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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/about/immigration-detention-in-australia>

Enquiries

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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 31 March 2017, there were 1,328 people in immigration detention facilities, including 1,048 in immigration detention on the mainland and 280 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

A further 544 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 24,063 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 31 March 2017

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 28/02/17
Christmas Island IDC	280	0	0	280	+ 16
Maribyrnong IDC	92	7	0	99	+ 2
Perth IDC	19	<5	0	23	- 5
Villawood IDC	405	51	0	456	- 10
Yongah Hill IDC	264	0	0	264	- 8
Mainland APODs	8	0	<5	9	- 39
Total IDCs/APODs	1,068	62	<5	1,131	- 44
Adelaide ITA	22	5	0	27	+ 14
Brisbane ITA	51	16	<5	68	- 14
Melbourne ITA	87	15	0	102	- 11
Total in IRH and ITA	160	36	<5	197	- 11
Total in IDC/F	1,228	98	<5	1,328	- 55
Total in Community under Residence Determination	176	151	217	544	- 6
Total IMA in Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)	17,094	3,116	3,853	24,063	- 697
Republic of Nauru (RPC)	279	49	45	373	- 5
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea (RPC)	829	0	0	829	- 8
Total IMA in RPCs	1,108	49	45	1,202	- 13
Detention Group					
S501 Visa Cancellation	428	17	0	445	0
Illegal Maritime Arrival	377	19	<5	397	-5
Other	423	62	<5	486	-50
Total	1,228	98	<5	1,328	- 55

In Community under Residence Determination Population By State/Territory

Of the 544 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 36.4 per cent were in Victoria, 26.7 per cent in New South Wales, 22.8 per cent in Queensland, 7.9 per cent in Western Australia, 6.1 per cent in South Australia and 0.2 per cent in the Australian Capital Territory.

Table 3 – People in the Community under Residence Determination by State/Territory at 31 March 2017

State/Territory	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Victoria	69	52	43	34	198
New South Wales	38	45	37	25	145
Queensland	38	33	34	19	124
Western Australia	22	12	6	<5	43
South Australia	9	9	6	9	33
Australian Capital Territory	0	0	<5	0	<5
Total	176	151	127	90	544

Immigration Detention Population

From 1990 to 31 March 2017

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

Figure 1 – Population in Immigration Detention

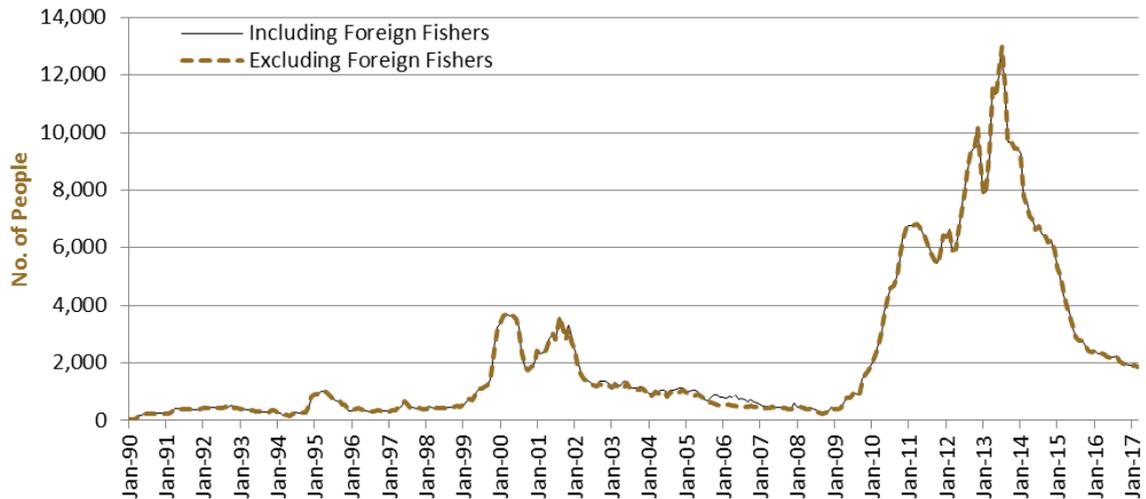


Figure 1 above, shows the number of people in immigration detention from 1990 to the date of this report. The trend had a consistent rise of people in immigration detention from January 2009 to January 2013, but has since had consistent decline.

People In Immigration Detention Facilities

Arrival Type

There were 475 people who arrived unlawfully by air or boat, in held immigration detention facilities at 31 March 2017 representing 35.8 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 853 people (64.2 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

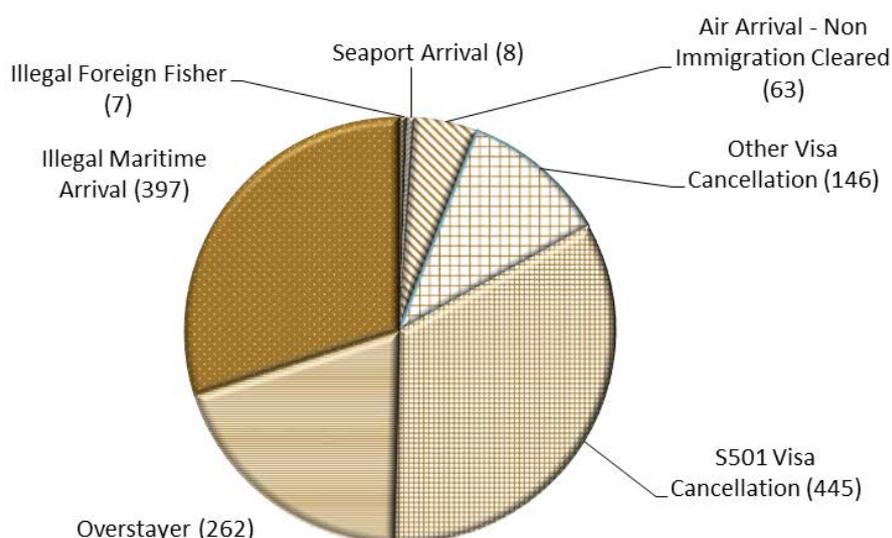


Figure 2 above, shows the number of people in held immigration detention facilities by detention group, including Overstayers, S501 and Other Visa Cancellations, Foreign Fishers, Irregular Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if required – Inadequately Documented Crew Members and Others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

Table 4 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Detention Group at 31 March 2017

Place of immigration detention	S501 Visa Cancellation	IMA	Other Detention Group	Total	Change from Previous Summary 28/02/17
Christmas Island IDC	152	70	58	280	+ 16
Maribyrnong IDC	30	23	46	99	+ 2
Perth IDC	11	<5	9	23	- 5
Villawood IDC	154	109	193	456	- 10
Yongah Hill IDC	78	101	85	264	- 8
Mainland APODs	0	0	9	9	- 39
Total IDCs/APODs	425	306	400	1,131	- 44
Adelaide ITA	<5	7	18	27	+ 14
Brisbane ITA	18	32	18	68	- 14
Melbourne ITA	0	52	50	102	- 11
Total in IRH and ITA	20	91	86	197	- 11
Total in IDC/F	445	397	486	1,328	- 55

People In Immigration Detention

Nationality

At 31 March 2017, there were 1,328 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 1,328 people, 13.6 per cent were from New Zealand, 8.8 per cent were from Iran, 7.1 per cent were from Vietnam, 6.9 per cent were from Sri Lanka and 5.2 per cent were from China.

Table 5 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Nationality at 31 March 2017

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
New Zealand	170	11	0	0	181
Iran	102	14	<5	0	117
Vietnam	83	11	0	0	94
Sri Lanka	91	0	0	0	91
China	52	17	0	0	69
India	57	<5	<5	0	60
Malaysia	50	9	0	0	59
Afghanistan	48	0	0	0	48
Iraq	46	0	0	0	46
Other	529	34	0	0	563
Total	1,228	98	<5	0	1,328

At 31 March 2017, 544 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 544 people, 48.2 per cent were from Iran, 12.7 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 10.3 per cent were Stateless and 5.9 per cent were from Vietnam.

Table 6 – People in the Community under Residence Determination by Nationality at 31 March 2017

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	90	81	51	40	262
Sri Lanka	17	16	25	11	69
Stateless	16	14	12	14	56
Vietnam	11	8	8	5	32
Iraq	10	7	6	7	30
Other	32	25	25	13	95
Total	176	151	127	90	544

Children In Immigration Detention

At 31 March 2017 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

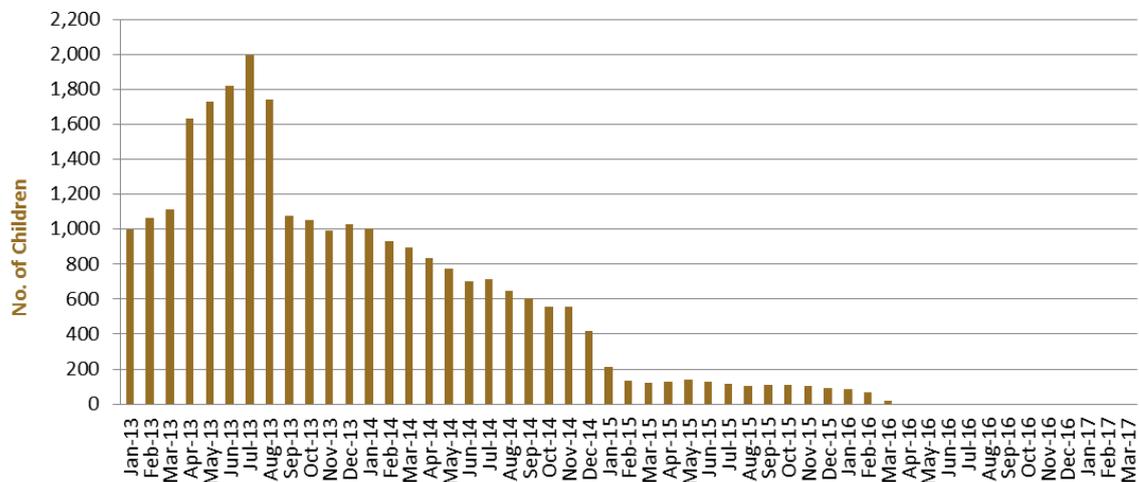


Figure 3 above, shows the number of children in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention from January 2013 to the date of this report. The continuous increase in the number of children in detention facilities from April 2013 to August 2013 was due to a rapid increase in irregular 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 31 March 2017, the number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination decreased by three to 217 from 220 in the previous report.

Figure 4 – Children in the Community under Residence Determination

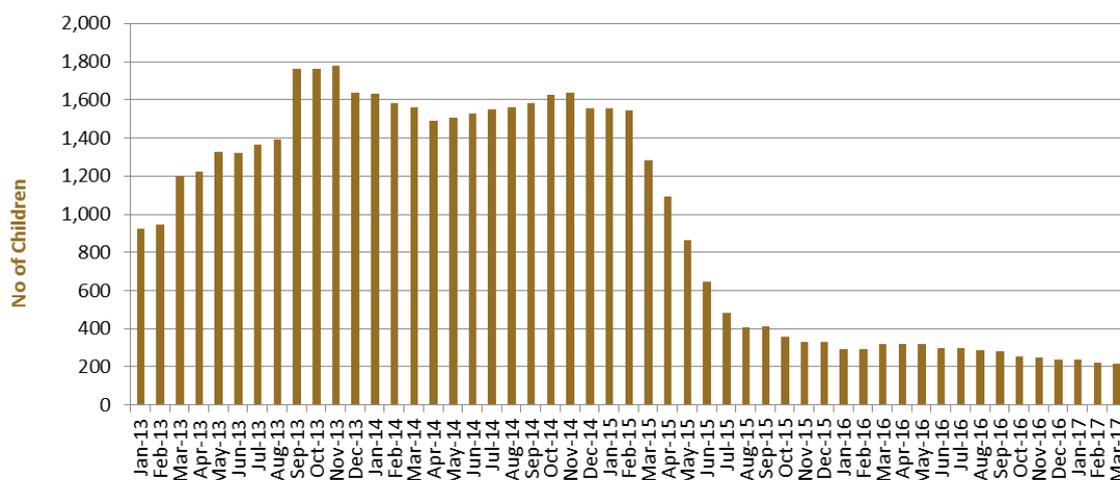


Figure 4 above, shows the number of children in the community under residence determination from January 2012 to the date of this report. The number of children in the community under residence determination, has levelled off at its lowest number since the peak in November 2013, as a result of releases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

Table 7 – Children in Immigration Detention and IMA Children in the Community on a Bridging E Visa at 31 March 2017

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	0
Immigration Transit Accommodation	<5
Alternative Places of Detention	<5
Total Children in Immigration Detention Facilities	<5
Total Children in the Community under a Residence Determination	217
Total IMA Children in the Community on a Bridging E visa (including in re-grant process)	3,853

Time In Immigration Detention Facilities

At 31 March 2017, there were 1,328 people in immigration detention facilities. Of these 1,328 people, 32.3 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 58.1 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less.

Table 8 – Length of Time of People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities at 31 March 2017

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	82	6.2%
8 days - 31 days	153	11.5%
32 days - 91 days	194	14.6%
92 days - 182 days	135	10.2%
183 days - 365 days	208	15.7%
366 days - 547 days	119	9.0%
548 days - 730 days	114	8.6%
Greater than 730 days	323	24.3%
Total	1,328	100%

At 31 March 2017, the average period of time for people held in detention facilities was 478 days.

Figure 5 – Average Number of Days of People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities only

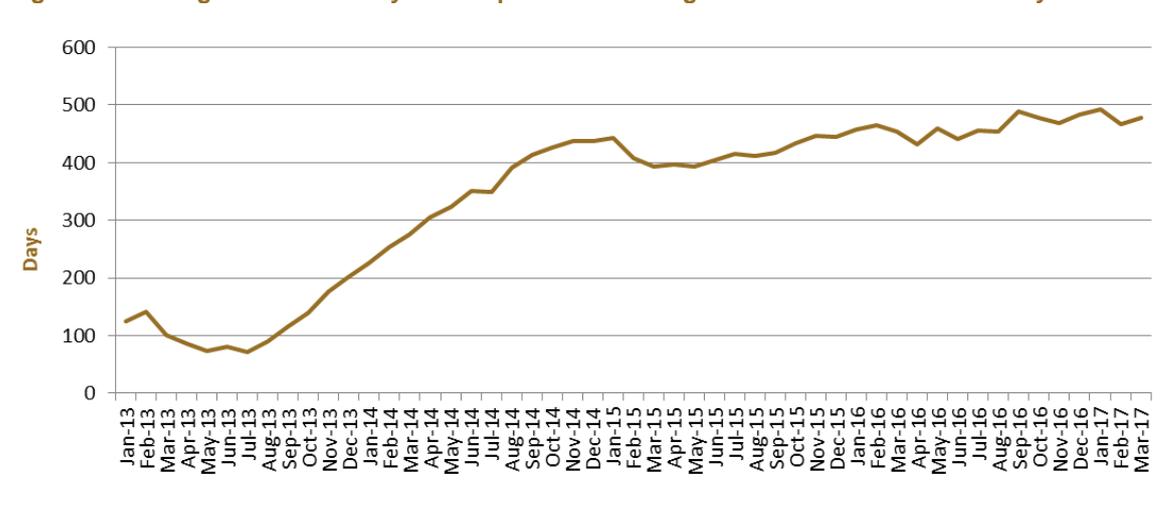


Figure 5 above, shows the average days in held immigration detention only by month from January 2013 to the date of this report. The average period of time for people held in detention facilities steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015. Between January 2015 and March 2015, the average period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

Time In Community Under Residence Determination

Of the 544 people in the community under residence determination, as at 31 March 2017, 6.1 per cent had been in the community for 91 days or less and 23.7 per cent had been in the community for 365 days or less.

Table 9 – Length of Time of People in Community under Residence Determination at 31 March 2017

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	<5	0.6%
8 days - 31 days	<5	0.7%
32 days - 91 days	26	4.8%
92 days - 182 days	29	5.3%
183 days - 365 days	67	12.3%
366 days - 547 days	210	38.6%
548 days - 730 days	47	8.6%
Greater than 730 days	158	29.0%
Total	544	100%