



Ministry of
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NOMS National Offender
Management Service

Working together to reduce re-offending

End of Custody Licence releases and recalls 1 to 31 January 2008

England and Wales

Any prisoners falling into the following categories are excluded from release on ECL:

- Registered sex offenders, whether or not they are currently serving a sentence for a sexual offence.
- Prisoners serving sentences for serious violence as specified in Prison Service Instruction 42/2007 (which consolidates and replaces PSI 27/2007) http://psi.hmprisonservice.gov.uk/PSI_2007_42_end_of_custody_licence.doc (this includes offences such as murder, manslaughter, wounding with intent to commit Grievous Bodily Harm, possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life, child cruelty and serious explosives offences).
- Prisoners who have previously escaped from custody.
- Prisoners who have previously breached temporary release conditions during the current sentence, have offended during a period under temporary release at any time, or prisoners currently serving a sentence for failing to return from temporary release.
- Prisoners who report that they do not have a release address.
- Foreign national prisoners who will be subject to deportation at the end of their sentence.
- Prisoners who are subject to extradition proceedings.
- Sentenced prisoners who have been remanded into custody on further charges or who are awaiting sentence.
- Prisoners who, within the period of their current sentence, had been recalled either from HDC or from normal licence.
- Prisoners under the age of 18.
- Prisoners serving Detention and Training Order (DTO) sentences.
- Prisoners required to undertake a treatment programme as a condition of the normal (end of sentence) supervision licence that could not be arranged during the period of ECL or at a time otherwise agreed by the Offender Manager.

Data sources and quality

The data presented in this brief are drawn from the prison administrative IT systems. Although care is taken when processing and analysing the returns, the detail collected is subject to the inaccuracies inherent in any large-scale recording system. While the figures shown have been checked as far as practicable, they should be regarded as approximate and not necessarily accurate to the last whole number.

Future Reports

Future reports will be published on a monthly basis on the Ministry of Justice website <http://www.justice.gov.uk/publications/endofcustodylicence.htm>.

Table 1: ECL releases by offence group, sentence length, age, ethnic group, by sex - January 2008 and cumulative total

	Males	Females	Monthly total	Cumulative totals to date
Total ECL releases between 1 and 31 January 2008	2,125	261	2,386	18,583
By offence group				
Violence against the person ¹	445	39	484	3,484
Sexual offences ²	1	0	1	5
Robbery	56	4	60	409
Burglary	222	9	231	1,730
Theft and Handling	391	121	512	4,194
Fraud and Forgery	24	14	38	329
Drug offences	92	7	99	790
Motoring offences	280	7	287	2,319
Other offences	580	57	637	4,999
Offence not recorded	34	3	37	324
By sentence length				
Less than or equal to 6 months	1399	221	1,620	13,068
Greater than 6 months to less than 12 months	275	26	301	2,107
12 months to less than 4 years	451	14	465	3,406
4 years	-	-	-	2
By age				
18-20	338	20	358	2,697
21-24	447	44	491	3,774
25-29	458	58	516	4,104
30-39	550	95	645	5,107
40-49	268	38	306	2,295
50-59	52	5	57	511
60 and over	12	1	13	95
By ethnic group				
White	1765	233	1,998	15,848
Mixed	54	10	64	467
Asian or Asian British	126	4	130	827
Black or Black British	169	13	182	1,343
Chinese or Other ethnic group	7	1	8	55
Not stated	4	0	4	31
Unrecorded	-	-	-	6
1991 Census ethnic codes	-	-	-	6

1 Excludes serious violent offences such as murder, manslaughter, wounding with intent to commit Grievous Bodily Harm, possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life, child cruelty and serious explosives offences. A full list of exclusions can be found in Prison Service Instruction 42/2007 (which consolidates and replaces PSI 27/2007).

2 A male offender was recorded as serving a sentence for a sexual offence. Investigation revealed that the offender was serving a sentence of less than 30 months for indecent assault and, as such, was not required to register on release. The release was therefore correct as the prohibition on sex offenders is against *registered* sex offenders.

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