

Key statistics: What happened to people serving an IPP sentence in October 2024

People serving an IPP in prison¹

Almost all key indicators are showing no meaningful change



Prison population down

2,694 people are still in prison.

Whilst the number of people serving IPP in prison is dropping, it is **not meaningfully reducing**. The number of people in prison on IPP has decreased but the rate of this change has slowed in this quarter when compared to the previous three quarters.



First releases down

Releases of people who have never been released before have decreased. Of the 1,095 people who have never been released from prison, 99% are now over tariff. Only 11 people are pre-tariff.

The number of people released overall on IPP has increased by 2% since last quarter but releases have decreased by 14% when compared to one year ago.



People over tariff down (but have served longer)

1,083 people are over tariff.

The number of people over tariff has decreased since last quarter, but people who are 10 or more years over tariff have increased and now comprise **over half (71%) of people serving IPP who have never been released**. 711 of these people have served 10 to 19 years longer than their tariff.

- 5 were given a tariff of less than 6 months
- 15 were given a tariff between 6 month to less than 12 months
- 47 were given a tariff between 12 months to less than 18 months
- 81 were given a tariff of less than 2 years.
- 485 were given a tariff of less than 4 years.



People on recall down but recall instances are up

1,599 people are in prison on recall.



The recall population has decreased, but the number of recall instances has increased by 24% since the last quarter. This is the highest increase since 2021. The average time that someone recalled on an IPP spends in prison is 24 months, this is a 4 month decrease since the last quarter.

Self-harm and deaths in prison



Suicides up

90 people have taken their own lives while in prison.

There were nine self-inflicted deaths of people serving IPP in 2023. This is the highest number of self-inflicted deaths in a single year since IPP was introduced. Previously the highest number was in 2022 (eight deaths). People serving IPP accounted for 10% of all self-inflicted deaths in prison in 2023.



Self-harm up

Self-harm incidents up in 2023 compared to 2022.

There were 1,866 incidents of self-harm by *unreleased* people serving IPP in 2023. An increase of 11% from 2022. A major weakness in this information is that it does not include those who are in prison on recall. The IPP self-harm rate still remains steadily at around double the self-harm rate of those on any other sentence.

¹ Quarterly figures from July-September 2023 quarter. Population as of 31st December 2023. Data taken from [Offender Management Statistics Quarterly](#) and [Safety in Custody](#) statistics.