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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.

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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 July 2018, there were 1345 people in immigration detention facilities, including 1172 in immigration detention on the mainland and 173 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

A further 386 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 17,029 were living in the community after grant of a Bridging Visa E.

The table below reflects figures based on records in Department of Home Affairs systems.

Table 2 – People in Immigration Detention Facilities (IDFs), Alternative Places of Detention (APODs), Regional Processing Centres (RPCs) and the Community at 31 July 2018

| Place of immigration detention | Men | Women | Children | Total | Change from Previous Summary 30/06/18 |
|---|---------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|---------------------------------------|
| Christmas Island IDC | 173 | 0 | 0 | 173 | - 66 |
| Maribyrnong IDC | 121 | 0 | 0 | 121 | + 21 |
| Perth IDC | 20 | 8 | 0 | 28 | - 7 |
| Villawood IDC | 452 | 50 | 0 | 502 | + 35 |
| Yongah Hill IDC | 262 | 0 | 0 | 262 | - 32 |
| Mainland APODs | 12 | 5 | <5 | 20 | + 12 |
| Total IDCs/APODs | 1,040 | 63 | <5 | 1,106 | - 37 |
| Adelaide ITA | 22 | 0 | 0 | 22 | - 2 |
| Brisbane ITA | 79 | 11 | 0 | 90 | 0 |
| Melbourne ITA | 110 | 15 | <5 | 127 | + 37 |
| Total in ITA | 211 | 26 | <5 | 239 | + 35 |
| Total in IDC/F | 1,251 | 89 | 5 | 1,345 | - 2 |
| Total in Community under Residence Determination | 103 | 107 | 176 | 386 | + 18 |
| Total IMA in Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process) | 12,069 | 2,125 | 2,835 | 17,029 | - 391 |
| Republic of Nauru (RPC) | 158 | 19 | 12 | 189 | - 30 |
| Manus Province, Papua New Guinea (RPC) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Total IMA in RPCs | 158 | 19 | 12 | 189 | - 30 |
| Detention Group | | | | | |
| S501 Visa Cancellation | 427 | 22 | 0 | 449 | 0 |
| Illegal Maritime Arrival | 302 | 9 | <5 | 315 | - 17 |
| Other | 522 | 58 | <5 | 581 | + 15 |
| Total | 1,251 | 89 | 5 | 1,345 | - 2 |

In Community under Residence Determination Population By State/Territory

Of the 386 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 34.2 per cent were in Victoria, 28.5 per cent in Queensland, 24.9 per cent in New South Wales, 7 per cent in South Australia and 5.4 per cent in Western Australia.

Table 3 – People in the Community under Residence Determination by State/Territory at 31 July 2018

| State/Territory | Adult Male | Adult Female | Child Male (<18 years) | Child Female (<18 years) | Total |
|-------------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Victoria | 37 | 34 | 36 | 25 | 132 |
| Queensland | 29 | 29 | 30 | 22 | 110 |
| New South Wales | 20 | 32 | 24 | 20 | 96 |
| South Australia | 6 | 8 | 5 | 8 | 27 |
| Western Australia | 11 | <5 | <5 | <5 | 21 |
| Total | 103 | 107 | 99 | 77 | 386 |

Immigration Detention Population

From January 1990 to July 2018

The overall number of people in immigration detention including in the community under residence determination has decreased by 119 to 1731 compared with 1850 at the end of July 2017. This decrease takes into account releases of detainees into the community under residence determination and detainees granted Bridging E visas (BVEs) as well as decreases through return and removal activities.

Figure 1 – Population in Immigration Detention

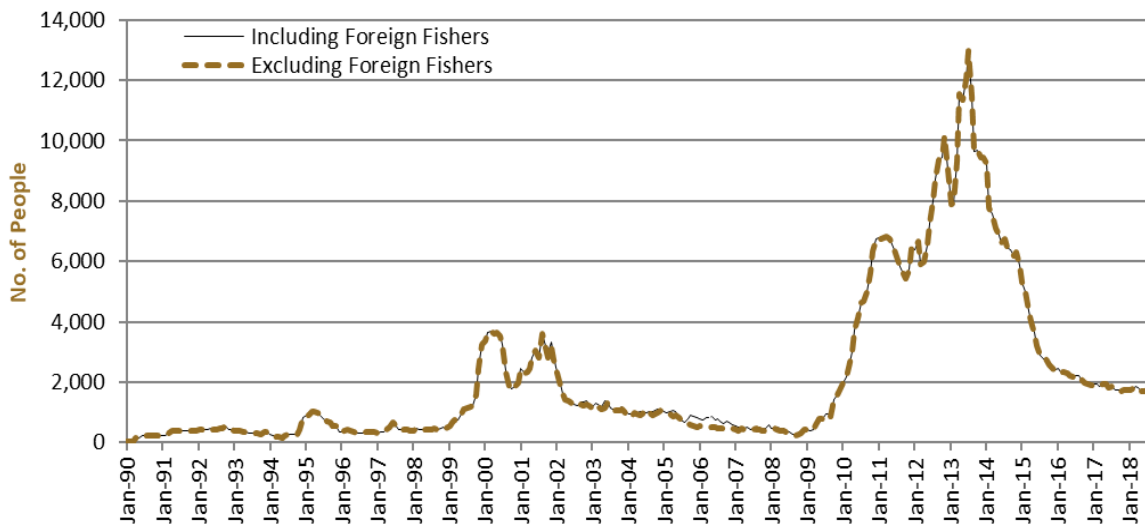


Figure 1 above, shows the number of people in immigration detention from January 1990 to the date of this report. The trend had a consistent rise of people in immigration detention from January 2009 to January 2013, but has since had consistent decline.

People In Immigration Detention Facilities

Arrival Type

There were 366 people who arrived unlawfully by air or boat, in held immigration detention facilities at 31 July 2018 representing 27.2 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 979 people (72.8 per cent of the total immigration population) who arrived in Australia lawfully and were subsequently taken into immigration detention for either overstaying or having their visas cancelled for breaching visa conditions.

Figure 2 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Detention Group

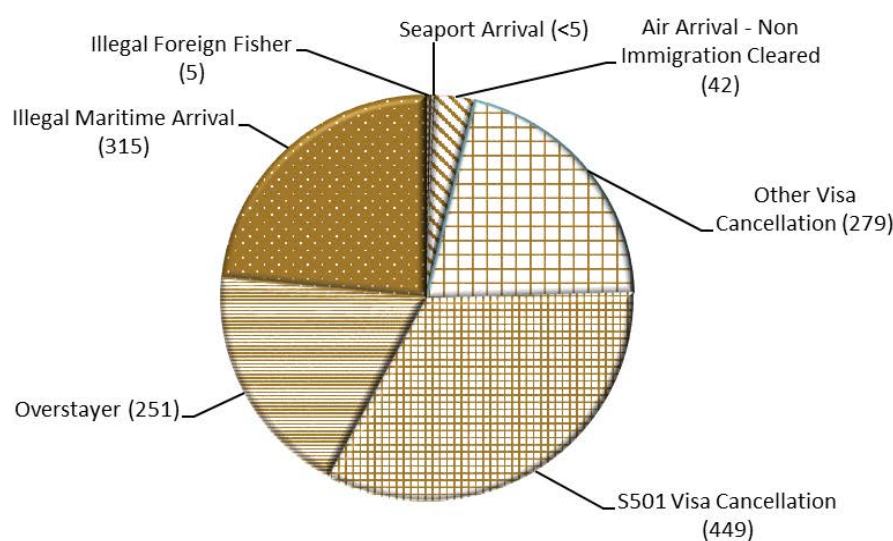


Figure 2 above, shows the number of people in held immigration detention facilities by detention group, including Overstayers, S501 and Other Visa Cancellations, Foreign Fishers, Illegal Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if applicable – Inadequately Documented Crew Members and Others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

Table 4 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Detention Group at 31 July 2018

| Place of immigration detention | S501 Visa Cancellation | IMA | Other Detention Group | Total | Change from Previous Summary 30/06/18 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|------------|-----------------------|--------------|---------------------------------------|
| Christmas Island IDC | 88 | 52 | 33 | 173 | - 66 |
| Maribyrnong IDC | 42 | 20 | 59 | 121 | + 21 |
| Perth IDC | 14 | 5 | 9 | 28 | - 7 |
| Villawood IDC | 163 | 93 | 246 | 502 | + 35 |
| Yongah Hill IDC | 121 | 62 | 79 | 262 | - 32 |
| Mainland APODs | <5 | 9 | 10 | 20 | + 12 |
| Total IDCs/APODs | 429 | 241 | 436 | 1,106 | - 37 |
| Adelaide ITA | <5 | 11 | 7 | 22 | - 2 |
| Brisbane ITA | 6 | 14 | 70 | 90 | 0 |
| Melbourne ITA | 10 | 49 | 68 | 127 | + 37 |
| Total in IRH and ITA | 20 | 74 | 145 | 239 | + 35 |
| Total in IDC/F | 449 | 315 | 581 | 1,345 | - 2 |

People In Immigration Detention

Nationality

At 31 July 2018, there were 1345 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 1345 people, 12.9 per cent were from New Zealand, 7.7 per cent were from Vietnam, 7.7 per cent were from Iran, 6.6 per cent were from Sri Lanka and 4.5 per cent were from United Kingdom.

Table 5 – People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities by Nationality at 31 July 2018

| Nationalities | Adult Male | Adult Female | Child Male (<18 years) | Child Female (<18 years) | Total |
|----------------|--------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------------|--------------|
| New Zealand | 156 | 18 | 0 | 0 | 174 |
| Vietnam | 96 | 8 | 0 | 0 | 104 |
| Iran | 102 | <5 | 0 | 0 | 103 |
| Sri Lanka | 84 | <5 | 0 | <5 | 89 |
| United Kingdom | 58 | <5 | 0 | 0 | 61 |
| India | 53 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 53 |
| Malaysia | 50 | <5 | 0 | 0 | 53 |
| Sudan | 46 | <5 | 0 | 0 | 48 |
| China | 38 | 9 | 0 | 0 | 47 |
| Iraq | 42 | <5 | 0 | 0 | 44 |
| Other | 526 | 40 | <5 | <5 | 569 |
| Total | 1,251 | 89 | <5 | <5 | 1,345 |

At 31 July 2018, 386 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 386 people, 57.3 per cent were from Iran, 11.9 per cent were Stateless, 9.3 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 3.4 per cent were from Somalia and 2.8 per cent were from Afghanistan.

Table 6 – People in the Community under Residence Determination by Nationality at 31 July 2018

| Nationalities | Adult Male | Adult Female | Child Male (<18 years) | Child Female (<18 years) | Total |
|---------------|------------|--------------|------------------------|--------------------------|------------|
| Iran | 60 | 64 | 52 | 45 | 221 |
| Stateless | 14 | 10 | 9 | 13 | 46 |
| Sri Lanka | 9 | 9 | 14 | <5 | 36 |
| Somalia | <5 | 6 | <5 | <5 | 13 |
| Afghanistan | <5 | <5 | <5 | <5 | 11 |
| Other | 14 | 15 | 19 | 11 | 59 |
| Total | 103 | 107 | 99 | 77 | 386 |

Children In Immigration Detention

At 31 July 2018 there were 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

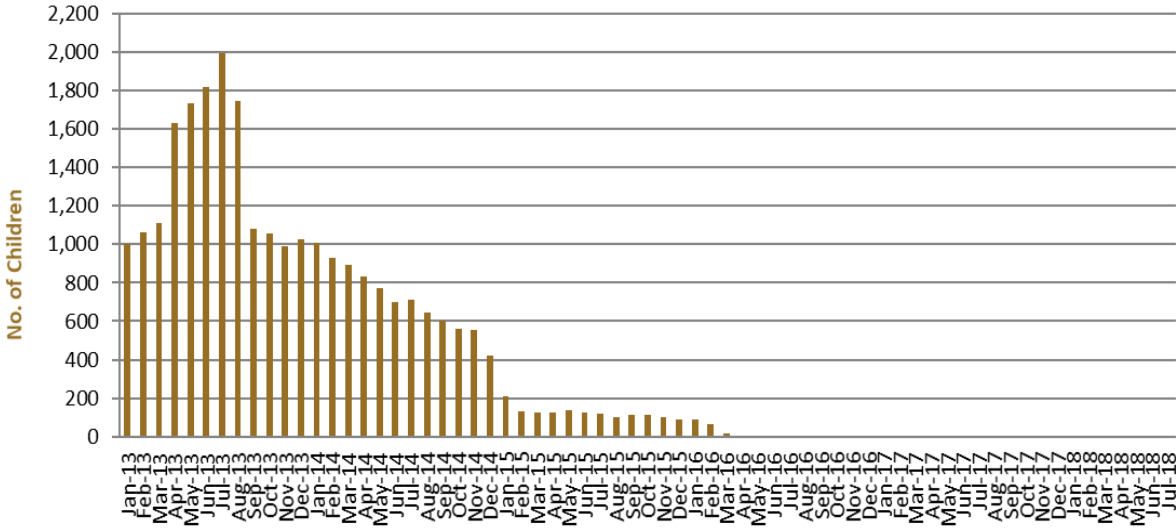


Figure 3 above, shows the number of children in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention from January 2013 to the date of this report. The continuous increase in the number of children in detention facilities from April 2013 to Aug 2013 was due to a rapid increase in illegal 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 July 2018, the number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination increased by eight to 176 from 168 in the previous report.

Figure 4 – Children in the Community under Residence Determination

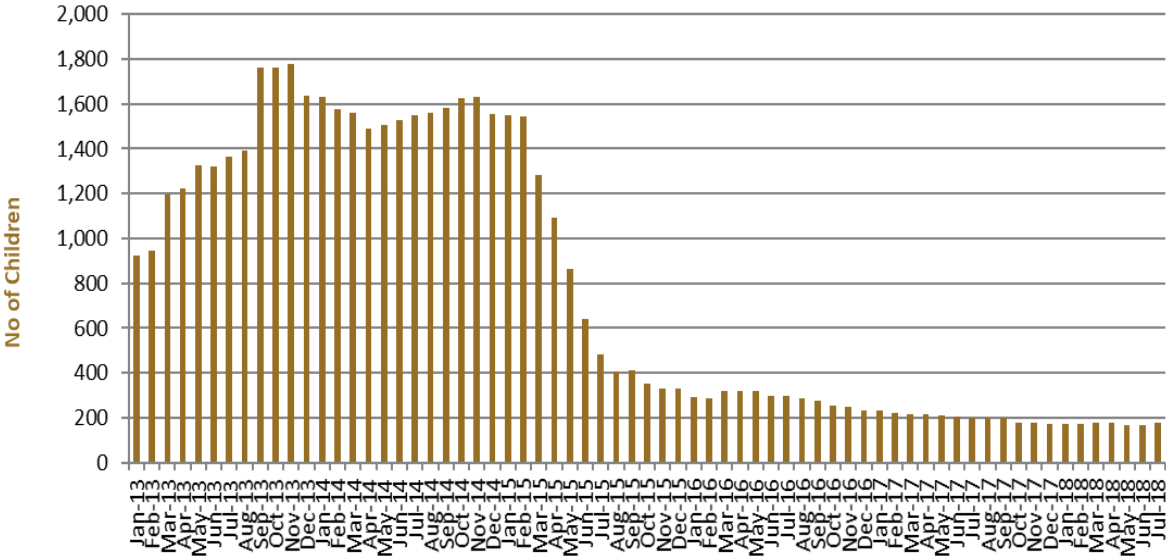


Figure 4 above, shows the number of children in the community under residence determination from January 2012 to the date of this report. The number of children in the community under residence determination, has levelled off at its lowest number since the peak in November 2013, as a result of releases 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 July 2018

| 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 | 176 |
| Total IMA Children in the Community on a Bridging E visa (including in re-grant process) | 2,835 |

Time In Immigration Detention Facilities

At 31 July 2018, there were 1345 people in immigration detention facilities. Of these 1345 people, 33.5 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 64.8 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less.

Table 8 – Length of Time of People in Held Immigration Detention Facilities at 31 July 2018

| Period Detained | Total | % of Total |
|-----------------------|--------------|-------------|
| 7 days or less | 78 | 5.8% |
| 8 days - 31 days | 161 | 12.0% |
| 32 days - 91 days | 212 | 15.8% |
| 92 days - 182 days | 178 | 13.2% |
| 183 days - 365 days | 243 | 18.1% |
| 366 days - 547 days | 135 | 10.0% |
| 548 days - 730 days | 71 | 5.3% |
| Greater than 730 days | 267 | 19.9% |
| Total | 1,345 | 100% |

At 31 July 2018, the average period of time for people held in detention facilities was 446 days.

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

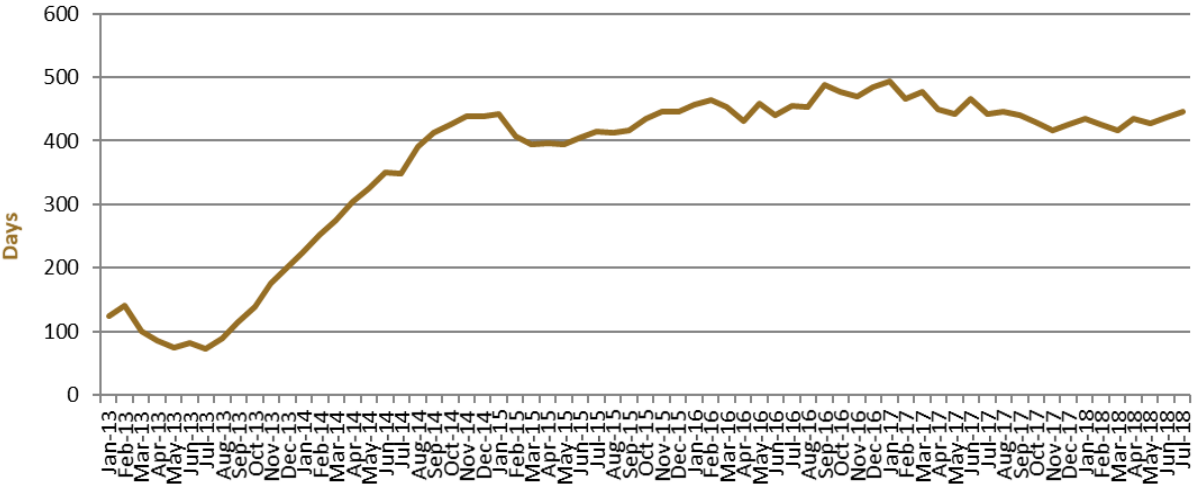


Figure 5 above, shows the average days in held immigration detention at the end of each month from January 2013 to the date of this report. The average period of time for people held in detention facilities steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015.

Time In Community Under Residence Determination

Of the 386 people in the community under residence determination, as at 31 July 2018, 9.6 per cent had been in the community for 91 days or less and 21 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 July 2018

| Period Detained | Total | % of Total |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------------|
| 7 days or less | 15 | 3.9% |
| 8 days - 31 days | 5 | 1.3% |
| 32 days - 91 days | 17 | 4.4% |
| 92 days - 182 days | 19 | 4.9% |
| 183 days - 365 days | 25 | 6.5% |
| 366 days - 547 days | 32 | 8.3% |
| 548 days - 730 days | 28 | 7.3% |
| Greater than 730 days | 245 | 63.5% |
| Total | 386 | 100% |