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# Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

31 October 2013



## 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.

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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: 31 October 2013

There were 6401 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention, including 4072 in immigration detention on the mainland and 2329 in immigration detention on Christmas Island as at 31 October 2013.

Separately, 3290 people are living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 22 873 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 30/09/2013
Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre	1221			<b>1221</b>	- 111
Curtin Immigration Detention Centre	689			<b>689</b>	+ 232
Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre	71	5		<b>76</b>	- 23
Northern Immigration Detention Centre (Darwin)	179			<b>179</b>	- 50
Perth Immigration Detention Centre	37	8		<b>45</b>	+ 4
Scherger Immigration Detention Centre	230			<b>230</b>	- 3
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre	358	58		<b>416</b>	- 8
Wickham Point Immigration Detention Centre	160			<b>160</b>	- 3
Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre	571			<b>571</b>	+ 31
<b>Total in Immigration Detention Centres</b>	<b>3516</b>	<b>71</b>		<b>3587</b>	<b>+ 69</b>
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	5	3	3	<b>11</b>	+ 1
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	12	12	8	<b>32</b>	- 2
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	8	14	22	<b>44</b>	+ 5
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	24	5		<b>29</b>	+ 20
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	30	18	14	<b>62</b>	- 6
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	154	93	67	<b>314</b>	+ 38
<b>Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation</b>	<b>233</b>	<b>145</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>492</b>	<b>+ 56</b>
Alternative Places of Detention (Christmas Island and Cocos Keeling Island)	275	400	433	<b>1108</b>	- 78
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	310	406	498	<b>1214</b>	- 49
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port					0
<b>Total Facility and APOD</b>	<b>4334</b>	<b>1022</b>	<b>1045</b>	<b>6401</b>	<b>- 2</b>
<b>Total Community under Residence Determination</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>1770</b>	<b>3290</b>	<b>+ 49</b>
<b>Total Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)</b>	<b>18921</b>	<b>2141</b>	<b>1811</b>	<b>22873</b>	<b>- 114</b>

Offshore Processing Centres	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 30/09/2013
Republic of Nauru	327	158	106	591	-
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea	1135		2	1137	-
<b>Total Offshore Processing Centres</b>	<b>1462</b>	<b>158</b>	<b>108</b>	<b>1728</b>	<b>-</b>

## Community Population by State/Territory

Of the 3290 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 41% are situated in Victoria, 19% in Queensland, 18% in New South Wales, 9% in South Australia, 9% in Western Australia, and 2% in Tasmania and the Australian Capital Territory.

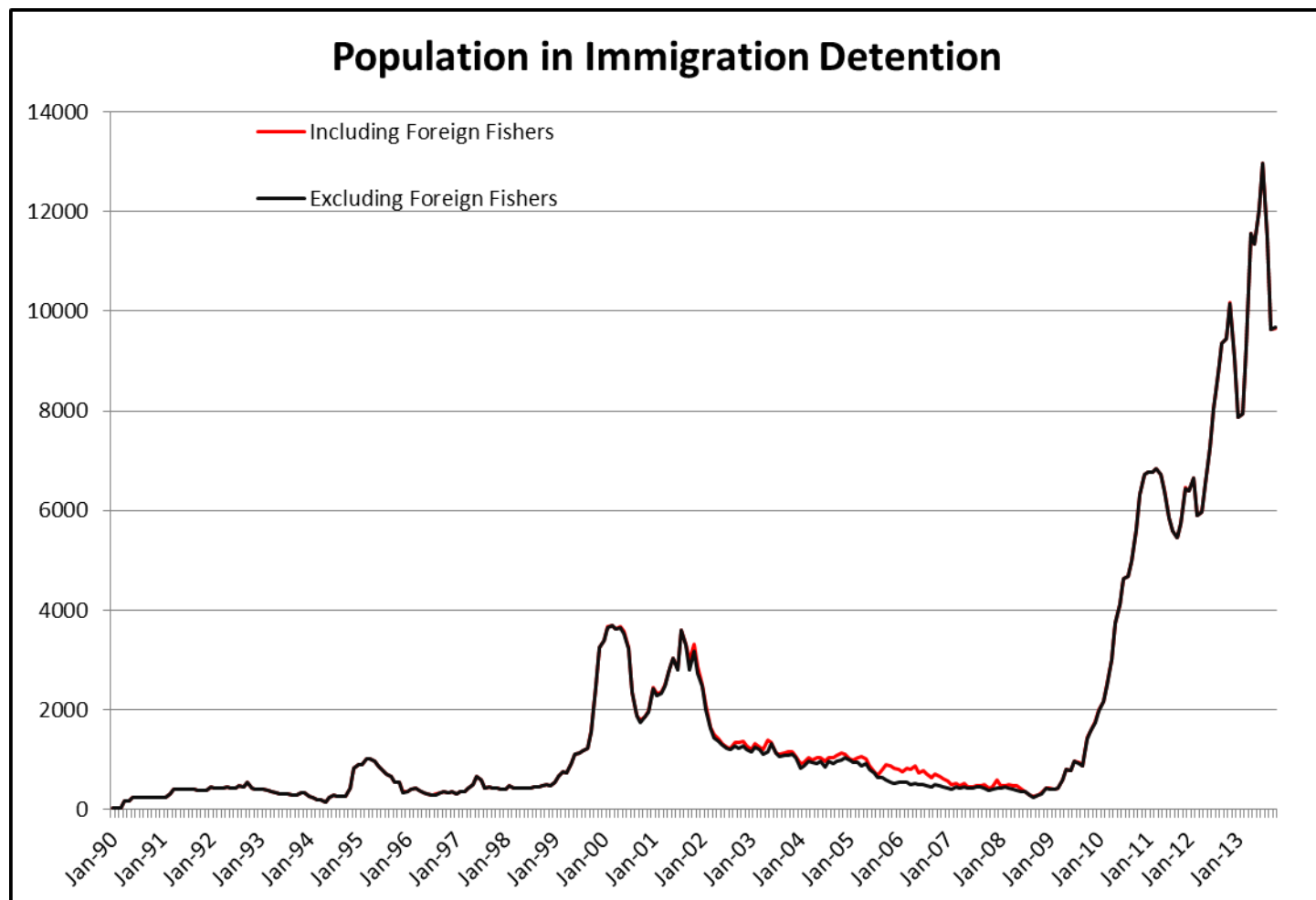
**Table 2: Community Detention Population by State/Territory**

State/Territory	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
ACT	13	9	27	6	55
NSW	178	119	211	97	605
QLD	163	139	226	108	636
SA	67	59	108	57	291
TAS	10	9	48	4	71
VIC	348	273	517	208	1346
WA	75	58	111	41	285
<b>Total</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>1249</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>3290</b>

## Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to 31 October 2013

The number of people in immigration detention month to month continues to fluctuate, predominantly due to the changing pattern of illegal maritime arrivals. The number of illegal maritime arrivals in October 2013 were down by 60% compared to the previous month.

Figure 1 - Population in Immigration Detention

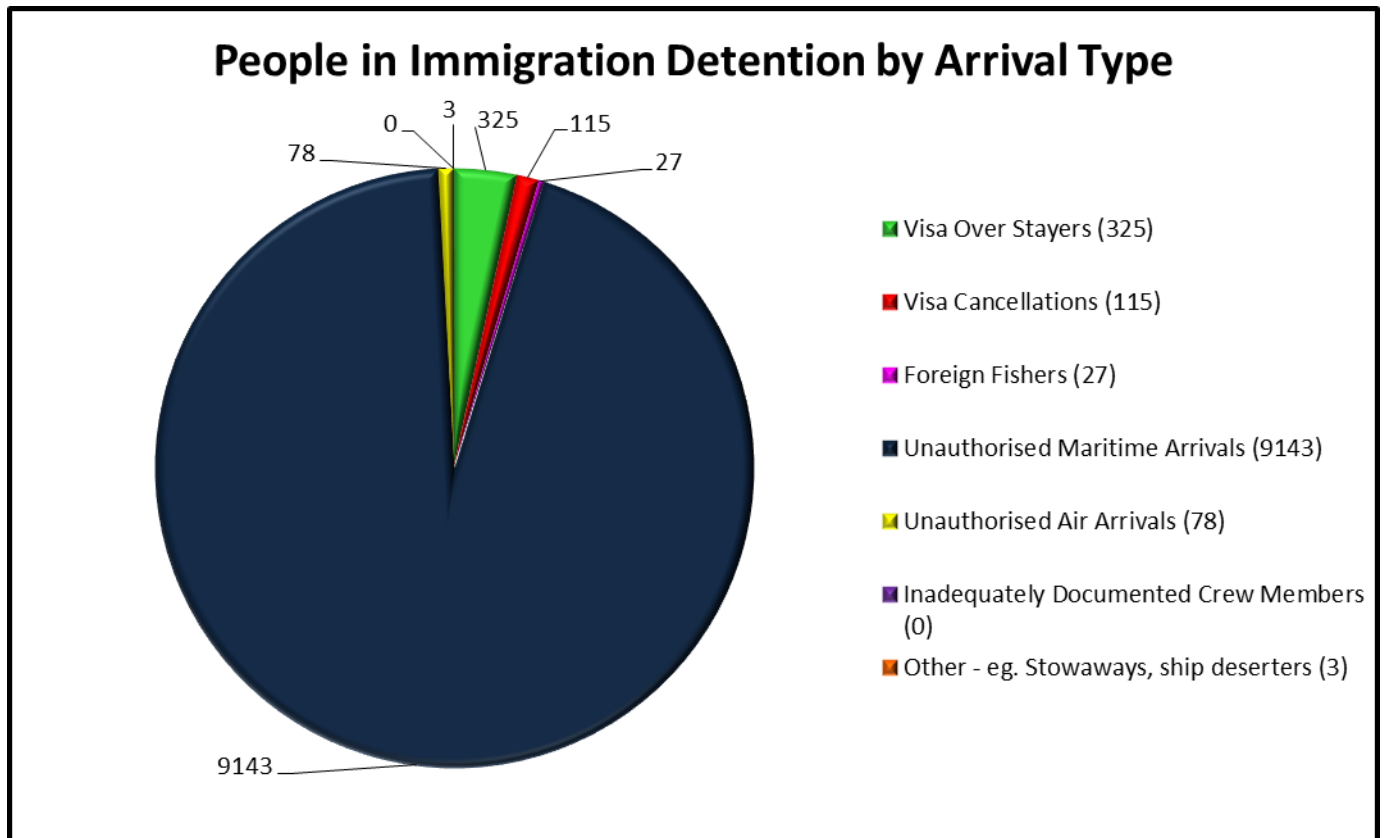


## People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention, who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 31 October 2013 was 9251. This represents about 95% of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 440 people (about 5% 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 6401 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 31 October 2013 around 28% were Iranian nationals, 16% were Sri Lankan nationals, 10% were Vietnamese nationals, 7% were Afghan nationals and 6% were Pakistani nationals.

**Table 3 - People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention as at 31 October 2013**

Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	1013	447	210	151	1821
Sri Lanka	709	141	107	64	1021
Vietnam	466	93	68	39	666
Afghanistan	348	10	52	12	422
Pakistan	326	12	16	6	360
Iraq	218	28	27	20	293
China, Peoples Republic Of	88	25	1		114
Bangladesh	104	1			105
Indonesia	79	18	3	3	103
Myanmar	20	5	7	11	43
Other	963	242	120	128	1453
<b>Total</b>	<b>4334</b>	<b>1022</b>	<b>611</b>	<b>434</b>	<b>6401</b>

Of the 3290 people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination, as at 31 October 2013 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 October 2013**

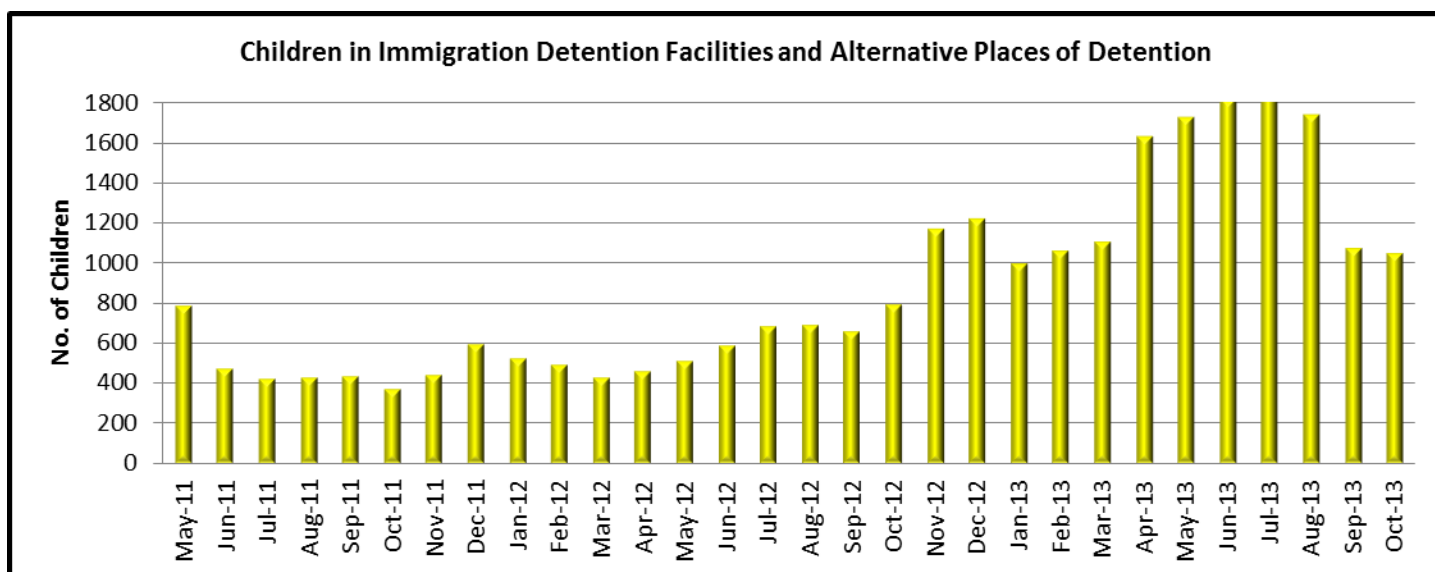
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	281	251	200	150	882
Sri Lanka	237	176	243	139	795
Afghanistan	86	32	422	28	568
Iraq	76	41	68	36	221
Palestinian Authority	15	20	19	21	75
Other	159	146	297	147	749
<b>Total</b>	<b>854</b>	<b>666</b>	<b>1249</b>	<b>521</b>	<b>3290</b>

## Children in Immigration Detention

As at 31 October 2013 there were 1045 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention.

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

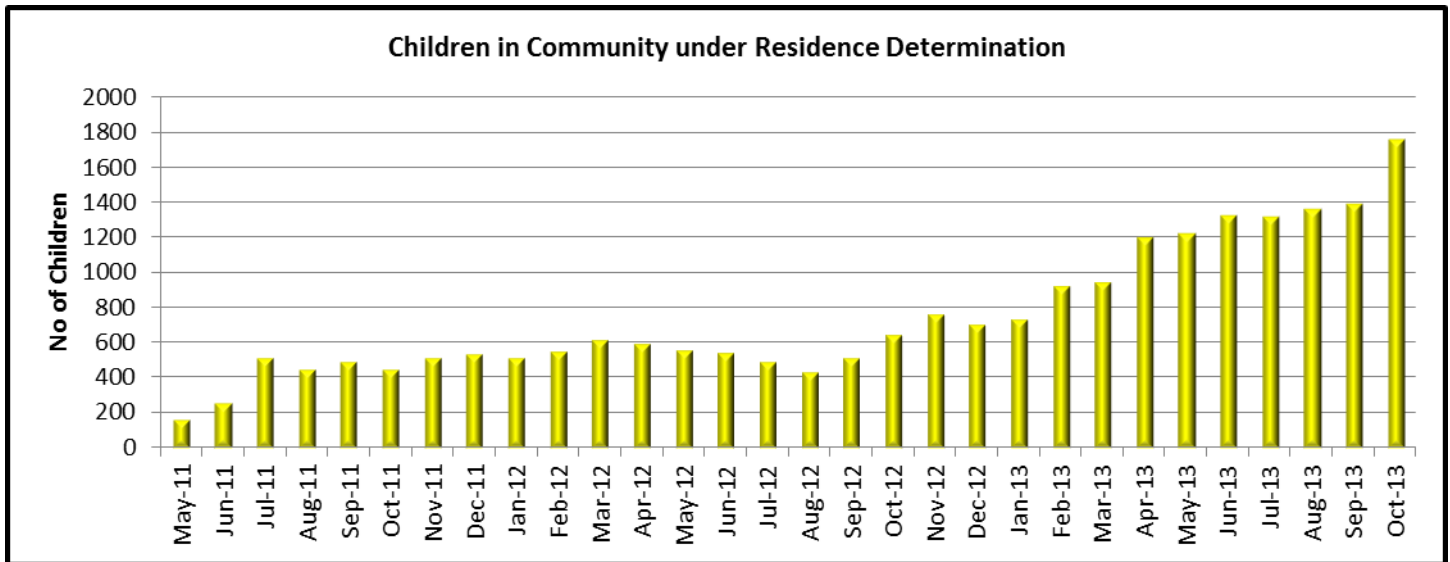
**Figure 3 - Children in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention**





The number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination has been maintained at a high level with an increase in October 2013 to 1770 children.

**Figure 4 - Children in the Community under a Residence Determination**



**Table 5 - Children in Immigration Detention and in the Community as at 31 October 2013**

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	33
Immigration Transit Accommodation	81
Alternative Places of Detention	931
<b>Total Facility and APOD</b>	<b>1045</b>
<b>Total in the Community under a Residence Determination</b>	<b>1770</b>
<b>Total in the Community on a Bridging Visa E (including people in a re-grant process)</b>	<b>1811</b>

## Time in Held Immigration Detention

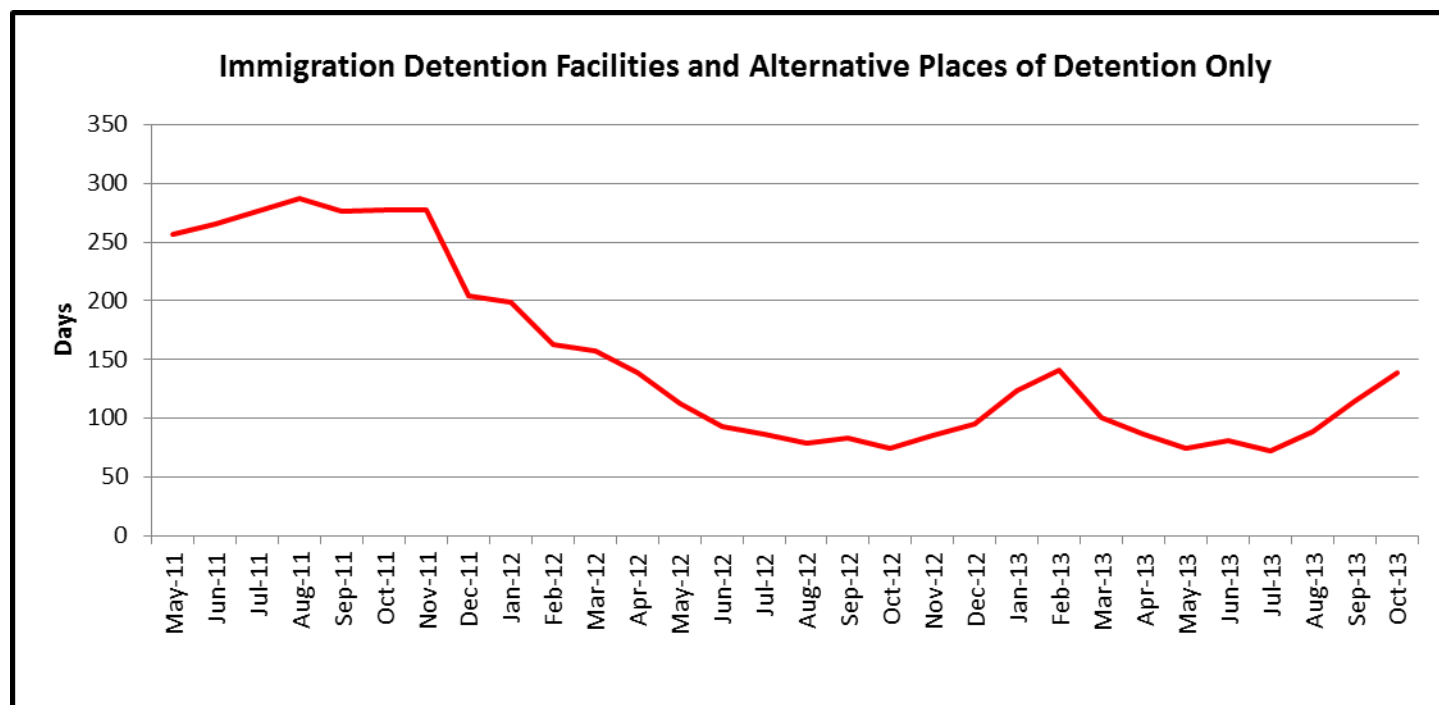
Of the 6401 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 31 October 2013 around 38% had been detained for 3 months or less and 95% had been detained for 12 months or less.

**Table 6 - Length of time in held immigration detention as at 31 October 2013**

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	170	3%
8 days - 31 days	445	7%
32 days - 91 days	1817	28%
92 days - 182 days	2812	44%
183 days - 365 days	864	13%
366 days - 547 days	170	3%
548 days - 730 days	23	0%
Greater than 730 days	100	2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>6401</b>	<b>100%</b>

The average period of time for people held in immigration detention facilities has significantly decreased from 277 days in November 2011 to 139 days as at 31 October 2013.

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



## Time in Community Detention

Of the 3290 people in Community Detention as at 31 October 2013, <1% had been detained for 3 months or less and 45% had been detained for 12 months or less. This includes the period detained in facilities and/or alternative places of detention prior 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	2	<1%
8 days - 31 days	5	<1%
32 days - 91 days	8	<1%
92 days - 182 days	441	13
183 days - 365 days	1030	31
366 days - 547 days	1365	42
548 days - 730 days	106	3
Greater than 730 days	333	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>3290</b>	<b>100</b>

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