

IMMIGRATION DETENTION STATISTICS SUMMARY

Community and Detention Services Division, DIAC - As at 29 January 2010

As at 29 January 2010, there were 1988 people in immigration detention, including 392 in immigration detention on the mainland and 1596 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

Of the 392 people in immigration detention on the mainland, 58 were children (aged under 18 years) - six were detained in the community under residence determinations, 15 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, five were in immigration residential housing and 32 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Of the 1596 people in immigration detention on Christmas Island, 115 were children (aged under 18 years) - three were detained in the community under residence determinations and 112 were in alternative temporary detention in the community.

Figure 1

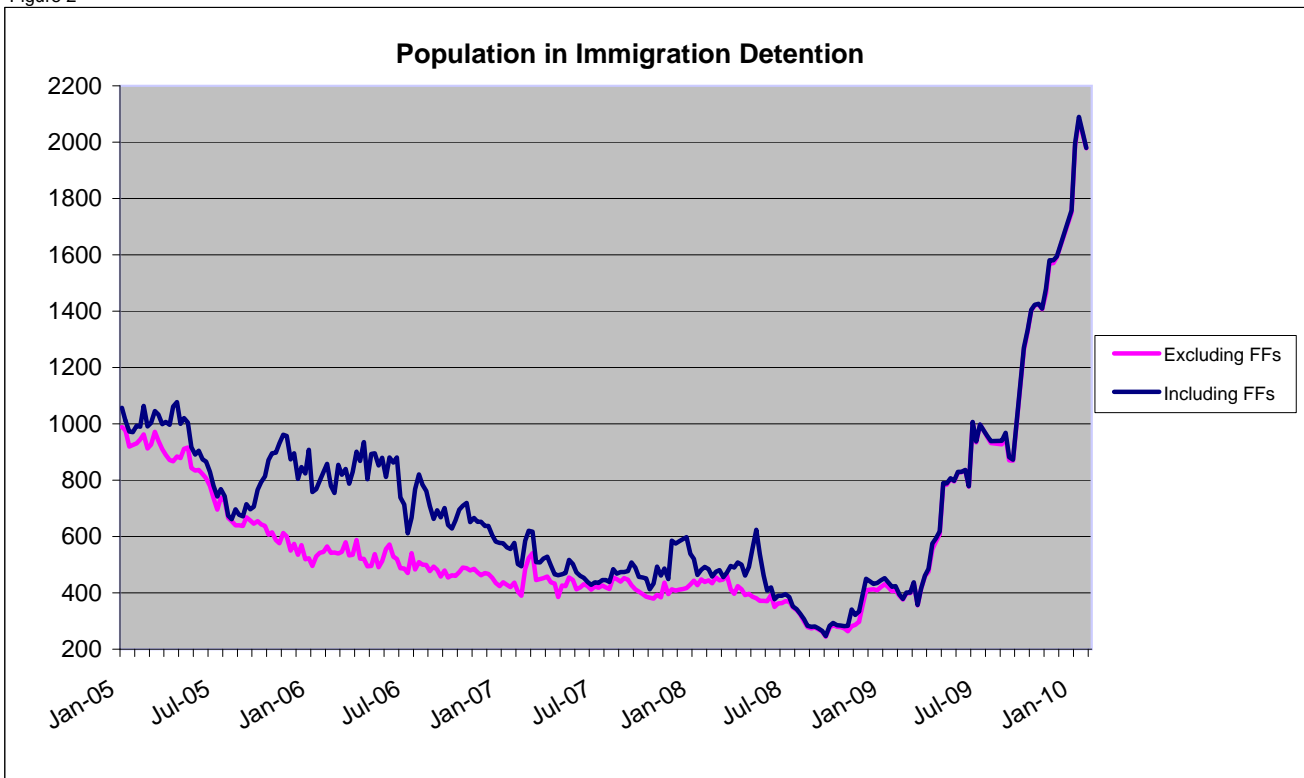
Place of immigration detention ¹ (Regular use capacity)	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from 22/01/10
Villawood IDC (358)	131	9		140	+ 9
Northern IDC (Darwin) (382)	43			43	- 1
Maribyrnong IDC (70)	48	13		61	+ 10
Perth IDC (27)	28	1		29	- 6
Christmas Island IDC (400)	1303			1303	- 49
Total in IDCs (1237)	1553	23	0	1576	- 37
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing (34)	17	6	3	26	+ 6
Perth Immigration Residential Housing (11)	7	2	2	11	- 1
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation (29)		2	19	21	+ 1
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation (30)	2		13	15	- 16
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation (104)	26	10	37	73	- 10
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)	12	1	15	28	- 12
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community (Christmas Island)	118	55	112	285	+ 9
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port				0	0
Total	1723	92	173	1988	- 50

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.

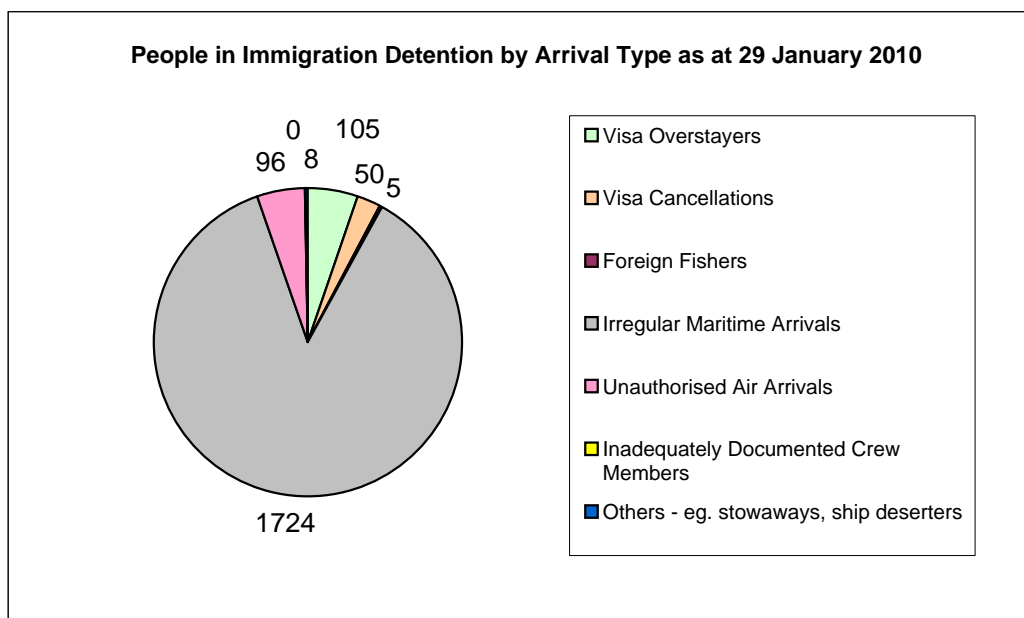
³ Includes detention in the community in private houses / correctional facilities / watch houses / hotels / apartments / foster care / hospitals with a person designated under the Act.

Figure 2



The following pie chart shows that as at 29 January 2010 there were 155 people (about 8 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 29 January 2010 was 1820, representing about 92 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

Figure 3



The following pie chart shows that as at 29 January 2010 there were 789 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 45 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 38 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 35 people who had their protection visa application refused. There were 1081 who were in immigration detention on Christmas Island who were undergoing RSA processing.

Figure 4

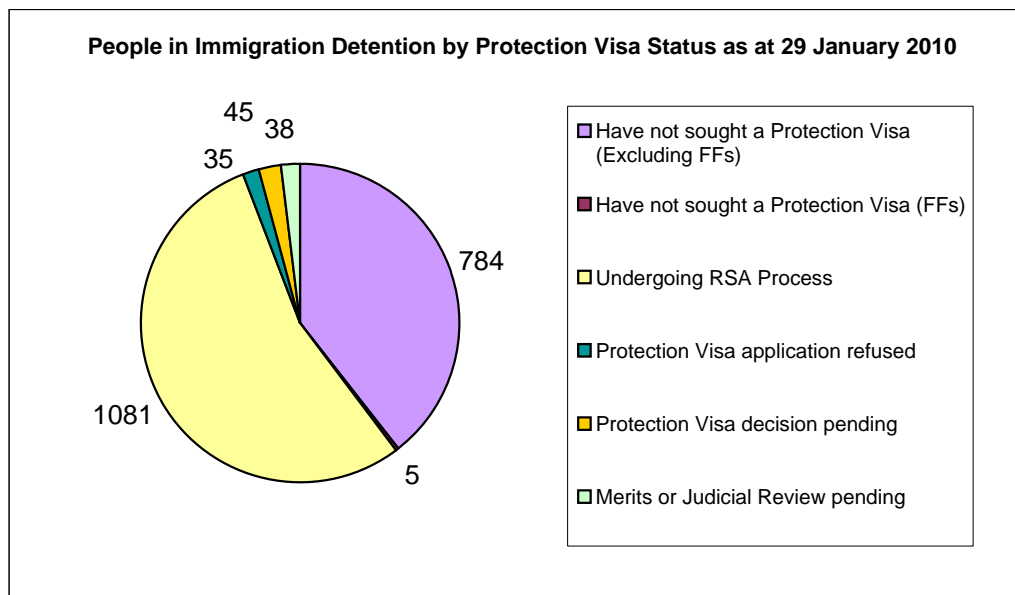


Figure 5

Location of people in immigration detention as at 29 January 2010	
	No. of People as at Midnight Census
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding Christmas Island)	272
Christmas Island IDC	1303
Total in Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FFs)	1575
Alternative Detention (excluding FF)	
Immigration Residential Housing	37
Immigration Transit Accommodation	36
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	309
Restricted on Board Vessels in Ports	0
Total in Alternative Temporary Detention Arrangements	382
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	1
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	4
Total FFs	5
TOTAL IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION	1988

Figure 6

People in immigration detention by nationality as at 29 January 2010					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Afghanistan	630	20	92	12	754
Sri Lanka	488	12	11	4	515
Iraq	133	10	14	3	160
Iran	112	11	6	2	131
China, Peoples Republic Of	86	13			99
Indonesia	70	1	16		87
Burma	36		1		37
Malaysia	15	7			22
Vietnam	15	3			18
Pakistan	11				11
Other	127	15	8	4	154
Total	1723	92	148	25	1988

Figure 7

Children in immigration detention as at 29 January 2010	
Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	5
Immigration Transit Accommodation	32
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	127
Community Detention	9
Total	173

As at 29 January 2010, there were 173 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention. Nine were detained in the community under residence determinations, 127 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, five were in immigration residential housing and 32 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Figure 8

Length of time in detention as at 29 January 2010		
Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	105	5.3%
1 week - 1 month	437	22.0%
1 month - 3 months	808	40.6%
3 months - 6 months	425	21.4%
6 months - 12 months	167	8.4%
12 months - 18 months	15	0.8%
18 months - 2 years	10	0.5%
Greater than 2 years	21	1.1%
Total	1988	100%

Of the 1988 people immigration detention as at 29 January 2010, 1350 had been detained for less than three months.