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# Immigration Detention Statistics Summary

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## ***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 30 November 2011*

There were 4409 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention, including 3464 in immigration detention on the mainland and 945 in immigration detention on Christmas Island as at 30 November 2011. Separately, 1324 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 <sup>1</sup>	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary (31/10/11)
Christmas Island IDC	692	1		693	+ 64
Curtin IDC	973			973	+ 16
Maribyrnong IDC	77	6		83	- 9
Northern IDC (Darwin)	305			305	- 36
Perth IDC	29			29	+ 4
Pontville IDC	251			251	+ 51
Scherger IDC	219			219	- 74
Villawood IDC	303	58		361	- 11
<b>Total in IDCs</b>	<b>2849</b>	<b>65</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2914</b>	<b>+ 5</b>
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	5		2	7	- 2
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	9	9	21	39	+ 1
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	11	4	7	22	+ 5
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	3	3		6	- 3
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	49	1		50	- 15
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	77		3	80	+ 4
<b>Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation</b>	<b>154</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>204</b>	<b>- 10</b>
Alternative Places of Detention <sup>2</sup> (Christmas Island)	64	69	119	252	+ 11
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	577	173	289	1039	+ 180
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port				0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>3644</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>441</b>	<b>4409</b>	<b>+ 186</b>
<b>People in Community under Residence Determination <sup>3</sup></b>	<b>465</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>534</b>	<b>1324</b>	<b>+ 93</b>

<sup>1</sup> Immigration detention as set out under s 189 or s 249 of the *Migration Act 1958*.

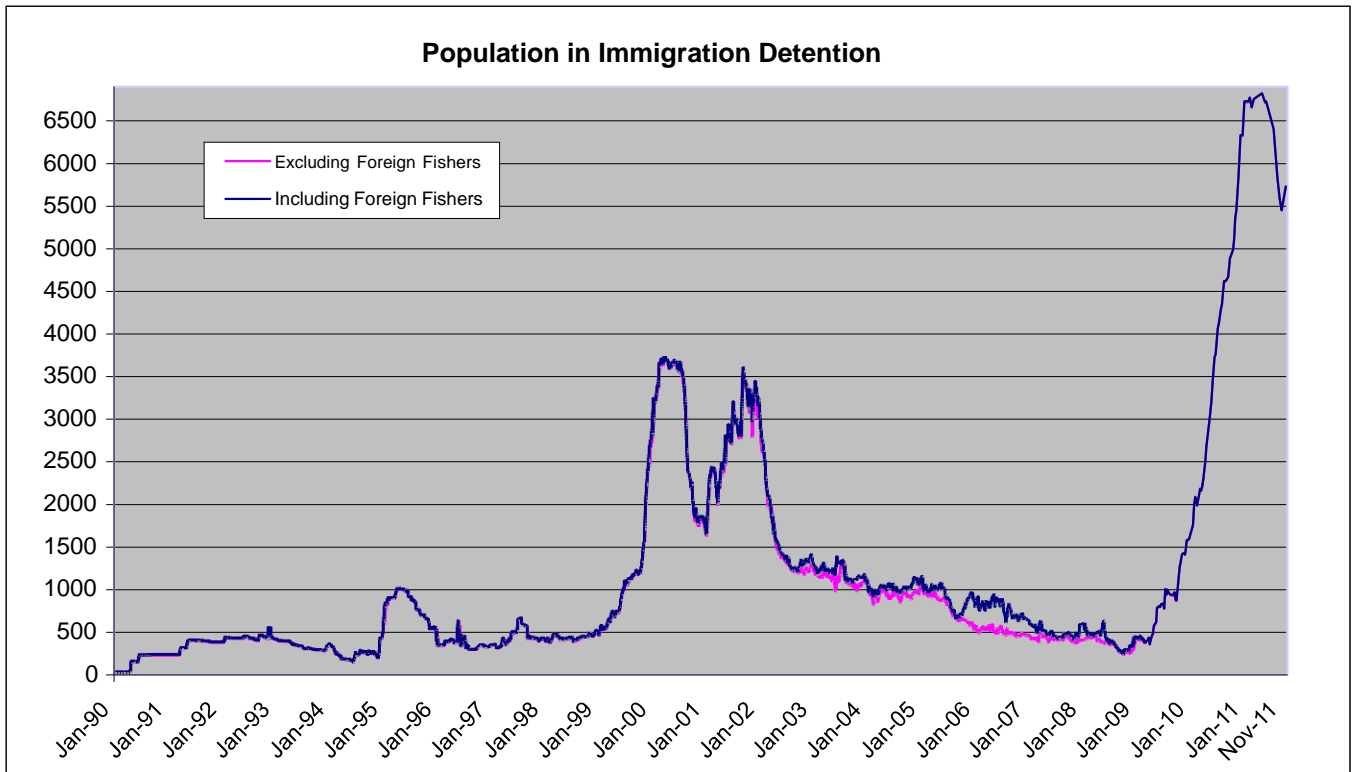
<sup>2</sup> Includes detention in the community in private houses / correctional facilities / watch houses / hotels / apartments / foster care / hospitals with a person designated under the Act.

<sup>3</sup> Residence determination as set out in the 197AB of the *Migration Act 1958*.

### Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to November 2011.

The number of people in immigration detention declined between April and October 2011. The number of people in detention in November has increased, predominantly as a result of increased irregular maritime arrivals intercepted in Australian waters during the month.

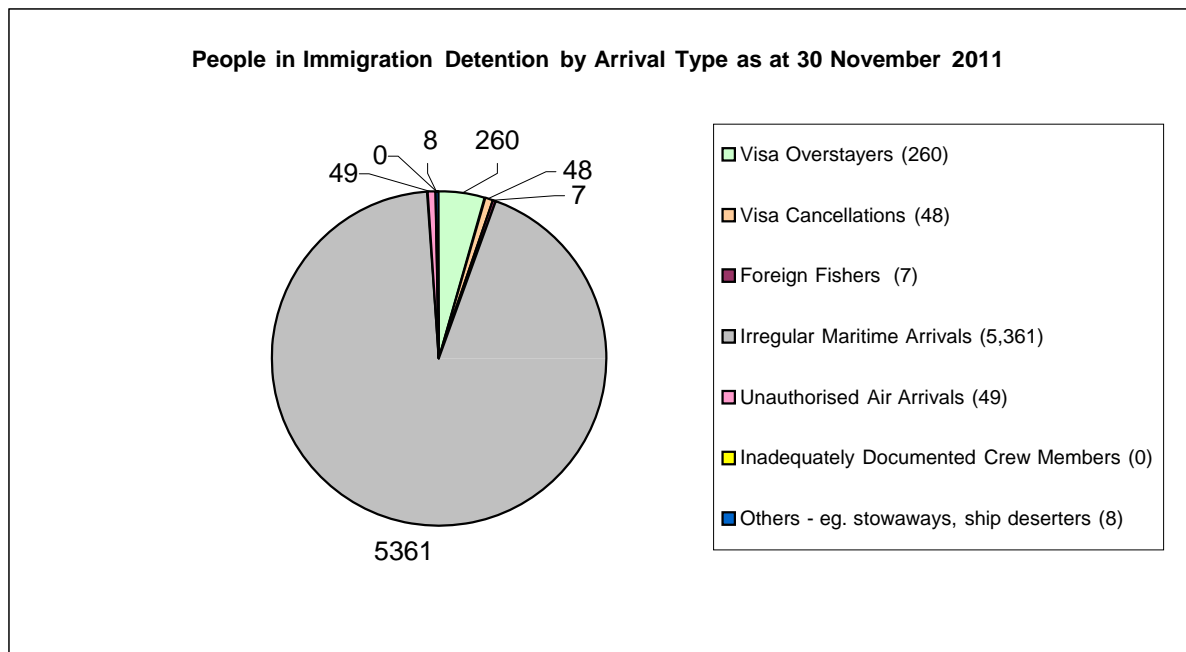
Figure 2



### People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 30 November 2011 was 5410, representing about 94 per cent of the total immigration detention population. There were also 308 people (about 5 per cent of the total immigration population) who arrived in Australia lawfully and were subsequently taken into immigration detention for either overstaying their visa conditions, resulting in visa cancellation.

Figure 3



## People in Immigration Detention by Nationality

Of the 4409 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 30 November 2011, around 28% were Iranian nationals, 27% were Afghan nationals and 8% were Indonesian nationals.

Figure 4

People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention as at 30 November 2011					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Iran	169	932	64	100	1265
Afghanistan	14	1082	6	103	1205
Indonesia	2	345		36	383
Sri Lanka	7	342	3	3	355
Iraq	5	190	4	18	217
China, Peoples Republic Of	40	99			139
Pakistan	2	102		8	112
Vietnam	13	43	11	20	87
Burma		45		1	46
Palestinian Authority	4	11	11	5	31
Other	68	453	15	33	569
<b>Total</b>	<b>324</b>	<b>3644</b>	<b>114</b>	<b>327</b>	<b>4409</b>

Of the 1324 people in the community under residence determinations as at 30 November 2011, around 35% were Iranian nationals, 18% were Sri Lankan nationals and 15% were Afghan nationals.

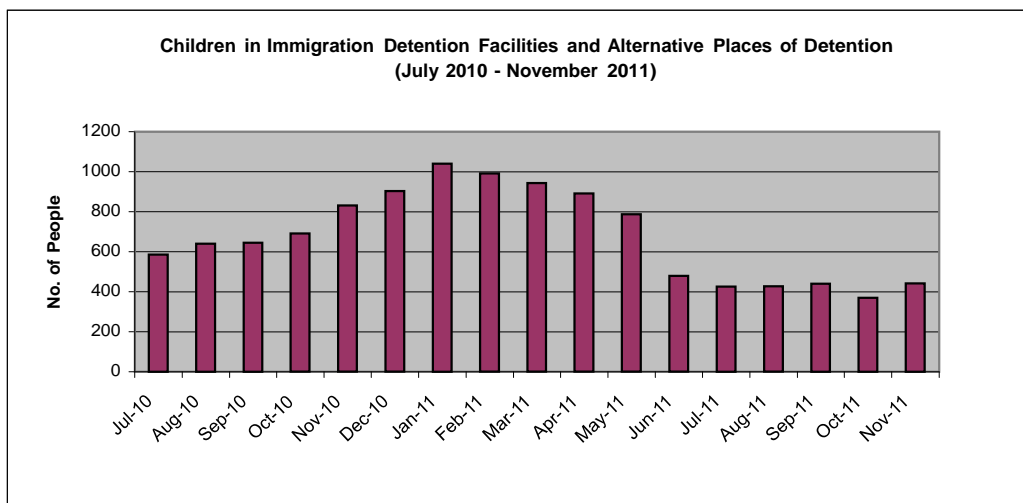
Figure 5

People in Community under Residence Determination as at 30 November 2011					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Iran	143	167	68	86	464
Sri Lanka	73	81	41	47	242
Afghanistan	12	48	3	143	206
Iraq	26	61	18	31	136
Vietnam	6	13	6	3	28
Other	65	95	31	57	248
<b>Total</b>	<b>325</b>	<b>465</b>	<b>167</b>	<b>367</b>	<b>1324</b>

## Children in Immigration Detention

As at 30 November 2011, there were 441 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention. No children are detained in an immigration detention centre.

Figure 6



Note: Immigration Detention Facilities in Figure 6 refer to Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation.

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.

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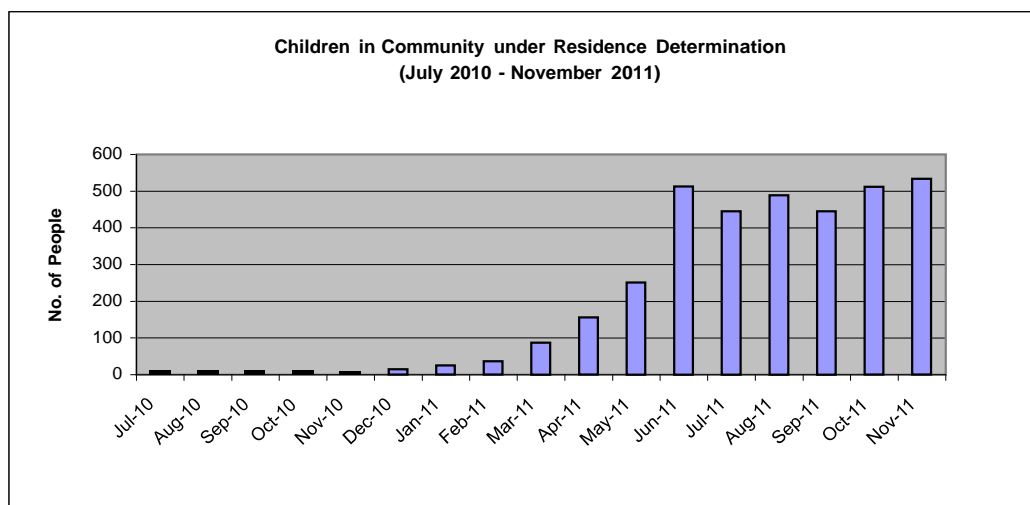


Figure 8

Children in Immigration Detention as at 30 November 2011	
Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	30
Immigration Transit Accommodation	3
Alternative Places of Detention	408
<b>Total</b>	<b>441</b>

<b>Children in Community under Residence Determination</b>	<b>534</b>
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## Time in Detention

Of the 5733 people in immigration detention as at 30 November 2011, 3551 or 62% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Figure 9

Length of Time in Detention as at 30 November 2011		
Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	72	1.3%
8 days - 31 days	798	13.9%
32 days - 91 days	699	12.2%
92 days - 182 days	857	14.9%
183 days - 365 days	1125	19.6%
366 days - 547 days	1272	22.2%
548 days - 730 days	813	14.2%
Greater than 730 days	97	1.7%
Total	5733	100%