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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:

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-statistics/statistics/visa-statistics/live/immigration-detention>

Enquiries

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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 <i>Migration Act 1958</i> (the Migration Act)
S501 Visa Cancellation	Visa cancellations based on character or related grounds

Immigration Detention And Community Statistics Summary

At 31 March 2020, there were 1373 people in immigration detention facilities, including 1369 in immigration detention on the mainland and less than 5 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

A further 845 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 12,742 IMAs 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 2020

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 29/02/20
Perth IDC	16	7	0	23	- 4
Villawood IDC	400	27	0	427	- 9
Yongah Hill IDC	342	0	0	342	- 36
Christmas Island APODs	<5	<5	<5	<5	0
Mainland APODs	9	7	0	16	- 2
Total IDCs/APODs	768	42	<5	812	- 51
Adelaide ITA	23	0	0	23	- 6
Brisbane ITA	204	<5	0	205	- 2
Melbourne ITA	318	15	0	333	- 8
Total in IRH and ITA	545	16	0	561	- 16
Total in IDC/F	1,313	58	<5	1,373	- 67
Total in Community under Residence Determination	301	260	284	845	- 1
Total IMAs in Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)	9,242	1,513	1,987	12,742	- 131
Total RPCs	0	0	0	0	0
Detention Group					
S501 Visa Cancellation	596	27	0	623	+ 5
Illegal Maritime Arrival	495	15	<5	512	- 8
Other	222	16	0	238	- 64
Total	1,313	58	<5	1,373	- 67

In Community under Residence Determination Population By State/Territory

Of the 845 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 35.7 per cent were in Queensland, 31.4 per cent in Victoria, 19.4 per cent in New South Wales, 9.8 per cent in South Australia, 3.7 per cent in Western Australia.

Table 3 – People in the Community under Residence Determination by State/Territory at 31 March 2020

State/Territory	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Queensland	112	88	55	47	302
Victoria	92	78	54	41	265
New South Wales	56	63	26	19	164
South Australia	27	23	15	18	83
Western Australia	14	8	<5	5	31
Total	301	260	154	130	845

Immigration Detention Population

From January 1990 to Current

The overall number of people in immigration detention including in the community under residence determination has increased by 170 to 2218 compared with 2048 at the end of March 2019. This number takes into account releases of detainees into the community under residence determination and detainees who were held in immigration detention facilities as at 31 March 2020.

Figure 1 – Population in Immigration Detention

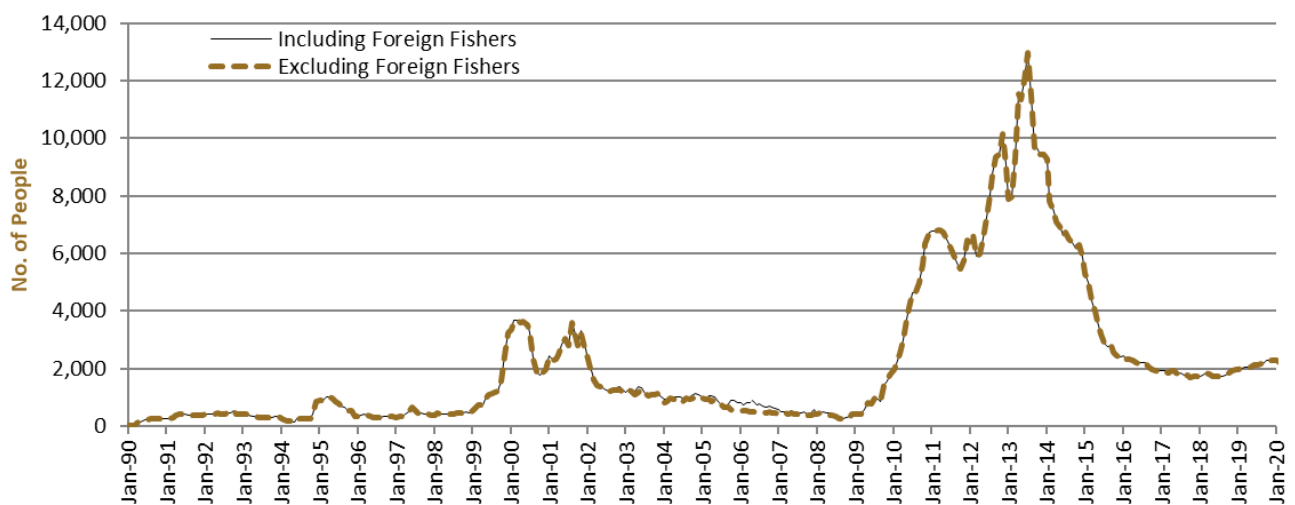


Figure 2 above, shows the number of people in immigration detention from 1990 to the date of this report.

People In Immigration Detention Facilities

Arrival Type

There were 542 people who arrived unlawfully by air or boat, in held immigration detention facilities at 31 March 2020 representing 39.5 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 831 people (60.5 per cent of the total immigration population) who were 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

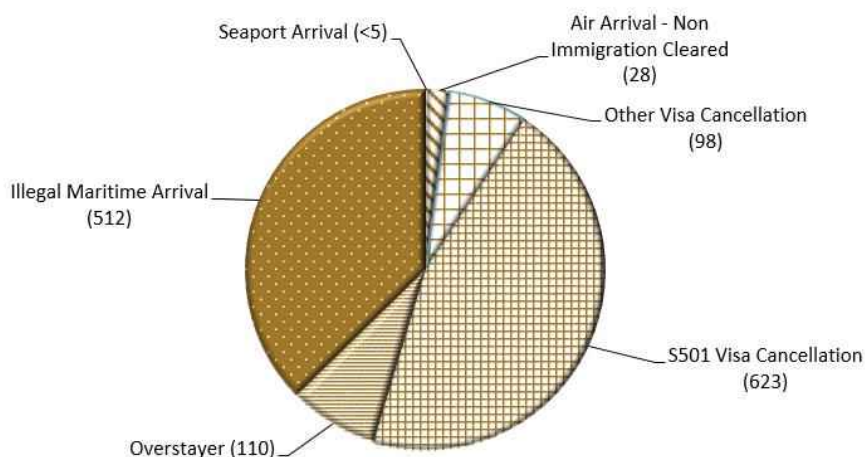


Figure 2 above, shows the number of people in held immigration detention facilities by detention group, including Overstayers, S501 and Other Visa Cancellations, Illegal Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if applicable – Inadequately Documented Crew Members and Others such as stowaways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

Table 4 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Detention Group at 31 March 2020

Place of immigration detention	S501 Visa Cancellation	IMA	Other Detention Group	Total	Change from Previous Summary 29/02/20
Perth IDC	11	7	5	23	- 4
Villawood IDC	255	80	92	427	- 9
Yongah Hill IDC	204	84	54	342	- 36
Christmas Island APODs	0	<5	0	<5	0
Mainland APODs	0	15	<5	16	- 2
Total IDCs/APODs	470	190	152	812	- 51
Adelaide ITA	5	13	5	23	- 6
Brisbane ITA	55	131	19	205	- 2
Melbourne ITA	93	178	62	333	- 8
Total in IRH and ITA	153	322	86	561	- 16
Total in IDC/F	623	512	238	1,373	- 67

People In Immigration Detention

Nationality

At 31 March 2020, there were 1373 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 1373 people, 15.9 per cent were from Iran, 11.6 per cent were from New Zealand, 6.5 per cent were from Sudan, 5.8 per cent were from Sri Lanka and 5.6 per cent were from Iraq.

Table 5 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Nationality at 31 March 2020

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	206	12	0	0	218
New Zealand	146	13	0	0	159
Sudan	87	<5	0	0	89
Sri Lanka	73	5	0	<5	80
Iraq	77	0	0	0	77
United Kingdom	59	5	0	0	64
Vietnam	56	6	0	0	62
Afghanistan	56	0	0	0	56
India	49	0	0	0	49
Stateless	46	0	0	0	46
Other	458	15	0	0	473
Total	1,313	58	0	<5	1,373

At 31 March 2020, 845 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 845 people, 51.1 per cent were from Iran, 12.7 per cent were from Stateless, 10.9 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 8.3 per cent were from Somalia and 3.6 per cent were from Iraq.

Table 6 – People in the Community under Residence Determination by Nationality at 31 March 2020

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	145	149	76	62	432
Stateless	39	29	16	23	107
Sri Lanka	33	21	20	18	92
Somalia	20	28	13	9	70
Iraq	21	<5	<5	<5	30
Other	43	29	26	16	114
Total	301	260	154	130	845

Children In Immigration Detention

At 31 March 2020 there were less than 5 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

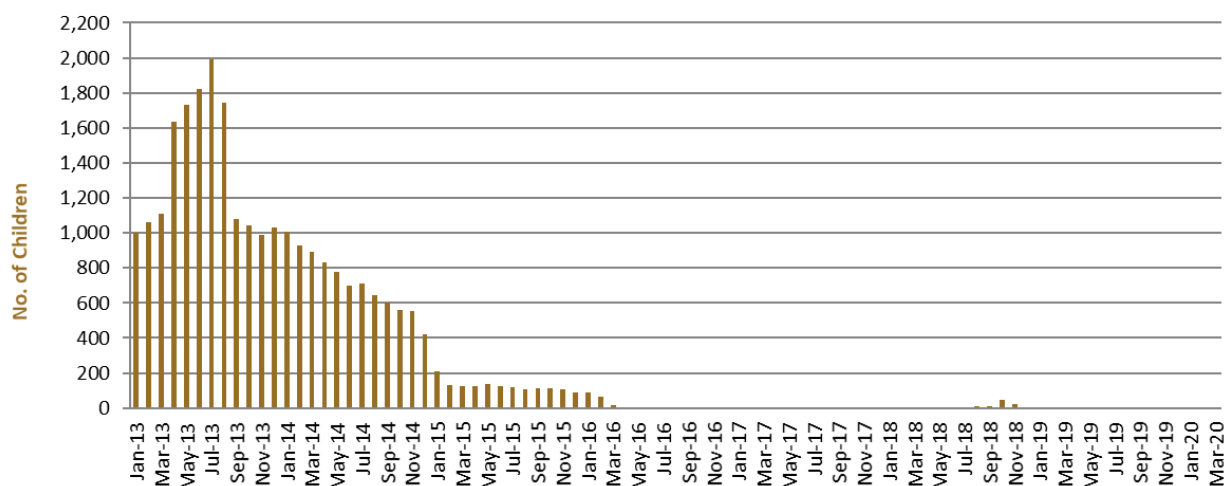


Figure 3 above, shows the number of children in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention from January 2013 to the date of this report. The continuous increase in the number of children in detention facilities from April 2013 to Aug 2013 was due to a rapid increase in illegal maritime arrivals during this period. The number of children in immigration detention facilities decreased 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. The increase in the number of children in alternative places of detention from August 2018 was following transfers from Nauru to Australia (with family members).

At 31 March 2020, the number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination remained the same at 284 as the previous report.

Figure 4 – Children in the Community under Residence Determination

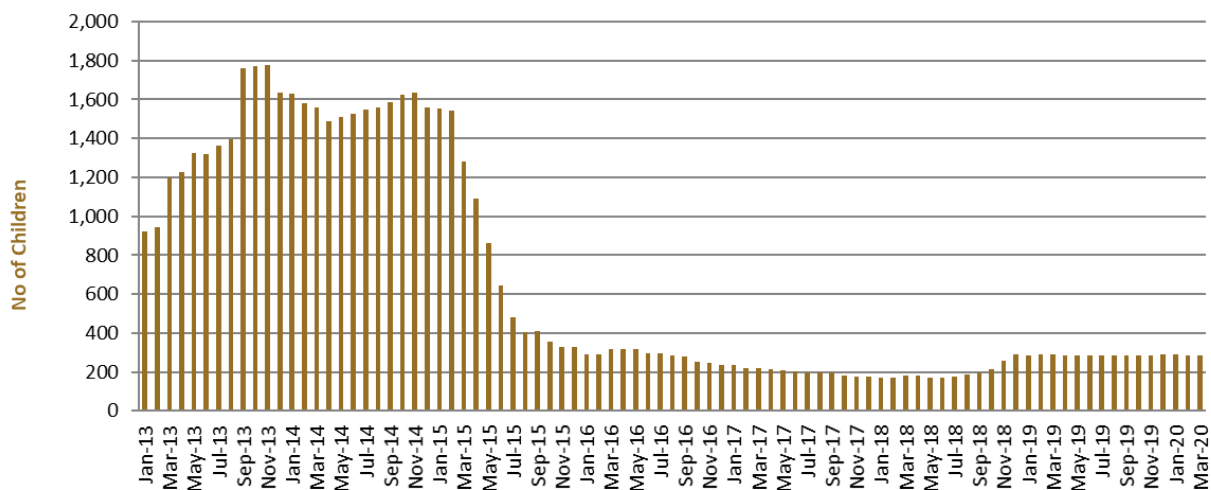


Figure 4 above, shows the number of children in the community under residence determination from January 2012 to the date of this report. The number of children in the community under residence determination, has levelled off at its lowest number since the peak in November 2013, as a result of releases 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 2020

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	0
Immigration Transit Accommodation	0
Alternative Places of Detention	<5
Total Facility	<5
Total in the Community under a Residence Determination	284
Total IMAs in the Community on a Bridging E visa (including in re-grant process)	1,987

Time In Immigration Detention Facilities

At 31 March 2020, there were 1373 people in immigration detention facilities.

Of these 1375 people, 18.1 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 58.5 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 2020

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	16	1.2%
8 days - 31 days	65	4.7%
32 days - 91 days	168	12.2%
92 days - 182 days	234	17.0%
183 days - 365 days	320	23.3%
366 days - 547 days	116	8.4%
548 days - 730 days	114	8.3%
Greater than 730 days	340	24.8%
Total	1,373	100%

At 31 March 2020, the average period of time for people held in detention facilities was 545 days.

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

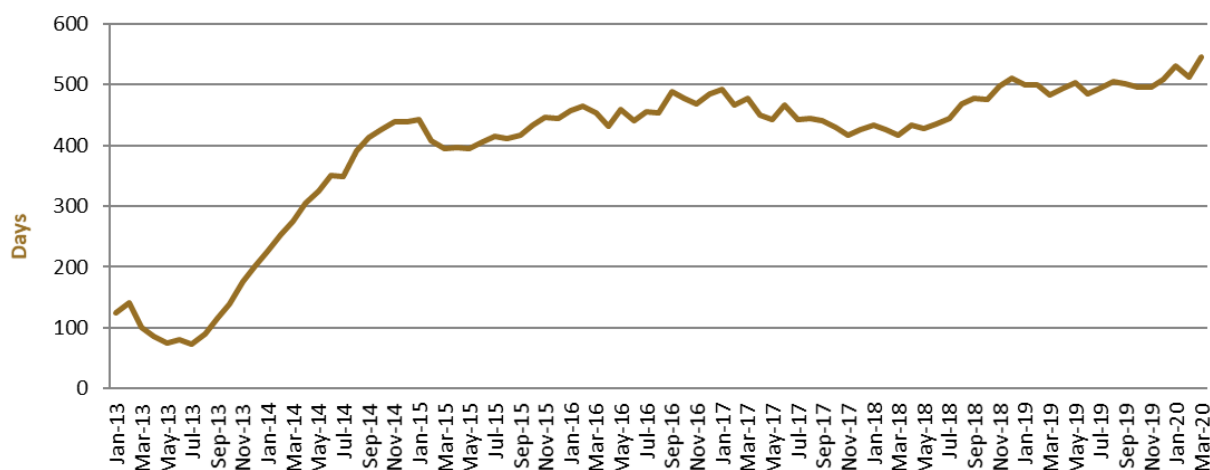


Figure 5 above, shows the average days in held immigration detention at the end of each month from January 2013 to the date of this report. The average period of time for people held in detention facilities steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015. Since November 2018 the average number of days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

Time In Community Under Residence Determination

Of the 845 people in the community under residence determination, as at 31 March 2020, 1.2 per cent had been in the community for 91 days or less and 17.2 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 2020

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	<5	0.2%
8 days - 31 days	<5	0.1%
32 days - 91 days	7	0.8%
92 days - 182 days	23	2.7%
183 days - 365 days	112	13.3%
366 days - 547 days	280	33.1%
548 days - 730 days	96	11.4%
Greater than 730 days	324	38.3%
Total	845	100%