

IMMIGRATION DETENTION STATISTICS SUMMARY

Community and Detention Services Division, DIAC - As at 26 February 2010

As at 26 February 2010, there were 2157 people in immigration detention, including 387 in immigration detention on the mainland and 1770 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

Of the 387 people in immigration detention on the mainland, 52 were children (aged under 18 years) - six were detained in the community under residence determinations, eight were in alternative temporary detention in the community, seven were in immigration residential housing and 31 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Of the 1770 people in immigration detention on Christmas Island, 157 were children (aged under 18 years) - three were detained in the community under residence determinations and 154 were in alternative temporary detention in the community.

Figure 1

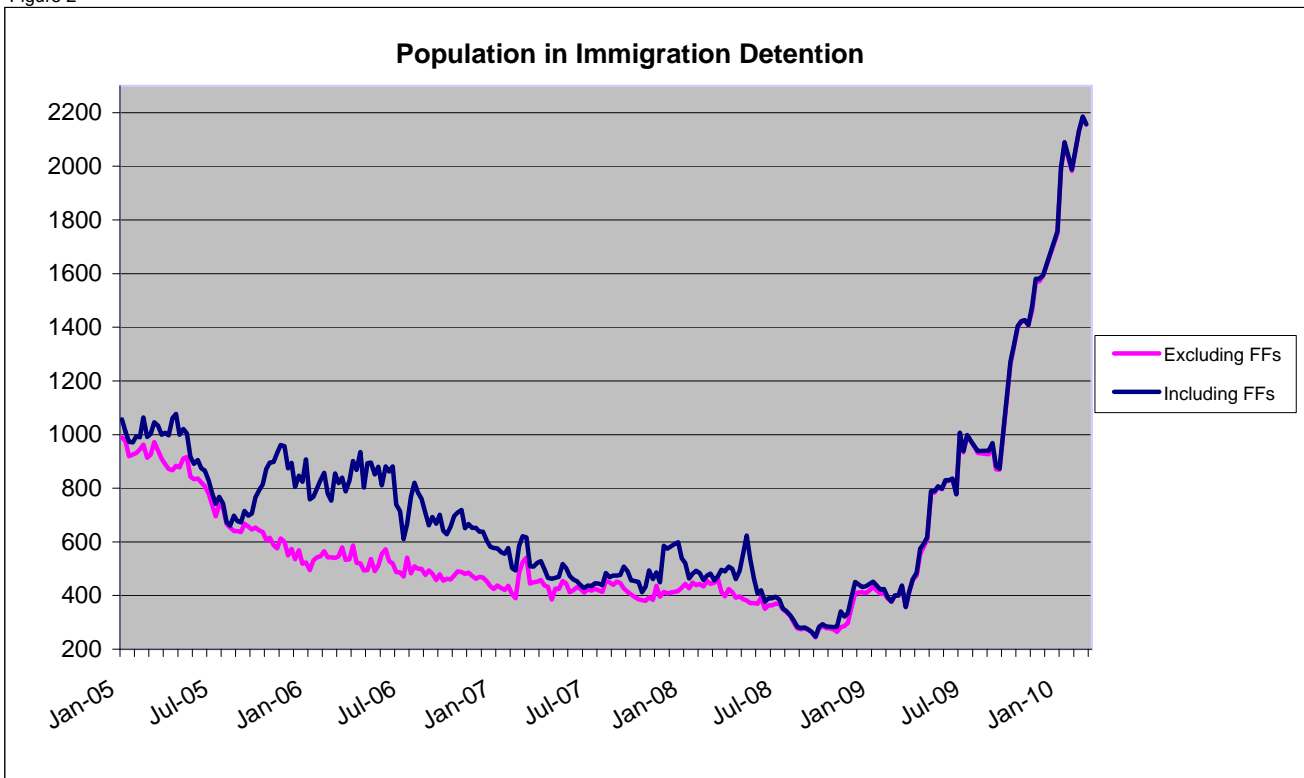
Place of immigration detention ¹ (Regular use capacity)	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from 19/02/10
Villawood IDC (358)	140	31		171	- 1
Northern IDC (Darwin) (382)	33			33	- 3
Maribyrnong IDC (70)	36	10		46	- 37
Perth IDC (27)	21	2		23	- 1
Christmas Island IDC (400)	1453			1453	+ 35
Total in IDCs (1237)	1683	43	0	1726	- 7
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing (34)	17	5	2	24	- 1
Perth Immigration Residential Housing (11)	7	1	5	13	0
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation (29)	4	5	11	20	- 8
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation (30)	4	1	20	25	- 14
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation (104)	32	12	38	82	- 23
Community Detention ² (Mainland)	13	1	6	20	0
Community Detention (Christmas Island)	2	2	3	7	0
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community ³ (Mainland)	2	1	8	11	- 18
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community (Christmas Island)	103	53	154	310	+ 19
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port	1			1	0
Total	1836	112	209	2157	- 29

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.

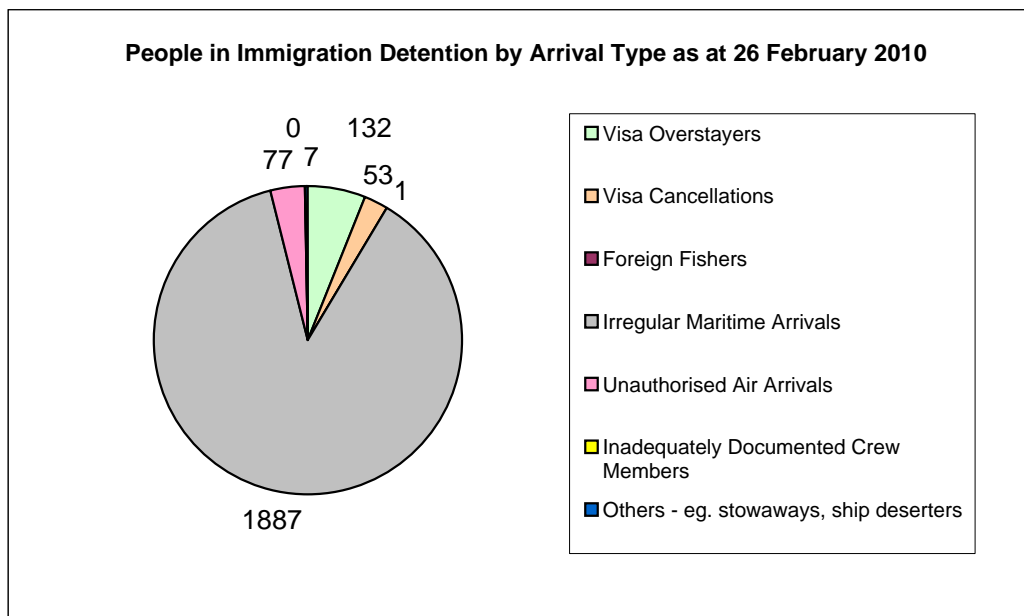
³ Includes detention in the community in private houses / correctional facilities / watch houses / hotels / apartments / foster care / hospitals with a person designated under the Act.

Figure 2



The following pie chart shows that as at 26 February 2010 there were 185 people (about 9 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 26 February 2010 was 1964, representing about 91 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

Figure 3



The following pie chart shows that as at 26 February 2010 there were 1074 people who had not applied for a protection visa while in immigration detention and were not undergoing a non-statutory refugee status assessment (RSA) at an excised offshore place such as Christmas Island. There were 50 people who, having applied for a protection visa after having been taken into immigration detention, were awaiting a decision from the Department on their protection visa application. A further 32 were seeking a merits-based or judicial review of a negative decision on their initial application for a protection visa or on an application remitted for decision by the RRT or the courts. There were 36 people who had their protection visa application refused. There were 965 who were in immigration detention on Christmas Island who were undergoing RSA processing.

Figure 4

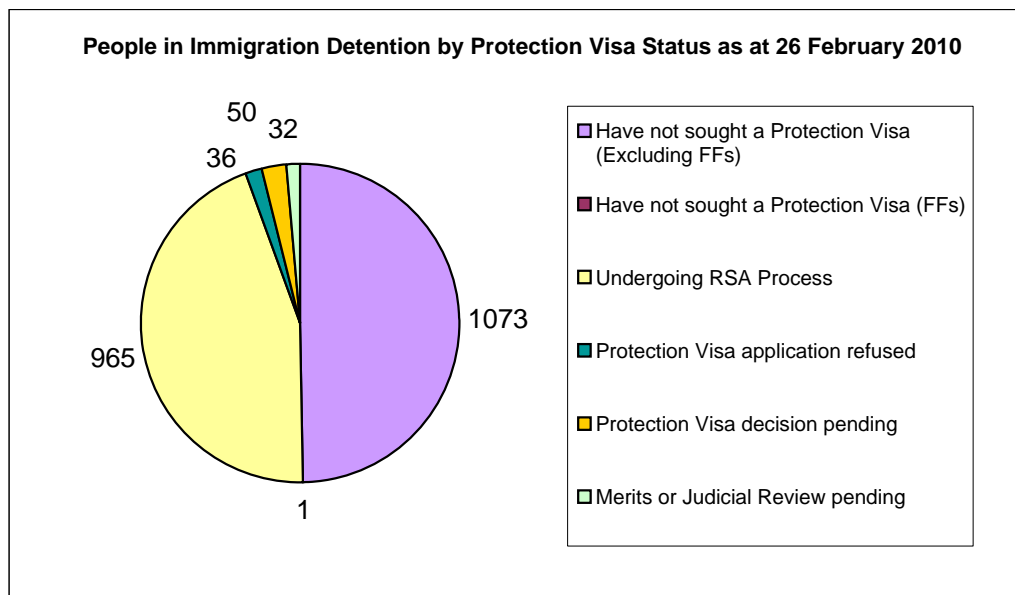


Figure 5

Location of people in immigration detention as at 26 February 2010	
	No. of People as at Midnight Census
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding Christmas Island)	272
Christmas Island IDC	1453
Total in Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FFs)	1725
Alternative Detention (excluding FF)	
Immigration Residential Housing	37
Immigration Transit Accommodation	45
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	321
Restricted on Board Vessels in Ports	1
Total in Alternative Temporary Detention Arrangements	404
Community Detention	
Community Detention (excluding Christmas Island)	20
Community Detention, Christmas Island	7
Total in Community Detention Arrangements	27
Foreign Fishers (FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres	1
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	0
Total FFs	1
TOTAL IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION	2157

Figure 6

People in immigration detention by nationality as at 26 February 2010					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Afghanistan	728	27	109	18	882
Sri Lanka	503	12	12	4	531
Iraq	143	12	18	7	180
Indonesia	71	11	19		101
China, Peoples Republic Of	74	21			95
Iran	71	5	7	3	86
Malaysia	20	8			28
Vietnam	13	3			16
Burma	13		1		14
Nigeria	8		2		10
Other	192	13	5	4	214
Total	1836	112	173	36	2157

Figure 7

Children in immigration detention as at 26 February 2010	
Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	7
Immigration Transit Accommodation	31
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	162
Community Detention	9
Total	209

As at 26 February 2010, there were 209 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention. Nine were detained in the community under residence determinations, 162 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, seven were in immigration residential housing and 31 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Figure 8

Length of time in detention as at 26 February 2010		
Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	134	6.2%
1 week - 1 month	532	24.7%
1 month - 3 months	784	36.3%
3 months - 6 months	447	20.7%
6 months - 12 months	218	10.1%
12 months - 18 months	16	0.7%
18 months - 2 years	7	0.3%
Greater than 2 years	19	0.9%
Total	2157	100%

Of the 2157 people in immigration detention as at 26 February 2010, 1450 had been detained for less than three months.