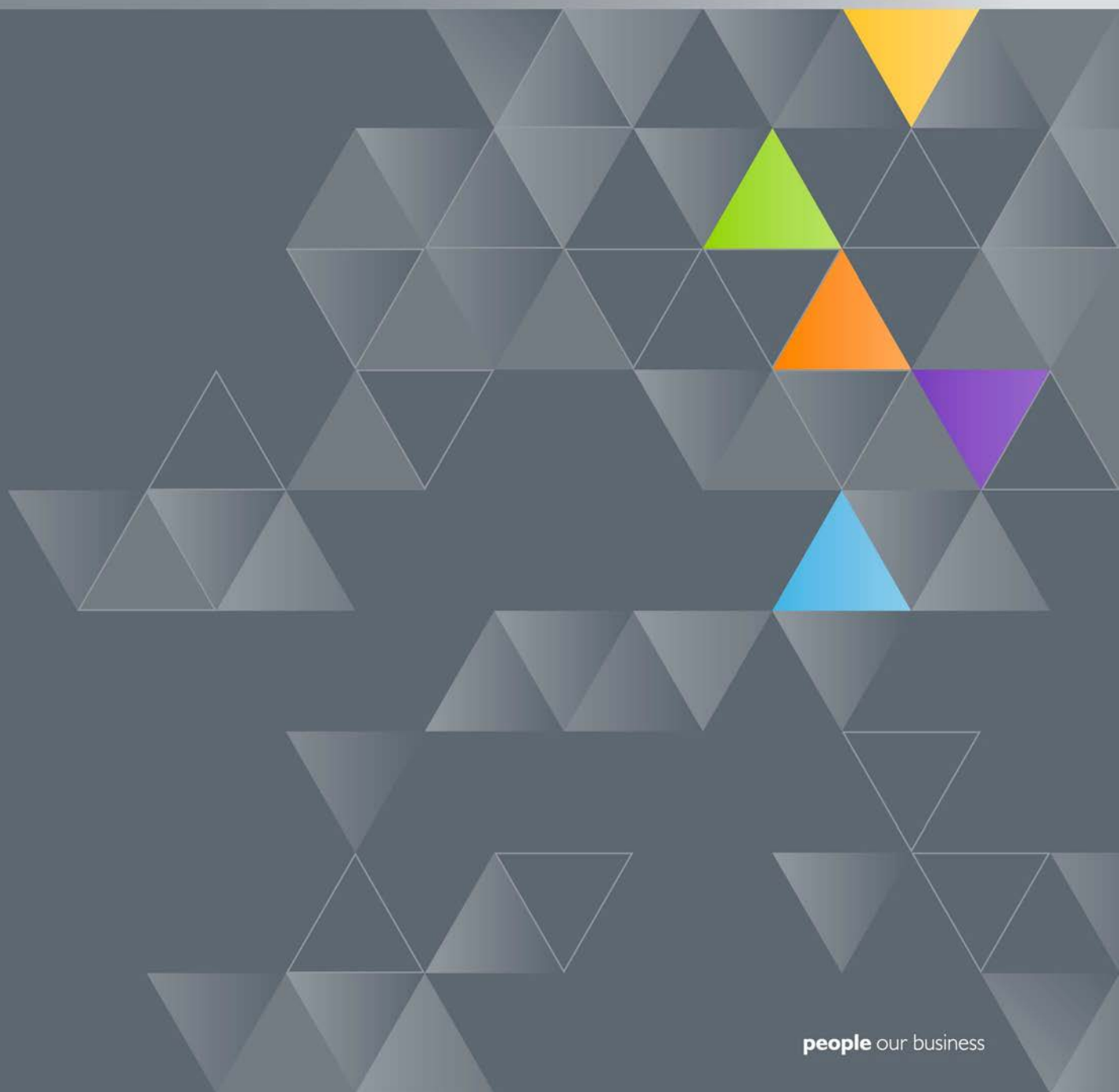




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# Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

31 March 2015



## 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.immi.gov.au/About/Pages/detention/about-immigration-detention.aspx>

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## Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

As at 31 March 2015, there were 1848 people in immigration detention facilities, including 1755 in immigration detention on the mainland and 93 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

A further 2512 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 27216 were living in the community after grant of a Bridging E Visa.

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

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 28/02/2015
Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre	93	0	0	93	- 61
Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre	131	0	0	131	+ 8
Perth Immigration Detention Centre	9	1	0	10	+ 1
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre	336	44	0	380	+ 9
Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre	347	6	0	353	- 83
Alternative Places of Detention (Christmas Island)	0	0	0	0	0
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	401	115	73	589	- 55
<b>Total Immigration Detention Centres/APODs</b>	<b>1317</b>	<b>166</b>	<b>73</b>	<b>1556</b>	<b>- 181</b>
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	1	3	3	7	- 6
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	3	11	16	30	0
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	25	6	0	31	+ 2
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	52	14	15	81	+ 7
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	84	42	17	143	+ 32
<b>Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation</b>	<b>165</b>	<b>76</b>	<b>51</b>	<b>292</b>	<b>35</b>
<b>Total Facility</b>	<b>1482</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>124</b>	<b>1848</b>	<b>- 146</b>
<b>Total Community under Residence Determination</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>1282</b>	<b>2512</b>	<b>- 483</b>
<b>Total Community on Bridging E Visa (Including people in a re-grant process)</b>	<b>21583</b>	<b>2873</b>	<b>2760</b>	<b>27216</b>	<b>+ 630</b>
Republic of Nauru	489	126	103	718	- 24
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea	989	0	0	989	- 15
<b>Total Regional Processing Centres</b>	<b>1478</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>103</b>	<b>1707</b>	<b>- 39</b>

## Community Population by State/Territory

Of the 2512 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 40.6% are in Victoria, 20.3% in Queensland, 16.7% in New South Wales, 10.9% in Western Australia, 8.6% in South Australia, 1.9% in Tasmania and 1% the Australian Capital Territory.

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

State/Territory	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child (<18 years) Male	Child (<18 years) Female	Total
VIC	256	235	293	235	<b>1019</b>
QLD	134	121	155	101	<b>511</b>
NSW	107	101	128	84	<b>420</b>
WA	77	67	78	53	<b>275</b>
SA	50	49	56	60	<b>215</b>
TAS	12	11	18	7	<b>48</b>
ACT	6	4	9	5	<b>24</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>2512</b>

## Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to 31 March 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

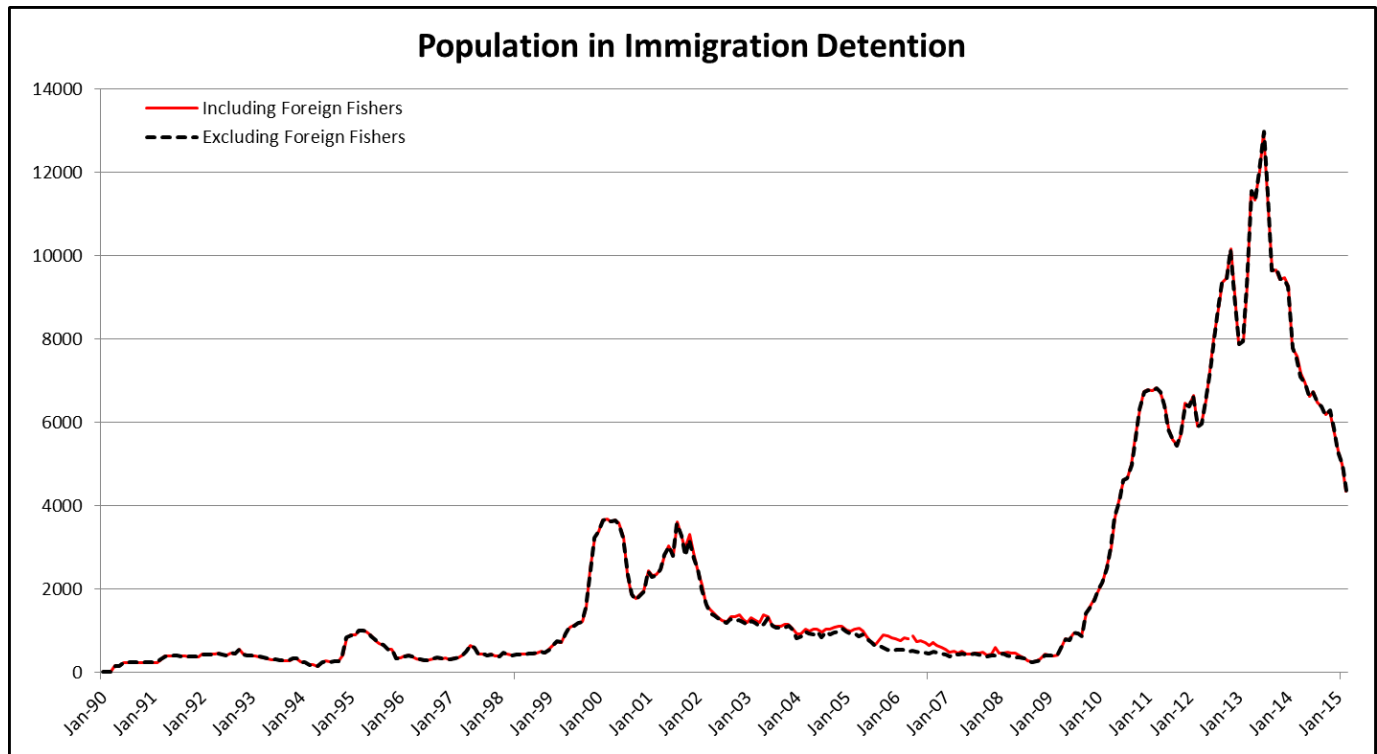


Figure 1 above shows the number of people in immigration detention from 1990 to the date of this report. The trend had a consistent rise of people in immigration detention from January 2009 to January 2013, but has since decreased and continues to decline steadily.

## People in Immigration Detention Facilities by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention facilities, who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 31 March 2015 was 1098, representing approximately 59% of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 750 people (about 41% 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

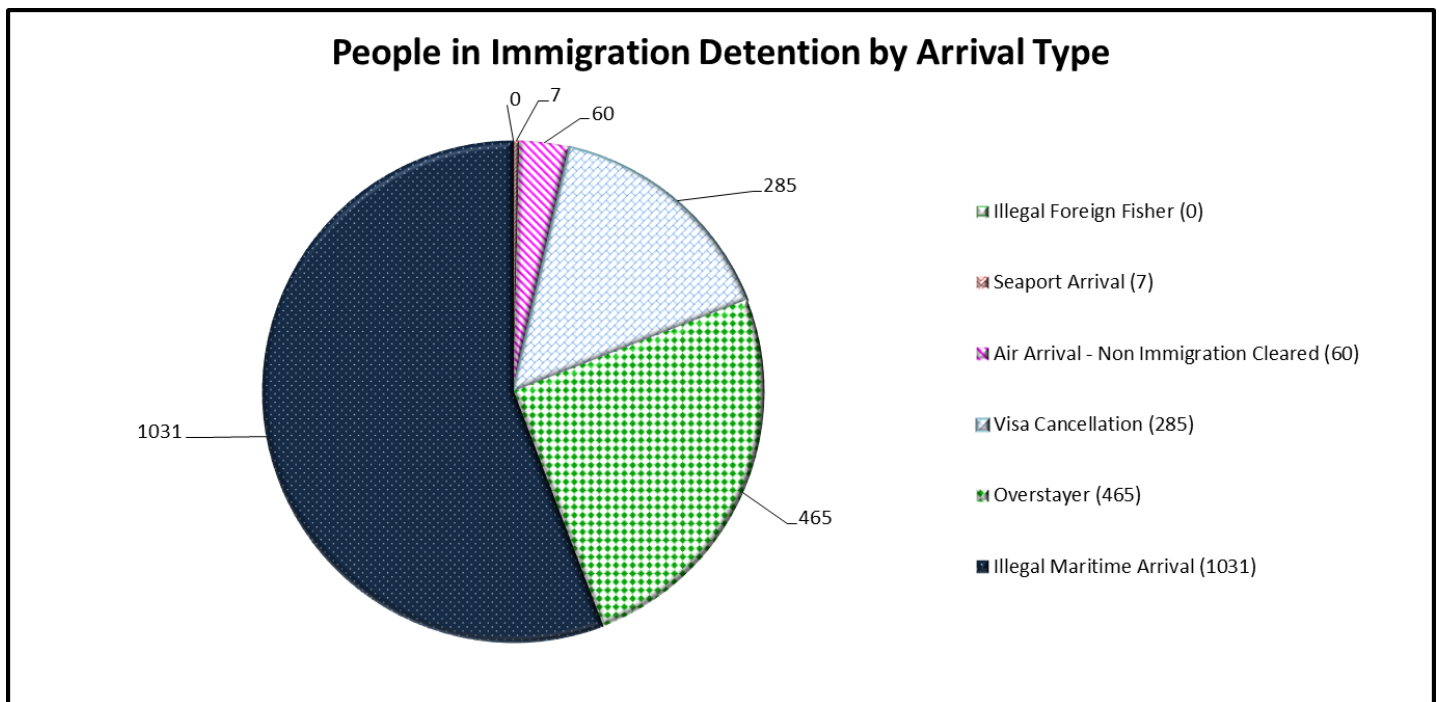


Figure 2 above shows the number of people in immigration detention by arrival type, including Visa Overstayers, Visa Cancellations, Foreign Fishers, Irregular Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if required - Inadequately Documented Crew Members and Others such as stowaways and ship deserters.

## People in Immigration Detention by Nationality

As at 31 March 2015, there were 1848 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 1848 people, around 22.6% were from Iran, 9.8% were Sri Lanka, 8.1% were from China, 6.5% were from Vietnam and 4.5% were from New Zealand.

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

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child (<18 years) Male	Child (<18 years) Female	Total
Iran	279	82	34	23	418
Sri Lanka	159	11	9	3	182
China	119	30	0	0	149
Vietnam	104	12	1	3	120
New Zealand	78	6	0	0	84
Malaysia	58	18	2	2	80
Stateless	57	11	6	5	79
Iraq	59	5	2	8	74
Afghanistan	70	2	0	0	72
Other	499	65	15	11	590
<b>Total</b>	<b>1482</b>	<b>242</b>	<b>69</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1848</b>

As at 31 March 2015, 2512 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 2512 people, around 30.2% were from Iran, 22.2% were from Sri Lanka, 13.9% were Stateless and 8.6% were from Vietnam.

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

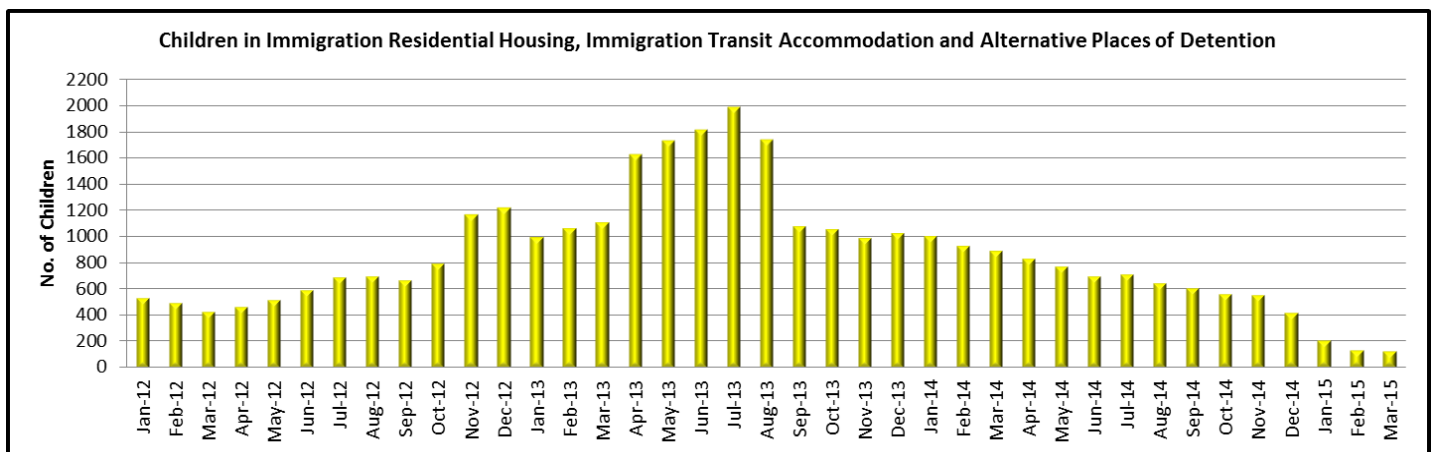
Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child (<18 years) Male	Child (<18 years) Female	Total
Iran	215	217	182	145	759
Sri Lanka	151	126	158	123	558
Stateless	85	73	106	85	349
Vietnam	56	48	63	50	217
Afghanistan	48	22	102	23	195
Other	87	102	126	119	434
<b>Total</b>	<b>642</b>	<b>588</b>	<b>737</b>	<b>545</b>	<b>2512</b>

## Children in Immigration Detention

As at 31 March 2015, there were 124 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 March 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**

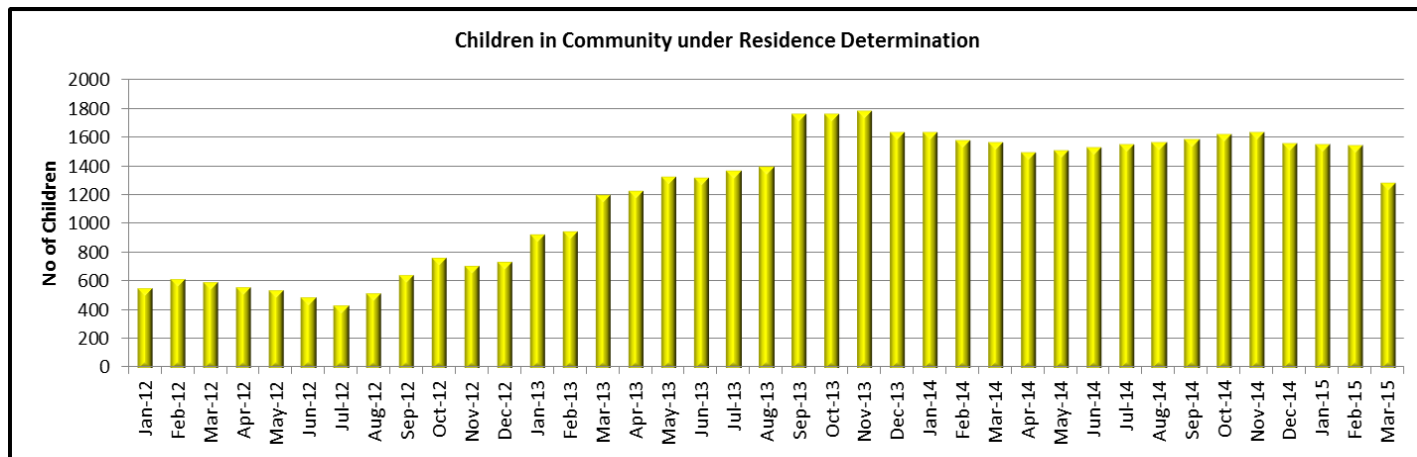


**Figure 3** above shows the number of children in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention from January 2012 to the date of this report. The increase in the number of children in detention facilities in April and June 2013 was due to a rapid increase in irregular maritime 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, and has continued to decrease further as at the date of this report.



The number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination decreased in March 2015 to 1282 children due to Bridging E Visa grants.

**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 approved to live in the community under a residence determination has been maintained at a high level.

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

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	19
Immigration Transit Accommodation	32
Alternative Places of Detention	73
<b>Total Facility</b>	<b>124</b>
<b>Total in the Community under a Residence Determination</b>	<b>1282</b>
<b>Total in the Community on a Bridging E Visa (including people in a re-grant process)</b>	<b>2760</b>

## Time in Immigration Detention Facilities

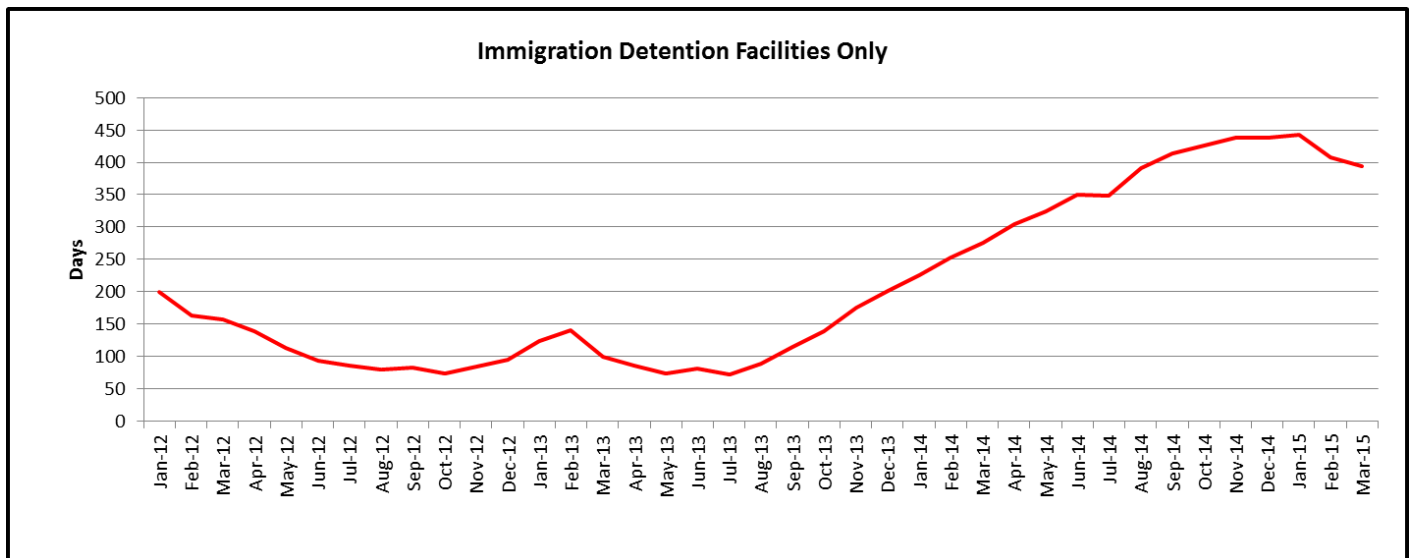
As at 31 March 2015, there were 1848 people in immigration detention facilities. Of these 1848 people, around 29.8% had been detained for 3 months or less and 56.5% had been detained for 12 months or less.

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

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	92	5.0%
8 days - 31 days	204	11.0%
32 days - 91 days	254	13.7%
92 days - 182 days	184	10.0%
183 days - 365 days	310	16.8%
366 days - 547 days	250	13.5%
548 days - 730 days	301	16.3%
Greater than 730 days	253	13.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1848</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The average period of time for people held in detention facilities has decreased from last month to 394 days as at 31 March 2015.

**Figure 5 - Average days in 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 has steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015, however has decreased at the date of this report.

## Time in Community Detention

Of the 2512 people in Community Detention, as at 31 March 2015, 3% had been detained under 3 months and 30.1% 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.**

<b>Period Detained</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
7 days or less	0	0.0%
8 days - 31 days	10	0.4%
32 days - 91 days	66	2.6%
92 days - 182 days	207	8.2%
183 days - 365 days	474	18.9%
366 days - 547 days	183	7.3%
548 days - 730 days	564	22.5%
Greater than 730 days	1008	40.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2512</b>	<b>100.0%</b>