From prison into society with uninterrupted flow

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Estonian Prison Service

Tallinn Prison*
Tartu Prison*
Viru Prison*

*Every Prison has Probation Services all over the country

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Staff in numbers

Number of Prison Service Officers and Employees

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Purpose of execution of imprisonment

To provide safe, reliable and human treatment for the imprisoned people.
Inmates

Inmates by Prisons

- **599,600** convicted
- **187** arrested
- **0** minors
- **98** women
- **2** lifelong
- **90** open prison

- **521** Tallinn
- **72** Tartu
- **93** Viru
- **0** Tallinn
- **3** Tartu
- **2** Viru
- **2** Tallinn
- **18** Tartu
- **16** Viru
- **55** Tallinn
- **42** Tartu
- **2** Viru

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The main purpose of probation is to make society safer by implementing alternatives to imprisonment.
Alternatives to imprisonment

1) Suspended sentence (with Probation)
2) Community service
3) Electronic surveillance
4) Addiction disorder treatment
Probationers

Alternatives to imprisonment by Prisons

- Released from prison early:
  - Tallinn: 213
  - Tartu: 80
  - Viru: 89

- Assigned to community service:
  - Tallinn: 537
  - Tartu: 167
  - Viru: 230

- Under electronic surveillance:
  - Tallinn: 85
  - Tartu: 22
  - Viru: 40

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Total numbers

**Inmates:** 2072

**Probationers:** 3459

**Prison staff:** 1078
Employment of inmates

In 2021, there was 19 inmates doing maintenance work in the prison service through the Public joint-stock company.

- On average an open prison inmate works 40 hours a week.
- Approximately half of the inmates of the open prison work in various companies outside the prison, while the rest are busy with economic work on the prison grounds.
- The goal is for all prisoners of the open prison to work outside the prison.

During the year 2021, 1,633 prisoners (1,453 in 2020) participated in prison relief work (cleaning, kitchen work, food distribution, garbage sorting).
Social Rehabilitation of inmates and probationers

Participation in social programs is an important activity of the Prison Service in mitigating the risks of committing a new crime.

➢ The "Lifestyle Training" program is aimed at addicts and substance abusers whose addiction leads to illegal behavior.

➢ The "Traffic Safety Program" is intended for probationers and open prison inmates who have been criminally punished for driving a motor vehicle while intoxicated.

➢ "Right moment" is aimed at convicts who need pre-release support to analyze their risks of committing a new crime.
Cooperation between Prisons and Probation

In 2008 the probation department was merged with prison service

➢ The prison service and the probation department use the same database
➢ Probation officers are used regarding early release
➢ Young inmates who are placed in prison are assigned a residential probation officer based on their place of residence
Specific intervention for young inmates

Around 35 young inmates (up to 21 years of age) among whom 3 are minors

- Development conversations
- Communication with parents
- Multidimensional family therapy
- Motivation program
- Interagency cooperation
Interagency cooperation

- Young inmates usually are given the same probation officer to continue work with.

- Regular case discussions with:
  - child protection services
  - rehabilitation service
  - support person
  - social worker
  - probation officer
  - case manager
  - youth police
  - education worker
Probation officer cooperation with a young inmate

- If there are no previous contacts with probation, a residential probation officer is assigned according to the prisoner’s place of residence.
- The residential probation officer is an extension of the prison in communicating with the outside environment.
- During the reception phase (up to 3 months), the probation officer visits the young inmate 2 times a month.
- In the release phase (2-3 months before), the probation officer visits the young inmate 4 times.
Conclusion of Estonian Practices in Prison and Probation

Probation is an important part in imprisonment process

- Individual implementation plan (reception, main and release stage).
- Young inmates have a strong interagency cooperation which helps them to integrate into society better.
- Dealing with young inmates prison and probation officers keep in touch with families, education institutions, police, social workers.
- Shared database gives opportunities to hand cases over in an uninterrupted way.
- The most important is inmates participation in employment activities (working, studying, social programs).

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Thank you!

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