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Immigration Detention Statistics Summary

31 May 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>.

This report has been updated following a data cleansing exercise where data quality issues have been identified.

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

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Immigration Detention Statistics Summary

As at: 31 May 2013

There were 8521 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention, including 5750 in immigration detention on the mainland and 2771 in immigration detention on Christmas Island as at 31 May 2013.

Separately, 2820 people have been approved for a residence determination to live in the community.

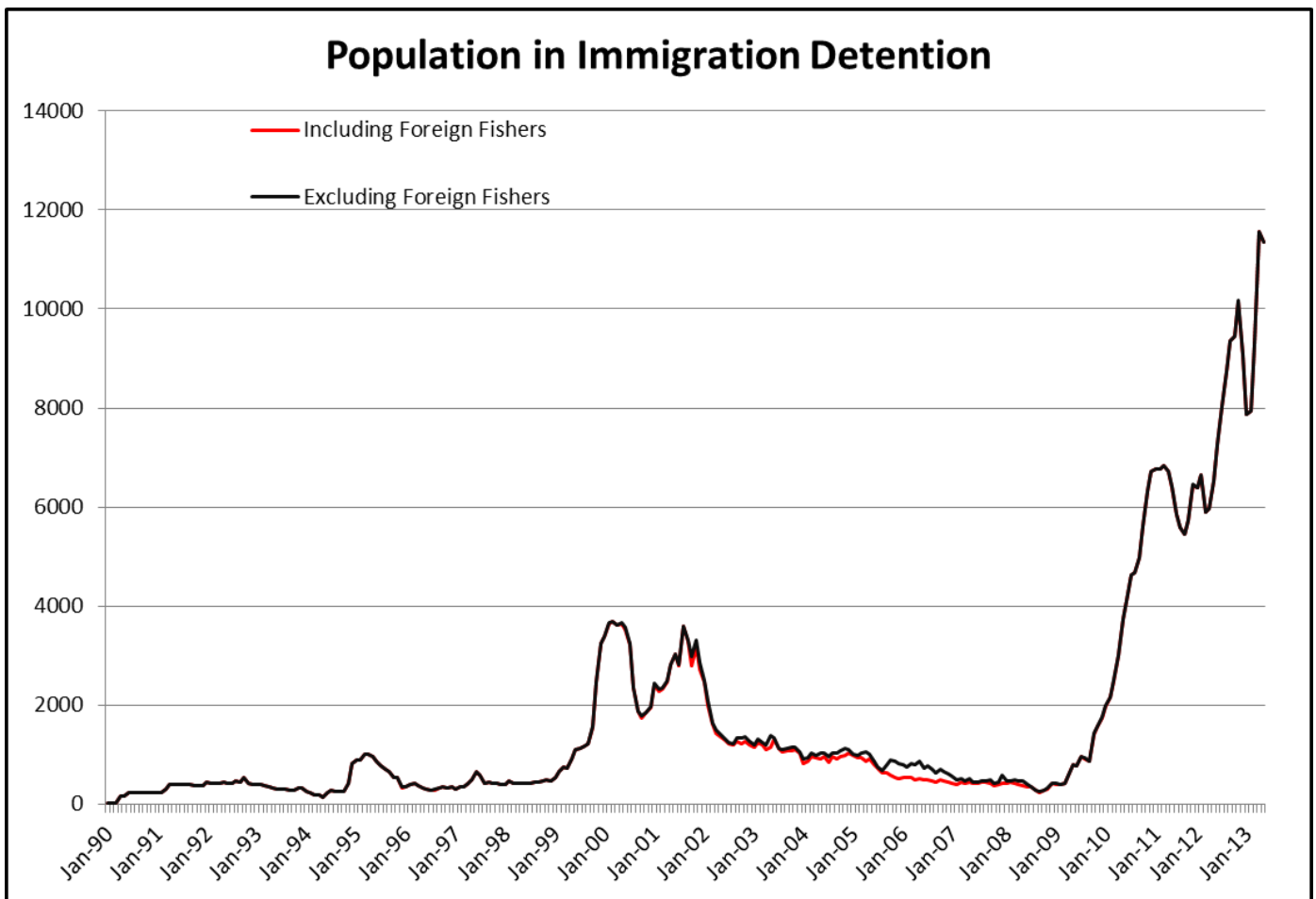
Table 1 –People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention

People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention					
Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 30/04/2013
Christmas Island IDC	1238			1238	+ 125
Curtin IDC	811			811	+ 190
Maribyrnong IDC	75	16		91	+ 8
Northern IDC (Darwin)	535			535	+ 2
Perth IDC	32	9		41	- 3
Scherger IDC	217			217	- 270
Villawood IDC	325	56		381	- 26
Wickham Point IDC	943			943	- 480
Yongah Hill IDC	428			428	- 39
Total in IDCs	4604	81		4685	- 493
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	4	4	11	19	- 6
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	18	18	26	62	- 3
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	8	11	18	37	0
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	9	3	1	13	- 4
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	19	8	22	49	- 23
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	111	61	105	277	- 104
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	169	105	183	457	- 140
Alternative Places of Detention (Christmas Island and Coco's Keeling Island)	412	494	627	1533	+ 151
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	411	514	921	1846	+ 206
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port					0
Total	5596	1194	1731	8521	- 276
People in Community under Residence Determination	860	634	1326	2820	+ 68

Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to 31 May 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

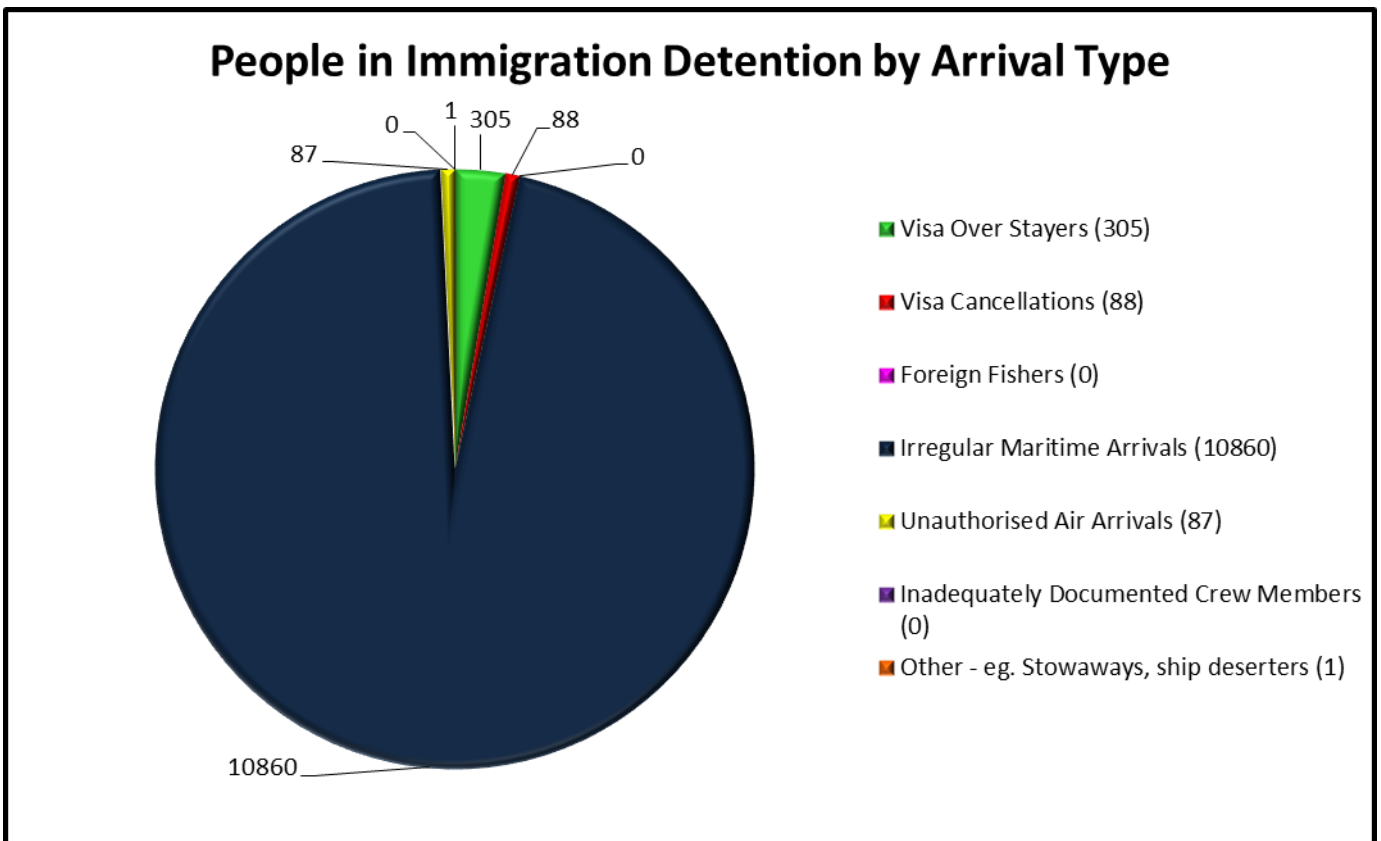


People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention, who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 31 May 2013 was 10,948. This represents about 97% of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 393 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 8521 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 31 May 2013 around 28% were Iranian nationals, 16% were Sri Lankan nationals and 13% were Afghan nationals.

Table 2 - People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention as at 31 May 2013

People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention as at 31 May 2013					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	1464	501	261	175	2401
Sri Lanka	805	216	226	121	1368
Afghanistan	806	42	225	44	1117
Pakistan	413	17	38	9	477
Iraq	279	57	52	32	420
Vietnam	340	61	129	38	568
Bangladesh	168		2		170
Indonesia	238	17	21	3	279
China, Peoples Republic Of	78	29			107
Myanmar	7	4	1	3	15
Other	998	250	215	136	1599
Total	5596	1194	1170	561	8521

Of the 2820 people approved to live in the community under residence determination, as at 31 May 2013 around 33% were Iranian nationals, 23% were Sri Lankan nationals and 13% were Afghan nationals.

Table 3 - People in the community under Residence Determination as at 31 May 2013

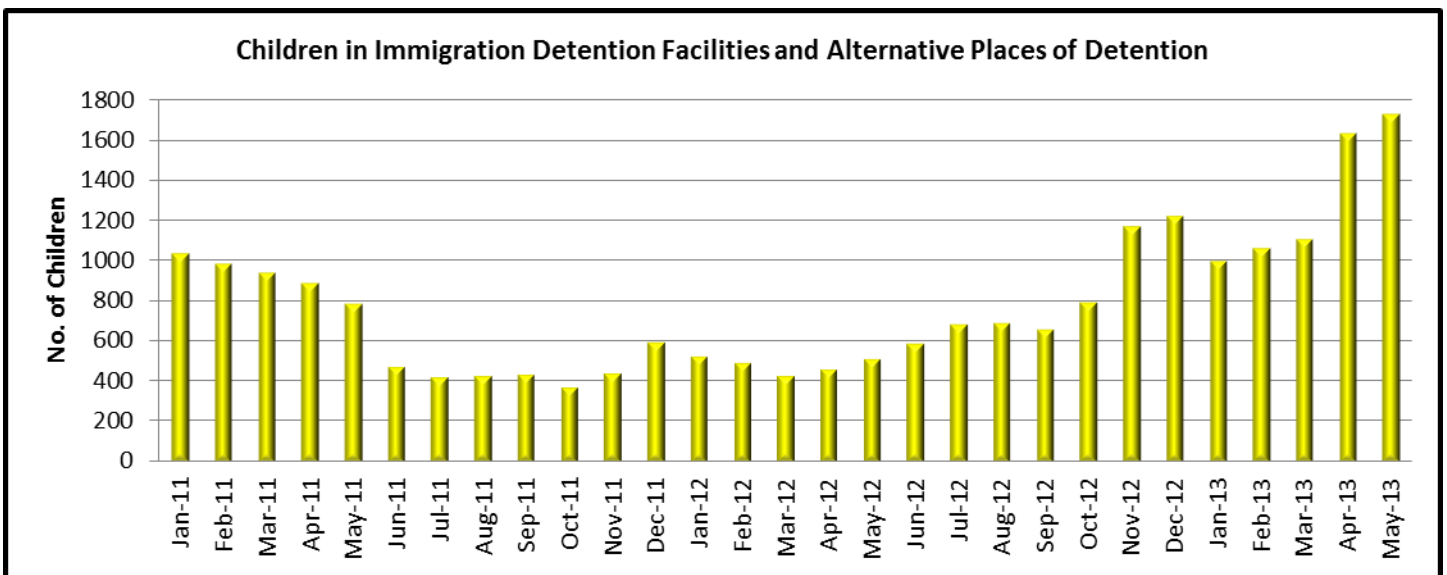
People in Community under Residence Determination as at 31 May 2013					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	300	270	185	166	921
Sri Lanka	198	139	194	110	641
Afghanistan	101	35	206	28	370
Iraq	75	40	63	36	214
Palestinian Authority	21	21	21	28	91
Other	165	129	168	121	583
Total	860	634	837	489	2820

Children in Immigration Detention

As at 31 May 2013 there were 1731 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention.

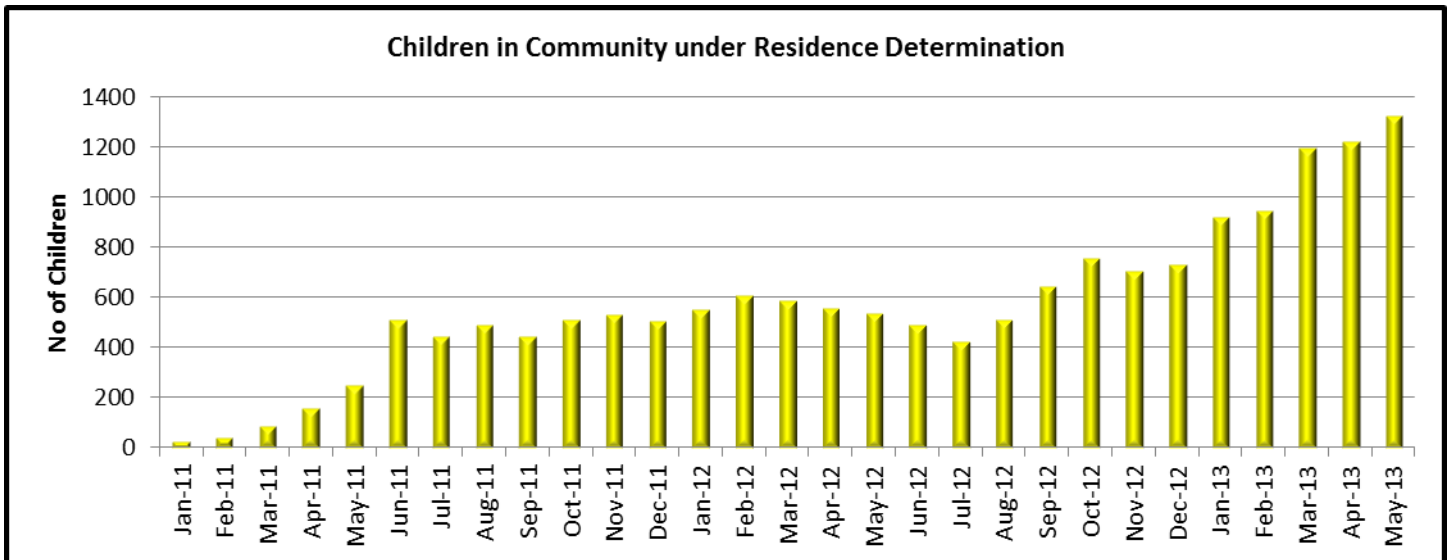
The increase in the number of children in immigration detention facilities in November and December 2012 was due to a rapid increase in irregular maritime arrivals from October to November 2012. The number of children in immigration detention facilities reduced in January and February 2013 as children completed mandatory processing and were transferred into the community. Because of the high number of recent arrivals in April and May 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 31 May 2013, 1731 children remain in immigration detention while undergoing initial processing. 1326 children were approved under residence determination for community placement.

Table 4 - Children in Immigration Detention as at 31 May 2013

Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	55
Immigration Transit Accommodation	128
Alternative Places of Detention	1548
Total	1731
Children in Community under Residence Determination	1326
Children Granted Bridging Visa E (BVE)	0

Time in Held Immigration Detention

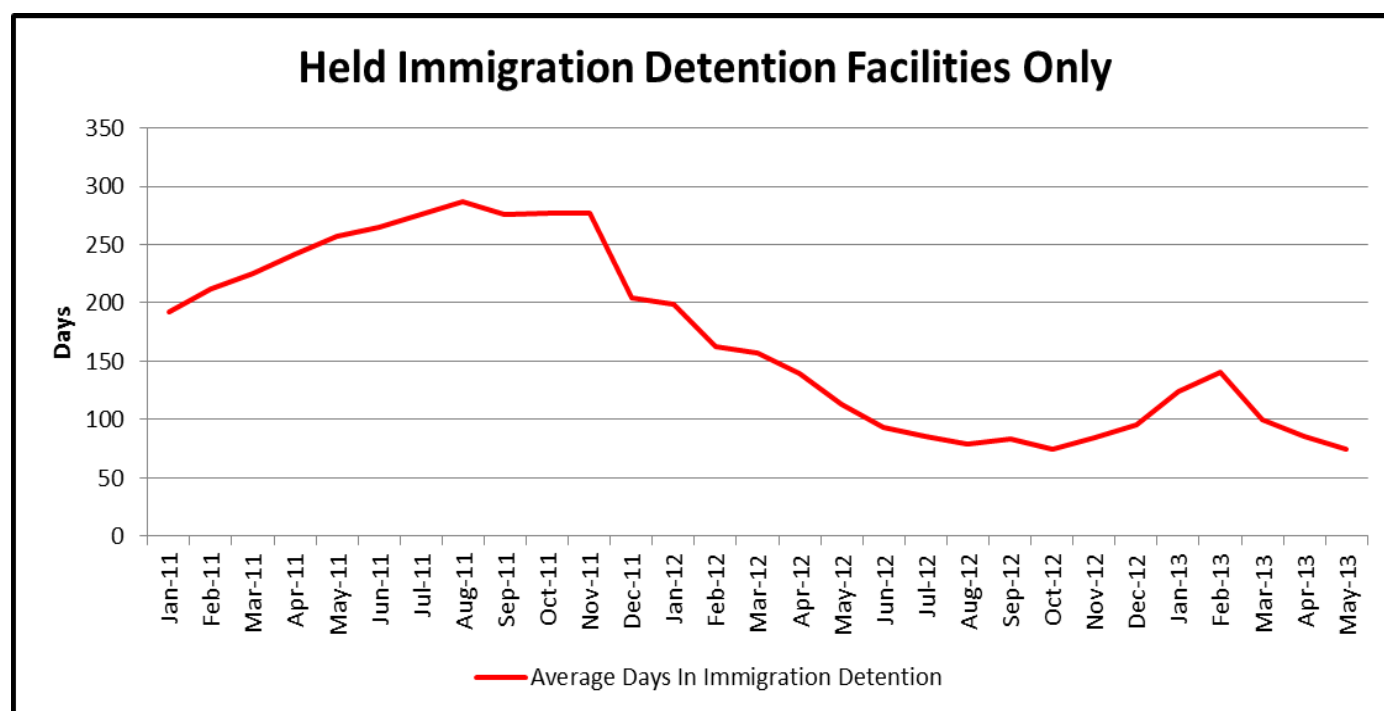
Of the 8521 people in held immigration detention as at 31 May 2013, around 85% had been detained for three months or less and 98% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Table 5 - Length of time in held immigration detention as at 31 May 2013

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	926	11
8 days - 31 days	2653	31
32 days - 91 days	3668	43
92 days - 182 days	495	6
183 days - 365 days	589	7
366 days - 547 days	58	1
548 days - 730 days	20	0
Greater than 730 days	112	1
Total	8521	100

The average period of time for people held in immigration detention facilities has significantly decreased from 277 days in November 2011 to 74 days as at 31 May 2013.

Figure 5 - Average days in held immigration detention facilities only



Time in Community Detention

Of the 2820 people in Community Detention as at 31 May 2013 around 1% had been detained for three months or less and 79% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Table 6 - Length of time in Community Detention as at 31 May 2013

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	2	0
8 days - 31 days	3	0
32 days - 91 days	26	1
92 days - 182 days	237	8
183 days - 365 days	1965	70
366 days - 547 days	184	7
548 days - 730 days	82	3
Greater than 730 days	321	11
Total	2820	100