

Latest figures on Indeterminate Sentences for Public Protection

The information below was obtained from the Ministry of Justice. It shows the number of people who have been sentenced to an Indeterminate Sentence for Public Protection each month since the sentence was introduced and the number of people serving an Indeterminate Sentence for Public Protection who have been released from prison each month since the sentence was introduced.

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The table below lists the numbers of IPPs sentenced per month since the introduction of the indeterminate sentence for public protection.

	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009
January	-	90	145	134	78
February	-	106	144	161	70
March	-	147	167	140	58
April	-	97	130	146	-
May	2	112	147	148	-
June	17	143	146	135	-
July	34	144	153	102	-
August	43	116	111	59	-
September	75	147	140	75	-
October	86	119	139	84	-
November	82	166	168	77	-
December	72	177	132	79	-
Total	411	1564	1722	1340	206
Total Number of IPPs (to the end of March 2009)					5243
* This data does not include those IPPs who have been discharged or for whom the IPP sentence was quashed.					

The Government made changes to the structure of the indeterminate sentence of imprisonment for public protection (IPP) in the Criminal Justice and Immigration Act 2008. Now, the IPP is not generally available where the sentence passed by the court would attract a tariff of less than 2 years, unless the offender has previously been convicted of one of the most serious offences.

The number of people serving an Indeterminate Sentence for Public Protection who have been released from prison each month since the sentence was introduced.

58 IPP sentenced prisoners had been released by the end of March 2009. It is for the independent Parole Board to determine whether prisoners serving the IPP sentence may be safely released into the community, once their tariff has expired. There is nothing automatic about release upon tariff expiry, and the Parole Board will direct their release only if it is satisfied that the risk of harm which they present is such that it may be safely managed in the community.

The table below lists the numbers released and month of their release. In two cases the prisoners were released early on compassionate grounds.

Release Date	Number
December 2006	1
March 2007	1
April 2007	1
June 2007	1
July 2007	3
August 2007	2
September 2007	2
October 2007	3
January 2008	2
February 2008	1
March 2008	3
April 2008	1
May 2008	2
June 2008	4
July 2008	1
August 2008	5
September 2008	3
October 2008	3
November 2008	5
December 2008	4
January 2009	5
February 2009	4
March 2009	1
Total	58