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Immigration Detention Statistics Summary

31 August 2011



About this report

This report provides an overview of the number of people in immigration detention in Australia 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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IMMIGRATION DETENTION STATISTICS SUMMARY

Detention Operations Division, DIAC - As at 31 August 2011

There were 4707 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention, including 3898 in immigration detention on the mainland and 809 in immigration detention on Christmas Island as at 31 August 2011. Separately, 1138 were living in the community under a residence determination.

Figure 1

People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention					
Place of immigration detention ¹	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary (31/07/11)
Christmas Island IDC	635			635	+ 82
Curtin IDC	1365			1365	+ 24
Maribyrnong IDC	84	6		90	- 5
Northern IDC (Darwin)	407			407	- 36
Perth IDC	34			34	- 8
Scherger IDC	421			421	- 45
Villawood IDC	316	46		362	+ 13
Total in IDCs	3262	52	0	3314	+ 25
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	7	3	1	11	+ 1
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	2	1	35	38	0
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	4	4	8	16	+ 1
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	6	6		12	+ 4
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	14	7	8	29	- 10
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	17		2	19	- 28
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	50	21	54	125	- 32
Alternative Places of Detention ² (Christmas Island)	45	34	95	174	- 38
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	624	191	279	1094	- 30
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port				0	0
Total	3981	298	428	4707	- 75

People in Community under Residence Determination³	362	287	489	1138	+ 140
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¹ Immigration detention as set out under s189 or s249 of the *Migration Act 1958*.

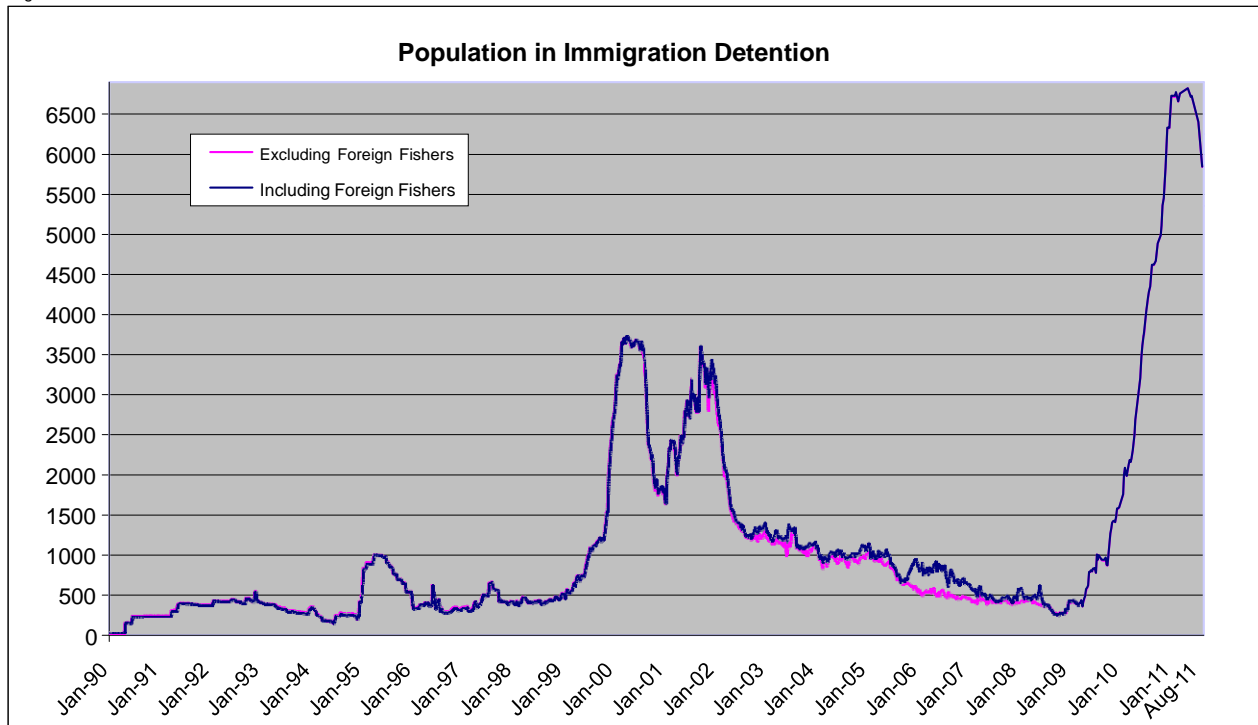
² Includes detention in the community in private houses / correctional facilities / watch houses / hotels / apartments / foster care / hospitals with a person designated under the Act.

³ Residence determination as set out in the s197AB of the *Migration Act 1958*.

Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to August 2011

The number of people in immigration detention has been declining since April 2011.

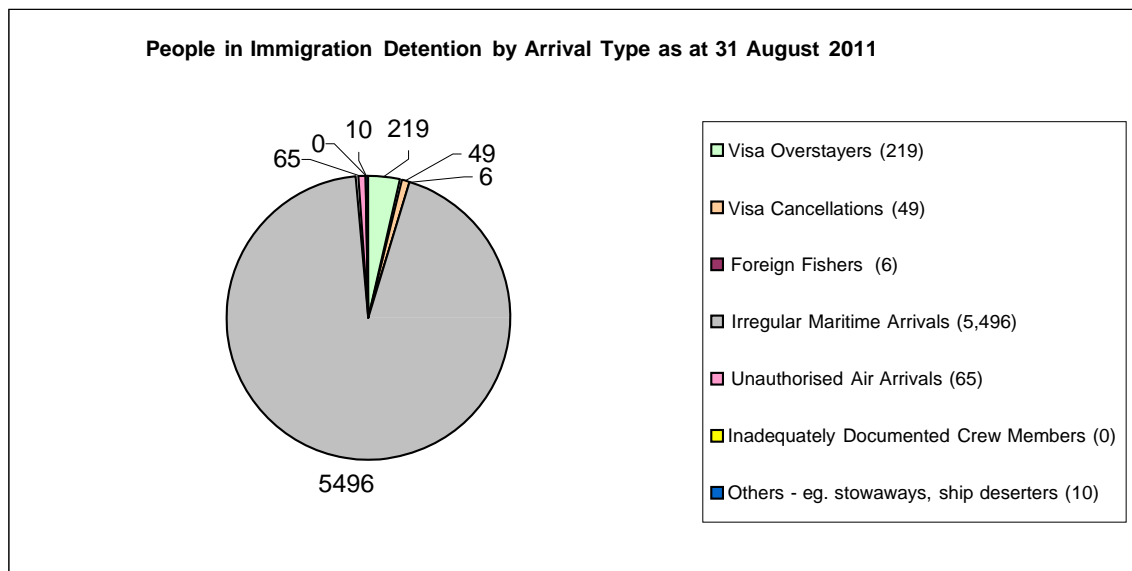
Figure 2



People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 31 August 2011 was 5561, representing about 95 per cent of the total immigration detention population. There were also 268 people (about 4 per cent of the total immigration population) who arrived in Australia lawfully and were subsequently taken into immigration detention for either overstaying their visa or breaching their visa conditions, resulting in visa cancellation.

Figure 3



People in Immigration Detention by Nationality

Of the 4707 people in immigration detention in DIAC facilities and other places of detention as at 31 August 2011, around 32% were Afghan nationals, 24% were Iranian nationals and 11% were the Sri Lankan nationals.

Figure 4

People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention as at 31 August 2011					
Citizenship	adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Afghanistan	11	1375	4	109	1499
Iran	145	860	43	87	1135
Sri Lanka	28	455	16	19	518
Indonesia	1	336	0	36	373
Iraq	10	196	2	9	217
China, Peoples Republic Of	29	90	0	0	119
Vietnam	8	41	20	28	97
Pakistan	2	76	0	4	82
Burma	0	35	0	2	37
Palestinian Authority	3	10	11	6	30
Other	61	507	10	22	600
Total	298	3981	106	322	4707

Of the 1138 people in the community under residence determinations as at 31 August 2011, around 31% were Iranian nationals, 15% were the Sri Lankan nationals and 14% were Iraqi nationals.

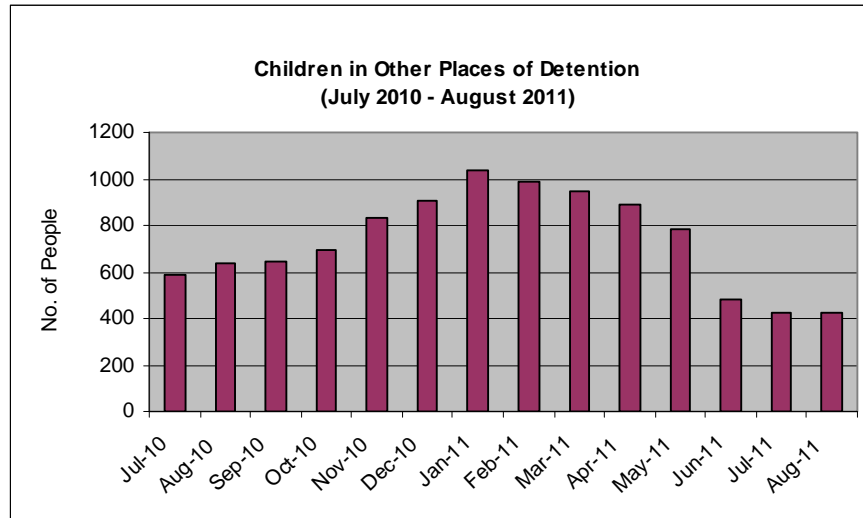
Figure 5

People in Community under Residence Determinations as at 31 August 2011					
Citizenship	adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Iran	105	114	64	70	353
Sri Lanka	56	48	32	33	169
Iraq	34	57	31	41	163
Afghanistan	14	37	4	101	156
Vietnam	4	4	7	18	33
Other	74	102	31	57	264
Total	287	362	169	320	1138

Children in Immigration Detention

As at 31 August 2011, there were 428 children (aged under 18 years) in alternative places of immigration detention. No children are detained in an immigration detention centre.

Figure 6



Note: Other Places of Detention are Immigration Residential Housing, Immigration Transit Accommodation and Alternative Places of Detention.

The number of children living in the community under a residence determination has increased significantly since the Government's announcement on 18 October 2010, that it would move the majority of children and a significant number of vulnerable families into community based arrangements by 30 June 2011.

Figure 7

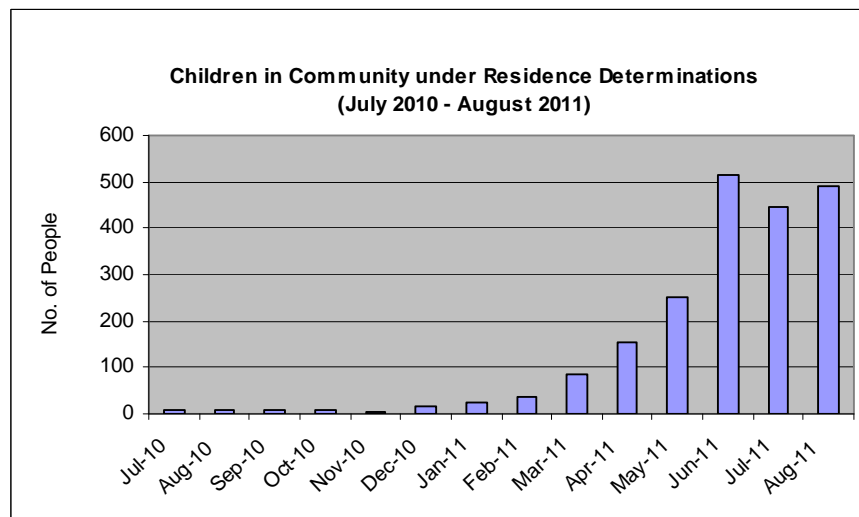


Figure 8

Children in Other Places of Immigration Detention as at 31 August 2011	
Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	44
Immigration Transit Accommodation	10
Alternative Places of Detention	374
Community Detention	489
Total	917

Children in Community Residence Determination	489
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Time in Detention

Of the 5845 people in immigration detention as at 31 August 2011, 3666 or 63% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Figure 9

Length of Time in Detention as at 31 August 2011		
Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	39	0.7%
8 days - 31 days	423	7.2%
32 days - 91 days	588	10.1%
92 days - 182 days	921	15.7%
183 days - 365 days	1695	29.0%
366 days - 547 days	1734	29.7%
548 days - 730 days	401	6.9%
Greater than 730 days	44	0.7%
Total	5845	100%