

IMMIGRATION DETENTION STATISTICS SUMMARY

Community and Detention Services Division, DIAC - As at 8 January 2010

As at 8 January 2010, there were 1996 people in immigration detention, including 348 in immigration detention on the mainland and 1648 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

Of the 348 people in immigration detention on the mainland, 51 were children (aged under 18 years) - six were detained in the community under residence determinations, ten were in alternative temporary detention in the community, three were in immigration residential housing and 32 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Of the 1648 people in immigration detention on Christmas Island, 111 were children (aged under 18 years) - three were detained in the community under residence determinations and 108 were in alternative temporary detention in the community.

Figure 1

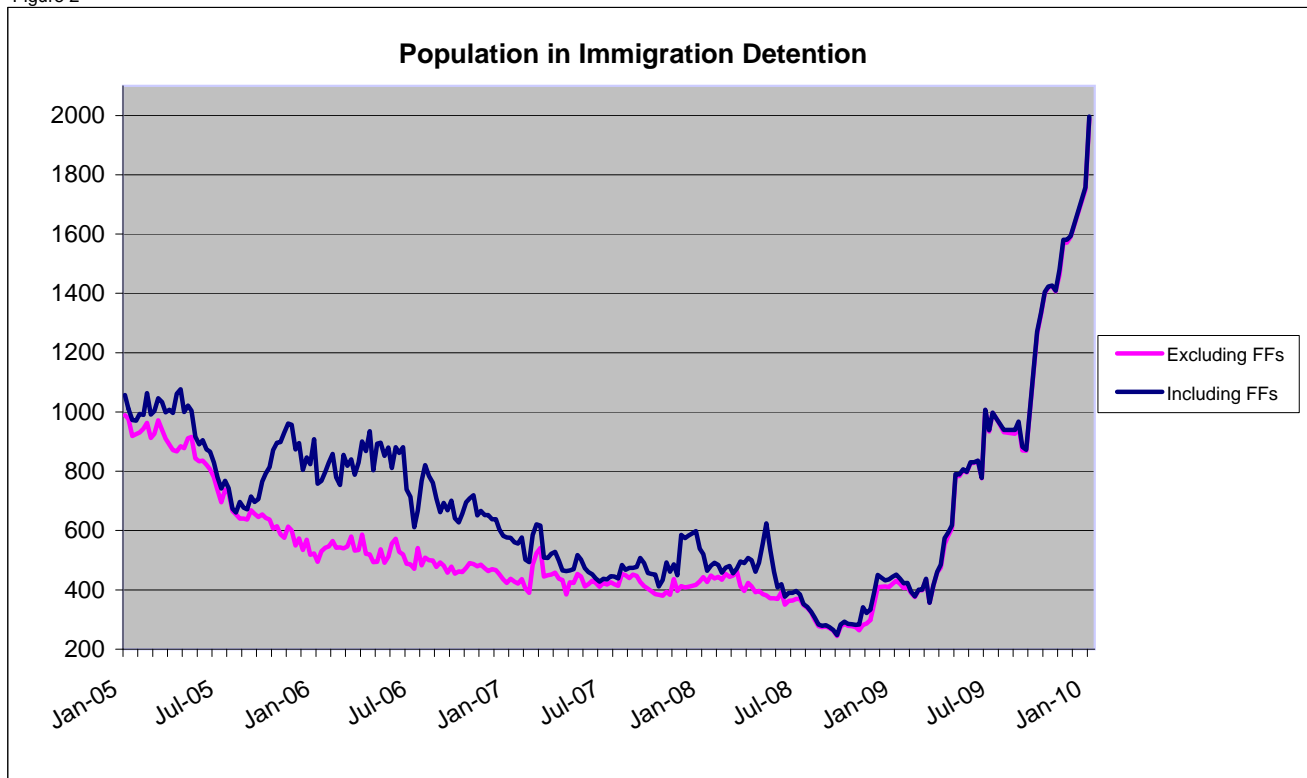
Place of immigration detention ¹ (Regular use capacity)	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from 1/01/10
Villawood IDC (358)	121	16		137	+ 3
Northern IDC (Darwin) (382)	29			29	- 2
Maribyrnong IDC (70)	26	4		30	- 4
Perth IDC (27)	28	2		30	- 7
Christmas Island IDC (400)	1362			1362	+ 178
Total in IDCs (1237)	1566	22	0	1588	+ 168
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing (34)	14	3	1	18	+ 1
Perth Immigration Residential Housing (11)	8		2	10	+ 2
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation (29)	7	3		10	+ 5
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation (30)	4		32	36	- 3
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation (104)	33	6	35	74	+ 5
Community Detention ² (Mainland)	11	1	6	18	0
Community Detention (Christmas Island)	3	2	3	8	0
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community ³ (Mainland)	18	1	10	29	+ 5
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community (Christmas Island)	122	48	108	278	+ 59
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port	1			1	+ 1
Total	1754	80	162	1996	+ 238

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.

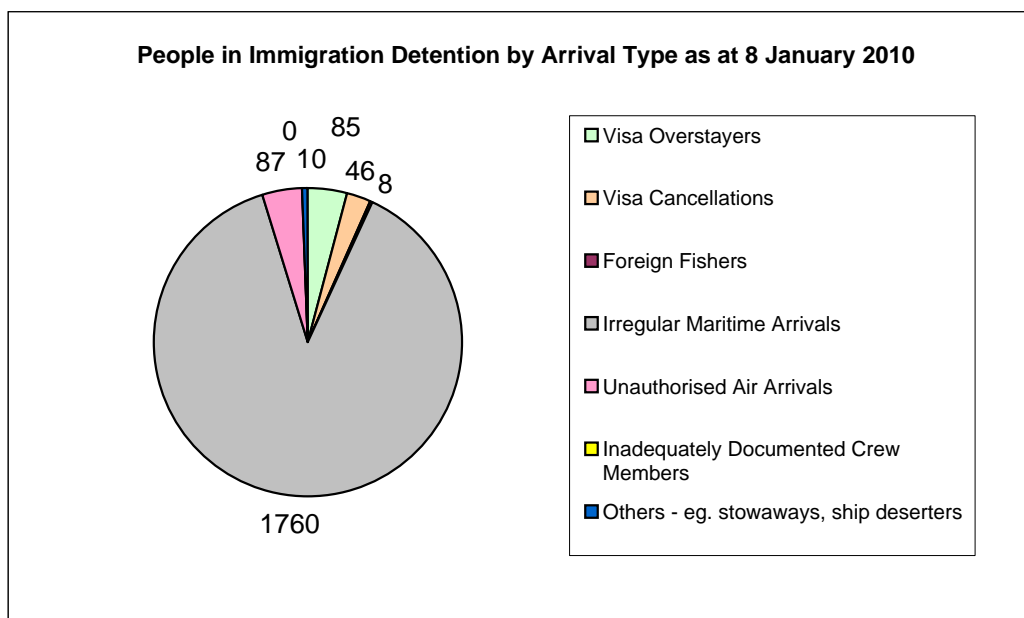
³ Includes detention in the community in private houses / correctional facilities / watch houses / hotels / apartments / foster care / hospitals with a person designated under the Act.

Figure 2



The following pie chart shows that as at 8 January 2010 there were 131 people (about 7 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 8 January 2010 was 1847, representing about 93 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

Figure 3



The following pie chart shows that as at 8 January 2010 there were 904 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 46 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 35 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 39 people who had their protection visa application refused. There were 972 who were in immigration detention on Christmas Island who were undergoing RSA processing.

Figure 4

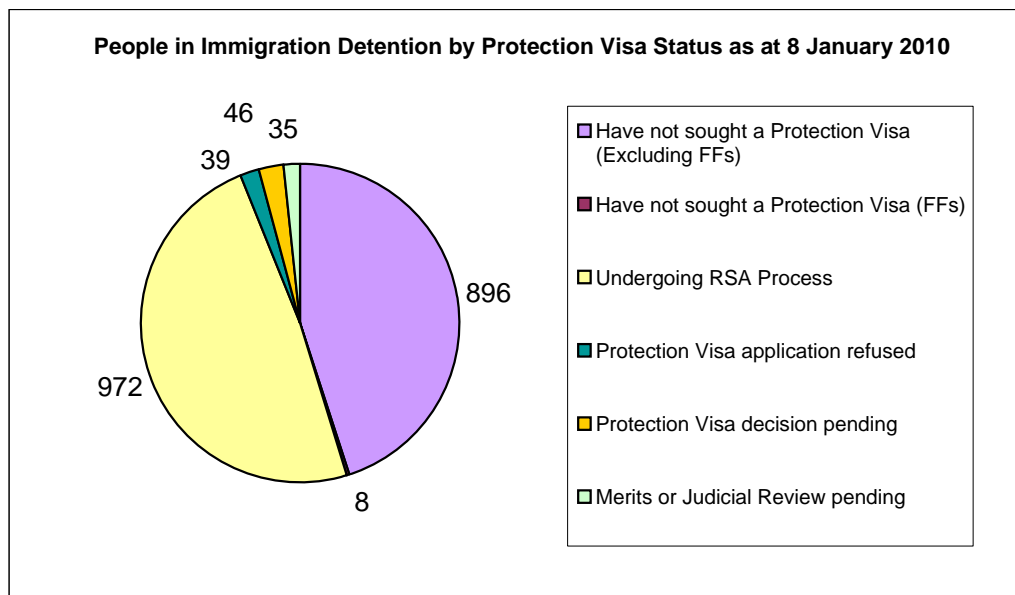


Figure 5

Location of people in immigration detention as at 8 January 2010	
	No. of People as at Midnight Census
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding Christmas Island)	223
Christmas Island IDC	1362
Total in Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FFs)	1585
Alternative Detention (excluding FF)	
Immigration Residential Housing	28
Immigration Transit Accommodation	46
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	302
Restricted on Board Vessels in Ports	1
Total in Alternative Temporary Detention Arrangements	377
Community Detention	
Community Detention (excluding Christmas Island)	18
Community Detention, Christmas Island	8
Total in Community Detention Arrangements	26
Foreign Fishers (FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres	3
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	5
Total FFs	8
TOTAL IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION	1996

Figure 6

People in immigration detention by nationality as at 8 January 2010					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Afghanistan	629	14	89	9	741
Sri Lanka	544	11	10	3	568
Iran	137	11	5	4	157
Iraq	118	7	8	4	137
China, Peoples Republic Of	71	18			89
Indonesia	58		19		77
Vietnam	16	3			19
Burma	16				16
Nigeria	8		2		10
Pakistan	10				10
Other	147	16	5	4	172
Total	1754	80	138	24	1996

Figure 7

Children in immigration detention as at 8 January 2010	
Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	3
Immigration Transit Accommodation	32
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	118
Community Detention	9
Total	162

As at 8 January 2010, there were 162 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention. Nine were detained in the community under residence determinations, 118 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, three were in immigration residential housing and 32 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Figure 8

Length of time in detention as at 8 January 2010		
Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	270	13.5%
1 week - 1 month	396	19.8%
1 month - 3 months	662	33.2%
3 months - 6 months	462	23.1%
6 months - 12 months	166	8.3%
12 months - 18 months	14	0.7%
18 months - 2 years	6	0.3%
Greater than 2 years	20	1.0%
Total	1996	100%

Of the 1996 people immigration detention as at 8 January 2010, 1328 had been detained for less than three months.