

Data Collection - Number of Children with a Parent in Prison



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| Austria | There is a statistical data collection within the electronic system EVM and based on voluntary information from inmates; the number and age of children and their caregivers are collected and entered into the system in a text file under the social data. | During the modalities of the entering the prison (first interview by special services, e.g. social service, psychological service) the inmates are asked about their personal data. These data are fed into the EVM (Austrian electronic system of inmates data). | Later they are updated by a social worker. | No. The individual inmate data are text files and cannot be extracted from the system (yet); so, the total number of affected children is not available. |
| Belgium | No. No systematic collection of such data. The technical possibility exists (in the computer program for each inmate) to collect data but there are no instructions given in this direction, no verification/control. And no rapport from this data. | N/A | N/A | No. But according to an estimation there are 17.000 children in Belgium concerned by an imprisoned parent (out of 10.300 inmates in Belgium). |
| Cyprus | Yes. We collect all this information on admission during interviewing: number of children, age, caregiver, any disabilities etc. in a statistically evaluable manner. | The Cyprus Prison Department collect the data during the in-take procedure of newcomers; specially trained staff collects a volume of information while carrying out a semi-structured interview. | There are different phases in which the data is updated i.e. during Christmas and Easter as the Prison Service gives presents to all children up to 18 years old during events organized in prisons; before any approval for home leave after the first 1/3 of their sentence; before inmate's integration in the open prison; during the interview for the use of electronic monitoring etc. | Yes. But the number of children reflects the number of children that visit the prison – the total number is an estimation from the presents the prison buys for the children. Number of children for 2019: approximately 670 (Average number of prisoners 715) Number of children for 2020: approximately 630 (Average number of prisoners 677). |
| Germany | 13 of the 16 Länder in Germany use the IT procedure "BASIS-Web". This accounting and billing system in the prison system is a cross-Länder project for IT support of correctional facilities. It provides a basis for data backups and extensive data basis for evaluations and central data maintenance. Age and number of children are only collected under the category 'Maintenance obligations'. The main caregiver is not collected. The statistical usability also remains questionable. Knowledge of these data serves the reintegration of the prisoner and the 'achievement of the objectives of the correctional system' as required by the Data Protection Act. | The data is collected during the admission. Usually prison staff collects information through a structured interview. The data is usually based on the information provided by the prisoners; there is no matching of data with third parties. | Data is only updated by the prison staff when there is a change of prison. And also before preparation of release or afterwards in probation. | Not Yet |
| Hungary | Yes (number, gender, age of children, and caretaker) | On admittance to prison, during the interview made by the officer responsible for reintegrational activities - the data is collected and registered in the electronic database/registry of the prison. | The data is updated by the prison's probation officer during the process of evaluating the inmate's hearings, when preparing the necessary opinions. | Yes and No. Although it is correct, that Hungary gathers data on the children of prisoners, but it is not a complex, full-scale registry. The data is registered only on the personal file of the given prisoner, for the direct use of the given prison institute or social worker. It would require to go through the personal file of each and every prisoner. |
| Ireland | Yes. The information is provided on a voluntary basis and the question is asked from a child protection standpoint: "Have you any children under the age of 18? Have you any concerns for the child's safety?" There are very few refusals. | Data is collected on the governors committal interview which is completed on the Prison IT system within 24 hours of committal to the prison. | Since June 2018 every new committal is asked for the information. It is also possible to update the record through the information being provided to Sentence Management. For the existing prisoners from before June 2018 these data have not been collected. | Yes. Based on the information collected since June 2018, 3.209 committals declared 5.157 children. Based on this the average is 1.6 children per prisoner. Multiplying this average with the total number of 4.253 prisoners (March 2021) would result in an estimated total of 6.834 children. |

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| Norway | Not really. A new subject system will be introduced in 2021/2022. This will provide for a better opportunity for statistics extradition. But the statistics will still be based on information from the prisoner and possibly from the number who are granted a visit with the consent of the caregiver. | Inmates' information about their number of children is registered by the prison officer upon admission to prison, but cannot be compared with the current professional system. Nor does it give a completely correct picture of scope when there is not cross-check made with the information with the population register. | By the prison officer, child coordinator and social worker. | Not yet. |
| Scotland | Data on children is not collected in a form that can be analysed or collated. | Individuals in custody may provide information on their children at the time of admission or subsequently if they choose to do so. This information is not held within community integration plans. | No process for updating. | No. |
| Slovakia | Data collection is made through the prison electronic information system, where information is provided only on the number of children and the marital status of the imprisoned person. | Data is collected and entered into the information system during an admission interview with a prisoner, conducted by the staff of the administrative department. Data collection is not carried out during court proceedings. | Data is updated by the pedagogical or social worker. | Yes. 2019: 19.080 children (8.373 prisoners) 2020: 18.858 children (8.376 prisoners) |
| Switzerland | Not yet, but exists in some prisons: number of children and sometimes age. | Prison officers at the entry in prison; | Updated once a year; by the prison staff when there is a change of prison. | No. But at least one canton /Land started to count. |
| Sweden | Yes. In Sweden it is registered if the client has a child or is living with someone else's child, birthdate of child, caretaker of child, living place of child, if the client is caregiver or legal guardian of the child, notification of concern for a child to social care office, comments in a free answer field. | Keepers of the register of the remand prison and prison register the information about the inmate. | It is updated continuously during every remanding of a person. | Not yet. Right now Sweden does not have national calculations on this matter. |
| Romania | Yes. For each inmate, the number of children (broken down by age – minors or adults and sex) is recorded in the IT application PMSWeb (Prisoner's Management System). | The information is requested when entering the detention place and it is registered in PMSWeb IT application, on the basis of the inmates' verbal statement. The social workers obtain during an interview, information on the inmates' children, with the aim to identify the cases which need assistance. These data is not correlated with the initial one, mentioned in the IT application. | The information in the IT application is not updated during the penalty execution, being collected only during the admission. | Yes. It is technically not possible to extract the information separately for 2019/2020. Statistical data concerning the inmates' children, collected from the IT application on the 8th of February 2021: male minors: 9.637; female minors: 8.756; male youngsters: 3.902; female youngsters: 3.315 (21.861 prisoners) |



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