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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:

<https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/research-and-statistics/statistics/visa-statistics/live/immigration-detention>

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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 October 2018, there were 1366 people in immigration detention facilities, including 1366 in immigration detention on the mainland and no people in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

A further 485 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 16,216 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 October 2018

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 30/09/18
Christmas Island IDC	0	0	0	0	- 35
Maribyrnong IDC	108	0	0	108	- 25
Perth IDC	22	12	0	34	- 3
Villawood IDC	448	48	0	496	- 19
Yongah Hill IDC	231	0	0	231	+ 16
Mainland APODs	17	13	19	49	+ 7
Total IDCs/APODs	826	73	19	918	- 59
Adelaide ITA	20	<5	6	29	+ 13
Brisbane ITA	148	28	21	197	+ 37
Melbourne ITA	204	15	<5	222	+ 70
Total in ITA	372	46	30	448	+ 120
Total in IDC/F	1,198	119	49	1,366	+ 61
Total in Community under Residence Determination	135	138	212	485	+ 41
Total IMA in Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)	11,578	1,988	2,650	16,216	- 265
Republic of Nauru (RPC)	99	0	0	99	- 64
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea (RPC)	0	0	0	0	0
Total IMA in RPCs	99	0	0	99	- 64
Detention Group					
S501 Visa Cancellation	400	21	0	421	- 3
Illegal Maritime Arrival	349	56	48	453	+ 121
Other	449	42	<5	492	- 57
Total	1,198	119	49	1,366	+ 61

In Community under Residence Determination Population By State/Territory

Of the 485 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 35.9 per cent were in Queensland, 29.7 per cent in Victoria, 22.3 per cent in New South Wales, 8.2 per cent in South Australia, 3.7 per cent in Western 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 October 2018

State/Territory	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Queensland	50	49	44	31	174
Victoria	41	38	37	28	144
New South Wales	24	38	25	21	108
South Australia	9	10	8	13	40
Western Australia	10	<5	<5	<5	18
Australian Capital Territory	<5	0	0	0	<5
Total	135	138	117	95	485

Immigration Detention Population

From January 1990 to 31 October 2018

The overall number of people in immigration detention including in the community under residence determination has increased by 128 to 1851 compared with 1723 at the end of October 2017. This number takes into account releases of detainees into the community under residence determination and detainees who were held in immigration detention facilities as at 31 October 2018.

Figure 1 – Population in Immigration Detention

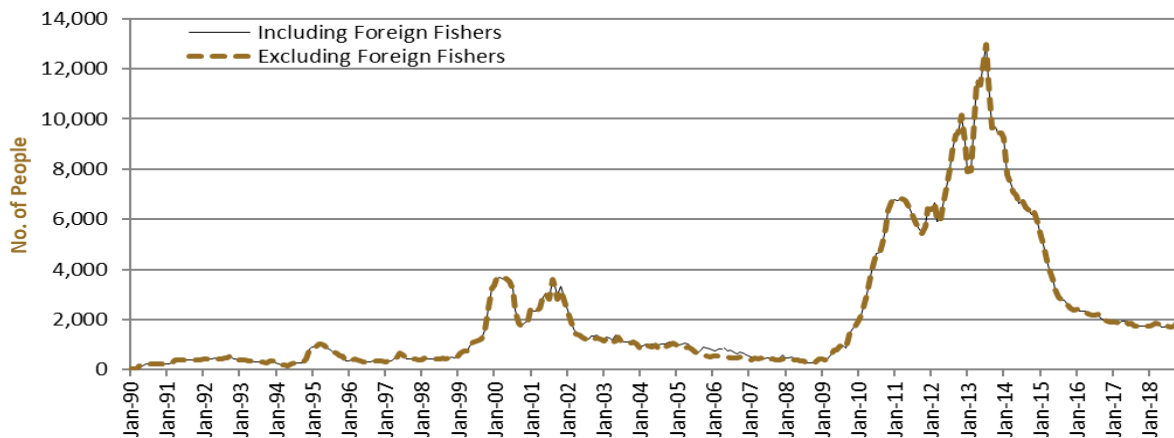


Figure 1 above, shows the number of people in immigration detention from 1990 to the date of this report. The trend had a consistent rise of people in immigration detention from January 2009 to January 2013, but has since had consistent decline.

People In Immigration Detention Facilities

Arrival Type

There were 490 people who arrived unlawfully by air or boat, in held immigration detention facilities at 31 October 2018 representing 35.9 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 876 people (64.1 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

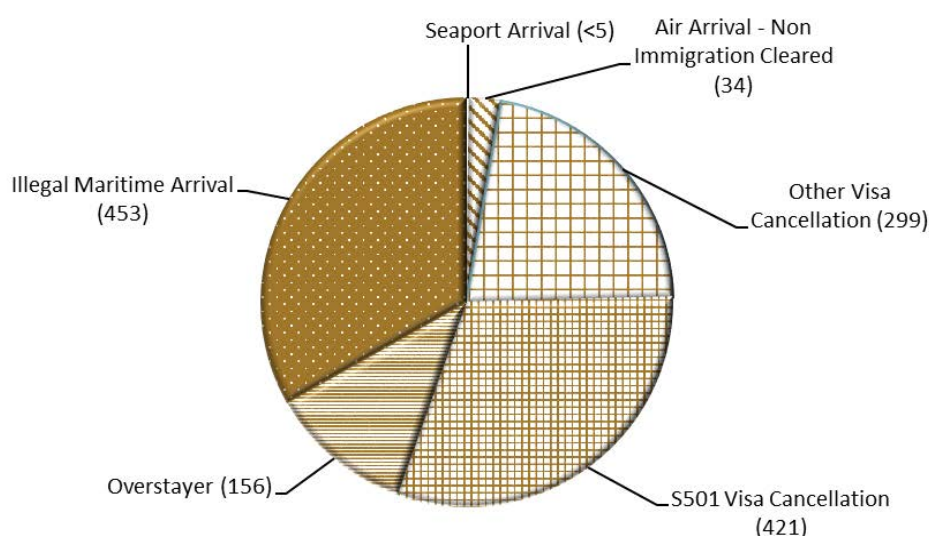


Figure 2 above, shows the number of people in held immigration detention facilities by detention group, including Overstayers, S501 and Other Visa Cancellations, Foreign Fishers, Illegal Maritime Arrivals, Unauthorised Air Arrivals, and if applicable – Inadequately Documented Crew Members and Others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

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

Place of immigration detention	S501 Visa Cancellation	IMA	Other Detention Group	Total	Change from Previous Summary 30/09/18
Christmas Island IDC	0	0	0	0	- 35
Maribyrnong IDC	52	20	36	108	- 25
Perth IDC	9	8	17	34	- 3
Villawood IDC	173	123	200	496	- 19
Yongah Hill IDC	110	61	60	231	+ 16
Mainland APODs	0	48	<5	49	+ 7
Total IDCs/APODs	344	260	314	918	- 59
Adelaide ITA	<5	22	<5	29	+ 13
Brisbane ITA	29	94	74	197	+ 37
Melbourne ITA	44	77	101	222	+ 70
Total in IRH and ITA	77	193	178	448	+ 120
Total in IDC/F	421	453	492	1,366	+ 61

People In Immigration Detention

Nationality

At 31 October 2018, there were 1366 people in held immigration detention facilities. Of these 1366 people, 13.2 per cent were from Iran, 11.1 per cent were from New Zealand, 7.5 per cent were from Vietnam, 7.5 per cent were from Sri Lanka and 4.3 per cent were from United Kingdom.

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

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	137	27	9	7	180
New Zealand	135	17	0	0	152
Vietnam	94	9	0	0	103
Sri Lanka	78	12	5	7	102
United Kingdom	55	<5	0	0	59
Stateless	42	5	6	<5	55
India	54	0	0	0	54
Sudan	52	<5	0	0	54
Afghanistan	46	<5	0	0	47
Iraq	43	<5	<5	0	47
Other	462	39	7	5	513
Total	1,198	119	29	21	1,366

At 31 October 2018, 485 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 485 people, 56.7 per cent were from Iran, 11.1 per cent were Stateless, 7.8 per cent were from Sri Lanka, 6.6 per cent were from Somalia and 2.3 per cent were from Afghanistan.

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

Nationalities	Adult Male	Adult Female	Child Male (<18 years)	Child Female (<18 years)	Total
Iran	77	83	62	53	275
Stateless	17	12	10	15	54
Sri Lanka	10	9	14	5	38
Somalia	9	13	7	<5	32
Afghanistan	<5	<5	<5	<5	11
Other	19	18	22	16	75
Total	135	138	117	95	485

Children In Immigration Detention

At 31 October 2018 there were 49 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

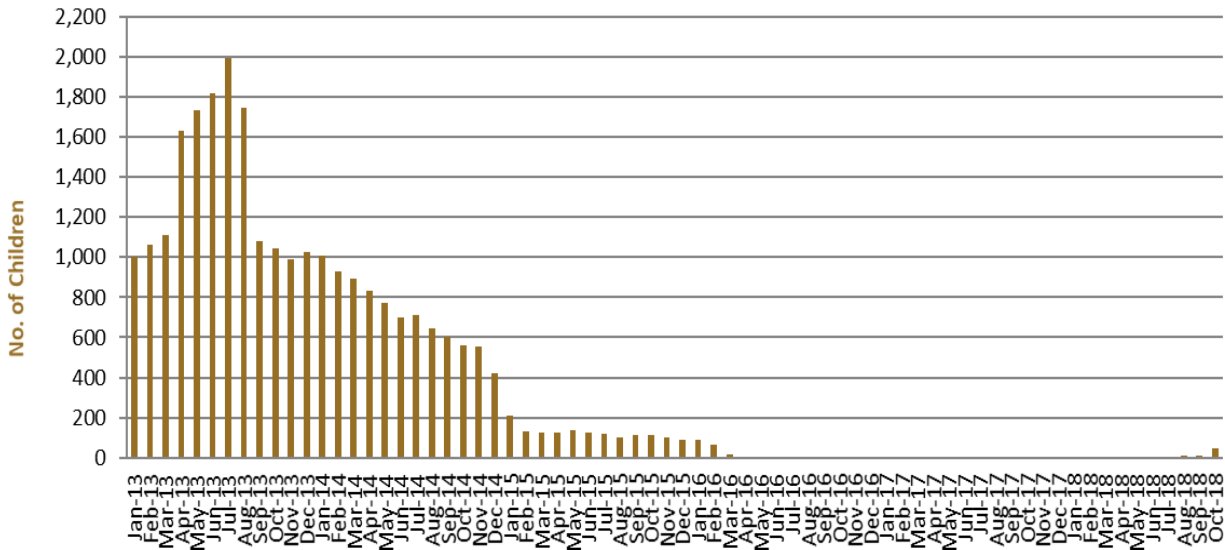


Figure 3 above, shows the number of children in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention from January 2013 to the date of this report. The continuous increase in the number of children in detention facilities from April 2013 to August 2013 was due to a rapid increase in illegal 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. The increase in the number of children in alternative places of detention from August 2018 were following transfers from Nauru to Australia (with family members).

At 31 October 2018, the number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination increased by 16 to 212 from 196 in the previous report.

Figure 4 – Children in the Community under Residence Determination

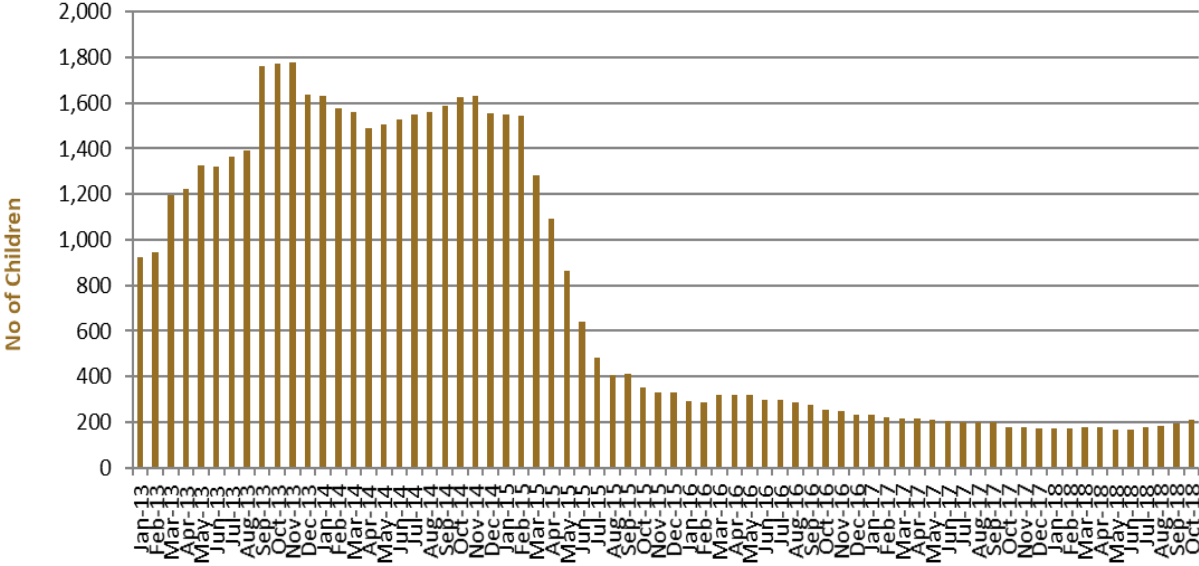


Figure 4 above, shows the number of children in the community under residence determination from January 2012 to the date of this report. The number of children in the community under residence determination, has levelled off at its lowest number since the peak in November 2013, as a result of releases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

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	0
Immigration Transit Accommodation	30
Alternative Places of Detention	19
Total Children in Immigration Detention Facilities	49
Total Children in the Community under a Residence Determination	212
Total IMA Children in the Community on a Bridging E visa (including in re-grant process)	2,650

Time In Immigration Detention Facilities

At 31 October 2018, there were 1366 people in immigration detention facilities. Of these 1366 people, 28.3 per cent had been detained for 91 days or less and 61.1 per cent had been detained for 365 days or less.

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

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	54	4.0%
8 days - 31 days	131	9.6%
32 days - 91 days	201	14.7%
92 days - 182 days	181	13.3%
183 days - 365 days	268	19.6%
366 days - 547 days	168	12.3%
548 days - 730 days	87	6.4%
Greater than 730 days	276	20.2%
Total	1,366	100%

At 31 October 2018, the average period of time for people held in detention facilities was 476 days.

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

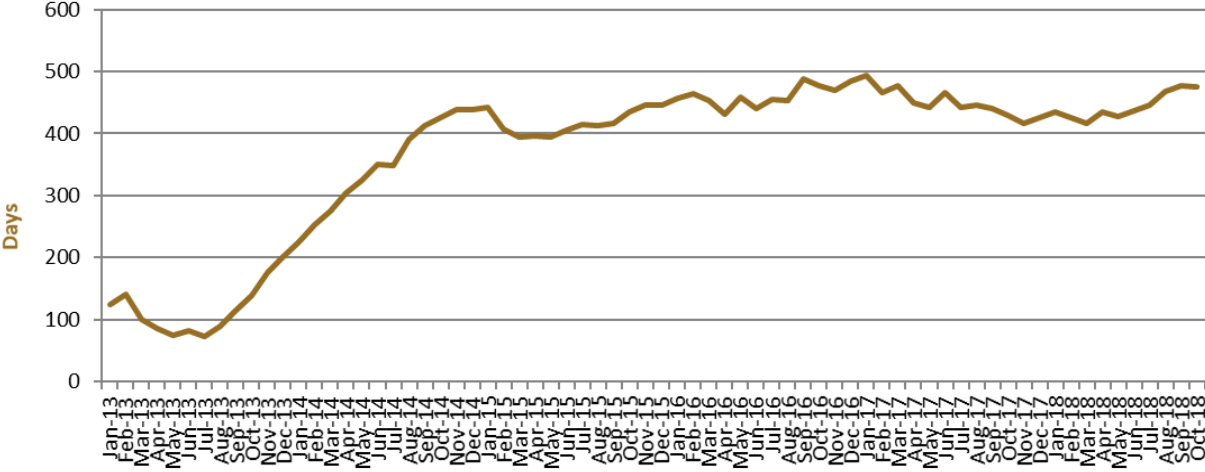


Figure 5 above, shows the average days in held immigration detention at the end of each month from January 2013 to the date of this report. The average period of time for people held in detention facilities steadily increased from July 2013 to January 2015.

Time In Community Under Residence Determination

Of the 485 people in the community under residence determination, as at 31 October 2018, 20.6 per cent had been in the community for 91 days or less and 36.7 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 October 2018

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	23	4.7%
8 days - 31 days	22	4.5%
32 days - 91 days	55	11.3%
92 days - 182 days	43	8.9%
183 days - 365 days	35	7.2%
366 days - 547 days	22	4.5%
548 days - 730 days	39	8.0%
Greater than 730 days	246	50.7%
Total	485	100%