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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 note carefully the definitions and the footnotes to the tables.

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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 services.

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"), the regional offices and the Service Centre (from 2015). 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 (in Norwegian "samfunnsstraff") was introduced, replacing the former orders of community service and conditional sentence with supervision. The offender needs to consent. A fixed number of hours (30 – 420) have to 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. € 710) 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. 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. 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. 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 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 as long as 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 reoffending. 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 within two years after year of release from a prison sentence, in which case the new sentence has to 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, with the exception of 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, in reality 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 Iceland they are sometimes held in open prisons. 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 Denmark, around 70 % of the capacity of the local prisons ("arresthus") is used for remand prisoners. The remaining 30 % consists of formerly remanded prisoners newly convicted and awaiting transfer to closed and open prisons for serving the remaining part of their sentences. 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.

Remand custody

Persons suspected of having committed a crime and as a consequence 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 sum 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 Norway and Iceland librarians, teachers and health staff 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. In Finland, health personnel and teachers are not employed by the correctional service. In Denmark, both teachers and health personnel are employed by the correctional service. From 2008, teachers are employed by the correctional service in Sweden. Categories of staff included in table 9 is 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 | Yes | 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 for normally a year, but with a probation period of three years. 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 up to two years. The offender will be supervised by the probation service for at least one year. He has to consent to participate in the treatment. The treatment takes place in a treatment centre or policlinic.

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 has to 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

| 2.1.1 Denmark | 2016 | 2015 | 2010 | 2010 | 2020 |
|---|--------|--------|--------|-------|-------|
| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| New entries to prison sentences | 4 123 | 4 029 | 4 746 | 4 749 | 4 093 |
| New entries to the probation service | 11 524 | 10 579 | 10 035 | 9 699 | 9 107 |
| of which | | | | | |
| community service | 4 640 | 4 396 | 3 831 | 3 496 | 3 543 |
| community sentence | | | | | |
| conditional release with supervision | 1 775 | 1 583 | 1 476 | 1 502 | 1 484 |
| conditional sentence with supervision | 1 605 | 1 483 | 1 502 | 1 455 | 1 417 |
| supervision of mentally disturbed persons | 626 | 614 | 652 | 617 | 584 |
| supervision with treatment of alcohol problems | 378 | 259 | 276 | 245 | 227 |
| supervision with a treatment plan | | | | | |
| supervision | | | | | |
| electronic monitoring (front door) | 2 319 | 2 088 | 2 221 | 2 223 | 1 692 |
| electronic monitoring (back door) | 68 | 75 | 68 | 65 | 55 |
| Other entries ¹ | 113 | 81 | 109 | 96 | 105 |
| New entries to prison sentences per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 87 | 84 | 98 | 98 | 84 |
| total population | 72 | 70 | 82 | 82 | 70 |
| New entries to the probation service per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 243 | 221 | 208 | 200 | 187 |
| total population | 202 | 184 | 174 | 167 | 156 |

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¹ Supervision of sentenced to treatment, sexual offenders in treatment and supervision in connection with waiver of prosecution. Figures for 2016 and 2017 are corrected due to new calculation method.

| 2.1.2 Finland | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| New entries to prison sentences | 3 372 | 3 093 | 3 173 | 3 216 | 2 771 |
| New entries to the probation service | 4 463 | 4 358 | 4 461 | 4 431 | 4 233 |
| of which | | | | | |
| community service | 2 037 | 1 938 | 2 009 | 1 930 | 1 752 |
| community sentence | | | | | |
| conditional release with supervision | 762 | 750 | 785 | 817 | 774 |
| conditional sentence with supervision | 707 | 665 | 700 | 626 | 684 |
| supervision of mentally disturbed persons | | | | | |
| supervision with treatment of alcohol problems | | | | | |
| supervision with a treatment plan | | | | | |
| supervision | | | | | |
| electronic monitoring (front door) ² | 261 | 246 | 207 | 197 | 188 |
| electronic monitoring (back door) | 690 | 754 | 749 | 854 | 828 |
| Other entries ³ | 6 | 5 | 11 | 7 | 7 |
| New entries to prison sentences per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 73 | 67 | 69 | 69 | 60 |
| total population | 61 | 56 | 58 | 58 | 50 |
| New entries to the probation service per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 97 | 95 | 97 | 96 | 91 |
| total population | 81 | 79 | 81 | 80 | 77 |

 $^{^2}$ The supervision of electronic monitoring in Finland is conducted by prison staff. 3 People serving juvenile punishment.

| 2.1.3 Iceland | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|------|-----------|------|------|------|
| New entries to prison sentences | 153 | 174 | 163 | 202 | 160 |
| New entries to the probation service | 328 | 263 | 362 | 382 | 332 |
| of which | | | | | |
| community service ⁴ | 253 | 197 | 301 | 310 | 254 |
| community sentence | | | | | |
| conditional release with supervision | 38 | 25 | 27 | 32 | 34 |
| conditional sentence with supervision | 4 | 6 | 2 | 4 | 3 |
| 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) 5 | 33 | 35 | 32 | 36 | 41 |
| Other entries | | | | | |
| New entries to prison sentences per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 58 | 64 | 58 | 70 | 54 |
| total population | 46 | 51 | 47 | 57 | 44 |
| New entries to the probation service per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 123 | 97 | 129 | 132 | 112 |
| total population | 99 | <i>78</i> | 104 | 107 | 91 |

⁴ Includes unpaid fines converted to community service, of which there were 101 in 2020. ⁵ First offender serving this way was in February 2012.

| 2.1.4 Norway | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| New entries to prison sentences | 6 792 | 6 297 | 5 467 | 4 597 | 3 772 |
| New entries to the probation service | 6 541 | 6 645 | 6 178 | 6 479 | 6 834 |
| of which | | | | | |
| community service | | | | | |
| community sentence | 1 909 | 1 980 | 1 782 | 1 797 | 1 630 |
| conditional release with supervision | 760 | 723 | 666 | 640 | 535 |
| conditional sentence with supervision | 5 | 5 | 6 | 3 | - |
| supervision of mentally disturbed persons | | | | | |
| supervision with treatment of alcohol problems ⁶ | 463 | 468 | 388 | 366 | 361 |
| supervision with a treatment plan | | • | | | |
| supervision | | • | | | |
| electronic monitoring (front door) | 2 908 | 2 882 | 2 791 | 2 951 | 3 178 |
| electronic monitoring (back door) | 383 | 383 | 327 | 322 | 325 |
| Other entries ⁷ | 113 | 204 | 218 | 400 | 805 |
| | | 0 | | | |
| New entries to prison sentences per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 159 | 146 | 125 | 105 | 85 |
| total population | 130 | 120 | 103 | 86 | 70 |
| New entries to the probation service per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 153 | 154 | 142 | 147 | 154 |
| total population | 125 | 126 | 117 | 122 | 127 |

⁶ Participants driving under the influence of other kinds of intoxicants than alcohol are also accepted, but the majority would be drink drivers.

⁷ Mostly drug court programme, supervision of people released from preventive detention and home detention on special conditions.

| 0.4.5. 0 | | | | | |
|---|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
| 2.1.5 Sweden | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| New entries to prison sentences | 8 495 | 8 423 | 8 930 | 9 172 | 8 964 |
| New entries to the probation service | 15 166 | 14 740 | 15 402 | 15 056 | 16 126 |
| of which | | | | | |
| community service 8 | 4 476 | 4 350 | 4 271 | 4 066 | 3 766 |
| community sentence | | | | | |
| conditional release with supervision | 3 637 | 3 251 | 3 424 | 3 681 | 5 274 |
| conditional sentence with supervision | | | | | |
| supervision of mentally disturbed persons | | | | | |
| supervision with treatment of alcohol problems | | | | | |
| supervision with a treatment plan | 703 | 726 | 728 | 636 | 642 |
| supervision | 3 984 | 4 233 | 4 903 | 4 496 | 4 220 |
| electronic monitoring (front door) | 1 817 | 1 642 | 1 563 | 1 609 | 1 622 |
| electronic monitoring (back door) | 549 | 538 | 513 | 568 | 602 |
| Other entries | - | - | - | - | - |
| New entries to prison sentences per 100.000 of | 103 | 101 | 106 | 108 | 105 |
| population 15 years of age or more | 85 | 83 | 87 | 89 | 86 |
| total population | | | | | |
| New entries to the probation service per 100.000 of | 184 | 177 | 183 | 177 | 189 |
| population 15 years of age or more | 152 | 146 | 151 | 146 | 155 |
| total population | 103 | 101 | 106 | 108 | 105 |

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⁸ Conditional prison sentences with community service are included.

2.2 Average number of inmates by category

| 2.2.1 Denmark | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total average number of registered inmates ⁹ | 3 536 | 3 599 | 3 887 | 4 149 | 4 267 |
| of which | | | | | |
| remand custody | 1 117 | 1 140 | 1 326 | 1 400 | 1 533 |
| percent | 32 | 32 | 34 | 34 | 36 |
| sentenced to prison ¹⁰ | 2 214 | 2 233 | 2 359 | 2 556 | 2 532 |
| percent | 63 | 62 | 61 | 62 | 59 |
| fine defaulters | 0 | 0 | - | - | - |
| preventive detention | 56 | 60 | 64 | 69 | 76 |
| others ¹¹ | 149 | 165 | 138 | 125 | 126 |
| Sentenced per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 47 | 47 | 49 | 53 | 52 |
| total population | 39 | 39 | 41 | 44 | 43 |
| Total number of registered inmates per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 74 | 75 | 81 | 86 | 88 |
| total population | 62 | 63 | 67 | 71 | 73 |

 ⁹ Inmates measured every day.
 ¹⁰ Inmates temporarily absent are included in the figures.
 ¹¹ Mainly violators of Immigration law.

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|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 2.2.2 Finland | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
| Total average number of registered inmates ¹² | 2 917 | 2 821 | 2 703 | 2 736 | 2 573 |
| of which | | | | | |
| remand custody 13 | 585 | 597 | 547 | 639 | 632 |
| percent | 20 | 21 | 20 | 23 | 25 |
| sentenced to prison | 2 275 | 2 169 | 2 097 | 2 031 | 1 877 |
| percent | 78 | 77 | 78 | 74 | 73 |
| fine defaulters | 57 | 55 | 59 | 66 | 63 |
| preventive detention | | | | | |
| others | | | | | |
| Sentenced per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 50 | 47 | 45 | 44 | 40 |
| total population | 41 | 39 | 38 | 37 | 34 |
| Total number of registered inmates per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 64 | 61 | 58 | 59 | 55 |
| total population | 53 | 51 | 49 | 50 | 47 |

 $^{^{12}}$ Inmates measured twice a month. Inmates illegally absent from prison (about 50) are included in the table.

¹³ In addition there were 81 (2016), 73 (2017), 69 (2018), 41 (2019) and 32 (2020) remand prisoners in police custody.

| 2.2.3 Iceland | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| Total average number of registered inmates ¹⁴ | 148 | 163 | 164 | 182 | 152 |
| of which | | | | | |
| remand custody | 18 | 24 | 26 | 30 | 27 |
| percent | 12 | 15 | 16 | 16 | 18 |
| sentenced to prison | 110 | 118 | 119 | 129 | 107 |
| percent | 74 | 72 | 73 | 71 | 70 |
| fine defaulters | 2 | 3 | 1 | 5 | 2 |
| preventive detention | | | | | |
| others ¹⁵ | 18 | 18 | 18 | 19 | 17 |
| | | | | | |
| Sentenced per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 41 | 43 | 42 | 43 | 36 |
| total population | 33 | 35 | 34 | 35 | 29 |
| | | | | | |
| Total number of registered inmates per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 55 | 60 | 58 | 61 | 51 |
| total population | 44 | 48 | 47 | 49 | 42 |

¹⁴ Inmates measured every day.¹⁵ Registered inmates in a private half way house.

| 2.2.4 Norway | | | | | |
|--|----------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|----------------------|
| Total average number of registered inmates ¹⁶ | 2016 4 035 | 2017 3 827 | 2018 3 580 | 2019 3 361 | 2020 3 015 |
| of which | 4 033 | 3 627 | 3 300 | 3 301 | 3 013 |
| | 1.011 | 021 | 0.47 | 026 | 7.40 |
| remand custody | 1 011 | 921 | 847 | 826 | 748 |
| percent | 25 | 24 | 24 | 25 | 25 |
| sentenced to prison | 2 833 | 2 712 | 2 548 | 2 385 | 2 116 |
| percent | 70 | 71 | 71 | 71 | 70 |
| fine defaulters | 101 | 91 | 72 | 30 | 18 |
| preventive detention | 90 | 104 | 114 | 120 | 132 |
| others | | | | | |
| Sentenced per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 66 | 63 | 58 | 54 | 48 |
| total population | 54 | 52 | 48 | 45 | 39 |
| Total number of registered inmates per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 94 | 89 | 82 | 77 | 68 |
| total population | 77 | 73 | 68 | 63 | 56 |

¹⁶ Inmates measured every day.

| 2.2.5 Sweden | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total average number of registered inmates ¹⁷ | 5 640 | 5 702 | 6 071 | 6 567 | 7 087 |
| of which | | | | | |
| remand custody | 1 460 | 1 517 | 1 695 | 1 869 | 2 059 |
| percent | 26 | 27 | 28 | 28 | 29 |
| sentenced to prison ¹⁸ | 4 050 | 4 046 | 4 228 | 4 561 | 4 889 |
| percent | 72 | 71 | 70 | 69 | 69 |
| fine defaulters | | | | | |
| preventive detention | | | | | |
| others ¹⁹ | 130 | 139 | 148 | 137 | 139 |
| Sentenced per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 49 | 49 | 50 | 54 | 57 |
| total population | 41 | 40 | 41 | 44 | 47 |
| Total number of registered inmates per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 68 | 68 | 72 | 77 | 83 |
| total population | 56 | 56 | 59 | 64 | 68 |

 ¹⁷ Inmates measured once a month, except remand custody and others not specified, which are measured every day from 2017.
 ¹⁸ Back door electronic monitoring is included in table 2.3.5.
 ¹⁹ In 2020 about 66 % were inmates imprisoned for the violation of immigrant law.

2.3 Average number of registered persons in the probation service

| 2.3.1 Denmark | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total average of registered clients in the probation service ²⁰ | 9 054 | 8 449 | 8 052 | 7 821 | 7 758 |
| of which | | | | | |
| community service | 2 388 | 2 260 | 2 034 | 1 849 | 1 942 |
| community sentence | | | | | |
| conditional release with supervision | 1 426 | 1 386 | 1 312 | 1 258 | 1 241 |
| conditional sentence with supervision | 1 745 | 1487 | 1 440 | 1 471 | 1 409 |
| supervision of mentally disturbed persons | 2 788 | 2728 | 2 731 | 2 708 | 2 678 |
| supervision with treatment of alcohol problems | 332 | 262 | 188 | 189 | 195 |
| supervision with a treatment plan | | | | • | |
| supervision | | | | • | |
| electronic monitoring (front door) | 298 | 266 | 284 | 288 | 230 |
| electronic monitoring (back door) | 21 | 21 | 23 | 21 | 16 |
| others ²¹ | 56 | 38 | 40 | 37 | 48 |
| | | | | | |
| Total average of registered clients in the probation service per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 191 | 176 | 167 | 161 | 159 |
| total population | 159 | 147 | 139 | 134 | 133 |

²⁰ Clients measured once a month.

²¹ Offenders conditionally sentenced to treatment for traffic or sex offences and waiver of prosecution.

| 2.3.2 Finland | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total average of registered clients in the probation service ²² | 3 265 | 3 182 | 3 165 | 3 247 | 3 310 |
| of which | | | | | |
| community service | 1 120 | 1 096 | 1 072 | 1 154 | 1 220 |
| community sentence | | | | | |
| conditional release with supervision | 1 067 | 1 093 | 1 116 | 1 116 | 1 144 |
| conditional sentence with supervision | 819 | 727 | 729 | 726 | 674 |
| supervision of mentally disturbed persons | | | | | |
| supervision with treatment of alcohol problems | | | | | |
| supervision with a treatment plan | | | | | |
| supervision | | | | | |
| electronic monitoring (front door) | 47 | 45 | 33 | 26 | 39 |
| electronic monitoring (back door) ²³ | 203 | 214 | 207 | 216 | 227 |
| others ²⁴ | 9 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 6 |
| | | | | | |
| Total average of registered clients in the probation service per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 71 | 69 | 68 | 70 | 71 |
| total population | 60 | 58 | 57 | 59 | 60 |

 ²² Clients measured once a month.
 ²³ Supervision is performed by prison staff.
 ²⁴ People serving juvenile punishment.

| 2.3.3 Iceland | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| Total average of registered clients in the probation service ²⁵ | 250 | 239 | 258 | 250 | 259 |
| of which | | | | | |
| community service ²⁶ | 155 | 147 | 186 | 185 | 194 |
| community sentence | | • | | • | • |
| conditional release with supervision | 61 | 52 | 50 | 49 | 41 |
| conditional sentence with supervision | 14 | 13 | 7 | 4 | 5 |
| supervision of mentally disturbed persons | | | | • | |
| supervision with treatment of alcohol problems | | • | | • | • |
| supervision with a treatment plan | | | | • | |
| supervision | | ٠ | | ٠ | |
| electronic monitoring (front door) | | | | • | |
| electronic monitoring (back door) | 7 | 18 | 14 | 11 | 16 |
| others ²⁷ | 13 | 9 | 1 | 1 | 3 |
| | | | | | |
| Total average of registered clients in the probation service per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 94 | 88 | 92 | 87 | 88 |
| total population | 75 | 70 | 74 | 70 | 71 |

 ²⁵ Clients measured once a month.
 ²⁶ Fine defaulters not able to pay their fines serving community service instead are included.
 ²⁷ Includes waiver of prosecution with supervision.

| 2.3.4 Norway | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total average of registered clients in the probation service ²⁸ | 2 329 | 2 348 | 2 300 | 2 388 | 2 482 |
| of which | | | | | |
| community service | | | | | |
| community sentence | 1 127 | 1 117 | 1 027 | 1 063 | 1 007 |
| conditional release with supervision | 320 | 325 | 296 | 298 | 269 |
| conditional sentence with supervision | 7 | 5 | 6 | 6 | 2 |
| supervision of mentally disturbed persons | | | | | |
| supervision with treatment of alcohol problems ²⁹ | 452 | 426 | 407 | 351 | 338 |
| supervision with a treatment plan | | | | | |
| supervision | | | | | |
| electronic monitoring (front door) | 257 | 258 | 251 | 255 | 285 |
| electronic monitoring (back door) | 63 | 71 | 61 | 59 | 73 |
| others ³⁰ | 103 | 147 | 253 | 356 | 509 |
| | | | | | |
| Total average of registered clients in the probation service per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 54 | 54 | 53 | 54 | 56 |
| total population | 45 | 45 | 43 | 45 | 46 |

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²⁸ Clients measured every day.

²⁹ Cf. footnote 6.

of 100 line of 30 In 2017 drug court programme (135), home detention on special conditions (40), community service in the absence of paying a fine (21), supervision of people released from preventive detention (8) and supervision of conditionally sentenced offenders (5).

| 2.3.5 Sweden | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|--------|-------|-------|--------|--------|
| Total average of registered clients in the probation service ³¹ | 10 731 | 9 879 | 9 904 | 10 143 | 10 672 |
| of which | | | | | |
| community service ³² | 1 822 | 1 744 | 1 739 | 1 716 | 1 596 |
| community sentence | | | | | |
| conditional release with supervision | 3 392 | 2 983 | 2 909 | 3 097 | 3 931 |
| conditional sentence with supervision | | | | | |
| supervision of mentally disturbed persons | | | | | |
| supervision with treatment of alcohol problems | | | | | |
| supervision with a treatment plan | 797 | 725 | 747 | 706 | 620 |
| supervision | 4 368 | 4 097 | 4 199 | 4 292 | 4 181 |
| electronic monitoring (front door) | 226 | 201 | 194 | 195 | 194 |
| electronic monitoring (back door) | 126 | 129 | 116 | 137 | 150 |
| others | - | - | - | - | - |
| | | | | | |
| Total average of registered clients in the probation service per 100.000 of | | | | | |
| population 15 years of age or more | 130 | 119 | 118 | 119 | 125 |
| total population | 107 | 98 | 97 | 98 | 103 |

Clients measured every day.
 Conditional prison sentences with community service are included.

2.4 Sentenced prisoners on a certain day

| 2.4.1 Denmark | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Sentenced to prison on a certain day ³³ | 2 206 | 2 143 | 2 254 | 2 424 | 2 503 |
| of which | | | | | |
| Women | | | | | |
| number | 91 | 68 | 63 | 82 | 107 |
| percent | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| Foreign citizens | | | | | |
| number | 425 | 441 | 449 | 472 | 550 |
| percent | 19 | 21 | 20 | 19 | 22 |
| of which Nordic people | 18 | 11 | 14 | 11 | 17 |
| percent | 1 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| 15 – 17 years of age | | | | | |
| number | 9 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 5 |
| percent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Life sentenced prisoners | | | | | |
| number | 21 | 24 | 24 | 27 | 29 |
| percent | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

³³ Measured 1 September. Sentenced prisoners serving outside prison not included.

| 2.4.2 Finland | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Sentenced to prison on a certain day ³⁴ | 2 301 | 2 143 | 2 034 | 2 036 | 1 773 |
| of which | | | | | |
| Women | | | | | |
| number | 157 | 160 | 144 | 143 | 129 |
| percent | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| Foreign citizens | | | | | |
| number | 311 | 327 | 261 | 284 | 264 |
| percent | 14 | 15 | 13 | 14 | 15 |
| of which Nordic people | 17 | 15 | 12 | 13 | 16 |
| percent | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| 15 – 17 years of age | | | | | |
| number | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 1 |
| percent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Life sentenced prisoners | | | | | |
| number | 197 | 190 | 184 | 178 | 169 |
| percent | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 10 |

 $^{^{\}rm 34}$ Measured 1 September. Sentenced prisoners serving outside prison included. Fine defaulters not included.

| 2.4.3 Iceland | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---|------|------|------|------|------|
| Sentenced to prison on a certain day 35 | 123 | 132 | 130 | 147 | 109 |
| of which | | | | | |
| Women | | | | | |
| number | 6 | 9 | 5 | 11 | 7 |
| percent | 5 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 6 |
| Foreign citizens | | | | | |
| number | 15 | 23 | 29 | 28 | 19 |
| percent | 12 | 17 | 22 | 19 | 17 |
| of which Nordic people | - | - | - | 2 | - |
| percent | - | - | - | 1 | - |
| 15 – 17 years of age | | | | | |
| number | - | - | - | - | - |
| percent | - | - | - | - | - |
| Life sentenced prisoners | | | | | |
| number | - | - | - | - | - |
| percent | - | - | - | - | - |

 $^{^{35}}$ Measured 1 September. Absent sentenced prisoners are included, but not fine defaulters.

| 2.4.4 Norway | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Sentenced to prison on a certain day ³⁶ | 2 951 | 2 736 | 2 640 | 2 504 | 2 396 |
| of which | | | | | |
| Women | | | | | |
| number | 187 | 152 | 152 | 170 | 139 |
| percent | 6 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| Foreign citizens | | | | | |
| number | 704 | 698 | 622 | 552 | 503 |
| percent | 24 | 26 | 24 | 22 | 21 |
| of which Nordic people | 53 | 45 | 57 | 33 | 43 |
| percent | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| 15 – 17 years of age | | | | | |
| number | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 4 |
| percent | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Life sentenced prisoners | 2 951 | 2 736 | 2 640 | 2 504 | 2 396 |
| number | | | | | |
| percent | | | | | |

³⁶ Measured 1 September.

| 2.4.5 Sweden | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Sentenced to prison on a certain day ³⁷ | 4 099 | 4 042 | 4 287 | 4 696 | 5 106 |
| of which | | | | | |
| Women | | | | | |
| number | 258 | 244 | 234 | 275 | 298 |
| percent | 6 | 6 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| Foreign citizens | | | | | |
| number | 1 257 | 1 224 | 1 303 | 1 396 | 1 446 |
| percent | 31 | 30 | 30 | 30 | 28 |
| of which Nordic people | 106 | 103 | 116 | 102 | 109 |
| percent | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| 15 – 17 years of age ³⁸ | | | | | |
| number | 3 | - | 3 | - | 1 |
| percent | 0 | - | 0 | - | 0 |
| Life sentenced prisoners | | | | | |
| number | 145 | 144 | 154 | 156 | 152 |
| percent | 4 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 3 |

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³⁷ Measured 1 October. Prisoners serving outside prison or temporarily absent with permission to leave, are included. Electronic monitoring are excluded.

³⁸ 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

| 2.5.1 Denmark | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Open prisons | | | | | |
| Number of escapes | 55 | 68 | 66 | 62 | 63 |
| Escapes per 100.000 custody-days | 14 | 18 | 17 | 17 | 16 |
| | | | | | |
| Closed prisons and remand units | | | | | |
| Number of escapes | 1 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Escapes per 100.000 custody-days | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| 2.5.2 Finland | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Open prisons | | | | | |
| Number of escapes | 55 | 63 | 52 | 38 | 73 |
| Escapes per 100.000 custody-days | 19 | 20 | 18 | 13 | 26 |
| | | | | | |
| Closed prisons and remand units | | | | | |
| Number of escapes | 4 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Escapes per 100.000 custody-days | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

| 2.5.3 Iceland | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Open prisons | | | | | |
| Number of escapes | 2 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Escapes per 100.000 custody-days | 13 | - | 7 | - | - |
| | | | | | |
| Closed prisons and remand units | | | | | |
| Number of escapes | - | - | - | - | - |
| Escapes per 100.000 custody-days | - | - | - | - | - |

| 2.5.4 Norway | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Open prisons | | | | | |
| Number of escapes | 49 | 36 | 25 | 18 | 9 |
| Escapes per 100.000 custody-days | 10 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 3 |
| | | | | | |
| Closed prisons and remand units | | | | | |
| Number of escapes | 1 | 2 | - | 1 | - |
| Escapes per 100.000 custody-days | 0 | 0 | - | 0 | - |

| 2.5.5 Sweden | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Open prisons | | | | | |
| Number of escapes | 15 | 24 | 31 | 28 | 46 |
| Escapes per 100.000 custody-days | 6 | 10 | 12 | 9 | 14 |
| | | | | | |
| Closed prisons and remand centres | | | | | |
| Number of escapes | - | 2 | 1 | - | - |
| Escapes per 100.000 custody-days | - | 0 | 0 | - | - |

2.6 Deaths in prisons and remand units

| 2.6.1 Denmark | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Suicides | 8 | 4 | 5 | 9 | 4 |
| Other | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | - |

| 2.6.2 Finland | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Suicides | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 4 |
| Other | 2 | - | 4 | 5 | - |

| 2.6.3 Iceland | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|---------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Suicides | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Other | - | - | - | 1 | - |

| 2.6.4 Norway | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Suicides | 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 | 2 |
| Other | 1 | 2 | 3 | 2 | - |

| 2.6.5 Sweden | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Suicides | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | 2 |
| Other | 2 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 |

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

| 2.7.1 Denmark | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Open prison units | | | | | |
| number of units | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 8 |
| number of places by | | | | | |
| largest unit | 183 | 189 | 235 | 252 | 242 |
| smallest unit | 20 | 20 | 20 | 23 | 23 |
| | | | | | |
| Closed prison units | | | | | |
| number of units | 9 | 9 | 11 | 11 | 10 |
| number of places by | | | | | |
| largest unit | 237 | 210 | 225 | 225 | 229 |
| smallest unit | 18 | 42 | 12 | 12 | 13 |
| | | | | | |
| Remand centres | | | | | |
| number of units | 41 | 38 | 38 | 39 | 44 |
| number of places by | | | | | |
| largest unit | 481 | 463 | 463 | 496 | 504 |
| smallest unit | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 6 |
| | | | | | |
| Total number of units | 59 | 56 | 58 | 58 | 62 |

| 2.7.2 Finland | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Open prison units | | | | | |
| number of units | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 |
| number of places by | | | | | |
| largest unit | 107 | 107 | 107 | 100 | 124 |
| smallest unit | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 | 12 |
| | | | | | |
| Closed prison units | | | | | |
| number of units | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 | 15 |
| number of places by | | | | | |
| largest unit | 255 | 255 | 312 | 312 | 312 |
| smallest unit | 58 | 58 | 58 | 48 | 59 |
| Remand centres | | | | | |
| number of units | | | | | |
| number of places by | | | | | |
| largest unit | | | | | |
| smallest unit | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Total number of units | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 32 |

| 2.7.3 Iceland | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Open prison units | | | | | |
| number of units | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| number of places by | | | | | |
| largest unit | 23 | 23 | 22 | 22 | 21 |
| smallest unit | 21 | 22 | 22 | 22 | 21 |
| Closed prison units | | | | | |
| number of units | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 |
| number of places by | | | | | |
| largest unit | 87 | 78 | 78 | 78 | 78 |
| smallest unit | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 56 |
| Remand centres ³⁹ | | | | | |
| number of units | | | | | |
| number of places by | | | | | |
| largest unit | | | | | |
| smallest unit | | | | | |
| | | | | | |
| Total number of places | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 4 |

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 $^{^{39}}$ In Iceland, there are no remand centres, but in two closed prisons up to nine places are reserved for remand custody.

| 2.7.4 Norway | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Open prison units 40 | | | | | |
| number of units | 33 | 38 | 38 | 33 | 28 |
| number of places by | | | | | |
| largest unit | 115 | 115 | 115 | 115 | 115 |
| smallest unit | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 | 10 |
| Closed prison units | | | | | |
| number of units | 34 | 31 | 31 | 31 | 29 |
| number of places by | | | | | |
| largest unit | 416 | 286 | 286 | 284 | 286 |
| smallest unit | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Remand centres | | | | | |
| number of units | | | | | |
| number of places | | | | | |
| number of places by | | | | | |
| largest unit | | | | | |
| smallest unit | | | | | |
| Total number of units | 67 | 69 | 69 | 64 | 57 |

 $^{^{\}rm 40}$ Low security prison units (transitional houses) are included.

| 2.7.5 Sweden | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Open prison units | | | | | |
| number of units | 19 | 18 | 18 | 18 | 18 |
| number of places by | | | | | |
| largest unit | 120 | 120 | 127 | 150 | 170 |
| smallest unit | 12 | 12 | 12 | 6 | 6 |
| Closed prison units | | | | | |
| number of units | 35 | 34 | 33 | 33 | 33 |
| number of places by | | | | | |
| largest unit | 405 | 405 | 420 | 476 | 505 |
| smallest unit | 5 | 5 | 9 | 9 | 9 |
| Remand centres | | | | | |
| number of units | 31 | 32 | 32 | 32 | 36 |
| number of places by | | | | | |
| largest unit | 288 | 284 | 331 | 339 | 310 |
| smallest unit | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 9 |
| Total number of units | 85 | 84 | 83 | 83 | 87 |

2.8 Average number of available places and occupancy

| 2.8.1 Denmark ⁴¹ | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|------------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Open prisons | | | | | |
| capacity in number of places | 1 099 | 1 119 | 1 101 | 1 127 | 1 126 |
| occupancy | 1 048 | 1 050 | 1 072 | 1 115 | 1 057 |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | 95 | 94 | 97 | 99 | 94 |
| Closed prisons | | | | | |
| capacity in number of places | 898 | 885 | 942 | 1 012 | 1 060 |
| occupancy | 849 | 854 | 936 | 1 003 | 1 053 |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | 94 | 96 | 99 | 99 | 99 |
| Remand units | | | | | |
| capacity in number of places | 1 593 | 1 609 | 1 712 | 1 802 | 1 888 |
| occupancy | 1 524 | 1 546 | 1 731 | 1 856 | 1 975 |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | 96 | 96 | 101 | 103 | 105 |
| Total | | | | | |
| capacity in number of places | 3 590 | 3 614 | 3 756 | 3 940 | 4 073 |
| occupancy | 3 421 | 3 450 | 3 738 | 3 975 | 4 085 |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | 95 | 95 | 100 | 101 | 100 |

⁴¹ Measured every day. In addition, there are halfway houses for clients under supervision and sentenced people serving an unconditional prison sentence. In 2020, the average capacity was 209, and the average number of residents was 180.

| 2.8.2 Finland ⁴² | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Open prisons | 2010 | 2017 | 2010 | 2019 | 2020 |
| capacity in number of places | 965 | 980 | 973 | 965 | 941 |
| occupancy | 812 | 842 | 812 | 809 | 767 |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | 84 | 86 | 83 | 84 | 82 |
| Closed prisons | 10.01 | | | | |
| capacity in number of places | 2 095 | 1 955 | 1 957 | 1 949 | 1 978 |
| occupancy | 2 096 | 1 969 | 1 884 | 1 919 | 1 801 |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | 100 | 101 | 96 | 98 | 91 |
| Remand units | | | | | |
| capacity in number of places | | | | | |
| occupancy | | | | | |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | |
| capacity in number of places | 3 060 | 2 935 | 2 930 | 2 914 | 2 919 |
| occupancy | 2 908 | 2 811 | 2 696 | 2 728 | 2 568 |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | 95 | 96 | 92 | 94 | 88 |

⁴² Measured twice a month.

| 2.8.3 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|----------------------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Open prisons | | | | | |
| capacity in number of places | 44 | 45 | 44 | 44 | 42 |
| occupancy | 43 | 42 | 38 | 41 | 34 |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | 97 | 94 | 86 | 93 | 81 |
| Closed prisons | | | | | |
| capacity in number of places | 99 | 110 | 110 | 125 | 125 |
| occupancy | 81 | 94 | 100 | 114 | 92 |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | 81 | 85 | 91 | 91 | 74 |
| Remand units 44 | | | | | |
| capacity in number of places | 8 | 9 | 8 | 8 | 8 |
| occupancy | 2 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | 23 | 28 | 32 | 25 | 19 |
| Total | | | | | |
| capacity in number of places | 151 | 164 | 162 | 177 | 175 |
| occupancy | 125 | 139 | 140 | 157 | 127 |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | 83 | 84 | 87 | 89 | 73 |

 ⁴³ Measured every day.
 44 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.

| 2.8.4 Norway ⁴⁵ | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Open prisons | 2010 | | 2010 | 2023 | |
| capacity in number of places 46 | 1 385 | 1 365 | 1 280 | 1 146 | 1 029 |
| occupancy | 1 307 | 1 234 | 1 107 | 1 038 | 829 |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | 94 | 90 | 86 | 91 | 81 |
| Closed prisons | 100 | | | | |
| capacity in number of places 47 | 2 657 | 2 601 | 2 501 | 2 434 | 2 416 |
| occupancy | 2 543 | 2 417 | 2 245 | 2 207 | 2 106 |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | 96 | 93 | 90 | 91 | 87 |
| Remand units | | | | | |
| capacity in number of places | | | | | |
| occupancy | | | | | |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | | | | | |
| Total | | | | | |
| capacity in number of places | 4 042 | 3 966 | 3 780 | 3 580 | 3 465 |
| occupancy | 3 850 | 3 651 | 3 352 | 3 245 | 2 932 |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | 95 | 92 | 89 | 91 | 85 |

Measured every day.
 Low security prison units called "transitional houses" are included.
 Rented, closed prison places in Norgerhaven in the Netherlands are included in the years 2016 – 2018.

| 2.8.5 Sweden ⁴⁸ | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|----------------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Open prisons | | | | | |
| capacity in number of places | 791 | 796 | 804 | 873 | 974 |
| occupancy | 678 | 672 | 726 | 821 | 878 |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | 86 | 84 | 90 | 94 | 90 |
| Closed prisons | | | | | |
| capacity in number of places | 3 462 | 3 450 | 3 451 | 3 623 | 3 784 |
| occupancy | 3 088 | 3 072 | 3 194 | 3 442 | 3 635 |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | 89 | 89 | 93 | 95 | 96 |
| Remand units | | | | | |
| capacity in number of places | 1 941 | 1 957 | 2 138 | 2 160 | 2 200 |
| occupancy | 1 644 | 1 711 | 1 929 | 2 001 | 2 188 |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | 85 | 87 | 90 | 93 | 99 |
| Total | | | | | |
| capacity in number of places | 6 194 | 6 203 | 6 393 | 6 656 | 6 958 |
| occupancy | 5 410 | 5 455 | 5 849 | 6 264 | 6 701 |
| occupancy in percent of capacity | 87 | 88 | 91 | 94 | 96 |

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 $^{^{48}}$ Measured every day. In 2017 a new definition of occupancy was applied, which lowered the rate of occupancy in prisons by approximately 100 places.

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

| 2.9.1 Denmark ⁴⁹ | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|-------------------|--------|-------|-------|-------|
| Central administration ⁵⁰ | 511 ⁵¹ | 482 52 | 485 | 514 | 533 |
| Staff per 100 inmates | 15 | 14 | 13 | 13 | 13 |
| | | | | | |
| Prisons and remand units | 3 206 | 3 083 | 2 920 | 2 801 | 2 755 |
| Staff per 100 inmates | 94 | 89 | 78 | 70 | 67 |
| | | | | | |
| Probation service | 447 | 423 | 408 | 408 | 386 |
| Staff per 100 clients in the probation service | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |

| 2.9.2 Finland ⁵³ | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Central administration | 181 | 198 | 199 | 225 | 227 |
| Staff per 100 inmates | 6 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 9 |
| | | | | | |
| Prisons and remand units 54 | 2 105 | 2 034 | 2 049 | 2 041 | 2 026 |
| Staff per 100 inmates | 72 | 72 | 76 | 75 | 79 |
| | | | | | |
| Probation service | 200 | 221 | 221 | 228 | 223 |
| Staff per 100 clients in the probation service | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |

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⁴⁹ In 2020 additionally 133 FTEs in half-way houses.

⁵⁰ Teachers and administration at the Correctional Staff Academy and workers taking care of general tasks for all services, are not included. In 2020 they equalled 144 FTE's. In 2018 a national transportation service was established. FTE's has risen from 33 in 2018 to 233 in 2020. These are not included in the number of staff in prison.

⁵¹ Of these 297 employed in the regional offices.

⁵² Of these 263 employed in the regional offices. Due to a reorganization in 2015 some administrative tasks were moved from the prisons to the regional offices.

⁵³ The apportionment of personnel in prisons and probation is estimated. Staff in Training Institute for Prison and Probation Services is not included. Regional offices are counted as central administration.

⁵⁴ From 2016 there are no health care personnel employed by the correctional service.

| 2.9.3 Iceland | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| Central administration | 14 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 15 |
| Staff per 100 inmates | 11 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 12 |
| | | | | | |
| Prisons and remand units 55 | 105 | 111 | 112 | 114 | 113 |
| Staff per 100 inmates | 84 | 80 | 80 | 72 | 89 |
| | | | | | |
| Probation service | 5 | 5 | 5 | 6 | 6 |
| Staff per 100 clients in the probation service | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |

| 2.9.4 Norway | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Central administration ⁵⁶ | 219 | 219 | 227 | 227 | 244 |
| Staff per 100 inmates | 6 | 6 | 7 | 7 | 8 |
| | | | | | |
| Prisons and remand units 57 | 3 594 | 3 632 | 3 675 | 3 619 | 3 632 |
| Staff per 100 inmates | 93 | 99 | 110 | 112 | 124 |
| | | | | | |
| Probation service | 426 | 433 | 473 | 473 | 486 |
| Staff per 100 clients in the probation service | 18 | 18 | 21 | 20 | 20 |

⁵⁵ Transport service included. Teachers for inmates and staff and health care personnel not included, in total 12 FTEs.

For Transport service for sentenced prisoners included (approx. 51 FTEs in 2020). 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.

| 2.9.5 Sweden | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Central administration 58 | 884 | 920 | 940 | 915 | 953 |
| Staff per 100 inmates | 16 | 17 | 16 | 15 | 14 |
| | | | | | |
| Prisons and remand units 59 | 7 039 | 7 129 | 7 192 | 7 185 | 7 506 |
| Staff per 100 inmates | 130 | 131 | 123 | 115 | 112 |
| | | | | | |
| Probation service | 1 112 | 1 132 | 1 117 | 1 057 | 1 049 |
| Staff per 100 clients in the probation service | 10 | 11 | 11 | 10 | 10 |

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⁵⁸ Includes the Prison and Probation Service Headquarter, the regional offices and the Service Centre. Teachers for staff under training included (approx.. 75).

⁵⁹ Includes prison officers under education (approx. 200), teachers for inmates (approx. 125) and health care personnel (approx. 130). Transport service is not included: 501 (2016), 602 (2017), 743 (2018), 780 (2019) and 785 (2020). Staff figures for prisons and remand units are based on actual work time, i.e. holidays and sick leave are not included.

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

| 2.10.1 Denmark | | 2016 | | | 2017 | | | 2018 | | | 2019 | | | 2020 | |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|------|------|-------|
| Principal crime ⁶⁰ | M | F | Total | M | F | Total |
| Murder | 9 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 18 | 8 | 8 | 14 | 8 | 7 | 14 | 8 | 7 | 10 | 7 |
| Violence | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 24 | 16 | 17 | 22 | 17 | 16 | 21 | 16 | 18 | 23 | 18 |
| Drug crimes | 25 | 16 | 25 | 25 | 18 | 25 | 23 | 19 | 23 | 24 | 12 | 23 | 25 | 19 | 25 |
| Thefts | 12 | 10 | 11 | 11 | 13 | 11 | 10 | - | 9 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 8 | 7 |
| Robbery | 10 | 10 | 10 | 8 | 4 | 8 | 7 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 7 | 6 |
| Sex crimes | 8 | 2 | 7 | 8 | 1 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 8 | 6 | 8 |
| Economic crimes | 3 | 10 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 5 | 2 |
| Traffic crimes | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 |
| Other | 14 | 22 | 15 | 17 | 16 | 17 | 20 | 21 | 20 | 22 | 29 | 22 | 23 | 20 | 23 |
| Percent of all | 100 | 10 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| N | 2 115 | 91 | 2 206 | 2 075 | 68 | 2 143 | 2 192 | 63 | 2 255 | 2 340 | 83 | 2 424 | 2307 | 107 | 2 504 |

⁶⁰ Measured 1 September.

| 2.10.2 Finland | | 2016 | | | 2017 | | | 2018 | | | 2019 | | | 2020 | |
|--------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| Principal crime 61 | M | F | Total |
| Murder | 21 | 30 | 22 | 21 | 29 | 22 | 22 | 28 | 22 | 21 | 26 | 21 | 23 | 22 | 23 |
| Violence | 17 | 19 | 18 | 16 | 18 | 16 | 15 | 17 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 17 | 16 | 17 | 16 |
| Drug crimes | 18 | 18 | 18 | 21 | 24 | 21 | 22 | 19 | 21 | 21 | 16 | 21 | 25 | 17 | 24 |
| Thefts | 10 | 10 | 10 | 11 | 8 | 11 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 8 |
| Robbery | 9 | 2 | 9 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 8 |
| Sex crimes | 6 | 1 | 6 | 7 | 1 | 7 | 6 | 1 | 6 | 6 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 6 |
| Economic crimes | 6 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 15 | 9 | 6 | 16 | 7 | 5 | 14 | 6 |
| Traffic crimes | 9 | 6 | 8 | 7 | 4 | 7 | 8 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 5 | 9 | 7 | 9 | 7 |
| Other | 3 | 3 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 1 | 2 | 2 | - | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 |
| Percent of all | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| N | 2 144 | 157 | 2 301 | 1 983 | 160 | 2 143 | 1 890 | 144 | 2 034 | 1 893 | 143 | 2 036 | 1 644 | 129 | 1 773 |

⁶¹ Measured 1 September.

| 2.10.3 Iceland | | 2016 | | | 2017 | | | 2018 | | | 2019 | | | 2020 | |
|-------------------------------|-----|------|-------|-----|------|-------|-----|------|-------|-----|------|-------|-----|------|-------|
| Principal crime ⁶² | M | F | Total |
| Murder | 12 | 17 | 12 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 20 | 10 | 11 | 17 | 12 | 14 | 43 | 16 |
| Violence | 15 | - | 14 | 18 | - | 17 | 14 | - | 13 | 12 | - | 11 | 10 | - | 9 |
| Drug crimes | 25 | 67 | 27 | 30 | 44 | 31 | 30 | 40 | 30 | 29 | 42 | 30 | 39 | 29 | 39 |
| Thefts | 5 | - | 5 | 7 | 22 | 8 | 10 | 20 | 11 | 9 | 17 | 10 | 8 | - | 7 |
| Robbery | 5 | - | 5 | 5 | - | 5 | 4 | - | 4 | 4 | - | 3 | 5 | - | 5 |
| Sex crimes | 21 | - | 20 | 21 | - | 20 | 13 | - | 12 | 16 | - | 15 | 15 | 14 | 15 |
| Economic crimes | 9 | - | 8 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - |
| Traffic crimes | 4 | - | 4 | 7 | 11 | 8 | 17 | 20 | 17 | 17 | 25 | 18 | 8 | - | 7 |
| Other | 5 | 17 | 6 | 2 | 11 | 2 | 2 | - | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | 2 | 14 | 3 |
| Percent of all | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| N | 117 | 6 | 123 | 123 | 9 | 132 | 125 | 5 | 130 | 135 | 12 | 147 | 102 | 7 | 109 |

 $^{^{62}}$ Measured 1 September. Absent sentenced prisoners are included, but not fine defaulters.

| 2.10.4 Norway | | 2016 | | | 2017 | | | 2018 | | | 2019 | | | 2020 | |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| Principal crime ⁶³ | M | F | Total |
| Murder | 7 | 10 | 7 | 7 | 13 | 8 | 8 | 13 | 9 | 9 | 12 | 9 | 10 | 18 | 11 |
| Violence | 16 | 14 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 15 | 13 | 15 | 15 | 11 | 15 |
| Drug crimes | 25 | 22 | 25 | 25 | 20 | 25 | 25 | 27 | 25 | 23 | 24 | 23 | 24 | 27 | 24 |
| Thefts | 8 | 11 | 8 | 8 | 5 | 7 | 6 | 8 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 |
| Robbery | 4 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 3 | 4 |
| Sex crimes | 18 | 3 | 17 | 19 | 4 | 18 | 22 | 4 | 21 | 25 | 5 | 24 | 27 | 4 | 25 |
| Economic crimes | 7 | 14 | 8 | 7 | 14 | 7 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 6 | 11 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 5 |
| Traffic crimes | 3 | 8 | 4 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 5 | 3 | 3 | 7 | 3 | 3 | 10 | 4 |
| Other | 12 | 17 | 12 | 13 | 22 | 13 | 11 | 14 | 12 | 11 | 18 | 11 | 8 | 15 | 9 |
| Percent of all | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| N | 2 764 | 187 | 2 951 | 2 584 | 152 | 2 736 | 2 488 | 152 | 2 640 | 2 334 | 170 | 2 504 | 2 258 | 139 | 2 397 |

⁶³ Measured 1 September.

| 2.10.5 Sweden | | 2016 | | | 2017 | | | 2018 | | | 2019 | | | 2020 | |
|-------------------------------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|-------|------|-------|
| Principal crime ⁶⁴ | M | F | Total |
| Murder | 14 | 12 | 14 | 16 | 14 | 16 | 15 | 16 | 15 | 14 | 15 | 14 | 14 | 15 | 14 |
| Violence | 16 | 17 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 16 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 17 | 14 | 17 | 17 | 18 | 17 |
| Drug crimes | 27 | 22 | 26 | 26 | 23 | 26 | 29 | 27 | 28 | 27 | 29 | 27 | 27 | 30 | 27 |
| Thefts | 8 | 14 | 8 | 7 | 12 | 8 | 7 | 14 | 7 | 6 | 13 | 6 | 5 | 8 | 5 |
| Robbery | 10 | 7 | 10 | 10 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 5 | 8 | 9 | 4 | 8 | 9 | 6 | 9 |
| Sex crimes | 9 | 1 | 9 | 10 | 2 | 9 | 9 | 1 | 8 | 10 | 1 | 10 | 12 | 1 | 11 |
| Economic crimes | 6 | 15 | 7 | 5 | 12 | 6 | 5 | 9 | 5 | 5 | 10 | 6 | 4 | 12 | 4 |
| Traffic crimes | 2 | 4 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 3 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Other | 8 | 8 | 8 | 8 | 11 | 8 | 8 | 9 | 8 | 10 | 11 | 10 | 10 | 9 | 10 |
| Percent of all | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 | 100 |
| N | 3 841 | 258 | 4 099 | 3 798 | 244 | 4 042 | 4 053 | 234 | 4 287 | 4 421 | 275 | 4 696 | 4 808 | 298 | 5 106 |

⁶⁴ Measured 1 October.

2.11 Reconvictions within two years of released sentenced prisoners

| 2.11.1 Denmark | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Number of releases from prison | 5 754 | 5 247 | 4 642 | 4 671 | 4 909 |
| Number of reconvictions within 2 years | 1 955 | 1 751 | 1 598 | 1 581 | 1 587 |
| Reconviction rate in percent | 34 | 33 | 34 | 34 | 32 |

| 2.11.2 Finland | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Number of releases from prison | 2 981 | 2 980 | 2 875 | 2 802 | 2 776 |
| Number of reconvictions within 2 years | 1 049 | 1 070 | 1 016 | 987 | 916 |
| Reconviction rate in percent | 35 | 36 | 35 | 35 | 33 |

| 2.11.3 Iceland | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|--|------|------|------|------|------|
| Number of releases from prison | 191 | 205 | 169 | 143 | 151 |
| Number of reconvictions within 2 years | 38 | 48 | 33 | 20 | 32 |
| Reconviction rate in percent | 20 | 23 | 20 | 14 | 21 |

| 2.11.4 Norway | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 65 | 2018 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|----------------|-------|
| Number of releases from prison ⁶⁶ | 5 023 | 4 917 | 5 548 | 4 836 | 4 509 |
| Number of reconvictions within 2 years | 1 196 | 1 123 | 1 241 | 905 | 794 |
| Reconviction rate in percent | 24 | 23 | 22 | 19 | 18 |

| 2.11.5 Sweden | 2014 | 2015 | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 |
|--|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Number of releases from prison | 8 350 | 8 158 | 7 879 | 7 792 | 7 959 |
| Number of reconvictions within 2 years | 2 823 | 2 653 | 2 561 | 2 471 | 2 530 |
| Reconviction rate in percent | 34 | 33 | 33 | 32 | 32 |

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⁶⁵ A national police reform reducing the number of organizational police unities was introduced in 2017, followed by fewer prison sentences. This may have influenced the reconviction rate as well.

⁶⁶ Number of releases have been adjusted and do not reflect the total number of released sentenced prisoners. Rate of reconviction is based on the date of the new crime committed after release.

2.12 Average length of imposed prison sentence in months

| | 2016 | 2017 | 2018 | 2019 | 2020 |
|-----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| 2.12.1 Denmark | 7 | 7 | 8 | 8 | 9 |
| 2.12.2 Finland | 12 | 12 | 11 | 11 | 12 |
| 2.12.3 Iceland | 7 | 7 | 7 | 8 | 7 |
| 2.12.4 Norway | 6 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 |
| 2.12.5 Sweden | 9 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |