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Immigration Detention Statistics Summary

31 July 2013



About this report

This report provides an overview of the number of people in immigration detention in Australia 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: www.immi.gov.au/managing-australias-borders/detention.

Further information about alternative places of detention is available at: <http://www.immi.gov.au/managing-australias-borders/detention/facilities/map-operational-facilities.pdf>.

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Immigration Detention Statistics Summary

As at: 31 July 2013

There were 10201 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention, including 6968 in immigration detention on the mainland and 3233 in immigration detention on Christmas Island as at 31 July 2013.

Separately, 2773 people have been approved for a residence determination to live in the community.

Table 1 –People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention

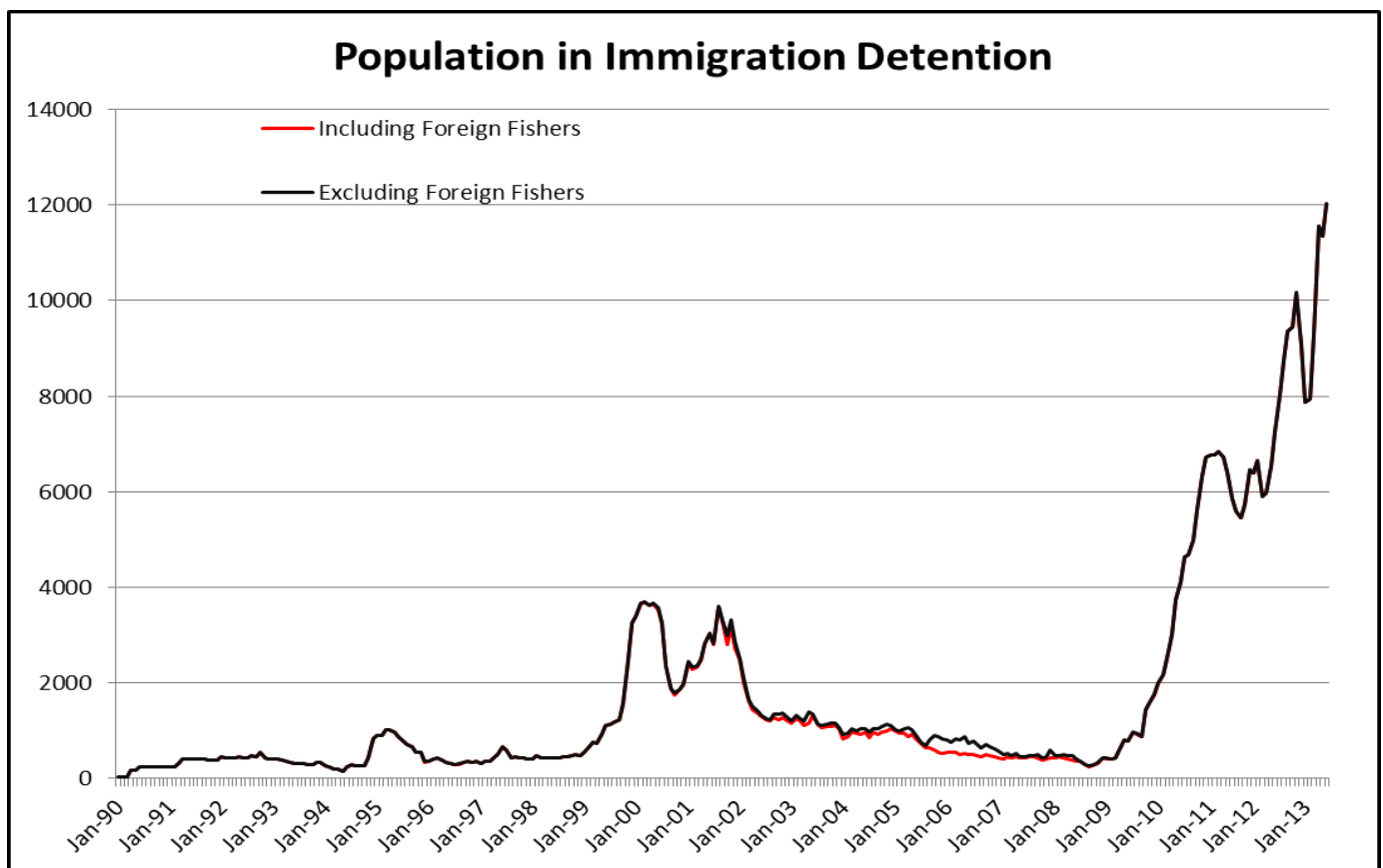
Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 30/06/2013
Christmas Island IDC	1020			1020	- 26
Curtin IDC	1334			1334	+ 433
Maribyrnong IDC	89	13		102	+ 16
Northern IDC (Darwin)	417			417	- 76
Perth IDC	30			30	- 3
Scherger IDC	397			397	- 23
Villawood IDC	373	64		437	- 6
Wickham Point IDC	583			583	- 584
Yongah Hill IDC	638			638	+ 102
Total in IDCs	4881	77		4958	- 167
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	3	3	2	8	- 11
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	17	21	26	64	- 1
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	7	8	18	33	- 2
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	8	3		11	- 16
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	34	20	24	78	+ 15
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	145	97	108	350	+ 61
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	214	152	178	544	+ 46
Alternative Places of Detention (Christmas Island and Coco's Keeling Island)	1000	525	688	2213	+ 746
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	575	785	1126	2486	+ 320
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port					0
Total	6670	1539	1992	10201	+ 945

People in Community under Residence Determination	805	605	1363	2773	+ 2
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Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to 31 July 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 unauthorised maritime arrivals in December 2012 and January 2013 were down compared to the preceding 11 months. Arrivals since February 2013 have increased and contributed to the high number of people in immigration detention.

Figure 1 - Population in Immigration Detention

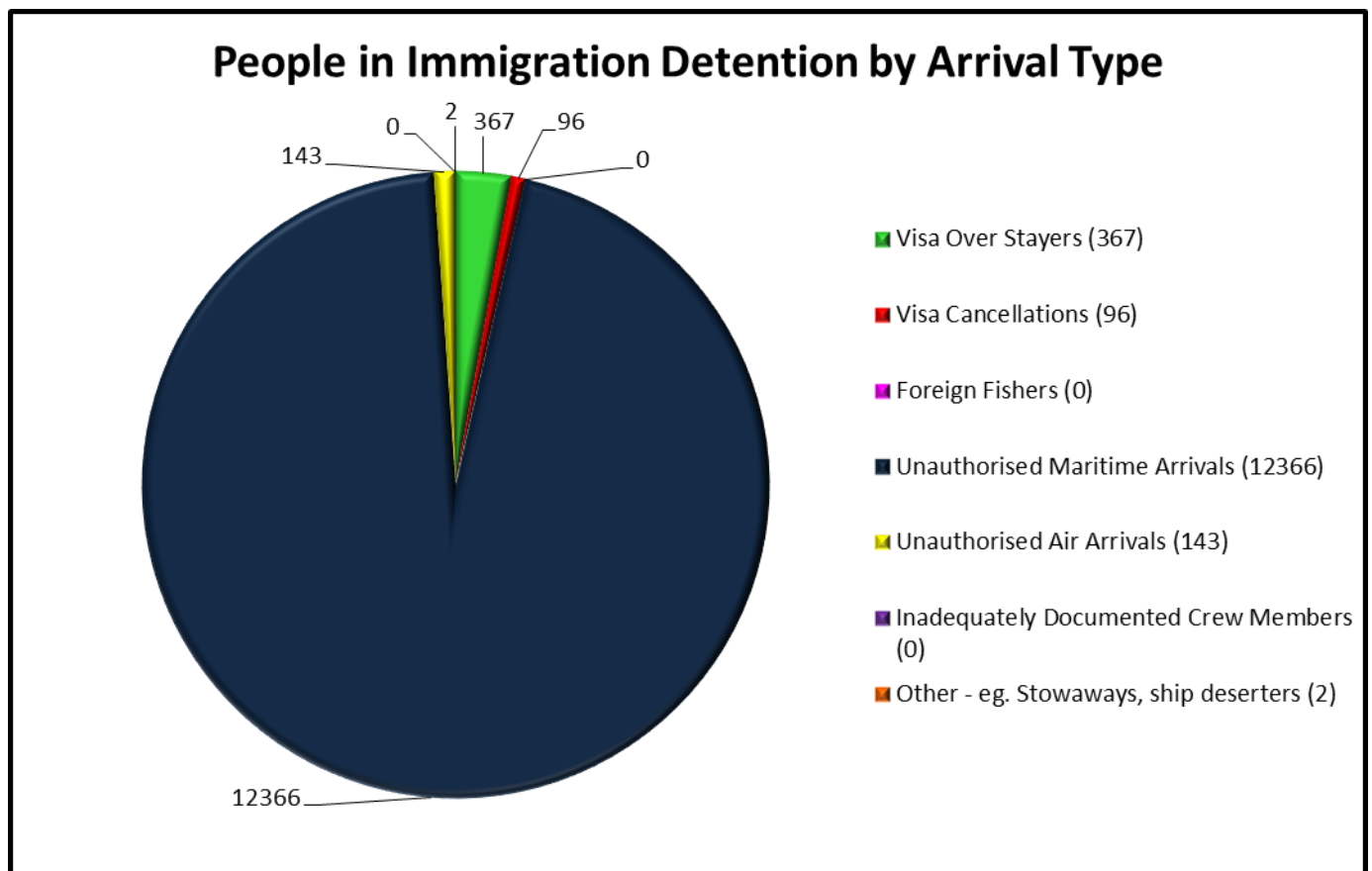


People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention, who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 31 July 2013 was 12,511. This represents about 96% of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 463 people (about 4% of the total immigration population) who arrived in Australia lawfully and were subsequently taken into immigration detention for either overstaying 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 10201 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 31 July 2013 around 34% were Iranian nationals, 14% were Sri Lankan nationals and 10% were Afghan nationals.

Table 2 - People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention as at 31 July 2013

Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	2139	724	344	228	3435
Sri Lanka	852	252	235	138	1477
Afghanistan	673	26	261	32	992
Pakistan	530	22	40	7	599
Iraq	302	50	52	30	434
Vietnam	480	94	131	51	756
Bangladesh	155		2		157
Indonesia	239	14	10		263
China, Peoples Republic Of	110	28			138
Myanmar	25	7	4	4	40
Other	1165	322	249	174	1910
Total	6670	1539	1328	664	10201

Of the 2773 people approved to live in the community under residence determination, as at 31 July 2013 around 31% were Iranian nationals, 23% were Sri Lankan nationals and 14% were Afghan nationals.

Table 3 - People in the community under Residence Determination as at 31 July 2013

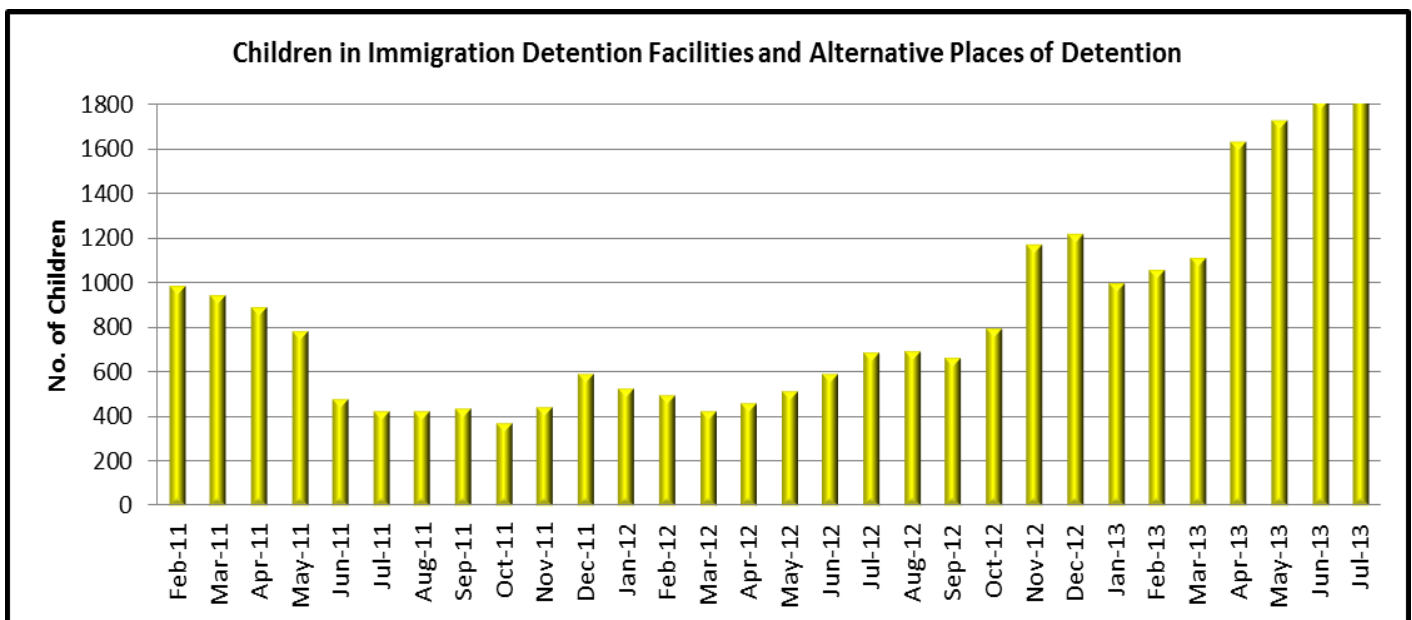
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	268	252	185	155	860
Sri Lanka	206	133	192	108	639
Afghanistan	84	32	260	22	398
Iraq	71	41	59	36	207
Palestinian Authority	16	21	21	27	85
Other	160	126	179	119	584
Total	805	605	896	467	2773

Children in Immigration Detention

As at 31 July 2013 there were 1992 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention.

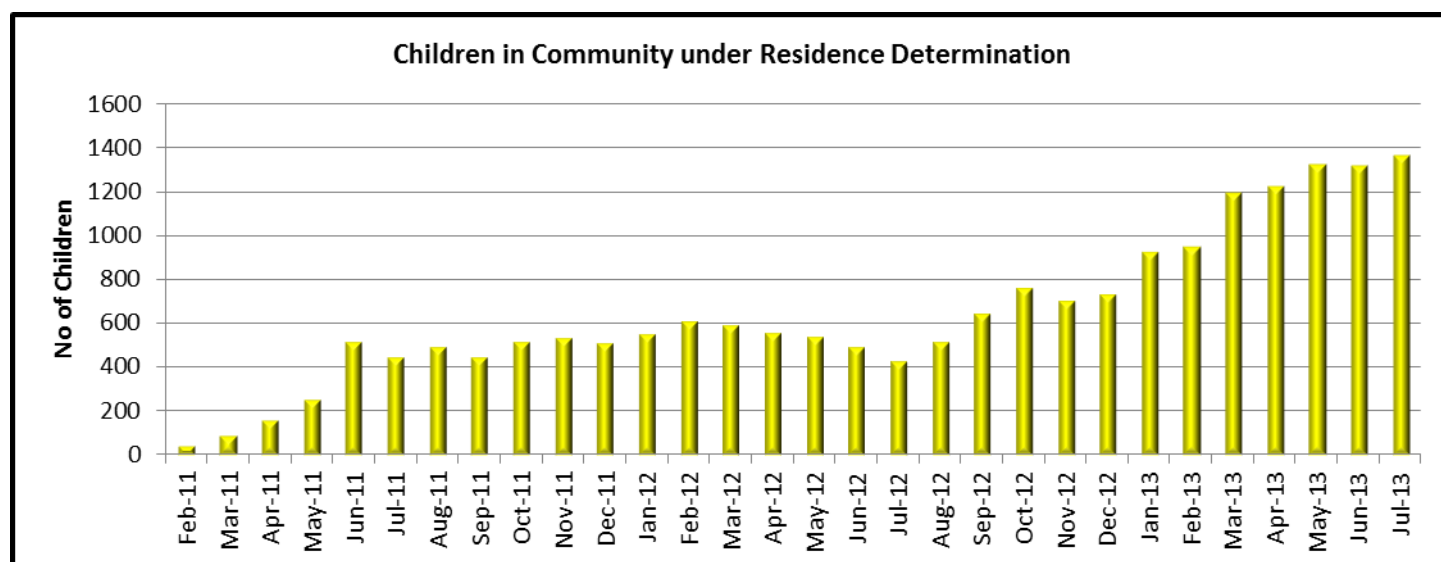
The increase in the number of children in immigration detention facilities in November and December 2012 was due to a rapid increase in unauthorised maritime arrivals from October to November 2012. The number of children in immigration detention facilities reduced in January and February 2013 as children completed mandatory processing and were transferred into the community. Because of the high number of recent arrivals over the past four months, children in immigration detention facilities and alternate places of detention has again increased.

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



The number of children approved to live in the community under a residence determination has been maintained at a high level. This reflects the Government's policy of placing children in the community as soon as possible after the completion of mandatory checks.

Figure 4 - Children in the Community under a Residence Determination



As at 31 July 2013, 1992 children remain in immigration detention while undergoing initial processing. 1363 children were approved under residence determination for community placement.

Table 4 - Children in Immigration Detention as at 31 July 2013

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	46
Immigration Transit Accommodation	132
Alternative Places of Detention	1814
Total Facility and APOD	1992
Total in community under a Residence Determination	1363
Total in the community on a Bridging Visa E (BVE)	456

Time in Held Immigration Detention

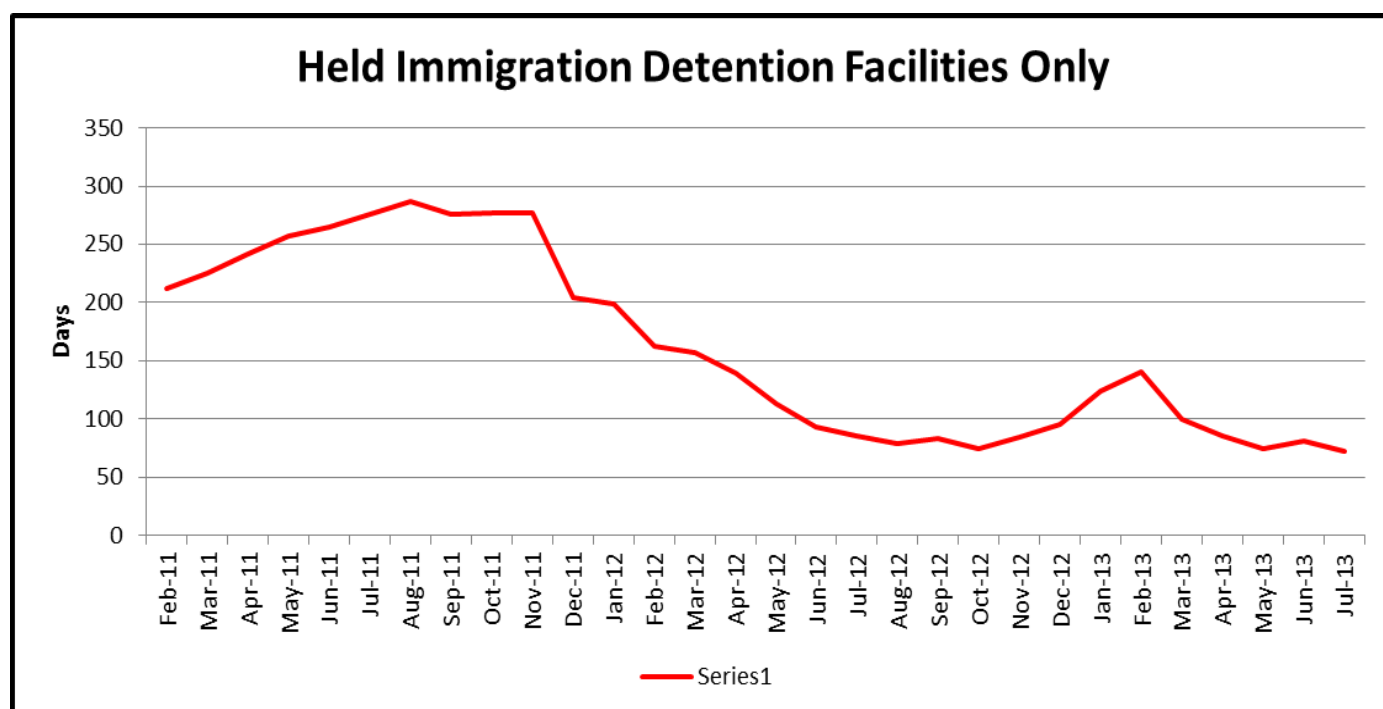
Of the 10201 people in held immigration detention as at 31 July 2013, around 80% had been detained for three months or less and 98% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Table 5 - Length of Time in Held immigration detention as at 31 July 2013

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	1343	13
8 days - 31 days	3378	33
32 days - 91 days	3438	34
92 days - 182 days	1370	13
183 days - 365 days	444	4
366 days - 547 days	91	1
548 days - 730 days	19	0
Greater than 730 days	118	1
Total	10201	100

The average period of time for people held in immigration detention facilities has significantly decreased from 277 days in November 2011 to 72 days as at 31 July 2013.

Figure 5 - Average days in held immigration detention facilities only



Time in Community Detention

Of the 2773 people in Community Detention as at 31 July 2013 around 1% had been detained for three months or less and 68% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Table 6 - Length of time in Community Detention as at 31 July 2013

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	1	0
8 days - 31 days	3	0
32 days - 91 days	20	1
92 days - 182 days	140	5
183 days - 365 days	1723	62
366 days - 547 days	453	16
548 days - 730 days	94	3
Greater than 730 days	339	12
Total	2773	100