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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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## Acronyms

**Table 1 – Acronyms used in this document**

Acronym	Description
APOD	Alternative Place of Detention
IDC/F	Immigration Detention Centre/Facility
IRH	Immigration Residential Housing
ITA	Immigration Transit Accommodation
RPC	Regional Processing Centre

# Immigration Detention And Community Statistics Summary

At 29 February 2016, there were 1,753 people in immigration detention facilities, including 1,586 in immigration detention on the mainland and 167 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

A further 576 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 28,738 were living in the community after grant of a Bridging Visa E.

**Table 2 – People in Immigration Detention Facilities (IDFs), Alternative Places of Detention (APODs), Regional Processing Centres (RPCs) and the Community at 29 February 2016**

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/01/16
Christmas Island IDC	167	0	0	<b>167</b>	+ 17
Maribyrnong IDC	94	10	0	<b>104</b>	- 11
Perth IDC	23	7	0	<b>30</b>	0
Villawood IDC	371	45	0	<b>416</b>	+ 17
Yongah Hill IDC	346	0	0	<b>346</b>	- 19
Christmas Island APODs	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
Mainland APODs	360	71	43	<b>474</b>	- 47
<b>Total IDCs/APODs</b>	<b>1,361</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>1,537</b>	<b>- 43</b>
Perth IRH	5	5	3	<b>13</b>	0
Sydney IRH	5	7	10	<b>22</b>	- 6
Adelaide ITA	26	2	0	<b>28</b>	+ 10
Brisbane ITA	44	21	2	<b>67</b>	- 2
Melbourne ITA	53	26	7	<b>86</b>	- 13
<b>Total in IRH and ITA</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>61</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>216</b>	<b>- 11</b>
<b>Total in Facility</b>	<b>1,494</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>- 54</b>
<b>Total in Community under Residence Determination</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>289</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>- 49</b>
<b>Total in Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)</b>	<b>21,310</b>	<b>3,385</b>	<b>4,043</b>	<b>28,738</b>	<b>+ 33</b>
Republic of Nauru (RPC)	365	55	50	<b>470</b>	- 14
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea (RPC)	909	0	0	<b>909</b>	- 7
<b>Total RPCs</b>	<b>1,274</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>1,379</b>	<b>- 21</b>

## Community Population By State/Territory

Of the 576 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 33.7 per cent were in Victoria, 26.9 per cent in Queensland, 22.2 per cent in New South Wales, 8 per cent in Western Australia, 7.8 per cent in South Australia, 0.7 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory and 0.7 per cent in Tasmania.

**Table 3 – Community Detention Population by State/Territory at 29 February 2016**

State/Territory	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Victoria	58	37	58	41	<b>194</b>
Queensland	41	37	45	32	<b>155</b>
New South Wales	29	32	39	28	<b>128</b>
Western Australia	18	13	11	4	<b>46</b>
South Australia	8	9	13	15	<b>45</b>
Australian Capital Territory	2	0	1	1	<b>4</b>
Tasmania	2	1	1	0	<b>4</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>576</b>

# Immigration Detention Population

## From 1990 to 29 February 2016

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

**Figure 1 – Population in Immigration Detention**

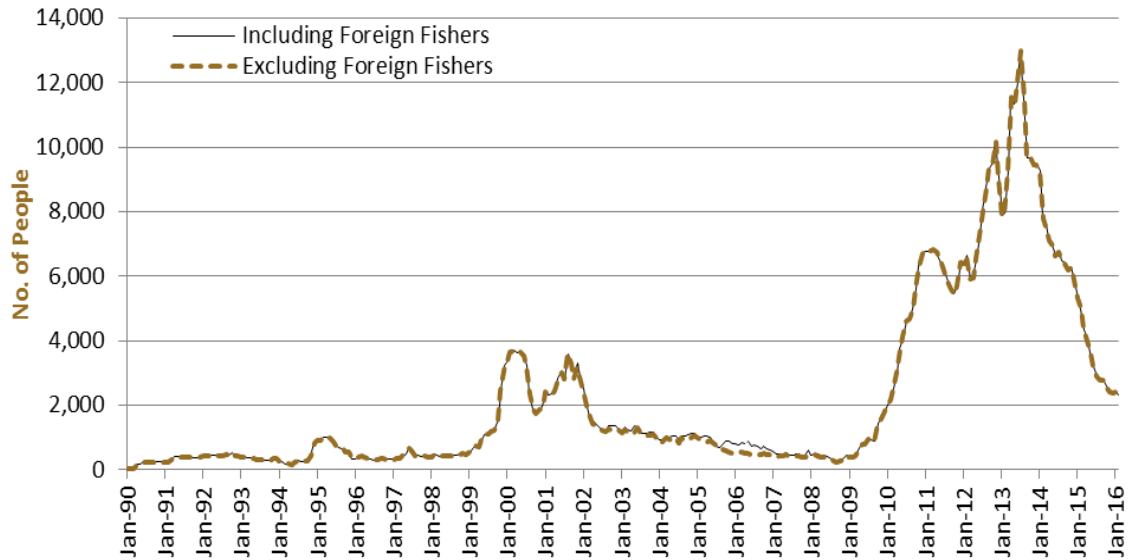


Figure 1 above, shows the number of people in immigration detention from 1990 to the date of this report. The trend had a consistent rise of people in immigration detention from January 2009 to January 2013, but has since decreased and continues to decline steadily.

# People In Immigration Detention Facilities

## Arrival Type

There were 820 people, who arrived unlawfully by air or boat, in held immigration detention facilities at 29 February 2016, representing approximately 47.0 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 933 people (about 53.0 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**

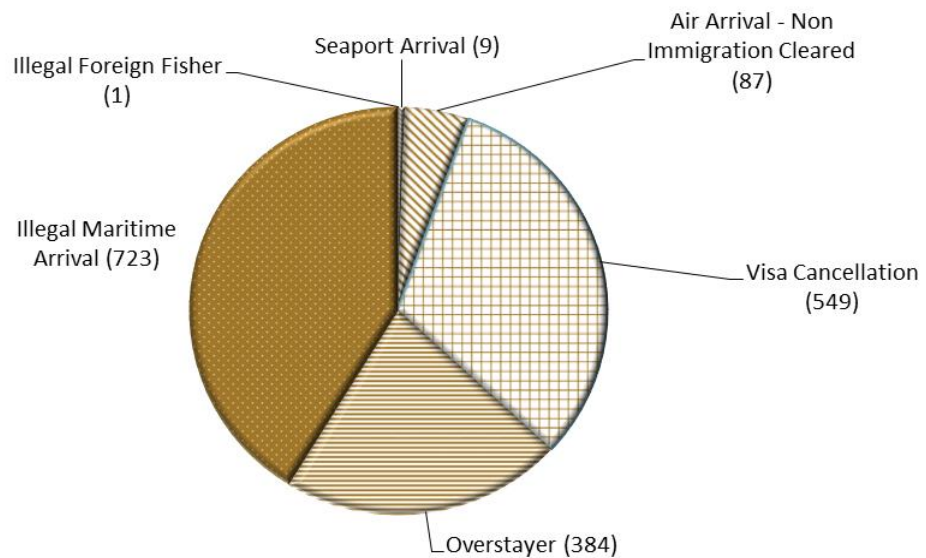


Figure 2 above, shows the number of people in held immigration detention facilities by arrival type, including Visa Overstayers, Visa Cancellations, Foreign Fishers, Irregular Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if required – Inadequately Documented Crew Members and Others such as stowaways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

# People in Immigration Detention

## Nationality

At 29 February 2016, there were 1,753 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 1,753 people, around 15.5 per cent were from Iran, 10.3 per cent were from New Zealand, 7.3 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 6.7 per cent were from China and 6.4 per cent were from Vietnam.

**Table 4 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities at 29 February 2016**

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	206	43	20	3	<b>272</b>
New Zealand	161	20	0	0	<b>181</b>
Sri Lanka	113	5	7	3	<b>128</b>
China	92	23	1	1	<b>117</b>
Vietnam	94	17	1	0	<b>112</b>
Afghanistan	75	2	0	0	<b>77</b>
India	60	3	0	1	<b>64</b>
United Kingdom	54	6	0	0	<b>60</b>
Bangladesh	57	1	0	1	<b>59</b>
Other	582	74	15	12	<b>683</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,494</b>	<b>194</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>1,753</b>

At 29 February 2016, 576 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 576 people, around 37.8 per cent were from Iran, 17.5 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 9.9 per cent were from Vietnam and 8.3 per cent were from Afghanistan.

**Table 5 – People in the community under Residence Determination at 29 February 2016**

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	67	65	44	42	<b>218</b>
Sri Lanka	24	19	34	24	<b>101</b>
Vietnam	15	9	16	17	<b>57</b>
Afghanistan	15	1	30	2	<b>48</b>
Stateless	13	9	14	12	<b>48</b>
Other	24	26	30	24	<b>104</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>129</b>	<b>168</b>	<b>121</b>	<b>576</b>



# Children In Immigration Detention

At 29 February 2016, there were 65 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**

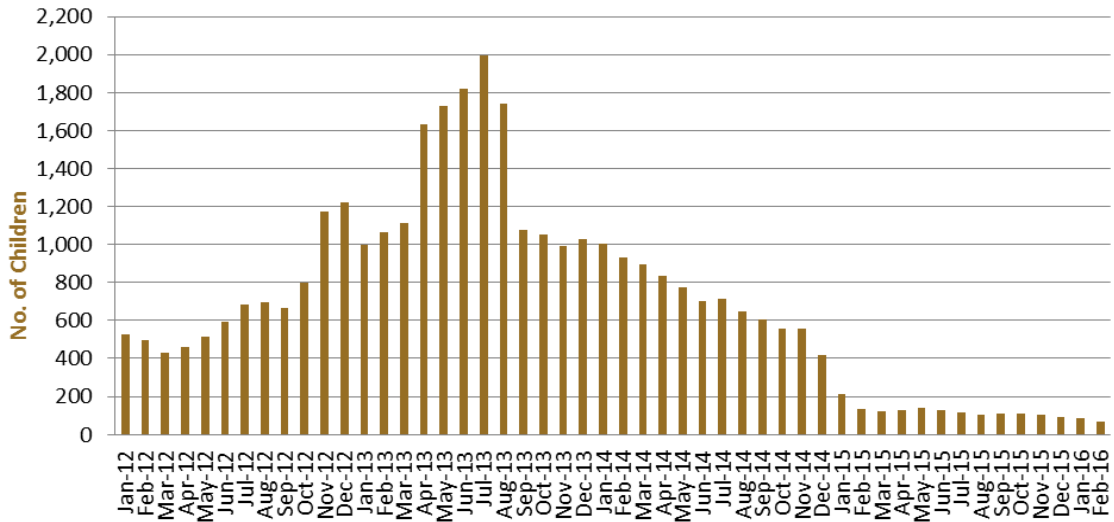


Figure 3 above, shows the number of children in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention from January 2012 to the date of this report. The increase in the number of children in detention facilities in April and June 2013 was due to a rapid increase in irregular maritime arrivals 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 numbers have levelled off since February 2015.

The number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination decreased at 29 February 2016, to 289 children.

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

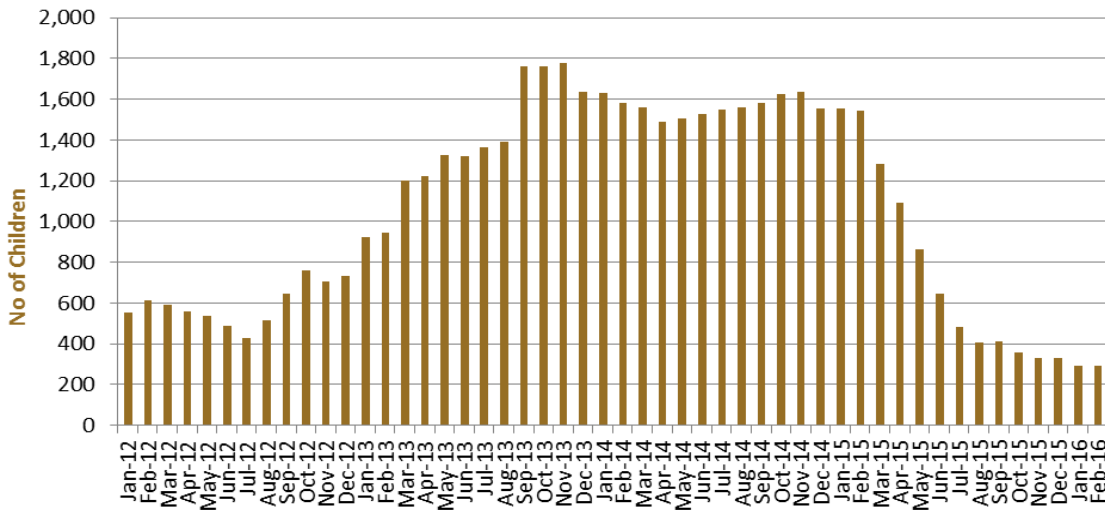


Figure 4 above, shows the number of children in community detention under residence determination from January 2012 to the date of this report. The number of children, in community detention under residence determination, has levelled off at its lowest number since the peak in November 2013, as a result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

**Table 6 – Children in Immigration Detention and in the Community at 29 February 2016**

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	13
Immigration Transit Accommodation	9
Alternative Places of Detention	43
<b>Total in Facility</b>	<b>65</b>
<b>Total in Community under a Residence Determination</b>	<b>289</b>
<b>Total in Community on a Bridging E visa (including in re-grant process)</b>	<b>4,043</b>

# Time In Immigration Detention Facilities

At 29 February 2016, there were 1,753 people in immigration detention facilities. Of these 1,753 people, around 23.1 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 54.5 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less.

**Table 7 – Length of time in held immigration detention facilities at 29 February 2016**

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	97	5.5%
8 days - 31 days	127	7.2%
32 days - 91 days	181	10.3%
92 days - 182 days	205	11.7%
183 days - 365 days	345	19.7%
366 days - 547 days	206	11.8%
548 days - 730 days	138	7.9%
Greater than 730 days	454	25.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,753</b>	<b>100%</b>

The average period of time for people held in detention facilities was 464 days at 29 February 2016.

**Figure 5 – Average number of days in held immigration detention facilities only**

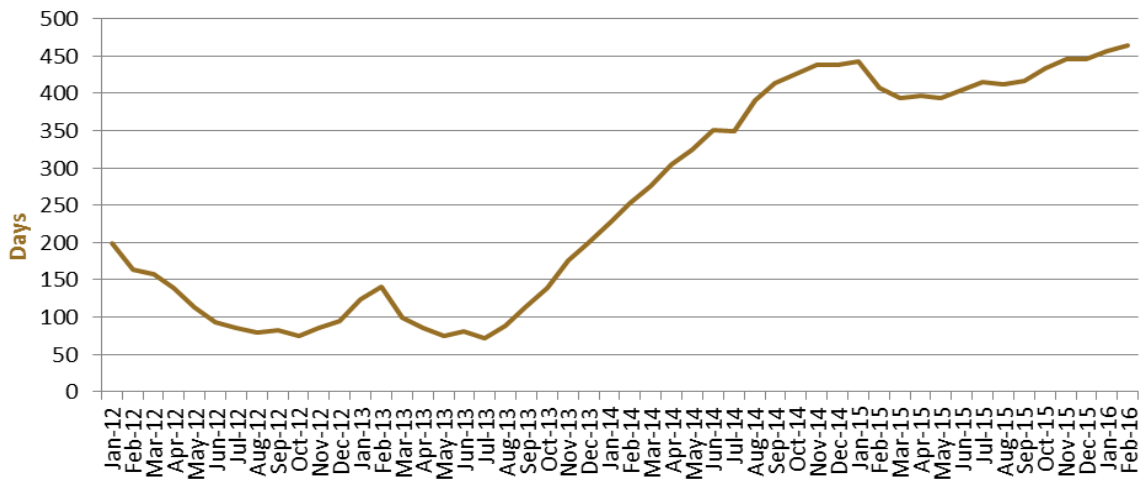


Figure 5 above, shows the average days in held immigration detention only by month from January 2012 to the date of this report. The average period of time for people held in detention facilities steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015. Between January 2015 and March 2015, the average period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

## Time In Community Detention

Of the 576 people in Community Detention, as at 29 February 2016, 16.7 per cent had been in Community Detention for 91 days or less and 28.8 per cent had been in Community Detention for 365 days or less.

**Table 8 – People in Community Detention by Length of Time in Community Detention at 29 February 2016**

<b>Period Detained</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
7 days or less	10	1.7%
8 days - 31 days	34	5.9%
32 days - 91 days	52	9.0%
92 days - 182 days	17	3.0%
183 days - 365 days	53	9.2%
366 days - 547 days	67	11.6%
548 days - 730 days	53	9.2%
Greater than 730 days	290	50.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>576</b>	<b>100%</b>