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Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

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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.

Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

At 31 July 2022, there were 1379 people in immigration detention facilities.

Of the 1379 people in immigration detention facilities, 1261 (91.4 per cent) have a criminal history.

A further 563 people were living in the community after being approved for residence determination and 10,886 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 31 July 2022

Place of immigration detention by State*	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from 30/06/22
NSW					
Villawood IDC	467	32	0	499	+ 1
APODs	<20	<5	0	18	+ 1
VIC					
Melbourne ITA	210	7	0	217	+ 17
APODs	<10	<5	0	<10	- <15
QLD					
Brisbane ITA	78	0	0	78	- 12
APODs	38	8	0	46	+ 12
SA					
Adelaide ITA	24	0	0	24	- 1
APODs	<5	0	0	<5	0
WA					
Yongah Hill IDC	255	0	0	255	- 13
Perth IDC	11	9	0	20	- 5
APODs	<15	<5	0	16	+ 4
North West Point IDC	198	0	0	198	- 5
Christmas Island APODs	0	0	0	0	0
NT					
APODs	0	0	0	0	- <10
Total IDCs	931	41	0	972	- 22
Total APODs	73	15	0	88	- 1
Total ITAs	312	7	0	319	+ 4
Total IDCs/APODs/ITAs	1,316	63	0	1,379	- 19
Total in Community under Residence Determination	233	161	169	563	- 3
Total UMAs in Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)	8,220	1,246	1,420	10,886	+ 18

* Refer to Important Notice on APODs on page 3.

In Community under Residence Determination Population by State/Territory

Of the 563 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 48.3 per cent were in Victoria, 31.1 per cent in Queensland, 15.8 per cent in New South Wales, 2.8 per cent in South Australia and 2.0 per cent in Western Australia.

Table 3 – People in the Community under Residence Determination by State/Territory at 31 July 2022

State/Territory	Men	Women	Children	Total
New South Wales	35	31	23	89
Victoria	111	79	82	272
Queensland	71	44	60	175
South Australia	11	<5	<5	16
Western Australia	5	<5	<5	11
Total	233	161	169	563

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 58 to 1942 compared with 2000 at the end of July 2021. This number takes into account detainees in the community under residence determination and detainees who were held in immigration detention facilities as at 31 July 2022.

Figure 1 – Population in Immigration Detention

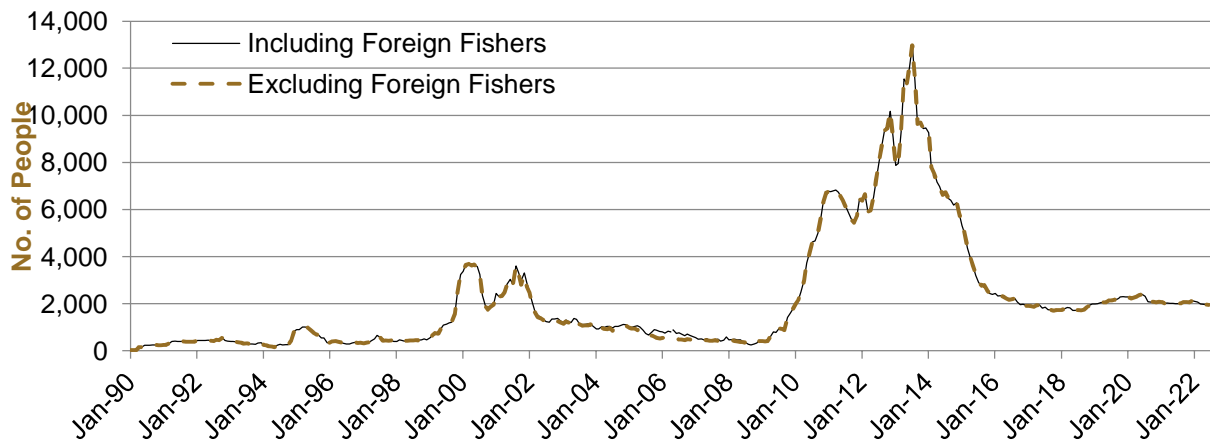


Figure 1 above, shows the number of people in immigration detention from 1990 to 2022.

People In Immigration Detention Facilities

Arrival Type

There were 227 people who arrived unlawfully by air or boat, in held immigration detention facilities at 31 July 2022 representing 16.5 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 1152 people (83.5 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

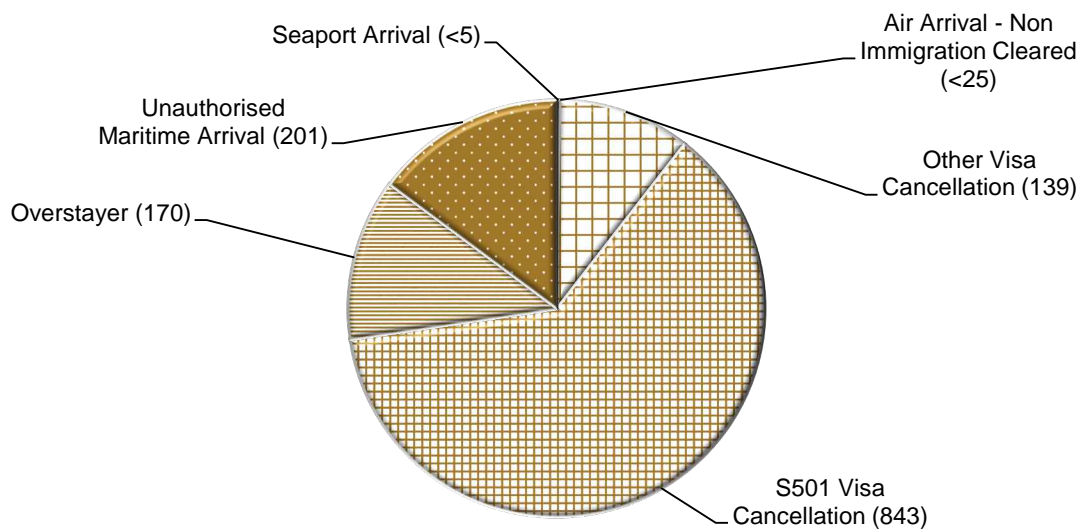


Figure 2 above, shows the number of people in held immigration detention facilities at 31 July 2022 by detention group, including Overstayers, S501 and Other Visa Cancellations, Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if applicable – Illegal Foreign Fishers and Others such as stowaways and ship deserters.

Table 4 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Detention Group at 31 July 2022

Place of immigration detention by State*	S501 Visa Cancellation	UMA	Other Detention Group	Total	Change from 30/06/22
NSW					
Villawood IDC	302	58	139	499	+ 1
APODs	11	0	7	18	+ 1
VIC					
Melbourne ITA	113	41	63	217	+ 17
APODs	0	<5	<5	<10	- <15
QLD					
Brisbane ITA	64	<10	<10	78	- 12
APODs	31	5	10	46	+ 12
SA					
Adelaide ITA	18	<5	<5	24	- 1
APODs	<5	0	0	<5	0
WA					
Yongah Hill IDC	140	63	52	255	- 13
Perth IDC	9	<5	<10	20	- 5
APODs	<10	<5	<10	16	+ 4
North West Point IDC	149	<20	<35	198	- 5
Christmas Island APODs	0	0	0	0	0
NT					
APODs	0	0	0	0	- <10
Total IDCs	600	140	232	972	- 22
Total APODs	48	11	29	88	- 1
Total ITAs	195	50	74	319	+ 4
Total IDCs/APODs/ITAs	843	201	335	1,379	- 19

* Refer to Important Notice on APODs on page 3.

Table 5 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Detention Group and Cohort at 31 July 2022

Detention Group	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from 30/06/22
S501 Visa Cancellation	809	34	0	843	- 12
Unauthorised Maritime Arrival	<200	<5	0	201	- 2
Other	<310	<30	0	335	- 5
Total	1,316	63	0	1,379	- 19

People In Immigration Detention

Nationality

At 31 July 2022, there were 1379 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 1379 people, 15.5 per cent were from New Zealand, 7.8 per cent were from Vietnam, 7.7 per cent were from Iran, 4.9 per cent were from India and 4.9 per cent were from Sudan.

Table 6 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Nationality at 31 July 2022

Nationalities	Men	Women	Children	Total
New Zealand	195	19	0	214
Vietnam	92	15	0	107
Iran	<110	<10	0	106
India	<65	<5	0	67
Sudan	<65	<5	0	67
Afghanistan	56	0	0	56
Iraq	53	0	0	53
Tonga	51	0	0	51
United Kingdom	<45	<5	0	45
Sri Lanka	<45	<5	0	43
Other	550	20	0	570
Total	1,316	63	0	1,379

At 31 July 2022, 563 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 563 people, 52.6 per cent were from Iran, 10.1 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 10.1 per cent were Stateless, 8.3 per cent were from Somalia and 3.4 per cent were from Iraq.

Table 7 – People in the Community under Residence Determination by Nationality at 31 July 2022

Nationalities	Men	Women	Children	Total
Iran	104	99	93	296
Sri Lanka	23	12	22	57
Stateless	27	13	17	57
Somalia	16	17	14	47
Iraq	16	<5	<5	19
Other	47	<20	<25	87
Total	233	161	169	563

Children In Immigration Detention

At 31 July 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

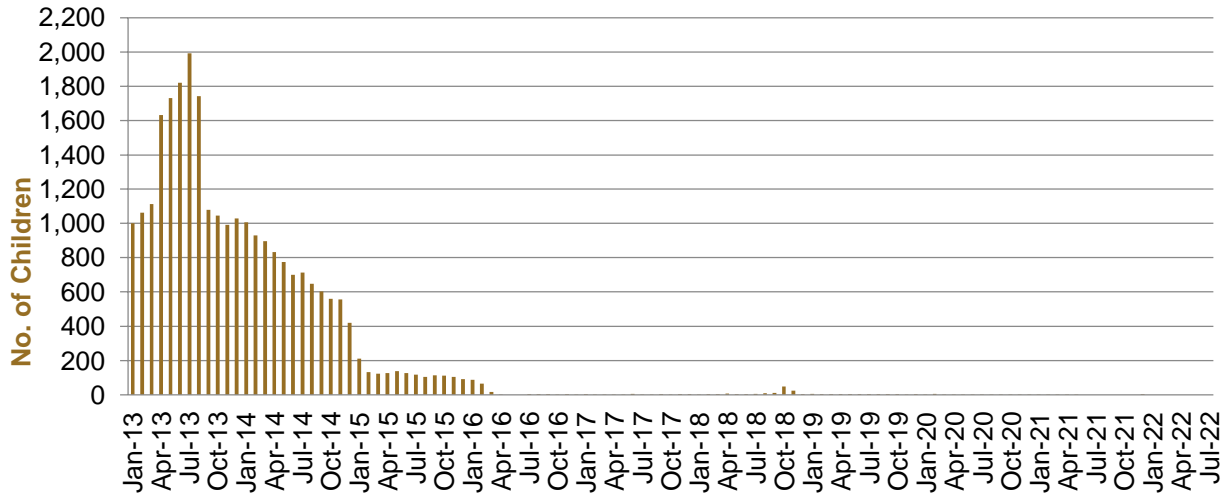


Figure 3 above, shows the number of children in IDFs and APODs from January 2013 to the date of this report. The continuous increase in the number of children in IDFs from April 2013 to Aug 2013 was due to a rapid increase in UMAs during this period. The number of children in IDFs continued to decline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

At 31 July 2022, the number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination has decreased by one to 169 from 170 compared with 170 at the end of June 2022.

Figure 4 – Children in the Community under Residence Determination

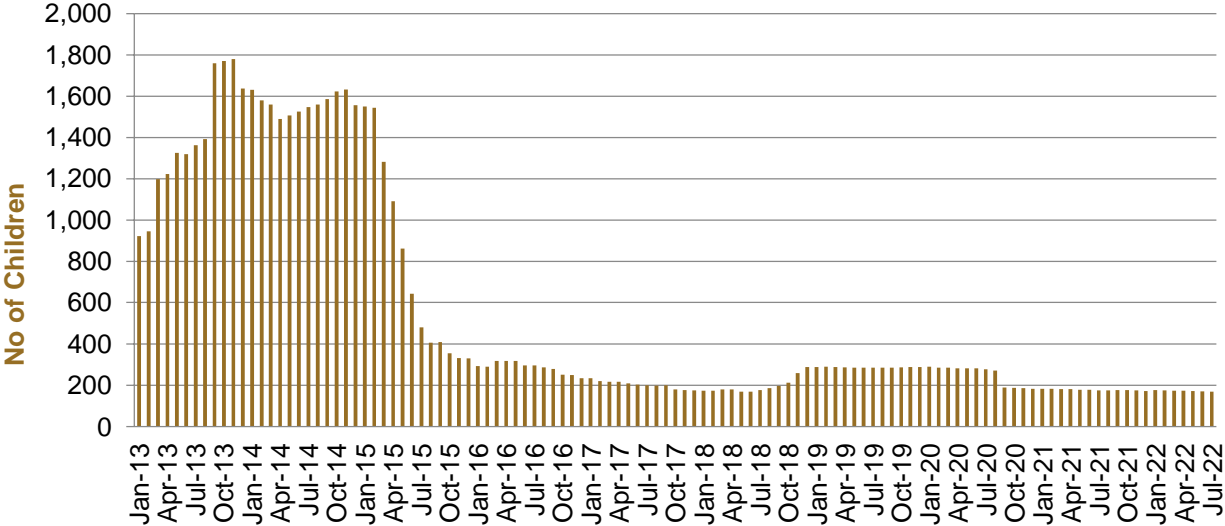


Figure 4 above, shows the number of children in the community under residence determination from January 2013 to the date of this report. The number of children in the community under residence determination, has levelled off at its lowest number since the peak in November 2013, as a result of releases 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 31 July 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	169
Total UMAs in the Community on a Bridging E visa (including in re-grant process)	1,420

Time In Immigration Detention Facilities

At 31 July 2022, there were 1379 people in immigration detention facilities.

Of these 1379 people, 16.6 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 44.0 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less.

Table 9 – Length of Time of People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities at 31 July 2022

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	22	1.6%
8 days - 31 days	55	4.0%
32 days - 91 days	152	11.0%
92 days - 182 days	164	11.9%
183 days - 365 days	214	15.5%
366 days - 547 days	154	11.2%
548 days - 730 days	107	7.8%
731 days - 1095 days	164	11.9%
1096 days - 1460 days	105	7.6%
1461 days - 1825 days	94	6.8%
Greater than 1825 days	148	10.7%
Total	1,379	100%

At 31 July 2022, the average period of time for people held in detention facilities was 761 days.

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

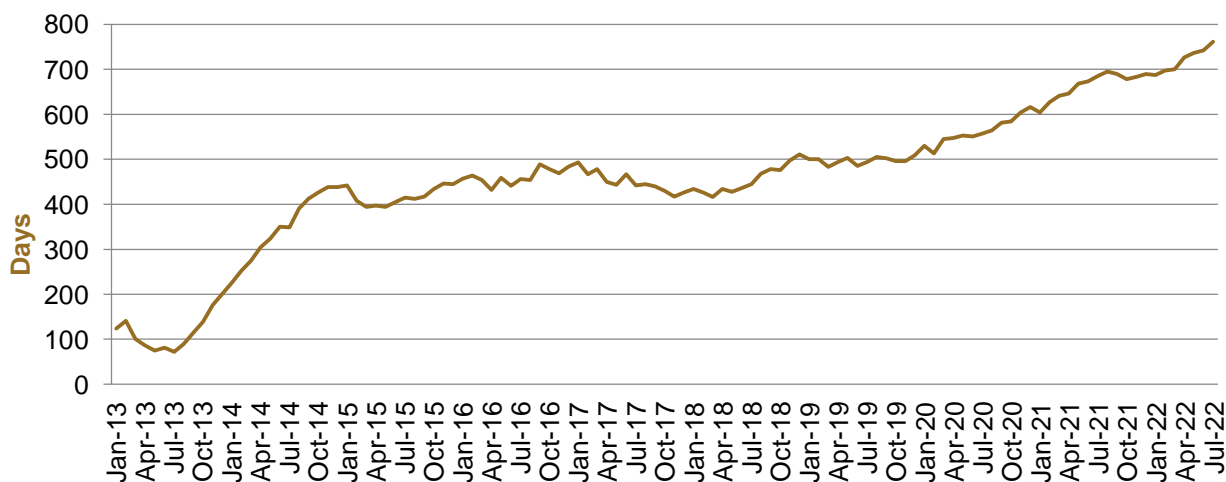


Figure 5 above, shows the average days in held immigration detention at the end of each month from January 2013 to the date of this report. The average period of time for people held in detention facilities steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015. Between November 2018 and December 2019 the 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 563 people in the community under residence determination, as at 31 July 2022, less than one per cent had been in the community for 91 days or less and less than 13 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 July 2022

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	<5	<1.0%
8 days - 31 days	0	0.0%
32 days - 91 days	<5	<1.0%
92 days - 182 days	10	1.8%
183 days - 365 days	51	9.1%
366 days - 547 days	0	0.0%
548 days - 730 days	27	4.8%
731 days - 1095 days	37	6.6%
1096 days - 1460 days	208	36.9%
1461 days - 1825 days	48	8.5%
Greater than 1825 days	178	31.6%
Total	563	100%