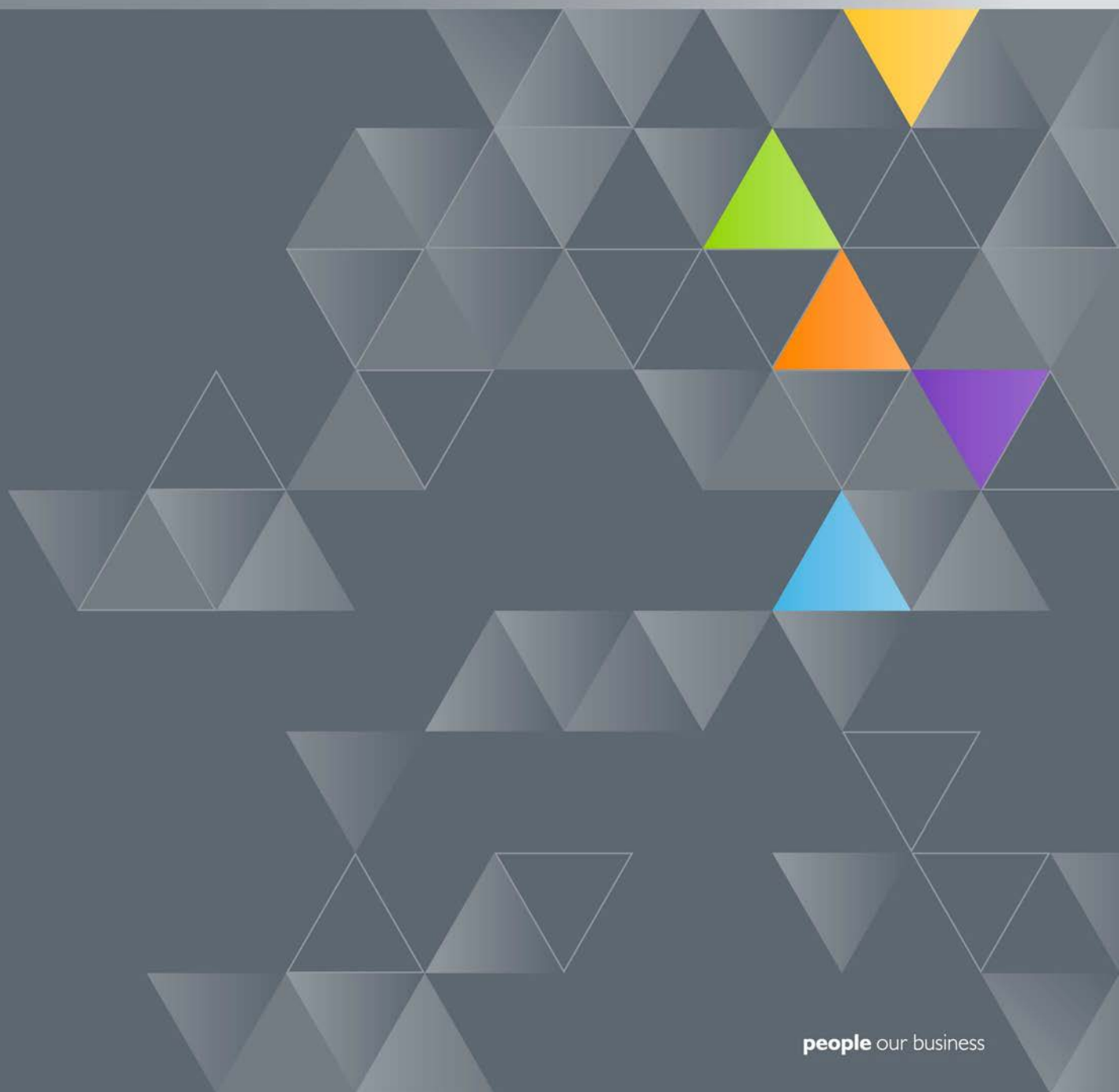




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# Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

28 February 2015



## About this report

This report provides an overview of the number of people in immigration detention and Offshore 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: <http://www.immi.gov.au/About/Pages/detention/about-immigration-detention.aspx>

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**See:** <http://www.immi.gov.au/managing-australias-borders/detention/visiting/enquiries-feedback.htm>

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## Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

As at 28 February 2015, there were 1994 people in immigration detention facilities, including 1840 in immigration detention on the mainland and 154 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

A further 2995 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 26586 were living in the community after grant of a Bridging Visa E.

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

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/01/2015
Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre	154	0	0	<b>154</b>	- 170
Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre	118	5	0	<b>123</b>	+ 18
Perth Immigration Detention Centre	7	2	0	<b>9</b>	- 4
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre	326	45	0	<b>371</b>	+ 17
Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre	420	16	0	<b>436</b>	+ 27
Alternative Places of Detention (Christmas Island)	0	0	0	<b>0</b>	0
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	431	128	85	<b>644</b>	- 175
<b>Total Immigration Detention Centres/APODs</b>	<b>1456</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>85</b>	<b>1737</b>	<b>- 287</b>
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	2	4	7	<b>13</b>	- 3
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	3	11	16	<b>30</b>	- 7
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	19	10	0	<b>29</b>	+ 11
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	47	17	10	<b>74</b>	+ 5
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	76	20	15	<b>111</b>	- 23
<b>Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation</b>	<b>147</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>257</b>	<b>-17</b>
<b>Total Facility</b>	<b>1603</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>133</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>- 304</b>
<b>Total Community under Residence Determination</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>1544</b>	<b>2995</b>	<b>- 19</b>
<b>Total Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)</b>	<b>21336</b>	<b>2751</b>	<b>2499</b>	<b>26586</b>	<b>+ 418</b>
Republic of Nauru	509	126	107	<b>742</b>	- 60
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea	1004	0	0	<b>1004</b>	- 19
<b>Total Regional Processing Centres</b>	<b>1513</b>	<b>126</b>	<b>107</b>	<b>1746</b>	<b>- 79</b>

## Community Population by State/Territory

Of the 2995 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 39.7% are in Victoria, 22.2% in Queensland, 16.8% in New South Wales, 9.0% in Western Australia, 8.8% in South Australia, 1.8 % the Australian Capital Territory and 1.6% in Tasmania.

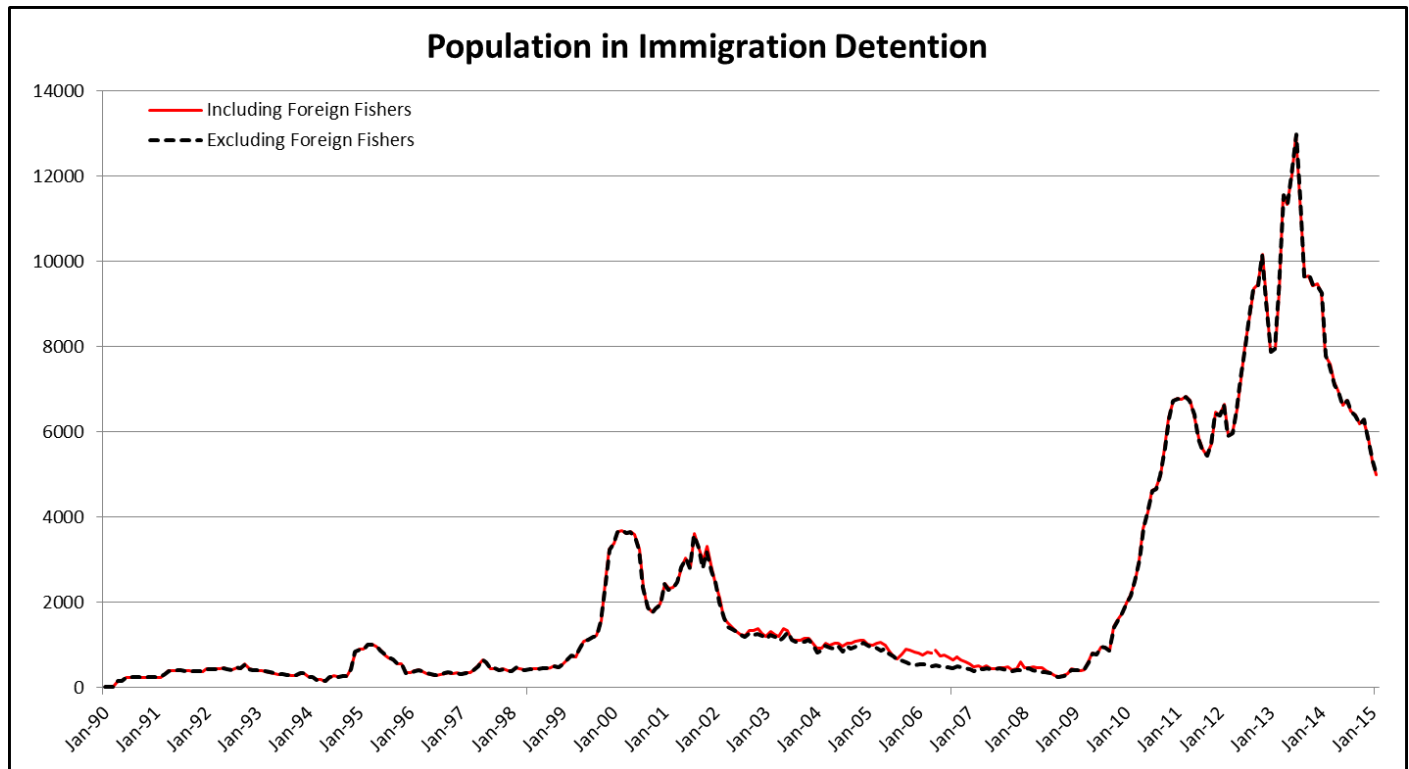
**Table 2: Community Detention Population by State/Territory as at 28 February 2015**

State/Territory	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
VIC	294	275	341	279	<b>1189</b>
QLD	168	158	194	146	<b>666</b>
NSW	126	120	150	107	<b>503</b>
WA	73	66	79	53	<b>271</b>
SA	62	62	70	69	<b>263</b>
ACT	13	12	18	12	<b>55</b>
TAS	11	11	19	7	<b>48</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>2995</b>

## Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to 28 February 2015

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

Figure 1 - Population in Immigration Detention

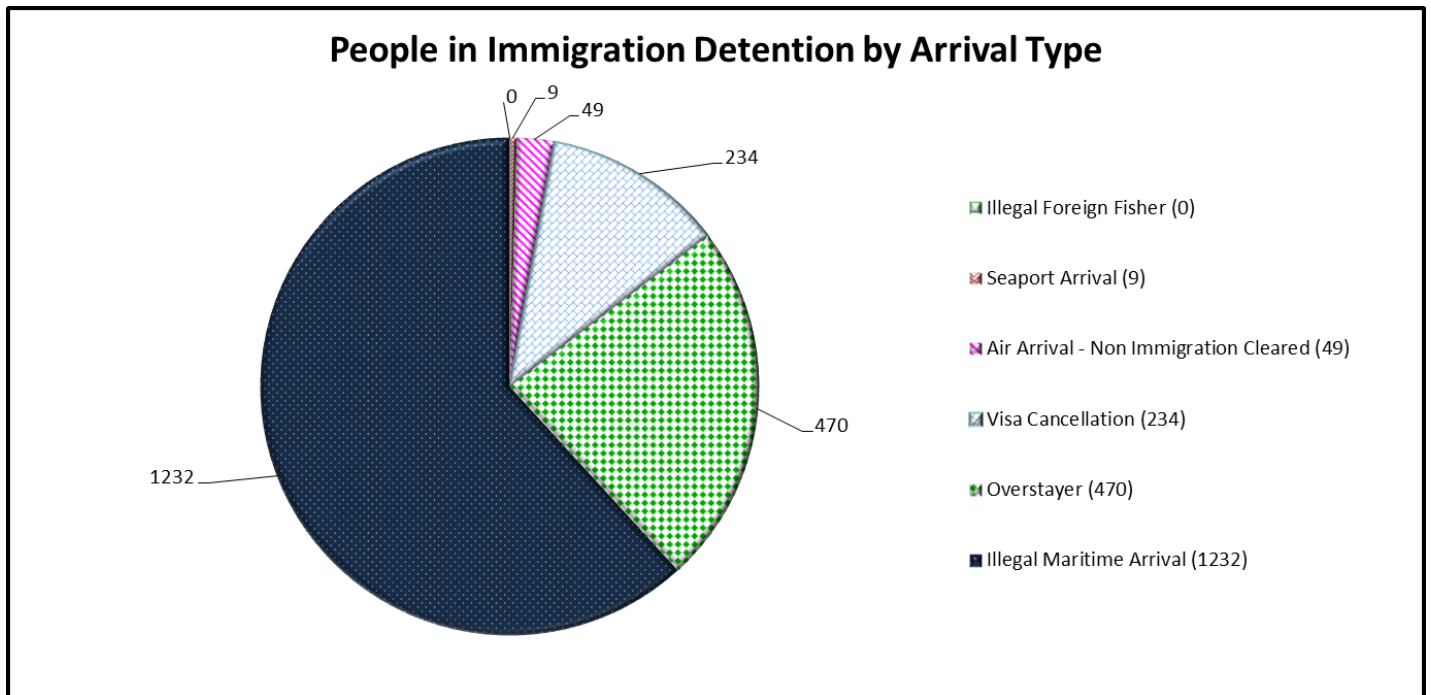


## People in Immigration Detention Facilities by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention facilities, who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 28 February 2015 was 1290, representing approximately 65.0% of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 704 people (about 35.0% 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 Immigration Detention by Arrival Type**



## People in Immigration Detention by Nationality

As at 28 February 2015, there were 1994 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 1994 people, around 22.6% were from Iran, 9.8% were from Sri Lanka, 7.7% were from China, 6.5% were from Vietnam and 5.5% were Stateless.

**Table 3 - People in Immigration Detention Facilities as at 28 February 2015**

Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	319	82	33	17	451
Sri Lanka	161	15	14	5	195
China	122	32	0	0	154
Vietnam	111	14	1	3	129
Stateless	84	12	7	6	109
Pakistan	83	1	3	1	88
Afghanistan	81	2	0	0	83
Malaysia	50	23	3	2	78
Iraq	61	5	2	8	76
Other	531	72	15	13	631
<b>Total</b>	<b>1603</b>	<b>258</b>	<b>78</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>1994</b>

As at 28 February 2015, 2995 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 2995 people, around 29.6% were from Iran, 23.4% were from Sri Lanka, 14.1% were Stateless and 7.7% were from Vietnam.

**Table 4 - People in the community under Residence Determination as at 28 February 2015**

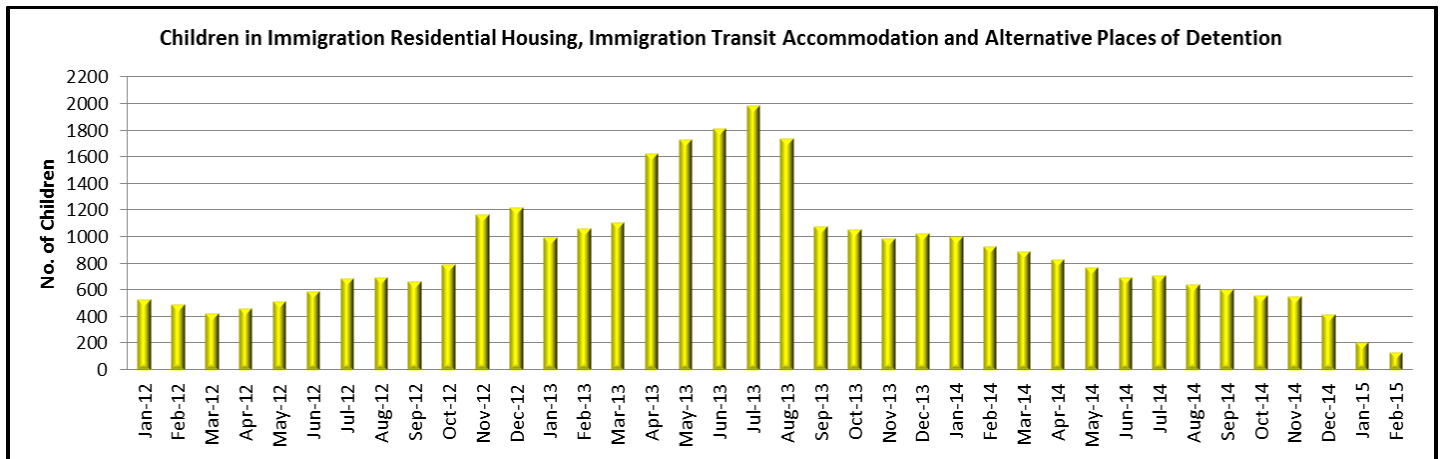
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	248	254	214	172	888
Sri Lanka	184	164	193	161	702
Stateless	99	85	126	112	422
Vietnam	59	51	67	55	232
Afghanistan	51	26	114	25	216
Other	106	124	157	148	535
<b>Total</b>	<b>747</b>	<b>704</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>673</b>	<b>2995</b>

## Children in Immigration Detention

As at 28 February 2015, there were 133 children (aged under 18 years) in Immigration Residential Housing, Immigration Transit Accommodation and Alternative Places of Detention.

The number of children in immigration facilities decreased in February due to children completing mandatory processing and being transferred into the community.

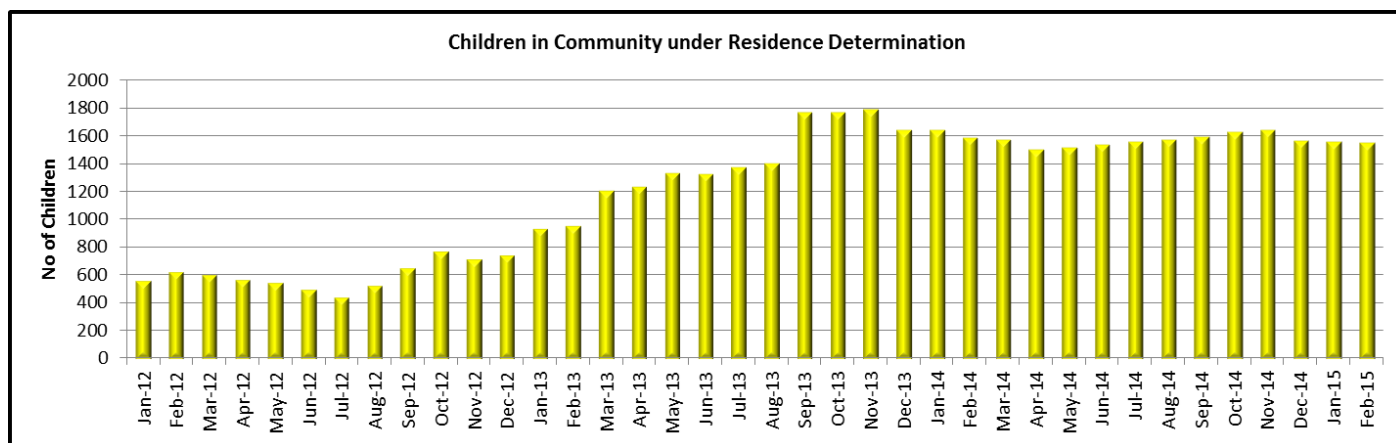
**Figure 3 - Children in Immigration Residential Housing, Immigration Transit Accommodation and Alternative Places of Detention**





The number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination slightly decreased in February 2015 to 1544 children.

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



**Table 5 - Children in Immigration Detention and in the Community as at 28 February 2015**

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	23
Immigration Transit Accommodation	25
Alternative Places of Detention	85
<b>Total Facility</b>	<b>133</b>
<b>Total in the Community under a Residence Determination</b>	<b>1544</b>
<b>Total in the Community on a Bridging Visa E (including people in a re-grant process)</b>	<b>2499</b>

## Time in Immigration Detention Facilities

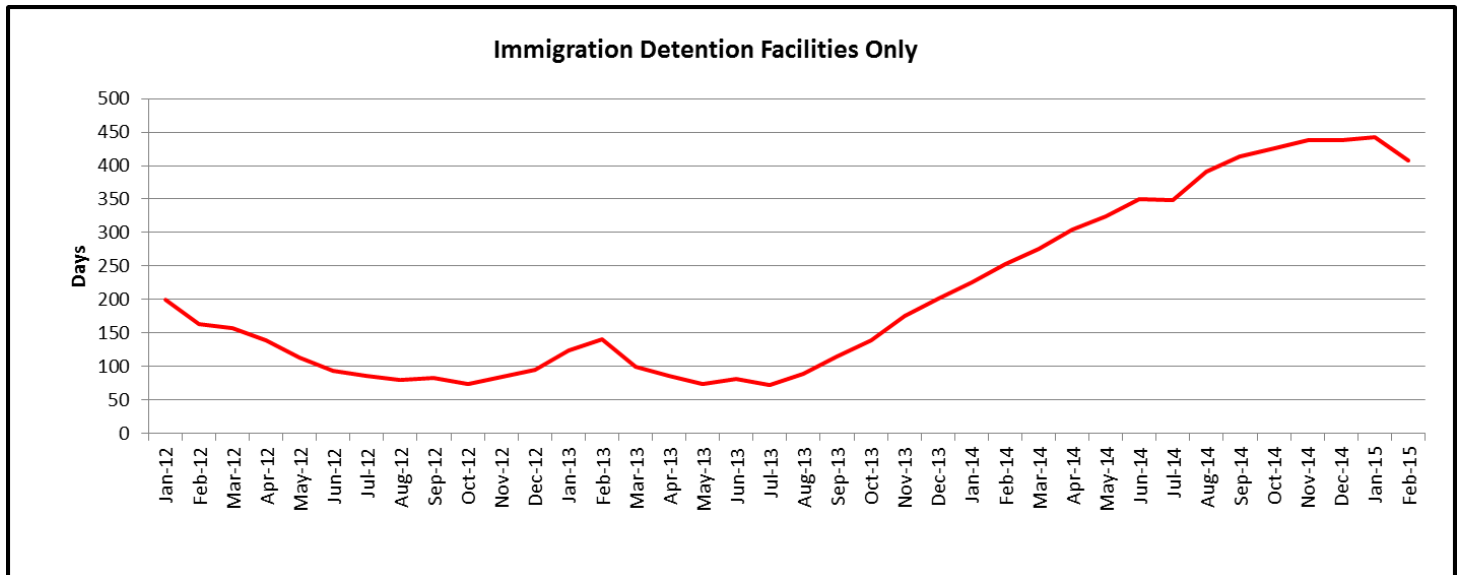
As at 28 February 2015, there were 1994 people in immigration detention facilities. Of these 1994 people, around 26.6% had been detained for 3 months or less and 51.5% had been detained for 12 months or less.

**Table 6 - Length of time in held immigration detention as at 28 February 2015**

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	93	4.7%
8 days - 31 days	228	11.4%
32 days - 91 days	209	10.5%
92 days - 182 days	173	8.7%
183 days - 365 days	323	16.2%
366 days - 547 days	321	16.1%
548 days - 730 days	412	20.6%
Greater than 730 days	235	11.8%
<b>Total</b>	<b>1994</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

The average period of time for people held in detention facilities has decreased from last month to 408 days as at 28 February 2015.<sup>3</sup>

**Figure 5 - Average days in immigration detention facilities only**



## Time in Community Detention

Of the 2995 people in Community Detention, as at 28 February 2015, 4.4% had been detained under 3 months and 33.3% had been detained for 12 months or less. This includes the period detained in facilities prior to transferring to Community Detention.

**Table 7 – People in Community Detention by Length of Time in Detention.**

<b>Period Detained</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>% of Total</b>
7 days or less	25	0.8%
8 days - 31 days	35	1.2%
32 days - 91 days	73	2.5%
92 days - 182 days	258	8.6%
183 days - 365 days	606	20.2%
366 days - 547 days	414	13.8%
548 days - 730 days	736	24.6%
Greater than 730 days	848	28.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>2995</b>	<b>100.0%</b>