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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 May 2019, there were 1270 people in immigration detention facilities.

A further 782 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 14,628 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 2019

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 30/04/19
Perth IDC	12	<5	0	15	- 11
Villawood IDC	451	33	0	484	- 18
Yongah Hill IDC	327	0	0	327	+ 17
Mainland APODs	12	13	<5	27	- 1
Total IDCs/APODs	802	49	<5	853	- 13
Adelaide ITA	24	<5	0	27	- 3
Brisbane ITA	141	18	0	159	+ 4
Melbourne ITA	218	12	<5	231	- 5
Total in ITA	383	33	<5	417	- 4
Total in IDC/F	1,185	82	<5	1,270	- 17
Total in Community under Residence Determination	264	233	285	782	+ 20
Total IMA in Community on Bridging E Visa (Including people in a re-grant process)	10,589	1,749	2,290	14,628	- 196
Republic of Nauru (RPC)	0	0	0	0	0
Detention Group					
S501 Visa Cancellation	343	16	0	359	0
Illegal Maritime Arrival	341	35	<5	378	- 5
Other	501	31	<5	533	- 12
Total	1,185	82	<5	1,270	- 17

In Community under Residence Determination Population By State/Territory

Of the 782 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 36.4 per cent were in Queensland, 30.2 per cent in Victoria, 18.3 per cent in New South Wales, 11.4 per cent in South Australia and 3.7 per cent in Western Australia.

Table 3 – People in the Community under Residence Determination by State/Territory at 31 May 2019

State/Territory	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Queensland	103	82	56	44	285
Victoria	79	65	52	40	236
New South Wales	45	53	27	18	143
South Australia	24	25	19	21	89
Western Australia	13	8	<5	<5	29
Total	264	233	158	127	782

Immigration Detention Population

From January 1990 to 31 May 2019

The overall number of people in immigration detention including in the community under residence determination has increased by 340 to 2052 compared with 1712 at the end of May 2018. 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 May 2019.

Figure 1 – Population in Immigration Detention

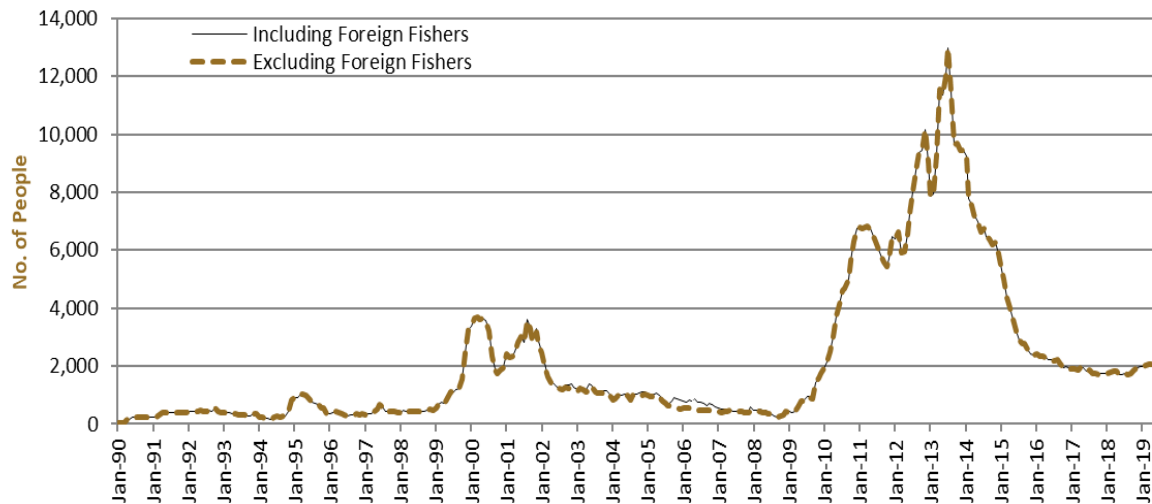


Figure 1 above, shows the number of people in immigration detention from 1990 to the date of this report. The trend had a consistent rise of people in immigration detention from January 2009 to January 2013, but has since had consistent decline.

People In Immigration Detention Facilities

Arrival Type

There were 429 people who arrived unlawfully by air or boat, in held immigration detention facilities at 31 May 2019 representing 33.8 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 841 people (66.2 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

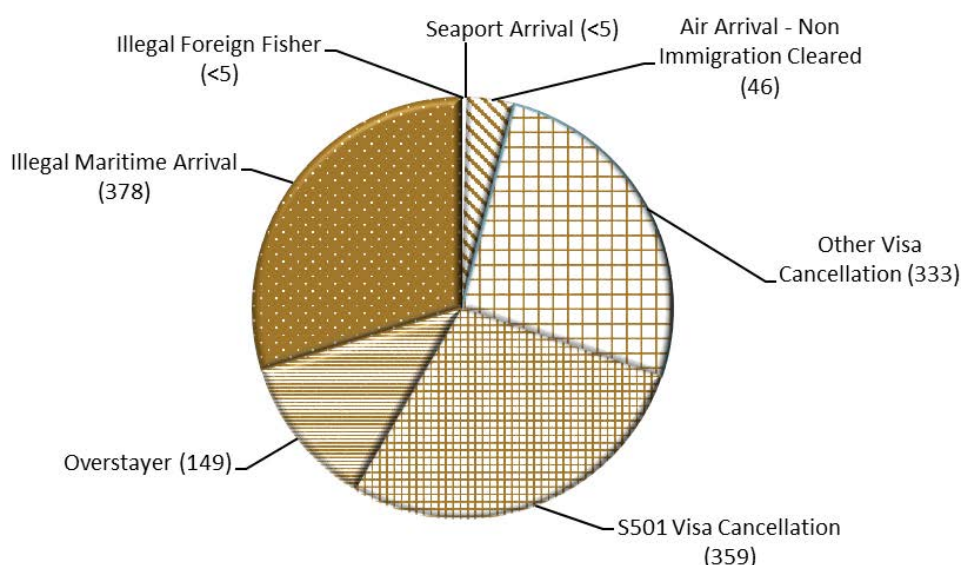


Figure 2 above, shows the number of people in held immigration detention facilities by detention group, including Overstayers, S501 and Other Visa Cancellations, Illegal Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if applicable – Inadequately Documented Crew Members and Others such as stowaways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

Table 4 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Detention Group at 31 May 2019

Place of immigration detention	S501 Visa Cancellation	IMA	Other Detention Group	Total	Change from Previous Summary 30/04/19
Perth IDC	6	<5	7	15	- 11
Villawood IDC	146	101	237	484	- 18
Yongah Hill IDC	138	88	101	327	+ 17
Mainland APODs	0	21	6	27	- 1
Total IDCs/APODs	290	212	351	853	- 13
Adelaide ITA	<5	13	11	27	- 3
Brisbane ITA	18	85	56	159	+ 4
Melbourne ITA	48	68	115	231	- 5
Total in IRH and ITA	69	166	182	417	- 4
Total in IDC/F	359	378	533	1,270	- 17

People In Immigration Detention

Nationality

At 31 May 2019, there were 1270 people in held immigration detention facilities.

Of these 1270 people, 11.3 per cent were from Iran, 11.2 per cent were from New Zealand, 7.7 per cent were from Vietnam, 5.9 per cent were from Sri Lanka and 4.6 per cent were from India.

Table 5 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Nationality at 31 May 2019

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	125	18	0	0	143
New Zealand	129	13	0	0	142
Vietnam	91	7	0	0	98
Sri Lanka	71	<5	0	<5	75
India	59	0	0	0	59
Afghanistan	58	0	0	0	58
Stateless	46	9	0	0	55
Sudan	52	<5	0	0	54
Iraq	50	<5	0	0	51
United Kingdom	48	<5	0	0	51
Other	456	27	<5	0	484
Total	1,185	82	<5	<5	1,270

At 31 May 2019, 782 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 782 people, 53.6 per cent were from Iran, 11.6 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 11.3 per cent were Stateless, 7.5 per cent were from Somalia and 2.7 per cent were from Iraq.

Table 6 – People in the Community under Residence Determination by Nationality at 31 May 2019

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	138	137	80	64	419
Sri Lanka	31	21	22	17	91
Stateless	30	21	15	22	88
Somalia	19	24	11	5	59
Iraq	13	<5	<5	<5	21
Other	33	27	27	17	104
Total	264	233	158	127	782

Children In Immigration Detention

At 31 May 2019 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

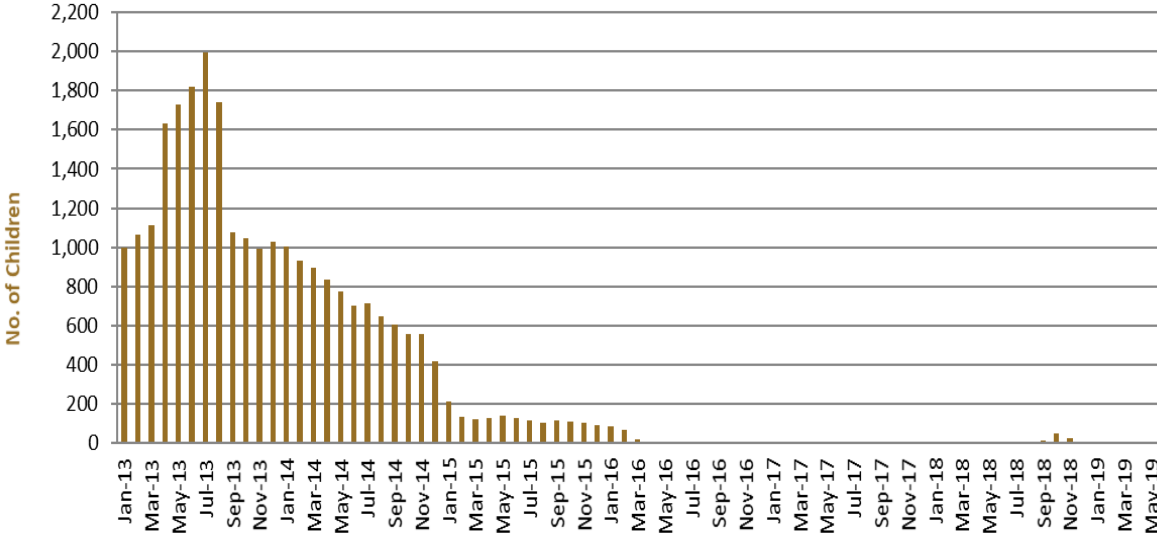


Figure 3 above, shows the number of children in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention from January 2013 to the date of this report. The continuous increase in the number of children in detention facilities from April 2013 to August 2013 was due to a rapid increase in illegal 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. The increase in the number of children in alternative places of detention from August 2018 were following transfers from Nauru to Australia (with family members).

At 31 May 2019, the number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination decreased by one to 285 from 286 in the previous report.

Figure 4 – Children in the Community under Residence Determination

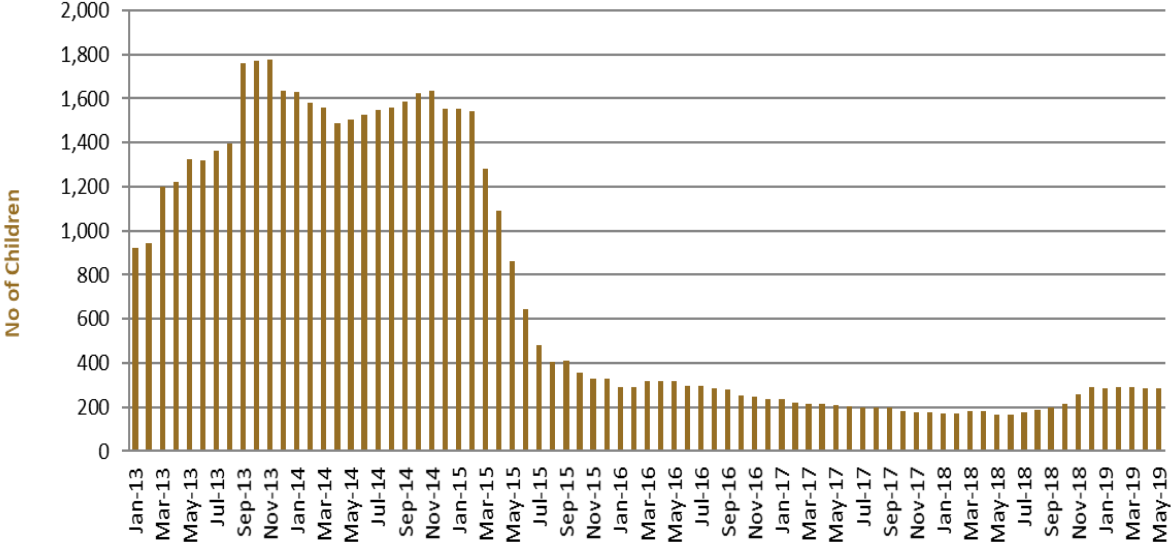


Figure 4 above, shows the number of children in the community under residence determination from January 2012 to the date of this report. The number of children in the community under residence determination, has levelled off at its lowest number since the peak in November 2013, as a result of releases 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 2019

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	285
Total IMA Children in the Community on a Bridging E visa (including in re-grant process)	2,290

Time In Immigration Detention Facilities

At 31 May 2019, there were 1270 people in immigration detention facilities.

Of these 1270 people, 26.7 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 57.3 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 2019

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	48	3.8%
8 days - 31 days	112	8.8%
32 days - 91 days	179	14.1%
92 days - 182 days	198	15.6%
183 days - 365 days	191	15.0%
366 days - 547 days	150	11.8%
548 days - 730 days	116	9.1%
Greater than 730 days	276	21.7%
Total	1,270	100%

At 31 May 2019, the average period of time for people held in detention facilities was 503 days.

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

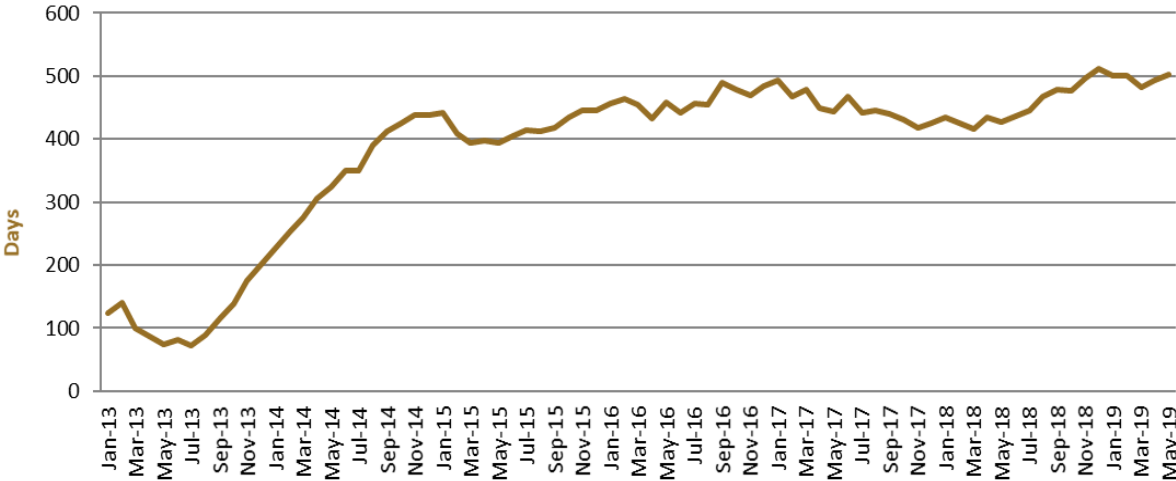


Figure 5 above, shows the average days in held immigration detention at the end of each month from January 2013 to the date of this report. The average period of time for people held in detention facilities steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015.

Time In Community Under Residence Determination

Of the 782 people in the community under residence determination, as at 31 May 2019, 7.3 per cent had been in the community for 91 days or less and 55.9 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 2019

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	8	1.0%
8 days - 31 days	19	2.4%
32 days - 91 days	30	3.8%
92 days - 182 days	134	17.1%
183 days - 365 days	246	31.5%
366 days - 547 days	35	4.5%
548 days - 730 days	27	3.5%
Greater than 730 days	283	36.2%
Total	782	100%