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Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

31 December 2013



About this report

This report provides an overview of the number of people in immigration detention and offshore 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.

Note: Bridging Visa figures in this report only relate to illegal maritime arrivals.

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Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

As at: 31 December 2013

There were 6122 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention, including 3939 in immigration detention on the mainland and 2183 in immigration detention on Christmas Island as at 31 December 2013.

Separately, 3345 people are living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 22 708 are living in the community after grant of a Bridging Visa E.

Table 1 – People in Immigration Detention Facilities, Alternative Places of Detention (APOD), Offshore Processing Centres and the Community

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 30/11/2013
Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre	1063			1063	- 57
Curtin Immigration Detention Centre	725			725	- 11
Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre	74	7		81	- 10
Northern Immigration Detention Centre (Darwin)	191			191	+ 27
Perth Immigration Detention Centre	25	9		34	- 14
Scherger Immigration Detention Centre	232			232	+ 3
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre	317	47		364	- 23
Wickham Point Immigration Detention Centre	152			152	+ 4
Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre	528			528	+ 26
Total in Immigration Detention Centres	3307	63		3370	- 55
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	5	4	4	13	+ 3
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	9	8	3	20	0
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	6	11	19	36	0
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	27	2		29	- 1
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	26	18	13	57	- 6
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	157	98	67	322	+ 6
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	230	141	106	477	+ 2
Alternative Places of Detention (Christmas Island and Cocos Keeling Island)	275	385	460	1120	+ 55
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	295	398	462	1155	+ 19
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port					0
Total Facility and APOD	4107	987	1028	6122	+ 21
Total Community under Residence Determination	1035	673	1637	3345	+ 15
Total Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)	18807	2136	1765	22708	- 65

Offshore Processing Centres	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 30/11/2013
Republic of Nauru	535	187	116	838	+ 152
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea	1229			1229	+ 90
Total Offshore Processing Centres	1764	187	116	2067	+ 242

Community Population by State/Territory

Of the 3345 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 42% are situated in Victoria, 19% in Queensland, 18% in New South Wales, 9% in South Australia, 8% in Western Australia, 2% in Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory.

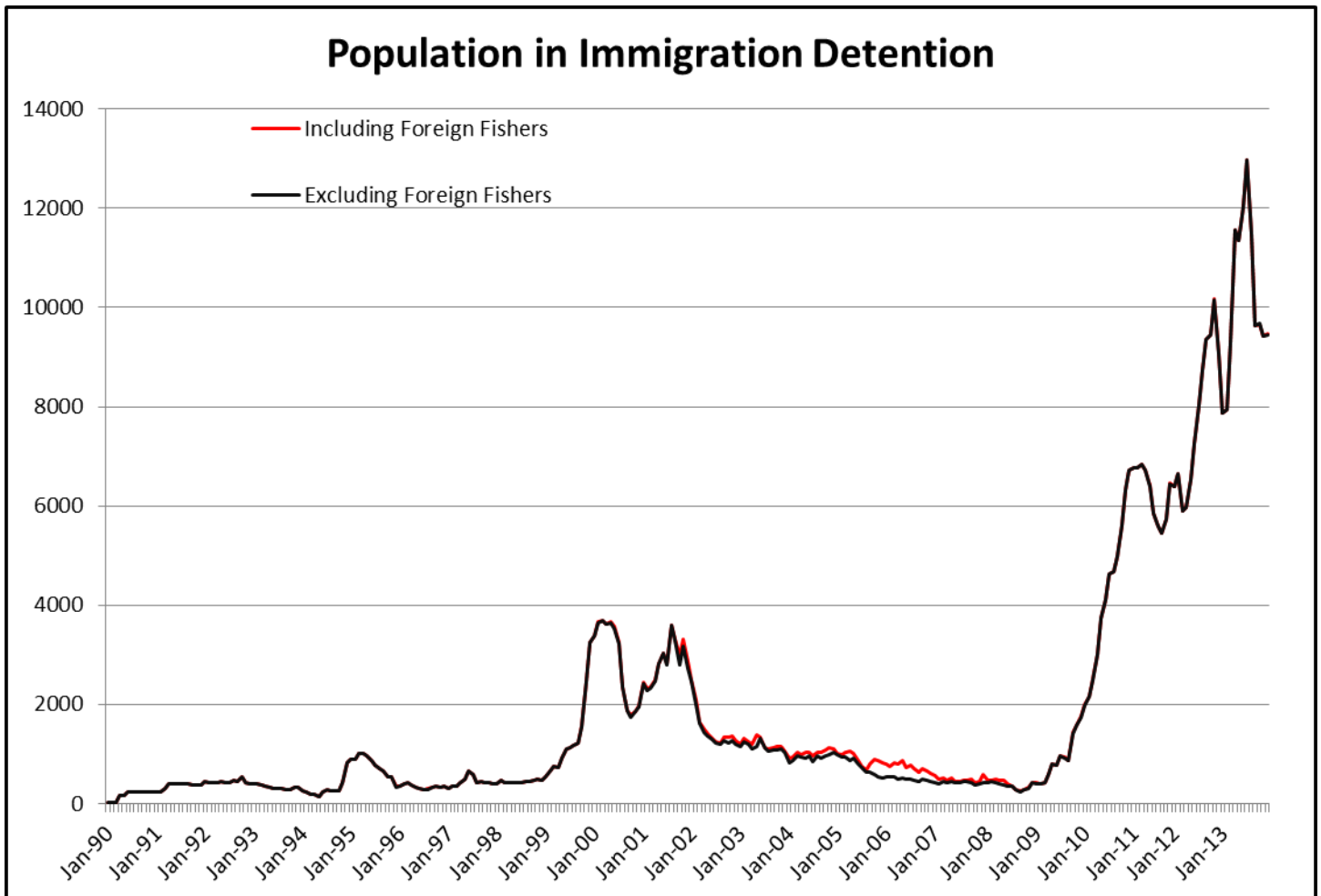
Table 2: Community Detention Population by State/Territory

State/Territory	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
ACT	17	9	24	6	56
NSW	207	117	179	95	598
QLD	177	141	212	115	645
SA	82	60	98	61	301
TAS	24	9	35	4	72
VIC	437	281	451	222	1391
WA	91	56	95	40	282
Total	1035	673	1094	543	3345

Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to 31 December 2013

The number of people in immigration detention month to month continues to fluctuate, predominantly due to the changing pattern of unauthorised maritime arrivals. The number of illegal maritime arrivals in December 2013 were down 40% compared to the previous month.

Figure 1 - Population in Immigration Detention

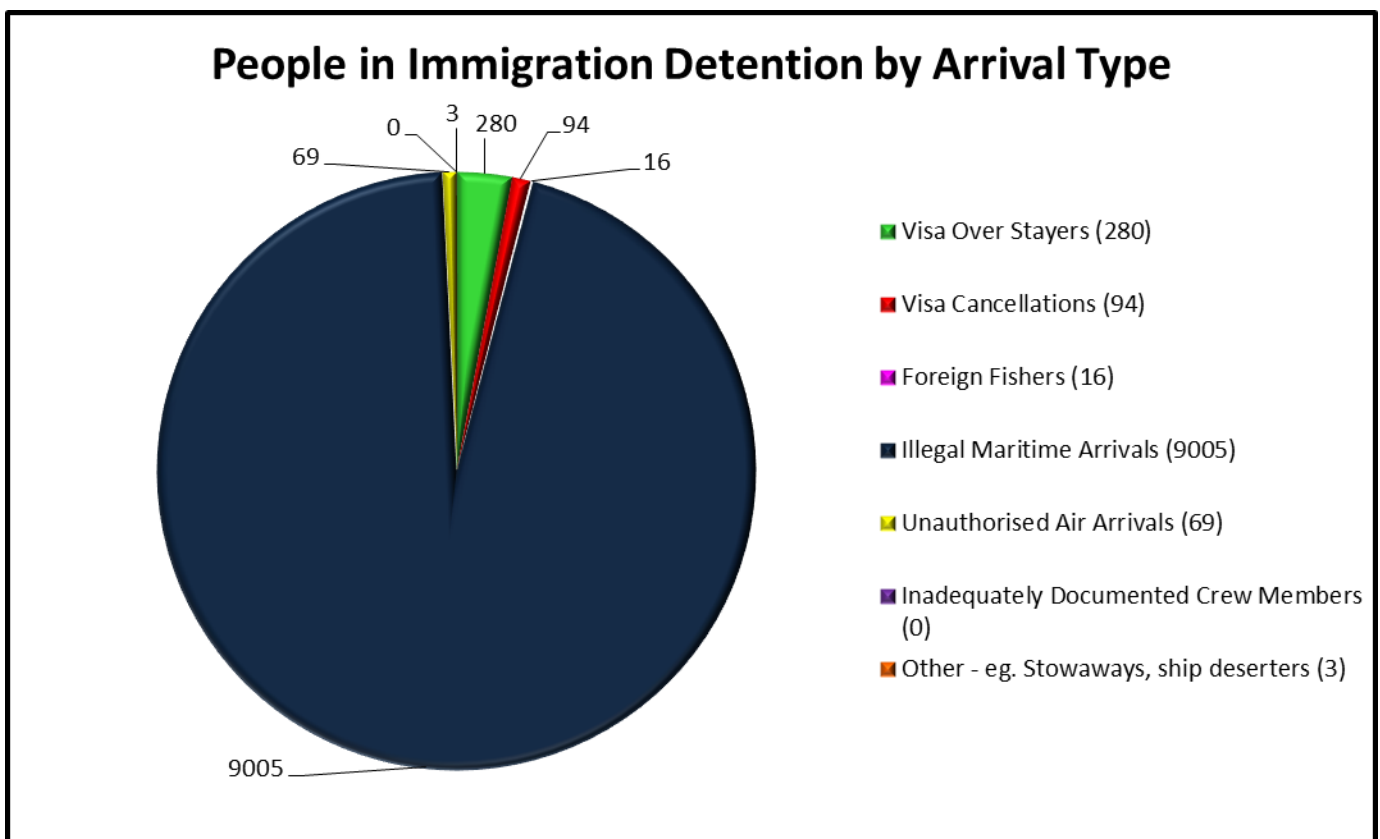


People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention, who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 31 December 2013 was 9093 representing about 96% of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 374 people (about 4% of the total immigration population) who arrived in Australia lawfully and were subsequently taken into immigration detention for either over staying or breaching their visa conditions, resulting in visa cancellations.

Figure 2 - People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type



People in Immigration Detention by Nationality

Of the 6122 people in held immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 31 December 2013 around 29% were Iranian nationals 16% were Sri Lankan nationals, 11% were Vietnamese nationals, 6% were Afghan nationals and 6% were Pakistani nationals.

Table 3 - People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention as at 31 December 2013

Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	972	430	207	145	1754
Sri Lanka	692	127	97	58	974
Vietnam	470	89	71	38	668
Afghanistan	326	8	41	9	384
Pakistan	314	12	16	6	348
Iraq	204	30	30	20	284
China, Peoples Republic Of	69	21			90
Bangladesh	103	1			104
Indonesia	39	20		3	62
Myanmar	19	6	7	10	42
Other	899	243	139	131	1412
Total	4107	987	608	420	6122

Of the 3345 people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination as at 31 December 2013 around 27% were Iranian nationals, 24% were Sri Lankan nationals, 17% were Afghan nationals and 7% were Iraqi nationals.

Table 4 - People in the community under Residence Determination as at 31 December 2013

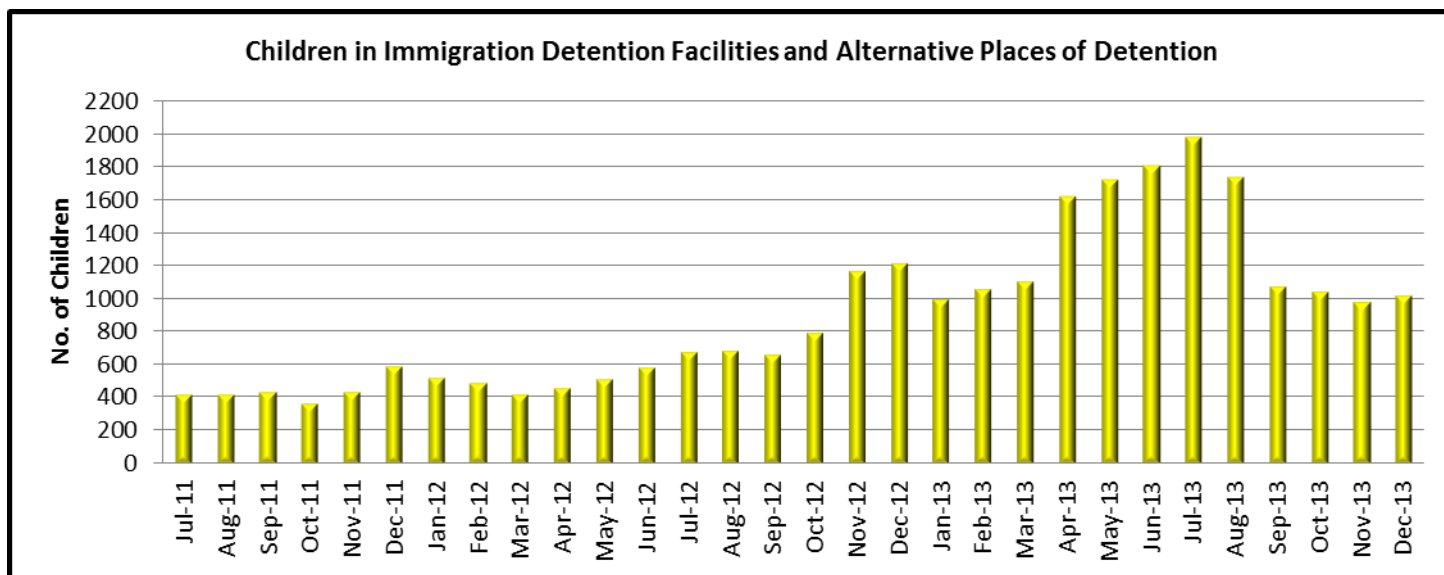
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	285	253	201	157	896
Sri Lanka	248	175	238	140	801
Afghanistan	225	33	287	30	575
Iraq	77	44	69	40	230
Palestinian Authority	17	20	19	22	78
Other	183	148	280	154	765
Total	1035	673	1094	543	3345

Children in Immigration Detention

As at 31 December 2013 there were 1028 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention.

The number of children in immigration detention facilities reduced in December as children completed mandatory processing and were transferred into the community or to an Offshore Processing Centre as part of a family group.

Figure 3 - Children in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention



The number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination has been maintained at a high level with a slight increase in December 2013 to 1637 children.

Figure 4 - Children in the Community under a Residence Determination

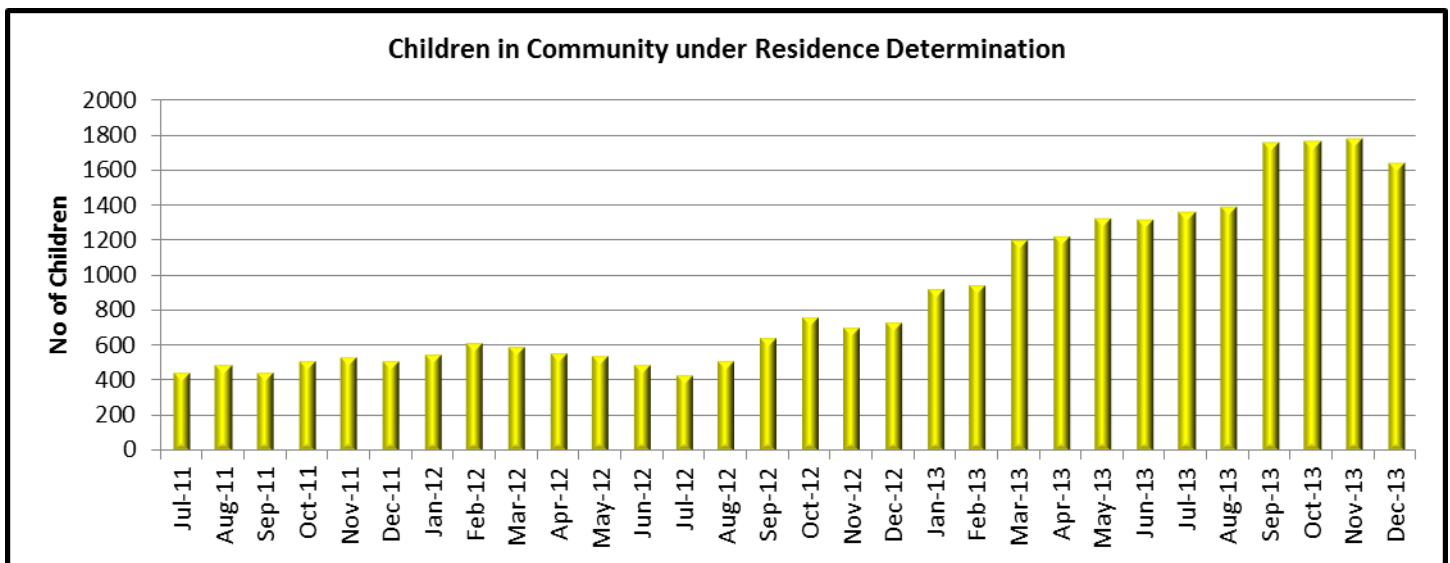


Table 5 - Children in Immigration Detention and in the Community as at 31 December 2013

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	26
Immigration Transit Accommodation	80
Alternative Places of Detention	922
Total Facility and APOD	1028
Total in the Community under a Residence Determination	1637
Total in the Community on a Bridging Visa E (including people in a re-grant process)	1765

Time in Held Immigration Detention

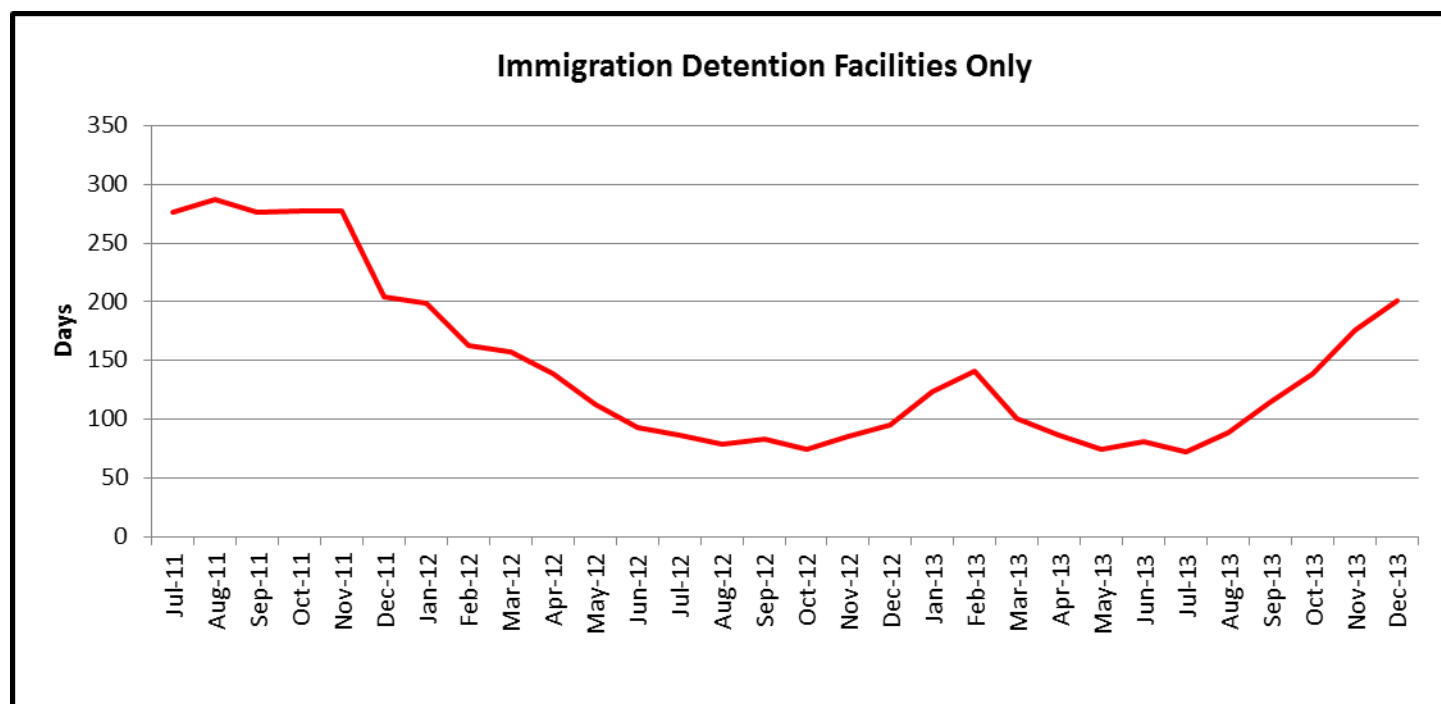
Of the 6122 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 31 December 2013 around 11% had been detained for 3 months or less and 94% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Table 6 - Length of time in held immigration detention as at 31 December 2013

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	23	<1%
8 days - 31 days	252	4
32 days - 91 days	383	6
92 days - 182 days	3131	51
183 days - 365 days	1964	32
366 days - 547 days	194	3
548 days - 730 days	57	1
Greater than 730 days	118	2
Total	6122	100

The average period of time for people held in detention facilities is steadily increasing at 201 days as at 31 December 2013, however remains lower than 277 days in November 2011.

Figure 5 - Average days in held immigration detention facilities only



Time in Community Detention

Of the 3345 people in Community Detention as at 31 December 2013, less than 1% had been detained for 3 months or less and 29% had been detained for 12 months or less. This includes the period detained in facilities and/or alternative places of detention prior to transferring to community detention.

Table 7 – People in Community Detention by Length of Time in Detention

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	0	<1%
8 days - 31 days	1	<1%
32 days - 91 days	13	<1%
92 days - 182 days	244	7
183 days - 365 days	708	21
366 days - 547 days	1756	52
548 days - 730 days	235	7
Greater than 730 days	388	12
Total	3345	100

The time in detention is cumulative and includes periods in detention facilities and community detention.