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Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

31 January 2014



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.

Note: Bridging Visa figures in this report only relate to illegal maritime arrivals.

The Department has initiated a data cleanse which has identified a systems error in how the status of IMA BVE holders is reported. Further work is currently being undertaken to resolve this issue.

Further information about immigration detention is available at:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/About/Pages/detention/about-immigration-detention.aspx>

Enquiries

Any comments or enquiries concerning this report should be sent using our client service feedback form quoting the name and date of the report.

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: 31 January 2014

There were 5867 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention, including 3967 in immigration detention on the mainland and 1900 in immigration detention on Christmas Island as at 31 January 2014.

Separately, 3391 people are living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 22670 are 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 31/12/2013
Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre	944			944	- 119
Curtin Immigration Detention Centre	849			849	+ 124
Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre	79	5		84	+ 3
Northern Immigration Detention Centre (Darwin)	198			198	+ 7
Perth Immigration Detention Centre	34	9		43	+ 9
Scherger Immigration Detention Centre	83			83	- 149
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre	364	60		424	+ 60
Wickham Point Immigration Detention Centre	204			204	+ 52
Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre	407			407	- 121
Total in Immigration Detention Centres	3162	74		3236	- 134
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	2	6	6	14	+ 1
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing					- 20
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	8	11	20	39	+ 3
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	22	1		23	- 6
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	39	19	12	70	+ 13
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	156	103	73	332	+ 10
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	227	140	111	478	+ 1
Alternative Places of Detention (Christmas Island and Cocos Keeling Island)	234	298	424	956	- 164
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	316	410	471	1197	+ 42
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port					0
Total Facility and APOD	3939	922	1006	5867	- 255
Total Community under Residence Determination	1071	689	1631	3391	+ 46
Total Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)	18783	2136	1751	22670	-38

Offshore Processing Centres	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/01/2014
Republic of Nauru	621	259	132	1012	+174
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea	1353			1353	+124
Total Offshore Processing Centres	1974	259	132	2365	+298

Community Population by State/Territory

Of the 3391 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 42% are situated in Victoria, 19% in Queensland, 18% in New South Wales, 9% in South Australia, 9% in Western Australia, 2% in Tasmania and 1% in the Australian Capital Territory.

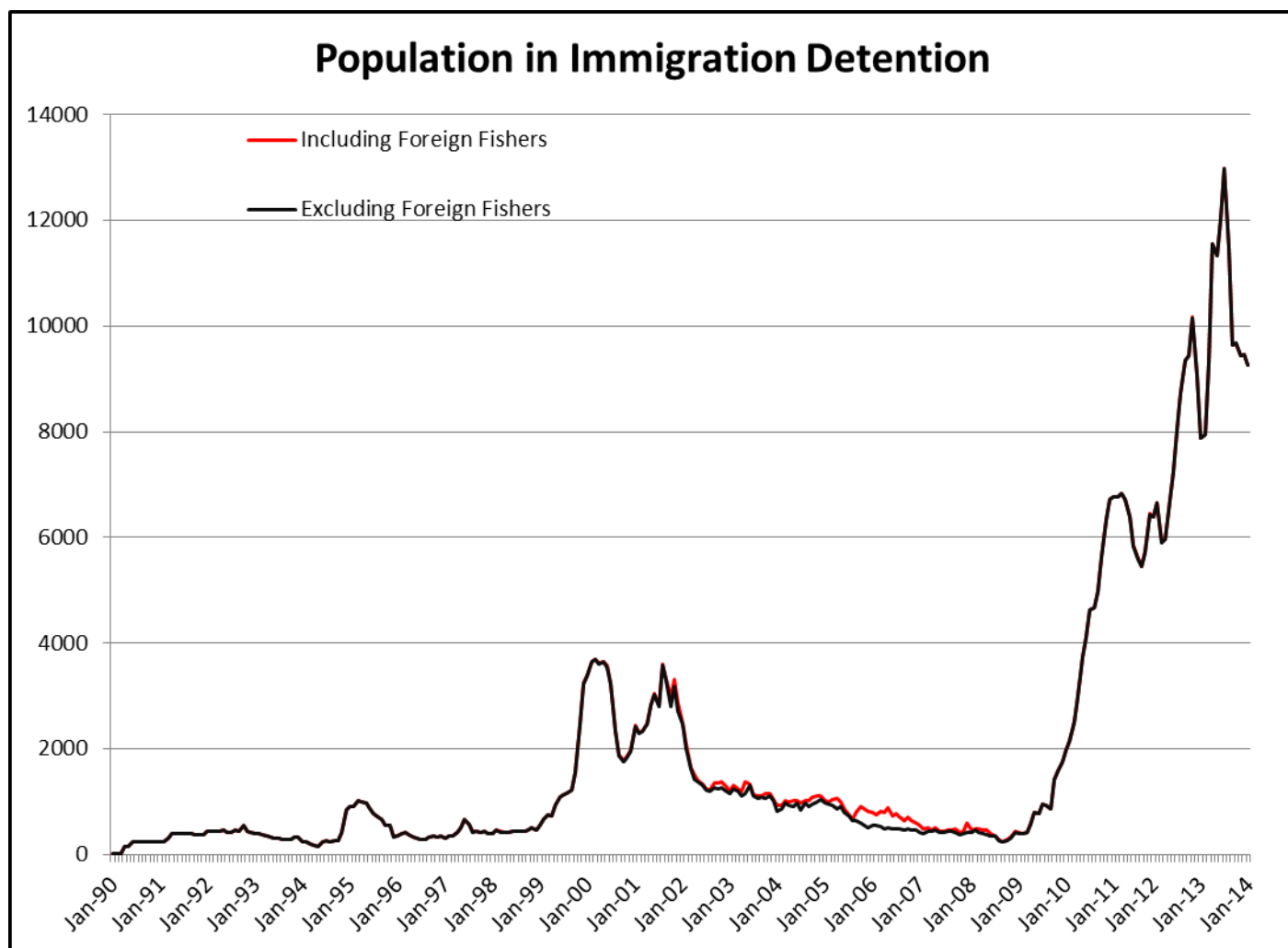
Table 2: Community Detention Population by State/Territory

State/Territory	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
ACT	18	9	23	6	56
NSW	211	121	177	100	609
NT		2			2
QLD	179	143	208	113	643
SA	87	60	93	61	301
TAS	24	9	35	4	72
VIC	456	285	446	232	1419
WA	96	60	93	40	289
Total	1071	689	1075	556	3391

Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to 31 January 2014

The number of people in immigration detention month to month continues to fluctuate, predominantly due to the changing pattern of unauthorised maritime arrivals. The numbers of illegal maritime arrivals in January 2014 were down 99% compared to the previous month.

Figure 1 - Population in Immigration Detention

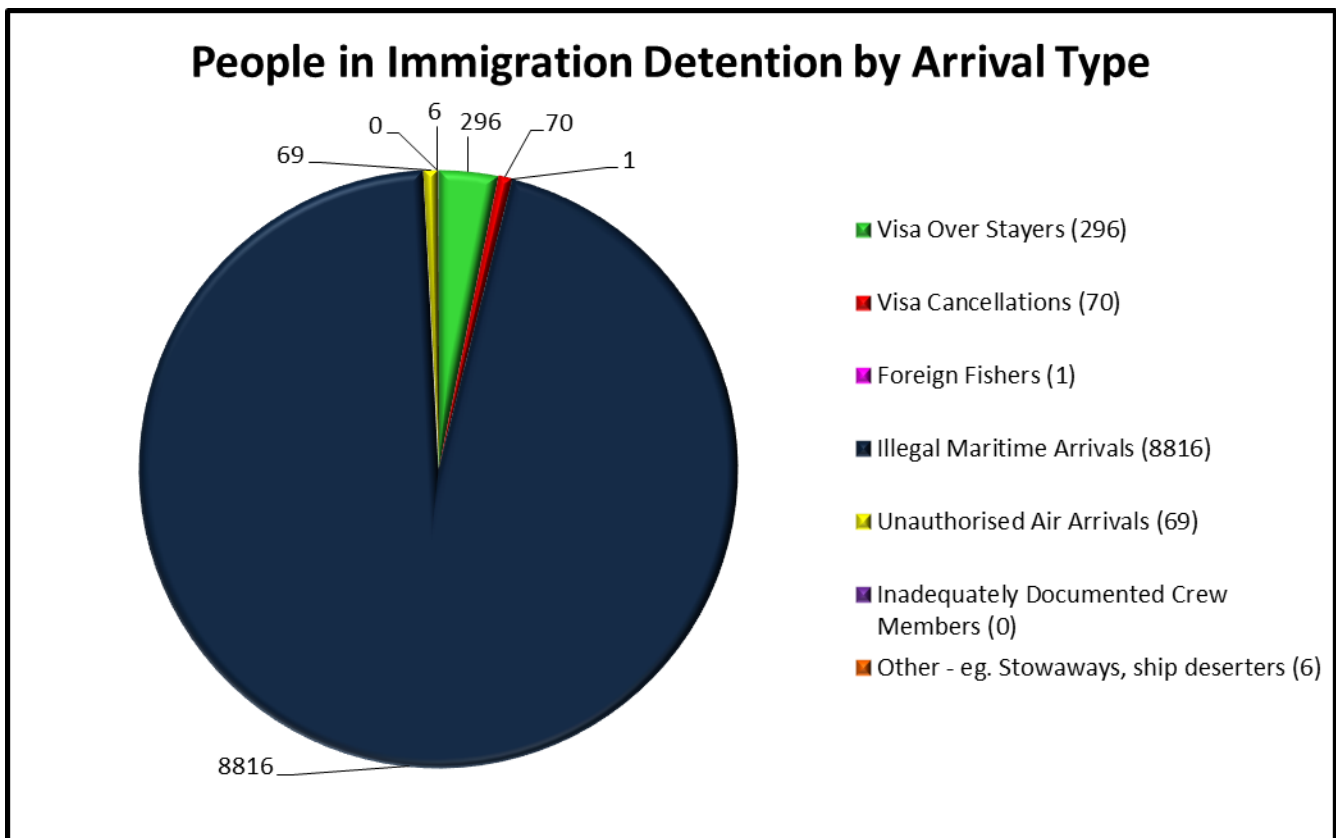


People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention, who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 31 January 2014 was 8831, representing about 95% of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 427 people (about 5% of the total immigration population) who arrived in Australia lawfully and were subsequently taken into immigration detention for either over staying 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 5867 people in held immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 31 January 2014, around 38% were Iranian nationals, 16% were Sri Lankan nationals, 12% were Vietnamese nationals, 3% were Afghan nationals and 2% were Pakistani nationals.

Table 3 - People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention as at 31 January 2014

Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	885	359	200	140	1584
Sri Lanka	711	128	95	59	993
Vietnam	430	89	70	40	629
Afghanistan	326	9	41	8	384
Pakistan	280	11	17	6	314
Iraq	208	31	29	21	289
Bangladesh	99				99
Indonesia	33	24		3	60
Myanmar	18	6	7	10	41
Other	949	265	132	128	1474
Total	3939	922	591	415	5867

Of the 3391 people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination, as at 31 January 2014, around 27% were Iranian nationals, 24% were Sri Lankan nationals, 17% were Afghan nationals and 7% were Iraqi nationals.

Table 4 - People in the community under Residence Determination as at 31 January 2014

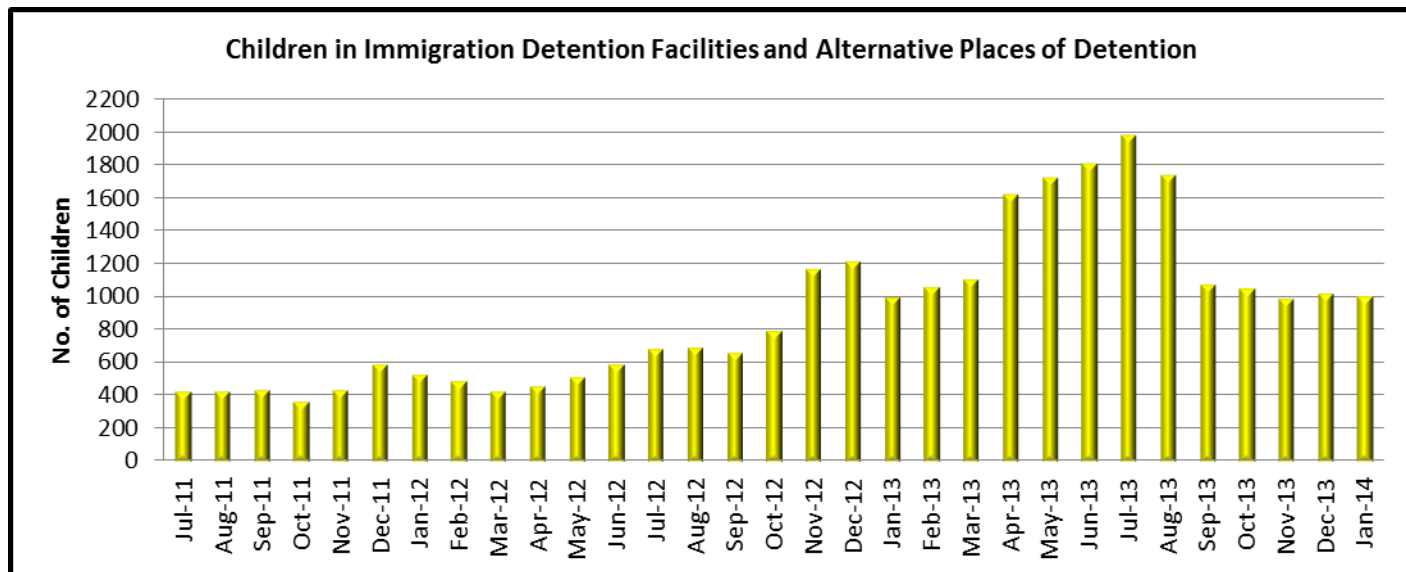
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	292	261	201	160	914
Sri Lanka	251	177	236	142	806
Afghanistan	234	33	278	30	575
Iraq	82	44	65	40	231
Palestinian Authority	17	20	19	22	78
Other	195	154	276	162	787
Total	1071	689	1075	556	3391

Children in Immigration Detention

As at 31 January 2014, there were 1006 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention.

The number of children in immigration detention facilities decreased in January as children completed mandatory processing and were transferred into the community or to an Offshore Processing Centre as part of a family group.

Figure 3 - Children in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention



The number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination has slightly decreased in January 2014 to 1631 children.

Figure 4 - Children in the Community under a Residence Determination

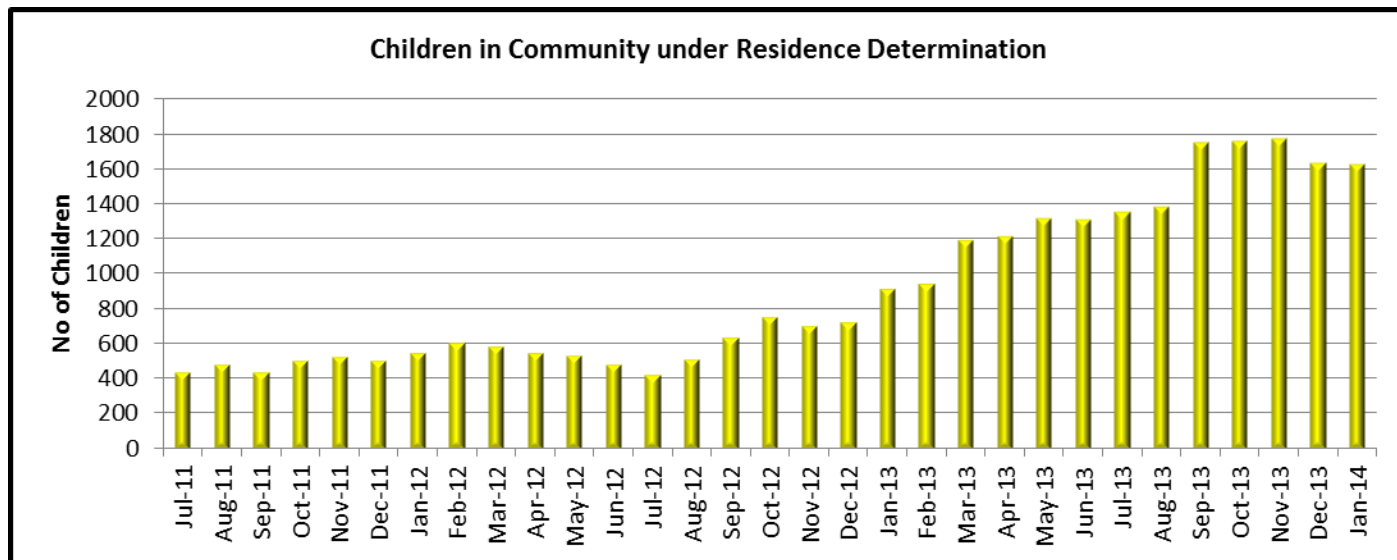


Table 5 - Children in Immigration Detention and in the Community as at 31 January 2014

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	26
Immigration Transit Accommodation	85
Alternative Places of Detention	895
Total Facility and APOD	1006
Total in the Community under a Residence Determination	1631
Total in the Community on a Bridging Visa E (including people in a re-grant process)	1751

Time in Held Immigration Detention

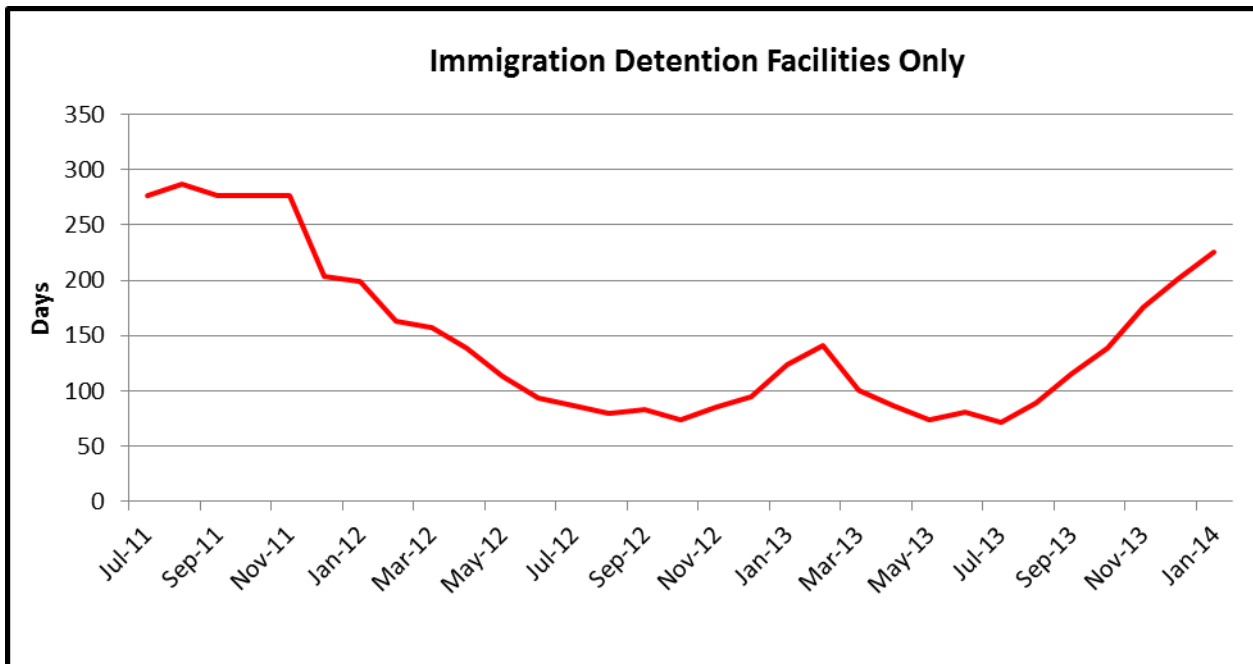
Of the 5867 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 31 January 2014 around 8% had been detained for 3 months or less and 93% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Table 6 - Length of time in held immigration detention as at 31 January 2014

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	46	1
8 days - 31 days	128	2
32 days - 91 days	310	5
92 days - 182 days	1884	32
183 days - 365 days	3116	53
366 days - 547 days	197	4
548 days - 730 days	67	1
Greater than 730 days	119	2
Total	5867	100

The average period of time for people held in detention facilities is steadily increasing at 226 days as at 31 January 2014, however remains lower than 277 days in November 2011.

Figure 5 - Average days in held immigration detention facilities only



Time in Community Detention

Of the 3391 people in Community Detention as at 31 January 2014, less than 1% had been detained for 3 months or less and 28% had been detained for 12 months or less. This includes the period detained in facilities and/or alternative places of detention prior to transferring to community detention.

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

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	4	0
8 days - 31 days	7	0
32 days - 91 days	5	0
92 days - 182 days	36	1
183 days - 365 days	892	26
366 days - 547 days	1649	49
548 days - 730 days	398	12
Greater than 730 days	400	12
Total	3391	100

The time in detention is cumulative and includes periods in detention facilities and community detention.