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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 March 2018, there were 1389 people in immigration detention facilities, including 1059 in immigration detention on the mainland and 330 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

A further 452 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 18,325 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 Facilities (IDFs), Alternative Places of Detention (APODs), Regional Processing Centres (RPCs) and the Community at 31 March 2018

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 28/02/18
Christmas Island IDC	330	0	0	330	- 3
Maribyrnong IDC	92	9	0	101	- 3
Perth IDC	26	13	0	39	+ 12
Villawood IDC	476	44	0	520	+ 26
Yongah Hill IDC	242	0	0	242	+ 22
Mainland APODs	<5	<5	<5	9	+ 3
Total IDCs/APODs	1,170	69	<5	1,241	+ 57
Adelaide ITA	17	0	0	17	- 5
Brisbane ITA	60	6	0	66	+ 3
Melbourne ITA	58	5	<5	65	- 3
Total in ITA	135	11	<5	148	- 5
Total in IDC/F	1,305	80	<5	1,389	+ 52
Total in Community under Residence Determination	133	140	179	452	+ 10
Total IMA in Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)	12,899	2,323	3,103	18,325	- 458
Republic of Nauru (RPC)	218	29	22	269	- 40
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea (RPC)	0	0	0	0	0
Total IMA in RPCs	218	29	22	269	- 40
Detention Group					
S501 Visa Cancellation	473	19	0	492	+ 4
Illegal Maritime Arrival	326	7	<5	335	- 4
Other	506	54	<5	562	+ 52
Total	1,305	80	<5	1,389	+ 52

In Community under Residence Determination Population By State/Territory

Of the 452 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 35.6 per cent were in Victoria, 27.4 per cent in Queensland, 23.7 per cent in New South Wales, 6.9 per cent in South Australia and 6.4 per cent in Western Australia.

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

State/Territory	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Victoria	51	47	36	27	161
Queensland	35	33	32	24	124
New South Wales	27	41	22	17	107
South Australia	7	10	5	9	31
Western Australia	13	9	5	<5	29
Total	133	140	100	79	452

Immigration Detention Population

From 1990 to 31 March 2018

The overall number of people in immigration detention including in the community under residence determination has decreased by 31 to 1841 compared with 1872 at the end of March 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

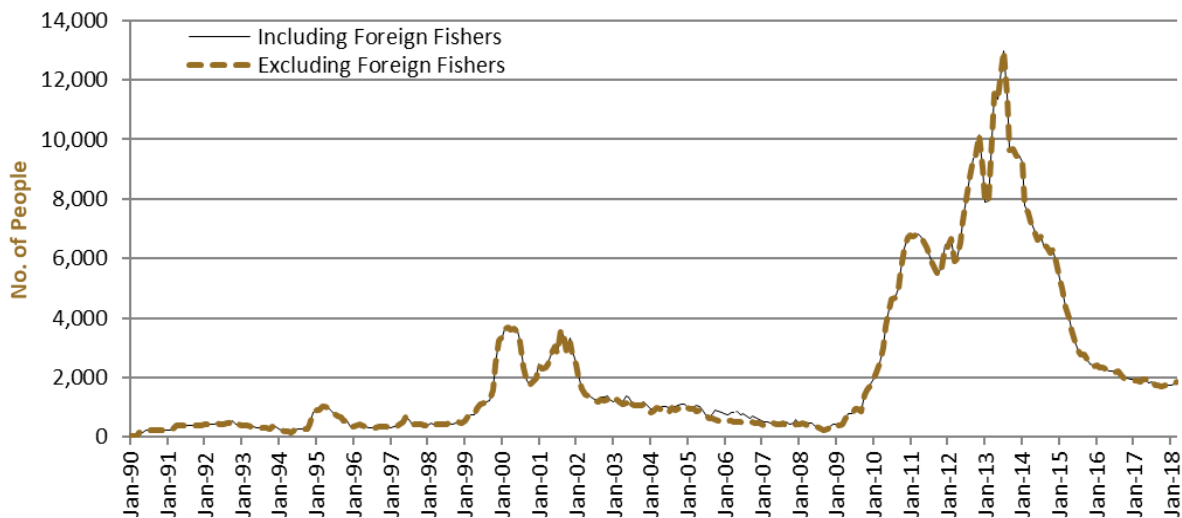


Figure 1 above, shows the number of people in immigration detention from 1990 to the date of this report. The trend had a consistent rise of people in immigration detention from January 2009 to January 2013, but has since had consistent decline.

People In Immigration Detention Facilities

Arrival Type

There were 389 people who arrived unlawfully by air or boat, in held immigration detention facilities at 31 March 2018 representing 28 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 1,000 people (72 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

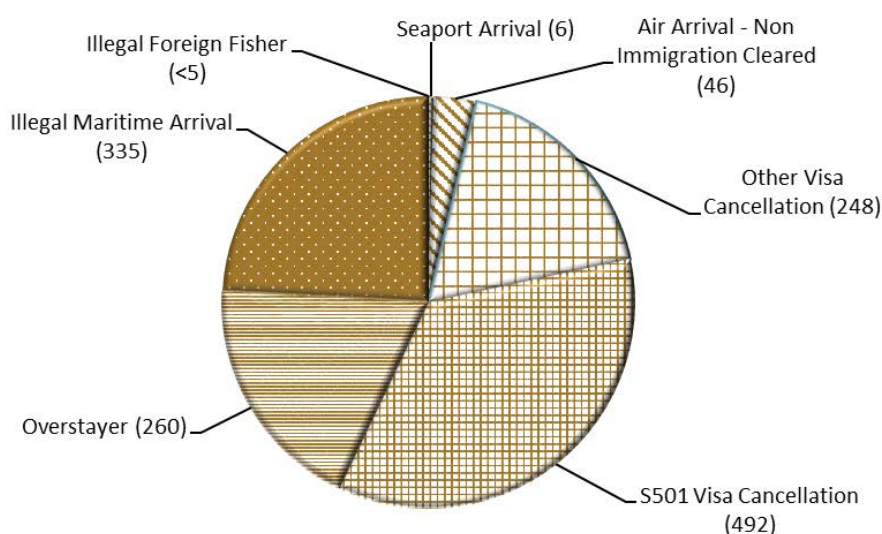


Figure 2 above, shows the number of people in held immigration detention facilities by detention group, including Overstayers, S501 and Other Visa Cancellations, Foreign Fishers, Illegal Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if applicable – Inadequately Documented Crew Members and Others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

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

Place of immigration detention	S501 Visa Cancellation	IMA	Other Detention Group	Total	Change from Previous Summary 28/02/18
Christmas Island IDC	172	92	66	330	- 3
Maribyrnong IDC	30	19	52	101	- 3
Perth IDC	13	7	19	39	+ 12
Villawood IDC	172	109	239	520	+ 26
Yongah Hill IDC	93	54	95	242	+ 22
Mainland APODs	0	6	<5	9	+ 3
Total IDCs/APODs	480	287	474	1,241	+ 57
Adelaide ITA	<5	10	5	17	- 5
Brisbane ITA	9	9	48	66	+ 3
Melbourne ITA	<5	29	35	65	- 3
Total in IRH and ITA	12	48	88	148	- 5
Total in IDC/F	492	335	562	1,389	+ 52

People In Immigration Detention

Nationality

At 31 March 2018, there were 1389 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 1389 people, 14.3 per cent were from New Zealand, 8.3 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 8.2 per cent were from Vietnam, 7.4 per cent were from Iran and 4.3 per cent were from China.

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

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
New Zealand	181	17	<5	0	199
Sri Lanka	110	<5	0	<5	115
Vietnam	99	15	0	0	114
Iran	102	<5	0	0	103
China	48	12	0	0	60
India	52	0	0	0	52
Malaysia	47	5	0	0	52
United Kingdom	50	<5	0	0	52
Iraq	42	<5	0	0	44
Afghanistan	40	0	0	0	40
Other	534	23	<5	0	558
Total	1,305	80	<5	<5	1,389

At 31 March 2018, 452 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 452 people, 53.5 per cent were from Iran, 11.5 per cent were from Stateless, 9.1 per cent were Sri Lanka, 3.1 per cent were from Iraq and 2.4 per cent were from Somalia.

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

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	73	84	47	38	242
Stateless	17	12	10	13	52
Sri Lanka	11	10	15	5	41
Iraq	6	5	<5	<5	14
Somalia	<5	8	0	<5	11
Other	24	21	27	20	92
Total	133	140	100	79	452

Children In Immigration Detention

At 31 March 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

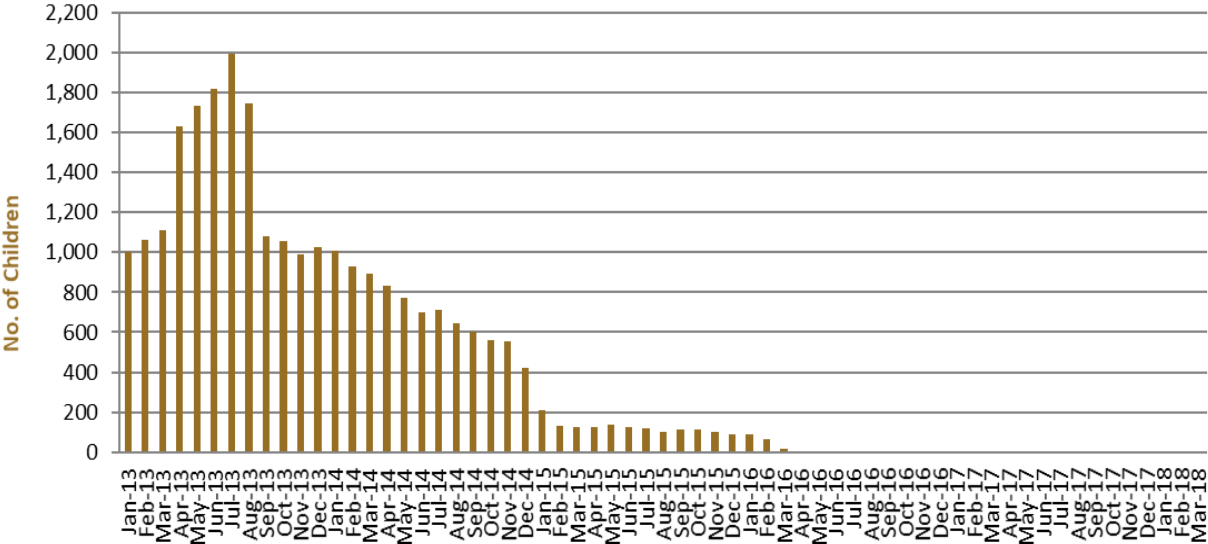


Figure 3 above, shows the number of children in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention from January 2013 to the date of this report. The continuous increase in the number of children in detention facilities from April 2013 to Aug 2013 was due to a rapid increase in illegal 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 March 2018, the number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination increased by six to 179 from 173 in the previous report.

Figure 4 – Children in the Community under Residence Determination

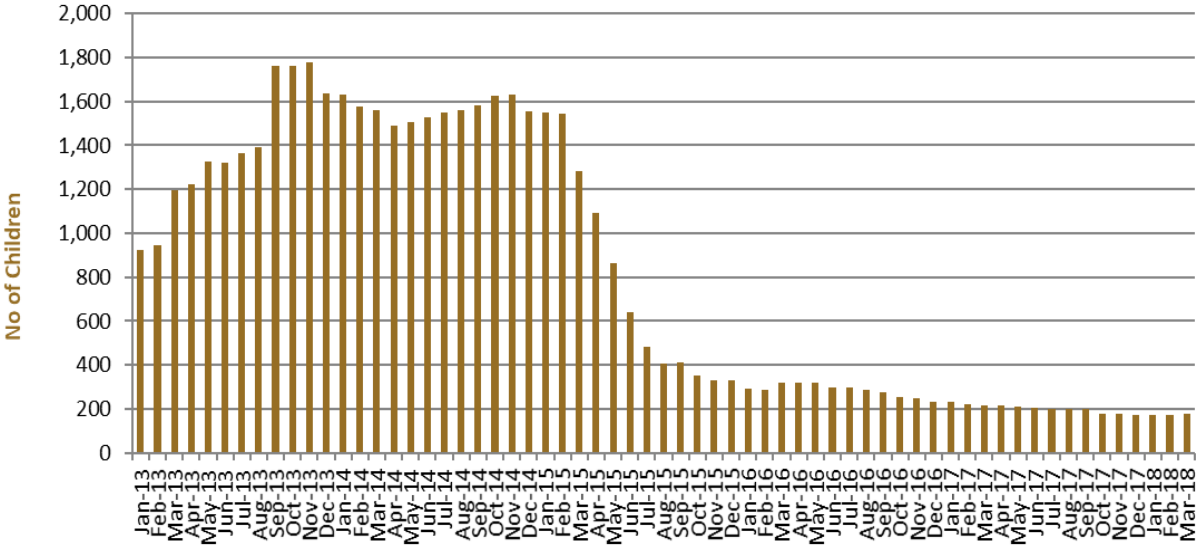


Figure 4 above, shows the number of children in the community under residence determination from January 2012 to the date of this report. The number of children in the community under residence determination, has levelled off at its lowest number since the peak in November 2013, as a result of releases 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 March 2018

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	0
Immigration Transit Accommodation	<5
Alternative Places of Detention	<5
Total Children in Immigration Detention Facilities	<5
Total Children in the Community under a Residence Determination	179
Total IMA Children in the Community on a Bridging E visa (including in re-grant process)	3,103

Time In Immigration Detention Facilities

At 31 March 2018, there were 1389 people in immigration detention facilities. Of these 1389 people, 36.6 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 67.8 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less.

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

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	81	5.8%
8 days - 31 days	181	13.0%
32 days - 91 days	247	17.8%
92 days - 182 days	218	15.7%
183 days - 365 days	215	15.5%
366 days - 547 days	111	8.0%
548 days - 730 days	73	5.3%
Greater than 730 days	263	18.9%
Total	1,389	100%

At 31 March 2018, the average period of time for people held in detention facilities was 416 days.

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

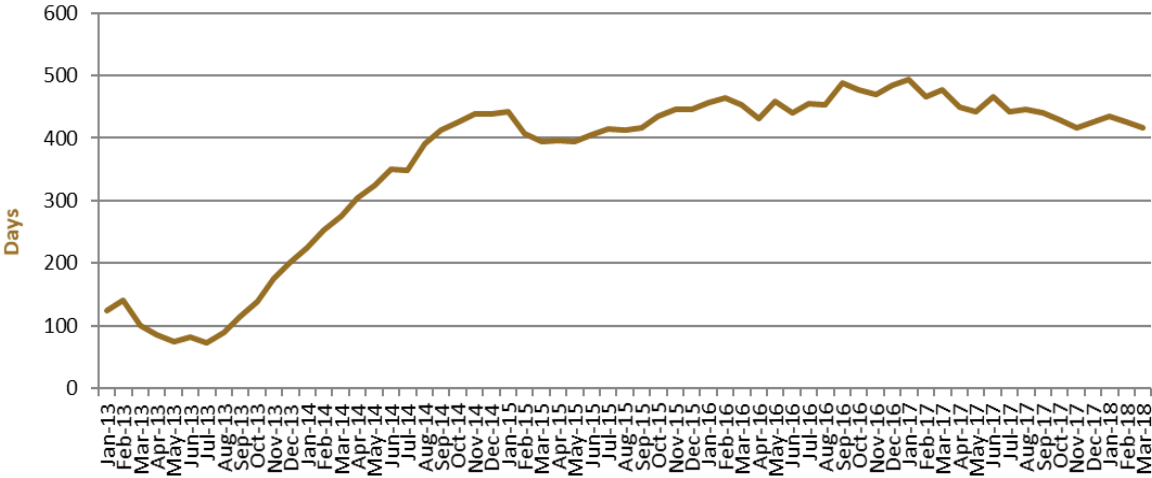


Figure 5 above, shows the average days in held immigration detention at the end of each month from January 2013 to the date of this report. The average period of time for people held in detention facilities steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015.

Time In Community Under Residence Determination

Of the 452 people in the community under residence determination, as at 31 March 2018, 6.2 per cent had been in the community for 91 days or less and 19 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 March 2018

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	13	2.9%
8 days - 31 days	0	0.0%
32 days - 91 days	15	3.3%
92 days - 182 days	20	4.4%
183 days - 365 days	38	8.4%
366 days - 547 days	43	9.5%
548 days - 730 days	52	11.5%
Greater than 730 days	271	60.0%
Total	452	100%