

IMMIGRATION DETENTION STATISTICS SUMMARY

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

As at 8 October 2010, there were 5113 people in immigration detention, including 2483 in immigration detention on the mainland and 2630 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

Of the 2483 people in immigration detention on the mainland, 472 were children (aged under 18 years) - ten were detained in the community under residence determinations, 350 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, 51 were in immigration residential housing and 61 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Of the 2630 people in immigration detention on Christmas Island, 229 were children (aged under 18 years) - in alternative temporary detention in the community.

Figure 1

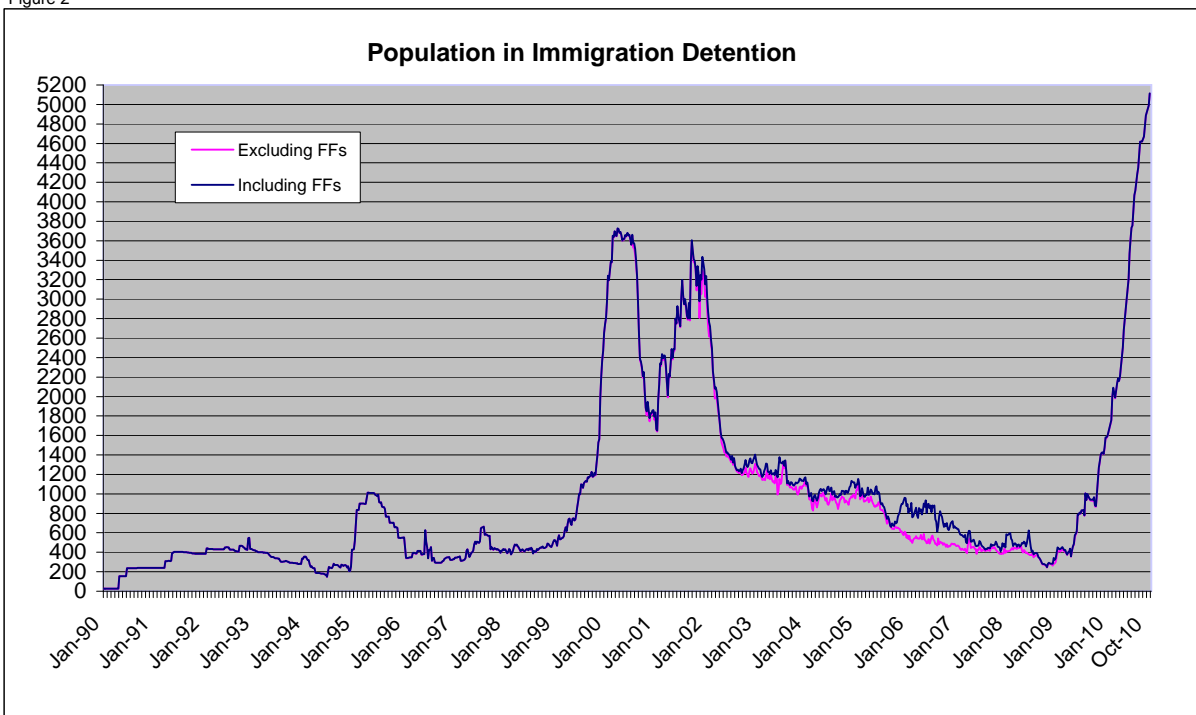
Place of immigration detention ¹	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from 30/09/10
Villawood IDC	292	24		316	+ 7
Northern IDC (Darwin)	366			366	- 1
Maribyrnong IDC	59	14		73	- 23
Perth IDC	49			49	+ 6
Christmas Island IDC	1994			1994	+ 69
Curtin IDC	751			751	- 1
Total in IDCs	3511	38		3549	+ 57
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	15	8	16	39	0
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	4	4	10	18	+ 2
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	18	18	25	61	0
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	20	13	19	52	+ 8
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	1		42	43	- 2
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	58	43	112	213	+ 8
Community Detention ² (Mainland)	11	2	10	23	- 4
Community Detention (Christmas Island)				0	0
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community ³ (Mainland)	175	164	350	689	- 19
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community (Christmas Island)	320	87	229	636	+ 77
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port	2	1		3	+ 3
Total	4077	335	701	5113	+ 122

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.

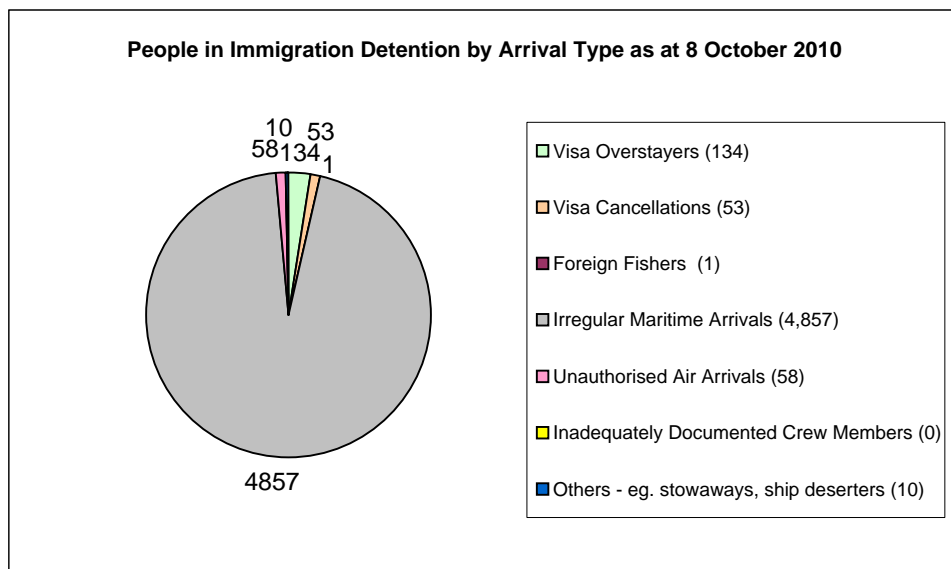
³ Includes detention in the community in private houses / correctional facilities / watch houses / hotels / apartments / foster care / hospitals with a person designated under the Act.

Figure 2



The following pie chart shows that as at 8 October 2010 there were 187 people (about 4 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 October 2010 was 4915, representing about 96 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

Figure 3



The following pie chart shows that as at 8 October 2010 there were 2753 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 49 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 46 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 37 people who had their protection visa application refused and 2228 undergoing RSA processing.

Figure 4

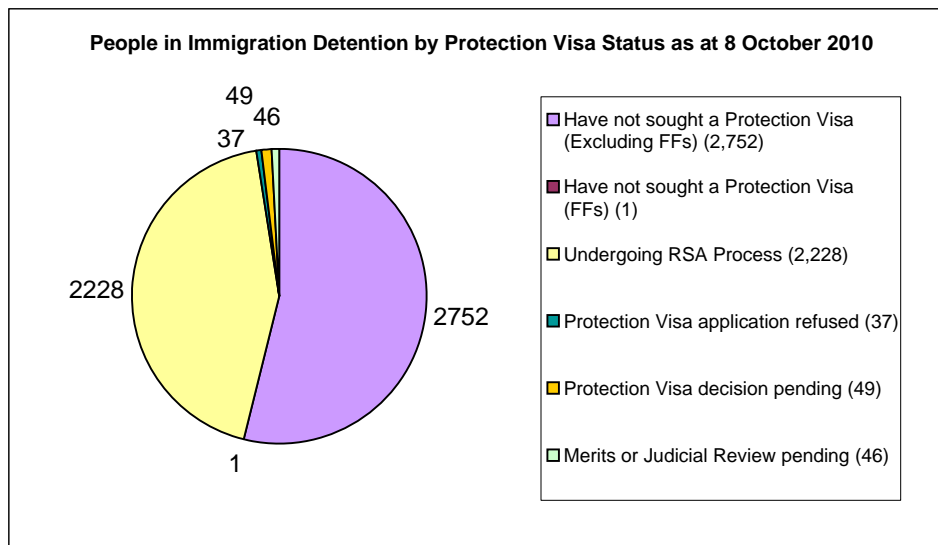


Figure 5

Location of people in immigration detention as at 8 October 2010	
	No. of People as at Midnight Census
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding Christmas Island)	1555
Christmas Island IDC	1994
Total in Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FFs)	3549
Alternative Detention (excluding FF)	
Immigration Residential Housing	118
Immigration Transit Accommodation	95
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	1324
Restricted on Board Vessels in Ports	3
Total in Alternative Temporary Detention Arrangements	1540
Community Detention	
Community Detention (excluding Christmas Island)	23
Community Detention, Christmas Island	0
Total in Community Detention Arrangements	23
Foreign Fishers (FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres	0
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	1
Total FFs	1
TOTAL IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION	5113

Figure 6

People in immigration detention by nationality as at 8 October 2010					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Afghanistan	1868	26	315	21	2230
Iran	429	93	72	44	638
Sri Lanka	521	39	24	21	605
Iraq	276	39	34	22	371
Indonesia	210		38		248
China, Peoples Republic Of	68	24			92
Burma	65	1	3	1	70
Vietnam	38	6	3	2	49
Pakistan	26		1		27
Kuwait	20	1	2		23
Other	556	106	54	44	760
Total	4077	335	546	155	5113

Figure 7

Children in immigration detention as at 8 October 2010	
Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	51
Immigration Transit Accommodation	61
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	579
Community Detention	10
Total	701

As at 8 October 2010, there were 701 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention. Ten were detained in the community under residence determinations, 579 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, 51 were in immigration residential housing and 61 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Figure 8

Length of time in detention as at 8 October 2010		
Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	190	3.7%
1 week - 1 month	257	5.0%
1 month - 3 months	961	18.8%
3 months - 6 months	2009	39.3%
6 months - 12 months	1523	29.8%
12 months - 18 months	132	2.6%
18 months - 2 years	22	0.4%
Greater than 2 years	19	0.4%
Total	5113	100%

Of the 5113 people in immigration detention as at 8 October 2010, 1408 had been detained for less than three months.