

Table 1: Average time served (mean; in years) for those released from a Life Sentence, by sex; 2015 to 2018

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Mean time served (years)	15	15	16	16	17
<i>Of which:</i>					
Male	16	16	16	17	17
Female	10	13	12	15	14

Table 2: Average time served (median; in years) for those released from a Life Sentence, by sex; 2015 to 2018

	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
Median time served (years)	13	14	14	14	15
<i>Of which:</i>					
Male	13	14	14	15	15
Female	10	12	13	13	13

Data sources and quality

The figures in these tables have been drawn from administrative IT systems which, as with any large scale recording system, are subject to possible errors with data entry and processing.

Source: PQ 32656 (Ministry of Justice; DASD-JSAS)

