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Immigration Detention Statistics Summary

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About this report

This report provides an overview of the number of people in immigration detention in Australia as at midnight on the date of the report. The report is produced on a monthly basis.

Data is sourced from several departmental processing and recording systems. Data relating to the immigration detention population is dynamic and there can be delays in transmission of information from the department's immigration detention network operations. Variations in figures between this report and previous issues can occur. Due to these issues, data from the current financial year should always be considered provisional.

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IMMIGRATION DETENTION STATISTICS SUMMARY

Detention Operations Division, DIAC - As at 30 September 2011

There were 4446 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention, including 3561 in immigration detention on the mainland and 885 in immigration detention on Christmas Island as at 30 September 2011. Separately, 1151 were living in the community under a residence determination.

Figure 1

| People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention | | | | | |
|---|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|---|
| Place of immigration detention ¹ | Men | Women | Children | Total | Change from Previous Summary (31/08/11) |
| Christmas Island IDC | 649 | | | 649 | + 14 |
| Curtin IDC | 1060 | | | 1060 | - 305 |
| Maribyrnong IDC | 98 | 3 | | 101 | + 11 |
| Northern IDC (Darwin) | 415 | | | 415 | + 8 |
| Perth IDC | 24 | 1 | | 25 | - 9 |
| Pontville IDC | 76 | | | 76 | + 76 |
| Scherger IDC | 333 | | | 333 | - 88 |
| Villawood IDC | 355 | 52 | | 407 | + 45 |
| Total in IDCs | 3010 | 56 | 0 | 3066 | - 248 |
| Perth Immigration Residential Housing | 4 | 1 | 2 | 7 | - 4 |
| Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing | 2 | 1 | 35 | 38 | 0 |
| Sydney Immigration Residential Housing | 4 | 3 | 5 | 12 | - 4 |
| Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation | 5 | 8 | | 13 | + 1 |
| Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation | 56 | | | 56 | + 27 |
| Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation | 71 | | 2 | 73 | + 54 |
| Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation | 142 | 13 | 44 | 199 | + 74 |
| Alternative Places of Detention ² (Christmas Island) | 66 | 59 | 111 | 236 | + 62 |
| Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland) | 536 | 124 | 285 | 945 | - 149 |
| Restricted on Board Vessels in Port | | | | 0 | 0 |
| Total | 3754 | 252 | 440 | 4446 | - 261 |

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|--|------------|------------|------------|-------------|-------------|
| People in Community under Residence Determination³ | 396 | 309 | 446 | 1151 | + 13 |
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¹ Immigration detention as set out under s189 or s249 of the *Migration Act 1958*.

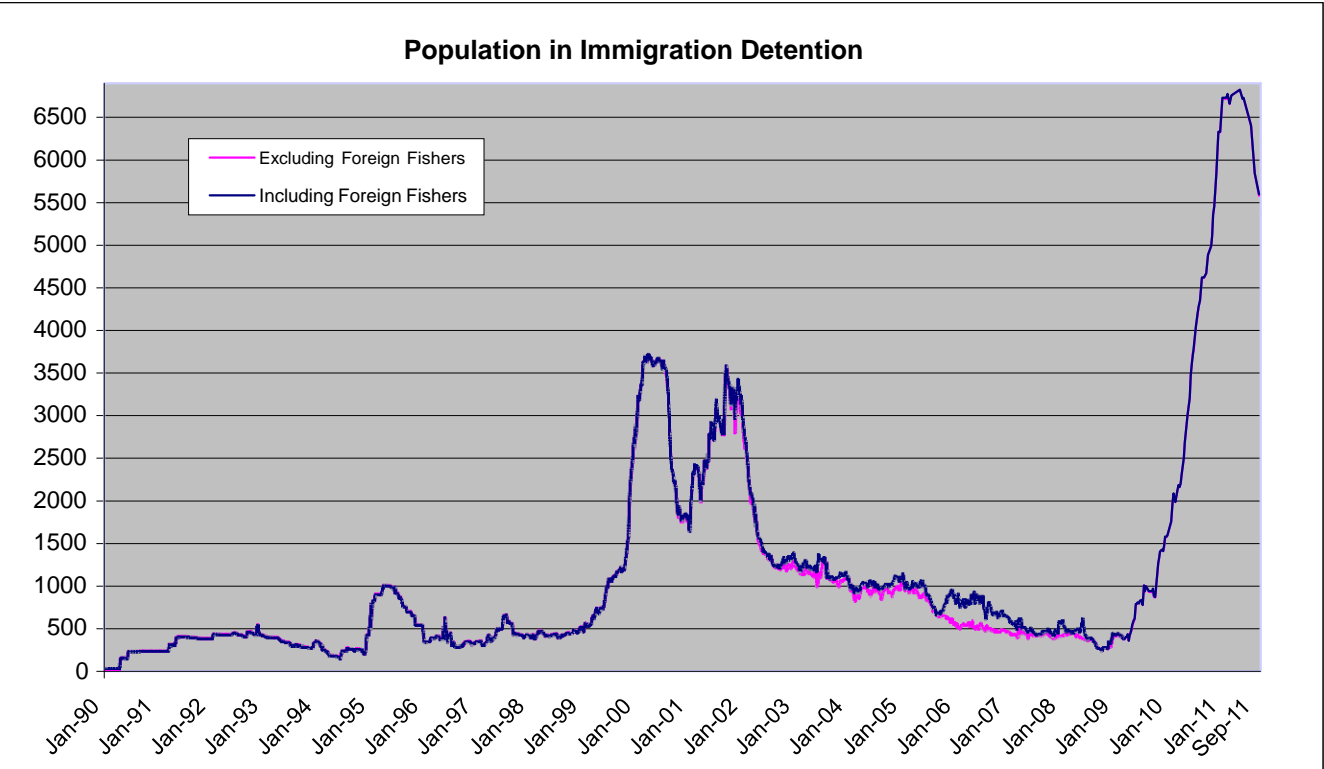
² Includes detention in the community in private houses / correctional facilities / watch houses / hotels / apartments / foster care / hospitals with a person designated under the Act.

³ Residence determination as set out in the s197AB of the *Migration Act 1958*.

Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to September 2011

The number of people in immigration detention has been declining since April 2011.

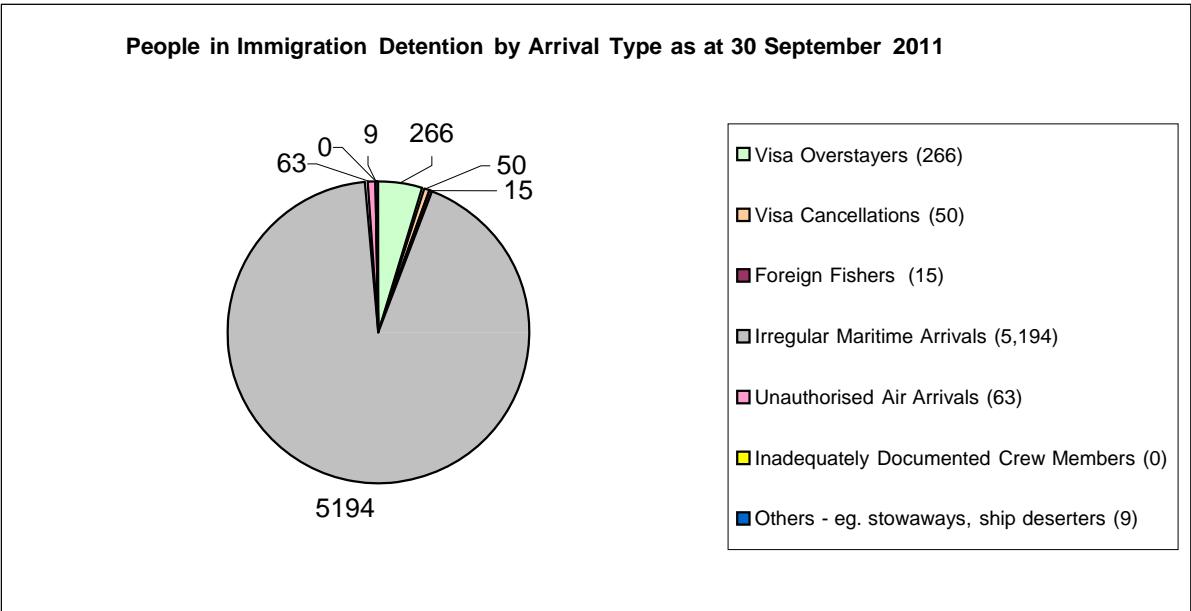
Figure 2



People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 30 September 2011 was 5257, representing about 94 per cent of the total immigration detention population. There were also 316 people (about 5 per cent of the total immigration population) who arrived in Australia lawfully and were subsequently taken into immigration detention for either overstaying their visa or breaching their visa conditions, resulting in visa cancellation.

Figure 3



People in Immigration Detention by Nationality

Of the 4446 people in immigration detention in DIAC facilities and other places of detention as at 30 September 2011, around 32% were Afghan nationals, 23% were Iranian nationals and 11% were the Sri Lankan nationals.

Figure 4

| People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention as at 30 September 2011 | | | | | |
|--|------------|-------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| Citizenship | Adult | | Child (<18 years) | | Total |
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | |
| Afghanistan | 13 | 1250 | 4 | 155 | 1422 |
| Iran | 119 | 821 | 40 | 67 | 1047 |
| Sri Lanka | 17 | 429 | 14 | 14 | 474 |
| Indonesia | 1 | 350 | 0 | 37 | 388 |
| Iraq | 7 | 174 | 2 | 6 | 189 |
| China, Peoples Republic Of | 37 | 111 | 0 | 0 | 148 |
| Vietnam | 8 | 47 | 20 | 26 | 101 |
| Pakistan | 3 | 79 | 0 | 6 | 88 |
| Burma | 0 | 33 | 0 | 1 | 34 |
| Palestinian Authority | 3 | 9 | 11 | 6 | 29 |
| Other | 44 | 451 | 7 | 24 | 526 |
| Total | 252 | 3754 | 98 | 342 | 4446 |

Of the 1151 people in the community under residence determinations as at 30 September 2011, around 34% were Iranian nationals, 17% were the Sri Lankan nationals and 14% were Iraqi nationals.

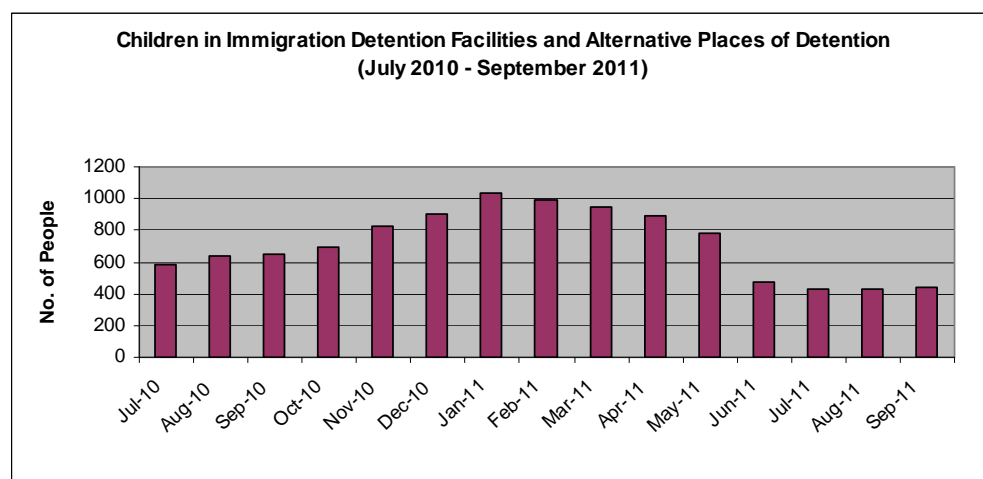
Figure 5

| People in Community under Residence Determination as at 30 September 2011 | | | | | |
|---|------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| Citizenship | Adult | | Child (<18 years) | | Total |
| | Female | Male | Female | Male | |
| Iran | 121 | 142 | 59 | 75 | 397 |
| Sri Lanka | 66 | 62 | 34 | 38 | 200 |
| Iraq | 37 | 56 | 28 | 38 | 159 |
| Afghanistan | 13 | 35 | 5 | 75 | 128 |
| Vietnam | 4 | 9 | 7 | 10 | 30 |
| Other | 68 | 92 | 26 | 51 | 237 |
| Total | 309 | 396 | 159 | 287 | 1151 |

Children in Immigration Detention

As at 30 September 2011, there were 440 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention. No children are detained in an immigration detention centre.

Figure 6



Note: Immigration detention facilities in Figure 6 refer to Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation.

The number of children living in the community under a residence determination has increased significantly since the Government's announcement on 18 October 2010, that it would move the majority of children and a significant number of vulnerable families into community based arrangements by 30 June 2011.

Figure 7

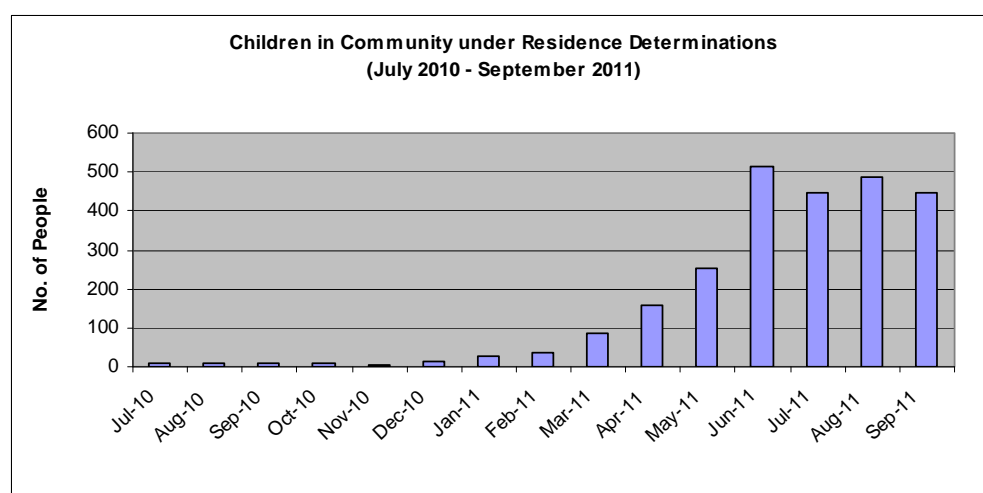


Figure 8

| Children in Immigration Detention | |
|-----------------------------------|------------|
| as at 30 September 2011 | |
| Type | Total |
| Immigration Residential Housing | 42 |
| Immigration Transit Accommodation | 2 |
| Alternative Places of Detention | 396 |
| Total | 440 |

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| Children in Community Residence Determination | 446 |
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Time in Detention

Of the 5597 people in immigration detention as at 30 September 2011, 3562 or 63% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Figure 9

| Length of Time in Detention as at 30 September 2011 | | |
|---|-------------|-------------|
| Period Detained | Total | % of Total |
| 7 days or less | 307 | 5.5% |
| 8 days - 31 days | 173 | 3.1% |
| 32 days - 91 days | 695 | 12.4% |
| 92 days - 182 days | 758 | 13.5% |
| 183 days - 365 days | 1629 | 29.1% |
| 366 days - 547 days | 1445 | 25.8% |
| 548 days - 730 days | 534 | 9.5% |
| Greater than 730 days | 56 | 1.0% |
| Total | 5597 | 100% |