

IMMIGRATION DETENTION STATISTICS SUMMARY

Community and Detention Services Division, DIAC - As at 5 March 2010

As at 5 March 2010, there were 2204 people in immigration detention, including 396 in immigration detention on the mainland and 1808 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

Of the 396 people in immigration detention on the mainland, 59 were children (aged under 18 years) - six were detained in the community under residence determinations, 14 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, five were in immigration residential housing and 34 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Of the 1808 people in immigration detention on Christmas Island, 149 were children (aged under 18 years) - three were detained in the community under residence determinations and 146 were in alternative temporary detention in the community.

Figure 1

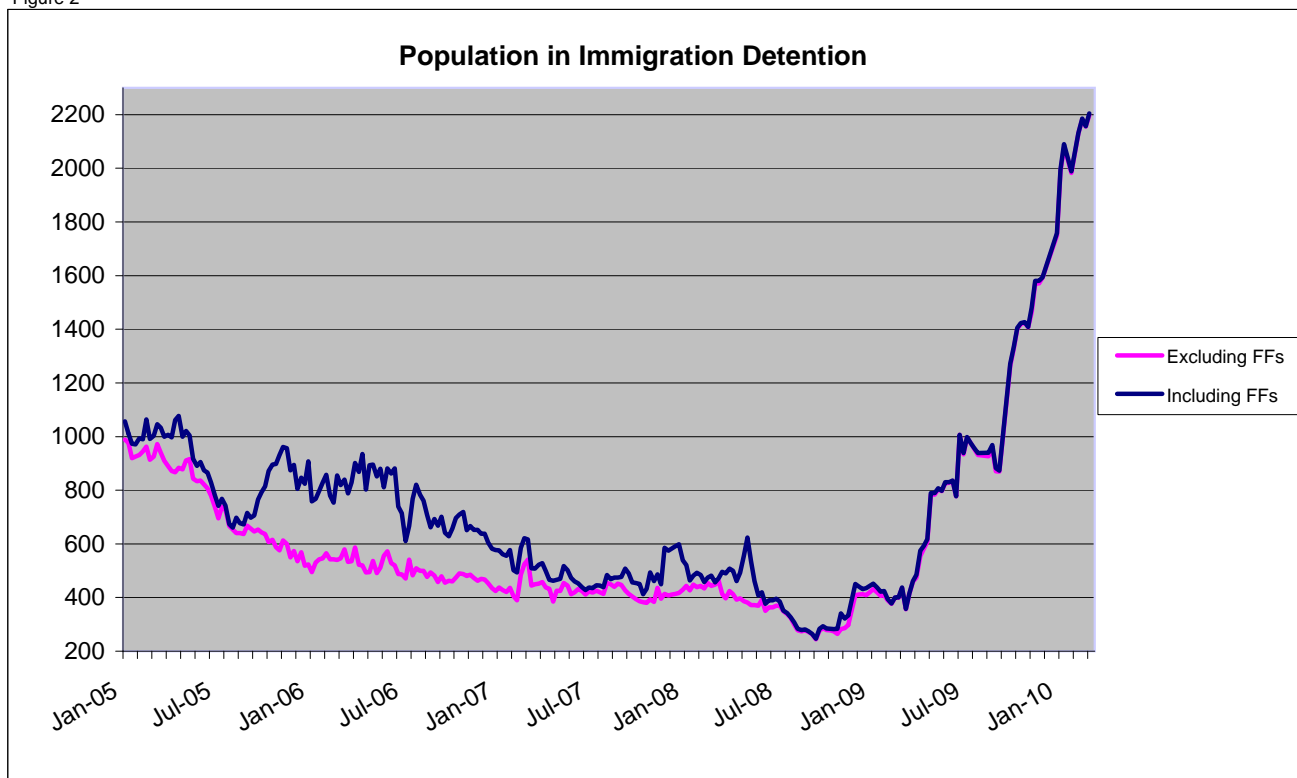
Place of immigration detention ¹ (Regular use capacity)	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from 26/02/10
Villawood IDC (358)	122	23		145	- 26
Northern IDC (Darwin) (382)	41			41	+ 8
Maribyrnong IDC (70)	33	8		41	- 5
Perth IDC (27)	29			29	+ 6
Christmas Island IDC (400)	1504			1504	+ 51
Total in IDCs (1237)	1729	31	0	1760	+ 34
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing (34)	16	5	2	23	- 1
Perth Immigration Residential Housing (11)	8	1	3	12	- 1
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation (29)	8	9	6	23	+ 3
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation (30)	3	1	28	32	+ 7
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation (104)	35	16	39	90	+ 8
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)	12	3	14	29	+ 18
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community (Christmas Island)	94	57	146	297	- 13
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port	1			1	0
Total	1886	110	208	2204	+ 47

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.

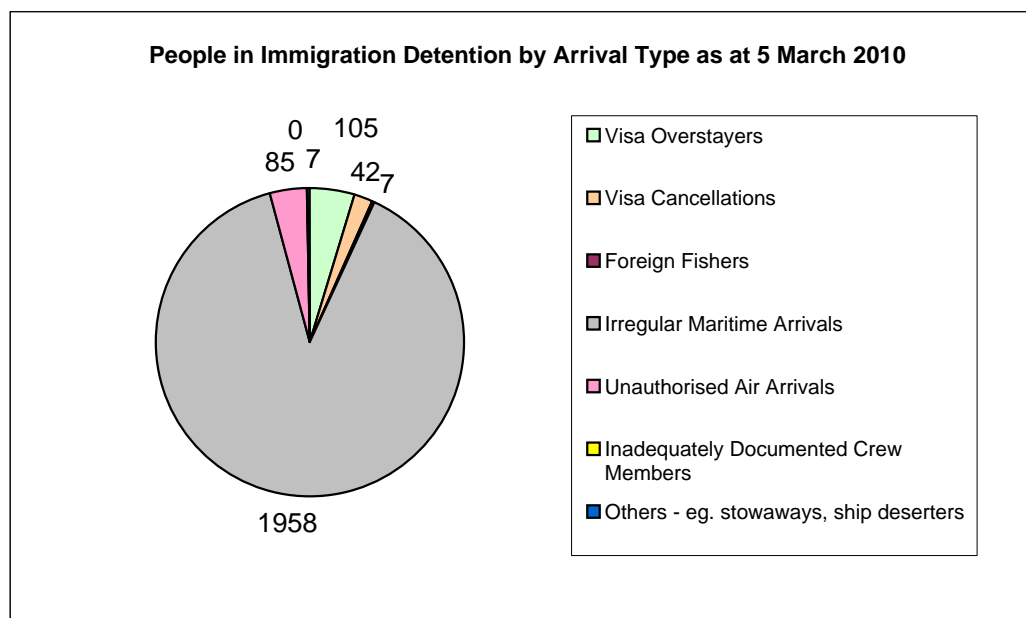
³ Includes detention in the community in private houses / correctional facilities / watch houses / hotels / apartments / foster care / hospitals with a person designated under the Act.

Figure 2



The following pie chart shows that as at 5 March 2010 there were 147 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 5 March 2010 was 2043, representing about 93 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

Figure 3



The following pie chart shows that as at 5 March 2010 there were 668 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 42 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 30 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 1425 who were in immigration detention on Christmas Island who were undergoing RSA processing.

Figure 4

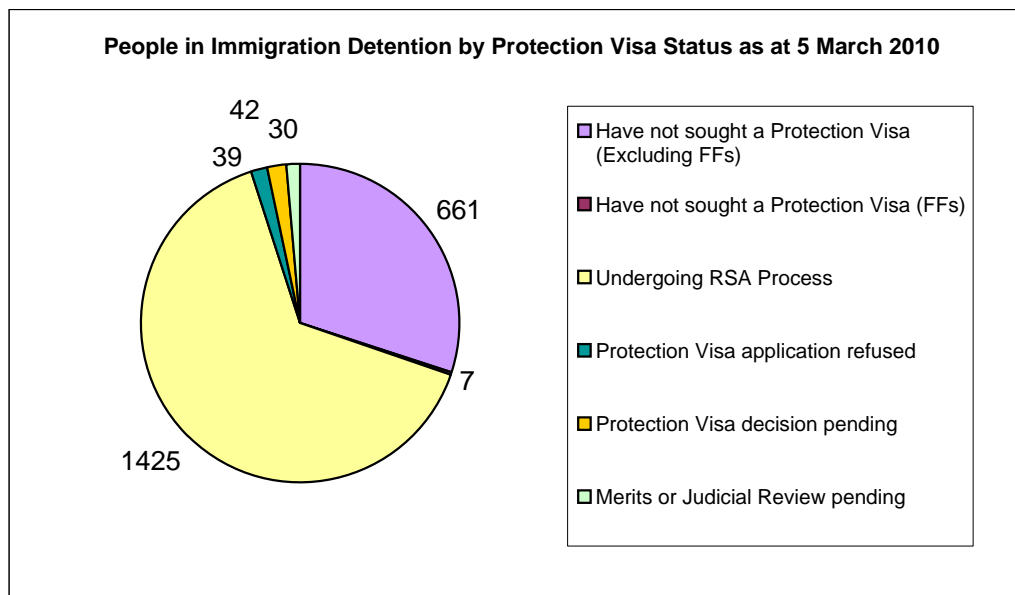


Figure 5

Location of people in immigration detention as at 5 March 2010	
	No. of People as at Midnight Census
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding Christmas Island)	252
Christmas Island IDC	1504
Total in Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FFs)	1756
Alternative Detention (excluding FF)	
Immigration Residential Housing	35
Immigration Transit Accommodation	55
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	323
Restricted on Board Vessels in Ports	1
Total in Alternative Temporary Detention Arrangements	414
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	4
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	3
Total FFs	7
TOTAL IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION	2204

Figure 6

People in immigration detention by nationality as at 5 March 2010					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Afghanistan	744	29	104	18	895
Sri Lanka	550	15	12	7	584
Iraq	144	12	18	7	181
Indonesia	83	5	20		108
Iran	70	5	7	3	85
China, Peoples Republic Of	65	18			83
Vietnam	13	3			16
Burma	13		1		14
Malaysia	8	5			13
Nigeria	10		2		12
Other	186	18	5	4	213
Total	1886	110	169	39	2204

Figure 7

Children in immigration detention as at 5 March 2010	
Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	5
Immigration Transit Accommodation	34
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	160
Community Detention	9
Total	208

As at 5 March 2010, there were 208 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention. Nine were detained in the community under residence determinations, 160 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, five were in immigration residential housing and 34 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Figure 8

Length of time in detention as at 5 March 2010		
Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	172	7.8%
1 week - 1 month	305	13.8%
1 month - 3 months	1014	46.0%
3 months - 6 months	450	20.4%
6 months - 12 months	221	10.0%
12 months - 18 months	17	0.8%
18 months - 2 years	7	0.3%
Greater than 2 years	18	0.8%
Total	2204	100%

Of the 2204 people in immigration detention as at 5 March 2010, 1491 had been detained for less than three months.