

IMMIGRATION DETENTION STATISTICS SUMMARY

Community and Detention Services Division, DIAC - As at 15 October 2010

As at 15 October 2010, there were 5360 people in immigration detention, including 2591 in immigration detention on the mainland and 2769 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

Of the 2591 people in immigration detention on the mainland, 469 were children (aged under 18 years) - ten were detained in the community under residence determinations, 354 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, 47 were in immigration residential housing and 58 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Of the 2769 people in immigration detention on Christmas Island, 283 were children (aged under 18 years) - in alternative temporary detention in the community.

Figure 1

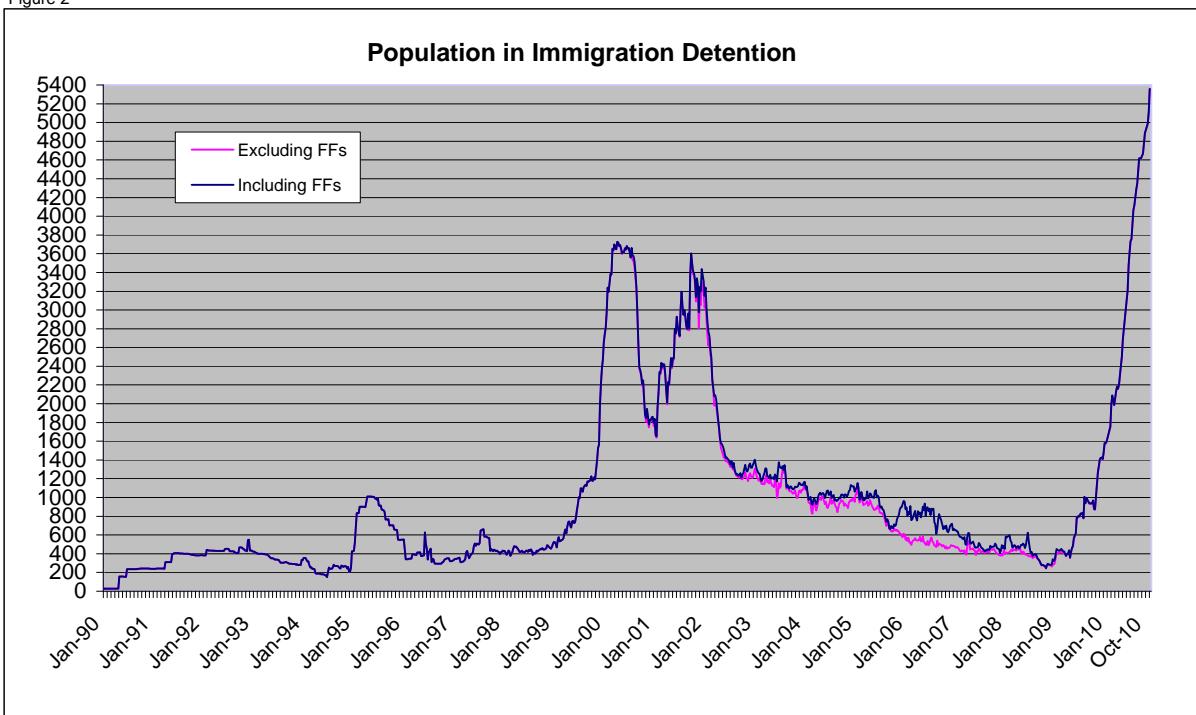
Place of immigration detention ¹	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from 8/10/10
Villawood IDC	300	23		323	+ 7
Northern IDC (Darwin)	469			469	+ 103
Maribyrnong IDC	58	12		70	- 3
Perth IDC	48			48	- 1
Christmas Island IDC	2073			2073	+ 79
Curtin IDC	749			749	- 2
Total in IDCs	3697	35		3732	+ 183
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	14	8	14	36	- 3
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	4	4	9	17	- 1
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	18	16	24	58	- 3
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	18	11	16	45	- 7
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	1		42	43	0
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	55	39	105	199	- 14
Community Detention ² (Mainland)	11	2	10	23	0
Community Detention (Christmas Island)				0	0
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community ³ (Mainland)	186	169	354	709	+ 20
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community (Christmas Island)	299	114	283	696	+ 60
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port	1			1	- 2
Total	4249	359	752	5360	+ 247

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.

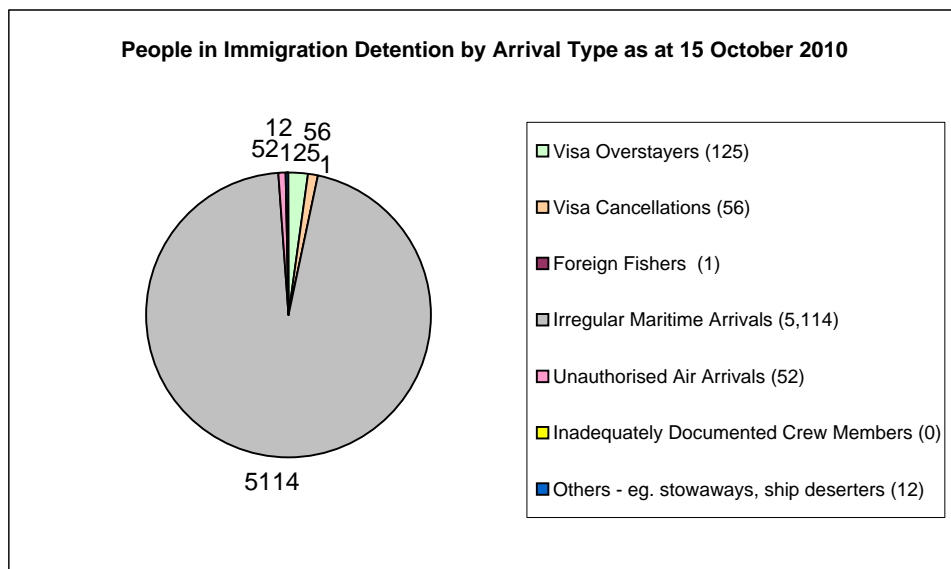
³ Includes detention in the community in private houses / correctional facilities / watch houses / hotels / apartments / foster care / hospitals with a person designated under the Act.

Figure 2



The following pie chart shows that as at 15 October 2010 there were 181 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 15 October 2010 was 5166, representing about 96 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

Figure 3



The following pie chart shows that as at 15 October 2010 there were 1541 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 53 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 42 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 and 3685 undergoing RSA processing.

Figure 4

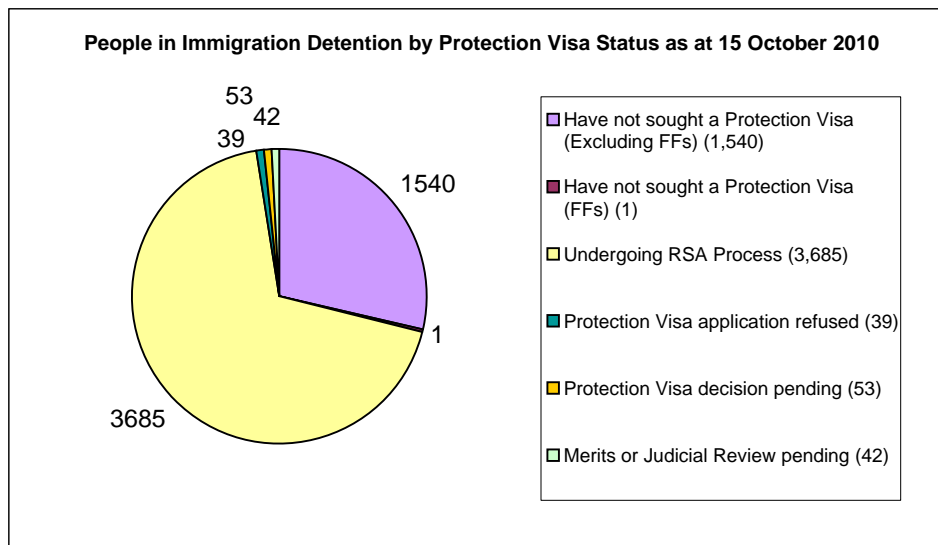


Figure 5

Location of people in immigration detention as at 15 October 2010	
	No. of People as at Midnight Census
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding Christmas Island)	1659
Christmas Island IDC	2073
Total in Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FFs)	3732
Alternative Detention (excluding FF)	
Immigration Residential Housing	111
Immigration Transit Accommodation	88
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	1404
Restricted on Board Vessels in Ports	1
Total in Alternative Temporary Detention Arrangements	1604
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	5360

Figure 6

People in immigration detention by nationality as at 15 October 2010					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Afghanistan	1907	24	325	22	2278
Iran	496	111	84	49	740
Sri Lanka	519	39	23	21	602
Iraq	300	42	39	24	405
Indonesia	220		35		255
China, Peoples Republic Of	66	23			89
Burma	65	1	5	1	72
Vietnam	39	6	3	2	50
Pakistan	28		1		29
Kuwait	20	1	2		23
Other	589	112	59	57	817
Total	4249	359	576	176	5360

Figure 7

Children in immigration detention as at 15 October 2010	
Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	47
Immigration Transit Accommodation	58
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	637
Community Detention	10
Total	752

As at 15 October 2010, there were 752 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention. Ten were detained in the community under residence determinations, 637 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, 47 were in immigration residential housing and 58 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Figure 8

Length of time in detention as at 15 October 2010		
Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	295	5.5%
1 week - 1 month	361	6.7%
1 month - 3 months	962	17.9%
3 months - 6 months	1828	34.1%
6 months - 12 months	1744	32.5%
12 months - 18 months	132	2.5%
18 months - 2 years	19	0.4%
Greater than 2 years	19	0.4%
Total	5360	100%

Of the 5360 people in immigration detention as at 15 October 2010, 1618 had been detained for less than three months.