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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 31 July 2011

There were 5780 people in immigration detention, including 5015 in immigration detention on the mainland and 765 in immigration detention on Christmas Island as at 31 July 2011. Of these, 998 are living in community detention and 4782 are living in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention.

Figure 1

People in Immigration Detention by Location					
Place of immigration detention ¹	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary (20/05/11)
Christmas Island IDC	553			553	- 592
Curtin IDC	1341			1341	- 89
Maribyrnong IDC	94	1		95	+ 4
Northern IDC (Darwin)	443			443	- 58
Perth IDC	42			42	+ 3
Scherger IDC	466			466	- 123
Villawood IDC	304	45		349	+ 19
Total in IDCs	3243	46	0	3289	- 836
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	6	3	1	10	- 5
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing			38	38	- 4
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	4	5	6	15	- 10
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	3	5		8	+ 4
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	19	9	11	39	- 5
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	6		41	47	- 42
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	38	22	97	157	- 62
Alternative Places of Detention ² (Christmas Island)	166	17	29	212	- 255
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	582	242	300	1124	- 230
Community Detention	306	246	446	998	+ 434
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port				0	0
Total	4335	573	872	5780	- 949

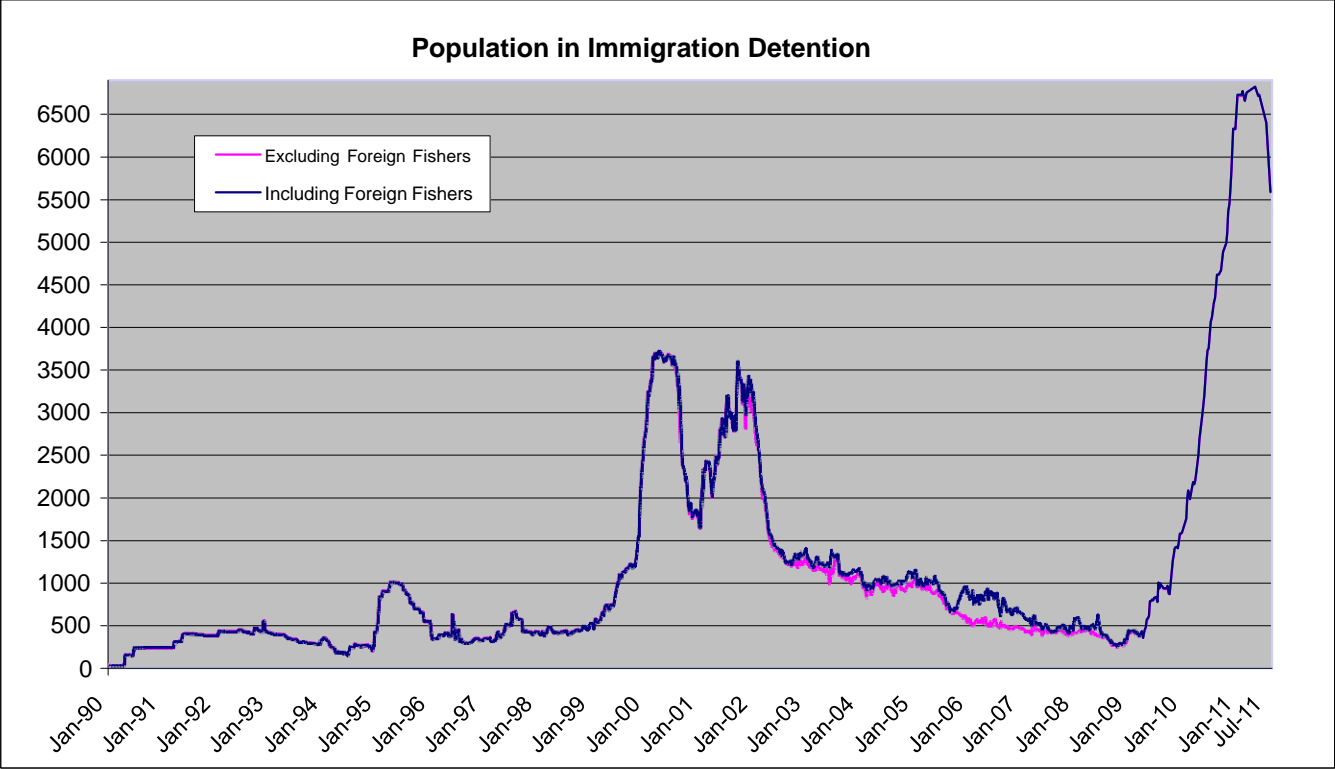
¹ Immigration detention as set out under s 189 or s 249 of the *Migration Act 1958*.

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.

³ Community Detention does not require the person to be accompanied by a designated person.

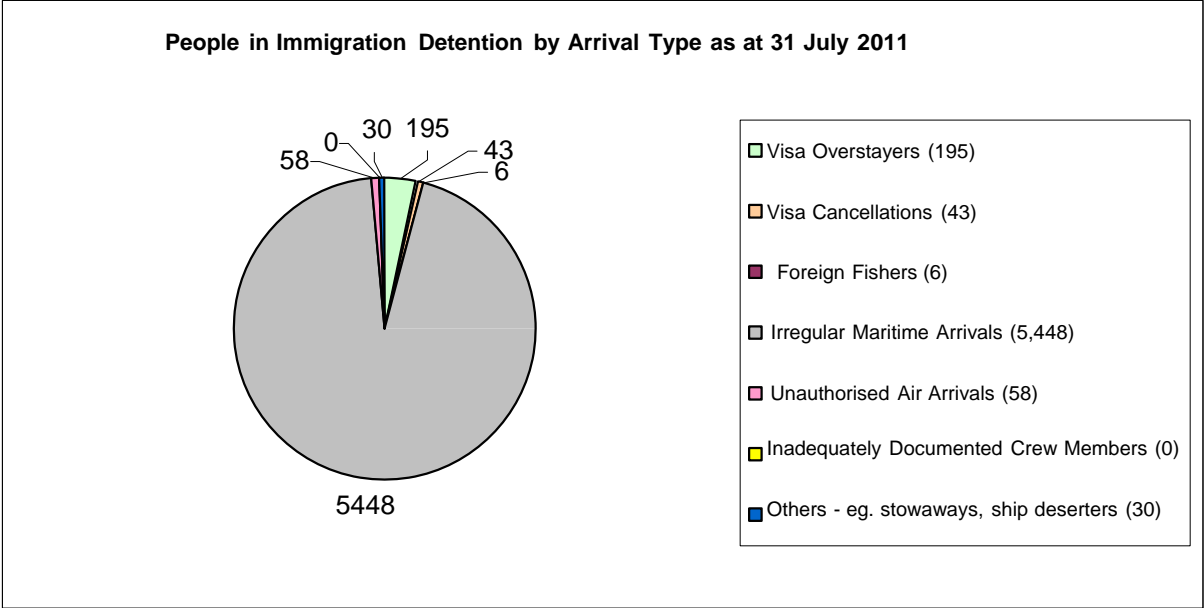
The number of people in immigration detention has been declining since April 2011.

Figure 2



The number of people in immigration detention who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 31 July 2011 was 5506, representing about 95 per cent of the total immigration detention population. There were also 238 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



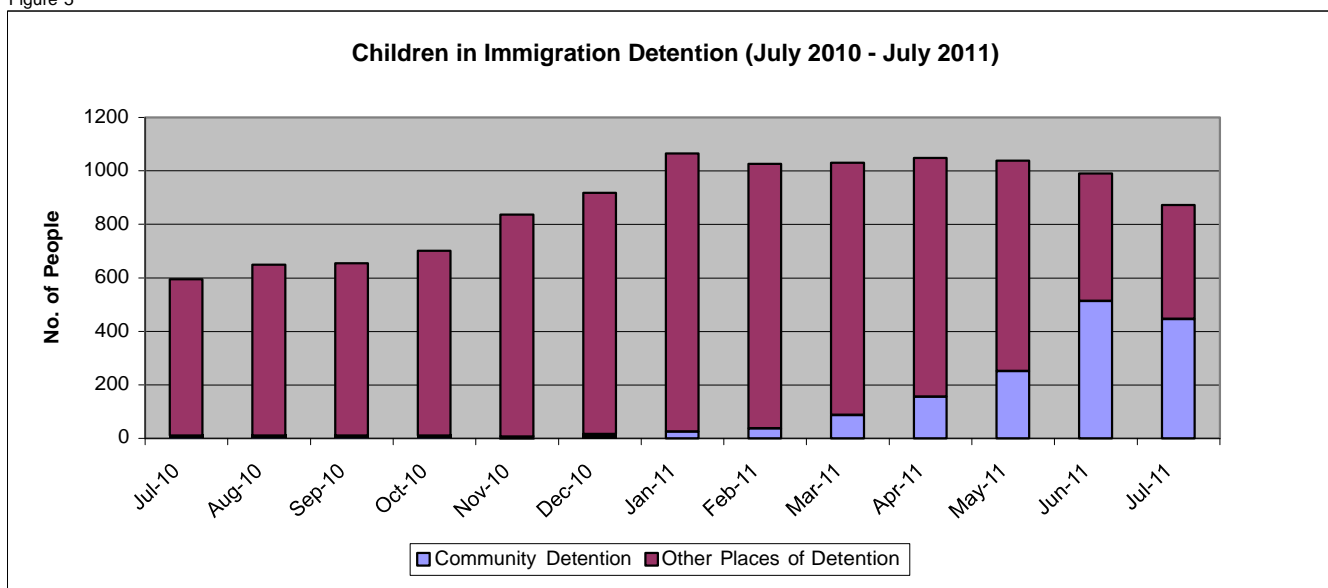
Of the 5780 people in immigration detention as at 31 July 2011, around 28% were Afghan nationals, 25% were Iranian nationals and 12% were Sri Lankan nationals.

Figure 4

People in Immigration Detention by Nationality as at 31 July 2011					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Afghanistan	1411	26	179	8	1624
Iran	948	240	146	100	1434
Sri Lanka	525	84	53	48	710
Iraq	277	49	50	30	406
Indonesia	341	2	35		378
Vietnam	40	10	51	27	128
China, Peoples Republic Of	84	33			117
Pakistan	68	2	4		74
Burma	41		1		42
Palestinian Authority	10	3	6	11	30
Other	590	124	79	44	837
Total	4335	573	604	268	5780

As at 31 July 2011, there were 872 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention. 446 were detained in the community under residence determinations, 329 were in alternative places of detention, 45 were in immigration residential housing and 52 were in immigration transit accommodation. No children are detained in an immigration detention centre. An increasing number of children are living in the community under a residence determination (community detention) since the Government's announcement on 18 October 2010. The number of children in immigration detention has also been decreasing.

Figure 5



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

Figure 6

Children in Immigration Detention as at 31 July 2011	
Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	45
Immigration Transit Accommodation	52
Alternative Places of Detention	329
Community Detention	446
Total	872

Of the 5780 people in immigration detention as at 31 July 2011, 3670 or 63% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Figure 7

Length of Time in Detention as at 31 July 2011		
Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	91	1.6%
8 days – 31 days	260	4.5%
32 days – 91 days	641	11.1%
92 days – 182 days	836	14.4%
183 days – 365 days	1842	31.9%
366 days – 547 days	1873	32.4%
548 days – 730 days	203	3.5%
Greater than 730 days	34	0.6%
Total	5780	100%