

World Pre-trial/Remand Imprisonment List

(Pre-trial detainees and other remand prisoners in all five continents) Roy Walmsley

Introduction

The World Pre-trial/Remand Imprisonment List gives details of the number of prisoners held in pre-trial detention and other forms of remand imprisonment in 194 independent countries and dependent territories. It also shows the percentage of pre-trial/remand prisoners within each national prison population and the pre-trial/remand population rate (the number of pre-trial/remand prisoners per 100,000 of the national population).

An estimate is also made of the total world pre-trial/remand population and attention is drawn to differences in the level of pre-trial/remand imprisonment across the world. The information is the latest available at the end of October 2007.

The International Centre for Prison Studies (ICPS) published in January 2007 the seventh edition of the World Prison Population List and plans to publish the eighth edition during 2008. This World Pre-trial/Remand Imprisonment List (like the World Female Imprisonment List, which was published in June 2006) provides information about a specific section of the prison population; both documents complement the World Prison Population List and the information which the ICPS already publishes and updates monthly in the World Prison Brief section of its website (www.prisonstudies.org).

In providing information about prisoners held in pre-trial and other forms of remand imprisonment, this List refers to those persons who, in connection with an alleged offence or offences, are deprived of their liberty following a judicial or other legal process but have not been definitively sentenced by a court for the offence(s). They will be in one of five stages, although not all legal systems and not all cases will involve all five stages:

- the 'investigation' stage, when they are being interrogated to see if there is justification for bringing a court case against them;
- the 'awaiting trial' stage, after the investigation has ended and a decision has been taken to bring a court case;
- the 'trial' stage, while the trial is actually taking place;
- the stage when they have been convicted by the court but not yet sentenced – the 'convicted unsentenced' stage; and
- the 'awaiting final sentence' stage, when they have been provisionally sentenced by the court but are awaiting the result of an appeal process which occurs before the definitive sentence is confirmed.

The World Pre-trial/Remand Imprisonment List has been compiled, like the World Prison Population List, from a variety of sources. In almost all cases the original source is the national prison administration of the country concerned, or else the Ministry responsible for the prison administration. Most of the figures are recent and efforts are being made to update them and to obtain information on the number of pre-trial/remand prisoners in the independent countries and dependent territories on which figures are not currently available.

Key points

- Two and a quarter million people are known to be held in pre-trial detention and other forms of remand imprisonment throughout the world. It is estimated that a further quarter of a million are so held in the countries on which such information is not available.
- The total includes some 476,000 in the United States, 250,000 in India, 136,000 in Russia, 122,000 in Brazil, 95,000 in Mexico, 60,000 in the Philippines, 57,000 in Pakistan, 52,000 in Turkey, 48,000 in both Bangladesh and South Africa, 47,000 in Indonesia, 43,000 in Thailand, 33,000 in Ukraine and 32,000 in Argentina. It has been estimated that there are about 100,000 in China.
- In a majority of countries (59%) the proportion of the total prison population who are in pre-trial/ remand imprisonment is between 10% and 40%. But in almost half of African countries a majority of the prison population are pre-trial/remand prisoners. By contrast, almost half the countries in Oceania have less than 10% of their prison populations in pre-trial/remand imprisonment.
- The countries with the highest proportion of the total prison population in pre-trial/remand imprisonment are: Liberia, where the prison administration reports that 97% are so held, Mali (89%), Haiti (84%), Andorra (77%), Niger (c.76%), Bolivia (75%), Mozambique (73%), Timor-Leste (71%), Democratic Republic of Congo and India (both 70%), Bangladesh, Paraguay and Peru (all 68%).
- In a majority of countries (60%) the pre-trial/ remand population rate is below 40 per 100,000 of the national population. However, in the Americas 80% of countries exceed that level.
- Panama has the highest rate in the world, some 213 per 100,000, followed by Bahamas (198), Suriname (196), the United States (158), St. Kitts & Nevis (153), United Arab Emirates (135), Guam (129), Anguilla (124), Uruguay (115), Barbados (114), Trinidad & Tobago (108), Guyana (106), Libya (105), Lebanon (104), Honduras (102), South Africa (101) and Belize (100).

Table 1 AFRICA

Table 1 AFRICA					Pre-trial/	
	Total number in pre-trial/remand imprisonment	Date	Percentage of total prison population	Estimated national population (at date shown)	remand population rate (per 100,000 of national pop'n)	Source of pre-trial/ remand total
Northern Africa					•••	
Algeria	10,096	31/12/04	22.8%	32.6m	31	UN 9th Survey
Egypt	10,354	31/12/02	16.7%	71.1m	15	UN 8th Survey
Libya	6,386	6/07	50.1%	6.1m	105	NPA
Morocco	26,636	31/12/05	52.3%	31.7m	84	NPA NPA
Sudan Tunisia	c.1,200 5,249	3/03 31/12/96	c.10.0% 22.7%	33.2m 9.2m	c.4 57	UN 5th Survey
Western Africa						,
Benin	2,328	23/8/99	64.5%	5.9m	39	NPA
Burkina Faso	1,496	/01	58.3%	11.9m	13	NPA
Cape Verde	283	30/6/99	36.5 %	418,000	68	Local CJ expert
Côte d'Ivoire	3,688	8/3/02	35.6%	16.3m	23	NPA
Gambia	94	6/99	18.5%	1.27m	7	Ministry of Interior
Ghana Guinea (Conakry)	3,690 1,574	29/9/06 mid-02	29.0% 51.3%	23.0m 8.4m	16 19	NPA NPA
Liberia	994	8/07	97.3%	3.5m	28	NPA
Mali	3,907	/04	88.7%	13.4m	29	Ministry of Justice
Mauritania	c.148	9/03	c.12.5%	2.9m	c.5	USSD HR report
Niger	c.4,339	/06	c.76.0%	12.5m	c.35	NPA/USSD HR report
Nigeria	25,622	31/1/07	65.0%	136.1m	19	NPA
Senegal	2,391	10/4/07	37.2%	12.1m	20	NPA
Sierra Leone Togo	688 1,132	/06 6/11/98	c.42.7% 55.4%	5.7m 4.4m	12 26	USSD HR report NPA
Central Africa	1,102	0/11/30	55.470	4.4111	20	
	2 529	4/4/00	59 0 0/	10.6m	06	
Angola Cameroon	3,538 c.13,000	4/4/03 6/03	58.9% c.65.0%	13.6m 16.0m	26 c.81	NPA NPA
Chad	1,980	/05	58.0%	9.7m	20	USSD HR report
Congo (Brazzaville)	c.360	/06	c.40.0%	4.1m	c.9	USSD HR report
Dem. Repub. Congo	c.21,000	1/04	c.70.0%	52.8m	c.40	UN report
Sao Tome e Principe	72	7/06	45.0%	193,400	37	NPA
Eastern Africa						
Burundi	4,693	30/4/07	66.8%	8.0m	59	NPA
Comoros	c.100	/98	c.50.0%	658,000	c.15	Local CJ expert
Djibouti	334 21,469	30/11/99 9/06	57.2%	629,000 26.2m	53 50	Min. of Foreign Affairs
Kenya Madagascar	11,326	9/06 31/12/06	45.6% 64.7%	36.2m 19.3m	59 59	'The Nation', Nairobi NPA
Malawi	1,950	22/6/07	17.3%	13.5m	14	NPA
Mauritius	522	27/3/07	24.4%	1.4m	37	NPA
Mozambique	c.6,424	31/12/99	72.9 %	17.6m	36	UNDP report
Rwanda	2,687*	/02	30.3%	8.1m	33*	NPA
Seychelles	remand population 28	n total exclu- /06	19.7% des those held o	81,500	articipation in ger 34	USSD HR report
Tanzania	19,301	1/9/06	44.0%	39.0m	49	NPA
Uganda	14,930	30/4/07	56.8%	30.8m	48	NPA
Zambia	5,060	2/12/05	35.3%	11.8m	43	NPA
Zimbabwe	4,211	18/6/07	23.4%	13.2m	32	NPA
Southern Africa						
Botswana	1,013	31/5/07	17.1%	1.8m	56	NPA
Lesotho	453	25/7/07	16.8%	1.88m	24	NPA
Namibia	250	31/12/01	5.2%	1.8m	14	NPA
South Africa	48,246 856	31/8/07 4/7/07	30.0% 31.5%	47.8m	101 78	NPA NPA
Swaziland	000	4/1/01	31.3%	1.1m	10	

Figures not available Wes

Western Africa: Guinea Bissau.

Central Africa: Central African Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Gabon. **Eastern Africa:** Eritrea, Ethiopia, Somalia, Mayotte (France), Réunion (France).

Table 2 AMERICAS

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	Total number in pre-trial/remand imprisonment	Date	Percentage of total prison population	Estimated national population (at date shown)	Pre-trial/ remand population rate (per 100,000 of national pop'n)	Source of pre-trial/ remand total
North America						
Canada	10,794*	04-05	31.5%	32.05m	34	Statistics Canada
	*(Average dail	y population	, including young	g offenders, 1/4/2	2004-31/3/2005.)	
USA	475,692	30/6/06	21.2%	299.4m	159	US Bur. of Just. Stats
Bermuda (UK)	25	31/10/07	9.6%	66,300	38	NPA
Greenland (Denmark)	9	4/10/05	8.0%	56,370	16	Danish NPA
Central America						
Belize	291	21/3/07	21.7%	290,000	100	NPA
Costa Rica	1,934	30/9/07	22.9%	4.5m	43	NPA
El Salvador	3,538	31/12/05	29.1 %	7.0m	51	USSD HR report
Guatemala	2,924	24/11/06	43.0 %	12.5m	23	NPA
Honduras	7,358	9/12/05	63.5 %	7.2m	102	NPA
Mexico	94,635	8/07	43.2 %	109.8m	86	NPA
Nicaragua	1,311	7/11/06	21.4%	5.4m	24	NPA
Panama	7,230	11/6/07	63.2 %	3.4m	213	NPA
Caribbean						
Antigua & Barbuda	67	20/9/07	34.2%	69,570	96	NPA
Bahamas	645	10/05	43.0%	325,000	198	Bahamian Gov't rep't
Barbados	308	6/7/07	29.6 %	270,000	114	NPA
Dominica	47	30/8/07	18.5%	73,000	64	NPA
Dominican Republic	7,296	3/06	57.3%	8.9m	82	NPA
Grenada	41	22/2/05	17.3%	89,400	46	NPA
Haiti	3,925	31/12/06	84.2%	8.65m	45	USSD HR report
Jamaica	705	1/10/07	15.0%	2.7m	26	NPA
St Kitts & Nevis	60	31/12/06	25.3%	39,240	153	USSD HR report
St Lucia	c.163	/05	33.0%	166,000	c.98	USSD HR report
St Vincent & Grenadines	s 80	19/4/06	21.8%	117,750	68	NPA
Trinidad & Tobago	1,402	31/12/06	37.4%	1.3m	108	NPA
Anguilla (UK)	17	9/10/07	30.9%	13,730	124	NPA
Aruba (Netherlands)	10	21/1/05	4.3%	71,400	14	NPA
Cayman Islands (UK)	45	30/9/07	21.6%	53,170	85	NPA
Puerto Rico (US)	2,235	7/06	15.7%	4.0m	56	NPA
South America						
Argentina	31,913	31/12/05	57.6 %	38.9m	82	Ministry of Justice
Bolivia	5,782	30/11/05	75.0%	9.3m	62	NPA
Brazil	122,320	6/07	33.9%	191.4m	64	NPA
Chile	10,740	9/07	23.7%	16.7m	64	NPA
Colombia	21,303	9/07	33.8 %	47.2m	45	NPA
Ecuador	7,713	1/12/05	63.0 %	13.2m	58	NPA
Guyana	797	1/12/06	40.8%	752,000	106	NPA
Paraguay	4,103	30/10/07	67.7%	6.4m	64	NPA
Peru	27,139	6/07	67.8 %	28.8m	94	NPA
Suriname	c.880	/05	c.55.0%	449,000	c.196	USSD HR report
Uruguay	4,138	31/3/06	63.1 %	3.6m	115	NPA
Venezuela	9,633	4/10/05	48.5%	26.9m	36	NPA

Note In some countries additional pre-trial detainees are held in police facilities.

Figures not available **Caribbean:** Cuba, Guadeloupe (France), Martinique (France), Neth. Antilles (Netherlands), Virgin Islands (UK), Virgin Islands (US). **South America:** French Guiana/Guyane (France).

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Western Asia						
Bahrain	112	/04	16.0%	739,000	15	UN 9th Survey
Israel	3,516	31/12/04	25.3%	6.65m	53	UN 9th Survey
Jordan	2,395	31/12/02	42.9 %	5.35m	45	UN 8th Survey
Kuwait	548	31/12/02	18.6%	2.25m	24	UN 8th Survey
Lebanon	3,700	22/12/05	62.0%	3.55m	104	NPA
Qatar	9	31/12/04	1.9%	850,000	1	UN 9th Survey
Saudi Arabia	16,790	/02	58.7%	21.7m	77	UN 8th Survey
Syria	5,353	/04	50.5%	18.2m	29	UN 9th Survey
United Arab Emirates	4,170	/04	46.7 %	3.1m	135	UN 9th Survey
Central Asia						
Kazakhstan	8,335	1/1/07	16.2%	14.8m	56	Penal Reform International
Kyrgyzstan	2,515	1/1/07	16.6%	5.3m	47	Penal Reform International
Tajikistan	1,400	1/1/07	14.1%	6.65m	21	Penal Reform International
Uzbekistan	5,500	8/03	11.5%	26.1m	21	NPA
South Central Asia						
Afghanistan	4,253	1/07	44.3%	31.8m	13	United Nations, Kabul
Bangladesh	48,200	3/06	67.7%	143.5m	34	Law Ministry, Bangladesh
India	249,796	31/12/05	69.7%	1,111.4m	22	Nat'l Crime Records Bureau
Iran	25,248	31/12/93	24.8%	65.0m	39	United Nations enquiry
Nepal	3,946	/05	55.3%	27.1m	15	NPA
Pakistan	57,469	/02	66.1 %	148.7m	39	Penal Reform International
Sri Lanka	12,623	31/7/07	49. 4%	21.1m	60	NPA
South Eastern Asia						
Brunei Darussalam	35	13/8/07	7.2%	391,000	9	NPA
Cambodia	2,434	mid-05	29.8%	14.1m	17	NPA, via APCCA
Indonesia	47,496	17/8/06	40.7%	226.0m	21	NPA
Laos	40	mid-04	1.0%	5.8m	1	NPA
Malaysia	17,425	mid-06	41.1%	25.8m	68	NPA, via APCCA
Myanmar (Burma)	4,870	31/12/02	12.9%	49.25m	10	UN 8th Survey
Philippines	60,291	/05	67.3%	83.1m	73	NPA
Singapore	944	mid-06	6.9%	4.4m	21	NPA, via APCCA
Thailand Timor-Leste	43,360 207	16/7/07 /03	26.2% 70.9%	65.4m 778,000	66 27	NPA UN High Commiss'r for HR
Eastern Asia	201	/03	10.970	770,000	21	ON HIGH COMMISS FIOLEN
Japan	11,632	12/05	14.7%	128.15m	9	NPA
Korea (Republic of)	15,906	30/6/07	34.2%	48.2m	33	NPA
Mongolia	1,885	30/6/07	26.9 %	40.211 2.6m	73	NPA
Taiwan	7,229	30/4/07	11.2%	22.9m	32	Ministry of Justice
Hong Kong (China)	1,421	30/6/07	12.7%	7.2m	20	NPA
Macau (China)	176	26/8/07	22.1%	457,500	38	NPA
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Figures not availableWestern Asia: Iraq, Oman, Yemen.
Central Asia: Turkmenistan.
South Central Asia: Bhutan, Maldives.
South Eastern Asia: Vietnam.
Eastern Asia: China, Korea (Democratic People's Republic of North Korea).

Table 4 EUROPE

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Northern Europe					,	
Denmark	978	17/7/07	27.0%	5.46m	18	NPA
Estonia	941	25/7/07	26.1 %	1.34m	70	NPA
Finland	505	16/5/07	14.0%	5.28m	10	NPA
Iceland	12	16/7/07	10.6%	311,900 4.20m	4	NPA
Ireland Latvia	664 1,710	26/10/07 1/1/07	20.0% 26.1%	4.39m 2.28m	15 75	NPA NPA
Lithuania	1,084	1/11/05	13.6%	3.40m	32	NPA
Norway	698	30/6/07	19.8%	4.71m	15	NPA
Sweden	1,595	1/10/06	22.2%	9.08m	18	NPA
United Kingdom						
 England & Wales 	13,402	30/9/07	16.5%	54.12m	25	NPA
- Northern Ireland	576	29/10/07	38.2%	1.76m	33	NPA
- Scotland	1,422	26/10/07 4/10/05	19.5%	5.14m	28	NPA Depich NDA
Faeroe Is. (Denmark) Guernsey (UK)	1 14	30/10/07	14.3% 14.3%	47,000 65,620	2 21	Danish NPA NPA
Isle of Man (UK)	29	26/10/07	33.0%	76,000	38	NPA
Jersey (UK)	43	31/10/07	23.8%	91,370	47	NPA
Southern Europe				,		
Albania	1,668	5/07	38.8%	3.17m	53	NPA
Andorra	47	1/9/03	77.0%	67,800	69	C of E Penal Statistics
Bosnia & Herzegovina				,		
 Federation 	265	30/6/07	16.4%	2.6m	10	Min. of Justice B&H Fed
– Republika Srpska	221	28/2/07	21.4%	1.4m	16	Min. of Justice B&H RS
Croatia	1,235	1/7/07	29.9%	4.44m	28	NPA
Cyprus */Deer	81*	11/4/06	14.0%	760,000*	11	
Greece	not include the in 3,065	30/6/07	28.6%	11.19m	27	Ministry of Justice
Italy	25,855	30/6/07	58.3%	59.19m	44	Ministry of Justice
Macedonia (F Yug Rep		1/1/06	10.4%	2.04m	10	NPA
Malta	126	20/9/06	35.8%	407,000	31	NPA
Montenegro	279	1/9/03	38.1 %	680,000	41	C of E Penal Statistics
Portugal	2,607	15/10/07	21.0%	10.62m	25	NPA
San Marino*	0	1/9/05	0%	29,900	0	C of E Penal Statistics
	agreement with Ita			•		C of E Penal Statistics
Serbia Slovenia	2,346 337	1/9/05 1/9/06	30.2% 25.9%	7.45m 2.0m	31 17	NPA
Spain	15,956	26/10/07	23.9%	45.07m	35	NPA
Gibraltar (UK)	5	29/10/07	18.5%	28,000	18	NPA
Kosovo (UN/Serbia)	496	27/7/03	42.0%	1.9m	26	UN Mission in Kosovo
Western Europe						
Austria	2,094	1/5/07	23.3%	8.35m	25	NPA
Belgium	4,438	1/3/07	44.3 %	10.59m	42	Ministry of Justice
France *(Metro	16,399* opolitan France, ex	1/9/06	31.5%	61.16m [*]	27	Ministry of Justice
Germany	13,168	31/3/07	17.4%	82.36m	16	Fed. Statistical Office
Liechtenstein*	5	1/9/05	50.0%	34,800	14	C of E Penal Statistics
	eement with Austri					
Luxembourg	309 21	15/7/07 1/9/05	41.5% 61.8%	466,300	66 63	NPA C of E Popol Statistics
Monaco*	agreement with Fra			33,300 ned by Monaco (63 are held in French	C of E Penal Statistics
Netherlands	6,378	1/7/07	33.3%	16.37m	39	NPA
Switzerland	2,300	6/9/06	39.1%	7.49m	31	Fed. Statistical Office
Europe/Asia						
Armenia	623	1/10/07	17.7%	3.23m	19	NPA
Azerbaijan	1,761	1/9/05	10.4%	8.40m	21	C of E Penal Statistics
Georgia	4,216	1/10/07	21.7%	4.54m	93	NPA
Russian Federation	136,298	1/1/06	16.6%	142.8m	95 71	NPA
Turkey	52,328	31/8/07	60.9%	74.03m	71	NPA

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Central and Eastern	n Europe					
Belarus	8,122	1/1/06	19.6%	9.75m	83	NPA
Bulgaria	2,080	1/1/06	18.2%	7.72m	27	NPA
Czech Republic	2,390	11/4/07	12.5%	10.30m	23	NPA
Hungary	3,786	31/12/06	25.5 %	10.06m	38	NPA
Moldova	2,459*	1/11/05	27.6 %	3.59m*	68	NPA
	*(Does r	not include t	he internationally	y unrecognised T	ransnistria.)	
Poland	13,145	30/9/07	14.7%	38.10m	35	NPA
Romania	5,216	17/1/06	14.2%	21.60m	24	NPA
Slovakia	2,136	1/5/07	25.5%	5.39m	40	NPA
Ukraine	32,800	1/2/07	20.5%	46.37m	71	NPA

Table 5 OCEANIA

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Australia	5,581	30/6/06	21.6%	20.6m	27	Austr. Bureau of Statistics
Fiji	64	16/7/07	6.6%	860,000	7	NPA
Kiribati	2	31/5/07	2.3%	107,600	2	NPA
Nauru	0	30/4/05	0%	13,000	0	NPA
New Zealand	1,754	31/7/07	21.4%	4.23m	41	NPA
Palau	4	30/4/05	4.1%	20,300	20	NPA
Papua New Guinea	1,268	30/4/05	31.3%	5.9m	21	NPA
Samoa	26	26/9/07	14.0%	187,000	14	NPA
Solomon Is.	63	7/6/07	29.9%	501,000	13	NPA
Tonga	0	mid-06	0%	114,700	0	NPA
Tuvalu	0	26/7/07	0%	12,000	0	NPA
Vanuatu	33	21/6/07	28.2 %	219,000	15	NPA
American Samoa (US)	33	31/12/05	14.9%	57,840	57	Am. Samoa Stats Y'rbook
Cook Is. (NZ)	1	4/05	3.7%	21,400	5	NPA
Guam (US)	223	20/12/06	37.5%	172,250	129	NPA

Figures not available Federated States of Micronesia, Marshall Is., French Polynesia (France), New Caledonia (France), Northern Mariana Is. (US)

Abbreviations	APCCA	Asian & Pacific Conference of		Human rights
		Correctional Administrators	NPA	National prison administration
	C of E	Council of Europe	UN(DP)	United Nations (Development Programme)
	CJ	Criminal justice	USSD	United States State Department

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