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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.

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Acronyms

Table 1 – Acronyms used in this document

Acronym	Description
APOD	Alternative Place of Detention
IMA	Illegal Maritime Arrival
IDC/F	Immigration Detention Centre/Facility
IRH	Immigration Residential Housing
ITA	Immigration Transit Accommodation
RPC	Regional Processing Centre
S501	Section 501 of the Migration ACT
S501 Visa Cancellation	Visa cancellations based on character or related grounds

Immigration Detention And Community Statistics Summary

At 31 January 2018, there were 1287 people in immigration detention facilities, including 953 in immigration detention on the mainland and 334 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

A further 447 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 19,129 were living in the community after grant of a Bridging Visa E.

The table below reflects figures based on records in Department of Immigration and Border Protection systems.

Table 2 – People in Immigration Detention Facilities (IDFs), Alternative Places of Detention (APODs), Regional Processing Centres (RPCs) and the Community at 31 January 2018

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/12/17
Christmas Island IDC	334	0	0	334	+ 7
Maribyrnong IDC	82	10	0	92	- 3
Perth IDC	19	7	0	26	0
Villawood IDC	426	44	0	470	+ 3
Yongah Hill IDC	218	0	0	218	+ 2
Mainland APODs	<5	<5	0	<5	+ 1
Total IDCs/APODs	1,081	62	0	1,143	+ 10
Adelaide ITA	21	<5	0	22	- 1
Brisbane ITA	42	5	0	47	- 7
Melbourne ITA	67	7	<5	75	0
Total in ITA	130	13	<5	144	- 8
Total in IDC/F	1,211	75	<5	1,287	+ 2
Total in Community under Residence Determination	135	139	173	447	- 1
Total IMA in Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)	13,394	2,458	3,277	19,129	- 461
Republic of Nauru (RPC)	262	38	36	336	- 2
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea (RPC)	0	0	0	0	0
Total IMA in RPCs	262	38	36	336	- 2
Detention Group					
S501 Visa Cancellation	469	21	0	490	+ 21
Illegal Maritime Arrival	328	6	0	334	+ 5
Other	414	48	<5	463	- 24
Total	1,211	75	<5	1,287	+ 2

In Community under Residence Determination Population By State/Territory

Of the 447 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 36.7 per cent were in Victoria, 27.3 per cent in Queensland, 23.5 per cent in New South Wales, 6.7 per cent in Western Australia and 5.8 per cent in South Australia.

Table 3 – People in the Community under Residence Determination by State/Territory at 31 January 2018

State/Territory	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Victoria	52	48	36	28	164
Queensland	35	33	32	22	122
New South Wales	27	41	22	15	105
Western Australia	14	9	5	<5	30
South Australia	7	8	<5	7	26
Total	135	139	99	74	447

Immigration Detention Population

From 1990 to 31 January 2018

The overall number of people in immigration detention including in the community under residence determination has decreased by 185 to 1734 compared with 1919 at the end of January 2017. This decrease takes into account releases of detainees into the community under residence determination and detainees granted Bridging E visas (BVEs) as well as decreases through return and removal activities.

Figure 1 – Population in Immigration Detention

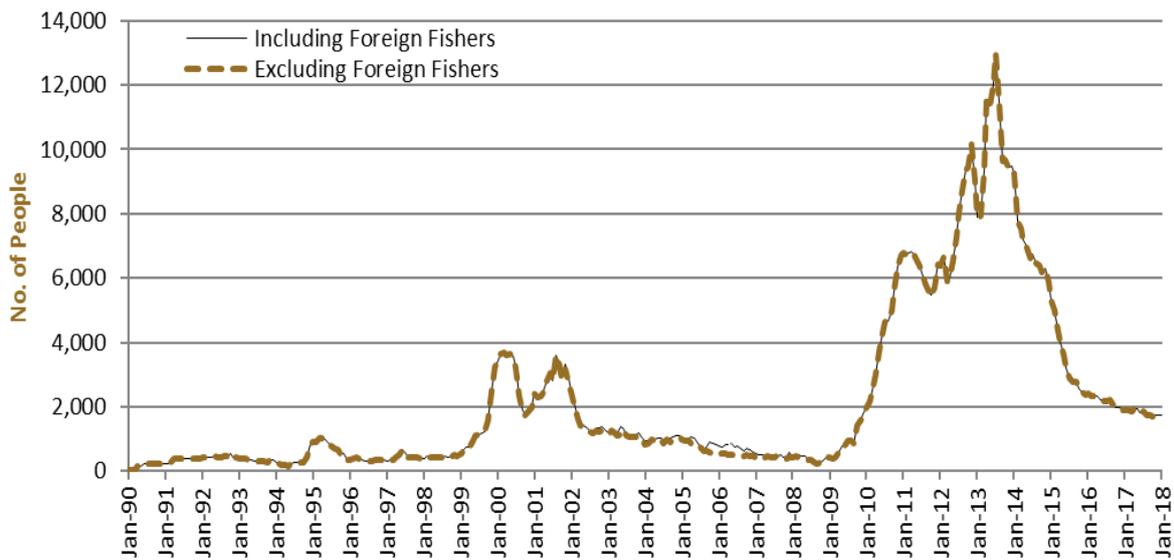


Figure 1 above, shows the number of people in immigration detention from 1990 to the date of this report. The trend had a consistent rise of people in immigration detention from January 2009 to January 2013, but has since had consistent decline.

People In Immigration Detention Facilities

Arrival Type

There were 371 people who arrived unlawfully by air or boat, in held immigration detention facilities at 31 January 2018 representing 28.8 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 916 people (71.2 per cent of the total immigration 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

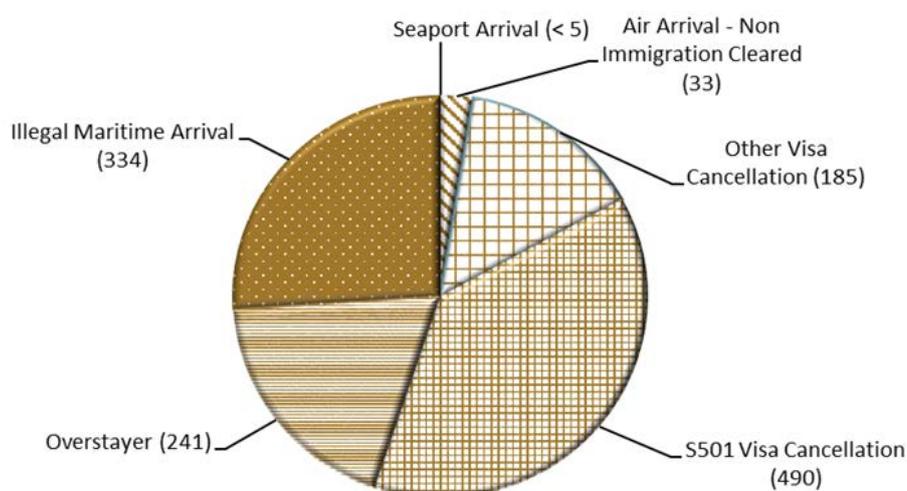


Figure 2 above, shows the number of people in held immigration detention facilities by detention group, including Overstayers, S501 and Other Visa Cancellations, Foreign Fishers, Illegal Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if applicable – Inadequately Documented Crew Members and Others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

Table 4 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Detention Group at 31 January 2018

Place of immigration detention	S501 Visa Cancellation	IMA	Other Detention Group	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/12/17
Christmas Island IDC	176	92	66	334	+ 7
Maribyrnong IDC	28	8	56	92	- 3
Perth IDC	10	7	9	26	0
Villawood IDC	177	106	187	470	+ 3
Yongah Hill IDC	83	59	76	218	+ 2
Mainland APODs	<5	<5	<5	<5	+ 1
Total IDCs/APODs	475	273	395	1,143	+ 10
Adelaide ITA	<5	9	11	22	0
Brisbane ITA	12	10	25	47	- 1
Melbourne ITA	<5	42	32	75	- 7
Total in IRH and ITA	15	61	68	144	- 8
Total in IDC/F	490	334	463	1,287	+ 2

People In Immigration Detention

Nationality

At 31 January 2018, there were 1287 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 1287 people, 13.2 per cent were from New Zealand, 8.8 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 7.7 per cent were from Iran, 7.5 per cent were from Vietnam and 5.2 per cent were from China.

Table 5 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Nationality at 31 January 2018

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
New Zealand	153	17	0	0	170
Sri Lanka	112	<5	0	0	113
Iran	98	<5	0	0	99
Vietnam	89	8	0	0	97
China	53	14	0	0	67
United Kingdom	49	0	0	0	49
India	47	0	0	0	47
Malaysia	37	8	0	0	45
Pakistan	41	<5	0	0	42
Iraq	39	<5	0	0	41
Other	493	23	<5	0	517
Total	1,211	75	<5	0	1,287

At 31 January 2018, 447 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 447 people, 54.8 per cent were from Iran, 11.4 per cent were from Stateless, 10.5 per cent were Sri Lanka, 3.6 per cent were from Iraq and 2.2 per cent were from Somalia.

Table 6 – People in the Community under Residence Determination by Nationality at 31 January 2018

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	74	85	47	39	245
Stateless	17	12	10	12	51
Sri Lanka	13	12	16	6	47
Iraq	8	5	<5	<5	16
Somalia	<5	8	0	0	10
Other	21	17	25	15	78
Total	135	139	99	74	447

Children In Immigration Detention

At 31 January 2018 there were less than five 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

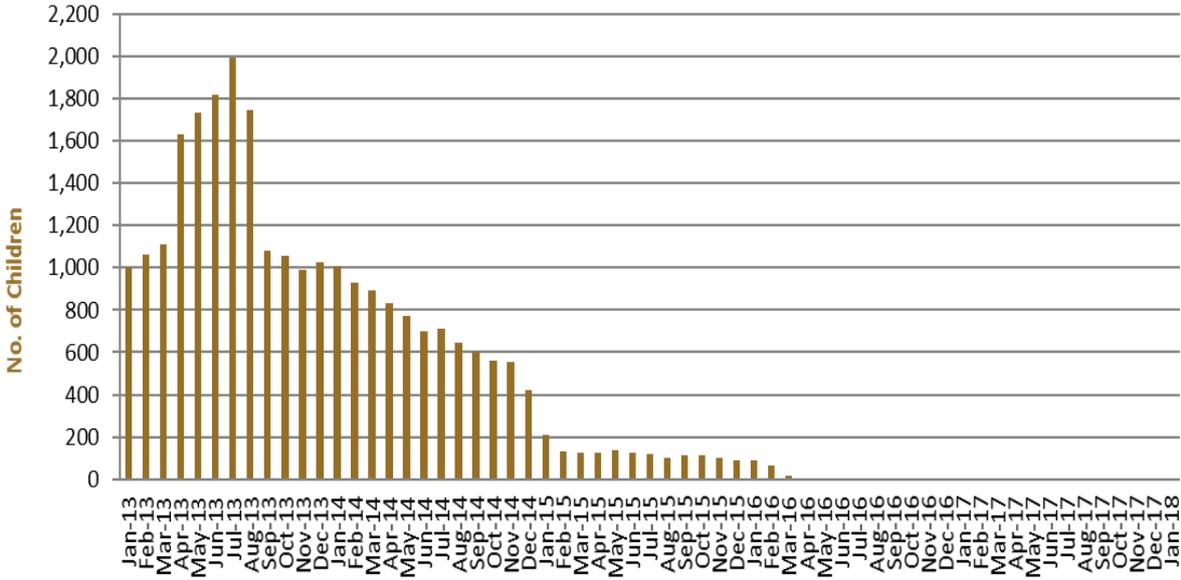


Figure 3 above, shows the number of children in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention from January 2013 to the date of this report. The continuous increase in the number of children in detention facilities from April 2013 to August 2013 was due to a rapid increase in illegal 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 number of children in detention facilities continued to decline during the late 2013 and 2014, with further reduction in January 2015.

At 31 January 2018, the number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination decreased by one to 173 from 174 in the previous report.

Figure 4 – Children in the Community under Residence Determination

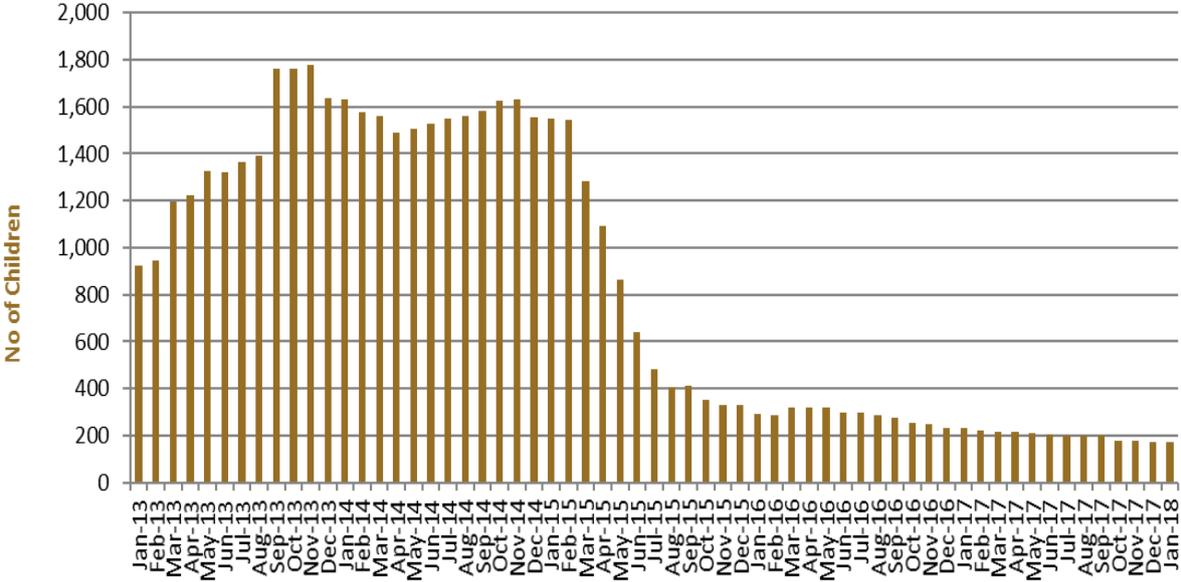


Figure 4 above, shows the number of children in the community under residence determination from January 2012 to the date of this report. The number of children in the community under residence determination, has levelled off at its lowest number since the peak in November 2013, as a result of releases into the community on Bridging E visas.

Table 7 – Children in Immigration Detention and IMA Children in the Community on a Bridging E Visa at 31 January 2018

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	0
Immigration Transit Accommodation	<5
Alternative Places of Detention	0
Total Children in Immigration Detention Facilities	<5
Total Children in the Community under a Residence Determination	173
Total IMA Children in the Community on a Bridging E visa (including in re-grant process)	3,277

Time In Immigration Detention Facilities

At 31 January 2018, there were 1287 people in immigration detention facilities. Of these 1287 people, 35.7 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 66.6 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less.

Table 8 – Length of Time of People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities at 31 January 2018

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	61	4.7%
8 days - 31 days	158	12.3%
32 days - 91 days	240	18.6%
92 days - 182 days	179	13.9%
183 days - 365 days	219	17.0%
366 days - 547 days	98	7.6%
548 days - 730 days	75	5.8%
Greater than 730 days	257	20.0%
Total	1,287	100%

At 31 January 2018, the average period of time for people held in detention facilities was 434 days.

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

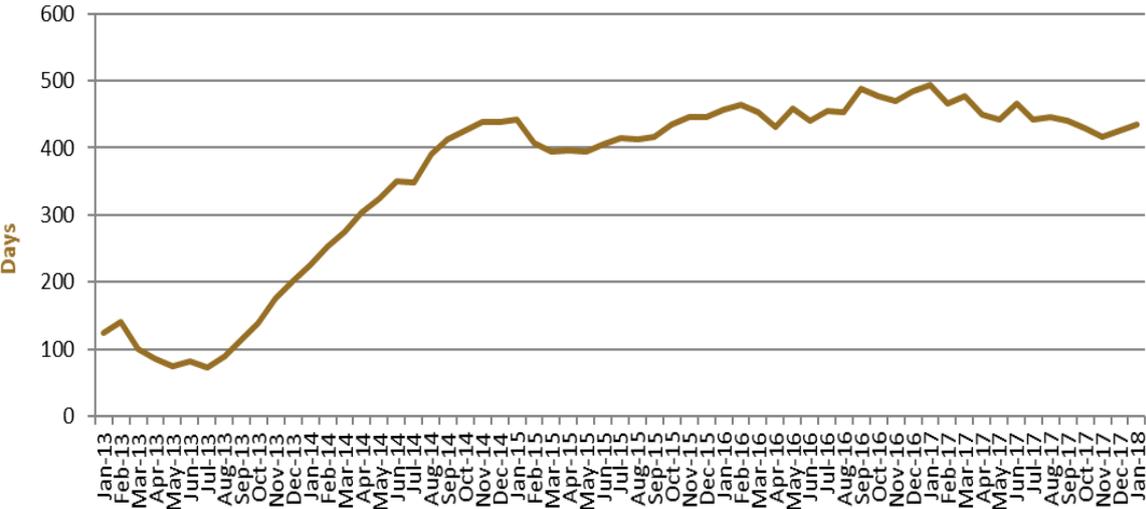


Figure 5 above, shows the average days in held immigration detention at the end of each month from January 2013 to the date of this report. The average period of time for people held in detention facilities steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015.

Time In Community Under Residence Determination

Of the 447 people in the community under residence determination, as at 31 January 2018, 4.9 per cent had been in the community for 91 days or less and 18.8 per cent had been in the community for 365 days or less.

Table 9 – Length of Time of People in Community under Residence Determination at 31 January 2018

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	<5	0.2%
8 days - 31 days	6	1.3%
32 days - 91 days	15	3.4%
92 days - 182 days	15	3.4%
183 days - 365 days	47	10.5%
366 days - 547 days	32	7.2%
548 days - 730 days	195	43.6%
Greater than 730 days	136	30.4%
Total	447	100%