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# Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

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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>

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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 September 2018, there were 1305 people in immigration detention facilities, including 1270 in immigration detention on the mainland and 35 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

A further 444 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 16,481 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 September 2018**

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/03/18
Christmas Island IDC	35	0	0	<b>35</b>	- 41
Maribyrnong IDC	128	5	0	<b>133</b>	- 2
Perth IDC	23	14	0	<b>37</b>	+ 9
Villawood IDC	469	46	0	<b>515</b>	+ 30
Yongah Hill IDC	215	0	0	<b>215</b>	- 91
Mainland APODs	22	18	<5	<b>42</b>	+ 34
<b>Total IDCs/APODs</b>	<b>892</b>	<b>83</b>	<b>&lt;5</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>- 61</b>
Adelaide ITA	16	0	0	<b>16</b>	- 3
Brisbane ITA	136	15	9	<b>160</b>	+ 32
Melbourne ITA	148	<5	<5	<b>152</b>	+ 34
<b>Total in ITA</b>	<b>300</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>+ 63</b>
<b>Total in IDC/F</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>+ 2</b>
<b>Total in Community under Residence Determination</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>+ 31</b>
<b>Total IMA in Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)</b>	<b>11,719</b>	<b>2,033</b>	<b>2,729</b>	<b>16,481</b>	<b>- 192</b>
Republic of Nauru (RPC)	146	10	7	<b>163</b>	- 10
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea (RPC)	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
<b>Total IMA in RPCs</b>	<b>146</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>163</b>	<b>- 10</b>
<b>Detention Group</b>					
S501 Visa Cancellation	402	22	0	<b>424</b>	- 12
Illegal Maritime Arrival	302	20	10	<b>332</b>	+ 17
Other	488	59	<5	<b>549</b>	- 3
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>+ 2</b>

## In Community under Residence Determination Population By State/Territory

Of the 444 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 32 per cent were in Queensland, 31.8 per cent in Victoria, 25.5 per cent in New South Wales, 6.5 per cent in South Australia, 4.1 per cent in Western Australia and 0.2 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory.

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

State/Territory	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Queensland	39	40	37	26	<b>142</b>
Victoria	40	37	38	26	<b>141</b>
New South Wales	25	38	27	23	<b>113</b>
South Australia	7	8	6	8	<b>29</b>
Western Australia	10	<5	<5	<5	<b>18</b>
Australian Capital Territory	<5	0	0	0	<b>&lt;5</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>444</b>

# Immigration Detention Population

## From January 1990 to 30 September 2018

The overall number of people in immigration detention including in the community under residence determination has remained the same at 1749 as compared with at the end of September 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 September 2018.

**Figure 1 – Population in Immigration Detention**

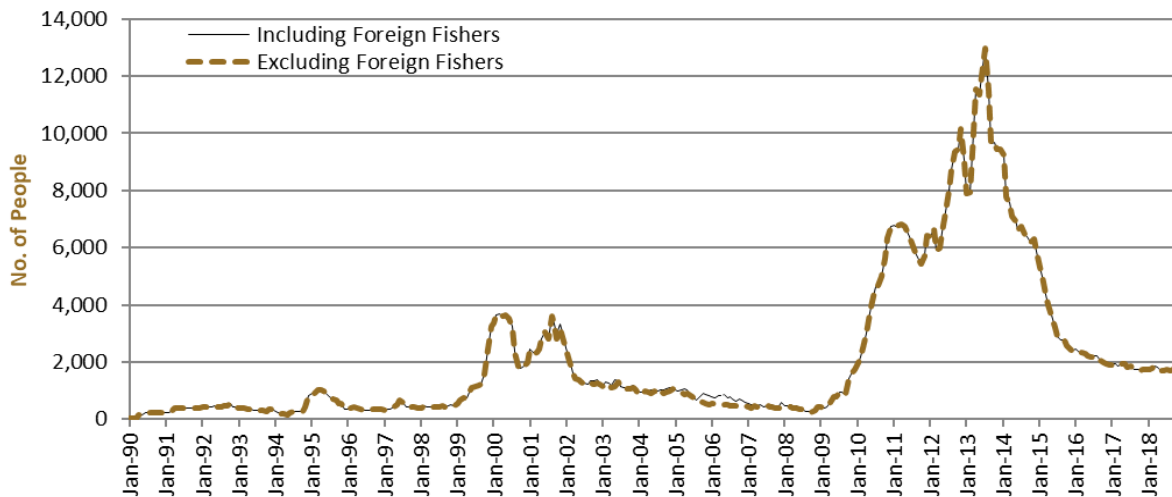


Figure 1 above, shows the number of people in immigration detention from 1990 to the date of this report. The trend had a consistent rise of people in immigration detention from January 2009 to January 2013, but has since had consistent decline.

# People In Immigration Detention Facilities

## Arrival Type

There were 386 people who arrived unlawfully by air or boat, in held immigration detention facilities at 30 September 2018 representing 29.6 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 919 people (70.4 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**

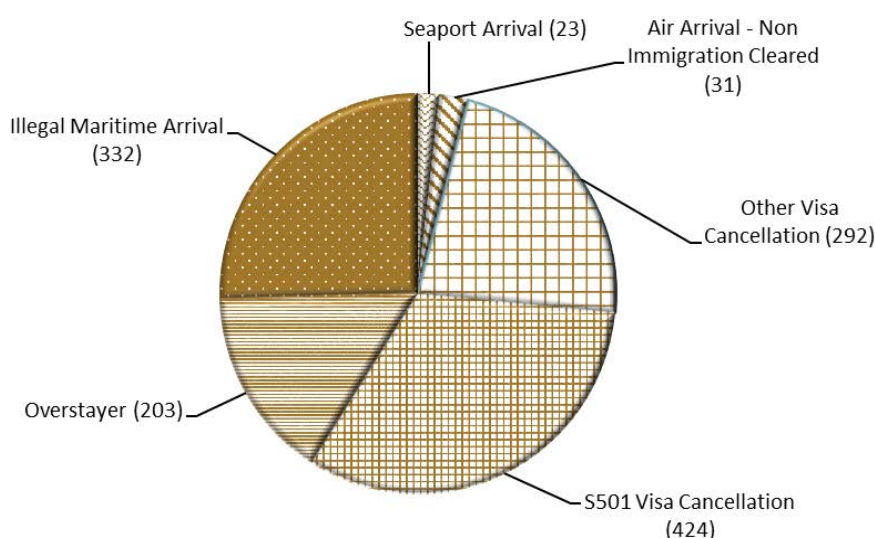


Figure 2 above, shows the number of people in held immigration detention facilities by detention group, including Overstayers, S501 and Other Visa Cancellations, Illegal Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if applicable – Inadequately Documented Crew Members and Others such as stowaways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

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

Place of immigration detention	S501 Visa Cancellation	IMA	Other Detention Group	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/08/18
Christmas Island IDC	17	13	5	<b>35</b>	- 41
Maribyrnong IDC	53	26	54	<b>133</b>	- 2
Perth IDC	12	<5	21	<b>37</b>	+ 9
Villawood IDC	181	102	232	<b>515</b>	+ 30
Yongah Hill IDC	101	56	58	<b>215</b>	- 91
Mainland APODs	<5	10	30	<b>42</b>	+ 34
<b>Total IDCs/APODs</b>	<b>366</b>	<b>211</b>	<b>400</b>	<b>977</b>	<b>- 61</b>
Adelaide ITA	<5	8	5	<b>16</b>	- 3
Brisbane ITA	32	55	73	<b>160</b>	+ 32
Melbourne ITA	23	58	71	<b>152</b>	+ 34
<b>Total in IRH and ITA</b>	<b>58</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>149</b>	<b>328</b>	<b>+ 63</b>
<b>Total in IDC/F</b>	<b>424</b>	<b>332</b>	<b>549</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>+ 2</b>

# People In Immigration Detention

## Nationality

At 30 September 2018, there were 1305 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 1305 people, 11.6 per cent were from New Zealand, 8.8 per cent were from Iran, 8 per cent were from Vietnam, 6.2 per cent were from Sri Lanka and 4.4 per cent were from India.

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

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
New Zealand	135	17	0	0	<b>152</b>
Iran	107	6	<5	0	<b>115</b>
Vietnam	95	9	0	0	<b>104</b>
Sri Lanka	72	5	<5	<5	<b>81</b>
India	56	<5	0	0	<b>57</b>
United Kingdom	53	<5	0	0	<b>56</b>
Pakistan	53	<5	0	0	<b>54</b>
China	38	15	0	0	<b>53</b>
Sudan	50	<5	0	0	<b>52</b>
Iraq	41	<5	<5	0	<b>46</b>
Other	492	39	<5	<5	<b>535</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,192</b>	<b>101</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>1,305</b>

At 30 September 2018, 444 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 444 people, 58.1 per cent were from Iran, 11.3 per cent were Stateless, 8.6 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 5 per cent were from Somalia and 2.5 per cent were from Afghanistan.

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

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	70	78	60	50	<b>258</b>
Stateless	16	11	10	13	<b>50</b>
Sri Lanka	10	9	14	5	<b>38</b>
Somalia	6	9	6	<5	<b>22</b>
Afghanistan	<5	<5	<5	<5	<b>11</b>
Other	17	16	19	13	<b>65</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>122</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>111</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>444</b>



# Children In Immigration Detention

At 30 September 2018 there were 12 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**

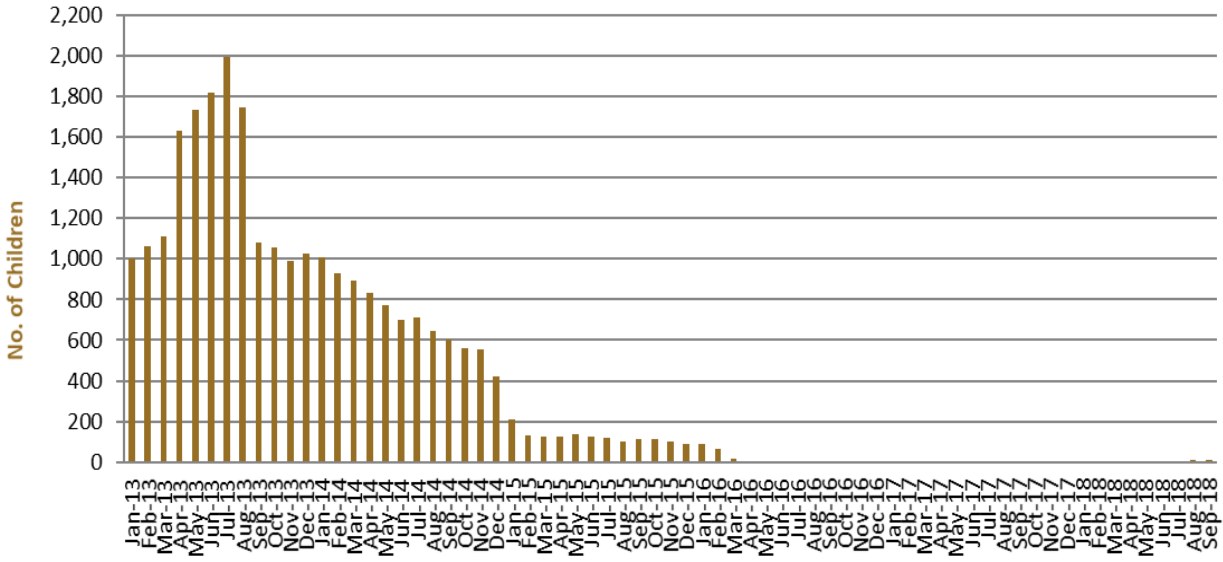


Figure 3 above, shows the number of children in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention from January 2013 to the date of this report. The continuous increase in the number of children in detention facilities from April 2013 to Aug 2013 was due to a rapid increase in illegal 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.

At 30 September 2018, the number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination increased by 11 to 196 from 185 in the previous report.

**Figure 4 – Children in the Community under Residence Determination**

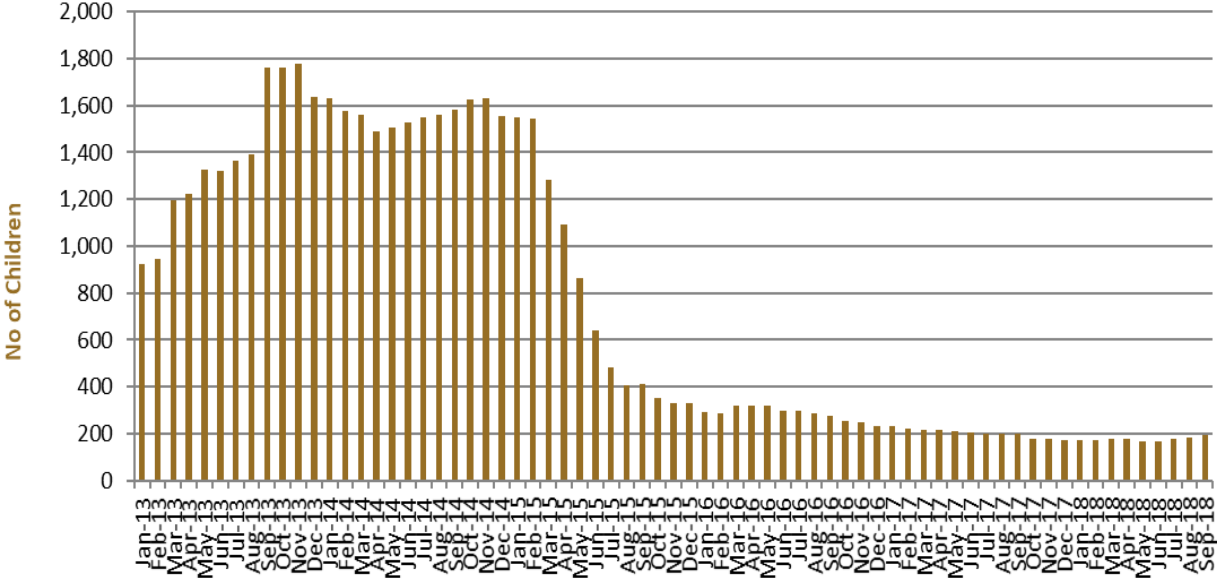


Figure 4 above, shows the number of children in the community under residence determination from January 2012 to the date of this report. The number of children in the community under residence determination, has levelled off at its lowest number since the peak in November 2013, as a result of releases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

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	0
Immigration Transit Accommodation	10
Alternative Places of Detention	<5
<b>Total Children in Immigration Detention Facilities</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>Total Children in the Community under a Residence Determination</b>	<b>196</b>
<b>Total IMA Children in the Community on a Bridging E visa (including in re-grant process)</b>	<b>2,729</b>

# Time In Immigration Detention Facilities

At 30 September 2018, there were 1305 people in immigration detention facilities. Of these 1305 people, 29.6 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 61.3 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less.

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

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	44	3.4%
8 days - 31 days	146	11.2%
32 days - 91 days	196	15.0%
92 days - 182 days	170	13.0%
183 days - 365 days	244	18.7%
366 days - 547 days	154	11.8%
548 days - 730 days	74	5.7%
Greater than 730 days	277	21.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,305</b>	<b>100%</b>

At 30 September 2018, the average period of time for people held in detention facilities was 478 days.

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

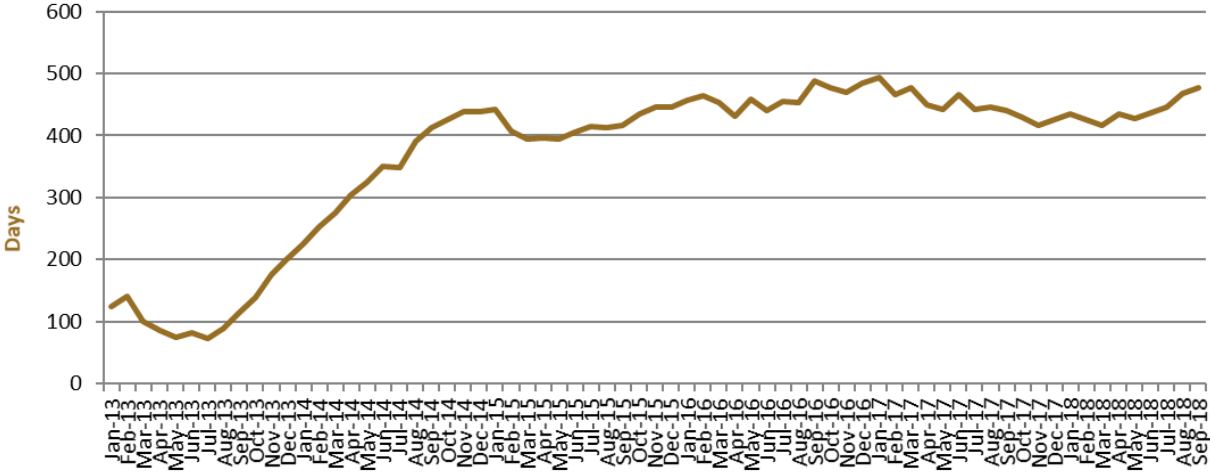


Figure 5 above, shows the average days in held immigration detention at the end of each month from January 2013 to the date of this report. The average period of time for people held in detention facilities steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015.

## Time In Community Under Residence Determination

Of the 444 people in the community under residence determination, as at 30 September 2018, 18.2 per cent had been in the community for 91 days or less and 30.4 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 September 2018**

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	24	5.4%
8 days - 31 days	32	7.2%
32 days - 91 days	25	5.6%
92 days - 182 days	23	5.2%
183 days - 365 days	31	7.0%
366 days - 547 days	26	5.9%
548 days - 730 days	37	8.3%
Greater than 730 days	246	55.4%
<b>Total</b>	<b>444</b>	<b>100%</b>