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Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

31 January 2015



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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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 31 January 2015, there were 2298 people in immigration detention facilities, including 1974 in immigration detention on the mainland and 324 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

A further 3014 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 26168 were living in the community having been granted 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 31/12/2014
Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre	324	0	0	324	- 173
Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre	100	5	0	105	- 18
Perth Immigration Detention Centre	8	5	0	13	- 29
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre	313	41	0	354	+ 17
Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre	403	6	0	409	+ 76
Alternative Places of Detention (Christmas Island)	0	0	0	0	0
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	522	159	138	819	- 31
Total Immigration Detention Centres/APODs	1670	216	138	2024	- 400
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	0	3	13	16	- 7
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	5	15	17	37	+ 2
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	15	3	0	18	- 13
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	40	16	13	69	+ 20
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	75	29	30	134	- 61
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	135	66	73	274	-59
Total Facility	1805	282	211	2298	- 459
Total Community under Residence Determination	749	714	1551	3014	- 83
Total Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)	21047	2698	2423	26168	+ 599
Republic of Nauru	549	134	119	802	- 93
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea	1023	0	0	1023	- 12
Total Offshore Processing Centres	1572	134	119	1825	- 105

Community Population by State/Territory

Of the 3014 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 39.4% are in Victoria, 22.7% in Queensland, 16.6% in New South Wales, 9.1% in Western Australia, 8.7% in South Australia, 1.8% in the Australian Capital Territory and 1.6 % in Tasmania.

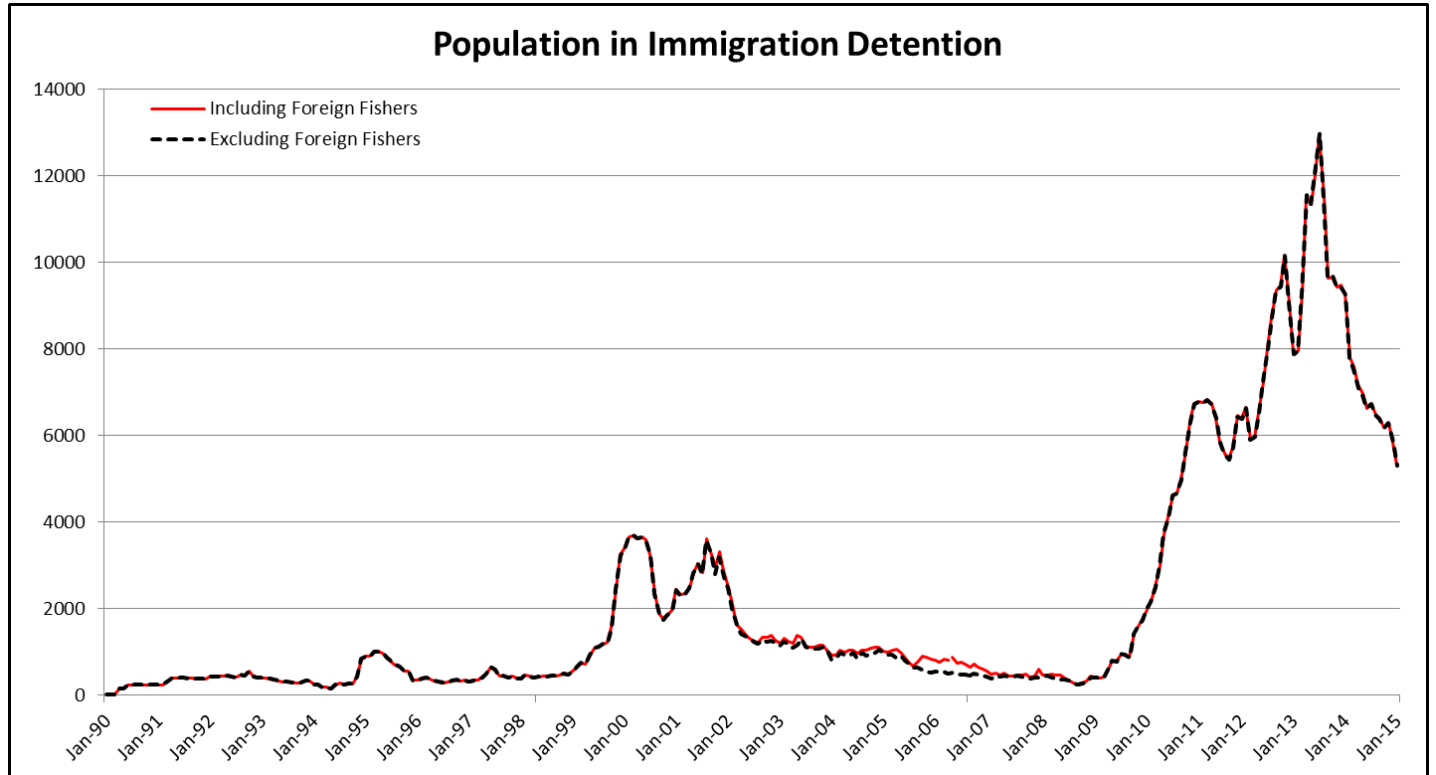
Table 2: Community Detention Population by State/Territory as at 31 January 2015

State/Territory	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
VIC	291	276	341	279	1187
QLD	173	165	198	149	685
NSW	124	121	149	107	501
WA	75	67	80	53	275
SA	61	62	72	67	262
ACT	13	12	18	12	55
TAS	12	11	19	7	49
Total	749	714	877	674	3014

Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to 31 January 2015

The number of people in immigration detention continues to fluctuate month to month, as a result of releases into the community.

Figure 1 - Population in Immigration Detention

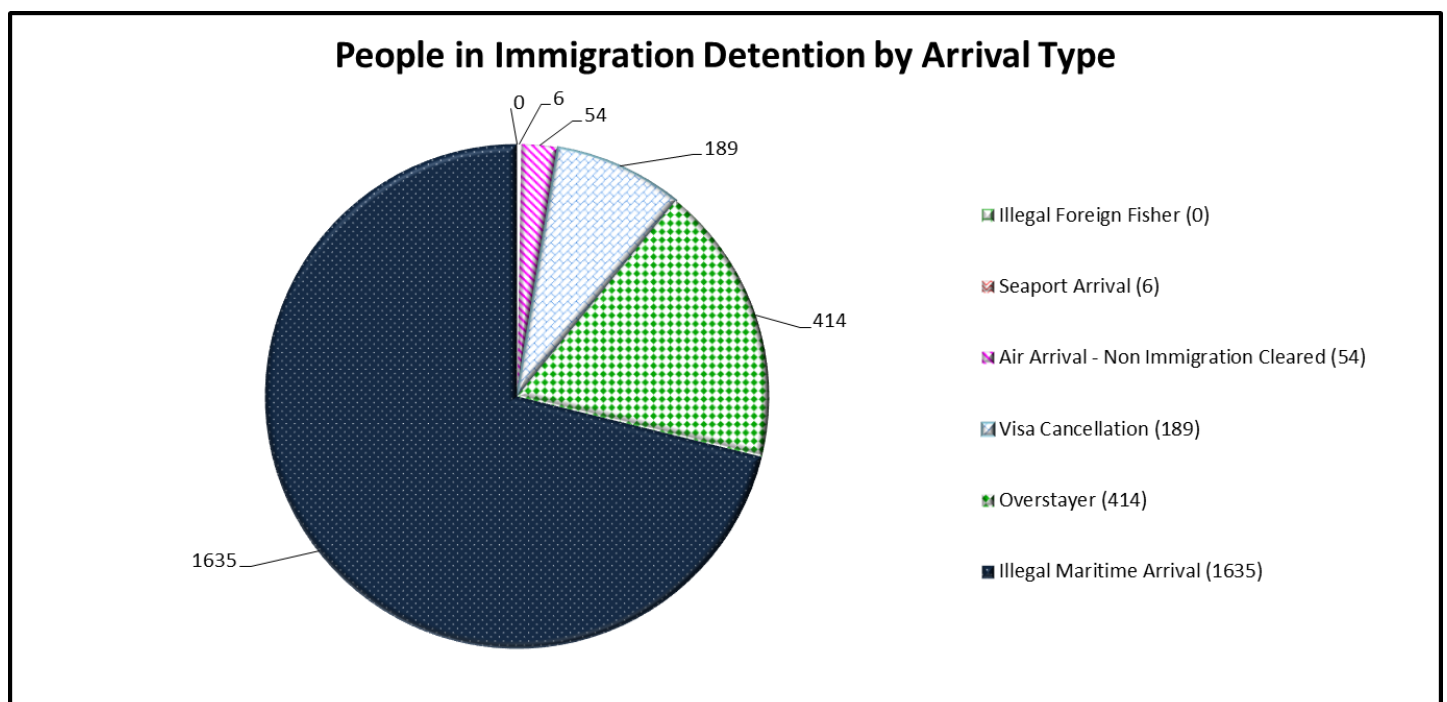


People in Immigration Detention Facilities by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention facilities, who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 31 January 2015 was 1695, representing approximately 74% of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 603 people (about 26% of the total immigration population) who arrived in Australia lawfully and were subsequently taken into immigration detention and had visa cancellations for either over staying or breaching their visa conditions.

Figure 2 - People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type



People in Immigration Detention by Nationality

As at 31 January 2015, there were 2298 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 2298 people, around 26.8% were from Iran, 8.1% were from Sri Lanka, 7.6% were Stateless, 6.5% were from China and 6.3% were from Vietnam.

Table 3 - People in Immigration Detention Facilities as at 31 January 2015

Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	419	109	53	34	615
Sri Lanka	164	11	6	4	185
Stateless	124	19	16	15	174
China	113	35	1	0	149
Vietnam	123	12	5	4	144
Afghanistan	128	4	6	2	140
Pakistan	108	1	3	1	113
Iraq	75	9	4	10	98
Bangladesh	61	1	0	1	63
Other	490	81	25	21	617
Total	1805	282	119	92	2298

As at 31 January 2015, 3014 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 3014 people, around 29.6% were from Iran, 23.5% were from Sri Lanka, 14.0% were Stateless and 7.7% were from Vietnam.

Table 4 - People in the community under Residence Determination as at 31 January 2015

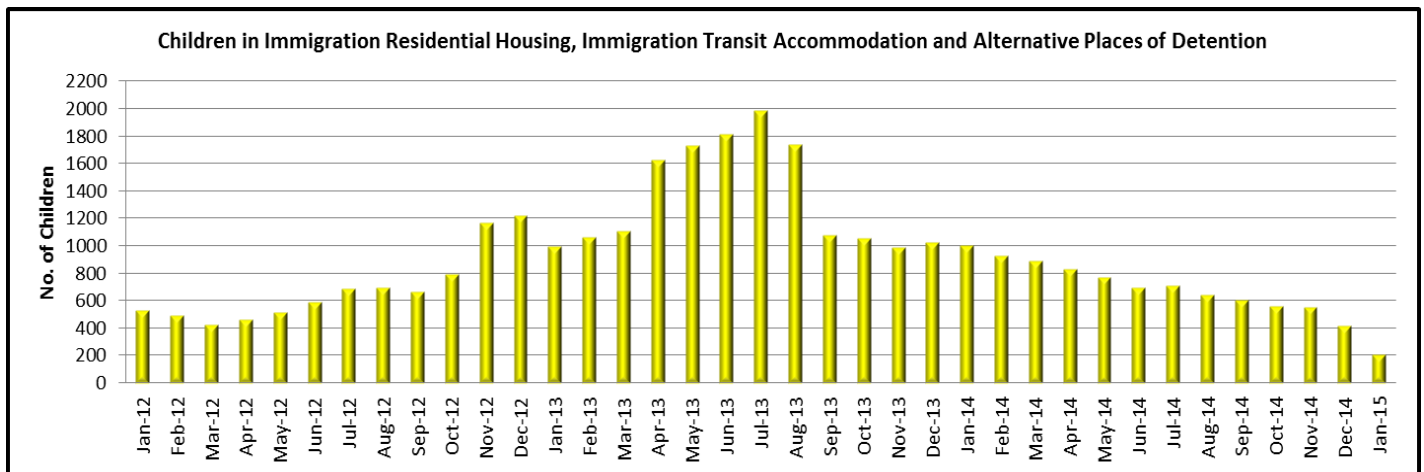
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	249	255	212	177	893
Sri Lanka	186	166	196	160	708
Stateless	97	86	128	110	421
Vietnam	58	52	67	55	232
Afghanistan	54	26	116	25	221
Other	105	129	158	147	539
Total	749	714	877	674	3014

Children in Immigration Detention

As at 31 January 2015, there were 211 children (aged under 18 years) in Immigration Residential Housing, Immigration Transit Accommodation and Alternative Places of Detention.

The number of children in immigration facilities decreased in January due to children completing mandatory processing and being transferred into the community.

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



The number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination slightly decreased in January 2015 to 1551 children.

Figure 4 – Children in the community under Residence Determination

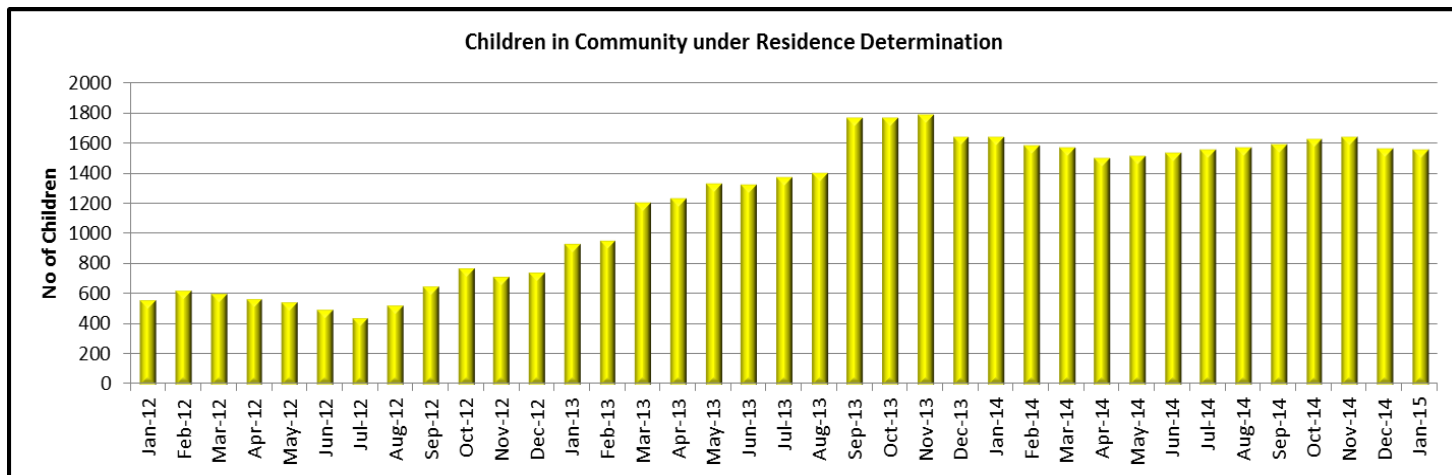


Table 5 - Children in Immigration Detention and in the Community as at 31 January 2015

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	30
Immigration Transit Accommodation	43
Alternative Places of Detention	138
Total Facility	211
Total in the Community under a Residence Determination	1551
Total in the Community on a Bridging Visa E (including people in a re-grant process)	2423

Time in Immigration Detention Facilities

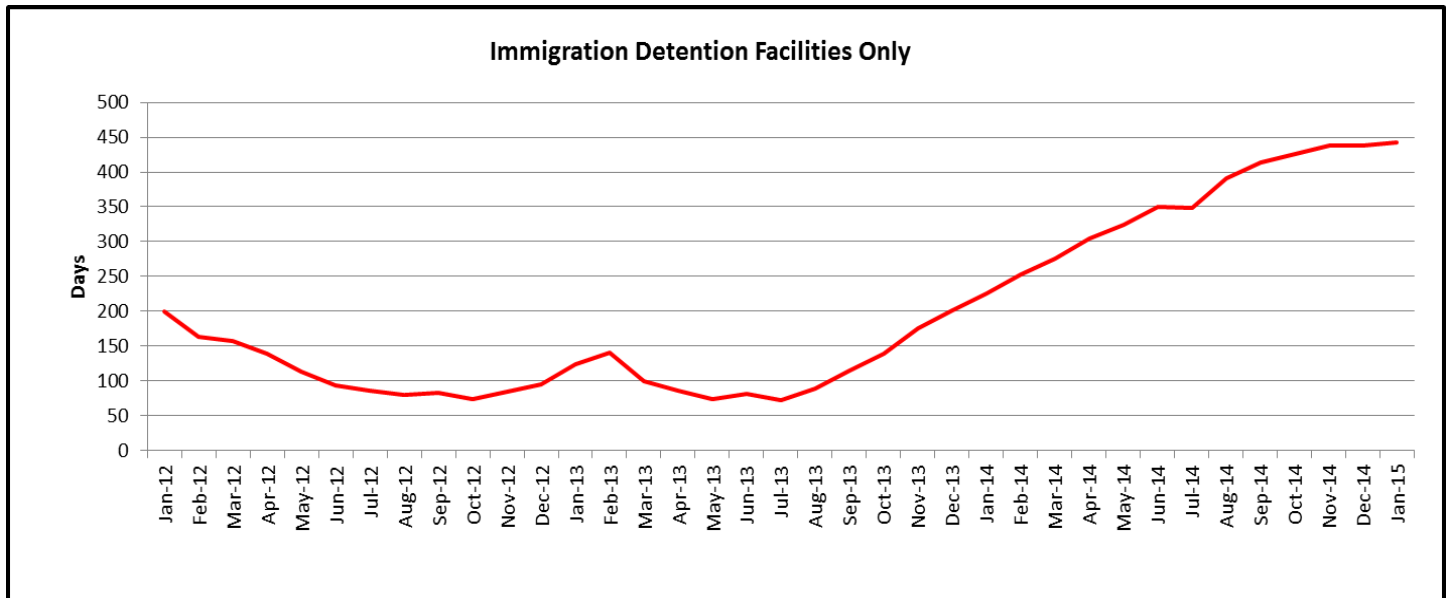
As at 31 January 2015, there were 2298 people in immigration detention facilities. Of these 2298 people, around 18.1% had been detained for 3 months or less and 39.9% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Table 6 - Length of time in held immigration detention as at 31 January 2015

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	69	3.0%
8 days - 31 days	173	7.5%
32 days - 91 days	175	7.6%
92 days - 182 days	176	7.7%
183 days - 365 days	323	14.0%
366 days - 547 days	808	35.2%
548 days - 730 days	346	15.1%
Greater than 730 days	228	9.9%
Total	2298	100.0%

The average period of time for people held in detention facilities has slightly increased from last month to 442 days as at 31 January 2015.

Figure 5 - Average days in immigration detention facilities only



Time in Community Detention

Of the 3014 people in Community Detention, as at 31 January 2015, 3.2% had been detained under 3 months and 32.5% had been detained for 12 months or less. This includes the period detained in facilities 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	0.0%
8 days - 31 days	2	0.1%
32 days - 91 days	94	3.1%
92 days - 182 days	295	9.8%
183 days - 365 days	588	19.5%
366 days - 547 days	481	16.0%
548 days - 730 days	754	25.0%
Greater than 730 days	799	26.5%
Total	3014	100.0%