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About this report

This report provides an overview of the number of people in onshore immigration detention as at midnight on the date of the report. 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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See: <https://immi.homeaffairs.gov.au/help-support/contact-us>

Acronyms

Table 1 – Acronyms used in this document

Acronym	Description
APOD	Alternative Place of Detention
UMA	Unauthorised Maritime Arrival
IDC/F	Immigration Detention Centre/Facility
IRH	Immigration Residential Housing
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

Important Notice on APODs

From July 2020, detainees residing in APODs are reported under 'APODs' rather than under the ITA or 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 provided by the State and Territory of the APODs.

Important Notice on UMAs

The term Unauthorised Maritime Arrival (UMA) has a specific meaning, which is defined in the *Migration Act 1958*. The term Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) was used in place of UMA in previous editions of this publication. From the April 2022 edition onwards the term UMA will be used.

Immigration Detention And Community Statistics Summary

At 30 April 2022, there were 1414 people in immigration detention facilities.

Of the 1414 people in immigration detention facilities, 1265 (89.5) per cent have a criminal history.

A further 568 people were living in the community after being approved for residence determination and 10,973 UMAs were living in the community after grant of a Bridging Visa E.

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), Immigration Transit Accommodation (ITA) and the Community at 30 April 2022

Place of immigration detention by State*	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from 31/03/22
NSW					
Villawood IDC	455	30	0	485	- 13
APODs	<25	<10	0	29	+ 6
VIC					
Melbourne ITA	216	5	0	221	- 37
APODs	<15	<5	0	14	- 15
QLD					
Brisbane ITA	91	0	0	91	- 10
APODs	28	7	0	35	- 13
SA					
Adelaide ITA	20	0	0	20	- 5
APODs	<5	0	0	<5	+ <5
WA					
Yongah Hill IDC	284	0	0	284	- 13
Perth IDC	14	10	0	24	- <5
APODs	18	0	0	18	+ 10
North West Point IDC	189	0	0	189	- 7
Christmas Island APODs	0	0	0	0	0
NT					
APODs	<5	0	0	<5	- <5
Total IDCs	942	40	0	982	- 34
Total APODs	85	15	0	100	- 12
Total ITAs	327	5	0	332	- 52
Total IDCs/APODs/ITAs	1,354	60	0	1,414	- 98
Total in Community under Residence Determination	233	162	173	568	+ 5
Total UMAs in Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)	8,234	1,258	1,481	10,973	- 20

* Refer to Important Notice on APODs on page 3.

In Community under Residence Determination Population By State/Territory

Of the 568 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 48.1 per cent were in Victoria, 31.3 per cent in Queensland, 15.7 per cent in New South Wales, 3.2 per cent in South Australia, and 1.8 per cent in Western Australia.

Table 3 – People in the Community under Residence Determination by State/Territory at 30 April 2022

State/Territory	Men	Women	Children	Total
New South Wales	34	31	24	89
Victoria	111	79	83	273
Queensland	72	45	61	178
South Australia	<15	<5	<5	18
Western Australia	<5	<5	<5	10
Total	233	162	173	568

Immigration Detention Population

From January 1990 to Current

The overall number of people in immigration detention including in the community under residence determination has decreased by 51 to 1982 compared with 2033 at the end of April 2021. This number takes into account detainees in the community under residence determination and detainees who were held in immigration detention facilities as at 30 April 2022.

Figure 1 – Population in Immigration Detention

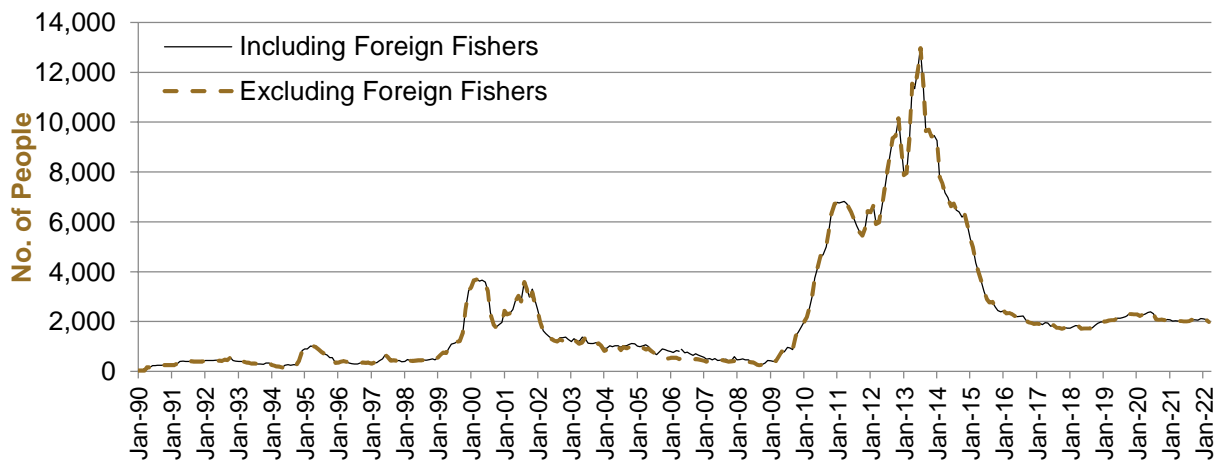


Figure 1 above, shows the number of people in immigration detention from 1990 to 2022.

People In Immigration Detention Facilities

Arrival Type

There were 222 people who arrived unlawfully by air or boat, in held immigration detention facilities at 30 April 2022 representing 15.7 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 1192 people (84.3 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 breaching visa conditions.

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

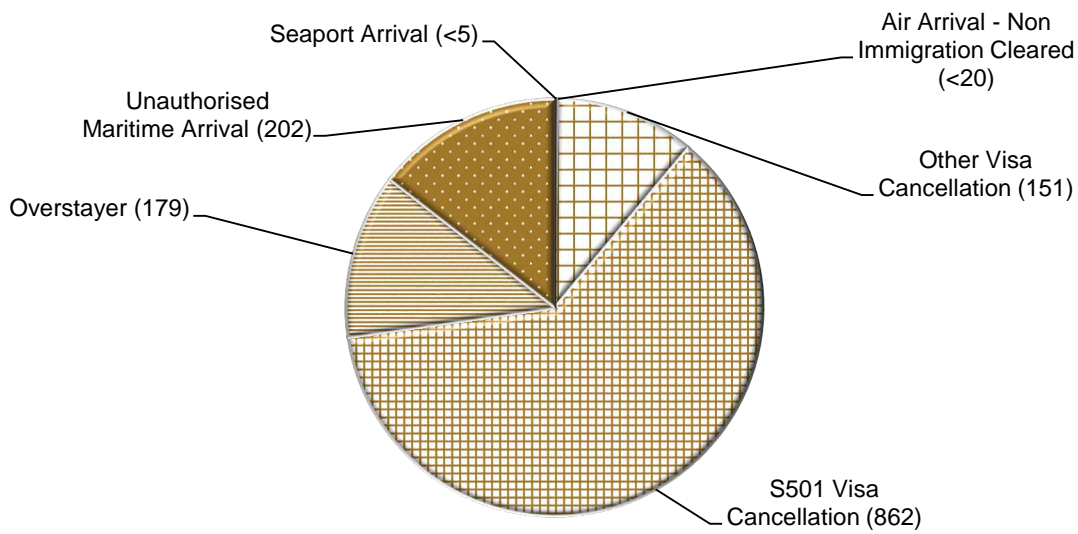


Figure 2 above, shows the number of people in held immigration detention facilities at 30 April 2022 by detention group, including Overstayers, S501 and Other Visa Cancellations, Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if applicable – Illegal Foreign Fishers and Others such as stowaways and ship deserters.

Table 4 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Detention Group at 30 April 2022

Place of immigration detention by State*	S501 Visa Cancellation	UMA	Other Detention Group	Total	Change from 31/03/22
NSW					
Villawood IDC	300	52	133	485	- 13
APODs	15	<5	<15	29	+ 6
VIC					
Melbourne ITA	107	42	72	221	- 37
APODs	<5	<5	7	14	- 15
QLD					
Brisbane ITA	73	<10	<15	91	- 10
APODs	29	<5	<5	35	- 13
SA					
Adelaide ITA	14	<5	<5	20	- 5
APODs	<5	<5	0	<5	+ <5
WA					
Yongah Hill IDC	154	70	60	284	- 13
Perth IDC	12	<5	<10	24	- <5
APODs	8	<5	<10	18	+ 10
North West Point IDC	144	<15	<35	189	- 7
Christmas Island APODs	0	0	0	0	0
NT					
APODs	0	<5	0	<5	- <5
Total IDCs	610	138	234	982	- 34
Total APODs	58	12	30	100	- 12
Total ITAs	194	52	86	332	- 52
Total IDCs/APODs/ITAs	862	202	350	1,414	- 98

* Refer to Important Notice on APODs on page 3.

Table 5 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Detention Group and Cohort at 30 April 2022

Detention Group	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from 31/03/22
S501 Visa Cancellation	831	31	0	862	- 30
Unauthorised Maritime Arrival	<200	<5	0	202	- 49
Other	<330	<30	0	350	- 19
Total	1,354	60	0	1,414	- 98

People In Immigration Detention

Nationality

At 30 April 2022, there were 1414 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 1414 people, 18 per cent were from New Zealand, 7.8 per cent were from Vietnam, 7.4 per cent were from Iran, 4.7 per cent were from India and 4.5 per cent were from Sudan.

Table 6 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Nationality at 30 April 2022

Nationalities	Men	Women	Children	Total
New Zealand	234	21	0	255
Vietnam	98	12	0	110
Iran	<105	<5	0	105
India	<65	<5	0	66
Sudan	<65	<5	0	64
Iraq	55	0	0	55
Afghanistan	52	0	0	52
United Kingdom	<50	<5	0	48
Tonga	46	0	0	46
China	33	9	0	42
Sri Lanka	42	0	0	42
Other	519	10	0	529
Total	1,354	60	0	1,414

At 30 April 2022, 568 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 568 people, 52.8 per cent were from Iran, 10 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 10 per cent were Stateless, 8.1 per cent were from Somalia, 3.2 per cent were from Afghanistan and 3.2 per cent were from Iraq.

Table 7 – People in the Community under Residence Determination by Nationality at 30 April 2022

Nationalities	Men	Women	Children	Total
Iran	104	100	96	300
Sri Lanka	21	12	24	57
Stateless	27	13	17	57
Somalia	16	17	13	46
Iraq	<20	<5	<5	18
Afghanistan	<15	<5	<5	18
Other	40	14	18	72
Total	233	162	173	568

Children In Immigration Detention

At 30 April 2022 there were no children (aged less than 18 years) in Immigration Residential Housing, Immigration Transit Accommodation and Alternative Places of Detention.

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

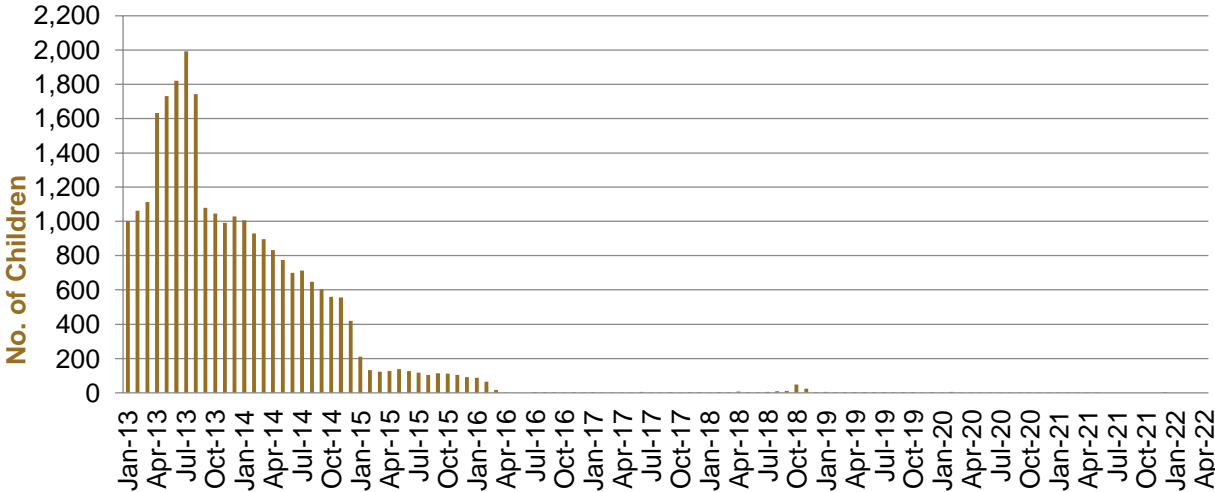


Figure 3 above, shows the number of children in IDFs and APODs from January 2013 to the date of this report. The continuous increase in the number of children in IDFs from April 2013 to Aug 2013 was due to a rapid increase in UMAs during this period. The number of children in IDFs continued to decline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

At 30 April 2022, the number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination has remained the same since the previous report at 173.

Figure 4 – Children in the Community under Residence Determination

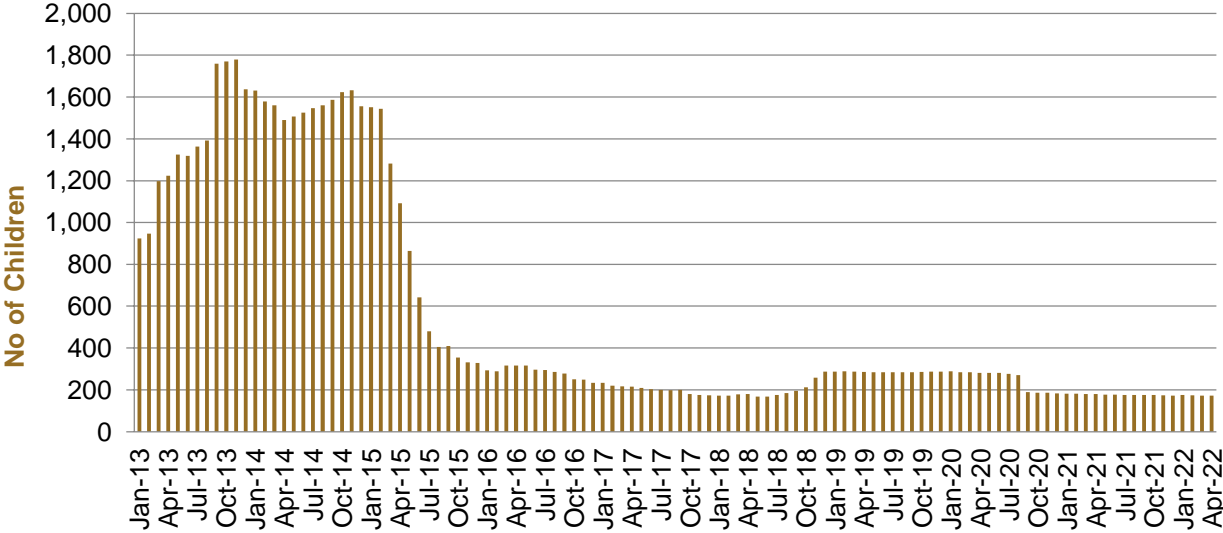


Figure 4 above, shows the number of children in the community under residence determination from January 2013 to the date of this report. The number of children in the community under residence determination, has levelled off at its lowest number since the peak in November 2013, as a result of releases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

Table 8 – Children in Immigration Detention and UMA Children in the Community on a Bridging E Visa at 30 April 2022

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	0
Immigration Transit Accommodation	0
Alternative Places of Detention	0
Total Facility	0
Total in the Community under a Residence Determination	173
Total UMAs in the Community on a Bridging E visa (including in re-grant process)	1,481

Time In Immigration Detention Facilities

At 30 April 2022, there were 1414 people in immigration detention facilities.

Of these 1414 people, 17.4 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 45.8 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less.

Table 9 – Length of Time of People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities at 30 April 2022

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	14	1.0%
8 days - 31 days	74	5.2%
32 days - 91 days	158	11.2%
92 days - 182 days	175	12.4%
183 days - 365 days	227	16.1%
366 days - 547 days	165	11.7%
548 days - 730 days	106	7.5%
731 days - 1095 days	155	11.0%
1096 days - 1460 days	113	8.0%
1461 days - 1825 days	91	6.4%
Greater than 1825 days	136	9.6%
Total	1,414	100%

At 30 April 2022, the average period of time for people held in detention facilities was 726 days.

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

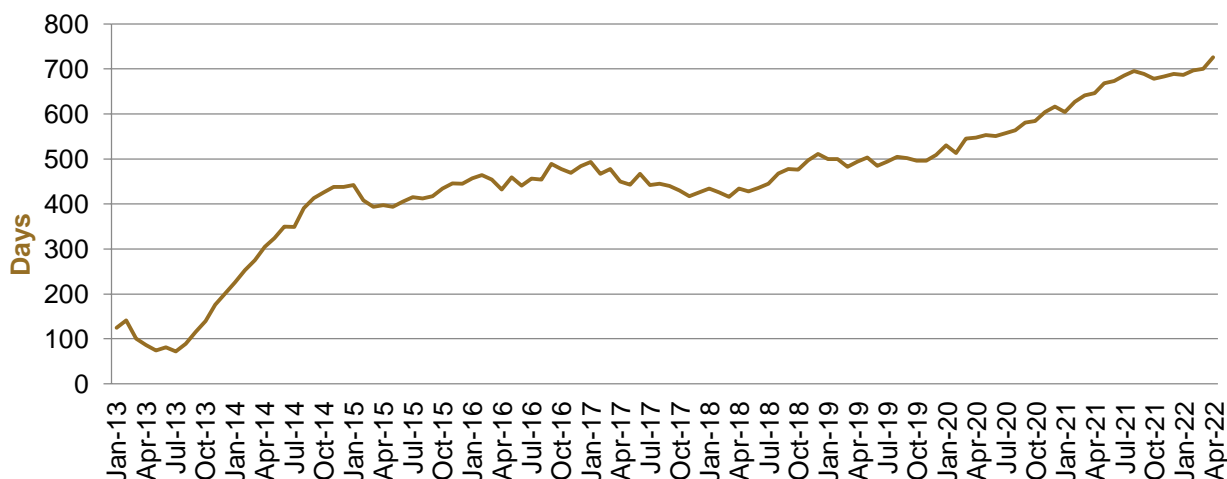


Figure 5 above, shows the average days in held immigration detention at the end of each month from January 2013 to the date of this report. The average period of time for people held in detention facilities steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015. Between November 2018 and December 2019 the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

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 568 people in the community under residence determination, as at 30 April 2022, less than four per cent had been in the community for 91 days or less and less than 12 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 30 April 2022

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	7	1.2%
8 days - 31 days	<5	<1.0%
32 days - 91 days	7	1.2%
92 days - 182 days	5	0.9%
183 days - 365 days	44	7.7%
366 days - 547 days	26	4.6%
548 days - 730 days	<5	<1.0%
731 days - 1095 days	53	9.3%
1096 days - 1460 days	214	37.7%
1461 days - 1825 days	39	6.9%
Greater than 1825 days	167	29.4%
Total	568	100%