IMMIGRATION DETENTION STATISTICS SUMMARY

Infrastructure and Services Management Division, DIAC - As at 13 May 2011

As at 13 May 2011, there were 6730 people in immigration detention, including 5124 in immigration detention on the mainland and 1606 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

Of the 5124 people in immigration detention on the mainland, 822 were children (aged under 18 years) - 279 were detained in the community under residence determinations, 428 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, 24 were in immigration residential housing and 91 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Of the 1606 people in immigration detention on Christmas Island, 261 were children (aged under 18 years) - in alternative temporary detention in the community.
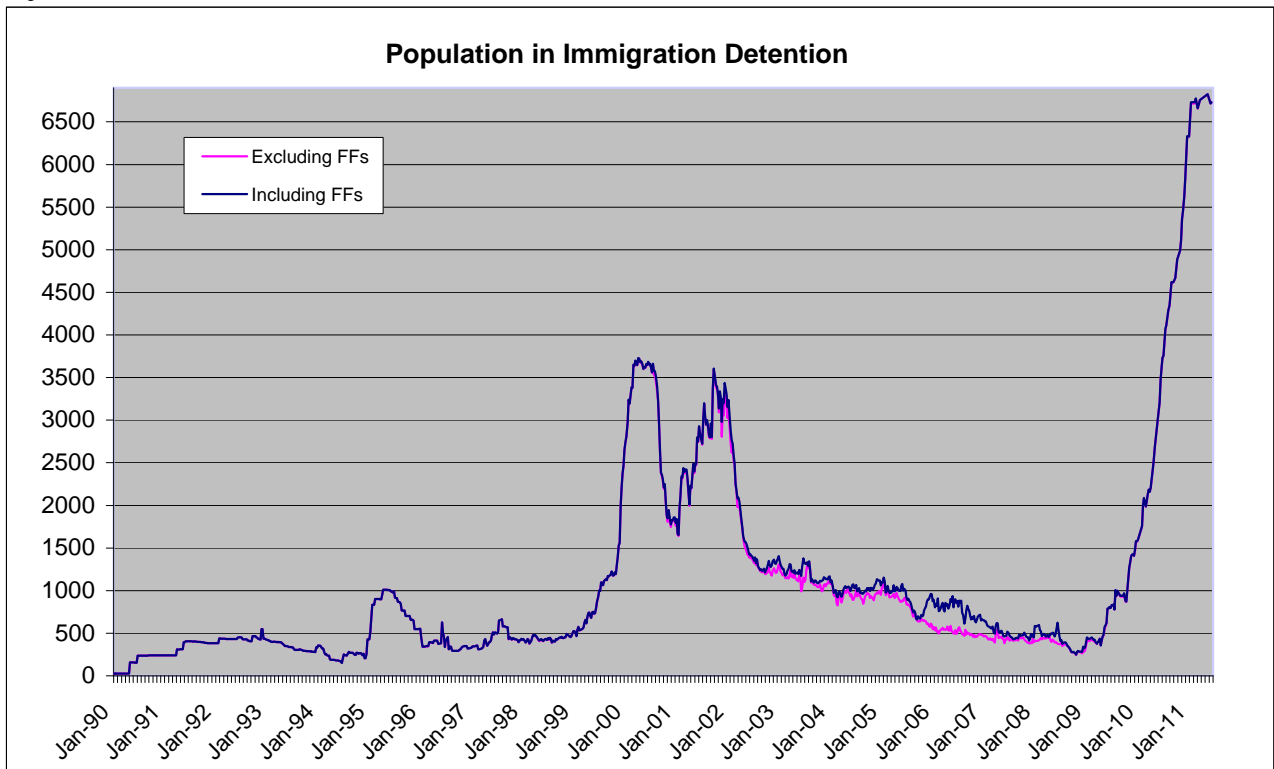
Figure 1

Place of immigration detention[1]	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from 6/05/11
Villawood IDC	307	23		**330**	- 21
Northern IDC (Darwin)	499			**499**	+ 14
Maribyrnong IDC	85	5		**90**	- 8
Perth IDC	39			**39**	- 8
Christmas Island IDC	1146			**1146**	+ 19
Curtin IDC	1430			**1430**	+ 134
Scherger IDC	589			**589**	- 2
Total in IDCs	**4095**	**28**		**4123**	**+ 128**
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	8	8	**9**	**25**	+ 1
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	4	8	**1**	**13**	- 3
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	14	13	**14**	**41**	- 3
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	14	11	**19**	**44**	- 4
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	10		**72**	**82**	- 23
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	2	1		**3**	+ 3
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	**52**	**41**	**115**	**208**	**- 29**
Community Detention [2] (Mainland)	175	142	**279**	**596**	+ 34
Community Detention (Christmas Island)				**0**	0
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community [3] (Mainland)	576	338	**428**	**1342**	- 60
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community (Christmas Island)	120	79	**261**	**460**	- 58
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port	1			**1**	0
Total	**5019**	**628**	**1083**	**6730**	**+ 15**

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

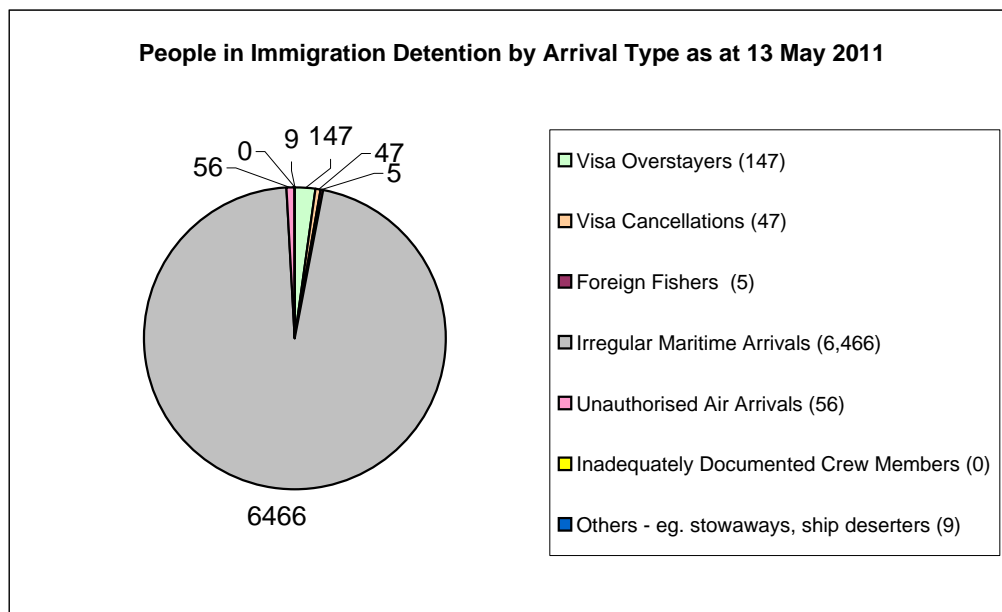[2] Community Detention does not require the person to be accompanied by a designated person.

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

Figure 2

Population in Immigration Detention

The following pie chart shows that as at 13 May 2011 there were 194 people (about 3 per cent of the total immigration population) who had arrived in Australia lawfully and were then taken into immigration detention for either overstaying their visa or breaching their visa conditions, resulting in visa cancellation. The number of people in immigration detention who had arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 13 May 2011 was 6522, representing about 97 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

Figure 3

People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type as at 13 May 2011

□ Visa Overstayers (147)

□ Visa Cancellations (47)

■ Foreign Fishers (5)

□ Irregular Maritime Arrivals (6,466)

■ Unauthorised Air Arrivals (56)

■ Inadequately Documented Crew Members (0)

■ Others - eg. stowaways, ship deserters (9)

The following pie chart shows that 6079 people were undergoing non-statutory refugee status assessment (RSA) processing as at 13 May 2011. There were 47 people who, having applied for a protection visa after being taken into immigration detention, were awaiting a decision from the Department on their protection visa application. 40 were seeking an independent merits-based review of a negative decision on their initial application for a protection visa, and a further 11 were awaiting the outcome of an application remitted for decision by the RRT or the courts. There were 57 people in immigration detention whose protection visa applications have been refused. The remaining 491 were not undergoing RSA processing.
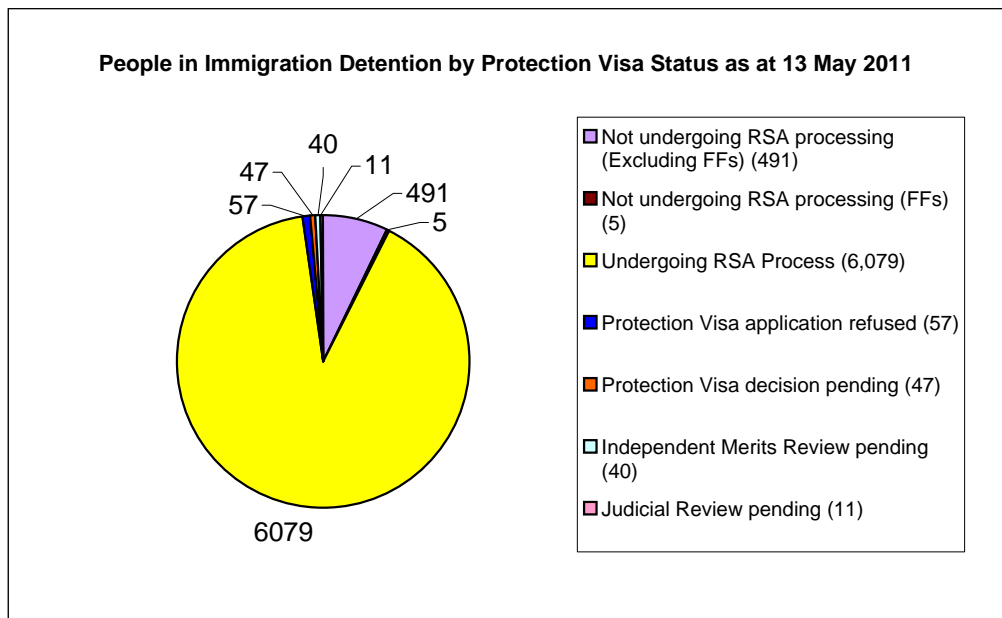
Figure 4

People in Immigration Detention by Protection Visa Status as at 13 May 2011

40
47 — 11
57 — 491
5

6079

☐ Not undergoing RSA processing (Excluding FFs) (491)

■ Not undergoing RSA processing (FFs) (5)

☐ Undergoing RSA Process (6,079)

■ Protection Visa application refused (57)

■ Protection Visa decision pending (47)

☐ Independent Merits Review pending (40)

☐ Judicial Review pending (11)

Figure 5

Location of people in immigration detention as at 13 May 2011	
	No. of People as at Midnight Census
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding Christmas Island)	2972
Christmas Island IDC	1146
Total in Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FFs)	**4118**
Alternative Detention (excluding FF)	
Immigration Residential Housing	79
Immigration Transit Accommodation	129
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	1802
Restricted on Board Vessels in Ports	1
Total in Alternative Temporary Detention Arrangements	**2011**
Community Detention	
Community Detention (excluding Christmas Island)	596
Community Detention, Christmas Island	0
Total in Community Detention Arrangements	**596**
Foreign Fishers (FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres	5
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	0
Total FFs	**5**
TOTAL IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION	**6730**

Figure 6

People in immigration detention by nationality as at 13 May 2011					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Afghanistan	1828	33	254	18	2133
Iran	1053	270	163	117	1603
Sri Lanka	589	85	53	46	773
Iraq	399	73	66	44	582
Indonesia	307	2	46		355
Vietnam	38	10	60	27	135
Burma	102		3		105
China, Peoples Republic Of	66	19		1	86
Pakistan	70		4		74
Kuwait	20	1	2		23
Other	547	135	109	70	861
Total	5019	628	760	323	6730

Figure 7

Children in immigration detention as at 13 May 2011	
Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	24
Immigration Transit Accommodation	91
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	689
Community Detention	279
Total	1083

As at 13 May 2011, there were 1083 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention. 279 were detained in the community under residence determinations, 689 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, 24 were in immigration residential housing and 91 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Figure 8

Length of time in detention as at 13 May 2011		
Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	164	2.4%
1 week - 1 month	309	4.6%
1 month - 3 months	756	11.2%
3 months - 6 months	1116	16.6%
6 months - 12 months	2635	39.2%
12 months - 18 months	1581	23.5%
18 months - 2 years	139	2.1%
Greater than 2 years	30	0.4%
Total	6730	100%

Of the 6730 people in immigration detention as at 13 May 2011, 1229 had been detained for less than three months.