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Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

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About this report

This report provides an overview of the number of people in immigration detention and offshore 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.

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<http://www.immi.gov.au/About/Pages/detention/about-immigration-detention.aspx>

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See: <http://www.immi.gov.au/managing-australias-borders/detention/visiting/enquiries-feedback.htm>

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Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

As at: 28 February 2014

There were 4699 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention, including 2982 in immigration detention on the mainland and 1717 in immigration detention on Christmas Island as at 28 February 2014.

Separately, 3092 people are living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 23979 are living in the community after grant of a Bridging Visa E.

Table 1 – People in Immigration Detention Facilities, Alternative Places of Detention (APOD), Offshore Processing Centres and the Community

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/01/2014
Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre	923			923	- 21
Curtin Immigration Detention Centre	334			334	- 515
Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre	88	8		96	+ 12
Northern Immigration Detention Centre (Darwin)	64			64	- 134
Perth Immigration Detention Centre	40	13		53	+ 10
Scherger Immigration Detention Centre					- 83
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre	380	66		446	+ 22
Wickham Point Immigration Detention Centre	144			144	- 60
Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre	359			359	- 48
Total in Immigration Detention Centres	2332	87		2419	- 817
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	5	6	15	26	+ 12
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing					0
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	6	10	19	35	- 4
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	17	2	1	20	- 3
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	43	17	15	75	+ 5
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	118	79	77	274	- 58
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	189	114	127	430	- 48
Alternative Places of Detention (Christmas Island and Cocos Keeling Island)	185	253	356	794	- 162
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	279	331	446	1056	- 141
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port					0
Total Facility and APOD	2985	785	929	4699	- 1168
Total Community under Residence Determination	853	660	1579	3092	- 299
Total Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)	19912	2251	1816	23979	+ 1309

Offshore Processing Centres	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/01/2014
Republic of Nauru	630	300	177	1107	+95
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea	1325			1325	-28
Total Offshore Processing Centres	1955	300	177	2432	+67

Community Population by State/Territory

Of the 3092 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 42% are situated in Victoria, 20% in Queensland, 17% in New South Wales, 9% in South Australia, 9% in Western Australia, 2% in Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory.

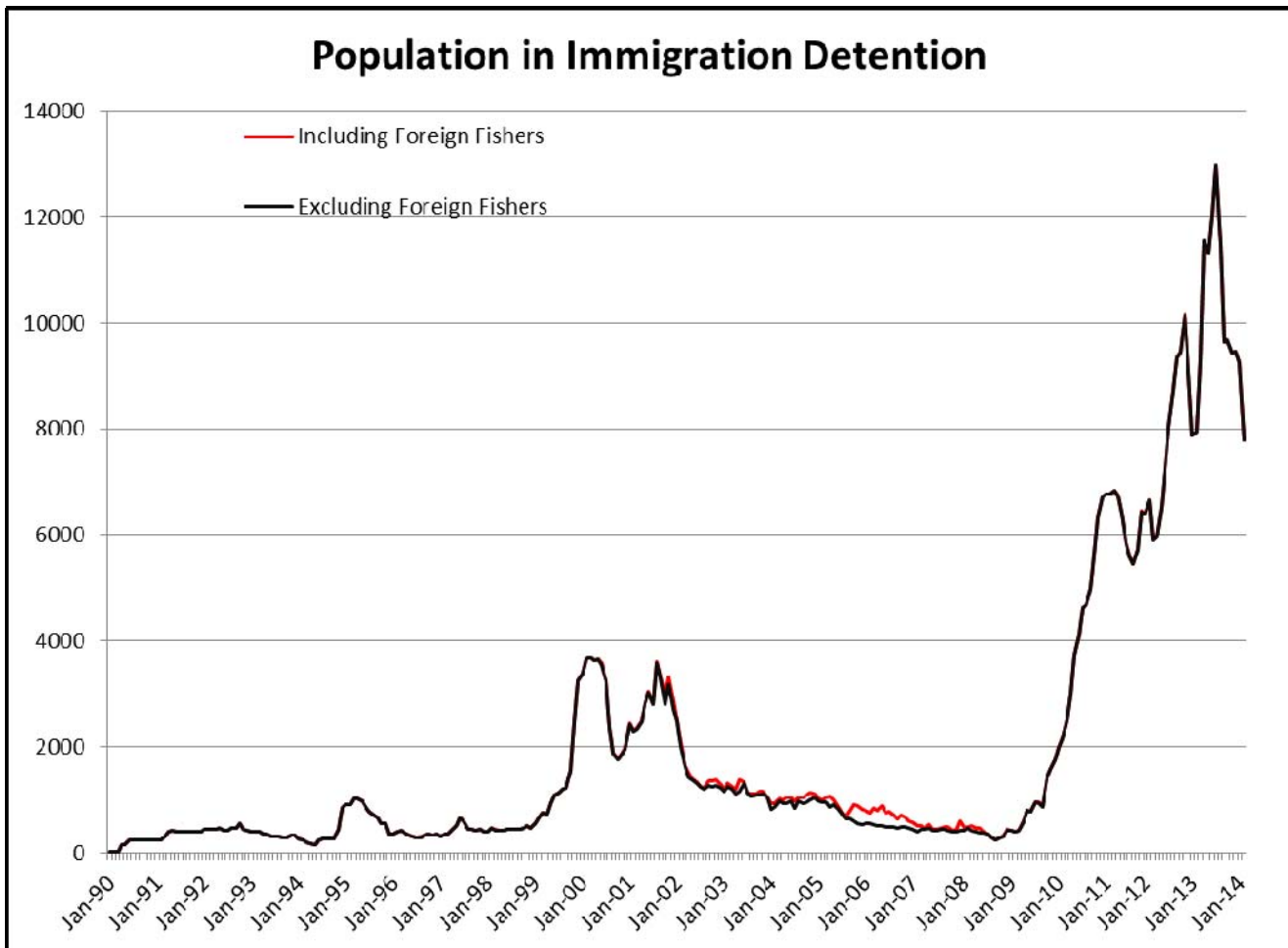
Table 2: Community Detention Population by State/Territory

State/Territory	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
ACT	13	6	22	5	46
NSW	164	111	165	95	535
NT					
QLD	162	139	198	110	609
SA	68	58	89	62	277
TAS	11	9	35	4	59
VIC	353	280	437	228	1298
WA	82	57	90	39	268
Total	853	660	1036	543	3092

Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to 28 February 2014

The number of people in immigration detention month to month continues to fluctuate as a result of releases into the community as well as transfers to Offshore Processing Centres.

Figure 1 - Population in Immigration Detention

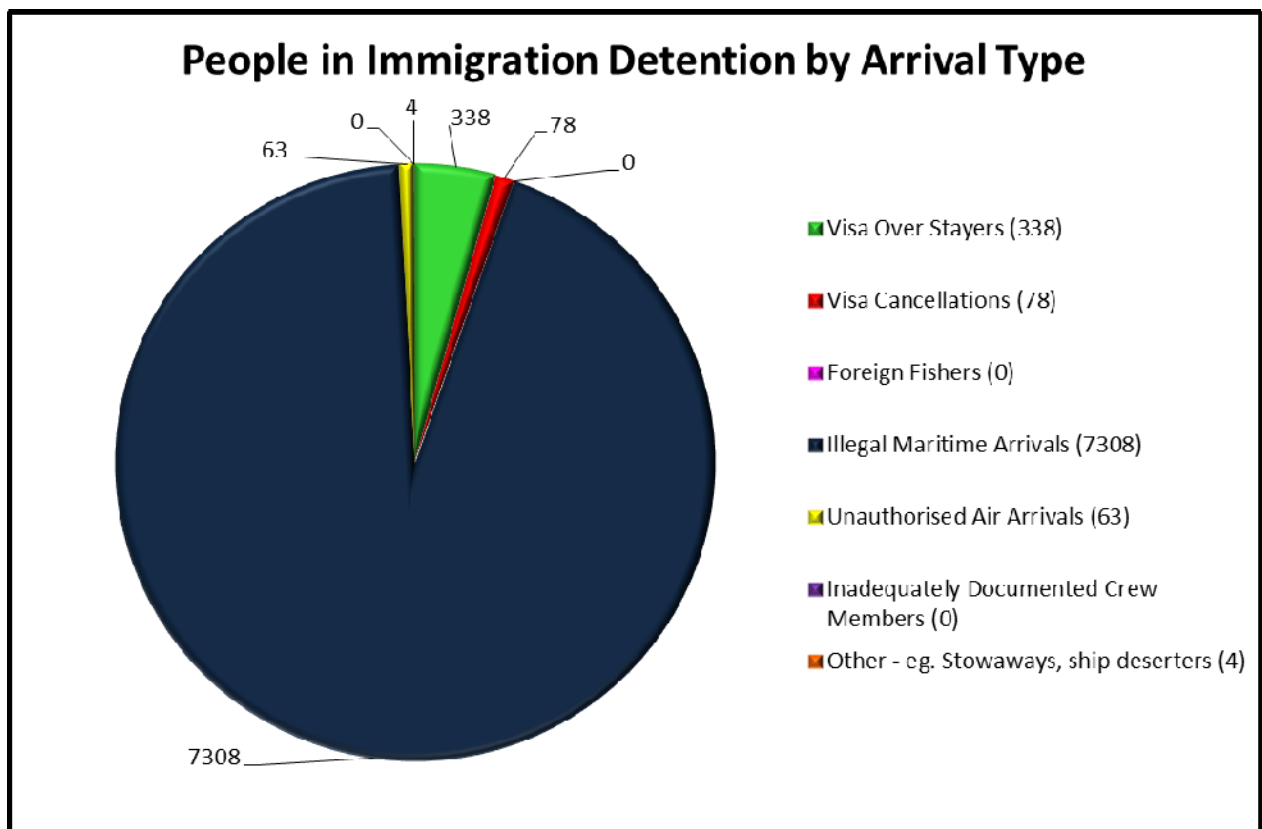


People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention, who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 28 February 2014 was 7375, representing about 95% of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 416 people (about 5% 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, resulting in visa cancellations.

Figure 2 - People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type



People in Immigration Detention by Nationality

Of the 4699 people in held immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 28 February 2014, around 28% were Iranian nationals, 14% were Sri Lankan nationals, 13% were Vietnamese nationals, 5% were Afghan nationals and 5% were Iraqi nationals.

Table 3 - People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention as at 28 February 2014

Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	734	285	188	119	1326
Sri Lanka	403	101	80	57	641
Vietnam	430	89	68	39	626
Afghanistan	185	9	28	8	230
Iraq	149	26	29	20	224
Pakistan	176	11	12	6	205
Bangladesh	79				79
Indonesia	25	23		3	51
Myanmar	15	6	6	10	37
Other	789	235	135	121	1280
Total	2985	785	546	383	4699

Of the 3092 people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination, as at 28 February 2014, around 29% were Iranian nationals, 24% were Sri Lankan nationals, 13% were Afghan nationals and 7% were Iraqi nationals.

Table 4 - People in the community under Residence Determination as at 28 February 2014

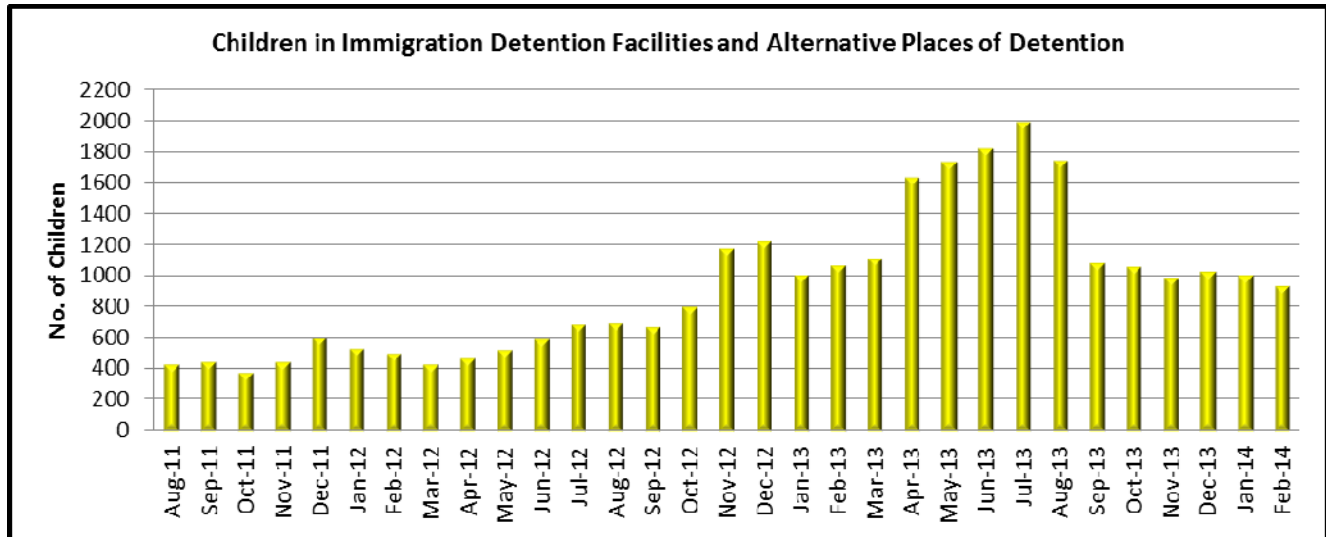
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	280	252	190	160	882
Sri Lanka	226	168	224	137	755
Afghanistan	88	29	271	26	414
Iraq	74	41	61	38	214
Palestinian Authority	16	20	19	22	77
Other	169	150	271	160	750
Total	853	660	1036	543	3092

Children in Immigration Detention

As at 28 February 2014, there were 929 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention.

The number of children in immigration detention facilities decreased in February as children completed mandatory processing and were transferred into the community or to an Offshore Processing Centre as part of a family group.

Figure 3 - Children in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention



The number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination slightly decreased in February 2014 to 1579 children.

Figure 4 - Children in the Community under a Residence Determination

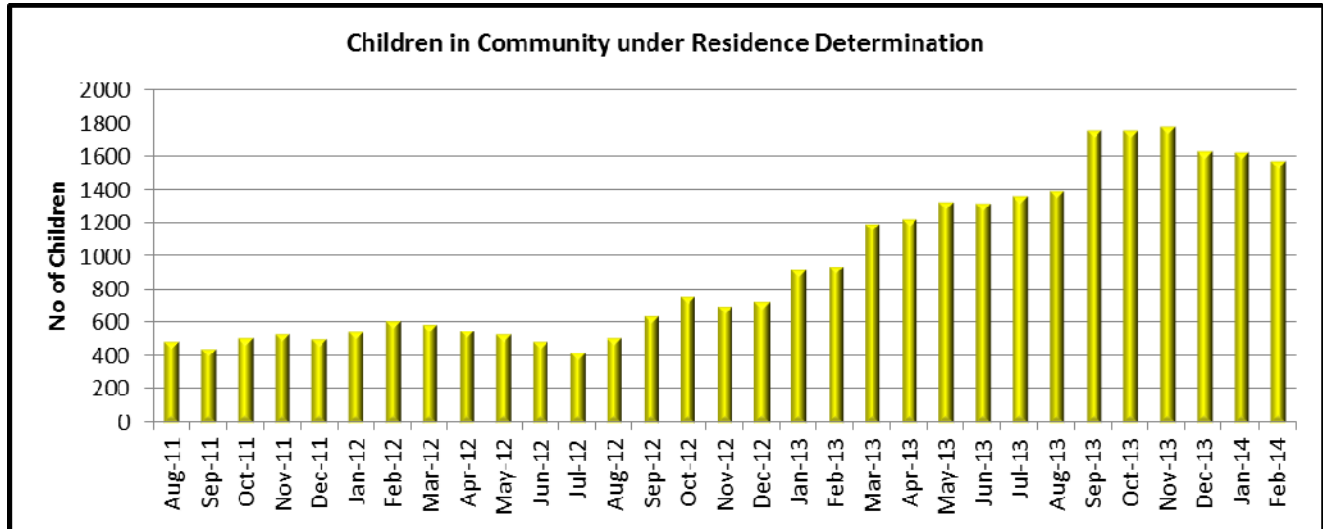


Table 5 - Children in Immigration Detention and in the Community as at 28 February 2014

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	34
Immigration Transit Accommodation	93
Alternative Places of Detention	802
Total Facility and APOD	929
Total in the Community under a Residence Determination	1579
Total in the Community on a Bridging Visa E (including people in a re-grant process)	1816

Time in Held Immigration Detention

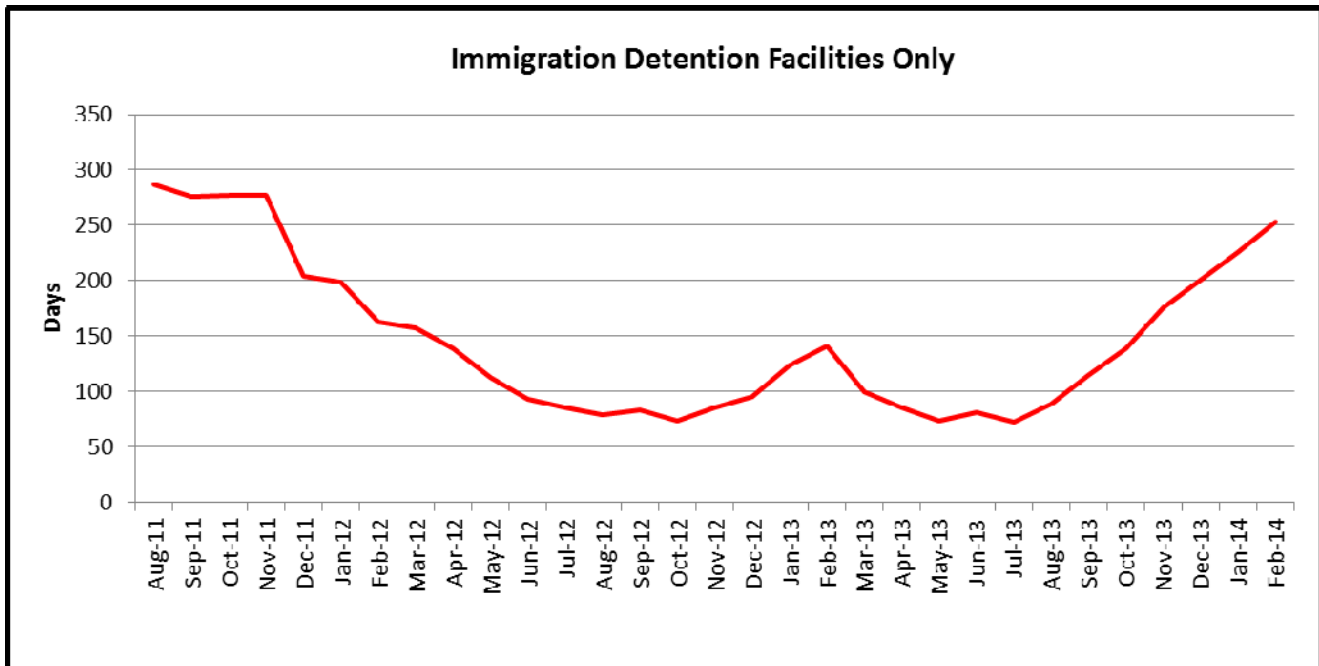
Of the 4699 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 28 February 2014 around 1% had been detained for 3 months or less and 25% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Table 6 - Length of time in held immigration detention as at 28 February 2014

The average period of time for people held in detention facilities is steadily increasing at 253 days as at 28 February 2014, however remains lower than 277 days in November 2011.

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	95	2
8 days - 31 days	138	3
32 days - 91 days	259	5
92 days - 182 days	530	11
183 days - 365 days	3282	70
366 days - 547 days	186	4
548 days - 730 days	85	2
Greater than 730 days	124	3
Total	4699	100

Figure 5 - Average days in held immigration detention facilities only



Time in Community Detention

Of the 3092 people in Community Detention as at 28 February 2014, 1% had been detained for 3 months or less and 25% had been detained for 12 months or less. This includes the period detained in facilities and/or alternative places of detention prior to transferring to community detention.

Table 7 – People in Community Detention by Length of Time in Detention

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	1	<1%
8 days - 31 days	6	<1%
32 days - 91 days	9	<1%
92 days - 182 days	24	1
183 days - 365 days	746	24
366 days - 547 days	1317	43
548 days - 730 days	585	19
Greater than 730 days	404	13
Total	3092	100

The time in detention is cumulative and includes periods in detention facilities and community detention.