

IMMIGRATION DETENTION STATISTICS SUMMARY

Community and Detention Services Division, DIAC - As at 3 December 2010

As at 3 December 2010, there were 6329 people in immigration detention, including 3300 in immigration detention on the mainland and 3029 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

Of the 3300 people in immigration detention on the mainland, 615 were children (aged under 18 years) - 15 were detained in the community under residence determinations, 416 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, 37 were in immigration residential housing and 147 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Of the 3029 people in immigration detention on Christmas Island, 303 were children (aged under 18 years) - in alternative temporary detention in the community.

Figure 1

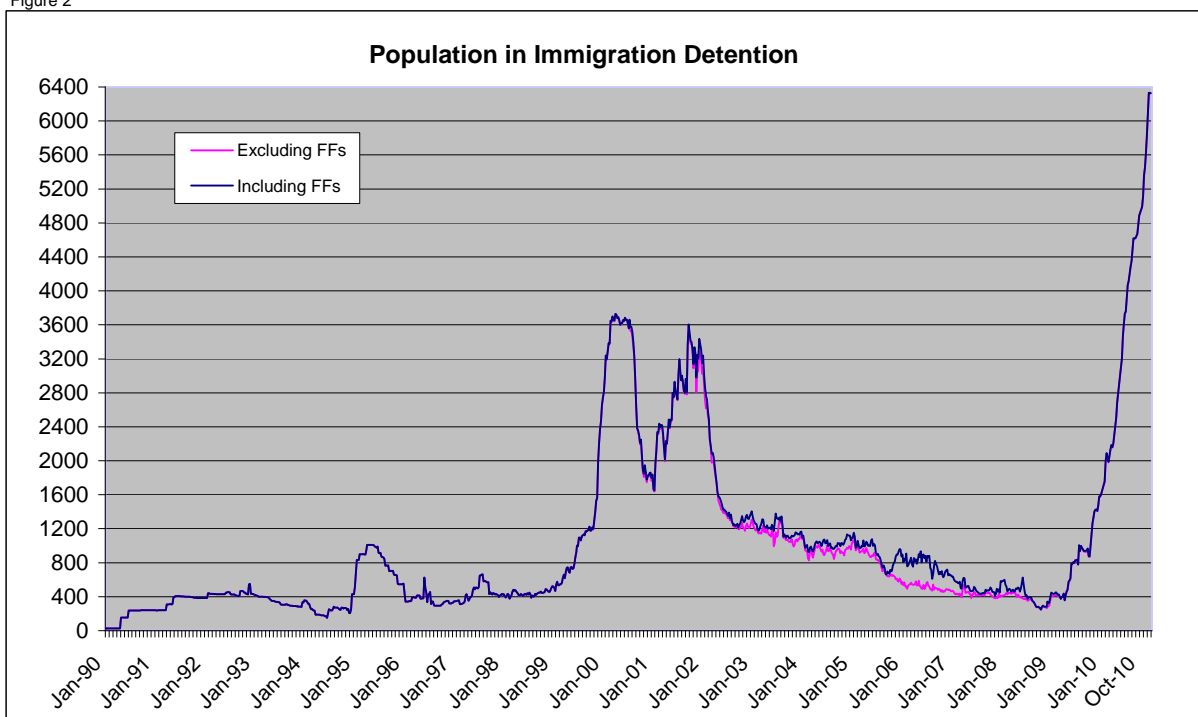
Place of immigration detention ¹	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from 19/11/10
Villawood IDC	290	18		308	0
Northern IDC (Darwin)	394			394	- 81
Maribyrnong IDC	84	8		92	+ 1
Perth IDC	43			43	- 4
Christmas Island IDC	2148			2148	+ 39
Curtin IDC	883			883	+ 64
Scherger IDC	286			286	+ 18
Total in IDCs	4128	26		4154	+ 37
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	13	8	13	34	0
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	1	3	7	11	- 3
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	19	17	17	53	0
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	11	14	15	40	- 10
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	1		132	133	+ 1
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	45	42	184	271	- 12
Community Detention ² (Mainland)	10	2	15	27	+ 12
Community Detention (Christmas Island)				0	0
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community ³ (Mainland)	357	223	416	996	+ 133
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community (Christmas Island)	370	208	303	881	+ 87
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port				0	- 2
Total	4910	501	918	6329	+ 255

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.

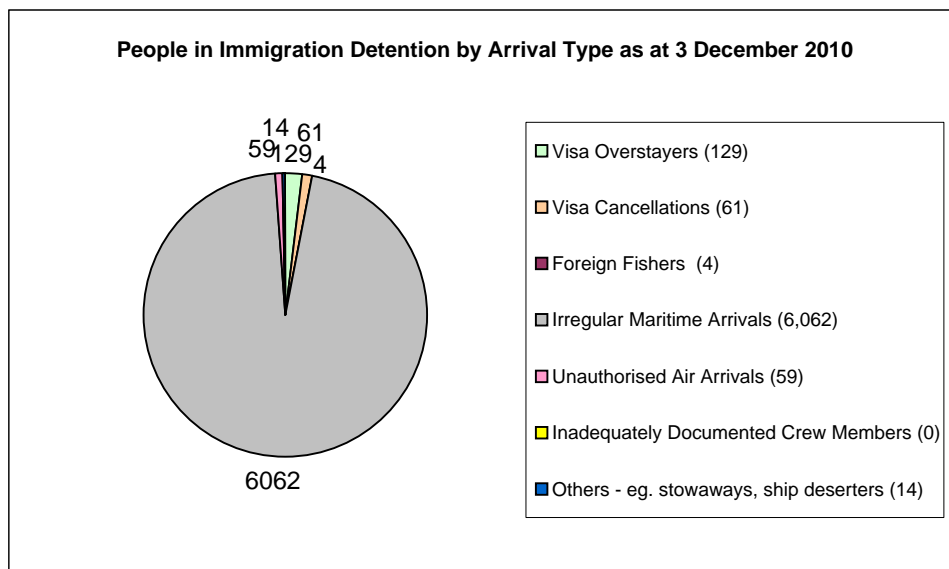
³ Includes detention in the community in private houses / correctional facilities / watch houses / hotels / apartments / foster care / hospitals with a person designated under the Act.

Figure 2



The following pie chart shows that as at 3 December 2010 there were 190 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 3 December 2010 was 6121, representing about 97 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

Figure 3



The following pie chart shows that as at 3 December 2010 there were 1919 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 44 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 41 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 45 people who had their protection visa application refused and 4280 undergoing RSA processing.

Figure 4

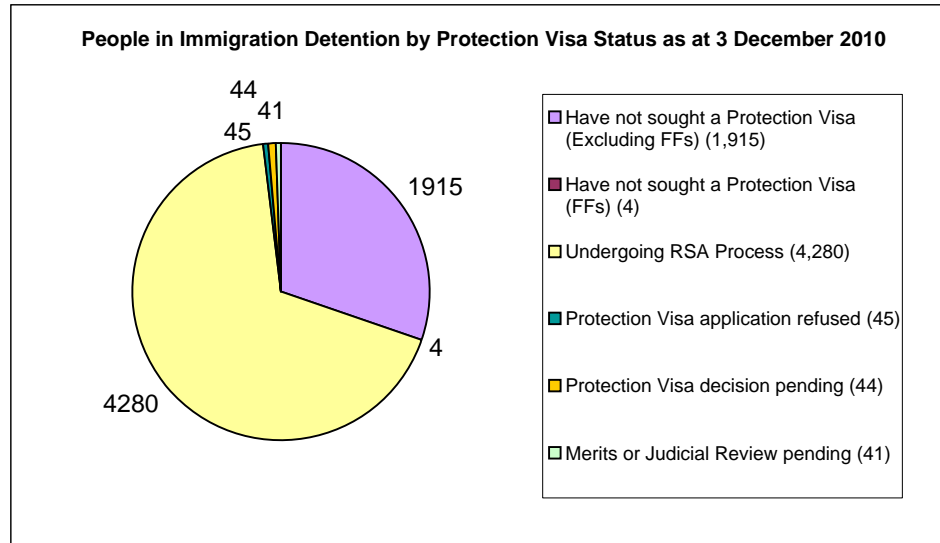


Figure 5

Location of people in immigration detention as at 3 December 2010	
	No. of People as at Midnight Census
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding Christmas Island)	2003
Christmas Island IDC	2148
Total in Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FFs)	4151
Alternative Detention (excluding FF)	
Immigration Residential Housing	98
Immigration Transit Accommodation	173
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	1876
Restricted on Board Vessels in Ports	0
Total in Alternative Temporary Detention Arrangements	2147
Community Detention	
Community Detention (excluding Christmas Island)	27
Community Detention, Christmas Island	0
Total in Community Detention Arrangements	27
Foreign Fishers (FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres	3
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	1
Total FFs	4
TOTAL IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION	6329

Figure 6

People in immigration detention by nationality as at 3 December 2010					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Afghanistan	2002	30	339	20	2391
Iran	696	171	110	68	1045
Sri Lanka	579	70	37	37	723
Iraq	401	59	57	29	546
Indonesia	261		41		302
Burma	85	1	6	1	93
China, Peoples Republic Of	57	12			69
Pakistan	37		1		38
Vietnam	27	5	3	2	37
Kuwait	32	1	1		34
Other	733	152	85	81	1051
Total	4910	501	680	238	6329

Figure 7

Children in immigration detention as at 3 December 2010	
Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	37
Immigration Transit Accommodation	147
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	719
Community Detention	15
Total	918

As at 3 December 2010, there were 918 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention. 15 were detained in the community under residence determinations, 719 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, 37 were in immigration residential housing and 147 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Figure 8

Length of time in detention as at 3 December 2010		
Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	282	4.5%
1 week - 1 month	608	9.6%
1 month - 3 months	1113	17.6%
3 months - 6 months	1556	24.6%
6 months - 12 months	2524	39.9%
12 months - 18 months	201	3.2%
18 months - 2 years	20	0.3%
Greater than 2 years	25	0.4%
Total	6329	100%

Of the 6329 people in immigration detention as at 3 December 2010, 2003 had been detained for less than three months.