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In the EU 25, in 2004-2005 the total of pre-trial detainees was 131,502 compared to 133,503 in 2002. (Commission's data, 2006, impact assessment for a Decision on European supervision of pre-trial detention). However, between 1999 and 2004-2005, there has been an increase of pre-trial detention in the following 13 EU countries: Austria; Belgium; Denmark; Finland; Greece; Ireland; Luxembourg; Netherlands; Spain; Sweden; UK (England and Wales,); Slovakia and Slovenia. Decreases are to be found in the Czech Rep, Lithuania, Latvia, Estonia, Portugal and Italy.

Average length of pre-trial detention in Member States of the EU

Sources: Replies to EPEC questionnaire, replies to 2003 Commission's questionnaire, Revised analysis of questionnaire on the law and practice of the Member States regarding remand in custody. Report by Jeremy McBride, Co. The information on the length of pre-trial detention was sought for all the 25 Member States; however, it was possible to obtain such information only for 19 countries.

There are about 300 000 people employed by prison authorities in EPSU geographical constituencies (EU 27+ Albania, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Croatia, Iceland, Macedonia, Montenegro, Norway, Serbia, Switzerland, Turkey).

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- | Country | World Prison Brief data
(Kings College, London)
2004, 2005, 2006 | Council of Europe,
Space 2005 | Update
Council of Europe
Space 2006 |
|--|--|--|--|
| <i>Figures express % of occupation</i> | | | |
| Austria | 107.2 | 106.3 | 103.4 |
| Belgium | 120 (Belgian union CSC-services publics data); | 110.8 | 117.9 (120 accord. To CSC-services publics data); |
| Bulgaria | 130.9 | 194.1 | 116.6 |
| Cyprus | 170.6 | 155.6 | 108.9 |
| Estonia | 102. | 98.6 | 96.4 |
| Finland | 112.4 | 112.8 | 106.6 |
| France | 109.9; | 112.6 | 114.8 |
| Greece | 178.8 | 171.7 | 168 |
| Hungary | 139.6; | 145.7 | 137 |
| Italy | 131.5 | 138.9 | 88.6 |
| Luxemburg | 110.3 | 88.6 | 96.7 |
| Poland | 122.1 | 118.3 | 117.3 |
| Portugal | 104.3 | 101.5 | 104.3 |
| Update, dec. 2007
Slovenia | | | 116.6 |
| Spain | 129.5 | 133.7 | 140 |
| UK | 2006: Average 111;
2007: England/Wales:112.2(July 2007)
NI: 97.3
Scotland: 114.1 (July 2007)
Average: 107.86 | England/Wales 95.9
NI 91.5
Scotland 103.7
Average: 97.3 | Eng and wales:96.7
NI: 99.7
Scotland: 112.6
Average: 102.96 |
| Sweden | | 104.1 | 106.2 |
| Average | 25.9 | 19 | 15 |

- | Country | Year | Length of pre-trial detention(days) |
|----------------|----------------|-------------------------------------|
| Austria | 2002 | 68 |
| Belgium | 2002 | 80 |
| Czech Republic | not specified | 154 |
| Denmark | 2001 | 55 |
| Estonia | not specified | 180 |
| Finland | 2004 | 93 |
| France | 2002 | 116 |
| Germany | 2003 | 120 |
| Greece | 2002 | 365 |
| Hungary | 2002 | 364 |
| Ireland | 2001 | 84 |
| Italy | 2002 | 175 |
| Latvia | not specified | 365 |
| Lithuania | 2004 | 163 |
| Luxembourg | 2002 | 243 |
| Netherlands | 2002 | 245 |
| Slovakia | not specified | 213 |
| Sweden | 2004 | 55 |
| UK | 2002 | 42.5 |
| EU 19 | average | 167 |



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