

IMMIGRATION DETENTION STATISTICS SUMMARY

Community and Detention Services Division, DIAC - As at 11 March 2011

As at 11 March 2011, there were 6819 people in immigration detention, including 4304 in immigration detention on the mainland and 2515 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

Of the 4304 people in immigration detention on the mainland, 777 were children (aged under 18 years) - 87 were detained in the community under residence determinations, 516 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, 34 were in immigration residential housing and 140 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Of the 2515 people in immigration detention on Christmas Island, 253 were children (aged under 18 years) - in alternative temporary detention in the community.

Figure 1

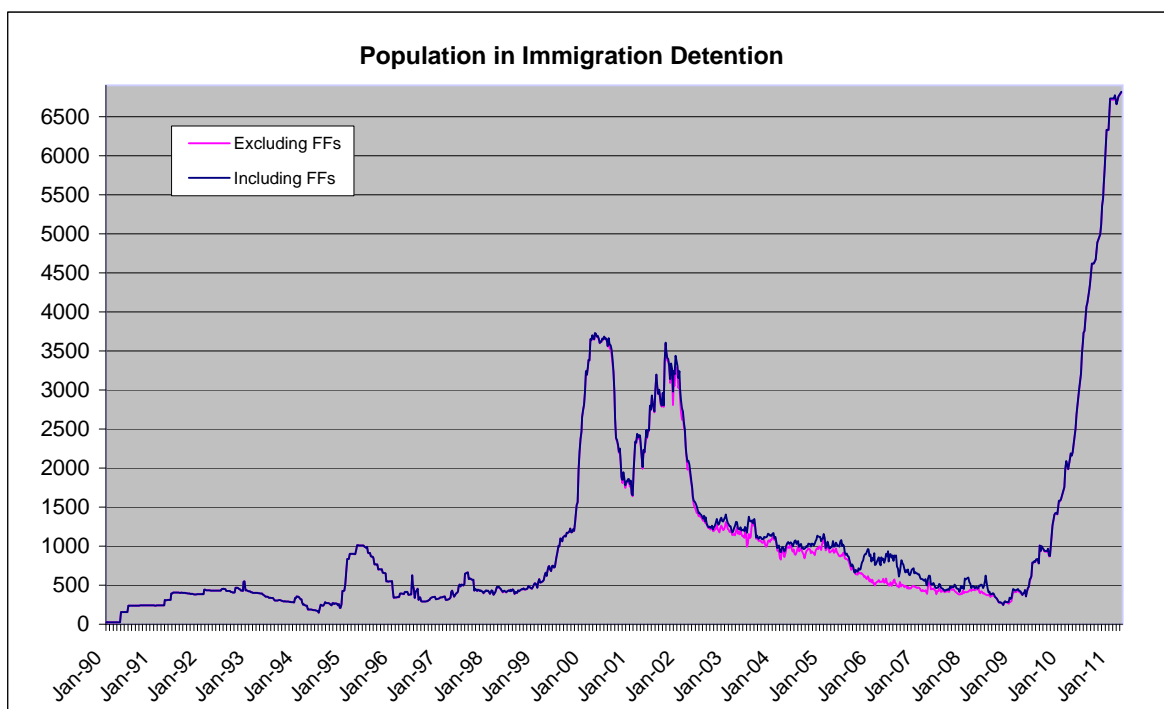
Place of immigration detention ¹	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from 18/02/11
Villawood IDC	332	26		358	- 23
Northern IDC (Darwin)	478			478	+ 15
Maribyrnong IDC	70	10		80	+ 1
Perth IDC	48	1		49	- 5
Christmas Island IDC	1831			1831	- 1
Curtin IDC	1197			1197	+ 67
Scherger IDC	299			299	- 12
Total in IDCs	4255	37		4292	+ 42
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	14	9	10	33	+ 9
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	4	5	7	16	- 3
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	21	16	17	54	0
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	18	9	15	42	- 1
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	9		125	134	+ 12
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	3	1		4	- 14
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	69	40	174	283	+ 3
Community Detention ² (Mainland)	84	57	87	228	+ 122
Community Detention (Christmas Island)				0	0
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community ³ (Mainland)	472	344	516	1332	+ 30
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community (Christmas Island)	291	140	253	684	- 123
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port				0	- 13
Total	5171	618	1030	6819	+ 61

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.

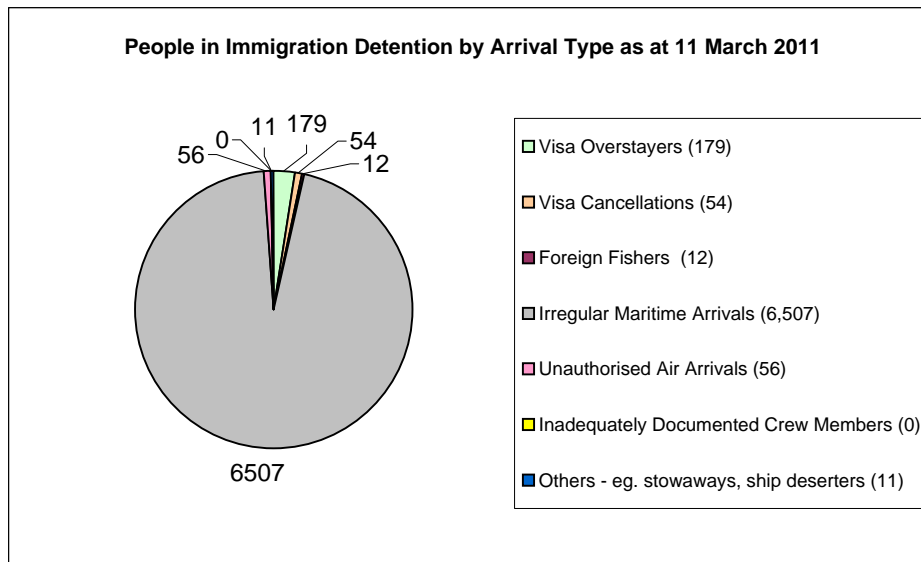
³ Includes detention in the community in private houses / correctional facilities / watch houses / hotels / apartments / foster care / hospitals with a person designated under the Act.

Figure 2



The following pie chart shows that as at 11 March 2011 there were 233 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 11 March 2011 was 6563, representing about 96 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

Figure 3



The following pie chart shows that as at 11 March 2011 there were 720 people who had not applied for a protection visa while in immigration detention and were not undergoing a non-statutory refugee status assessment (RSA). There were 54 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. 31 were seeking an independent merits-based review of a negative decision on their initial application for a protection visa, and a further 13 were awaiting the outcome of an application remitted for decision by the RRT or the courts. There were 47 people in immigration detention whose protection visa applications have been refused and 5954 undergoing RSA processing.

Figure 4

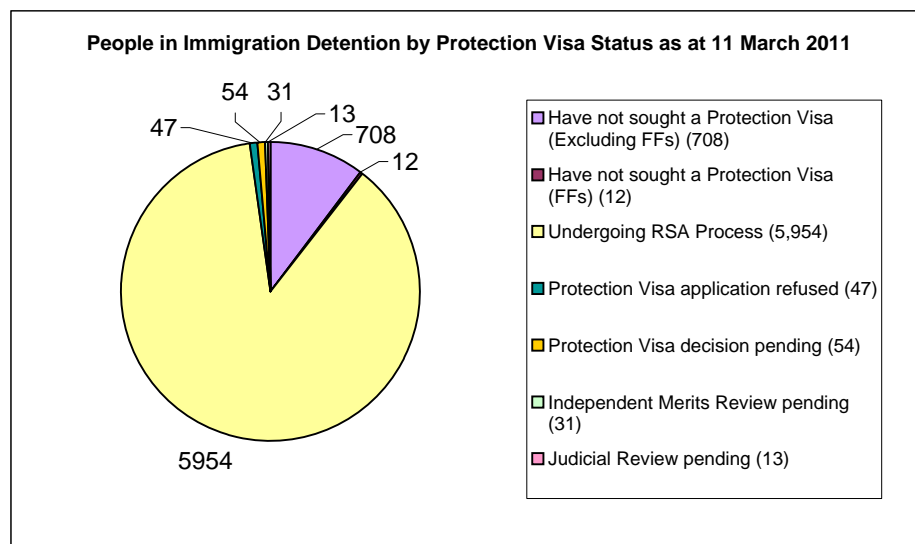


Figure 5

Location of people in immigration detention as at 11 March 2011	
	No. of People as at Midnight Census
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding Christmas Island)	2450
Christmas Island IDC	1831
Total in Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FFs)	4281
Alternative Detention (excluding FF)	
Immigration Residential Housing	103
Immigration Transit Accommodation	180
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	2015
Restricted on Board Vessels in Ports	0
Total in Alternative Temporary Detention Arrangements	2298
Community Detention	
Community Detention (excluding Christmas Island)	228
Community Detention, Christmas Island	0
Total in Community Detention Arrangements	228
Foreign Fishers (FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres	11
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	1
Total FFs	12
TOTAL IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION	6819

Figure 6

People in immigration detention by nationality as at 11 March 2011					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Afghanistan	1903	36	306	22	2267
Iran	910	240	143	100	1393
Sri Lanka	571	71	36	37	715
Iraq	419	67	69	38	593
Indonesia	302		49		351
China, Peoples Republic Of	91	28			119
Burma	77		1		78
Pakistan	55		2		57
Vietnam	24	6	3	2	35
Kuwait	25	1	3		29
Other	794	169	130	89	1182
Total	5171	618	742	288	6819

Figure 7

Children in immigration detention as at 11 March 2011	
Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	34
Immigration Transit Accommodation	140
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	769
Community Detention	87
Total	1030

As at 11 March 2011, there were 1030 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention. 87 were detained in the community under residence determinations, 769 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, 34 were in immigration residential housing and 140 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Figure 8

Length of time in detention as at 11 March 2011		
Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	195	2.9%
1 week - 1 month	239	3.5%
1 month - 3 months	642	9.4%
3 months - 6 months	1842	27.0%
6 months - 12 months	3121	45.8%
12 months - 18 months	708	10.4%
18 months - 2 years	35	0.5%
Greater than 2 years	37	0.5%
Total	6819	100%

Of the 6819 people in immigration detention as at 11 March 2011, 1076 had been detained for less than three months.