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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.

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Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

As at 31 May 2015, there were 2 026 people in immigration detention facilities, including 1 877 in immigration detention on the mainland and 149 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

A further 1 598 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 28 141 were living in the community after grant of a Bridging E Visa.

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

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 30/04/2015
Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre	149	0	0	149	+ 69
Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre	107	9	0	116	- 18
Perth Immigration Detention Centre	15	1	0	16	- 3
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre	343	33	0	376	- 19
Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre	405	14	0	419	+ 10
Alternative Places of Detention (Christmas Island)	0	0	0	0	0
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	452	120	79	651	+ 75
Total Immigration Detention Centres/APODs	1471	177	79	1727	+ 114
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	2	3		5	0
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	10	11	18	39	+ 5
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	23	3	0	26	+ 2
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	44	18	18	80	+ 3
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	90	36	23	149	- 12
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	169	71	59	299	-2
Total Facility	1640	248	138	2026	+ 112
Total Community under Residence Determination	373	362	863	1598	- 493
Total Community on Bridging E Visa (Including people in a re-grant process)	21763	3121	3257	28141	+ 466
Republic of Nauru	448	105	81	634	- 43
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea	943	0	0	943	- 28
Total Regional Processing Centres	1391	105	81	1577	- 71

Community Population by State/Territory

Of the 1 598 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 49.2 per cent were in Victoria, 20.7 per cent were in Queensland, 13.7 per cent were in New South Wales, 9.3 per cent were in Western Australia, 5.6 per cent were in South Australia, 0.8 per cent were in Tasmania and 0.8 per cent were in Australian Capital Territory.

Table 2: Community Detention Population by State/Territory as at 31 May 2015

State/Territory	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child (<18 years) Male	Child (<18 years) Female	Total
Vic.	174	179	244	189	786
Qld	81	79	108	63	331
NSW	49	49	80	41	219
WA	41	35	46	26	148
SA	22	17	24	26	89
Tas.	3	2	6	2	13
ACT	3	1	6	2	12
Total	373	362	514	349	1598

Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to 31 May 2015

The number of people in immigration detention continues to reduce as a result of releases into the community.

Figure 1 - Population in Immigration Detention

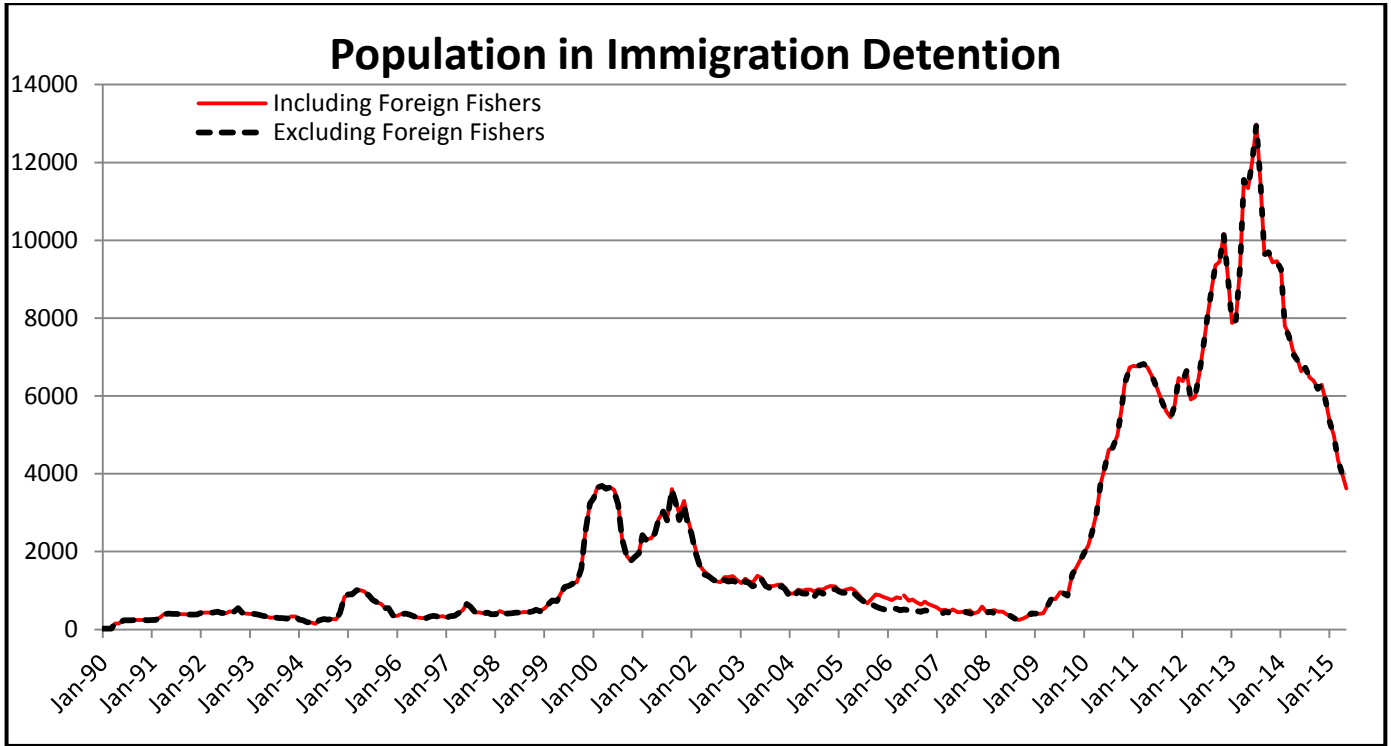


Figure 1 above shows the number of people in immigration detention from 1990 to the date of this report. The trend had a consistent rise of people in immigration detention from January 2009 to January 2013, but has since decreased and continues to decline steadily.

People in Immigration Detention Facilities by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention facilities, who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 31 May 2015, was 1 172. This represented approximately 58.0 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 854 people (about 42.0 per cent of the total immigration population) who arrived in Australia lawfully and were subsequently taken into immigration detention and had visa cancellations for either over staying or breaching their visa conditions.

Figure 2 - People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Arrival Type

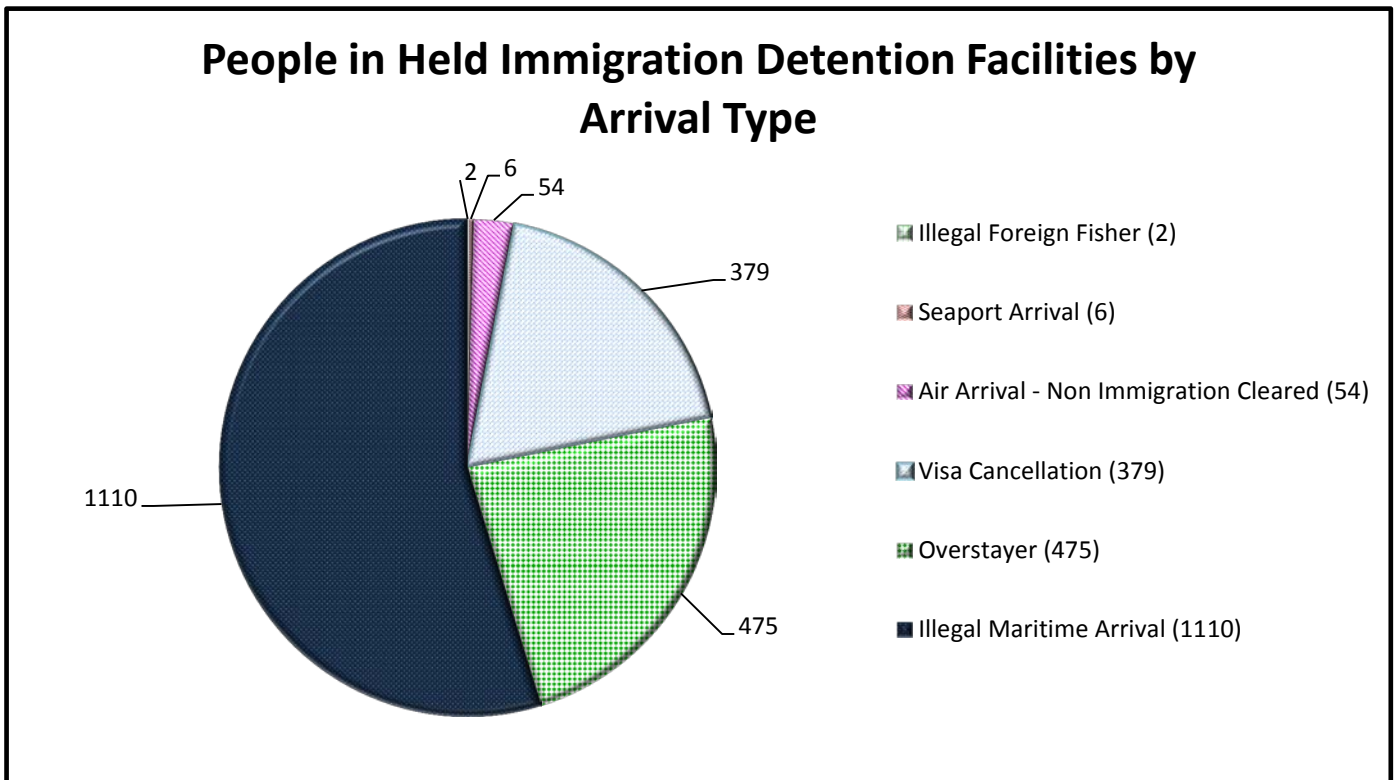


Figure 2 above shows the number of people in immigration detention by arrival type, including Visa Overstayers, Visa Cancellations, Foreign Fishers, Irregular Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if required - Inadequately Documented Crew Members and Others such as stowaways and ship deserters.

People in Immigration Detention by Nationality

As at 31 May 2015, there were 2 026 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 2 026 people, around 22.0 per cent were from Iran, 9.7 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 8.0 per cent were from China, 7.2 per cent were from New Zealand and 6.5 per cent were from Vietnam.

Table 3 - People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities as at 31 May 2015

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child (<18 years) Male	Child (<18 years) Female	Total
Iran	301	85	36	24	446
Sri Lanka	170	14	9	3	196
China	129	31	2	1	163
New Zealand	134	11	0	0	145
Vietnam	107	20	2	3	132
Stateless	66	11	7	5	89
Afghanistan	84	2	0	0	86
Iraq	59	7	3	7	76
India	59	3	5	5	72
Other	531	64	14	12	621
Total	1640	248	78	60	2026

As at 31 May 2015, 1 598 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 1 598 people, around 29.2 per cent were from Iran, 22.1 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 14.5 per cent were Stateless, 8.1 per cent were from Vietnam and 7.6 per cent were from Afghanistan.

Table 4 - People in the community under Residence Determination as at 31 May 2015

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child (<18 years) Male	Child (<18 years) Female	Total
Iran	124	136	115	91	466
Sri Lanka	83	80	106	84	353
Stateless	55	45	76	55	231
Vietnam	30	26	41	33	130
Afghanistan	25	8	82	6	121
Other	56	67	94	80	297
Total	373	362	514	349	1598

Children in Immigration Detention

As at 31 May 2015, there were 138 children (aged under 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

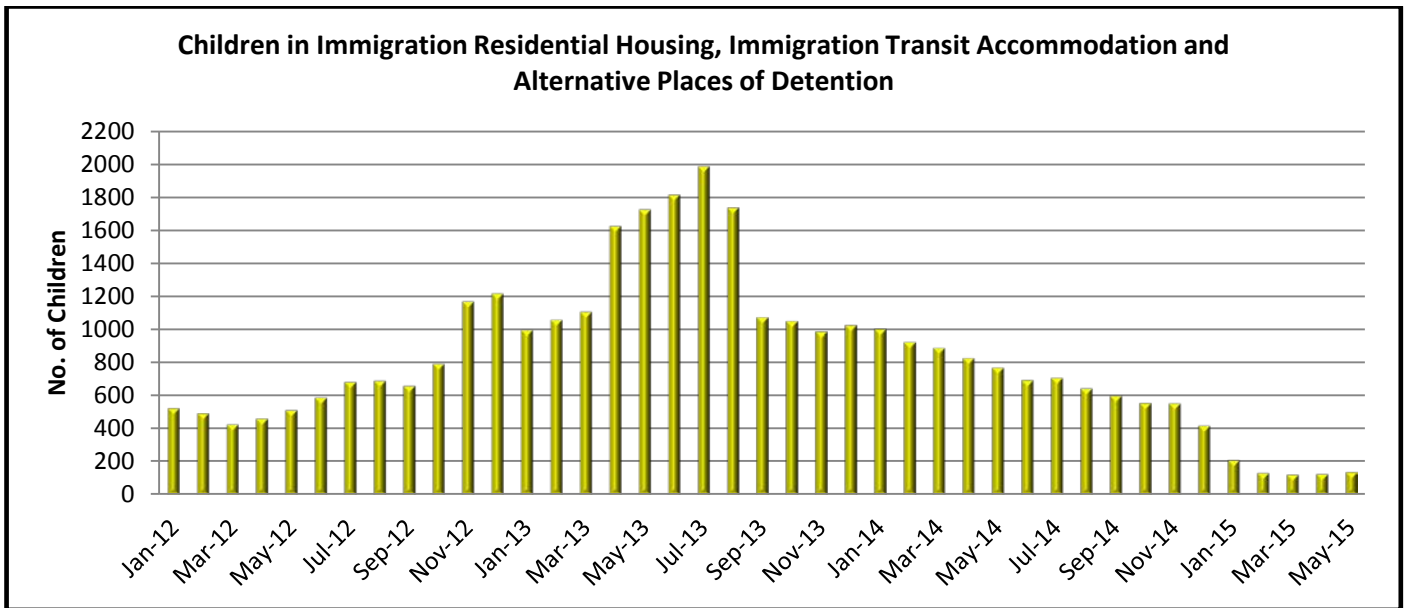


Figure 3 above shows the number of children in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention from January 2012 to the date of this report. The increase in the number of children in detention facilities in April and June 2013 was due to a rapid increase in irregular maritime arrivals 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 numbers of children in detention facilities continued to trend down during late 2013 and 2014, with a further reduction in January 2015. The number of children in immigration detention continues to trend down from January 2015, with a slight increase as at the date of this report compared to the previous month.

The number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination decreased in May 2015 to 863 children, as a result of releases into the community.

Figure 4 – Children in the community under Residence Determination

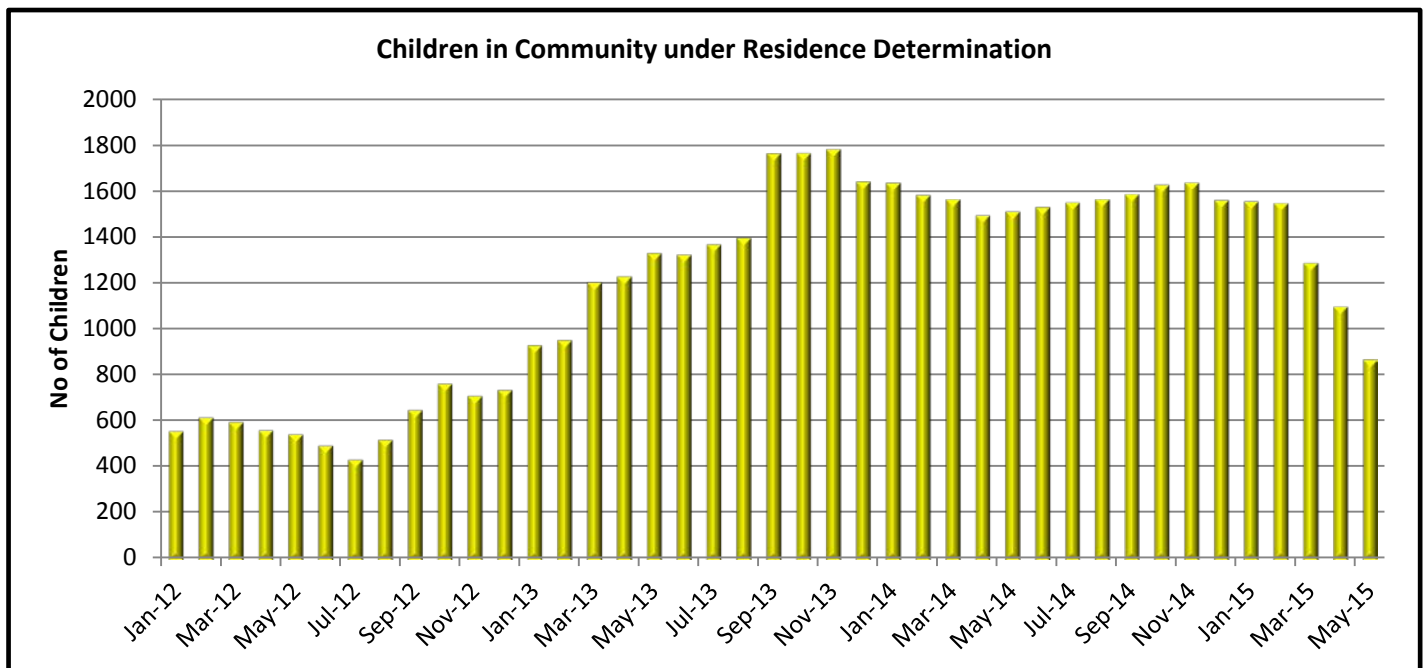


Figure 4 above shows the number of children in community detention under residence determination from January 2012 to the date of this report. The number of children in community detention under residence determination has continued to decrease since February 2015.

Table 5 - Children in Immigration Detention and in the Community as at 31 May 2015

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	18
Immigration Transit Accommodation	41
Alternative Places of Detention	79
Total Facility	138
Total in the Community under a Residence Determination	863
Total in the Community on a Bridging E Visa (including people in a re-grant process)	3257

Time in Immigration Detention Facilities

As at 31 May 2015, there were 2 026 people in immigration detention facilities. Of these 2 026 people, around 28.2 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 57.8 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less.

Table 6 - Length of time in held immigration detention facilities as at 31 May 2015

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	90	4.4%
8 days - 31 days	212	10.5%
32 days - 91 days	270	13.3%
92 days - 182 days	286	14.1%
183 days - 365 days	314	15.5%
366 days - 547 days	255	12.6%
548 days - 730 days	270	13.3%
Greater than 730 days	329	16.2%
Total	2026	100.0%

The average period of time for people held in detention facilities has decreased slightly from last month to 394 days as at 31 May 2015.

Figure 5 - Average days in held immigration detention facilities only

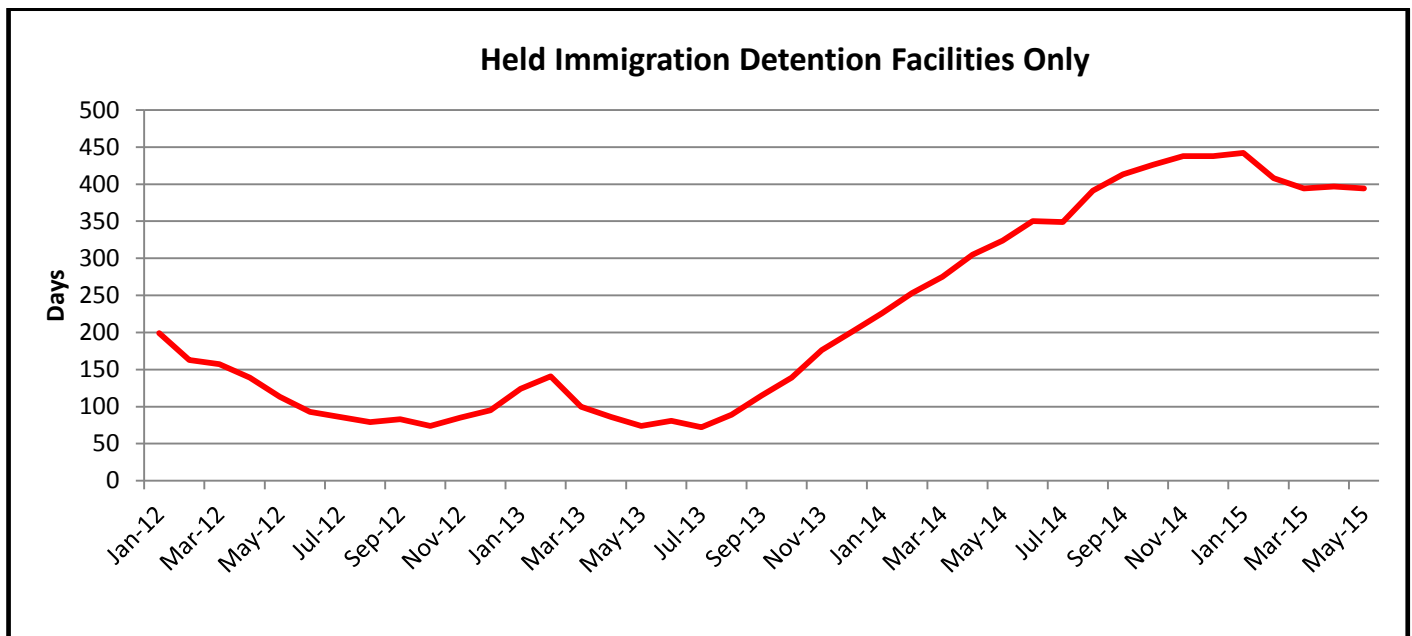


Figure 5 above shows the average days in held immigration detention only by month from January 2012 to the date of this report. The average period of time for people held in detention facilities steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015. Between January 2015 and March 2015, the average period of time for people in held detention facilities decreased then steadied as at the date of this report.

Time in Community Detention

Of the 1 598 people in Community Detention, as at 31 May 2015, 1.9 per cent had been in community detention for 91 days or less and 26.0 per cent had been in community detention for 365 days or less.

Table 7 - People in Community Detention by Length of Time in Community Detention.

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	3	0.2%
8 days - 31 days	10	0.6%
32 days - 91 days	18	1.1%
92 days - 182 days	109	6.8%
183 days - 365 days	276	17.3%
366 days - 547 days	192	12.0%
548 days - 730 days	330	20.7%
Greater than 730 days	660	41.3%
Total	1598	100.0%