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About this report

This report provides an overview of the number of people in immigration detention and Regional Processing Centres as at midnight on the date of the report. The report is produced on a monthly basis.

Data is sourced from several departmental processing and recording systems. Data relating to the immigration detention population is dynamic and there can be delays in transmission of information from the department's immigration detention network operations. Variations in figures between this report and previous issues can occur. Due to these issues, data from the current financial year should always be considered provisional.

Further information about immigration detention is available at:

<http://www.border.gov.au/Busi/Comp/Immigration-detention>

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See: <http://www.border.gov.au/about/contact/make-enquiry/enquiries-and-feedback>

Acronyms

Table 1 – Acronyms used in this document

Acronym	Description
APOD	Alternative Place of Detention
IMA	Illegal Maritime Arrival
IDC/F	Immigration Detention Centre/Facility
IRH	Immigration Residential Housing
ITA	Immigration Transit Accommodation
RPC	Regional Processing Centre

Immigration Detention And Community Statistics Summary

At 31 July 2016, there were 1588 people in immigration detention facilities, including 1346 in immigration detention on the mainland and 242 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

A further 627 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 27,801 were living in the community after grant of a Bridging Visa E.

The table below reflects figures based on records in Department of Immigration and Border Protection systems.

Table 2 – People in Immigration Detention Facilities (IDFs), Alternative Places of Detention (APODs), Regional Processing Centres (RPCs) and the Community at 31 July 2016

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 30/06/16
Christmas Island IDC	242	0	0	242	+ 40
Maribyrnong IDC	97	13	0	110	- 1
Perth IDC	21	6	0	27	+ 2
Villawood IDC	383	47	0	430	- 10
Yongah Hill IDC	445	0	0	445	- 2
Mainland APODs	28	0	<5	30	- 24
Total IDCs/APODs	1,216	66	<5	1,284	+ 5
Perth IRH	<5	<5	0	<5	- 2
Adelaide ITA	15	<5	0	18	- 5
Brisbane ITA	67	20	<5	88	- 3
Melbourne ITA	161	34	0	195	+ 16
Total in IRH and ITA	245	58	<5	304	+ 6
Total Facility	1,461	124	<5	1,588	+ 11
Total in Community under Residence Determination	182	150	295	627	+ 4
Total in Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)	20,382	3,361	4,058	27,801	- 362
Republic of Nauru (RPC)	307	55	49	411	- 31
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea (RPC)	833	0	0	833	- 21
Total RPCs	1,140	55	49	1,244	- 52
Detention Group					
S501 Visa Cancellation	472	31	0	503	+ 36
Illegal Maritime Arrival	472	33	<5	506	- 4
Other Detention Group	517	60	<5	579	- 21
Total	1,461	124	<5	1,588	+ 11

Community Population By State/Territory

Of the 627 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 35.6 per cent were in Victoria, 27.3 per cent in New South Wales, 21.4 per cent in Queensland, 7.7 per cent in South Australia, 7.5 per cent in Western Australia, 0.5 per cent in Tasmania and 0.1 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory.

Table 3 – Community Detention Population by State/Territory at 31 July 2016

State/Territory	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Victoria	73	51	59	40	223
New South Wales	39	44	50	38	171
Queensland	36	33	37	28	134
South Australia	10	10	13	15	48
Western Australia	23	11	10	<5	47
Tasmania	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
Australian Capital Territory	0	0	<5	0	<5
Total	182	150	171	124	627

Immigration Detention Population

From 1990 to 31 July 2016

The number of people in immigration detention continues to reduce as a result of releases into the community and departures from Australia.

Figure 1 – Population in Immigration Detention

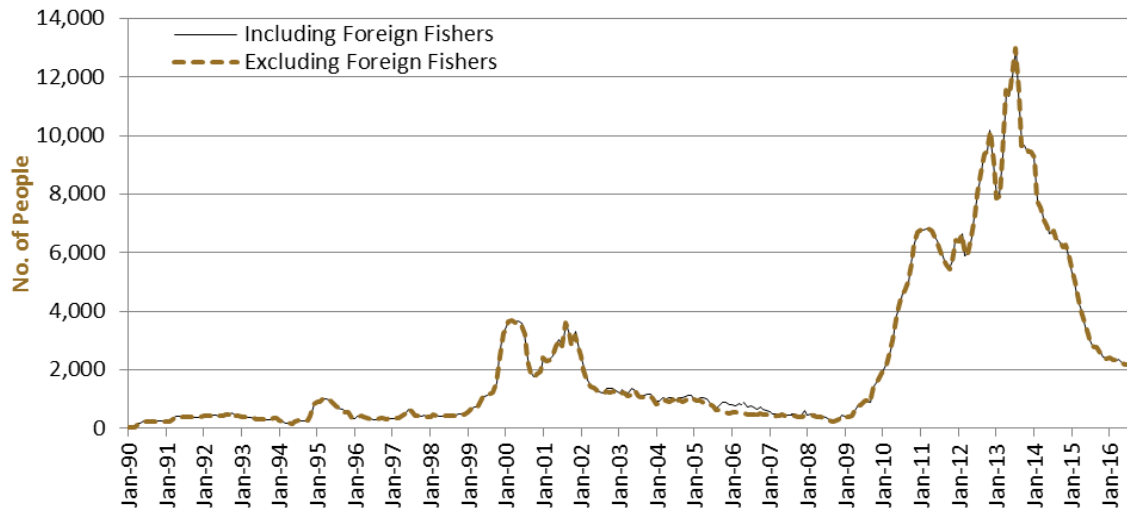


Figure 1 above, shows the number of people in immigration detention from 1990 to the date of this report. The trend had a consistent rise of people in immigration detention from January 2009 to January 2013, but has since decreased and continues to decline steadily.

People In Immigration Detention Facilities

Arrival Type

There were 601 people, who arrived unlawfully by air or boat, in held immigration detention facilities at 31 July 2016, representing 37.8 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 987 people (62.2 per cent of the total immigration population) who arrived in Australia lawfully and were subsequently taken into immigration detention for either over staying or breaching their visa conditions.

Figure 2 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Detention Group

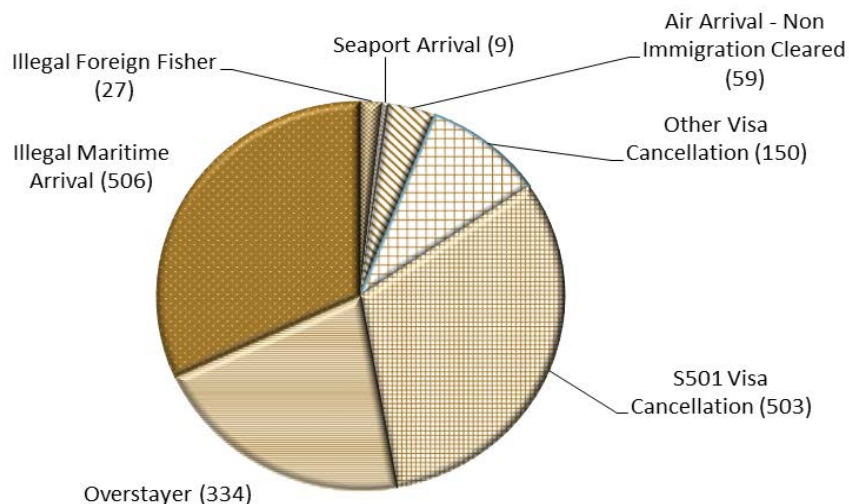


Figure 2 above, shows the number of people in held immigration detention facilities by detention group, including Overstayers, S501 and Other Visa Cancellations, Foreign Fishers, Irregular Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if required – Inadequately Documented Crew Members and Others such as stowaways and ship deserters.

Table 4 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Detention Group

Place of immigration detention	S501 Visa Cancellation	IMA	Other Detention Group	Total	Change from Previous Summary 30/06/16
Christmas Island IDC	136	50	56	242	+ 40
Maribyrnong IDC	40	20	50	110	- 1
Perth IDC	16	<5	7	27	+ 2
Villawood IDC	174	87	169	430	- 10
Yongah Hill IDC	104	204	137	445	- 2
Christmas Island APODs	0	0	0	0	0
Mainland APODs	0	0	30	30	- 24
Total IDCs/APODs	470	365	449	1,284	+ 5
Perth IRH	0	<5	0	<5	- 2
Sydney IRH	0	0	0	0	0
Adelaide ITA	<5	5	12	18	- 5
Brisbane ITA	30	38	20	88	- 3
Melbourne ITA	<5	95	98	195	+ 16
Total in IRH and ITA	33	141	130	304	+ 6
Total Facility	503	506	579	1,588	+ 11

People In Immigration Detention

Nationality

At 31 July 2016, there were 1588 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 1588 people, 13.0 per cent were from New Zealand, 11.1 per cent were from Iran, 8.9 per cent were from Vietnam, 6.0 per cent were from Sri Lanka and 4.9 per cent were from China.

Table 5 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities at 31 July 2016

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
New Zealand	187	19	0	0	206
Iran	157	19	<5	0	177
Vietnam	128	13	0	0	141
Sri Lanka	95	<5	0	0	96
China	69	9	0	0	78
Afghanistan	65	0	0	0	65
India	59	<5	0	0	63
United Kingdom	55	5	0	0	60
Bangladesh	57	<5	0	0	58
Other	589	53	<5	<5	644
Total	1,461	124	<5	<5	1,588

At 31 July 2016, 627 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 627 people, 42.1 per cent were from Iran, 14.7 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 9.3 per cent were Stateless and 7.7 per cent were from Vietnam.

Table 6 – People in the community under Residence Determination at 31 July 2016

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	86	74	58	46	264
Sri Lanka	25	19	31	17	92
Stateless	18	12	14	14	58
Vietnam	12	9	12	15	48
Iraq	12	9	11	10	42
Other	29	27	45	22	123
Total	182	150	171	124	627

Children In Immigration Detention

At 31 July 2016, there were less than five children (aged less than 18 years) in Immigration Residential Housing, Immigration Transit Accommodation and Alternative Places of Detention.

Figure 3 – Children in Immigration Residential Housing, Immigration Transit Accommodation and Alternative Places of Detention

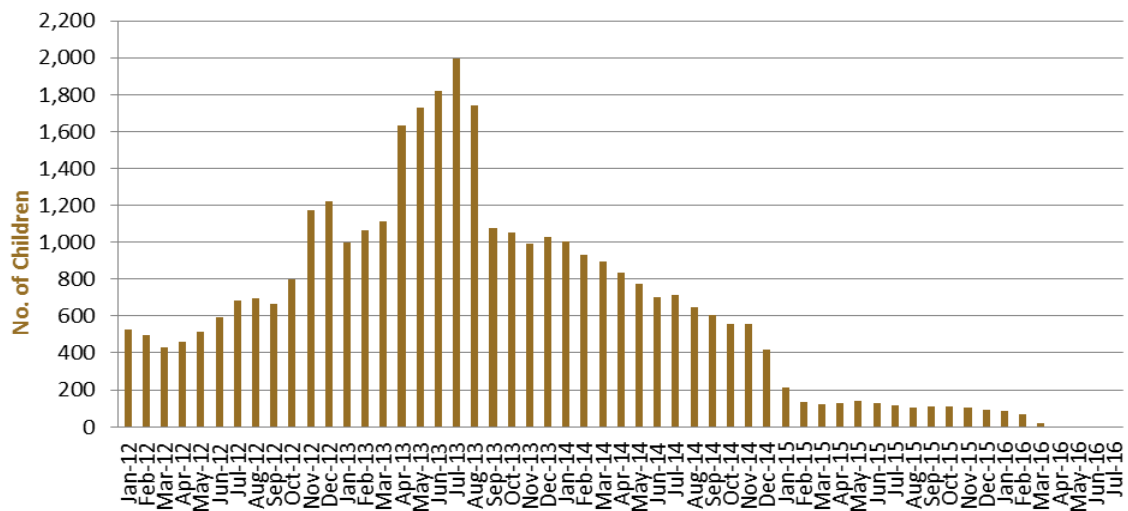


Figure 3 above, shows the number of children in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention from January 2012 to the date of this report. The continuous increase in the number of children in detention facilities from April 2013 to August 2013 was due to a rapid increase in irregular maritime arrivals during this period. The number of children in immigration detention facilities reduced in September 2013, as children completed mandatory processing and were transferred into the community. The number of children in detention facilities continued to decline during the late 2013 and 2014, with further reduction in January 2015.

At 31 July 2016, the number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination decreased to 295 from 296 in the previous report.

Figure 4 – Children in the community under Residence Determination

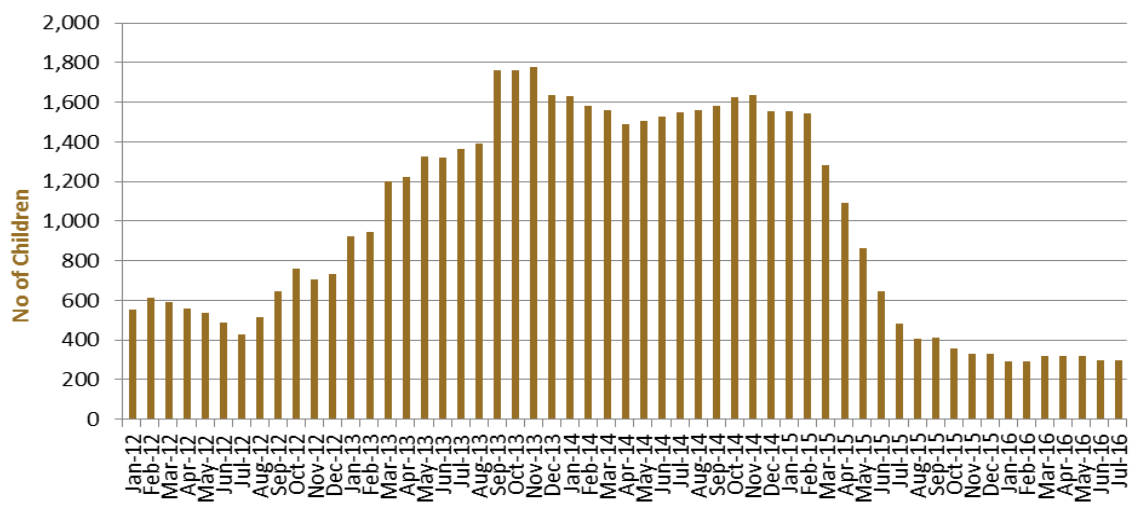


Figure 4 above, shows the number of children in community detention under residence determination from January 2012 to the date of this report. The number of children, in community detention under residence determination, has levelled off at its lowest number since the peak in November 2013, as a result of releases into the community on Bridging E visas.

Table 7 – Children in Immigration Detention and in the Community at 31 July 2016 ¹

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	0
Immigration Transit Accommodation	<5
Alternative Places of Detention	<5
Total Facility	<5
Total in the Community under a Residence Determination	295
Total in the Community on a Bridging E visa (including in re-grant process)	4,058

(1) ¹ At 31 July 2016, there were less than five children in held immigration detention facilities. The table above reflects figures based on records in Department of Immigration and Border Protection systems.

Time In Immigration Detention Facilities

At 31 July 2016, there were 1588 people in immigration detention facilities. Of these 1588 people, around 28.1 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 56 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less.

Table 8 – Length of time in held immigration detention facilities at 31 July 2016

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	59	3.7%
8 days - 31 days	149	9.4%
32 days - 91 days	239	15.0%
92 days - 182 days	196	12.3%
183 days - 365 days	247	15.6%
366 days - 547 days	216	13.6%
548 days - 730 days	106	6.7%
Greater than 730 days	376	23.7%
Total	1,588	100%

At 31 July 2016, the average period of time for people held in detention facilities was 456 days.

Figure 5 – Average number of days in held immigration detention facilities only

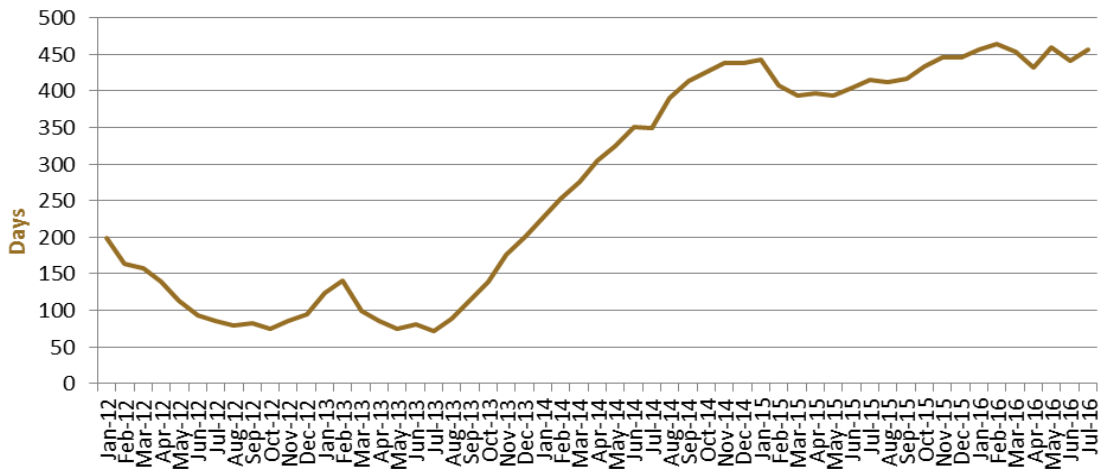


Figure 5 above, shows the average days in held immigration detention only by month from January 2012 to the date of this report. The average period of time for people held in detention facilities steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015. Between January 2015 and March 2015, the average period of time for people in held detention facilities decreased.

Time In Community Detention

Of 627 people in Community Detention, as at 31 July 2016, 5.3 per cent had been in Community Detention for 91 days or less and 46.6 per cent had been in Community Detention for 365 days or less.

Table 9 – People in Community Detention by Length of Time in Community Detention at 31 July 2016

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	0	0.0%
8 days - 31 days	6	1.0%
32 days - 91 days	27	4.3%
92 days - 182 days	182	29.0%
183 days - 365 days	77	12.3%
366 days - 547 days	59	9.4%
548 days - 730 days	33	5.3%
Greater than 730 days	243	38.7%
Total	627	100%