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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.border.gov.au/Busi/Comp/Immigration-detention>

Enquiries

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See: <http://www.border.gov.au/about/contact/make-enquiry/enquiries-and-feedback>

Acronyms

Table 1 – Acronyms used in this document

Acronym	Description
APOD	Alternative Place of Detention
IDC/F	Immigration Detention Centre/Facility
IRH	Immigration Residential Housing
ITA	Immigration Transit Accommodation
RPC	Regional Processing Centre

Immigration Detention And Community Statistics Summary

As at 31 August 2015, there were 2,028 people in immigration detention facilities, including 1,807 in immigration detention on the mainland and 221 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

A further 735 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 29,012 were living in the community after grant of a Bridging Visa E.

Table 2 – People in Immigration Detention Facilities (IDFs), Alternative Places of Detention (APODs), Regional Processing Centres (RPCs) and the Community

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/07/15
Christmas Island IDC	221	0	0	221	+ 48
Maribyrnong IDC	91	9	0	100	- 37
Perth IDC	35	6	0	41	+ 4
Villawood IDC	342	47	0	389	+ 14
Yongah Hill IDC	376	9	0	385	- 5
Christmas Island APODs	0	0	0	0	0
Mainland APODs	469	101	72	642	+ 23
Total IDCs/APODs	1,534	172	72	1,778	+ 47
Perth IRH	2	2	3	7	+ 1
Sydney IRH	6	7	7	20	- 15
Adelaide ITA	16	2	0	18	+ 1
Brisbane ITA	40	19	4	63	- 17
Melbourne ITA	87	37	18	142	- 4
Total in IRH and ITA	151	67	32	250	- 34
Total Facility	1,685	239	104	2,028	+ 13
Total Community under Residence Determination	187	143	405	735	- 143
Total Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)	21,788	3,361	3,863	29,012	+ 122
Republic of Nauru (RPC)	446	114	93	653	+ 16
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea (RPC)	936	0	0	936	- 6
Total RPCs	1,382	114	93	1,589	+ 10

Community Population By State/Territory

Of the 735 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 36.1 per cent were in Victoria, 22 per cent in Queensland, 21.2 per cent in New South Wales, 10.3 per cent in Western Australia, 7.9 per cent in South Australia, 1.5 per cent in Tasmania and 1.0 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory.

Table 3 – Community Detention Population by State/Territory as at 31 August 2015

State/Territory	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Victoria	70	47	102	46	265
Queensland	44	33	51	34	162
New South Wales	31	31	59	35	156
Western Australia	21	18	27	10	76
South Australia	14	12	15	17	58
Tasmania	4	1	4	2	11
Australian Capital Territory	3	1	3	0	7
Total	187	143	261	144	735

Immigration Detention Population

From 1990 to 31 August 2015

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

Figure 1 – Population in Immigration Detention

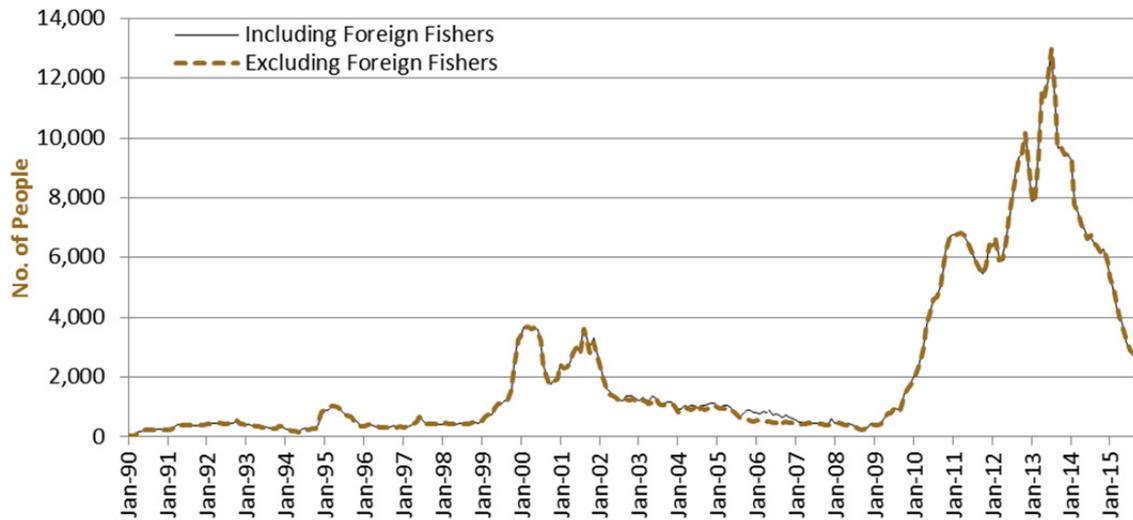


Figure 1 above, shows the number of people in immigration detention from 1990 to the date of this report. The trend had a consistent rise of people in immigration detention from January 2009 to January 2013, but has since decreased and continues to decline steadily.

People In Immigration Detention Facilities

Arrival Type

The number of people in held immigration detention facilities, who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 31 August 2015 was 1,066, representing approximately 53.0 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 962 people (about 47.0 per cent 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 Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Arrival Type

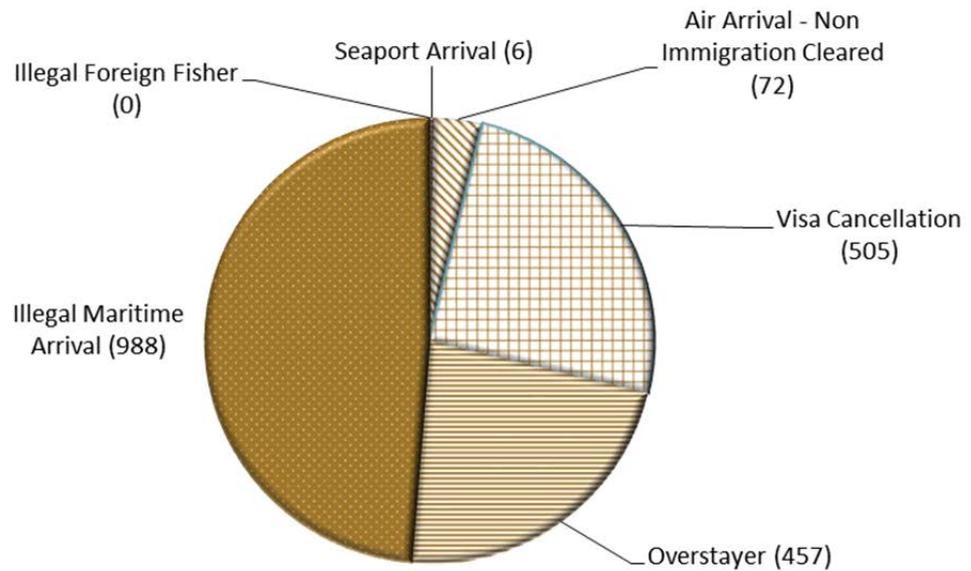


Figure 2 above, shows the number of people in held immigration detention facilities by arrival type, including Visa Overstayers, Visa Cancellations, Foreign Fishers, Irregular Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if required – Inadequately Documented Crew Members and Others such as stowaways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

People in Immigration Detention

Nationality

As at 31 August 2015, there were 2,028 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 2,028 people, around 20.1 per cent were from Iran, 9.1 per cent were from New Zealand, 8.4 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 7.0 per cent were from China and 6.0 per cent were from Vietnam.

Table 4 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities as at 31 August 2015

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	291	65	30	21	407
New Zealand	165	19	0	0	184
Sri Lanka	153	9	7	2	171
China	114	27	1	0	142
Vietnam	105	13	2	1	121
Malaysia	74	26	4	2	106
Stateless	63	7	5	5	80
Afghanistan	76	2	1	0	79
Iraq	56	5	1	2	64
Other	588	66	11	9	674
Total	1,685	239	62	42	2,028

As at 31 August 2015, 735 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 735 people, around 27.6 per cent were from Iran, 17.4 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 13.9 per cent were Stateless and 11.8 per cent were from Afghanistan.

Table 5 – People in the community under Residence Determination as at 31 August 2015

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	56	58	50	39	203
Sri Lanka	37	22	44	25	128
Stateless	28	18	34	22	102
Afghanistan	15	2	68	2	87
Vietnam	24	15	23	21	83
Other	27	28	42	35	132
Total	187	143	261	144	735

Children In Immigration Detention

As at 31 August 2015, there were 104 children (aged under 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

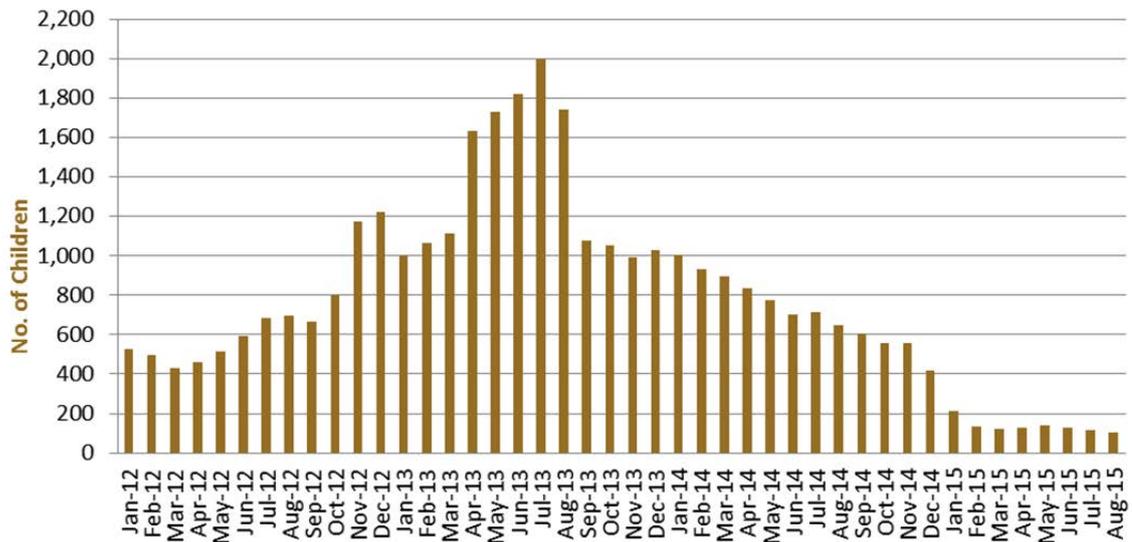


Figure 3 above, shows the number of children in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention from January 2012 to the date of this report. The increase in the number of children in detention facilities in April and June 2013 was due to a rapid increase in irregular maritime arrivals 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. The numbers of children in detention facilities continued to trend down during late 2013 and 2014, with a further reduction in January 2015.

The number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination decreased in August 2015 to 405 children.

Figure 4 – Children in the community under Residence Determination

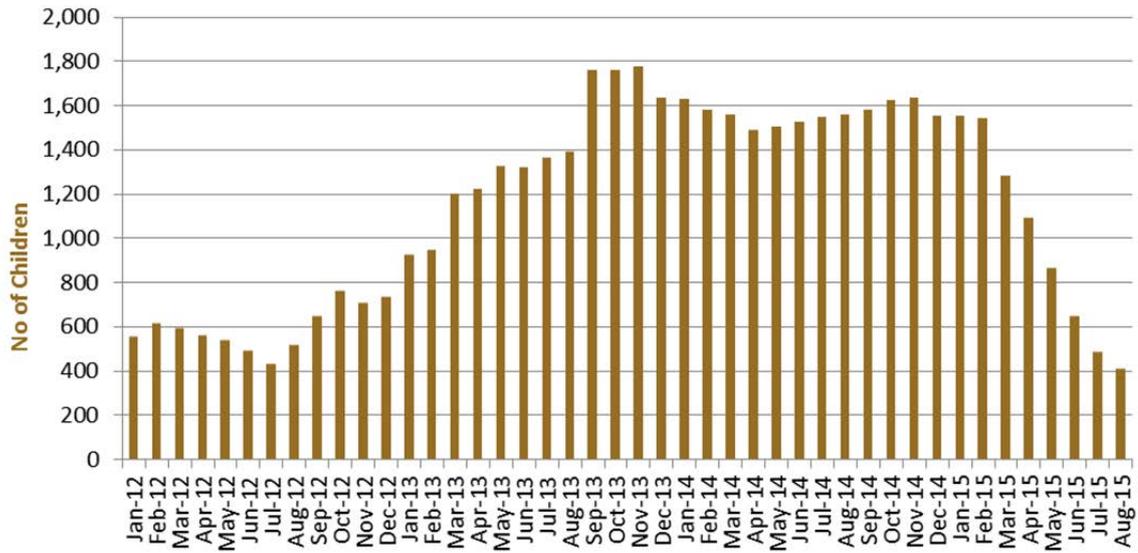


Figure 4 above, shows the number of children in community detention under residence determination from January 2012 to the date of this report. The number of children in community detention under residence determination has continued to decrease since February 2015 as a result of releases into the community on Bridging E visas.

Table 6 – Children in Immigration Detention and in the Community as at 31 August 2015

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	10
Immigration Transit Accommodation	22
Alternative Places of Detention	72
Total Facility	104
Total in the Community under a Residence Determination	405
Total in the Community on a Bridging Visa E (including in re-grant process)	3,863

Time In Immigration Detention Facilities

As at 31 August 2015, there were 2,028 people in immigration detention facilities. Of these 2,028 people, around 26.3 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 58.0 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less.

Table 7 – Length of time in held immigration detention facilities as at 31 August 2015

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	106	5.2%
8 days - 31 days	175	8.6%
32 days - 91 days	253	12.5%
92 days - 182 days	275	13.6%
183 days - 365 days	367	18.1%
366 days - 547 days	216	10.7%
548 days - 730 days	198	9.8%
Greater than 730 days	438	21.6%
Total	2028	100.0%

The average period of time for people held in detention facilities has remained similar to last month, at 412 days as at 31 August 2015.

Figure 5 – Average number of days in held immigration detention facilities only

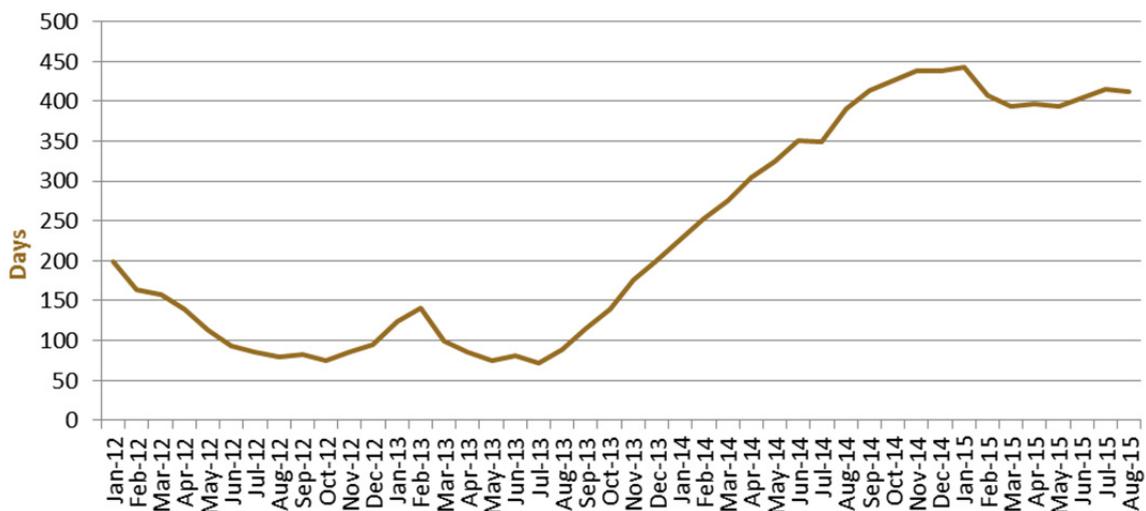


Figure 5 above, shows the average days in held immigration detention only by month from January 2012 to the date of this report. The average period of time for people held in detention facilities steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015. Between January 2015 and March 2015, the average period of time for people in held detention facilities decreased then steadied as at the date of this report.

Time In Community Detention

Of the 735 people in Community Detention, as at 31 August 2015, 5.4 per cent had been in Community Detention for 91 days or less and 23.1 per cent had been in Community Detention for 365 days or less.

Table 8 – People in Community Detention by Length of Time in Community Detention

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	0	0.0%
8 days - 31 days	17	2.3%
32 days - 91 days	23	3.1%
92 days - 182 days	20	2.7%
183 days - 365 days	110	15.0%
366 days - 547 days	104	14.1%
548 days - 730 days	109	14.8%
Greater than 730 days	352	47.9%
Total	735	100.0%