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Immigration Detention Statistics Summary

30 June 2012



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 June 2012

There were 5815 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention, including 4339 in immigration detention on the mainland and 1476 in immigration detention on Christmas Island as at 30 June 2012. Separately, 1437 people have been approved for a residence determination to live in the community. June has seen an increase in arrivals, including children. This has impacted on the number of children in detention facilities for this month.

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 (31/05/12)
Christmas Island IDC	754			754	- 10
Curtin IDC	899			899	+ 69
Maribyrnong IDC	81	8		89	- 6
Northern IDC (Darwin)	50			50	- 38
Perth IDC	32	3		35	+ 17
Scherger IDC	420			420	+ 41
Villawood IDC	260	33		293	+ 15
Wickham Point IDC	1292			1292	+ 254
Yongah Hill IDC	88			88	+ 88
Total in IDCs	3876	44		3920	+ 430
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	5		2	7	+ 1
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	17			17	+ 1
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	11	5	4	20	- 8
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	13	8		21	+ 20
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	37			37	- 13
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	65	1	2	68	+ 12
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	148	14	8	170	+ 13
Alternative Places of Detention ² (Christmas Island)	429	70	223	722	+ 495
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	476	167	360	1003	- 29
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port				0	0
Total	4929	295	591	5815	+ 909
People in Community under Residence Determination	657	291	489	1437	- 187

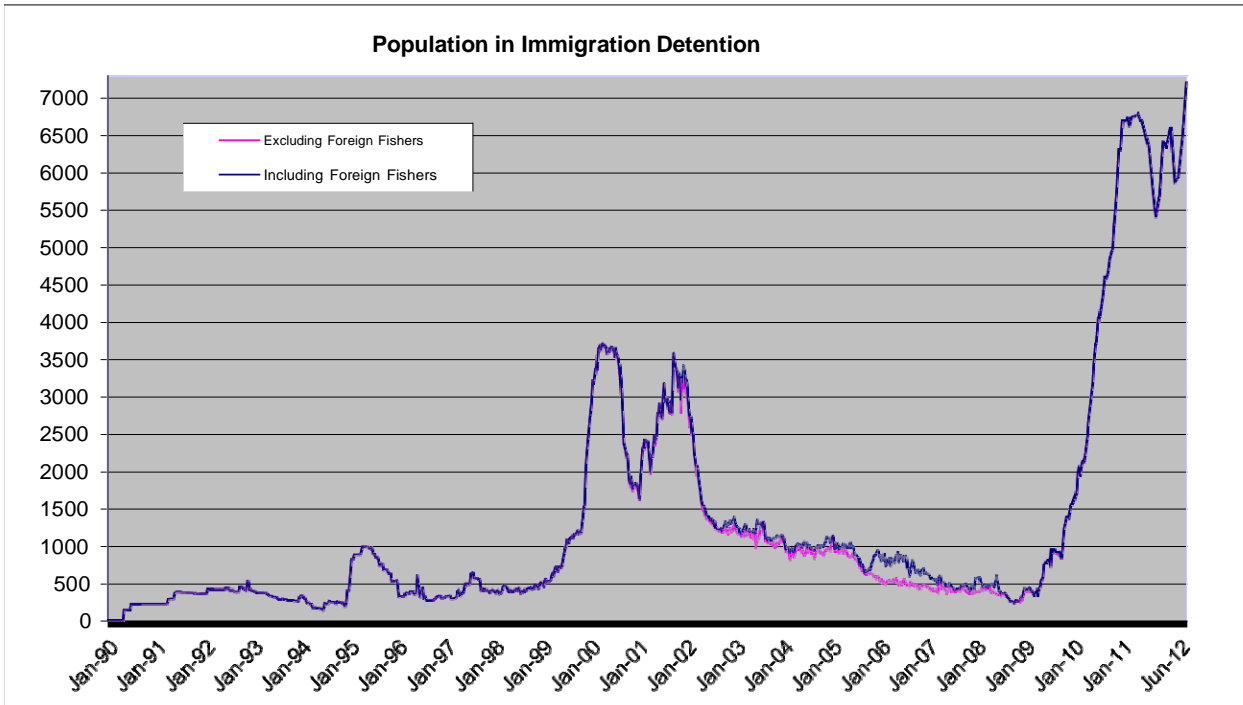
¹ Immigration detention as set out under s 189 or s 249 of the *Migration Act 1958*.

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.

Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to June 2012.

The number of people in immigration detention month to month continues to fluctuate, predominantly due to the changing pattern of irregular maritime arrivals.

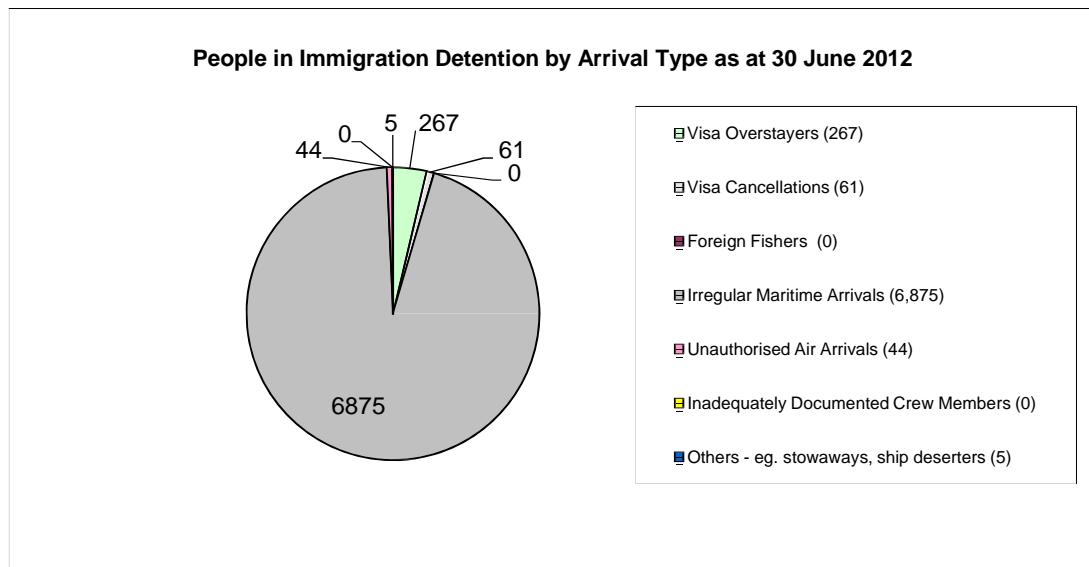
Figure 2



People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 30 June 2012 was 6919, representing about 95 per cent of the total immigration detention population. There were also 328 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 or breaching their visa conditions, resulting in visa cancellation.

Figure 3



People in Immigration Detention by Nationality

Of the 5815 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 30 June 2012, around 36% were Afghan nationals, 22% were Sri Lankan nationals and 10% were Pakistan nationals.

Figure 4

People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention as at 30 June 2012					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Afghanistan	38	1783	11	257	2089
Sri Lanka	33	1196	11	65	1305
Pakistan	6	519	4	27	556
Iran	99	373	25	43	540
Indonesia	5	335		10	350
Iraq	9	122	7	16	154
China, Peoples Republic Of	21	74			95
Vietnam	17	38	7	14	76
Palestinian Authority	11	18	13	8	50
Malaysia	3	22			25
Other	53	449	20	53	575
Total	295	4929	98	493	5815

Of the 1437 people approved to live in the community under residence determinations as at 30 June 2012, around 36% were Iranian nationals, 18% were Afghan nationals and 12% were Sri Lankan nationals.

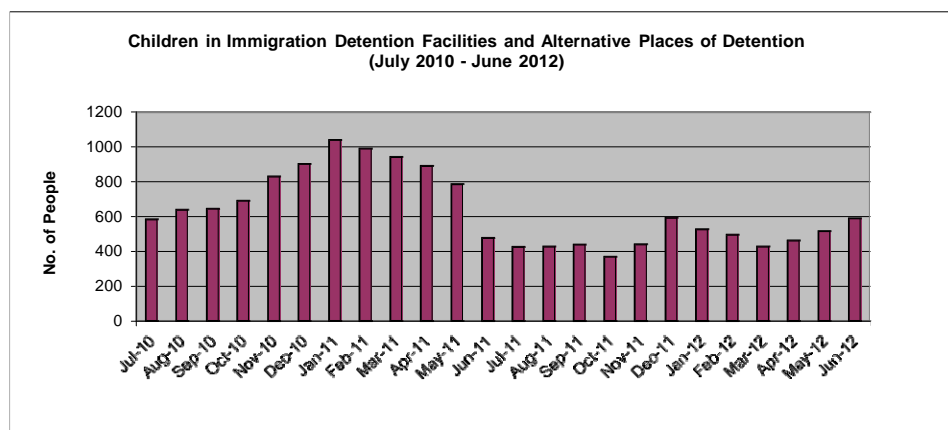
Figure 5

People in Community under Residence Determination as at 30 June 2012					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Iran	130	237	67	87	521
Afghanistan	18	117	12	115	262
Sri Lanka	41	78	33	20	172
Iraq	30	86	20	33	169
Vietnam	6	7	5	9	27
Other	66	132	31	57	286
Total	291	657	168	321	1437

Children in Immigration Detention

As at 30 June 2012, there were 591 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention. The increase in the number of children in detention facilities during June 2012 was due to a rapid increase in irregular maritime arrivals, including 208 children. The majority of children in facilities-based detention have been in detention for less than two months. No children are detained in an immigration detention centre.

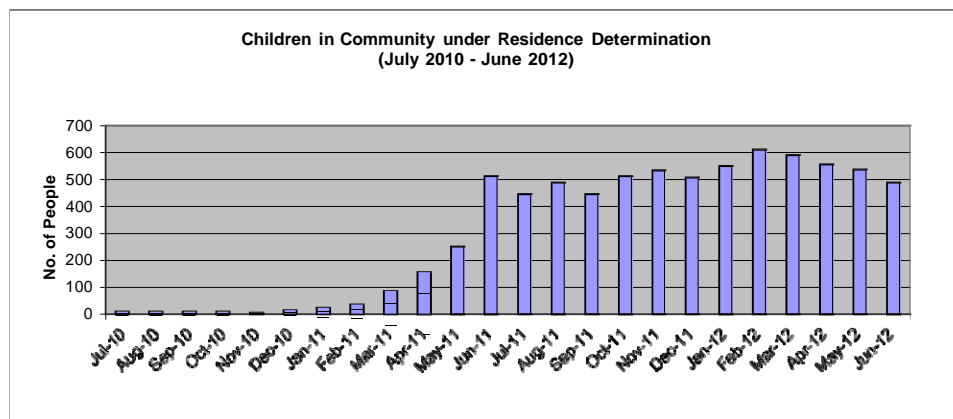
Figure 6



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

The number of children approved to live in the community under a residence determination has been maintained at a high level 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



For the month of June 2012, 591 children remained in immigration detention while undergoing initial processing, 489 children were approved under residence determination for community placement. In addition, 81 children had been granted a bridging visa and were living in the community.

Figure 8

Children in Immigration Detention as at 30 June 2012	
Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	6
Immigration Transit Accommodation	2
Alternative Places of Detention	583
Total	591
Children in Community under Residence Determination	489
Children Granted Bridging Visa	81

Time in Detention

Of the 7252 people in immigration detention as at 30 June 2012, around 57% had been detained for 3 months or less and 83% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Figure 9

Length of Time in Detention as at 30 June 2012		
Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	513	7.1%
8 days - 31 days	1410	19.4%
32 days - 91 days	2193	30.2%
92 days - 182 days	1228	16.9%
183 days - 365 days	711	9.8%
366 days - 547 days	350	4.8%
548 days - 730 days	394	5.4%
Greater than 730 days	453	6.2%
Total	7252	100%

The average period of people held in detention facilities has significantly decreased from 277 days in November 2011 to 93 days in June 2012.

