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About this report

This report provides an overview of the number of people in immigration detention and Regional 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.border.gov.au/Busi/Comp/Immigration-detention>

Enquiries

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See: <http://www.border.gov.au/about/contact/make-enquiry/enquiries-and-feedback>

Acronyms

Table 1 – Acronyms used in this document

Acronym	Description
APOD	Alternative Place of Detention
IMA	Illegal Maritime Arrival
IDC/F	Immigration Detention Centre/Facility
IRH	Immigration Residential Housing
ITA	Immigration Transit Accommodation
RPC	Regional Processing Centre
S501	Section 501 of the Migration ACT
S501 Visa Cancellation	Visa cancellations based on character or related grounds

Immigration Detention And Community Statistics Summary

At 30 September 2016, there were 1454 people in immigration detention facilities, including 1203 in immigration detention on the mainland and 251 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

A further 608 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 26,842 were living in the community after grant of a Bridging Visa E.

The table below reflects figures based on records in Department of Immigration and Border Protection systems.

Table 2 – People in Immigration Detention Facilities (IDFs), Alternative Places of Detention (APODs), Regional Processing Centres (RPCs) and the Community at 30 September 2016

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/08/16
Christmas Island IDC	251	0	0	251	+ 4
Maribyrnong IDC	88	7	0	95	- 12
Perth IDC	16	5	0	21	- 11
Villawood IDC	357	36	0	393	- 93
Yongah Hill IDC	435	0	0	435	- 10
Mainland APODs	17	0	<5	19	+ 15
Total IDCs/APODs	1,164	48	<5	1,214	- 107
Perth IRH	<5	5	0	7	+ 2
Adelaide ITA	14	<5	0	18	- 2
Brisbane ITA	62	15	<5	79	- 9
Melbourne ITA	104	32	0	136	- 32
Total in IRH and ITA	182	56	<5	240	- 41
Total Facility	1,346	104	<5	1,454	- 148

Total Community under Residence Determination	179	151	278	608	- 11
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Total Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)	19,521	3,315	4,006	26,842	- 611
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Republic of Nauru (RPC)	300	51	45	396	- 14
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea (RPC)	873	0	0	873	+ 50
Total RPCs	1,173	51	45	1,269	+ 36

Detention Group	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/08/16
S501 Visa Cancellation	455	21	0	476	-28
Illegal Maritime Arrival	437	33	<5	472	-29
Other	454	50	<5	506	-91
Total	1,346	104	<5	1,454	-148

Community Population By State/Territory

Of the 608 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 35.5 per cent were in Victoria, 27.6 per cent in New South Wales, 21.1 per cent in Queensland, 7.7 per cent in Western Australia, 7.4 per cent in South Australia, 0.5 per cent in Tasmania and 0.2 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory.

Table 3 – Community Placement Population by State/Territory at 30 September 2016

State/Territory	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Victoria	75	51	54	36	216
New South Wales	38	45	51	34	168
Queensland	35	31	36	26	128
Western Australia	21	12	10	<5	47
South Australia	9	11	13	12	45
Tasmania	<5	<5	<5	0	<5
Australian Capital Territory	0	0	<5	0	<5
Total	179	151	166	112	608

Immigration Detention Population

From 1990 to 30 September 2016

The number of people in immigration detention including foreign fishers has decreased by 159 to 2062 from 2221 in the previous report.

Figure 1 – Population in Immigration Detention

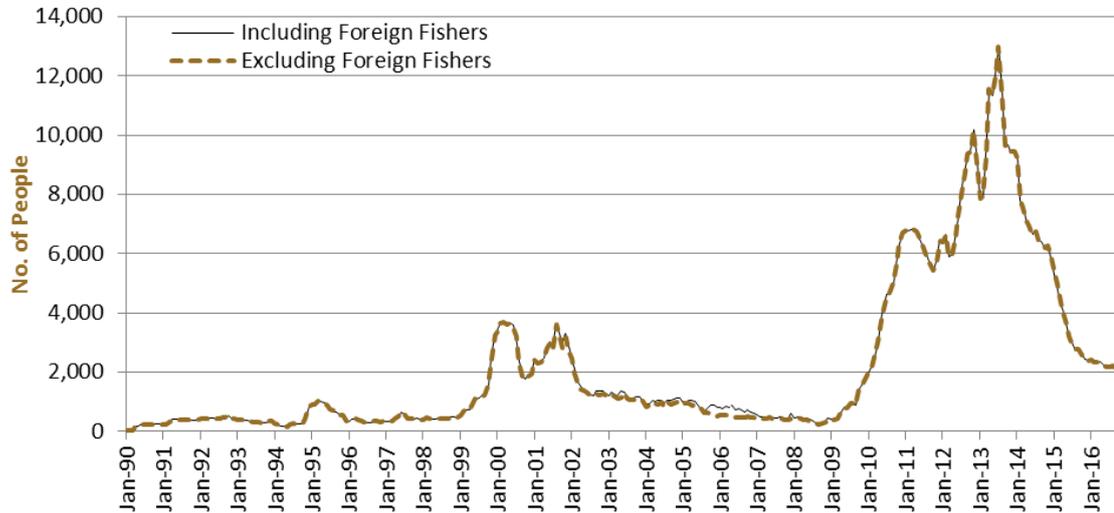


Figure 1 above, shows the number of people in immigration detention from 1990 to the date of this report. The trend had a consistent rise of people in immigration detention from January 2009 to January 2013, but has since had consistent decline.

People In Immigration Detention Facilities

Arrival Type

There were 559 people, who arrived unlawfully by air or boat, in held immigration detention facilities at 30 September 2016, representing approximately 38.4 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 895 people (about 61.6 per cent 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 Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Detention Group

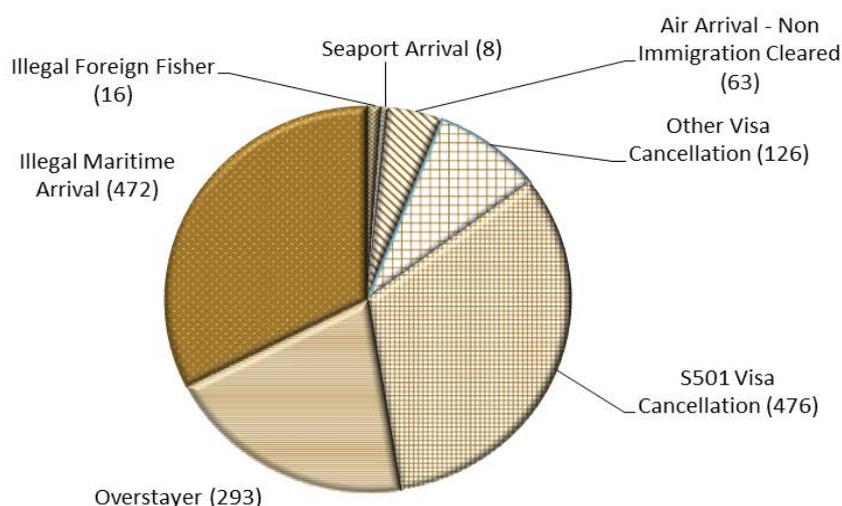


Figure 2 above, shows the number of people in held immigration detention facilities by detention group, including Overstayers, S501 and Other Visa Cancellations, Foreign Fishers, Irregular Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if required – Inadequately Documented Crew Members and Others such as stowaways and ship deserters.

Table 4 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Detention Group

Place of immigration detention	S501 Visa Cancellation	IMA	Other Detention Group	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/08/16
Christmas Island IDC	139	53	59	251	4
Maribyrnong IDC	35	21	39	95	-12
Perth IDC	9	<5	9	21	-11
Villawood IDC	165	88	142	395	-91
Yongah Hill IDC	97	191	147	435	-10
Mainland APODs	0	0	17	17	13
Total IDCs/APODs	445	356	413	1214	-107
Perth IRH	<5	<5	<5	7	2
Adelaide ITA	<5	<5	13	18	-2
Brisbane ITA	28	36	15	79	-9
Melbourne ITA	<5	73	62	136	-32
Total in IRH and ITA	31	116	93	240	-41
Total Facility	476	472	506	1454	-148

People In Immigration Detention

Nationality

At 30 September 2016, there were 1454 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 1454 people, around 12.2 per cent were from New Zealand, 10.6 per cent were from Iran, 9.4 per cent were from Vietnam, 5.5 per cent were from Sri Lanka and 4.5 per cent were from India.

Table 5 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities at 30 September 2016

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
New Zealand	169	8	0	0	177
Iran	132	20	<5	0	154
Vietnam	122	14	0	0	136
Sri Lanka	80	0	0	0	80
India	64	<5	0	0	66
China	58	7	0	0	65
Afghanistan	59	0	0	0	59
United Kingdom	51	6	0	0	57
Iraq	53	<5	0	0	55
Other	558	45	<5	0	605
Total	1,346	104	<5	0	1,454

At 30 September 2016, 608 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 608 people, 42.4 per cent were from Iran, 15.3 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 9.5 per cent were Stateless and 7.1 per cent were from Vietnam.

Table 6 – People in the community under Residence Determination at 30 September 2016

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	84	76	55	43	258
Sri Lanka	26	20	30	17	93
Stateless	17	13	14	14	58
Vietnam	12	9	11	11	43
Iraq	11	8	11	10	40
Other	29	25	45	17	116
Total	179	151	166	112	608

Children In Immigration Detention

At 30 September 2016, there were less than five children (aged less than 18 years) in Immigration Residential Housing, Immigration Transit Accommodation and Alternative Places of Detention.

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

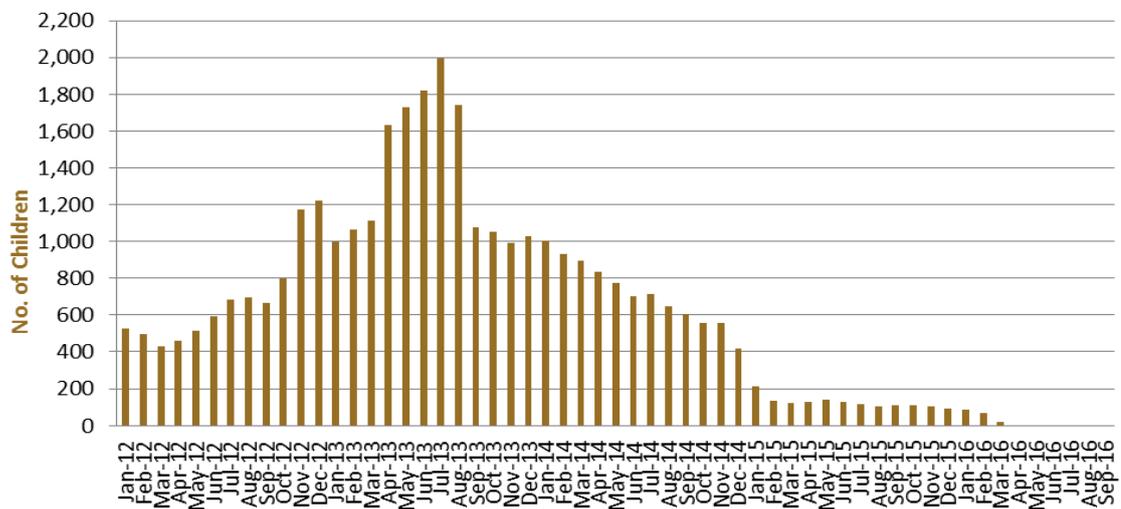


Figure 3 above, shows the number of children in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention from January 2012 to the date of this report. The continuous increase in the number of children in detention facilities from April 2013 to August 2013 was due to a rapid increase in irregular maritime arrivals during this period. The number of children in immigration detention facilities reduced in September 2013, as children completed mandatory processing and were transferred into the community. The number of children in detention facilities continued to decline during the late 2013 and 2014, with further reduction in January 2015.

At 30 September 2016, the number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination decreased to 278 from 286 in the previous report.

Figure 4 – Children in the community under Residence Determination

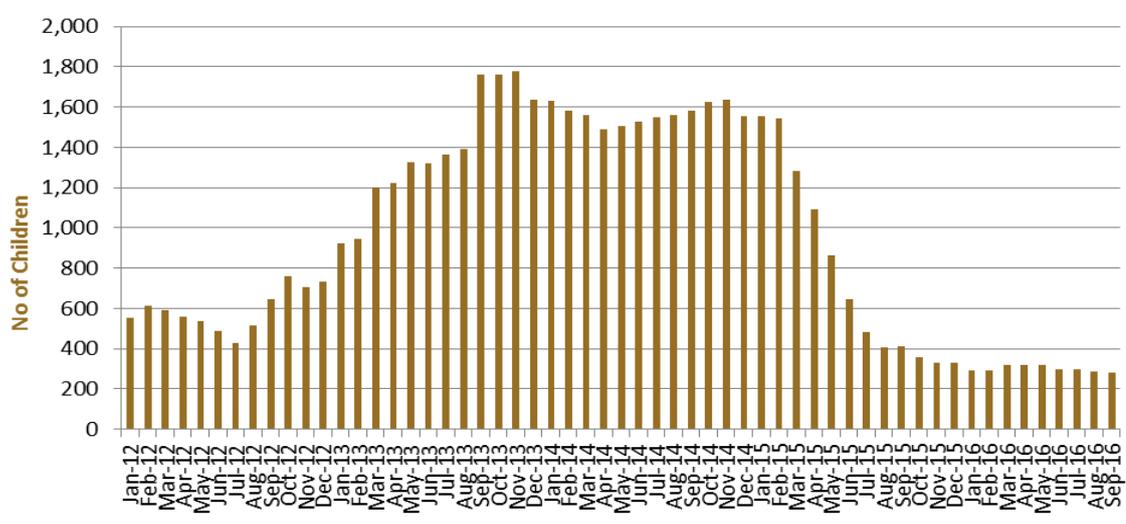


Figure 4 above, shows the number of children in the community under residence determination from January 2012 to the date of this report. The number of children in the community under residence determination, has levelled off at its lowest number since the peak in November 2013, as a result of releases into the community on Bridging E visas.

Table 7 – Children in Immigration Detention and in the Community at 30 September 2016 ¹

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	0
Immigration Transit Accommodation	<5
Alternative Places of Detention	<5
Total Facility	<5
Total in the Community under a Residence Determination	278
Total in the Community on a Bridging E visa (including in re-grant process)	4,006

(1) ¹ At 30 September 2016, there were less than five children in held immigration detention facilities. The table above reflects figures based on records in Department of Immigration and Border Protection systems.

Time In Immigration Detention Facilities

At 30 September 2016, there were 1454 people in immigration detention facilities. Of these 1454 people, 26.1 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 53.7 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less.

Table 8 – Length of time in held immigration detention facilities at 30 September 2016

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	50	3.4%
8 days - 31 days	129	8.9%
32 days - 91 days	201	13.8%
92 days - 182 days	173	11.9%
183 days - 365 days	228	15.7%
366 days - 547 days	185	12.7%
548 days - 730 days	113	7.8%
Greater than 730 days	375	25.8%
Total	1,454	100%

At 30 September 2016, the average period of time for people held in detention facilities was 489 days.

Figure 5 – Average number of days in held immigration detention facilities only

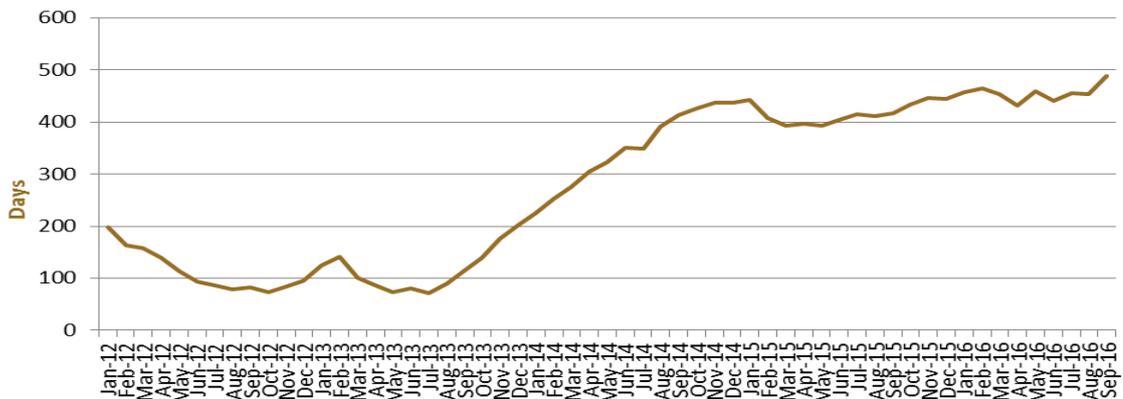


Figure 5 above, shows the average days in held immigration detention only by month from January 2012 to the date of this report. The average period of time for people held in detention facilities steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015. Between January 2015 and March 2015, the average period of time for people in held detention facilities decreased.

Time In Community Placement

Of the 608 people in Community Placement, as at 30 September 2016, 2.8 per cent had been in Community Placement for 91 days or less and 47.2 per cent had been in Community Placement for 365 days or less.

Table 9 – People in Community Placement by Length of Time in Community Placement at 30 September 2016

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	<5	0.7%
8 days - 31 days	<5	0.7%
32 days - 91 days	9	1.5%
92 days - 182 days	33	5.4%
183 days - 365 days	237	39.0%
366 days - 547 days	53	8.7%
548 days - 730 days	43	7.1%
Greater than 730 days	225	37.0%
Total	608	100%