

# Correctional Statistics of Denmark, Finland, Iceland, Norway and Sweden 2018 - 2022

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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.

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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 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.  $\in$  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 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/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 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 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

2.1.1 Denmark	2010	2010	2020	2021	2022
New entries to prison sentences	<b>2018</b> 4 746	<b>2019</b> 4 749	<b>2020</b> 4 093	<b>2021</b> 4 119	<b>2022</b> 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
New entries to prison sentences per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	98	98	84	84	89
total population	82	82	70	71	75
New entries to the probation service per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	210	200	187	180	190
total population	175	167	156	151	160

Data for previous years are revised due to new information.
 Supervision of sentenced to treatment, sexual offenders in treatment and supervision in connection with waiver of prosecution.

2.1.2 Finland					
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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
New entries to prison sentences per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	69	69	60	58	64
total population	58	58	50	49	54
New entries to the probation service per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	97	96	91	97	97
total population	81	80	77	82	82

The supervision is conducted by prison staff.
 People serving juvenile punishment (11) or a combined sanction of prison and electronic monitoring (1).

2.1.3 Iceland	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
New entries to prison sentences	163	2019	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					
New entries to prison sentences per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	58	70	54	53	46
total population	47	57	44	43	37
New entries to the probation service per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	129	132	112	140	105
total population	104	107	91	114	86

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

2.1.4 Norway			_	_	
2.1.4 Norway	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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
New entries to prison sentences per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	125	105	85	97	86
total population	103	86	70	81	71
New entries to the probation service per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	142	147	154	169	147
total population	117	122	127	140	122

Participants driving under the influence of other kinds of intoxicants than alcohol are also accepted, but the majority would be drink drivers.
 Mostly drug court programme, supervision of people released from preventive detention and home detention on special conditions.

2.4.E. Swadan					
2.1.5 Sweden	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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 9	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
New entries to prison sentences per 100.000 of	106	108	105	110	118
population 15 years of age or more	87	89	86	91	98
total population					
New entries to the probation service per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	183	177	189	203	199
total population	151	146	155	167	164

 <sup>&</sup>lt;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

2.2.1 Denmark	2018	2019	2020	2021 11	2022
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
percent	34	34	36	35	35
sentenced to prison 13	2 359	2 556	2 532	2 649	2 663
percent	61	62	59	61	61
fine defaulters	-	-	-	-	-
preventive detention	64	69	76	79	81
others <sup>14</sup>	138	125	126	111	96
Sentenced per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	49	53	52	54	54
total population	41	44	43	45	45
Total number of registered inmates per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	81	86	88	89	89
total population	67	71	73	74	75

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Mainly violators of Immigration law.

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

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

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

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

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> Inmates measured every day.<sup>18</sup> Registered inmates in a private halfway house.

2.2.4 Norway					
<u> </u>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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
percent	24	25	25	19	20
sentenced to prison	2 548	2 385	2 116	2 463	2 422
percent	71	71	70	76	75
fine defaulters	72	30	18	15	17
preventive detention	114	120	132	148	158
others					
Sentenced per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	58	54	48	55	54
total population	48	45	39	46	45
Total number of registered inmates per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	82	77	68	72	72
total population	68	63	56	60	60

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> Inmates measured every day.

2.2.5 Sweden	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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
percent	28	28	29	29	27
sentenced to prison <sup>21</sup>	4 229	4 561	4 889	5 267	5 851
percent	70	70	69	69	71
fine defaulters					
preventive detention	•		•	•	
others <sup>22</sup>	148	138	139	151	137
Sentenced per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	50	54	57	61	67
total population	41	44	47	50	56
Total number of registered inmates per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	72	77	83	88	94
total population	59	64	68	73	78

 $<sup>^{20}</sup>$  Inmates measured every day. Figures for 2018-2021 have been corrected.  $^{21}$  Back door electronic monitoring is included in table 2.3.5.  $^{22}$  In 2022 67 % were inmates imprisoned for the violation of immigrant law.

# 2.3 Average number of registered persons in the probation service

2.3.1 Denmark	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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
Total average of registered clients in the probation service per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	167	161	159	163	148
total population	139	135	133	136	124

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> Clients measured once a month.

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

2.3.2 Finland	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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
Total average of registered clients in the probation service per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	68	70	71	73	81
total population	57	59	60	61	69

 <sup>&</sup>lt;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.

2.3.3 Iceland	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Total average of registered clients in the probation service <sup>29</sup>	258	250	259	262	307
of which					
community service 30	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
Total average of registered clients in the probation service per 100.000 of				_	
population 15 years of age or more	92	87	88	87	100
total population	74	70	71	71	81

 <sup>&</sup>lt;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.

2.3.4 Norway	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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
Total average of registered clients in the probation service per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	53	54	56	62	58
total population	43	45	46	52	48

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>32</sup> Clients measured every day.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>33</sup> Cf. footnote 8.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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).

2.3.5 Sweden	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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
Total average of registered clients in the probation service per 100.000 of					
population 15 years of age or more	120	122	128	143	152
total population	99	100	105	118	126

 $<sup>^{35}</sup>$  Clients measured every day. Corrected figures for 2018-2021.  $^{36}$  Conditional prison sentences with community service are included.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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

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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

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

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 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 39}$  Measured 1 September. Sentenced prisoners serving outside prison included. Fine defaulters not included.

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

 $^{40}$  Measured 1 September. Absent sentenced prisoners are included, but not fine defaulters.

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

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 41}$  Measured 1 September. Fine defaulters not included.

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

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

are included.

43 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	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Open prisons					
Number of escapes	66	62	63	44	40
Escapes per 100.000 custody-days	17	15	16	11	10
Closed prisons and remand units					
Number of escapes	2	3	5	3	5
Escapes per 100.000 custody-days	0	0	0	0	0

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

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

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

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

## 2.6 Deaths in prisons and remand units

2.6.1 Denmark	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Suicides	5	9	4	5	1
Other	2	2	-	4	4

2.6.2 Finland	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Suicides	2	1	4	5	4
Other	4	5	-	1	2

2.6.3 Iceland	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Suicides	1	1	-	-	-
Other	-	1	-	1	-

2.6.4 Norway	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Suicides	2	6	2	11	4
Other	3	2	-	2	3

2.6.5 Sweden	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
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

2.7.1 Denmark	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Open prison units 44					
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
Closed prison units 45					
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
Remand centres <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
Total number of units	57	58	62	63	60

 $<sup>^{\</sup>rm 44}$  Figures for 2018, 2020 and 2021 are revised due to new information.  $^{\rm 45}$  Figures for 2020 and 2021 are revised due to new information.

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

2.7.2 Finland	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Open prison units					
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
Closed prison units					
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
Remand centres					
number of units	•				
number of places by					
largest unit					
smallest unit					
Total number of units	32	32	32	32	31

2.7.3 Iceland	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Open prison units					
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
Closed prison units					
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
Remand centres <sup>47</sup>					
number of units					
number of places by					
largest unit					
smallest unit					
Total number of places	5	5	4	4	4

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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.

2.7.4 Norway	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Open prison units 48	2010	2025			
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
Closed prison units					
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
Remand centres					
number of units					
number of places					
number of places by					
largest unit					
smallest unit					
Total number of units	69	64	57	57	57

 $<sup>^{48}</sup>$  Low security prison units (transitional houses, so-called "overgangsboliger") are included.

2.7.5 Sweden	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Open prison units					
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
Closed prison units					
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
Remand centres					
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
Total number of units	83	83	87	87	88

# 2.8 Average number of available places and occupancy

2.8.1 <b>Denmark</b> <sup>49</sup>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Open prisons					
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
occupancy in percent of capacity	97	99	94	99	96
Closed prisons					
capacity in number of places	942	1 012	1 060	1 069	1 104
occupancy	936	1 003	1 053	1 086	1 127
occupancy in percent of capacity	99	99	99	102	102
Remand units					
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
occupancy in percent of capacity	101	103	105	100	100
Total					
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
occupancy in percent of capacity	100	101	100	100	100

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

2.8.2 Finland 50	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Open prisons	2010	2025			
capacity in number of places	973	965	941	977	977
occupancy	812	809	767	807	799
occupancy in percent of capacity	83	84	82	83	82
Closed prisons	1000				
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
occupancy in percent of capacity	96	98	91	87	100
Remand units 51					
capacity in number of places					
occupancy					
occupancy in percent of capacity					
Total					
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
occupancy in percent of capacity	92	94	88	86	94

<sup>50</sup> Measured twice a month.51 Remand prisoners are held in some closed prisons.

2.8.3	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Open prisons	2010				
capacity in number of places	44	44	42	42	42
occupancy	38	41	34	38	39
occupancy in percent of capacity	86	93	81	90	92
Closed prisons					
capacity in number of places	110	125	125	135	135
occupancy	100	114	92	97	101
occupancy in percent of capacity	91	91	74	72	75
Remand units <sup>53</sup>					
capacity in number of places	8	8	8	4	4
occupancy	3	2	2	1	3
occupancy in percent of capacity	32	25	19	33	63
Total					
capacity in number of places	162	177	175	181	181
occupancy	140	157	127	136	143
occupancy in percent of capacity	87	89	73	75	79

Measured every day.
 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 <sup>54</sup>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Open prisons					
capacity in number of places 55	1 280	1 146	1 029	1 065	1 065
occupancy	1 107	1 038	829	868	912
occupancy in percent of capacity	86	91	81	82	86
Closed prisons					
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
occupancy in percent of capacity	90	91	87	85	84
Remand units 57					
capacity in number of places			•	•	
occupancy					
occupancy in percent of capacity					
Total					
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
occupancy in percent of capacity	89	91	85	84	84

Measured every day.
 Low security prison units called "transitional houses" are included.
 Rented, closed prison places in Norgerhaven in the Netherlands are included in 2018.
 Remand prisoners are held in most closed prisons.

2.8.5 Sweden <sup>58</sup>	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Open prisons					
capacity in number of places	804	873	974	1 236	1 396
occupancy	726	821	878	1 112	1 274
occupancy in percent of capacity	90	94	90	90	91
Closed prisons					
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
occupancy in percent of capacity	93	95	96	96	97
Remand units					
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
occupancy in percent of capacity	90	93	99	94	96
Total					
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
occupancy in percent of capacity	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

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

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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;sup>60</sup> Established last quarter 2018.

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

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

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

2.9.4 Norway	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Central administration <sup>65</sup>	227	227	244	245	231
Staff per 100 inmates	7	7	8	8	8
Prisons and remand units 66	3 621	3 568	3 579	3 752	3 694
Staff per 100 inmates	108	110	122	122	120
Probation service	473	473	486	505	502
Staff per 100 clients in the probation service	21	20	20	18	19
National transport service	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>&</sup>lt;sup>65</sup> Regional offices are counted as central administration.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

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

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<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;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

2.10.1 Denmark		2018		2019			2020			2021			2022		
Principal crime <sup>69</sup>	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
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
Percent of all	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>&</sup>lt;sup>69</sup> Measured 1 September. Sentenced prisoners serving outside prisons not included.

2.10.2 Finland		2018		2019			2020		2021			2022			
Principal crime <sup>70</sup>	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
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
Percent of all	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.

2.10.3 Iceland		2018			2019			2020			2021			2022	
Principal crime 71	М	F	Total	M	F	Total									
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
Percent of all	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.

2.10.4 Norway		2018			2019			2020		2021			2022		
Principal crime 72	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
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
Percent of all	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>&</sup>lt;sup>72</sup> Measured 1 September. Sentenced prisoners serving outside prison e.g. in a treatment centre are included, but not fine defaulters.

2.10.5 Sweden		2018		2019		2020		2021			2022				
Principal crime <sup>73</sup>	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total	M	F	Total
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
Percent of all	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

2.11.1 Denmark	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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

2.11.2 Finland 74	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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

<sup>&</sup>lt;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.

2.11.3 Iceland	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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

2.11.4 Norway	2016	2017	<b>2018</b> <sup>75</sup>	2019	<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

2.11.5 Sweden	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
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>&</sup>lt;sup>75</sup> The figures have been corrected.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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>&</sup>lt;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
2.12.1 Denmark	8	8	9	10	10
2.12.2 Finland	11	11	12	12	12
2.12.3 Iceland	7	8	7	9	9
2.12.4 Norway	7	7	7	7	7
2.12.5 Sweden	10	11	12	12	12