

End of Custody Licence releases and recalls February 2010 England and Wales

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End of Custody Licence (ECL) releases and recalls

On 22 February 2010, the Secretary of State for Justice and Lord Chancellor announced that the ECL scheme would end on 12 March 2010.

All prisoners who were eligible for release on ECL on or before 12 March have been released. Prisoners who had, by 22 February, been formally notified, under form ECL3, of release dates under the scheme up to and including 9 April, would also be released. No prisoners will be released on ECL from and including 10 April.

The report to be published at the end of April will include releases for March and up to and including 9 April, and recalls notified to NOMS by 26 April 2010. This will be the last monthly report. A set of final tables on the scheme will be published in Offender Management Caseload Statistics in July 2010. This will include any recall notifications that occurred after 26 April.

ECL releases

- During February 2010 there were 1,895 releases on ECL, of which 91% were male prisoners and 9% female prisoners.
- 77% of those released were serving sentences of under 12 months. The remaining 23% were serving longer sentences.

ECL recalls

- There were 40 decisions to recall offenders to custody during February 2010 (as notified to NOMS by end 23 March 2010). The most common reason for recall was for alleged re-offending which accounted for 19 decisions to recall.
- To date, the large majority (95%) of those recalled following release under ECL have been returned to custody (based on decisions notified to NOMS).

ECL caseload

• At the end of February, approximately 1,050 offenders were under licence as part of the ECL scheme (data rounded to the nearest 50).

Explanatory notes

ECL exclusions

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

- Registered sex offenders, whether or not they are currently serving a sentence for a sexual offence.
- Prisoners serving sentences for serious violence as specified in Prison Service Instruction 42/2007 (which consolidates and replaces PSI 27/2007)
 http://psi.hmprisonservice.gov.uk/PSI_2007_42_end_of_custody_licence .doc (this includes offences such as murder, manslaughter, wounding with intent to commit Grievous Bodily Harm, possession of a firearm with intent to endanger life, child cruelty and serious explosives offences). With effect from 28 March 2008 prisoners serving a sentence for an offence committed under counter terrorism legislation are excluded from
- Prisoners who have previously escaped from custody.
- Prisoners who have previously breached temporary release conditions during the current sentence, have offended during a period under temporary release at any time, or prisoners currently serving a sentence for failing to return from temporary release.
- Prisoners who report that they do not have a release address.
- Foreign national prisoners who will be subject to deportation at the end of their sentence.
- Prisoners who are subject to extradition proceedings.
- Sentenced prisoners who have been remanded into custody on further charges or who are awaiting sentence.
- Prisoners who, within the period of their current sentence, had been recalled either from HDC or from normal licence.
- Prisoners under the age of 18.

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- Prisoners serving Detention and Training Order (DTO) sentences.
- Prisoners required to undertake a treatment programme as a condition of the normal (end of sentence) supervision licence that could not be arranged during the period of ECL or at a time otherwise agreed by the Offender Manager.

Explanatory notes (contd.)

Data sources and quality

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

Data on releases are extracted around 3 weeks after the end of the previous month, allowing prison staff time to update the prisoners' records. Amendments to records after this time are not published. A comparison between published data and live data indicates a variance of less than 0.5%.

Unless otherwise stated, numbers in the text have been rounded for ease of reading using the following rules:

Numbers of 100,000 and over are rounded to the nearest 1,000 Numbers from 1,000 – 99,999 are rounded to the nearest 100 Numbers from 10 – 999 are rounded to the nearest 10 Numbers under 10 are unrounded.

Data on ECL recalls and the tables show the unrounded data.

Contact points for further information

Current and previous editions of this publication are available for download at www.justice.gov.uk/publications/endofcustodylicence.htm. Future reports will be published on a monthly basis. Spreadsheet files of the tables contained in this document are also available for download from this address.

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Table 1: ECL releases by offence group, sentence length, age, ethnic group and sex - February 2010 and cumulative totals

	Releases in February 2010		2010	2009	2008	2007	
	Males	Females	Total	1 January - 28 February 2010	1 January - 31 December 2009	1 January - 31 December 2008	29 June - 31 December 2007
Total ECL releases	1,717	178	1,895	3,655	29,371	31,318	16,197
By offence group							
Violence against the person 1	368	34	402	780	6,121	6,216	3,000
Sexual offences	0	0	0	0	1	5	4
Robbery	42	3	45	101	815	792	349
Burglary	173	3	176	369	2,727	2,794	1,499
Theft and Handling	292	65	357	697	6,071	7,116	3,682
Fraud and Forgery	47	9	56	83	665	656	291
Drug offences	73	11	84	174	1,405	1,322	691
Motoring offences	206	7	213	370	2,960	3,473	2,032
Other offences	468	44	512	987	8,037	8,431	4,362
Offence not recorded	48	2	50	94	569	513	287
By sentence length							
Less than or equal to 6 months ²	1,062	140	1,202	2,277	19,840	22,079	11,448
Greater than 6 months to less than 12 months	242	17	259	511	3,454	3,592	1,806
12 months to less than 4 years	413	21	434	867	6,074	5,643	2,941
4 years or more	0	0	0	0	3	4	2
By age							
18-20	234	13	247	494	3,817	4,340	2,339
21-24	378	36	414	834	6,359	6,557	3,283
25-29	369	37	406	738	6,471	6,949	3,588
30-39	469	59	528	993	8,119	8,663	4,462
40-49	212	27	239	461	3,633	3,797	1,989
50-59	40	6	46	103	808	841	454
60 and over	15	0	15	32	164	171	82
By ethnic group			 -	-			
White	1,417	153	1,570	3,053	25,109	26,781	13,850
Mixed	47	4	51	118	726	799	403
Asian or Asian British	114	1	115	196	1,419	1,447	697
Black or Black British	118	15	133	252	1,976	2,135	1,161
Chinese or Other ethnic group	7	1	8	13	79	113	47
Not stated	1	0	1	1	18	34	27
Unrecorded	13	4	17	22	25	6	6
1991 Census ethnic codes	0	0	0	0	19	3	6

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

Data Sources and Quality
These figures have been drawn from administrative IT systems which, as with any large scale recording system, are subject to possible errors with data entry and processing.

² Two prisoners serving sentences of less than six months were released in error; they did not meet all of the eligibility criteria.

Table 2: ECL releases by discharging establishment - February 2010 and cumulative totals

		2010	2009	2008	2007
Establishment	Releases in February 2010	1 January - 28 February 2010	1 January - 31 December 2009	1 January - 31 December 2008	29 June - 31 December 2007
Males	restructy 2010	1 cordary 2010	December 2003	December 2000	Describer 2007
Acklington	3	15	96	122	81
Albany	0	0	0	0	0
Altcourse	84	166	1,578	1,403	350
Ashfield	0	0	1	0	0
Ashwell Aylesbury	3 0	3 4	60 25	111 15	58 14
Bedford	23	49	472	572	372
Belmarsh	1	5	61	31	41
Birmingham	35	54	631	375	232
Blakenhurst Blantyre House	0	0	0	303 0	329 0
Blundeston	1	1	42	44	27
Brinsford	2	4	22	56	16
Bristol	40	84	428	502	214
Brixton Brockhill	25 0	42 0	298 0	122 45	127 69
Buckley Hall	10	14	83	77	31
Bullingdon	34	41	361	364	155
Bullwood Hall	7	12	69	78	25
Bure ³ Camp Hill	0	0	0 37	0 87	0 20
Canterbury	5	9	62	77	34
Cardiff	25	38	406	398	188
Castington	2	5	69	107	61
Channings Wood	8 22	25 31	194 206	173 104	81 41
Chelmsford Coldingley	1	2	∠06 12	104	41
Cookham Wood	0	0	0	0	14
Dartmoor	9	13	67	58	32
Deerbolt Doncaster	12 48	33 89	289 813	370 828	145 565
Dorchester	6	13	90	25	34
Dovegate	10	26	42	0	0
Dover	0	0	0	0	0
Durham Edmunds Hill	11 10	17 30	303 284	453 394	341 206
Erlestoke	4	11	63	78	40
Everthorpe	16	43	308	347	253
Exeter	18	38	495	644	334
Featherstone Feltham	2 0	7 0	26 27	26 32	15 3
Ford	38	70	483	435	253
Forest Bank	77	141	850	1,009	164
Frankland	0	0	0	0	0
Full Sutton Garth	0	0	0 1	0 2	0 1
Gartree	0	0	1	0	0
Glen Parva	57	102	640	730	390
Gloucester	12	18	123	164	116
Grendon/Spring Hill Guys Marsh	10 7	16 19	141 169	90 217	22 154
Haslar	0	0	0	0	0
Haverigg	16	32	200	361	175
Hewell Grange Hewell ¹	0	0	0	68	68
High Down	49 25	92 49	722 407	376 573	0 234
Highpoint	2	14	157	177	79
Hindley	0	0	2	37	38
Hollesley Bay	22	32	290	390	146
Holme House Hull	25 7	35 24	420 374	540 266	221 138
Huntercombe	0	0	5	4	0
Isle of Wight ²	13	28	107	0	0
Kennet	15	26	154	135	72
Kingston (Portsmouth) Kirkham	0	0 11	0 189	0 409	0 306
Kirklevington Grange	0	0	1	8	3
Lancaster	15	20	166	135	57
Lancaster Farms	8	21	162	134	33
Latchmere House Leeds	0 34	0 74	0 488	0 290	0 198
Leicester	13	28	236	221	135
Lewes	15	28	282	348	100
Leyhill	10	18	164	367	190
Lincoln Lindholme	17 16	45 31	395 245	445 360	148 234
Littlehey	1	2	11	22	5
Liverpool	24	31	774	405	335
Long Lartin	0	0	0	0	0
Lowdham Grange Maidstone	0	0	0 7	0 11	0
Manchester	44	82	675	829	525
Moorland Closed	13	25	189	250	124
Moorland Open	2	4	120	151	95
Mount (The) North Sea Camp	3 19	3 33	21 300	27 395	1 227
Northallerton	34	55 55	384	490	259
Norwich	47	87	387	306	171
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Parc	62	120	868	690	436
Parkhurst	0	0	0	2	0
Pentonville	31	68	337	311	208
Peterborough Portland	37 8	62 16	331 176	272 194	224 106
Preston	40	84	490	462	218
Ranby	32	70	467	392	242
Reading	1	4	41	25	22
Risley	4	7	98	125	79
Rochester	30	69	430	270	127
Rye Hill	0	0	1	0	2
Sheppey Cluster (Elmley)	8	20	221	307	151
Sheppey Cluster (Standford Hill) Sheppey Cluster (Swaleside)	25 0	44 0	471 0	544 0	286 0
Shepton Mallet	0	0	0	0	0
Shrewsbury	6	19	393	244	145
Stafford	3	4	15	15	2
Stocken	24	33	189	218	93
Stoke Heath	13	31	215	271	179
Sudbury	3	12	119	191	82
Swansea	0	1	62	225	144
Swinfen Hall	0	0	11	14	7
Thorn Cross	19	42	261	227	57
Usk/Prescoed Verne (The)	0	1 0	28 3	106 3	58 8
Wakefield	0	0	0	1	0
Wandsworth	31	44	161	359	220
Warren Hill	0	0	0	1	1
Wayland	7	18	109	102	41
Wealstun	5	9	64	200	155
Wellingborough	10	20	124	87	28
Werrington	0	0	0	0	0
Wetherby	0	0	0	0	0
Whatton Whitemoor	0	0	0 1	1	2
Winchester	23	40	325	310	151
Wolds	0	0	16	35	24
Woodhill	19	51	399	388	126
Wormwood Scrubs	55	108	864	752	369
Wymott	10	24	97	109	62
TOTAL	1,717	3,304	26,383	27,780	14,479
Females					
Askham Grange	1	3	7	21	7
Bronzefield	22	53	507	618	265
Downview	5	7	83	105	41
Drake Hall	6	14	124	145	73
East Sutton Park	2	2	23	10	3
Eastwood Park Foston Hall	39 13	57 24	381 211	416 231	228 125
Holloway	22	40	374	393	164
Low Newton	9	21	248	312	172
Morton Hall	6	16	102	58	18
New Hall	3	7	151	357	224
Peterborough	19	44	268	227	164
Send	2	2	35	37	10
Styal	29	61	474	608	224
TOTAL	178	351	2,988	3,538	1,718
GRAND TOTAL	1,895	3,655	29,371	31,318	16,197

¹ On 25 June 2008 3 prisons (HMPs Blakenhurst, Brockhill and Hewell Grange) merged to become HMP Hewell. ECL releases are now shown for HMP Hewell only. Cumulative totals for the 3 prisons which merged are shown for the time period 29 June 2007 to 31 May 2008.

Data Sources and Quality
These figures have been drawn from administrative IT systems which, as with any large scale recording system, are subject to possible errors with data entry and processing.

² On 1 April 2009 3 prisons (HMPs Albany, Camp Hill and Parkhurst) merged to become HMP Isle of Wight. ECL releases are now shown for HMP Isle of Wight only. Cumulative totals for the 3 prisons which merged are shown from 29 June 2007 to 31 March 2009.

³ HMP Bure was opened and accepted its first prisoners on 30 November 2009.

Table 3a: Offenders recalled to prison from ECL and the reasons for recall - February 2010 and cumulative totals

Decisions to recall between 1 February 2010 and 28 February 2010 reported to NOMS Public Protection Unit by end of 23 March 2010

	2010	2010	2009	2008	2007
	1 - 28 February 2010	1 January - 28 February 2010	1 January - 31 December 2009	1 January - 31 December 2008	29 June - 31 December 2007
Decisions to recall as notified to NOMS	40	98	928	1,030	564
By reason for recall '					
Alleged re-offending ²	19	47	449	474	194
Failure to live at an approved address	11	32	263	274	118
Out of touch with the probation sevice	13	26	209	268	226
Poor behaviour ³	5	9	105	101	75

Table 3b: ECL recalls and returns to custody - cumulative totals to date

Decisions to recall offenders from ECL, from 29 June 2007 to 28 February 2010

Number of offenders notified as recalled at 23 March 2010	2,620	(3% of offenders released on ECL)
Of which,		
Number not yet returned to custody	129	(0.3% of offenders released on ECL)

2,491 (3% of offenders released on ECL)

Table 3c:Alleged Re-offending by Offenders on ECL

Number who have returned to custody

The number of alleged offences (by offenders during their period of ECL), as notified to NOMS in December and cumulative totals

	1 - 28 February 2010	1 January - 28 February 2010	1 January - 31 December 2009	1 January - 31 December 2008	29 June - 31 December 2007
Number of Offenders ⁴	19	51	454	497	215
Alleged further offences	22	59	584	658	301

Footnotes

- 1 The total of reasons for recall is not the same as the total number of decisions to recall because offenders can be recalled for more than one reason.
- 2 Alleged re-offending may lead to recall of the offender even though, at the point of the recall, the offender may not have formally been charged.
- 3 The offender's behaviour indicates an increased risk of reoffending or harm.
- 4 The number of offenders notified to NOMS as having allegedly reoffended during their period on ECL.

Data Sources and Quality

All of the figures above are as notified to NOMS and may therefore be subject to inaccuracies. There may be recalls, reoffending, further offences, offenders returned to custody, and offenders released not in accordance with the scheme, some of which may not have been notified to us.



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