



2024 FIRST QUARTER PRISON ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES STATISTICS REPORT

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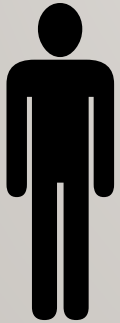
Introduction

- Zimbabwe National Statistics Agency (ZIMSTAT) collects administrative data on prisoners from Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Services (ZPCS) for use in the production of Quarterly Prison Admissions and Discharges Statistics reports.
- The 2024 1st Quarter Prison Admissions and Discharges Statistics report sheds light on the prison population, the number and profile of prisoners who get admitted into, and those who get discharged from the country's prison facilities.

Results

Prison Population

At the end of the first quarter of 2024 there were 24,068 prisoners in prison facilities throughout the country.



23,401
(97.2%)



667
(2.8%)



Imprisonment Rates

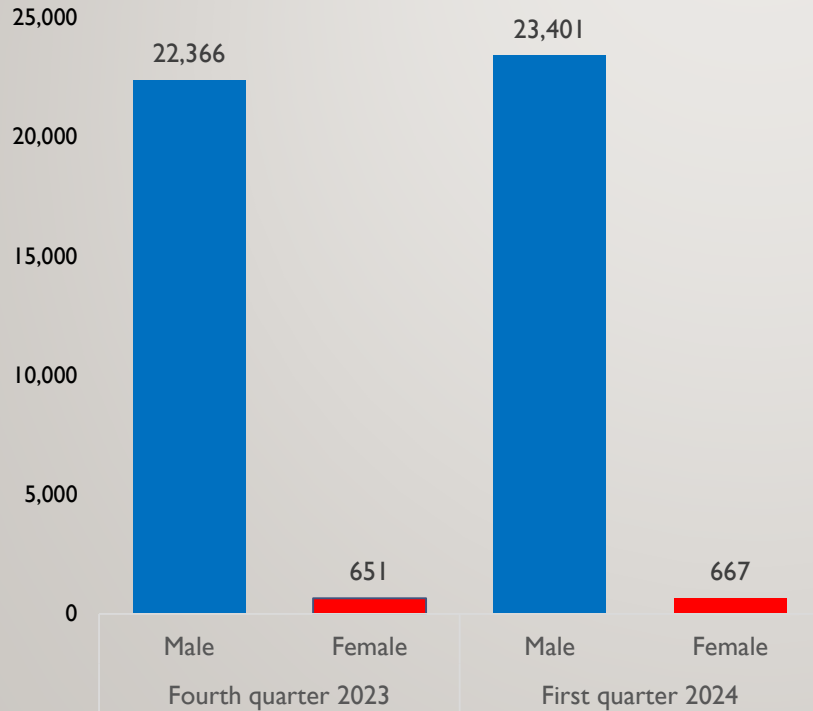


The National Imprisonment rate was 159 per 100,000 people

The Imprisonment rate among males was 321 per 100,000 people

The Imprisonment rate among females was 8 per 100,000 people

Comparison of Prison Population Between 4th Quarter 2023 and 1st Quarter 2024



- ❖ The prison population increased from 23,017 in Q4 of 2023 to 24,068 in Q1 of 2024.
- ❖ During the same period, the population of male prisoners increased from 22,366 to 23,401.
- ❖ The female prisoners increased from 651 in Q4 of 2023 to 667 in Q1 of 2024.

Prison Population (Sentenced and Unsentenced Prisoners)

Among the 24,068 prisoners held in Zimbabwe's prisons, 18,736 (77.8 %) were sentenced and 5,332 (22.2 %) were unsentenced.

a) Of 22,336 male prisoners, 16,666 (74.5%) were sentenced and 5,700 (25.5%) were unsentenced

a) Among the 651 female prisoners, 384 (59.0%) were sentenced and 267 (41.0%) were unsentenced



▪ Sentenced	18,307 (78.2%)
▪ Unsentenced	5,094 (21.8 %)



▪ Sentenced	429 (64.3%)
▪ Unsentenced	238 (35.7 %)

Sentence Status of Prisoner Population: 4th Quarter 2023 and 1st Quarter 2024

- a) Sentenced prisoners increased from 17,050 in Q4 of 2023 to 18,736 in Q1 of 2024.
- b) During the same period unsentenced prisoners decreased from 5,967 to 5,332
- c) Sentenced male prisoners increased from 16,666 to 18,307.
- d) Unsentenced male prisoners decreased from 5,700 to 5,094.
- e) Sentenced female prisoners also increased from 384 to 429
- f) Unsentenced female prisoners decreased from 267 in Q4 of 2023 to 238 in Q1 of 2024

4 th Quarter 2023		
	Sentenced	Unsentenced
Male	16,666	5,700
Female	384	267
Total	17,050	5,967

1 st quarter 2024		
	Sentenced	Unsentenced
Male	18,307	5,094
Female	429	238
Total	18,736	5,332

Prison Admissions: 1st Quarter 2024



A total of 16,180 new prisoners were admitted during the 1st Quarter of 2024

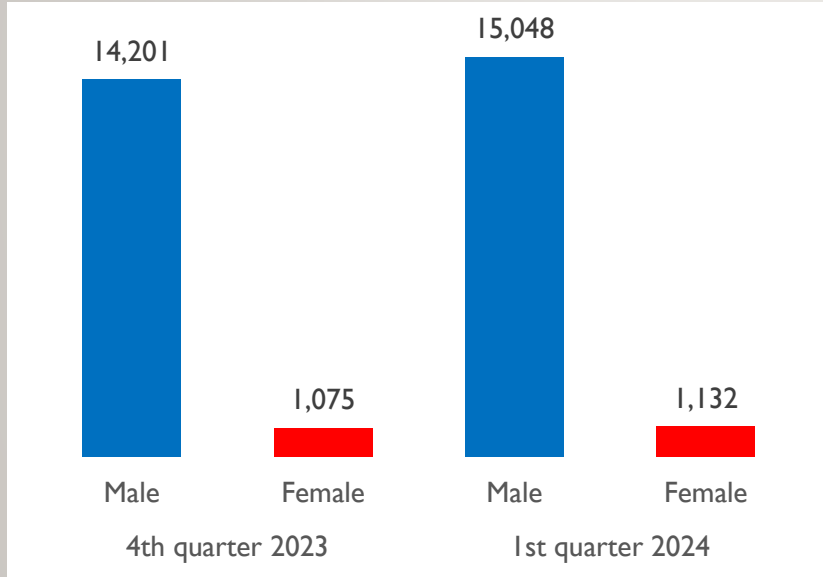


Male prisoners were 15,048 (93%)



Female prisoners were 1,132 (7%)

New Prison Admissions: 4th Quarter 2023 and 1st Quarter 2024



- a) New prison admissions increased from 15,276 in Q4 of 2023 to 16,810 in Q1 of 2024.
- b) The new male prisoner population increased from 14,201 to 15,048 and the population of new female prisoners increased from 1,075 to 1,132.

Prison Admissions (Continued)

Among the 15,276 prisoners admitted, 12,838 (84.0%) were admitted as unsentenced prisoners and 2,438 (16.0%) had a sentence.



11,969 (84.3%) were unsentenced
2,232 (15.7%) were sentenced.



869 (80.8%) were unsentenced
206 (19.2%) were sentenced.

Prison Discharges

A total of 14,945 prisoners were discharged from prison during the 1st Quarter of 2024



13,964 (93.4 %) were male



981 (6.6%) were female

Prison Discharges (Continued)

Of the 14,945 prisoners who were discharged from prison, 7,731 (51.7 %) were sentenced and 7,214 (48.3%) were unsentenced



Discharged Sentenced Prisoners

Male 7,230 (93.5%)

Female 501 (6.5%)



Discharged Unsentenced Prisoners

Male 6,734 (93.3%)

Female 480 (6.7%)

Reason(s) for Discharge from Prison



Sentenced prisoners

Reason for discharge	Male %	Female %	Total %
Amnesty/parole	0	0	0
Community service	32.2	37.5	32.6
Community service with time to pay	5.9	5.8	5.9
Fine paid	4.9	4.6	4.9
Sentence expired	34.2	20.8	33.4
Time to pay restitution or fine	15.9	19.2	16.1
Other	6.8	12.2	7.1
Total	100	100	100



Unsentenced prisoners

Reason for discharge	Male %	Female %	Total %
Bail paid or free bail pending trial	45.1	54.4	45.7
Found not guilty by court(s)	13.5	4.6	12.9
Further remand refused	9.3	7.7	9.2
Released to immigration	6.1	11.3	6.5
Remanded out of custody	11.2	10.6	11.1
Case Withdrawn	12.5	5	12
Other	2.5	6.5	2.7
Total	100	100	100

Profiling of New Prisoners

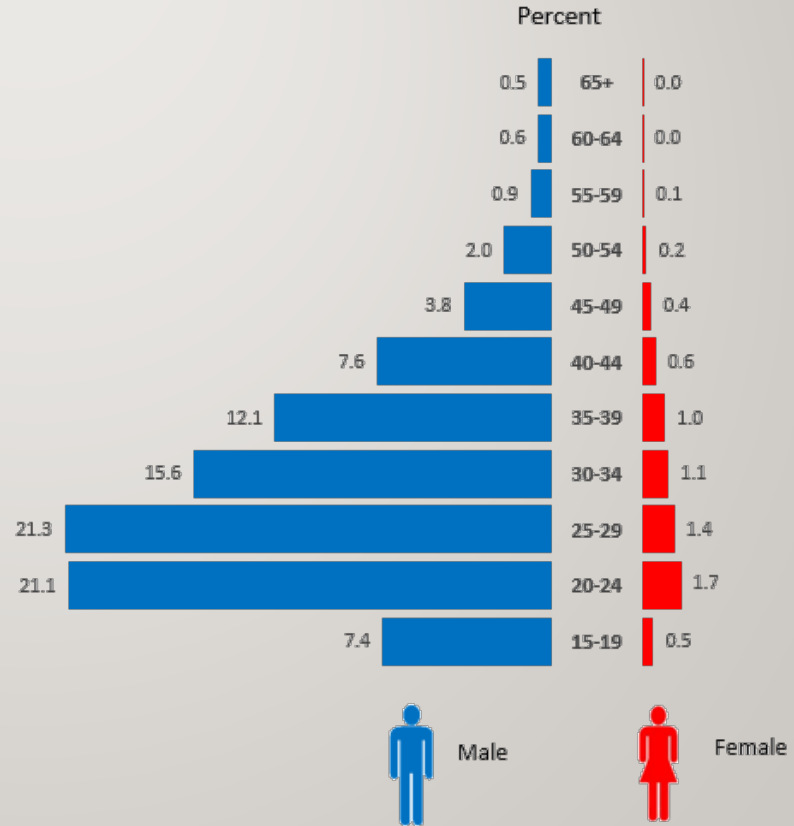


by

- ✓ Age group.
- ✓ Province of usual residence
- ✓ Nationality
- ✓ Employment Status

New Prisoners By Age Group And Sex

The highest proportion of both new male and female prisoners were aged between 25-29 followed by those aged between 20 to 24. It can be observed that after the age group 25 to 29, the number of new prisoners decreases with increasing age



New prisoners by Province of Usual Residence and sex

- a) Most new prisoners usually lived in Harare (19.3%), followed by Mashonaland West (11.9%) and Midlands (11.7%).
- b) Most new male prisoners usually lived in Harare (19.3%), followed by Mashonaland West (12.0%) and Midlands (11.8%).
- c) The majority of new female prisoners were from Harare (20.1%), followed by Mashonaland East (11.0%) and Mashonaland West (10.9%).

Province	Male	Female	Total
Manicaland	10.2	9.4	10.2
Mash Central	9.5	9.5	9.5
Mash East	10.4	11.0	10.5
Mash West	12.0	10.9	11.9
Mat North	6.1	3.3	5.9
Mat South	4.5	2.5	4.4
Midlands	11.8	9.6	11.7
Masvingo	9.4	8.7	9.3
Harare	19.3	20.1	19.3
Bulawayo	5.3	5.3	5.3
Outside Zimbabwe	1.5	9.7	2.0
Total	100.0	100.0	100.0

New prisoners population by Nationality and sex

Zimbabwe 97.4%

Other SADC
Countries 2.1%

Other African
Countries 0.4%

Outside
Africa 0.2%

Nationality	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Zimbabwe	14,743	98.0	1,018	89.9	15,761	97.4
Other SADC Countries	231	1.5	102	9.0	333	2.1
Other African Countries	52	0.3	6	0.5	58	0.4
Outside Africa	22	0.1	6	0.5	28	0.2
Total	15,048	100.0	1,132	100.0	16,180	100.0

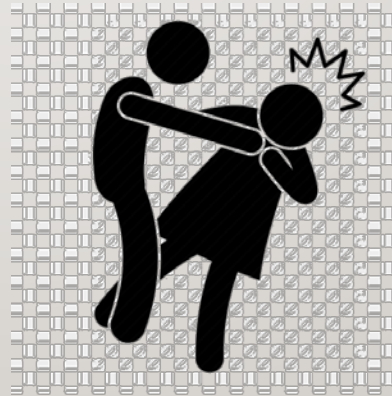
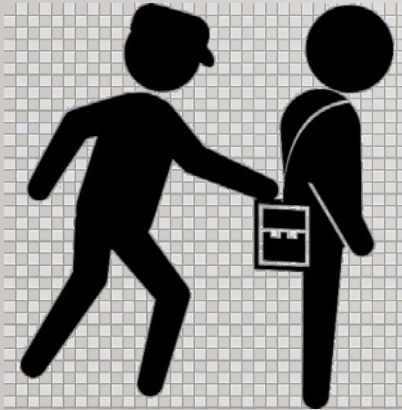
Reported Last Employment Status of New Prisoners By Sex

- The majority of new prisoners reported that they were employed before admission (54.5%)
- Male prisoners who were employed constituted 55.6% of the new male prisoner population.
- The share of female prisoners who reported that they were unemployed before their admission to prison was 59.5%

Employment status	Male		Female		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Employed	8,366	55.6	458	40.5	8,824	54.5
Unemployed	6,682	44.4	674	59.5	7,356	45.5
Total	15,048	100.0	1,132	100.0	16,180	100.0

Crime Count For New Prisoners

The 16,180 prisoners that were admitted during the first quarter of 2024 had committed 18,933 offences. Of these offences, 17,590 were committed by males and 1,343 by females



Top Five Crimes Committed By New Prisoners

Most of the new prisoners were admitted into prison for committing theft (23.0%) , assault (17.9), burglary (9.3%) , robbery without firearm (6.5%) and Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified (5.4%). The crimes that led to the imprisonment of female prisoners were mostly theft (24.5%), assault (14.2%, migration related offences (13.7%), drug related offences (6.1%) and burglary (5.5%).

Male	Percent
Theft	23.5
Assaults	18.8
Burglary	10.9
Robbery (without firearm)	7.7
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	5.3

Female	Percent
Theft	23.6
Assaults	20.3
Acts related to migration	9.3
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	6.2
Fraud	6.2

Total	Percent
Theft	23.5
Assaults	18.9
Burglary	10.5
Robbery (without firearm)	7.3
Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	5.3

Crime Type And Counts By Age Group Of Prisoners

- The crimes that led to the imprisonment of new prisoners of prisoners age 15 to 60 years during the third quarter were theft, assault, burglary and robbery (without firearms).
- 26.1 percent of the crimes that led to the imprisonment of male prisoners aged 65 years and above were rape charges.
- The crimes that led to the imprisonment of women between 25-39 were theft, assault, migration related offences and unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors

Crime Type And Counts By Nationality Of Prisoners

New prisoners of Zimbabwean nationality were mostly imprisoned for theft (23.9%), assault (19.3%) burglary (10.7%) and robbery (without firearm) (7.5%).

New Non-Zimbabwean prisoners committed mostly immigration-related offences (82.8%) and trade or possession of protected or prohibited species of fauna & flora (4.9%).

CRIME COUNTS,TYPE AND EMPLOYMENT STATUS

- Unemployed male prisoners were mostly admitted for committing theft (21.4%), assault (19.1%), burglary (12.0%).

- Employed female prisoners were admitted for committing theft (28.6%), assault (19.1%), and fraud (9.9%).
- Unemployed female prisoners were mostly admitted for committing assault (14.3%), theft (20.1%), and migration related offences (15.0%).

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