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Immigration Detention Statistics Summary

30 April 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: 30 April 2013

There were 8797 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention, including 6302 in immigration detention on the mainland and 2495 in immigration detention on Christmas Island as at 30 April 2013.

Separately, 2752 people have been approved for a residence determination to live in the community.

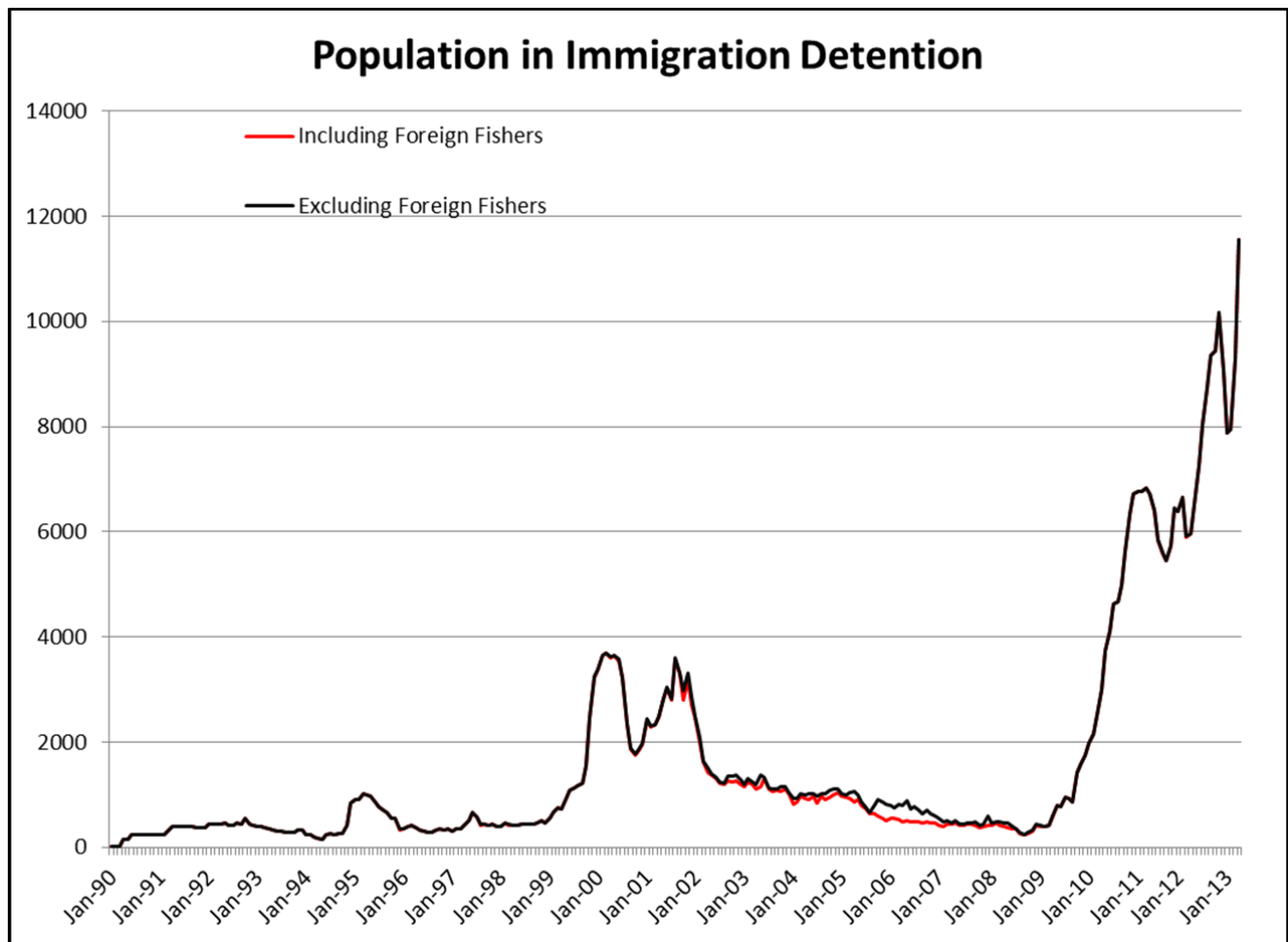
Table 1 –People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention

People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention					
Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/03/2013
Christmas Island IDC	1113			1113	+ 20
Curtin IDC	621			621	+ 75
Maribyrnong IDC	73	10		83	- 11
Northern IDC (Darwin)	502		31	533	+ 162
Perth IDC	34	10		44	+ 14
Scherger IDC	487			487	+ 292
Villawood IDC	346	61		407	+ 21
Wickham Point IDC	1423			1423	+ 679
Yongah Hill IDC	467			467	+ 169
Total in Immigration Detention Centres (IDCs)	5066	81	31	5178	+ 1421
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	6	4	15	25	+ 9
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	19	17	29	65	+ 6
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	7	12	18	37	+ 10
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	11	4	2	17	- 2
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	26	20	26	72	+ 11
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	144	103	134	381	+ 110
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	213	160	224	597	+ 144
Alternative Places of Detention (Christmas Island and Coco's Keeling Island)	397	419	566	1382	+ 224
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	369	460	811	1640	+ 428
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port					0
Total	6045	1120	1632	8797	+ 2217
People in Community under Residence Determination	906	622	1224	2752	+ 29

Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to 30 April 2013

The number of people in immigration detention month to month continues to fluctuate, predominantly due to the changing pattern of irregular maritime arrivals. The number of irregular 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

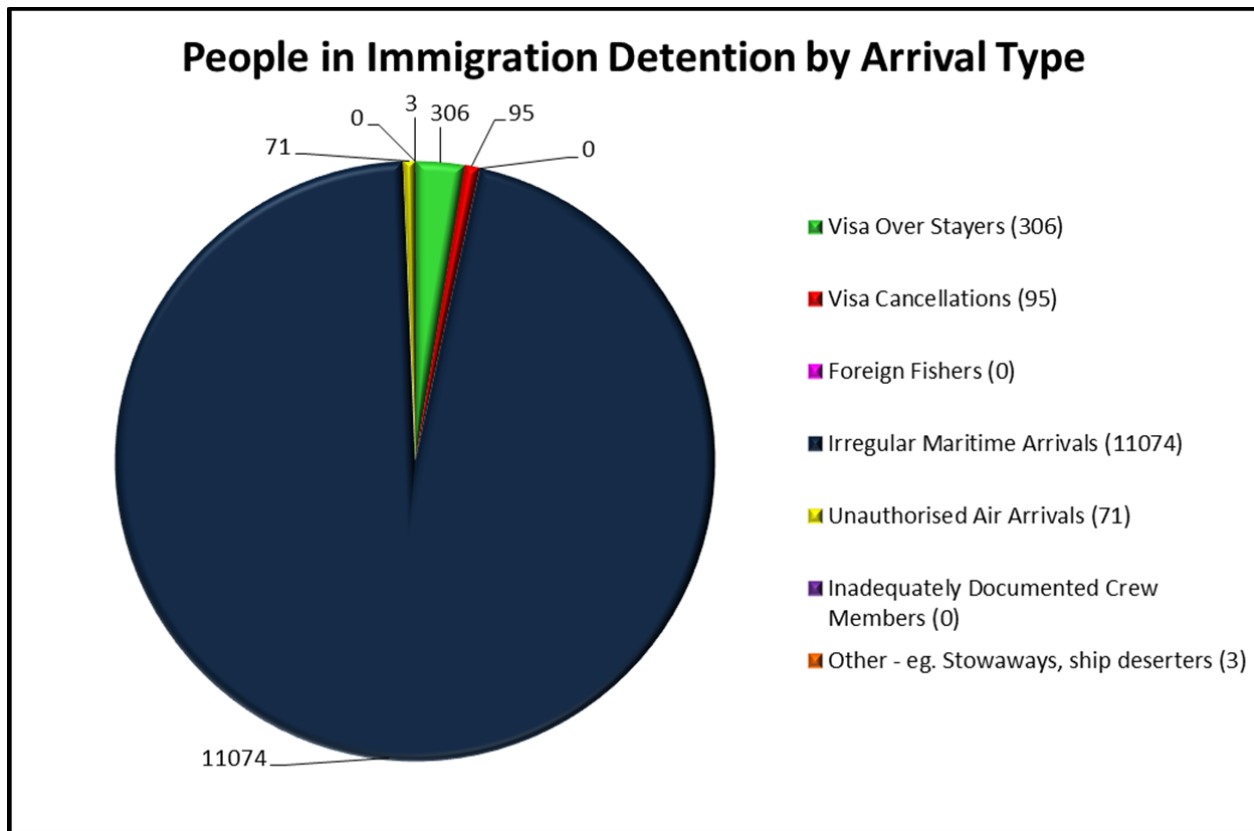


People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 30 April 2013 was 11,148. This represents about 97% of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 401 people (about 3% 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 8797 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 30 April 2013 around 24% were Iranian nationals, 22% were Sri Lankan nationals and 14% were Afghan nationals.

Table 2 - People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention as at 30 April 2013

People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention as at 30 April 2013					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	1337	429	231	147	2144
Sri Lanka	1340	251	237	141	1969
Afghanistan	840	56	255	44	1195
Pakistan	460	17	36	7	520
Iraq	311	61	55	39	466
Vietnam	274	50	106	32	462
Bangladesh	416	1	2		419
Indonesia	153	14	15	1	183
China, Peoples Republic Of	96	29			125
Myanmar	30	8	5	9	52
Other	788	204	165	105	1262
Total	6045	1120	1107	525	8797

Of the 2752 people approved to live in the community under residence determination, as at 30 April 2013 around 33% were Iranian nationals, 22% were Sri Lankan nationals and 13% were Afghan nationals.

Table 3 - People in the community under Residence Determination as at 30 April 2013

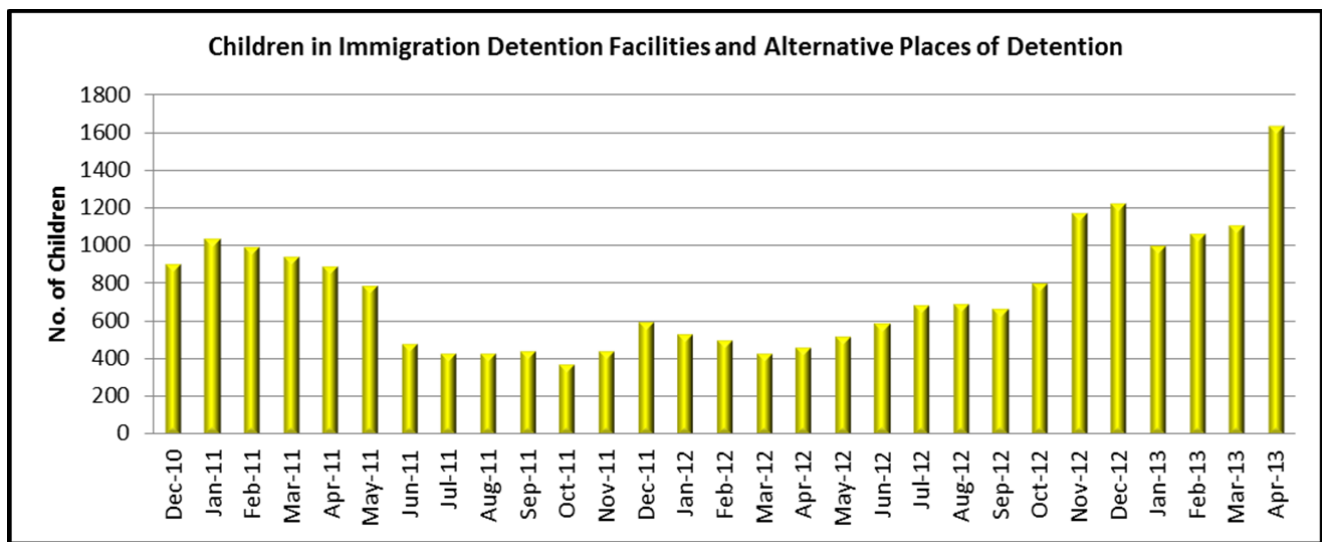
People in Community under Residence Determination as at 30 April 2013					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	303	270	183	159	915
Sri Lanka	213	127	178	94	612
Afghanistan	119	35	189	23	366
Iraq	73	41	54	31	199
Palestinian Authority	22	23	22	27	94
Other	176	126	158	106	566
Total	906	622	784	440	2752

Children in Immigration Detention

As at 30 April 2013 there were 1632 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention.

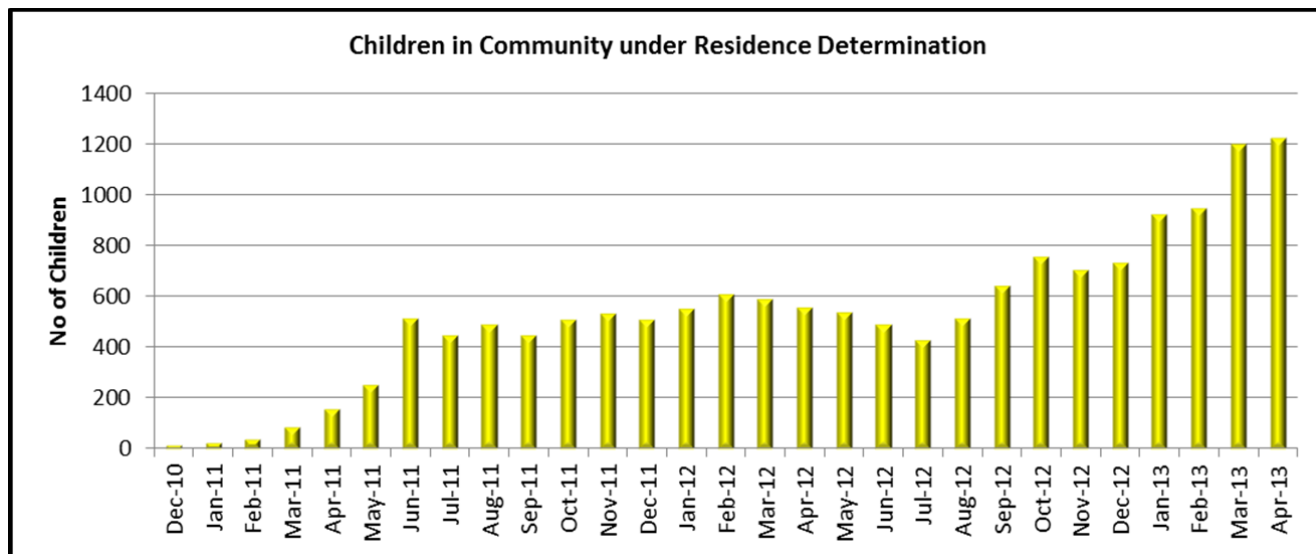
The increase in the number of children in immigration detention facilities in November and December 2012 was due to a rapid increase in irregular maritime arrivals from October to November 2012. The number of children in immigration detention facilities reduced in January and February 2013 as children completed mandatory processing and were transferred into the community. Because of the high number of recent arrivals in April 2013 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 Residence Determination



As at 30 April 2013, 1632 children remain in immigration detention while undergoing initial processing. The majority of these children arrived on or after 1 November 2012. 1224 children were approved under residence determination for community placement.

Table 4 - Children in Immigration Detention as at 30 April 2013

Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	62
Immigration Transit Accommodation	162
Alternative Places of Detention	1408
Total	1632
Children in Community under Residence Determination	1224

Time in Held Immigration Detention

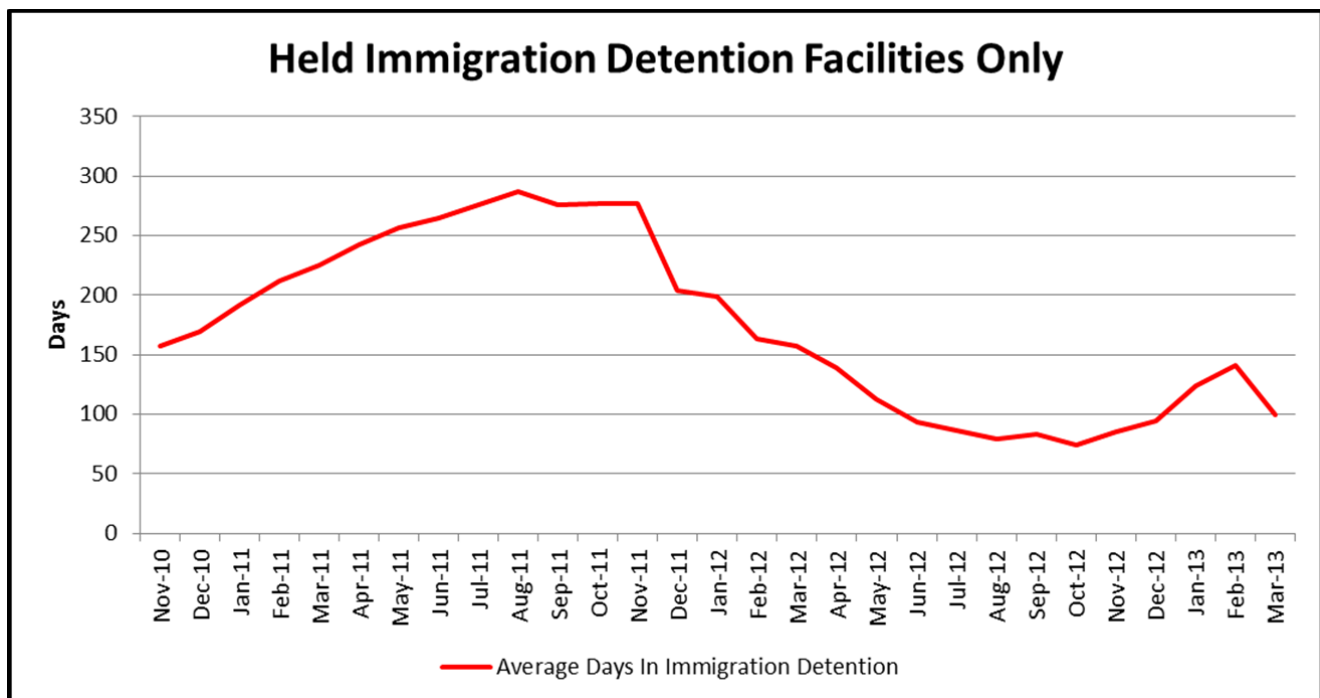
Of the 8797 people in held immigration detention as at 30 April 2013, around 72% had been detained for three months or less and 98% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Table 5 - Length of time in held immigration detention as at 30 April 2013

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	927	11
8 days - 31 days	2578	29
32 days - 91 days	2804	32
92 days - 182 days	1588	18
183 days - 365 days	719	8
366 days - 547 days	40	0
548 days - 730 days	19	0
Greater than 730 days	122	1
Total	8797	100

The average period of time for people held in immigration detention facilities has significantly decreased from 277 days in November 2011 to 86 days as at 30 April 2013.

Figure 5 - Average days in held immigration detention facilities only



Time in Community Detention

Of the 2752 people in Community Detention as at 30 April 2013 around 1% had been detained for three months or less and 81% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Table 6 - Length of time in Community Detention as at 30 April 2013

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	0	0
8 days - 31 days	2	0
32 days - 91 days	14	1
92 days - 182 days	491	18
183 days - 365 days	1711	62
366 days - 547 days	150	5
548 days - 730 days	84	3
Greater than 730 days	300	11
Total	2752	100