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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 Migration ACT
S501 Visa Cancellation	Visa cancellations based on character or related grounds

Immigration Detention And Community Statistics Summary

At 30 November 2018, there were 1327 people in immigration detention facilities, including 1327 in immigration detention on the mainland and in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

A further 599 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 16,007 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 30 November 2018

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/10/18
Christmas Island IDC	0	0	0	0	0
Maribyrnong IDC	107	0	0	107	- 1
Perth IDC	21	10	0	31	- 3
Villawood IDC	450	49	0	499	+ 3
Yongah Hill IDC	229	0	0	229	- 2
Mainland APODs	17	14	15	46	- 3
Total IDCs/APODs	824	73	15	912	- 6
Adelaide ITA	20	<5	<5	25	- 4
Brisbane ITA	142	19	6	167	- 30
Melbourne ITA	208	14	<5	223	+ 1
Total in ITA	370	35	10	415	- 33
Total in IDC/F	1,194	108	25	1,327	- 39
Total in Community under Residence Determination	175	166	258	599	+ 114
Total IMA in Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)	11,445	1,955	2,607	16,007	- 209
Republic of Nauru (RPC)	27	0	0	27	- 72
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea (RPC)	0	0	0	0	0
Total IMA in RPCs	27	0	0	27	- 72
Detention Group					
S501 Visa Cancellation	383	22	0	405	- 16
Illegal Maritime Arrival	355	48	24	427	- 26
Other	456	38	<5	495	+ 3
Total	1,194	108	25	1,327	- 39

In Community under Residence Determination Population By State/Territory

Of the 599 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 37.7 per cent were in Queensland, 29.2 per cent in Victoria, 18.7 per cent in New South Wales, 10.5 per cent in South Australia and 3.8 per cent in Western Australia.

Table 3 – People in the Community under Residence Determination by State/Territory at 30 November 2018

State/Territory	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Queensland	66	64	57	39	226
Victoria	53	43	44	35	175
New South Wales	28	40	25	19	112
South Australia	16	15	15	17	63
Western Australia	12	<5	5	<5	23
Total	175	166	146	112	599

Immigration Detention Population

From January 1990 to 30 November 2018

The overall number of people in immigration detention including in the community under residence determination has increased by 171 to 1926 compared with 1755 at the end of November 2017. 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 30 November 2018.

Figure 1 – Population in Immigration Detention

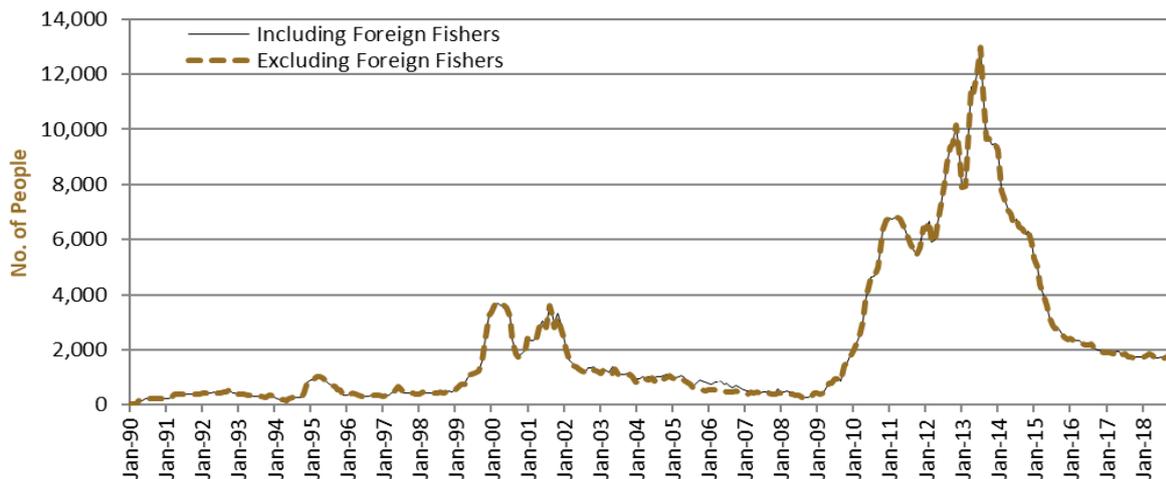


Figure 1 above, shows the number of people in immigration detention from 1990 to the date of this report. The trend had a consistent rise of people in immigration detention from January 2009 to January 2013, but has since had consistent decline.

People In Immigration Detention Facilities

Arrival Type

There were 475 people who arrived unlawfully by air or boat, in held immigration detention facilities at 30 November 2018 representing 35.8 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 852 people (64.2 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

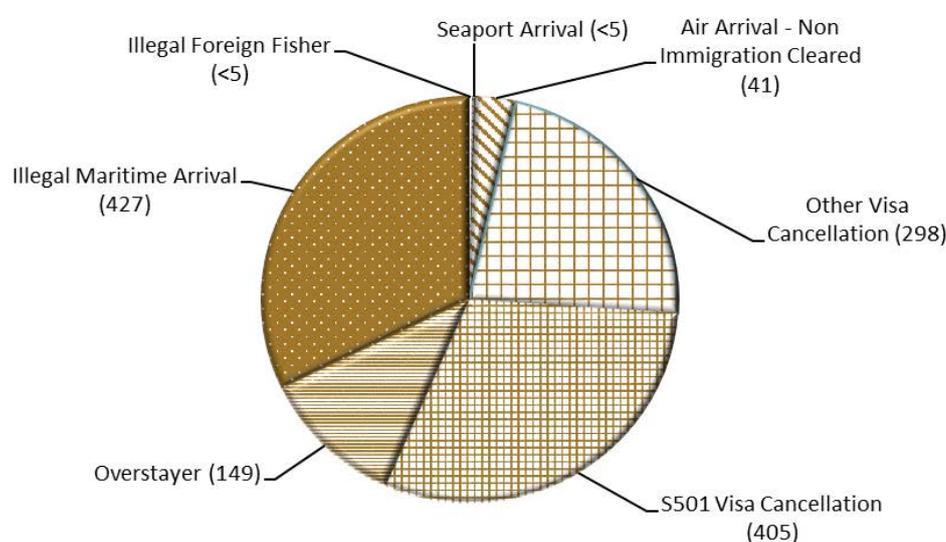


Figure 2 above, shows the number of people in held immigration detention facilities by detention group, including Overstayers, S501 and Other Visa Cancellations, Foreign Fishers, Illegal Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if applicable – Inadequately Documented Crew Members and Others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

Table 4 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Detention Group at 30 November 2018

Place of immigration detention	S501 Visa Cancellation	IMA	Other Detention Group	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/10/18
Christmas Island IDC	0	0	0	0	0
Maribyrnong IDC	46	25	36	107	- 1
Perth IDC	8	5	18	31	- 3
Villawood IDC	174	129	196	499	+ 3
Yongah Hill IDC	100	58	71	229	- 2
Mainland APODs	0	42	<5	46	- 3
Total IDCs/APODs	328	259	325	912	- 6
Adelaide ITA	<5	15	6	25	- 4
Brisbane ITA	27	73	67	167	- 30
Melbourne ITA	46	80	97	223	+ 1
Total in IRH and ITA	77	168	170	415	- 33
Total in IDC/F	405	427	495	1,327	- 39

People In Immigration Detention

Nationality

At 30 November 2018, there were 1327 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 1327 people, 12.7 per cent were from Iran, 11.6 per cent were from New Zealand, 7.6 per cent were from Vietnam, 7.2 per cent were from Sri Lanka and 4.3 per cent were from United Kingdom.

Table 5 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Nationality at 30 November 2018

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	134	27	5	<5	168
New Zealand	139	15	0	0	154
Vietnam	91	10	0	0	101
Sri Lanka	81	9	<5	<5	96
United Kingdom	54	<5	0	0	57
India	54	0	<5	<5	56
Afghanistan	52	<5	<5	0	54
Sudan	52	<5	0	0	54
Iraq	44	<5	0	0	46
Stateless	37	<5	<5	<5	44
Other	456	36	<5	<5	497
Total	1,194	108	14	11	1,327

At 30 November 2018, 599 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 599 people, 53.1 per cent were from Iran, 12.4 per cent were Stateless, 10.7 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 7 per cent were from Somalia and 2.3 per cent were from Iraq.

Table 6 – People in the Community under Residence Determination by Nationality at 30 November 2018

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	94	94	74	56	318
Stateless	24	16	15	19	74
Sri Lanka	18	15	20	11	64
Somalia	12	16	9	5	42
Iraq	5	<5	<5	<5	14
Other	22	22	24	19	87
Total	175	166	146	112	599

Children In Immigration Detention

At 30 November 2018 there were 25 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

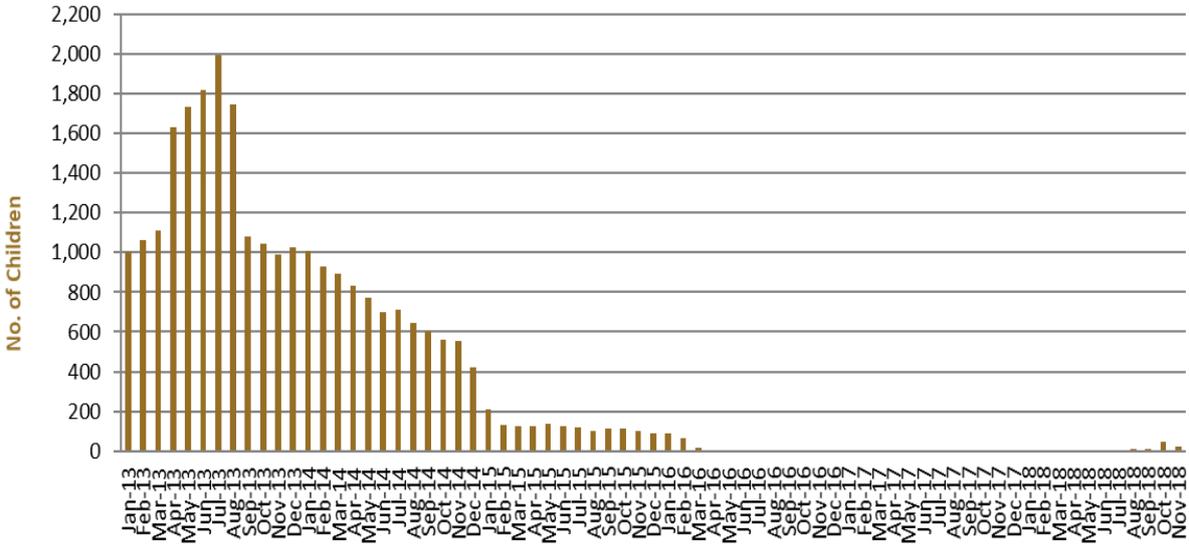


Figure 3 above, shows the number of children in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention from January 2013 to the date of this report. The continuous increase in the number of children in detention facilities from April 2013 to Aug 2013 was due to a rapid increase in illegal maritime arrivals during this period. The number of children in immigration detention facilities 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 30 November 2018, the number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination increased by 46 to 258 from 212 in the previous report.

Figure 4 – Children in the Community under Residence Determination

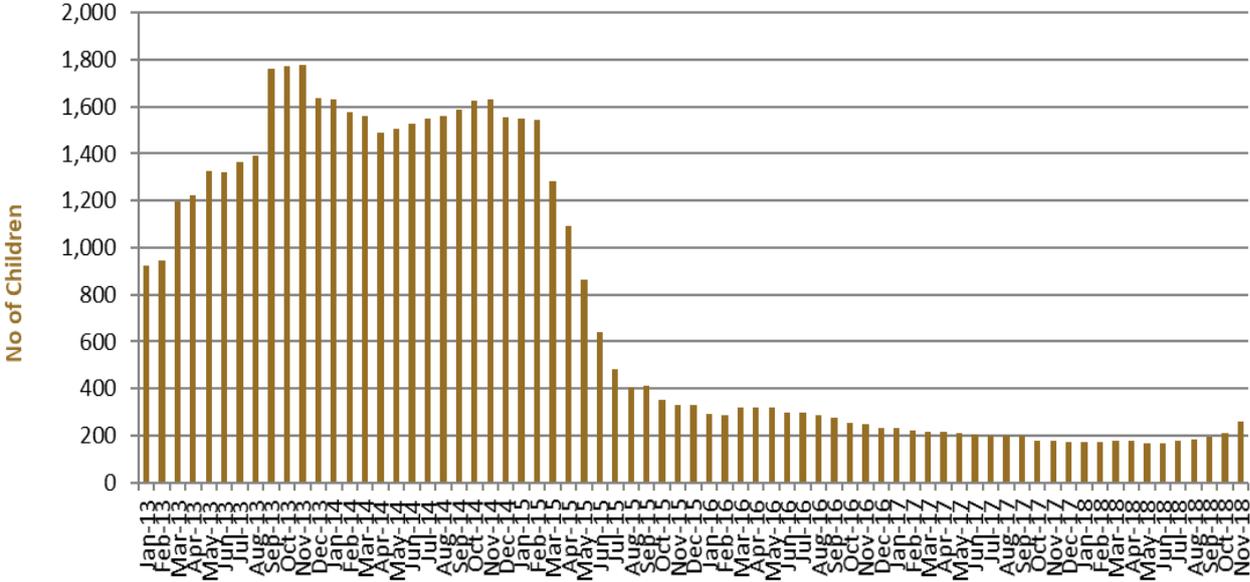


Figure 4 above, shows the number of children in the community under residence determination from January 2012 to the date of this report. The number of children in the community under residence determination, has levelled off at its lowest number since the peak in November 2013, as a result of releases 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 30 November 2018

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	0
Immigration Transit Accommodation	10
Alternative Places of Detention	15
Total Children in Immigration Detention Facilities	25
Total Children in the Community under a Residence Determination	258
Total IMA Children in the Community on a Bridging E visa (including in re-grant process)	2,607

Time In Immigration Detention Facilities

At 30 November 2018, there were 1327 people in immigration detention facilities. Of these 1327 people, 27 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 59 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less.

Table 8 – Length of Time of People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities at 30 November 2018

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	56	4.2%
8 days - 31 days	121	9.1%
32 days - 91 days	181	13.6%
92 days - 182 days	179	13.5%
183 days - 365 days	246	18.5%
366 days - 547 days	164	12.4%
548 days - 730 days	99	7.5%
Greater than 730 days	281	21.2%
Total	1,327	100%

At 30 November 2018, the average period of time for people held in detention facilities was 496 days.

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

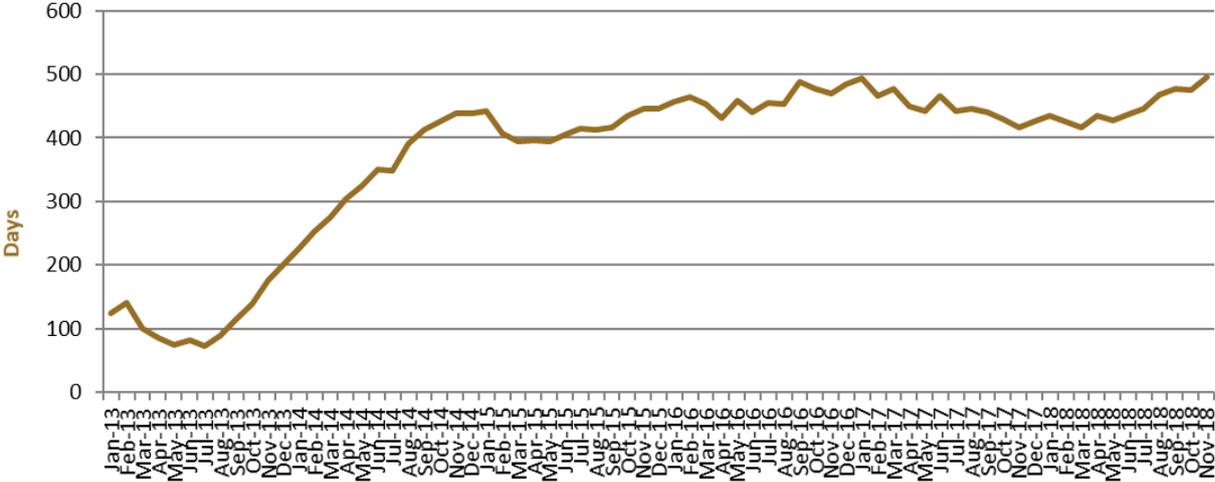


Figure 5 above, shows the average days in held immigration detention at the end of each month from January 2013 to the date of this report. The average period of time for people held in detention facilities steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015.

Time In Community Under Residence Determination

Of the 599 people in the community under residence determination, as at 30 November 2018, 32.6 per cent had been in the community for 91 days or less and 47.4 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 30 November 2018

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	43	7.2%
8 days - 31 days	80	13.4%
32 days - 91 days	72	12.0%
92 days - 182 days	51	8.5%
183 days - 365 days	38	6.3%
366 days - 547 days	27	4.5%
548 days - 730 days	32	5.3%
Greater than 730 days	256	42.7%
Total	599	100%