



2025 SECOND QUARTER PRISON ADMISSIONS AND DISCHARGES STATISTICS REPORT

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Outline of Presentation

- a) Prison Population Size
- b) New Admissions
- c) Discharges
- d) Profile of New Prisoners
- e) Committed Crimes

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 2025 2nd 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 second quarter of 2025 there were 24,089 prisoners in prison facilities throughout the country.



23,284
(96.7%)



805
(3.3%)



Imprisonment Rates

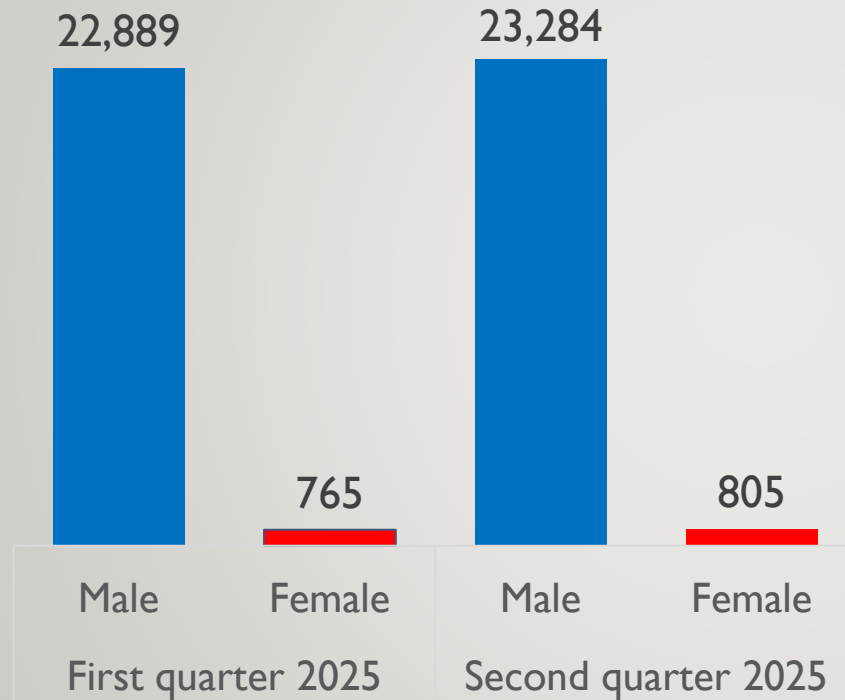


The National Imprisonment rate was 151 per 100,000 people

The Imprisonment rate among males was 305 per 100,000 people

The Imprisonment rate among females was 10 per 100,000 people

Comparison of Prison Population Between 1st Quarter 2025 and 2nd Quarter 2025



- ❖ The prison population increased from 23,654 in Q1 of 2025 to 24,089 in Q1 of 2025.
- ❖ During the same period, the population of male prisoners increased from 22,130 to 22,130.
- ❖ Female prisoners decreased from 748 in Q4 of 2024 to 748 in Q1 of 2025.

Prison Population (Sentenced and Unsented Prisoners)

Among the 24,089 prisoners held in Zimbabwe's prisons, 19,727 (81.9%) were sentenced and 4,362 (18.1%) were unsentenced.

a) Of 23,284 male prisoners, 19,138 (82.2%) were sentenced and 4,146 (17.8%) were unsentenced



▪ Sentenced	19,138 (82.2%)
▪ Unsented	4,146 (17.8%)

a) Among the 805 female prisoners, 589 (73.2%) were sentenced and 216 (26.8%) were unsentenced



▪ Sentenced	589 (73.2%)
▪ Unsented	216 (26.8%)

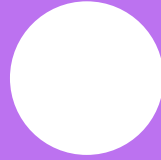
Sentence Status of Prisoner Population: 1st Quarter 2025 and 2nd Quarter 2025

- a) Sentenced prisoners increased from 18,857 in Q1 of 2025 to 19,727 in Q2 of 2025.
- a) During the same period unsentenced prisoners decreased slightly from 4,797 to 4,362.
- b) Sentenced male prisoners increased from 18,348 to 19,138.
- c) Unsentenced male prisoners decreased from 4,541 to 4,146.
- d) Sentenced female prisoners also increased slightly from 509 to 589.
- (f) Unsentenced female prisoners decreased from 256 in Q1 of 2025 to 216 in Q2 of 2025.

1 st quarter 2025		
	Sentenced	Unsentenced
Male	18,348	4,541
Female	509	256
Total	18,857	4,797

2 nd quarter 2025		
	Sentenced	Unsentenced
Male	19,138	4,146
Female	589	216
Total	19,727	4,362

Prison Admissions: 2nd Quarter 2025



A total of 16,187 new prisoners were admitted during the 2nd Quarter of 2025

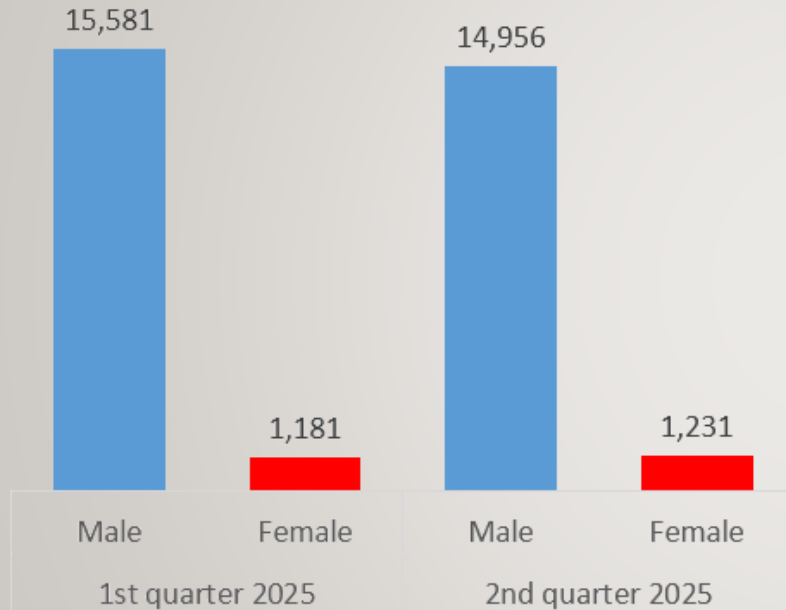


Male prisoners were 14,956 (92.4%)



Female prisoners were 1,231 (7.6%)

New Prison Admissions: 1st Quarter 2025 and 2nd Quarter 2025



- a) New prison admissions decreased from 16,762 in Q1 of 2025 to 16,187 in Q2 of 2025.
- b) The new male prisoner population increased from 15,581 to 14,956 and the population of new female prisoners decreased slightly from 1,181 to 1,231.

Prison Admissions (Continued)

Among the 16,187 new prisoners admitted, 13,487 (83.3%) were admitted as unsentenced prisoners and 2,700 (16.7%) had a sentence.



12,490 (83.5%) were unsentenced
2,466 (16.5%) were sentenced.



997 (81.0%) were unsentenced
234 (19.0%) were sentenced.

Prison Discharges

A total of 15,742 prisoners were discharged from prison during the 2nd Quarter of 2025



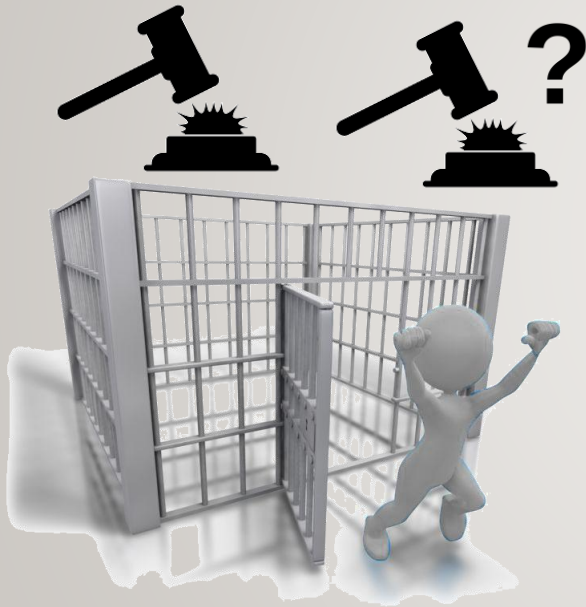
14,378 (91.3%) were male



1,364 (8.7%) were female

Prison Discharges (Continued)

Of the 15,742 prisoners who were discharged from prison, 8,953 (56.9%) were sentenced and 6,789 (43.1%) were unsentenced.



Sentenced 8,156 (56.7%)

Unsentenced 6,222 (43.3%)



Sentenced 797 (58.4%)

Unsentenced 567 (41.6%)

Reason(s) for Discharge from Prison



Sentenced prisoners

Reason for discharge	Male %	Female %	Total %
Sentence expired	36.9	16.3	35.1
Community service	28.6	39.8	29.6
Time to pay	14.9	16.6	15.1
Fine paid	6.7	8.7	6.9
Community service with time to pay	5.2	8.9	5.5
Suspended sentence)	4.0	3.8	4.0
Other	3.7	6.0	3.9
Amnesty / parole	0	0	0



? Unsentenced prisoners

Reason for discharge	Male %	Female %	Total %
Bail paid or free bail	42.0	39.0	41.7
Found not guilty by courts	17.2	9.9	16.6
Case Withdrawn	12.2	11.5	12.1
Remanded out of custody	11.2	11.1	11.2
Further remand refused	8.6	3.7	8.1
Released to immigration	5.5	15.5	6.4
Other	3.3	9.3	3.8

Profiling of New Prisoners

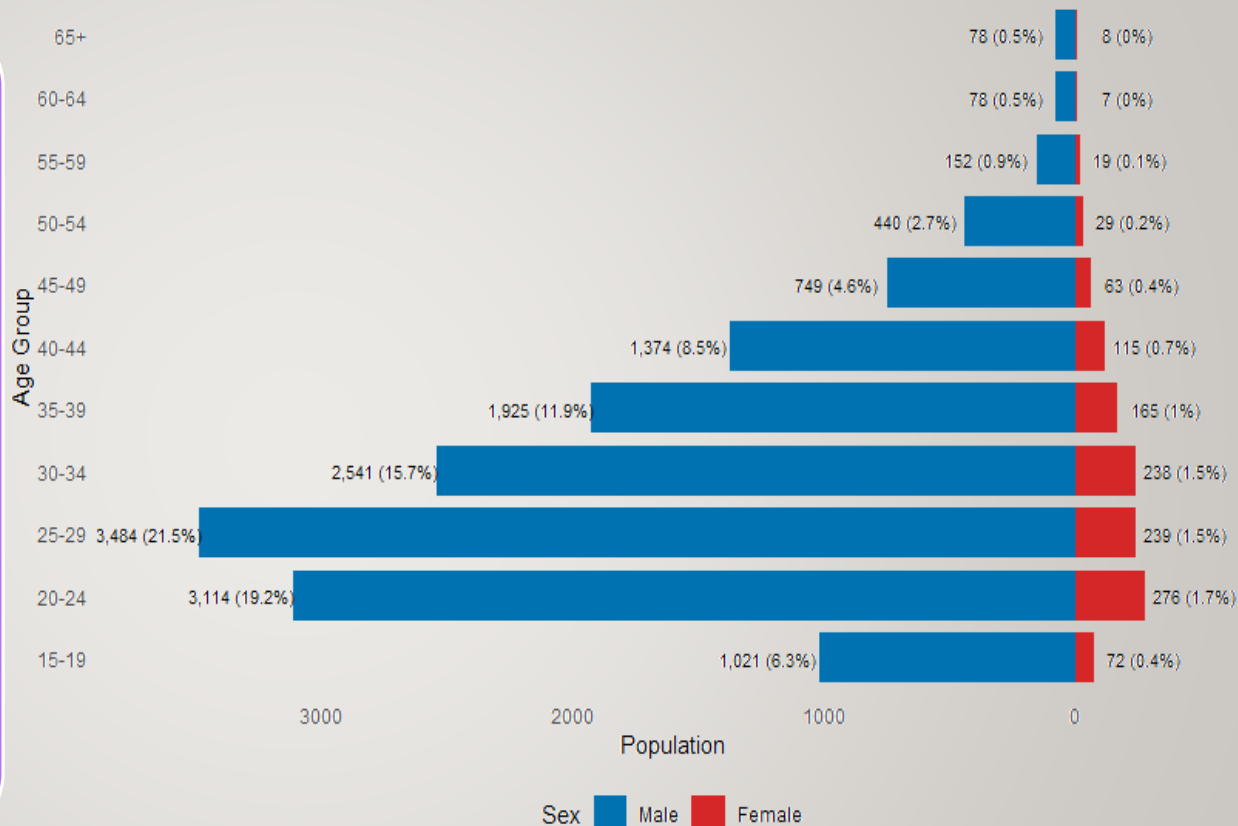


by

- ✓ 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 in the 25-29 and 20-24 age groups. 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 (22.6%), followed by Manicaland (12.3%), Midlands (11.7%) and Mashonaland West (11.1%).
- b) Most new male prisoners usually lived in Harare (22.4%), followed by Manicaland (12.4%) and Midlands (11.9%).
- c) The majority of new female prisoners were from Harare (24.4%), followed by Midlands (10.3%) and Manicaland (10.2%).

Province	Male	Female	Total
Harare	22.4	24.4	22.6
Manicaland	12.4	10.2	12.3
Midlands	11.9	10.3	11.7
Mash West	11.3	9.6	11.1
Masvingo	8.7	9.7	8.8
Mash East	8.4	7.3	8.3
Mash Central	6.7	6.5	6.7
Mat North	6.4	4.9	6.3
Bulawayo	5.0	6.0	5.1
Mat South	4.4	3.8	4.4
Outside Zimbabwe	2.5	7.3	2.9

New prisoners population by Nationality and sex

Zimbabwe 97.0%

Other SADC
Countries 2.3%

Other African
Countries 0.3%

Outside
Africa 0.3%

Nationality	Male		Female		Total	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
Zimbabwe	14,562	97.4	1,144	92.9	15,706	97.0
Other SADC Countries	305	2.0	72	5.8	377	2.4
Other African Countries	44	0.3	7	0.6	51	0.3
Outside Africa	45	0.3	8	0.6	53	0.3
Total	14,956	100.0	1,231	100.0	16,187	100.0

Reported Last Employment Status of New Prisoners By Sex

- 53% of new prisoners reported being employed prior to admission.
- Male prisoners who were unemployed constituted 46.2% of the new male prisoner population.
- The share of female prisoners who reported that they were unemployed before their admission to prison was 56.6%

Employment status	Male		Female		Total	
	No	%	No	%	No	%
Employed	8,048	53.8	534	43.4	8,582	53.0
Unemployed	6,908	46.2	697	56.6	7,605	47.0
Total	14,956	100.0	1,231	100.0	16,187	100.0

Crime Count For New Prisoners

The 16,187 prisoners that were admitted during the second quarter of 2025 had committed 18,718 offences. Of these offences, 17,366 were committed by males and 1,352 by females.



Top Five Crimes Committed By New Prisoners

Most of the new prisoners were admitted into prison for committing theft (22.1%) , assault (19.7%), burglary (8.7%), robbery without firearm (5.4%) and other criminal acts not elsewhere classified (5.3%).

The crimes that led to the imprisonment of female prisoners were mostly theft (26.9%), assault (23.2%), unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors (8.1%) and acts related to migration (5.6%).

Male	Percent	Female	Percent	Total	Percent
Theft	22.0	Theft	23.7	Theft	22.1
Assaults	19.8	Assaults	18.0	Assaults	19.7
Burglary	9.0	Unlawful acts involving controlled drugs or precursors	8.1	Burglary	8.7
Robbery (without firearm)	5.7	Acts related to migration	6.8	Robbery (without firearm)	5.4
Domestic Violence	5.3	Burglary	5.6	Other criminal acts not elsewhere classified	5.3

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