

**Round Table on detention conditions, Brussels 8 December 2009**

**Prison population in the European Union** (Source:

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Member State	Prison population total (including pre-trial detainees /remand prisoners) <b>2009</b>	Pre-trial detainees / remand prisoners (percentage of prison population) <b>2009</b>	Prison population total (including pre-trial detainees /remand prisoners) <b>1998</b>	Occupancy level (based on official capacity) <b>2009</b>	Prison population rate (per 100,000 of national population) <b>2009</b> <b>(1998)</b>	Foreign prisoners (percentage of prison population) <b>2009</b>
1) Austria	8 308	23,2 %	6 962	97,1 %	99      (87)	43,6 %
2) Belgium	10 159	35 %	8 271	118,8 % (2008)	94      (81)	42,1 % (2008)
3) Bulgaria	9 408	10,4 %	11 541	105,2 % (2008)	124      (139)	1,9 % (2008)
4) Cyprus	671 (2008)	15,4 % (2008)	226	152,7 % (2007)	83      (34)	53,2 % (2008)
5) Czech Republic	22 056	11,2 %	21 560	98,2 % (2007)	209      (209)	7,4 % (2007)

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6) Denmark	3 448 (2008)	34,4 % (2008)	3 413	90,5 %	63      (64) (2008)	22,5 % (2008)
7) Estonia	3 656	27,1 %	4 791	94,2 %	273      (330)	6,9 %
8) Finland	3 583	17,2 %	2 569	101,1 %	67      (50)	10,3 %
9) France	62 252 <sup>i</sup> 59 655 (1.7.2008) <sup>ii</sup>	25,6 % <sup>iii</sup>	50 744	118,1 % (1.9.2007) <sup>iv</sup>	102,9      (86) 96 (July 2008) <sup>v</sup>	18,2 % <sup>vi</sup>
10) Germany	73 592	15,5 %	78 592	92,6 %	90      (96)	26,3 % (31.3.2007)
11) Greece	12 300 (November 2008)	25,6 % (30.6.2008)	7 129	141,9 % (30.6.2007)	109      (68) (November 2008)	43,9 % (30.6.2007)
12) Hungary	15 227	28,8 %	14 366	121,2 %	152      (140)	3,7 %

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13) <b>Ireland</b>	3 895	25 % (26.10.2007)	2 648	106,9 %	85 (71)	12,6 % (12.9.2007)
14) <b>Italy</b>	63 887 <sup>vii</sup> (28.8.2009)  58 597 (31.12.2008) <sup>viii</sup>	50,9 % (31.12.2008)	49 050	112,8 % (31.12.2008)	97 (85)	37 % (31.12.2008)
15) <b>Latvia</b>	7 200	27,5 %	10 070	70,4 % (1.10.2007)	319 (410)	1,7 % (1.10.2007)
16) <b>Lithuania</b>	7 866 (1.1.2008)	12,1 % (1.1.2008)	13 626	86,8 % (1.1.2008)	319 (410) (2008)	0,9 % (1.1.2008)
17) <b>Luxembourg</b>	745 (1.9.2007)	42 % (1.9.2007)	392	106,9 % (15.7.2007)	155 (92) (2007)	73,3 % (1.9.2007)
18) <b>Malta</b>	480	35,2 %	260	84,5 % (31.12.2006)	116 (69)	39,7 %

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	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>1998</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b> <b>(1998)</b>	<b>2009</b>
19) <b>Netherlands</b>	16 416 (31.8.2008)	34,7 % (31.8.2008)	13 333	76,7% (31.8.2008)	100      (85) (August 2008)	30,5% (31.8.2008)
20) <b>Poland</b>	85 346	11,6 %	54 373	102,4 %	224      (141)	0,7 %
21) <b>Portugal</b>	11 199	19,6 %	14 598	91,6 %	105      (144)	20,3 %
22) <b>Romania</b>	26 832	12,1 %	52 149	78,6 %	125      (232)	0,8 % (1.9.2007)
23) <b>Slovakia</b>	8 166 (31.12.2008)	19 % (31.12.2008)	6 628	75,4 % (31.12.2007)	151      (123) (2008)	1,8 % (31.12.2008)
24) <b>Slovenia</b>	1 317 (1.9.2008)	22,2 % (1.9.2008)	756	119,9 % (1.9.2008)	65      (38)	10,5 % (1.9.2007)
25) <b>Spain</b>	76 478	22,2 %	44 763	136,3 % (31.8.2007)	164      (114)	35,5 %

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26) <b>Sweden</b>	6 853 (1.10.2008)	20 % (1.10.2008)	5 920	98,7 %	74 (2008) (68)	27,5 % (of convicted prisoners 1.10.2008)
27) <b>United Kingdom</b>						
a) <b>England &amp; Wales</b>	84 622	16,1 %	65 298	112,2 %	154 (126)	13,6 %
b) <b>Scotland</b>	7 857	18 %	6 082	103,8 %	153 (120)	2,8 % (2007)
c) <b>Northern Ireland</b>	1 431	33,8 %	1 531	90,5 %	80 (91)	8,8 %

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<sup>i</sup> Ministère de la Justice, Direction de l'administration pénitentiaire, Les chiffres clés de l'administration pénitentiaire au 1<sup>er</sup> janvier 2009 (<http://www.justice.gouv.fr/index.php?rubrique=10036&ssrubrique=10041&article=17322>)

<sup>ii</sup> according to ICPS.

<sup>iii</sup> see footnote i.

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<sup>vi</sup> see footnote i : Africans 50,8 %, Europeans 32,6 %, Asians 5,7 %, Americans 9,9 %, Other 0,9 %.

<sup>vii</sup> according to the Italian Ministry of Justice, 28.8.2009

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