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About this report

This report provides an overview of the number of people in onshore immigration detention, as at the morning of the first day following the end of the reporting month. The report is produced on a monthly basis.

As data is sourced from several departmental processing and recording systems, data relating to the immigration detention population is dynamic and variations between monthly reports 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:

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-statistics/statistics/visa-statistics/live/immigration-detention>

Enquiries

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Acronyms

Table 1 – Acronyms used in this document

Acronym	Description
APOD	Alternative Place of Detention
IDC/F	Immigration Detention Centre/Facility
ITA	Immigration Transit Accommodation
S501	Section 501 of the <i>Migration Act 1958</i> (the Migration Act)
S501 Visa Cancellation	Visa cancellations based on character or related grounds
UMA	Unauthorised Maritime Arrival

Notice on APODs

From July 2020, detainees residing in APODs are reported under 'APODs' rather than under the IDC that had responsibility for their management and care. APODs include hospitals, aged-care facilities, mental health inpatient facilities, as well as hotel and apartment style accommodation. The number of individuals in APODs is broken down by the State and Territory of the APODs.

Notice on ITAs

For reports released from July 2023 onwards, detainees residing within Immigration Transit Accommodation (ITA) facilities are reported under Immigration Detention Centres (IDCs). There is no change to the management and care of detainees within the affected ITAs.

Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

At 31 May 2025, there were 1023 people in immigration detention facilities, and of those, 877 (85.7 per cent) have a criminal history. A further 113 people were living in the community after being approved for residence determination.

The table below reflects figures based on records in Department of Home Affairs systems.

Table 2 – People in Immigration Detention Centres (IDCs), Alternative Places of Detention (APODs) and the Community at 31 May 2025

Place of immigration detention by State*	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from 30/04/25
NSW					
Villawood IDC	419	38	0	457	+ 43
APODs	6	<5	<5	12	+ 1
VIC					
Melbourne IDC	158	0	0	158	- 2
APODs	0	<15	0	<15	+ <5
QLD					
Brisbane IDC	122	0	0	122	- 3
APODs	17	<10	<5	25	+ 3
SA					
Adelaide IDC	<25	<5	0	25	- 5
APODs	0	0	0	0	0
WA					
Yongah Hill IDC	166	0	0	166	0
Perth IDC	<10	<5	0	8	- 2
APODs	<5	<5	0	<5	- <5
NT					
APODs	<35	0	<5	35	+ 25
Total IDCs	895	41	0	936	+ 31
Total APODs	56	23	8	87	+ 30
Total IDCs/APODs	951	64	8	1,023	+ 61
Total in Community under Residence Determination	52	24	37	113	- 2

* Refer to Notice on APODs on page 3.

In Community under Residence Determination Population by State/Territory

Of the 113 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 50.4 per cent were in Victoria, 39.8 per cent in Queensland, less than 8.0 per cent in New South Wales and less than 4.0 per cent in Western Australia.

Table 3 – People in the Community under Residence Determination by State/Territory at 31 May 2025

State/Territory	Men	Women	Children	Total
New South Wales	<10	0	<5	<10
Victoria	23	16	18	57
Queensland	<20	8	<20	45
Western Australia	<5	0	0	<5
Total	52	24	37	113

Immigration Detention Population

From January 1990 to Current

The overall number of people in immigration detention including in the community under residence determination has increased by 17 to 1136, compared with 1119 at the end of May 2024. This number takes into account detainees in the community under residence determination and detainees who were held in immigration detention facilities as at 31 May 2025.

Figure 1 – Population in Immigration Detention

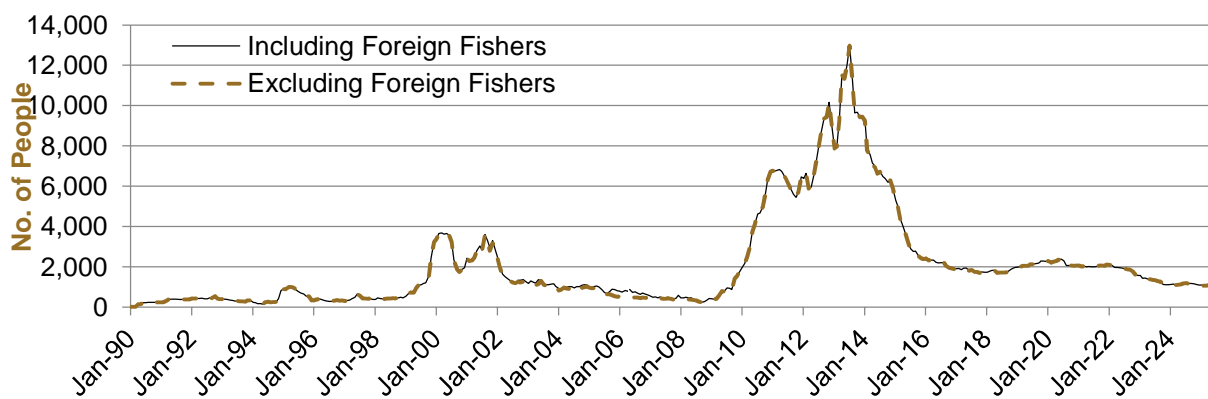


Figure 1 above, shows the number of people in immigration detention from 1990 to 2025.

People In Immigration Detention Facilities

Arrival Type

There were 187 people who arrived unlawfully by air or by boat, in held immigration detention facilities at 31 May 2025 representing 18.3 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 836 people (81.7 per cent of the total immigration detention population) who arrived in Australia lawfully and were subsequently taken into immigration detention for either overstaying or having their visas cancelled for reasons including failing the character test, breaching their visa conditions or presenting a risk to the safety, health or good order of the community.

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

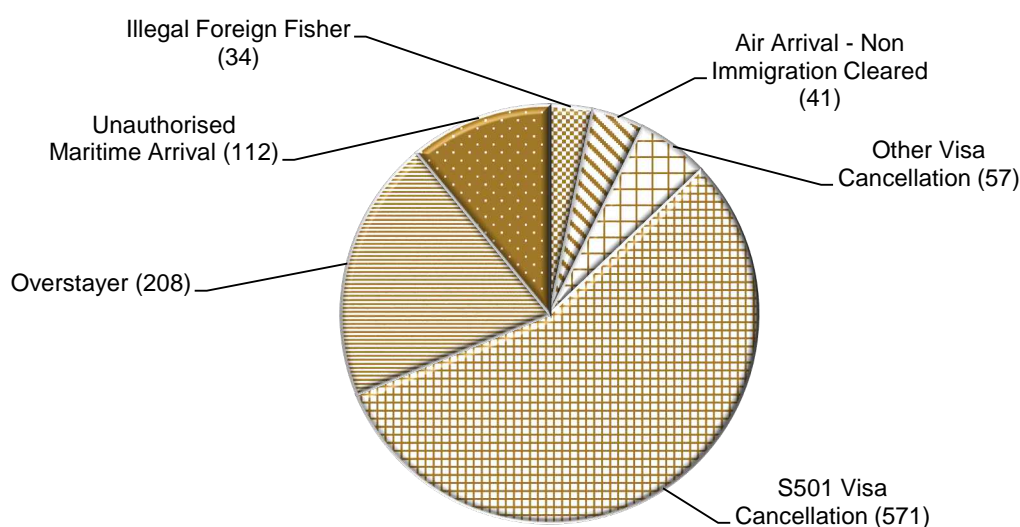


Figure 2 above, shows the number of people in held immigration detention facilities at 31 May 2025 by detention group, including Overstayers, S501 and Other Visa Cancellations, Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if applicable – Illegal Foreign Fishers and Others such as stowaways and ship deserters.

Table 4 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Detention Group at 31 May 2025

Place of immigration detention by State*	S501 Visa Cancellation	UMA	Other Detention Group	Total	Change from 30/04/25
NSW					
Villawood IDC	259	42	156	457	+ 43
APODs	<5	<5	9	12	+ 1
VIC					
Melbourne IDC	89	24	45	158	- 2
APODs	<5	0	9	<15	+ <5
QLD					
Brisbane IDC	95	6	21	122	- 3
APODs	11	<10	<10	25	+ 3
SA					
Adelaide IDC	<15	<5	<10	25	- 5
APODs	0	0	0	0	0
WA					
Yongah Hill IDC	94	30	42	166	0
Perth IDC	<5	<5	<5	8	- 2
APODs	0	0	<5	<5	- <5
NT					
APODs	0	0	35	35	+ 25
Total IDCs	554	105	277	936	+ 31
Total APODs	17	7	63	87	+ 30
Total IDCs/APODs	571	112	340	1,023	+ 61

* Refer to Notice on APODs on page 3.

Table 5 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Detention Group and Cohort at 31 May 2025

Detention Group	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from 30/04/25
S501 Visa Cancellation	543	28	0	571	+ 29
Unauthorised Maritime Arrival	107	<5	<5	112	+ 3
Other	301	<35	<10	340	+ 29
Total	951	64	8	1,023	+ 61

People In Immigration Detention

Nationality

At 31 May 2025, there were 1023 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 1023 people, 18.6 per cent were from New Zealand, 6.7 per cent were from Iran, 5.6 per cent were from India, 5.6 per cent were from United Kingdom, and 4.6 per cent were from Vietnam.

Table 6 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Nationality at 31 May 2025

Nationalities	Men	Women	Children	Total
New Zealand	172	18	0	190
Iran	69	0	0	69
India	57	0	0	57
United Kingdom	<60	<5	0	57
Vietnam	38	9	0	47
Tonga	<45	<5	0	45
Indonesia	40	<5	<5	45
China	31	6	0	37
Fiji	<35	<5	0	33
Iraq	32	0	0	32
Other	382	<25	<10	411
Total	951	64	8	1,023

At 31 May 2025, 113 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 113 people, 46.0 per cent were from Iran, 8.8 per cent were from Somalia, 6.2 per cent were from Stateless, 6.2 per cent were from Pakistan and 6.2 per cent were Sri Lanka.

Table 7 – People in the Community under Residence Determination by Nationality at 31 May 2025

Nationalities	Men	Women	Children	Total
Iran	22	12	18	52
Somalia	<5	<5	5	10
Stateless ¹	<5	<5	<5	7
Pakistan	7	0	0	7
Sri Lanka	<5	<5	<5	7
Other	15	7	8	30
Total	52	24	37	113

¹ The category of "Stateless" nationalities includes "claimed stateless" persons.

Children In Immigration Detention

At 31 May 2025, there were eight children (aged less than 18 years) in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention.

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

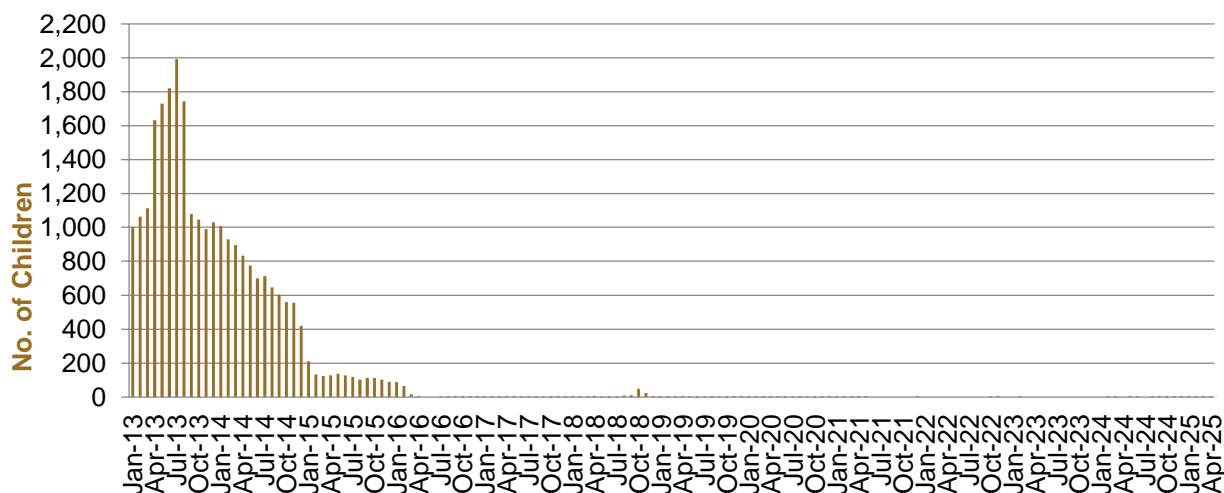


Figure 3 above, shows the number of children in IDFs and APODs from January 2013 to the date of this report. The continuous increase in the number of children in IDFs from April 2013 to Aug 2013 was due to a rapid increase in UMAs during this period. The number of children in IDFs continued to decline during the late 2013 and 2014, with further reduction in January 2015.

At 31 May 2025, the number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination has remained the same since the previous report at 37.

Figure 4 – Children in the Community under Residence Determination

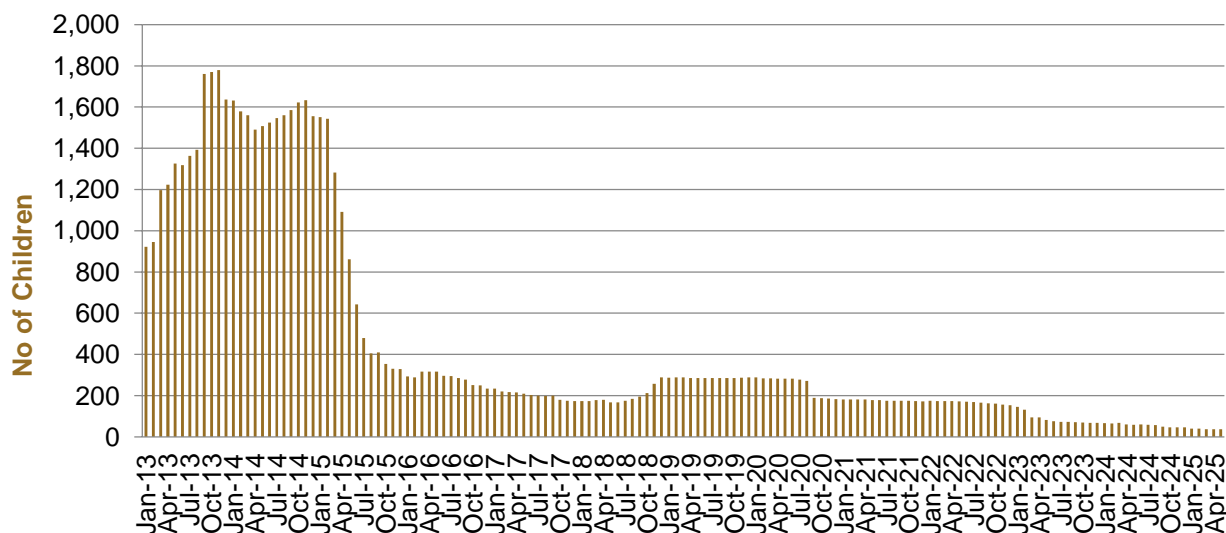


Figure 4 above, shows the number of children in the community under residence determination from January 2013 to the date of this report. The number of children in the community under residence determination, has levelled off at its lowest number since the peak in November 2013, as a result of releases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

Table 8 – Children in Immigration Detention at 31 May 2025

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Detention Centre	0
Alternative Places of Detention	8
Total Facility	8
Total in the Community under a Residence Determination	37

Time In Immigration Detention Facilities

At 31 May 2025, there were 1023 people in immigration detention facilities.

Of these 1023 people, 34.4 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 70.2 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less.

Table 9 – Length of Time of People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities at 31 May 2025

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	55	5.4%
8 days - 31 days	114	11.1%
32 days - 91 days	183	17.9%
92 days - 182 days	160	15.6%
183 days - 365 days	206	20.1%
366 days - 547 days	79	7.7%
548 days - 730 days	51	5.0%
731 days - 1095 days	57	5.6%
1096 days - 1460 days	28	2.7%
1461 days - 1825 days	24	2.3%
Greater than 1825 days	66	6.5%
Total	1,023	100%

At 31 May 2025, the average period of time for people held in detention facilities was 443 days.

Figure 5 – Average Number of Days of People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities

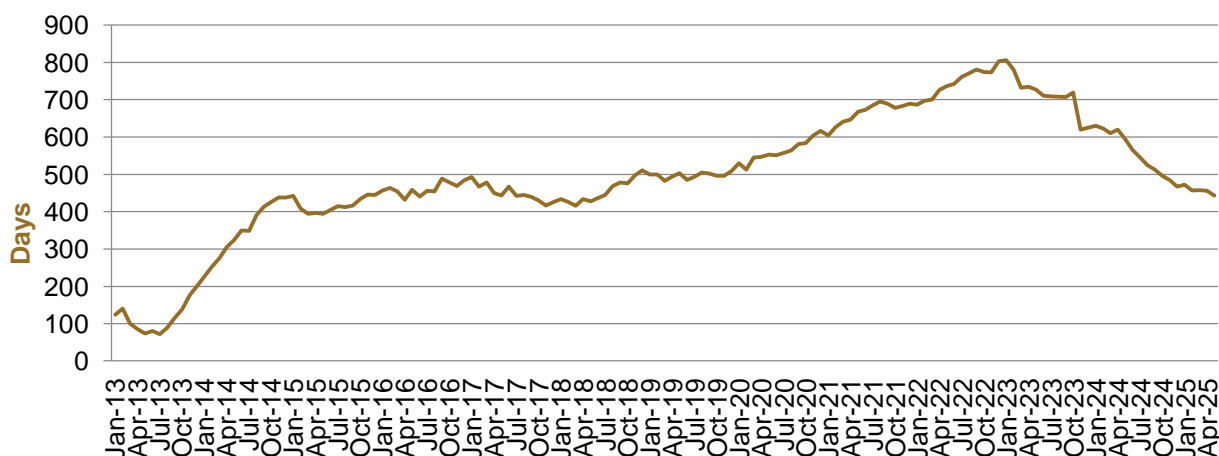


Figure 5 above, shows the average days in held immigration detention at the end of each month from January 2013 to the date of this report. The average period of time for people held in detention facilities steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015. Between November 2018 and December 2019, the average number of days remained at around 500. Since January 2020, the average period of time for people held in detention facilities has steadily increased until January 2023, after which there has been an overall decrease.

The time an individual spends in immigration detention depends on a range of factors, including the complexity of their case, the legal processes they pursue and whether they voluntarily choose to leave Australia.

Time In Community Under Residence Determination

Of the 113 people in the community under residence determination, as at 31 May 2025, less than 8.0 per cent had been in the community for 91 days or less and less than 16.0 per cent had been in the community for 365 days or less.

Table 10 – Length of Time of People in Community under Residence Determination at 31 May 2025

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	<5	<4.0%
8 days - 31 days	0	0.0%
32 days - 91 days	<5	<4.0%
92 days - 182 days	0	0.0%
183 days - 365 days	<5	<4.0%
366 days - 547 days	7	6.2%
548 days - 730 days	5	4.4%
731 days - 1095 days	15	13.3%
1096 days - 1460 days	6	5.3%
1461 days - 1825 days	<5	<4.0%
Greater than 1825 days	70	61.9%
Total	113	100%