2.1.1 Denmark</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
New entries to prison sentences	4 746	4 749	4 093	4 119	4 388
New entries to the probation service <sup>1</sup>	10 135	9 699	9 107	8 820	9 373
of which					
community service	3 883	3 496	3 543	3 121	3 221
community sentence					
conditional release with supervision	1 476	1 502	1 484	1 378	1 353
conditional sentence with supervision	1 501	1 454	1 356	1 320	1 190
supervision of mentally disturbed persons	652	617	584	573	536
supervision with treatment of alcohol problems	228	247	288	279	297
supervision with a treatment plan	.	.	.	.	.
supervision	.	.	.	.	.
electronic monitoring (front door)	2 221	2 223	1 692	1 966	2 457
electronic monitoring (back door)	68	65	55	67	222
Other entries <sup>2</sup>	106	95	105	116	97
<i>New entries to prison sentences per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	98	98	84	84	89
<i>total population</i>	82	82	70	71	75
<i>New entries to the probation service per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	210	200	187	180	190
<i>total population</i>	175	167	156	151	160

<sup>1</sup> Data for previous years are revised due to new information.

<sup>2</sup> Supervision of sentenced to treatment, sexual offenders in treatment and supervision in connection with waiver of prosecution.

<b>2.1.2 Finland</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
New entries to prison sentences	3 173	3 216	2 771	2 687	2 985
New entries to the probation service	4 461	4 431	4 233	4 521	4 569
of which					
community service	2 009	1 930	1 752	2 004	1 888
community sentence	.	.	.	.	.
conditional release with supervision	785	817	774	711	940
conditional sentence with supervision	700	626	684	750	738
supervision of mentally disturbed persons	.	.	.	.	.
supervision with treatment of alcohol problems	.	.	.	.	.
supervision with a treatment plan	.	.	.	.	.
supervision	.	.	.	.	.
electronic monitoring (front door)	207	197	188	190	235
electronic monitoring (back door) <sup>3</sup>	749	854	828	856	756
Other entries <sup>4</sup>	11	7	7	10	12
<i>New entries to prison sentences per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	69	69	60	58	64
<i>total population</i>	58	58	50	49	54
<i>New entries to the probation service per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	97	96	91	97	97
<i>total population</i>	81	80	77	82	82

<sup>3</sup> The supervision is conducted by prison staff.

<sup>4</sup> People serving juvenile punishment (11) or a combined sanction of prison and electronic monitoring (1).

<b>2.1.3 Iceland</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
New entries to prison sentences	163	202	160	159	141
New entries to the probation service	362	382	332	419	323
of which					
community service <sup>5</sup>	301	310	254	374	255
community sentence	.	.	.	.	.
conditional release with supervision	27	32	34	25	18
conditional sentence with supervision	2	4	3	0	13
supervision of mentally disturbed persons	.	.	.	.	.
supervision with treatment of alcohol problems	.	.	.	.	.
supervision with a treatment plan	.	.	.	.	.
supervision	.	.	.	.	.
electronic monitoring (front door)	.	.	.	.	.
electronic monitoring (back door) <sup>6</sup>	32	36	41	20	37
Other entries					
<i>New entries to prison sentences per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	58	70	54	53	46
<i>total population</i>	47	57	44	43	37
<i>New entries to the probation service per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	129	132	112	140	105
<i>total population</i>	104	107	91	114	86

<sup>5</sup> Includes unpaid fines converted to community service, of which there were 94 in 2022.

<sup>6</sup> First offender serving this way was in February 2012.

<b>2.1.4 Norway</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
New entries to prison sentences	5 467	4 597	3 772	4 358	3 869
New entries to the probation service	6 178	6 479	6 834	7 556	6 608
of which					
community service	.	.	.	.	.
community sentence	1 782	1 797	1 630	2 115	1 708
conditional release with supervision	666	640	535	578	601
conditional sentence with supervision	6	3	-	-	-
supervision of mentally disturbed persons	.	.	.	.	.
supervision with treatment of alcohol problems <sup>7</sup>	388	366	361	372	355
supervision with a treatment plan	.	.	.	.	.
supervision	.	.	.	.	.
electronic monitoring (front door)	2 791	2 951	3 178	3 361	3 049
electronic monitoring (back door)	327	322	325	331	285
Other entries <sup>8</sup>	218	400	805	799	610
<i>New entries to prison sentences per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	<i>125</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>85</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>86</i>
<i>total population</i>	<i>103</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>71</i>
<i>New entries to the probation service per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	<i>142</i>	<i>147</i>	<i>154</i>	<i>169</i>	<i>147</i>
<i>total population</i>	<i>117</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>127</i>	<i>140</i>	<i>122</i>

<sup>7</sup> Participants driving under the influence of other kinds of intoxicants than alcohol are also accepted, but the majority would be drink drivers.

<sup>8</sup> Mostly drug court programme, supervision of people released from preventive detention and home detention on special conditions.

<b>2.1.5 Sweden</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
New entries to prison sentences	8 930	9 172	8 964	9 481	10 298
New entries to the probation service	15 402	15 056	16 126	17 491	17 256
of which					
community service <sup>9</sup>	4 271	4 066	3 766	4 177	4 054
community sentence	.	.	.	.	.
conditional release with supervision	3 424	3 681	5 274	5 758	6 110
conditional sentence with supervision	.	.	.	.	.
supervision of mentally disturbed persons	.	.	.	.	.
supervision with treatment of alcohol problems	.	.	.	.	.
supervision with a treatment plan	728	636	642	555	477
supervision	4 903	4 496	4 220	4 561	4 270
electronic monitoring (front door)	1 563	1 609	1 622	1 778	1 614
electronic monitoring (back door)	513	568	602	624	659
Other entries <sup>10</sup>	-	-	-	38	72
<i>New entries to prison sentences per 100.000 of</i>	<i>106</i>	<i>108</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>110</i>	<i>118</i>
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	<i>87</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>91</i>	<i>98</i>
<i>total population</i>					
<i>New entries to the probation service per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	<i>183</i>	<i>177</i>	<i>189</i>	<i>203</i>	<i>199</i>
<i>total population</i>	<i>151</i>	<i>146</i>	<i>155</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>164</i>

<sup>9</sup> Conditional prison sentences with community service are included.

<sup>10</sup> Supervision of youth ordered by the courts for at least six months or maximum one year, mainly for 15 – 17-year-old offenders who have committed serious or repeated crimes.

## 2.2 Average number of inmates by category

<b>2.2.1 Denmark</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021 <sup>11</sup></b>	<b>2022</b>
Total average number of registered inmates <sup>12</sup>	3 887	4 149	4 267	4 339	4 388
of which					
remand custody	1 326	1 400	1 533	1 501	1 548
<i>percent</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>35</i>
sentenced to prison <sup>13</sup>	2 359	2 556	2 532	2 649	2 663
<i>percent</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>59</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>61</i>
fine defaulters	-	-	-	-	-
preventive detention	64	69	76	79	81
others <sup>14</sup>	138	125	126	111	96
<i>Sentenced per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>total population</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>44</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>45</i>
<i>Total number of registered inmates per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	<i>81</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>88</i>	<i>89</i>	<i>89</i>
<i>total population</i>	<i>67</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>75</i>

<sup>11</sup> The numbers in 2021 have been revised.

<sup>12</sup> Inmates measured every day. Inmates temporarily absent are included.

<sup>13</sup> Sentenced prisoners serving outside of prisons and are included in the table.

<sup>14</sup> Mainly violators of Immigration law.

<b>2.2.2 Finland</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total average number of registered inmates <sup>15</sup>	2 703	2 736	2 573	2 596	2 848
of which					
remand custody <sup>16</sup>	547	639	632	603	669
<i>percent</i>	20	23	25	23	23
sentenced to prison	2 097	2 031	1 877	1 974	2 073
<i>percent</i>	78	74	73	76	73
fine defaulters	59	66	63	20	106
preventive detention	.	.	.	.	.
others	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sentenced per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	45	44	40	42	44
<i>total population</i>	38	37	34	36	37
<i>Total number of registered inmates per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	58	59	55	56	61
<i>total population</i>	49	50	47	47	51

<sup>15</sup> Inmates measured twice a month. Inmates illegally absent from prison (about 50) are included in the table.

<sup>16</sup> In addition, there were remand prisoners in police custody: 69 (2018), 41 (2019), 32 (2020), 25 (2021) and 19 (2022).

<b>2.2.3 Iceland</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total average number of registered inmates <sup>17</sup>	164	182	152	158	165
of which					
remand custody	26	30	27	19	35
<i>percent</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>21</i>
sentenced to prison	119	129	107	122	111
<i>percent</i>	<i>73</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>67</i>
fine defaulters	1	5	2	1	1
preventive detention					
others <sup>18</sup>	18	19	17	16	18
<i>Sentenced per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>36</i>	<i>41</i>	<i>36</i>
<i>total population</i>	<i>34</i>	<i>35</i>	<i>29</i>	<i>33</i>	<i>29</i>
<i>Total number of registered inmates per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>61</i>	<i>51</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>total population</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>49</i>	<i>42</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>44</i>

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<sup>17</sup> Inmates measured every day.

<sup>18</sup> Registered inmates in a private halfway house.



<b>2.2.4 Norway</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total average number of registered inmates <sup>19</sup>	3 580	3 361	3 015	3 236	3 232
of which					
remand custody	847	826	748	610	634
<i>percent</i>	<i>24</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>19</i>	<i>20</i>
sentenced to prison	2 548	2 385	2 116	2 463	2 422
<i>percent</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>71</i>	<i>70</i>	<i>76</i>	<i>75</i>
fine defaulters	72	30	18	15	17
preventive detention	114	120	132	148	158
others	.	.	.	.	.
<i>Sentenced per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	<i>58</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>55</i>	<i>54</i>
<i>total population</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>45</i>
<i>Total number of registered inmates per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	<i>82</i>	<i>77</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>72</i>	<i>72</i>
<i>total population</i>	<i>68</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>60</i>	<i>60</i>

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<sup>19</sup> Inmates measured every day.

<b>2.2.5 Sweden</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total average number of registered inmates <sup>20</sup>	6 068	6 559	7 080	7 591	8 197
of which					
remand custody	1 691	1 860	2 052	2 173	2 209
<i>percent</i>	28	28	29	29	27
sentenced to prison <sup>21</sup>	4 229	4 561	4 889	5 267	5 851
<i>percent</i>	70	70	69	69	71
fine defaulters	.	.	.	.	.
preventive detention	.	.	.	.	.
others <sup>22</sup>	148	138	139	151	137
<i>Sentenced per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	50	54	57	61	67
<i>total population</i>	41	44	47	50	56
<i>Total number of registered inmates per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	72	77	83	88	94
<i>total population</i>	59	64	68	73	78

<sup>20</sup> Inmates measured every day. Figures for 2018 – 2021 have been corrected.

<sup>21</sup> Back door electronic monitoring is included in table 2.3.5.

<sup>22</sup> In 2022 67 % were inmates imprisoned for the violation of immigrant law.

## 2.3 Average number of registered persons in the probation service

<b>2.3.1 Denmark</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total average of registered clients in the probation service <sup>23</sup>	8 050	7 820	7 718	7 959	7 282
of which					
community service	2 048	1 858	1 942	2 172	1 671
community sentence	.	.	.	.	.
conditional release with supervision	1 326	1 274	1 241	1 236	1 195
conditional sentence with supervision	1 459	1 490	1 409	1 413	1 301
supervision of mentally disturbed persons	2 735	2 711	2 678	2 627	2 526
supervision with treatment of alcohol problems	188	189	195	219	202
supervision with a treatment plan	.	.	.	.	.
supervision	.	.	.	.	.
electronic monitoring (front door)	284	288	230	255	315
electronic monitoring (back door)	23	21	16	19	54
others <sup>24</sup>	42	37	48	59	53
<i>Total average of registered clients in the probation service per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	<i>167</i>	<i>161</i>	<i>159</i>	<i>163</i>	<i>148</i>
<i>total population</i>	<i>139</i>	<i>135</i>	<i>133</i>	<i>136</i>	<i>124</i>

<sup>23</sup> Clients measured once a month.

<sup>24</sup> Offenders conditionally sentenced to treatment for traffic or sex offences and waiver of prosecution.

<b>2.3.2 Finland</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total average of registered clients in the probation service <sup>25</sup>	3 165	3 247	3 310	3 388	3 806
of which					
community service	1 072	1 154	1 220	1 249	1 534
community sentence	.	.	.	.	.
conditional release with supervision	1 116	1 116	1 144	1 116	1 271
conditional sentence with supervision	729	726	674	772	649
supervision of mentally disturbed persons	.	.	.	.	.
supervision with treatment of alcohol problems	.	.	.	.	.
supervision with a treatment plan	.	.	.	.	.
supervision	.	.	.	.	.
electronic monitoring (front door) <sup>26</sup>	33	26	39	30	136
electronic monitoring (back door) <sup>27</sup>	207	216	227	213	208
others <sup>28</sup>	8	9	6	8	8
<i>Total average of registered clients in the probation service per 100,000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	68	70	71	73	81
<i>total population</i>	57	59	60	61	69

<sup>25</sup> Clients measured once a month.

<sup>26</sup> A change in the definition of how to count clients explains the increase in 2022.

<sup>27</sup> Supervision is performed by prison staff.

<sup>28</sup> People serving juvenile punishment or a combined sanction of prison and electronic monitoring.

<b>2.3.3 Iceland</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total average of registered clients in the probation service <sup>29</sup>	258	250	259	262	307
of which					
community service <sup>30</sup>	186	185	194	207	246
community sentence	.	.	.		
conditional release with supervision	50	49	41	39	35
conditional sentence with supervision	7	4	5	4	8
supervision of mentally disturbed persons	.	.	.	.	.
supervision with treatment of alcohol problems	.	.	.	.	.
supervision with a treatment plan	.	.	.	.	.
supervision	.	.	.	.	.
electronic monitoring (front door)	.	.	.	.	.
electronic monitoring (back door)	14	11	16	9	15
others <sup>31</sup>	1	1	3	4	3
<i>Total average of registered clients in the probation service per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	92	87	88	87	100
<i>total population</i>	74	70	71	71	81

<sup>29</sup> Clients measured once a month.

<sup>30</sup> Fine defaulters not able to pay their fines serving community service instead are included.

<sup>31</sup> Includes waiver of prosecution with supervision.

<b>2.3.4 Norway</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total average of registered clients in the probation service <sup>32</sup>	2 300	2 388	2 482	2 778	2 600
of which					
community service	.	.	.	.	.
community sentence	1 027	1 063	1 007	1 179	1 055
conditional release with supervision	296	298	269	259	268
conditional sentence with supervision	6	6	2	-	-
supervision of mentally disturbed persons	.	.	.	.	.
supervision with treatment of alcohol problems <sup>33</sup>	407	351	338	369	349
supervision with a treatment plan	.	.	.	.	.
supervision	.	.	.	.	.
electronic monitoring (front door)	251	255	285	323	296
electronic monitoring (back door)	61	59	73	84	76
others <sup>34</sup>	253	356	509	564	556
<i>Total average of registered clients in the probation service per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	<i>53</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>56</i>	<i>62</i>	<i>58</i>
<i>total population</i>	<i>43</i>	<i>45</i>	<i>46</i>	<i>52</i>	<i>48</i>

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<sup>32</sup> Clients measured every day.

<sup>33</sup> Cf. footnote 8.

<sup>34</sup> In 2022 drug court programme (374), community service in the absence of paying a fine (141), supervision of people released from preventive detention (37) and home detention on special conditions (4).

<b>2.3.5 Sweden</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Total average of registered clients in the probation service <sup>35</sup>	10 080	10 323	10 907	12 339	13 239
of which					
community service <sup>36</sup>	1 854	1 827	1 714	1 892	2 037
community sentence	.	.	.	.	.
conditional release with supervision	2 843	3 044	3 955	5 161	5 516
conditional sentence with supervision	.	.	.	.	.
supervision of mentally disturbed persons	.	.	.	.	.
supervision with treatment of alcohol problems	.	.	.	.	.
supervision with a treatment plan	783	730	649	629	597
supervision	4 295	4 398	4 250	4 270	4 675
electronic monitoring (front door)	189	188	187	204	196
electronic monitoring (back door)	116	137	151	171	175
others <sup>37</sup>	-	-	-	11	44
<i>Total average of registered clients in the probation service per 100.000 of</i>					
<i>population 15 years of age or more</i>	<i>120</i>	<i>122</i>	<i>128</i>	<i>143</i>	<i>152</i>
<i>total population</i>	<i>99</i>	<i>100</i>	<i>105</i>	<i>118</i>	<i>126</i>

<sup>35</sup> Clients measured every day. Corrected figures for 2018 – 2021.

<sup>36</sup> Conditional prison sentences with community service are included.

<sup>37</sup> Supervision of youth ordered by the courts for at least six months or maximum one year, mainly for 15 – 17-year-old offenders who have committed serious or repeated crimes.

## 2.4 Sentenced prisoners on a certain day

<b>2.4.1 Denmark</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Sentenced to prison on a certain day</b> <sup>38</sup>	2 255	2 425	2 504	2 656	2 584
of which					
<b>Women</b>					
number	63	83	107	110	113
<i>percent</i>	3	3	4	4	4
<b>Foreign citizens</b>					
number	449	472	536	489	494
<i>percent</i>	20	19	21	18	19
of which Nordic people	14	11	17	21	27
<i>percent</i>	1	0	1	1	1
<b>15 – 17 years of age</b>					
number	7	8	5	8	7
<i>percent</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Life sentenced prisoners</b>					
number	24	27	29	35	33
<i>percent</i>	1	1	1	1	1

<sup>38</sup> Measured 1 September. Sentenced prisoners serving outside prison not included. The total number of sentenced prisoners for previous years have been revised due to new information. The numbers of women in 2019 and foreign citizens in 2020 are also corrected.



<b>2.4.2 Finland</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Sentenced to prison on a certain day</b> <sup>39</sup>	2 034	2 036	1 773	2 091	2 018
of which					
<b>Women</b>					
number	144	143	129	162	128
<i>percent</i>	7	7	7	8	6
<b>Foreign citizens</b>					
number	261	284	264	287	252
<i>percent</i>	13	14	15	14	12
of which Nordic people	12	13	16	25	16
<i>percent</i>	1	1	1	1	1
<b>15 – 17 years of age</b>					
number	2	2	1	5	2
<i>percent</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Life sentenced prisoners</b>					
number	184	178	169	180	185
<i>percent</i>	9	9	10	9	9

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<sup>39</sup> Measured 1 September. Sentenced prisoners serving outside prison included. Fine defaulters not included.

<b>2.4.3 Iceland</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Sentenced to prison on a certain day</b> <sup>40</sup>	130	147	109	143	137
of which					
<b>Women</b>					
number	5	11	7	10	11
<i>percent</i>	4	7	6	7	8
<b>Foreign citizens</b>					
number	29	28	19	25	35
<i>percent</i>	22	19	17	17	26
of which Nordic people	-	2	-	-	-
<i>percent</i>	-	1	-	-	-
<b>15 – 17 years of age</b>					
number	-	-	-	-	-
<i>percent</i>	-	-	-	-	-
<b>Life sentenced prisoners</b>					
number	-	-	-	-	-
<i>percent</i>	-	-	-	-	-

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<sup>40</sup> Measured 1 September. Absent sentenced prisoners are included, but not fine defaulters.

<b>2.4.4 Norway</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Sentenced to prison on a certain day</b> <sup>41</sup>	2 640	2 504	2 396	2 704	2 615
of which					
<b>Women</b>					
number	152	170	139	152	152
<i>percent</i>	6	7	6	6	6
<b>Foreign citizens</b>					
number	622	552	503	518	510
<i>percent</i>	24	22	21	19	19
of which Nordic people	57	33	43	57	57
<i>percent</i>	2	1	2	2	2
<b>15 – 17 years of age</b>					
number	3	3	4	4	2
<i>percent</i>	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Life sentenced prisoners</b>					
number	.	.	.	.	.
<i>percent</i>	.	.	.	.	.

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<sup>41</sup> Measured 1 September. Fine defaulters not included.

<b>2.4.5 Sweden</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Sentenced to prison on a certain day</b> <sup>42</sup>	4 287	4 696	5 106	5 539	5 975
of which					
<b>Women</b>					
number	234	275	298	307	361
<i>percent</i>	5	6	6	6	6
<b>Foreign citizens</b>					
number	1 303	1 396	1 446	1 413	1 459
<i>percent</i>	30	30	28	26	24
of which Nordic people	116	102	109	101	91
<i>percent</i>	3	2	2	2	2
<b>15 – 17 years of age</b> <sup>43</sup>					
number	3	-	1	-	-
<i>percent</i>	0	-	0	-	-
<b>Life sentenced prisoners</b>					
number	154	156	152	157	189
<i>percent</i>	4	3	3	3	3

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<sup>42</sup> Measured 1 October. Prisoners serving outside prison or temporarily absent with permission to leave, are included.

<sup>43</sup> From 1999, young offenders have been sentenced to closed youth ward ("Care for Young Persons in a Closed Institutions Act") under the administration of a non-correctional administration called "The National Board of Institutional Care".

## 2.5 Escapes from prisons

<b>2.5.1 Denmark</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Open prisons</b>					
Number of escapes	66	62	63	44	40
<i>Escapes per 100.000 custody-days</i>	<i>17</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>10</i>
<b>Closed prisons and remand units</b>					
Number of escapes	2	3	5	3	5
<i>Escapes per 100.000 custody-days</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>

<b>2.5.2 Finland</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Open prisons</b>					
Number of escapes	52	38	73	75	60
<i>Escapes per 100.000 custody-days</i>	<i>18</i>	<i>13</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>25</i>	<i>21</i>
<b>Closed prisons and remand units</b>					
Number of escapes	1	1	2	1	5
<i>Escapes per 100.000 custody-days</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>1</i>

<b>2.5.3 Iceland</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Open prisons</b>					
Number of escapes	1	-	-	-	-
<i>Escapes per 100.000 custody-days</i>	7	-	-	-	-
<b>Closed prisons and remand units</b>					
Number of escapes	-	-	-	-	-
<i>Escapes per 100.000 custody-days</i>	-	-	-	-	-

<b>2.5.4 Norway</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Open prisons</b>					
Number of escapes	25	18	9	14	18
<i>Escapes per 100.000 custody-days</i>	6	5	3	4	5
<b>Closed prisons and remand units</b>					
Number of escapes	-	1	-	1	1
<i>Escapes per 100.000 custody-days</i>	-	0	-	0	0

<b>2.5.5 Sweden</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Open prisons</b>					
Number of escapes	31	28	46	62	93
<i>Escapes per 100.000 custody-days</i>	<i>12</i>	<i>9</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>20</i>
<b>Closed prisons and remand centres</b>					
Number of escapes	1	-	-	-	-
<i>Escapes per 100.000 custody-days</i>	<i>0</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>	<i>-</i>

## 2.6 Deaths in prisons and remand units

<b>2.6.1 Denmark</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Suicides	5	9	4	5	1
Other	2	2	-	4	4

<b>2.6.2 Finland</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Suicides	2	1	4	5	4
Other	4	5	-	1	2

<b>2.6.3 Iceland</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Suicides	1	1	-	-	-
Other	-	1	-	1	-

<b>2.6.4 Norway</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Suicides	2	6	2	11	4
Other	3	2	-	2	3

<b>2.6.5 Sweden</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
Suicides	2	1	2	2	6
Other	4	2	2	2	3



## 2.7 Units and available prison places by the end of the year

<b>2.7.1 Denmark</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Open prison units</b> <sup>44</sup>					
number of units	8	8	8	9	9
number of places by					
largest unit	235	252	221	221	238
smallest unit	20	23	23	23	23
<b>Closed prison units</b> <sup>45</sup>					
number of units	11	11	10	10	10
number of places by					
largest unit	225	225	228	250	250
smallest unit	12	12	13	40	40
<b>Remand centres</b> <sup>46</sup>					
number of units	38	39	44	44	41
number of places by					
largest unit	463	505	504	504	504
smallest unit	7	7	7	7	7
<b>Total number of units</b>	<b>57</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>63</b>	<b>60</b>

<sup>44</sup> Figures for 2018, 2020 and 2021 are revised due to new information.

<sup>45</sup> Figures for 2020 and 2021 are revised due to new information.

<sup>46</sup> Remand centres in prisons included. Figures for 2019 and 2020 are revised due to new information.

<b>2.7.2 Finland</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Open prison units</b>					
number of units	17	17	17	17	16
number of places by					
largest unit	107	100	124	130	130
smallest unit	12	12	12	12	14
<b>Closed prison units</b>					
number of units	15	15	15	15	15
number of places by					
largest unit	312	312	312	312	309
smallest unit	58	48	59	59	59
<b>Remand centres</b>					
number of units	.	.	.	.	.
number of places by					
largest unit					
smallest unit					
<b>Total number of units</b>	32	32	32	32	31

<b>2.7.3 Iceland</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Open prison units</b>					
number of units	2	2	2	2	2
number of places by					
largest unit	22	22	21	21	21
smallest unit	22	22	21	21	21
<b>Closed prison units</b>					
number of units	3	3	2	2	2
number of places by					
largest unit	78	78	78	83	83
smallest unit	10	10	56	56	56
<b>Remand centres <sup>47</sup></b>					
number of units	.	.	.	.	.
number of places by					
largest unit					
smallest unit					
<b>Total number of places</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>4</b>

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<sup>47</sup> In Iceland, there are no remand centres, but in two closed prisons up to nine places are reserved for remand custody.

<b>2.7.4 Norway</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Open prison units</b> <sup>48</sup>					
number of units	38	33	28	28	28
number of places by					
largest unit	115	115	115	115	115
smallest unit	10	10	10	10	10
<b>Closed prison units</b>					
number of units	31	31	29	29	29
number of places by					
largest unit	286	286	286	286	286
smallest unit	4	4	4	4	4
<b>Remand centres</b>					
number of units	.	.	.	.	.
number of places					
number of places by					
largest unit					
smallest unit					
<b>Total number of units</b>	69	64	57	57	57

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<sup>48</sup> Low security prison units (transitional houses, so-called “overgangsboliger”) are included.

<b>2.7.5 Sweden</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Open prison units</b>					
number of units	18	18	18	19	19
number of places by					
largest unit	127	150	170	183	216
smallest unit	12	6	6	6	6
<b>Closed prison units</b>					
number of units	33	33	33	33	34
number of places by					
largest unit	420	476	505	517	517
smallest unit	9	9	9	9	12
<b>Remand centres</b>					
number of units	32	32	36	35	35
number of places by					
largest unit	331	339	310	328	328
smallest unit	9	8	9	5	13
<b>Total number of units</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>87</b>	<b>88</b>

## 2.8 Average number of available places and occupancy

<b>2.8.1 Denmark<sup>49</sup></b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Open prisons</b>					
capacity in number of places	1 101	1 127	1 126	1 093	1 145
occupancy	1 072	1 115	1 057	1 083	1 096
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>	97	99	94	99	96
<b>Closed prisons</b>					
capacity in number of places	942	1 012	1 060	1 069	1 104
occupancy	936	1 003	1 053	1 086	1 127
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>	99	99	99	102	102
<b>Remand units</b>					
capacity in number of places	1 712	1 802	1 888	1 997	1 979
occupancy	1 731	1 856	1 975	2 000	1 989
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>	101	103	105	100	100
<b>Total</b>					
capacity in number of places	3 756	3 940	4 074	4 160	4 229
occupancy	3 738	3 974	4 085	4 169	4 212
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>	100	101	100	100	100

<sup>49</sup> Measured every day. In addition, there are halfway houses for clients under supervision and sentenced people serving a prison sentence. In 2022, the average capacity was 203, and the average number of residents was 189.

<b>2.8.2 Finland<sup>50</sup></b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Open prisons</b>					
capacity in number of places	973	965	941	977	977
occupancy	812	809	767	807	799
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>	83	84	82	83	82
<b>Closed prisons</b>					
capacity in number of places	1 957	1 949	1 978	2 030	2 017
occupancy	1 884	1 919	1 801	1 767	2 010
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>	96	98	91	87	100
<b>Remand units<sup>51</sup></b>					
capacity in number of places	.	.	.	.	.
occupancy					
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>					
<b>Total</b>					
capacity in number of places	2 930	2 914	2 919	3 007	2 994
occupancy	2 696	2 728	2 568	2 574	2 809
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>	92	94	88	86	94

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<sup>50</sup> Measured twice a month.

<sup>51</sup> Remand prisoners are held in some closed prisons.

<b>2.8.3 Iceland<sup>52</sup></b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Open prisons</b>					
capacity in number of places	44	44	42	42	42
occupancy	38	41	34	38	39
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>	86	93	81	90	92
<b>Closed prisons</b>					
capacity in number of places	110	125	125	135	135
occupancy	100	114	92	97	101
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>	91	91	74	72	75
<b>Remand units<sup>53</sup></b>					
capacity in number of places	8	8	8	4	4
occupancy	3	2	2	1	3
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>	32	25	19	33	63
<b>Total</b>					
capacity in number of places	162	177	175	181	181
occupancy	140	157	127	136	143
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>	87	89	73	75	79

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<sup>52</sup> Measured every day.

<sup>53</sup> In the prison “Holmsheidi” there is a wing reserved for remand prisoners. Remand prisoners who are allowed to have contact with other prisoners are held in a closed or open prison.



<b>2.8.4 Norway<sup>54</sup></b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Open prisons</b>					
capacity in number of places <sup>55</sup>	1 280	1 146	1 029	1 065	1 065
occupancy	1 107	1 038	829	868	912
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>	86	91	81	82	86
<b>Closed prisons</b>					
capacity in number of places <sup>56</sup>	2 501	2 434	2 416	2 585	2 585
occupancy	2 245	2 207	2 106	2 202	2 162
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>	90	91	87	85	84
<b>Remand units<sup>57</sup></b>					
capacity in number of places	.	.	.	.	.
occupancy					
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>					
<b>Total</b>					
capacity in number of places	3 780	3 580	3 465	3 650	3 650
occupancy	3 352	3 245	2 932	3 070	3 074
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>	89	91	85	84	84

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<sup>54</sup> Measured every day.

<sup>55</sup> Low security prison units called “transitional houses” are included.

<sup>56</sup> Rented, closed prison places in Norgerhaven in the Netherlands are included in 2018.

<sup>57</sup> Remand prisoners are held in most closed prisons.

<b>2.8.5 Sweden<sup>58</sup></b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Open prisons</b>					
capacity in number of places	804	873	974	1 236	1 396
occupancy	726	821	878	1 112	1 274
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>	90	94	90	90	91
<b>Closed prisons</b>					
capacity in number of places	3 451	3 623	3 784	3 877	3 946
occupancy	3 194	3 442	3 635	3 705	3 844
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>	93	95	96	96	97
<b>Remand units</b>					
capacity in number of places	2 138	2 160	2 200	2 482	2 622
occupancy	1 929	2 001	2 188	2 323	2 527
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>	90	93	99	94	96
<b>Total</b>					
capacity in number of places	6 393	6 656	6 958	7 595	7 964
occupancy	5 849	6 264	6 701	7 140	7 645
<i>occupancy in percent of capacity</i>	91	94	96	94	96

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<sup>58</sup> Measured every day. In 2017 a new definition of occupancy was introduced, which lowered the rate of occupancy in prisons by approximately 100 places. A change in the definition of remand custody was also introduced in 2019. Figures for remand units in 2017 – 2108 are estimated according to the definition that was applied in 2016.

## 2.9 Staff in absolute numbers and in relation to inmates and clients

<b>2.9.1 Denmark</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Central administration</b> <sup>59</sup>	570	600	629	697	734
<i>Staff per 100 inmates</i>	15	15	15	14	17
<b>Prisons and remand units</b>	2 920	2 801	2 755	2 714	2 675
<i>Staff per 100 inmates</i>	78	70	67	65	64
<b>Probation service</b>	408	408	386	389	400
<i>Staff per 100 clients in the probation service</i>	5	5	5	5	5
<b>National transport service</b> <sup>60</sup>	33	204	233	236	195

<b>2.9.2 Finland</b> <sup>61</sup>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Central administration</b>	199	225	227	234	235
<i>Staff per 100 inmates</i>	7	8	9	9	8
<b>Prisons and remand units</b> <sup>62</sup>	2 049	2 041	2 026	2 077	2 053
<i>Staff per 100 inmates</i>	76	75	79	81	73
<b>Probation service</b> <sup>63</sup>	221	228	223	235	285
<i>Staff per 100 clients in the probation service</i>	7	7	7	7	7
<b>National transport service</b>	.	.	.	.	.

<sup>59</sup> Regional offices are counted as central administration. From 2022, it is no longer possible to exclude workers taking care of general tasks for all services from the Central administration. Data have therefore been revised retrospectively to include this group of workers in the numbers for previous years.

<sup>60</sup> Established last quarter 2018.

<sup>61</sup> Regional offices are counted as central administration. The apportionment of personnel in prisons and probation is estimated. Staff in Training Institute for Prison and Probation Services is included from 2022.

<sup>62</sup> From 2016 there are no health care personnel employed by the correctional service.

<sup>63</sup> From 2022 figures apply to staff supervising back door electronic monitoring.

<b>2.9.3 Iceland</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Central administration</b>	15	16	15	17	17
<i>Staff per 100 inmates</i>	11	10	12	12	12
<b>Prisons and remand units</b> <sup>64</sup>	112	114	113	120	135
<i>Staff per 100 inmates</i>	80	72	89	88	94
<b>Probation service</b>	5	6	6	5	6
<i>Staff per 100 clients in the probation service</i>	2	2	2	2	2
<b>National transport service</b>	.	.	.	.	.

<b>2.9.4 Norway</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Central administration</b> <sup>65</sup>	227	227	244	245	231
<i>Staff per 100 inmates</i>	7	7	8	8	8
<b>Prisons and remand units</b> <sup>66</sup>	3 621	3 568	3 579	3 752	3 694
<i>Staff per 100 inmates</i>	108	110	122	122	120
<b>Probation service</b>	473	473	486	505	502
<i>Staff per 100 clients in the probation service</i>	21	20	20	18	19
<b>National transport service</b>	54	51	53	51	52

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<sup>64</sup> Transport service included. Teachers for inmates and staff and health care personnel not included, in total 12 FTEs.

<sup>65</sup> Regional offices are counted as central administration.

<sup>66</sup> Figures are corrected due to separate information on staff in national transport service. 61 FTEs employed 2020 at the University College of Norwegian Correctional Service (KRUS) and 285 prison officers in training or in practice are not included. This applies to personnel from other services as well, such as approx. 280 teachers for inmates, 120 health care personnel and 20 librarians.

<b>2.9.5 Sweden</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2022</b>
<b>Central administration</b> <sup>67</sup>	940	915	953	1 136	1 356
<i>Staff per 100 inmates</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>14</i>	<i>16</i>	<i>18</i>
<b>Prisons and remand units</b> <sup>68</sup>	7 192	7 185	7 506	7 992	8 675
<i>Staff per 100 inmates</i>	<i>123</i>	<i>115</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>112</i>	<i>113</i>
<b>Probation service</b>	1 117	1 057	1 049	1 188	1 375
<i>Staff per 100 clients in the probation service</i>	<i>11</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>	<i>10</i>
<b>National transport service</b>	743	780	785	808	860

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<sup>67</sup> Includes the Prison and Probation Service Headquarter and the regional offices. Teachers for staff under training included (approx. 100). From October 2019 the Service Centre, formerly a separate unit, was incorporated into the headquarter.

<sup>68</sup> Includes prison officers under education (approx. 570), teachers for inmates (approx. 140) and health care personnel (approx. 145).

## 2.10 Occupancy in percent of sentenced prisoners by sex and principal crime on a certain day

<b>2.10.1 Denmark</b>	<b>2018</b>			<b>2019</b>			<b>2020</b>			<b>2021</b>			<b>2022</b>		
<i>Principal crime</i> <sup>69</sup>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>
Murder	8	14	8	7	14	8	7	10	7	7	7	7	6	12	7
Violence	17	22	17	16	21	16	18	23	18	16	18	17	17	12	17
Drug crimes	23	19	23	24	12	23	25	19	25	28	33	28	29	38	29
Thefts	10	-	9	9	8	9	7	8	7	7	6	7	6	10	7
Robbery	7	5	7	6	1	6	6	7	6	6	8	6	6	4	6
Sex crimes	9	8	9	10	7	10	8	6	8	10	4	9	11	3	11
Economic crimes	3	10	3	3	4	3	2	5	2	4	6	4	3	4	3
Traffic crimes	3	2	3	3	4	3	3	3	3	2	0	2	2	1	2
Other	20	21	20	22	29	22	23	20	23	20	17	19	20	16	19
<i>Percent of all</i>	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
N	2 192	63	2 255	2 340	83	2 424	2397	107	2 504	2 545	110	2 655	2 471	113	2 584

<sup>69</sup> Measured 1 September. Sentenced prisoners serving outside prisons not included.

2.10.2 Finland	2018			2019			2020			2021			2022		
	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
<i>Principal crime</i> <sup>70</sup>															
Murder	22	28	22	21	26	21	23	22	23	21	25	22	22	28	22
Violence	15	17	16	17	18	17	16	17	16	16	15	16	16	15	16
Drug crimes	22	19	21	21	16	21	25	17	24	22	21	22	21	20	21
Thefts	9	6	9	9	8	9	7	9	8	8	6	8	9	4	9
Robbery	9	6	9	9	9	9	8	10	8	8	8	8	9	7	9
Sex crimes	6	1	6	6	2	6	6	1	6	7	4	6	7	2	7
Economic crimes	8	15	9	6	16	7	5	14	6	5	10	5	5	12	5
Traffic crimes	8	7	8	9	5	9	7	9	7	12	9	12	10	12	10
Other	2	1	2	2	-	2	1	1	1	2	1	2	2	1	2
<i>Percent of all</i>	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
N	1 890	144	2 034	1 893	143	2 036	1 644	129	1 773	1 929	162	2 091	1 966	137	2 103

<sup>70</sup> Measured 1 September. Absent sentenced prisoners are included, but not fine defaulters.

<b>2.10.3 Iceland</b>	<b>2018</b>			<b>2019</b>			<b>2020</b>			<b>2021</b>			<b>2022</b>		
	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>
<i>Principal crime</i> <sup>71</sup>															
Murder	10	20	10	11	17	12	14	43	16	11	10	10	10	9	9
Violence	14	-	13	12	-	11	10	-	9	10	10	10	13	-	12
Drug crimes	30	40	30	29	42	30	39	29	39	42	40	42	36	82	39
Thefts	10	20	11	9	17	10	8	-	7	5	10	6	6	-	6
Robbery	4	-	4	4	-	3	5	-	5	5	10	6	1	-	1
Sex crimes	13	-	12	16	-	15	15	14	15	13	-	12	23	-	21
Economic crimes	1	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	2
Traffic crimes	17	20	17	17	25	18	8	-	7	8	10	8	8	-	7
Other	2	-	2	1	-	1	2	14	3	6	10	6	2	9	2
<i>Percent of all</i>	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
N	125	5	130	135	12	147	102	7	109	133	10	143	126	11	137

<sup>71</sup> Measured 1 September. Absent sentenced prisoners are included, but not fine defaulters.



<b>2.10.4 Norway</b>	<b>2018</b>			<b>2019</b>			<b>2020</b>			<b>2021</b>			<b>2022</b>		
<i>Principal crime</i> <sup>72</sup>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>
Murder	8	13	9	9	12	9	10	18	11	9	18	10	9	16	10
Violence	15	16	15	15	13	15	15	11	15	15	14	15	13	11	13
Drug crimes	25	27	25	23	24	23	24	27	24	23	18	23	21	23	21
Thefts	6	8	6	5	8	5	3	4	3	4	3	4	3	5	3
Robbery	4	3	4	4	2	4	4	3	4	3	3	3	4	3	4
Sex crimes	22	4	21	25	5	24	27	4	25	29	5	27	29	5	28
Economic crimes	6	11	6	6	11	6	5	8	5	5	12	5	6	6	6
Traffic crimes	3	5	3	3	7	3	3	10	4	3	7	3	5	10	5
Other	11	14	12	11	18	11	8	15	9	9	20	10	10	22	11
<i>Percent of all</i>	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
N	2 488	152	2 640	2 334	170	2 504	2 258	138	2 396	2 552	152	2 704	2 463	152	2 615

<sup>72</sup> Measured 1 September. Sentenced prisoners serving outside prison e.g. in a treatment centre are included, but not fine defaulters.

<b>2.10.5 Sweden</b>	<b>2018</b>			<b>2019</b>			<b>2020</b>			<b>2021</b>			<b>2022</b>		
<i>Principal crime</i> <sup>73</sup>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>M</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>Total</b>
Murder	15	16	15	14	15	14	14	15	14	14	18	15	15	17	15
Violence	17	17	17	17	14	17	17	18	17	16	15	16	16	13	16
Drug crimes	29	27	28	27	29	27	27	30	27	29	29	29	29	34	29
Thefts	7	14	7	6	13	6	5	8	5	4	8	4	5	6	5
Robbery	9	5	8	9	4	8	9	6	9	8	11	8	7	7	7
Sex crimes	9	1	8	10	1	10	12	1	11	11	2	11	12	3	11
Economic crimes	5	9	5	5	10	6	4	12	4	4	5	4	4	7	4
Traffic crimes	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	3	2	1	1	1
Other	8	9	8	10	11	10	10	9	10	11	9	11	11	11	11
<i>Percent of all</i>	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
N	4 053	234	4 287	4 421	275	4 696	4 808	298	5 106	5 232	307	5 539	5 614	361	5 975

<sup>73</sup> Measured 1 October. Absent sentenced prisoners are included.

## 2.11 Reconvictions within two years of released sentenced prisoners

<b>2.11.1 Denmark</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Number of releases from prison	4 642	4 671	4 909	5 141	4 450
Number of reconvictions within 2 years	1 598	1 581	1 587	1 552	1 389
Reconviction rate in percent	34	34	32	30	31

<b>2.11.2 Finland<sup>74</sup></b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Number of releases from prison	2 875	2 802	2 776	2 730	2 487
Number of reconvictions within 2 years	1 016	987	916	897	702
Reconviction rate in percent	35	35	33	33	28

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<sup>74</sup> People with an invalid national identity number are excluded. Reduced efficiency in processing criminal cases during the COVID-19 pandemic may have affected the reconviction rates in 2020.

<b>2.11.3 Iceland</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Number of releases from prison	169	143	151	198	172
Number of reconvictions within 2 years	33	20	32	43	36
Reconviction rate in percent	20	14	21	22	21

<b>2.11.4 Norway</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b> <sup>75</sup>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b> <sup>76</sup>
Number of releases from prison	5 548	4 836	4 286	3 863	3 177
Number of reconvictions within 2 years <sup>77</sup>	1 241	905	818	689	516
Reconviction rate in percent	22	19	19	18	16

<b>2.11.5 Sweden</b>	<b>2016</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2018</b>	<b>2019</b>	<b>2020</b>
Number of releases from prison	7 879	7 792	7 959	7 995	7 883
Number of reconvictions within 2 years	2 561	2 471	2 530	2 479	2 596
Reconviction rate in percent	33	32	32	31	33

<sup>75</sup> The figures have been corrected.

<sup>76</sup> The COVID-19 pandemic led to reduced number of registered crimes and less activity in prosecutions and courts, which may have affected the reconviction rate in 2020.

<sup>77</sup> People with an invalid national identity number are excluded. Number of releases have been adjusted and do not reflect the total number of released prisoners. The number of reconvictions is based on the date of the crime leading to a new prison or community sanction. A national police reform reducing the number of police unities and reorganizing the service was introduced in 2017. This may have influenced the reconviction rates in the subsequent years.

## 2.12 Average length of imposed prison sentences in months

	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
<b>2.12.1 Denmark</b>	8	8	9	10	10
<b>2.12.2 Finland</b>	11	11	12	12	12
<b>2.12.3 Iceland</b>	7	8	7	9	9
<b>2.12.4 Norway</b>	7	7	7	7	7
<b>2.12.5 Sweden</b>	10	11	12	12	12