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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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<http://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/about/immigration-detention-in-australia>

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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 May 2018, there were 1344 people in immigration detention facilities, including 1070 in immigration detention on the mainland and 274 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

A further 368 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 17,668 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 May 2018

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 26/04/18
Christmas Island IDC	274	0	0	274	- 30
Maribyrnong IDC	94	5	0	99	- 7
Perth IDC	22	9	0	31	- 2
Villawood IDC	423	49	0	472	- 9
Yongah Hill IDC	275	0	0	275	+ 11
Mainland APODs	6	<5	<5	11	- 3
Total IDCs/APODs	1,094	66	<5	1,162	- 40
Adelaide ITA	26	<5	0	28	+ 11
Brisbane ITA	63	10	0	73	+ 12
Melbourne ITA	73	6	<5	81	- 8
Total in ITA	162	18	<5	182	+ 15
Total in IDC/F	1,256	84	<5	1,344	- 25
Total in Community under Residence Determination	97	103	168	368	- 89
Total IMA in Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)	12,474	2,238	2,956	17,668	- 359
Republic of Nauru (RPC)	194	29	22	245	- 10
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea (RPC)	0	0	0	0	0
Total IMA in RPCs	194	29	22	245	- 10
Detention Group					
S501 Visa Cancellation	438	20	0	458	- 13
Illegal Maritime Arrival	319	9	<5	330	- 19
Other	499	55	<5	556	+ 7
Total	1,256	84	<5	1,344	- 25

In Community under Residence Determination Population By State/Territory

Of the 368 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 35.6 per cent were in Victoria, 27.2 per cent in Queensland, 24.2 per cent in New South Wales, 7.9 per cent in South Australia and 5.2 per cent in Western Australia.

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

State/Territory	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Victoria	37	34	35	25	131
Queensland	25	26	29	20	100
New South Wales	20	30	22	17	89
South Australia	6	9	5	9	29
Western Australia	9	<5	<5	<5	19
Total	97	103	95	73	368

Immigration Detention Population

From 1990 to 31 May 2018

The overall number of people in immigration detention including in the community under residence determination has decreased by 230 to 1712 compared with 1942 at the end of May 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

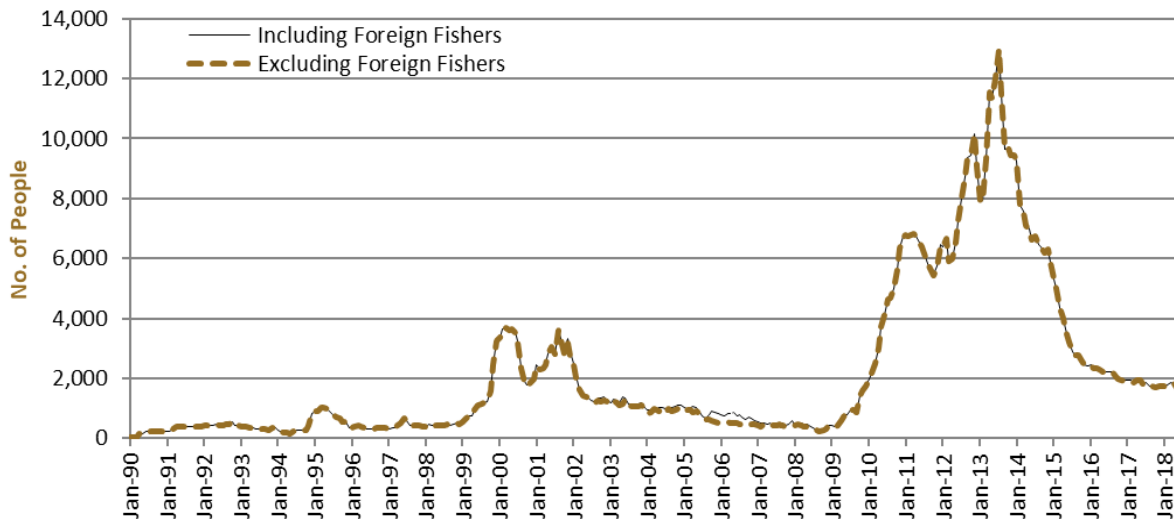


Figure 1 above, shows the number of people in immigration detention from 1990 to the date of this report. The trend had a consistent rise of people in immigration detention from January 2009 to January 2013, but has since had consistent decline.

People In Immigration Detention Facilities

Arrival Type

There were 382 people who arrived unlawfully by air or boat, in held immigration detention facilities at 31 May 2018 representing 28.4 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 962 people (71.6 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

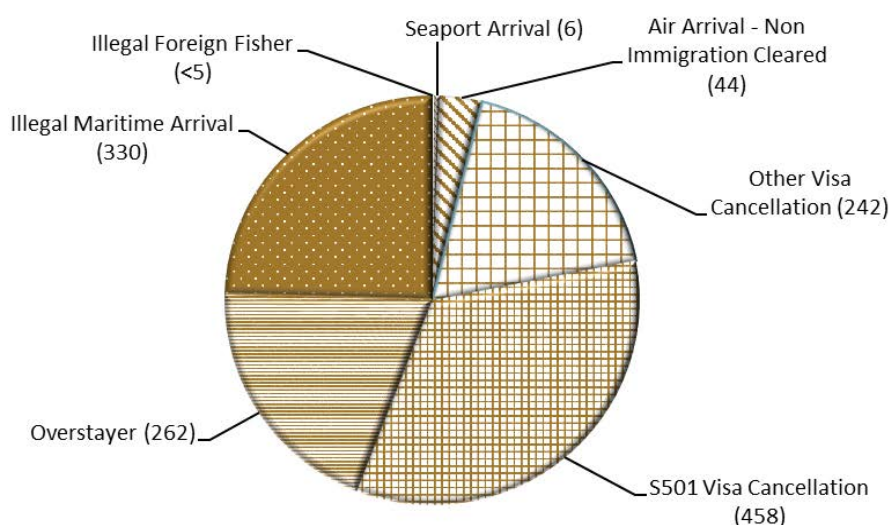


Figure 2 above, shows the number of people in held immigration detention facilities by detention group, including Overstayers, S501 and Other Visa Cancellations, Foreign Fishers, Illegal Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if applicable – Inadequately Documented Crew Members and Others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

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

Place of immigration detention	S501 Visa Cancellation	IMA	Other Detention Group	Total	Change from Previous Summary 26/04/18
Christmas Island IDC	139	83	52	274	- 30
Maribyrnong IDC	34	16	49	99	- 7
Perth IDC	11	5	15	31	- 2
Villawood IDC	153	97	222	472	- 9
Yongah Hill IDC	109	60	106	275	+ 11
Mainland APODs	0	6	5	11	- 3
Total IDCs/APODs	446	267	449	1,162	- 40
Adelaide ITA	5	14	9	58	+ 11
Brisbane ITA	5	13	55	73	+ 12
Melbourne ITA	<5	36	43	81	- 8
Total in IRH and ITA	12	63	107	182	+ 15
Total in IDC/F	458	330	556	1,344	- 25

People In Immigration Detention

Nationality

At 31 May 2018, there were 1344 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 1344 people, 12.9 per cent were from New Zealand, 7.8 per cent were from Iran, 7.8 per cent were from Vietnam, 7.7 per cent were from Sri Lanka and 4.8 per cent were from United Kingdom.

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

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
New Zealand	155	17	<5	0	173
Iran	104	<5	0	0	105
Vietnam	95	10	0	0	105
Sri Lanka	98	<5	0	<5	104
United Kingdom	62	<5	0	0	65
China	44	15	0	0	59
India	51	<5	0	0	53
Malaysia	50	<5	0	0	51
Iraq	42	<5	0	0	44
Sudan	43	<5	0	0	44
Other	512	28	<5	0	541
Total	1,256	84	<5	<5	1,344

At 31 May 2018, 368 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 368 people, 54.6 per cent were from Iran, 12.2 per cent were Stateless, 10.1 per cent were Sri Lanka, 3.5 per cent were from Somalia and 3 per cent were from Afghanistan.

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

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	54	59	48	40	201
Stateless	13	10	9	13	45
Sri Lanka	10	9	14	4	37
Somalia	<5	6	<5	<5	13
Afghanistan	<5	<5	<5	<5	11
Other	14	16	19	12	61
Total	97	103	95	73	368

Children In Immigration Detention

At 31 May 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

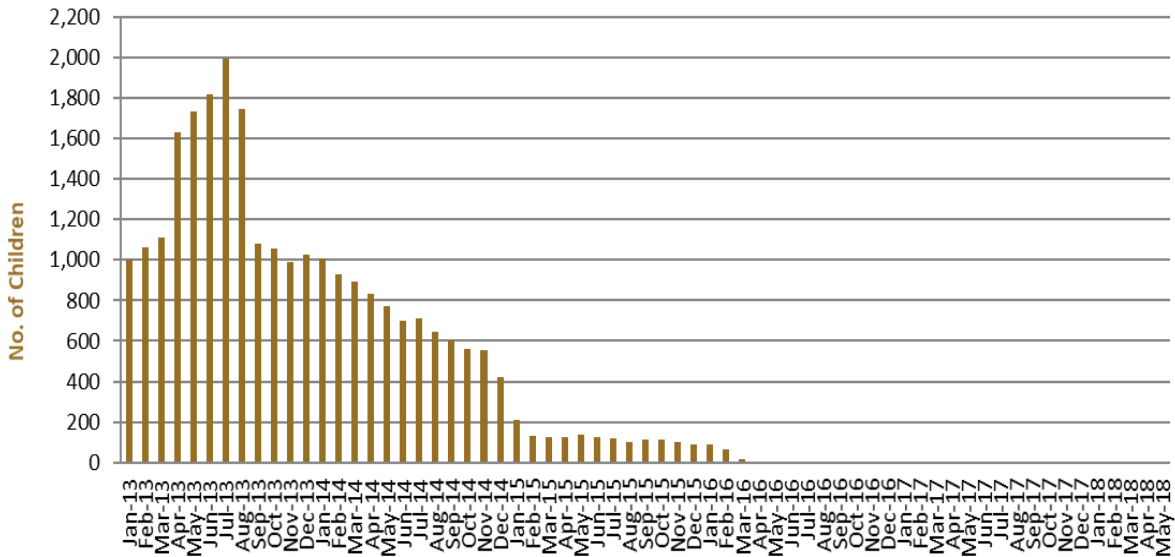


Figure 3 above, shows the number of children in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention from January 2013 to the date of this report. The continuous increase in the number of children in detention facilities from April 2013 to August 2013 was due to a rapid increase in illegal 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 May 2018, the number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination decreased by 12 to 168 from 180 in the previous report.

Figure 4 – Children in the Community under Residence Determination

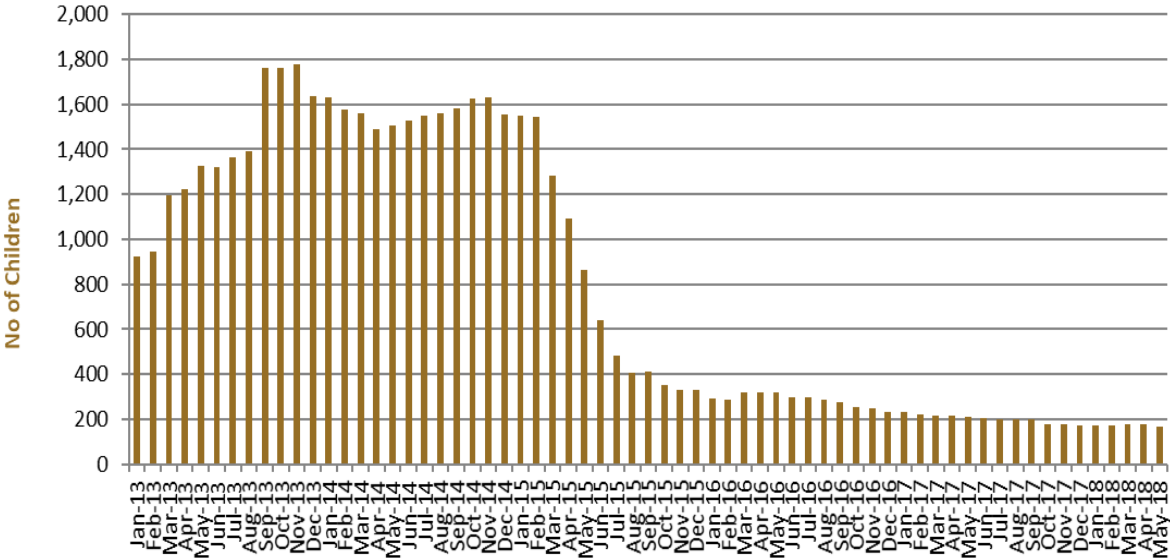


Figure 4 above, shows the number of children in the community under residence determination from January 2012 to the date of this report. The number of children in the community under residence determination, has levelled off at its lowest number since the peak in November 2013, as a result of releases 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 May 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	168
Total IMA Children in the Community on a Bridging E visa (including in re-grant process)	2,956

Time In Immigration Detention Facilities

At 31 May 2018, there were 1344 people in immigration detention facilities. Of these 1344 people, 34.3 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 66.4 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less.

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

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	84	6.3%
8 days - 31 days	179	13.3%
32 days - 91 days	198	14.7%
92 days - 182 days	198	14.7%
183 days - 365 days	233	17.3%
366 days - 547 days	128	9.5%
548 days - 730 days	69	5.1%
Greater than 730 days	255	19.0%
Total	1,344	100%

At 31 May 2018, the average period of time for people held in detention facilities was 428 days.

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

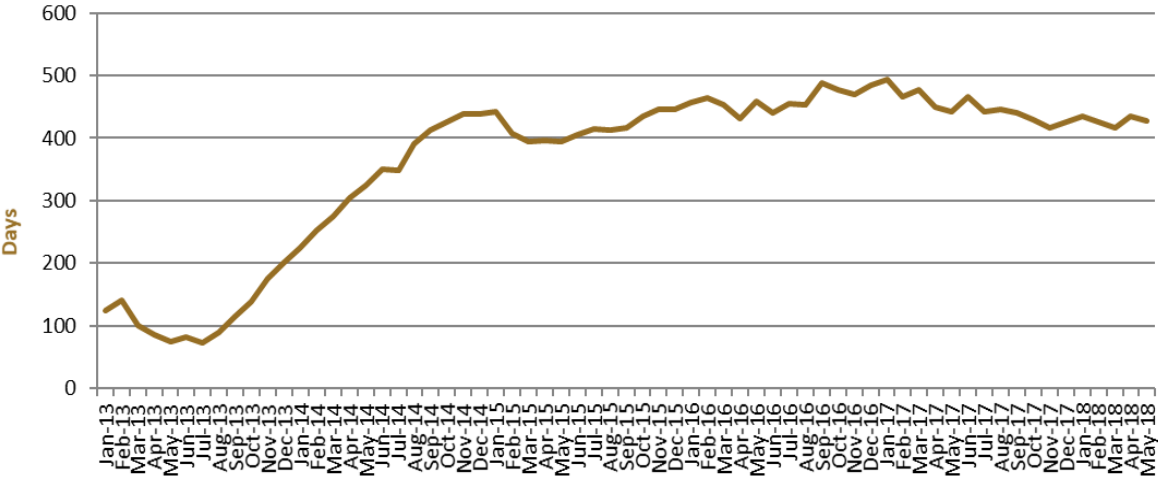


Figure 5 above, shows the average days in held immigration detention at the end of each month from January 2013 to the date of this report. The average period of time for people held in detention facilities steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015.

Time In Community Under Residence Determination

Of the 368 people in the community under residence determination, as at 31 May 2018, 6.5 per cent had been in the community for 91 days or less and 18.5 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 May 2018

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	10	2.7%
8 days - 31 days	5	1.4%
32 days - 91 days	9	2.4%
92 days - 182 days	17	4.6%
183 days - 365 days	27	7.3%
366 days - 547 days	32	8.7%
548 days - 730 days	20	5.4%
Greater than 730 days	248	67.4%
Total	368	100%