



Freedom of Information Request – FA 25/12/01148

Estimated number of unlawful non-citizens by length of overstay, as at 30 June 2011

Length of Overstay	30 June 2011	% of Total
12 months or less	12,880	22.1
1 to 2 years	7,190	12.3
2 to 3 years	4,440	7.6
3 to 4 years	2,860	4.9
4 to 5 years	2,150	3.7
5 to 6 years	1,810	3.1
6 to 7 years	1,380	2.4
7 to 8 years	1,580	2.7
8 to 9 years	1,290	2.2
9 to 10 years	1,470	2.5
More than 10 years	21,380	36.6
Total	58,400	100.0

Notes:

1. Source: Department of Home Affairs (internal documents)
2. Visa holders who overstay or have their visa cancelled and remain in Australia without a valid visa are referred to as an 'unlawful non-citizen' (UNC) under Section 14 of the 'Migration Act 1958'.
3. In relation to the request for re-entry bans, the Department does not hold the requested documentation, and generating such documentation would be an unreasonable diversion of resources.

Caveats:

- This information is provided for the specific purpose of this request.
- It is the responsibility of the area providing the Department of Home Affairs information to external stakeholders to ensure that the disclosure is in accordance with the ABF Act, Australian Privacy Principles or other relevant legislation. The UNC estimate includes anyone who has overstayed their visa or had their visa cancelled before the reference date and has yet to have their immigration status resolved on that date.
- The estimate is an accumulated figure that excludes non-citizens who arrived before 1 September 1994, when the new Migration Reform Act 1992 (the Migration Reform Act or MRA) and Migration Regulations 1994 came into effect and the status 'Unlawful Non-Citizen' and mandatory detention were introduced.
- Estimates disaggregated are rounded. The sum of individual items in a table may not exactly match the total.