

IMMIGRATION DETENTION STATISTICS SUMMARY

Community and Detention Services Division, DIAC - As at 17 December 2010

As at 17 December 2010, there were 6433 people in immigration detention, including 3588 in immigration detention on the mainland and 2845 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

Of the 3588 people in immigration detention on the mainland, 657 were children (aged under 18 years) - 14 were detained in the community under residence determinations, 439 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, 44 were in immigration residential housing and 160 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Of the 2845 people in immigration detention on Christmas Island, 325 were children (aged under 18 years) - in alternative temporary detention in the community.

Figure 1

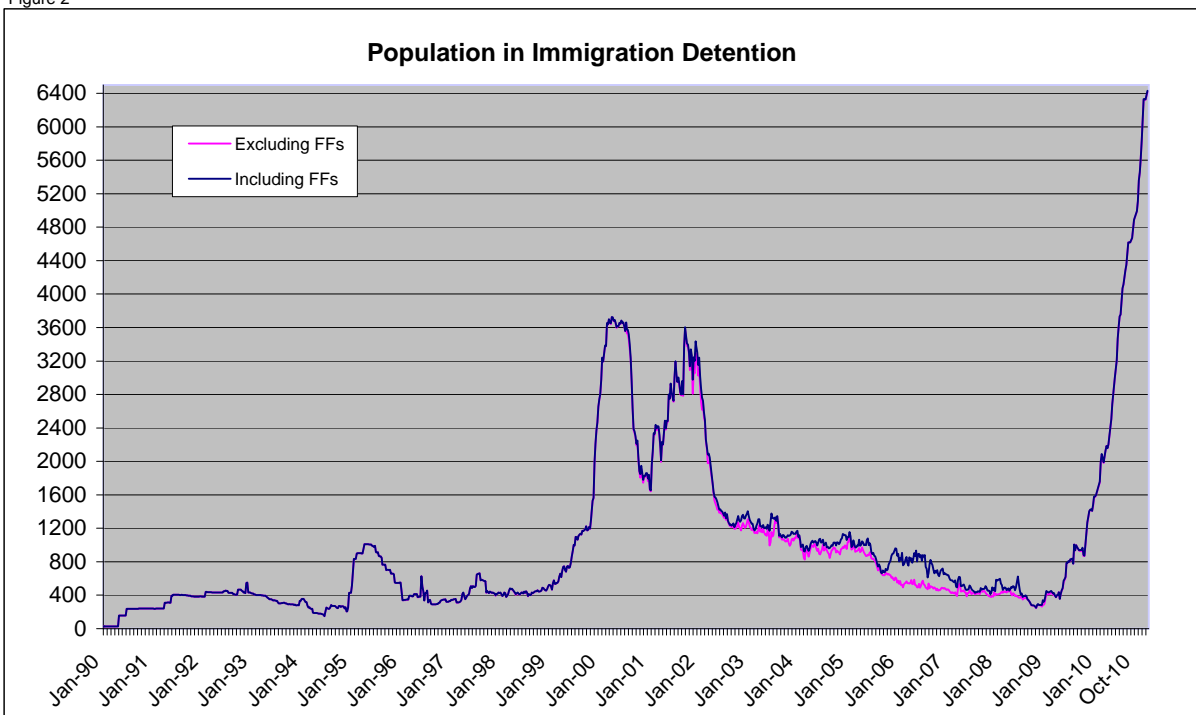
Place of immigration detention ¹	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from 3/12/10
Villawood IDC	300	24		324	+ 16
Northern IDC (Darwin)	446			446	+ 52
Maribyrnong IDC	75	8		83	- 9
Perth IDC	44			44	+ 1
Christmas Island IDC	1976			1976	- 172
Curtin IDC	1014			1014	+ 131
Scherger IDC	294			294	+ 8
Total in IDCs	4149	32		4181	+ 27
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	13	8	15	36	+ 2
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	2	5	10	17	+ 6
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	19	19	19	57	+ 4
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	18	16	19	53	+ 13
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	1		141	142	+ 9
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	53	48	204	305	+ 34
Community Detention ² (Mainland)	12	5	14	31	+ 4
Community Detention (Christmas Island)				0	0
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community ³ (Mainland)	359	246	439	1044	+ 48
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community (Christmas Island)	349	195	325	869	- 12
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port	3			3	+ 3
Total	4925	526	982	6433	+ 104

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.

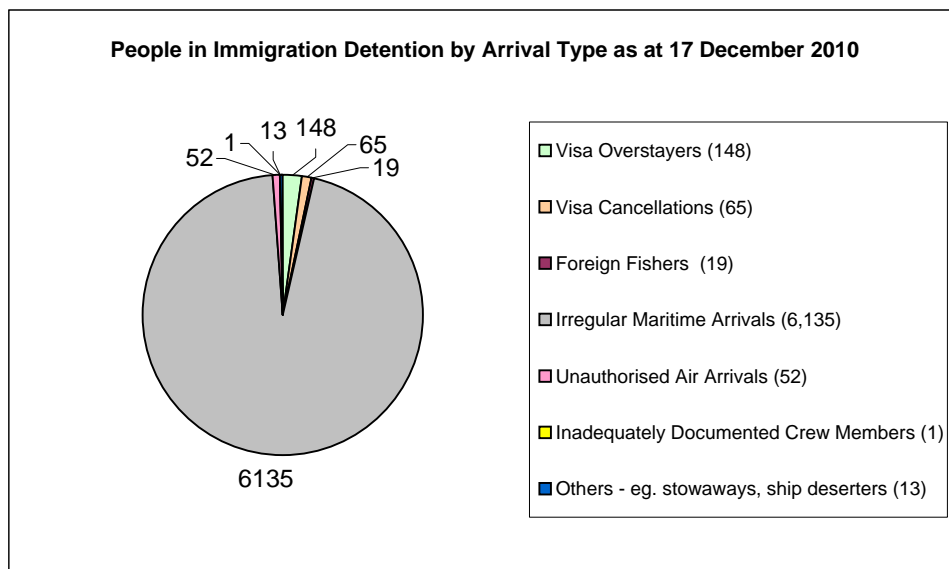
³ Includes detention in the community in private houses / correctional facilities / watch houses / hotels / apartments / foster care / hospitals with a person designated under the Act.

Figure 2



The following pie chart shows that as at 17 December 2010 there were 213 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 17 December 2010 was 6187, representing about 96 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

Figure 3



The following pie chart shows that as at 17 December 2010 there were 1825 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 38 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 44 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 49 people who had their protection visa application refused and 4477 undergoing RSA processing.

Figure 4

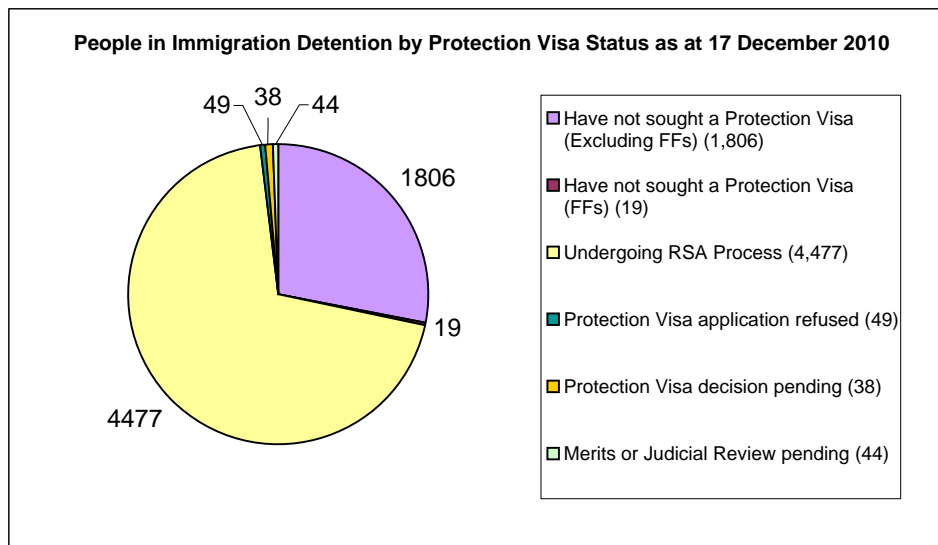


Figure 5

Location of people in immigration detention as at 17 December 2010	
	No. of People as at Midnight Census
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding Christmas Island)	2191
Christmas Island IDC	1976
Total in Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FFs)	4167
Alternative Detention (excluding FF)	
Immigration Residential Housing	110
Immigration Transit Accommodation	195
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	1908
Restricted on Board Vessels in Ports	3
Total in Alternative Temporary Detention Arrangements	2216
Community Detention	
Community Detention (excluding Christmas Island)	31
Community Detention, Christmas Island	0
Total in Community Detention Arrangements	31
Foreign Fishers (FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres	14
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	5
Total FFs	19
TOTAL IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION	6433

Figure 6

People in immigration detention by nationality as at 17 December 2010					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Afghanistan	1979	31	357	18	2385
Iran	701	177	121	74	1073
Sri Lanka	577	70	37	38	722
Iraq	402	63	59	29	553
Indonesia	283	2	45		330
Burma	84	1	6	1	92
China, Peoples Republic Of	63	19			82
Pakistan	35		1		36
Vietnam	27	4	3	2	36
Kuwait	25	1	1		27
Other	749	158	104	86	1097
Total	4925	526	734	248	6433

Figure 7

Children in immigration detention as at 17 December 2010	
Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	44
Immigration Transit Accommodation	160
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	764
Community Detention	14
Total	982

As at 17 December 2010, there were 982 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention. 14 were detained in the community under residence determinations, 764 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, 44 were in immigration residential housing and 160 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Figure 8

Length of time in detention as at 17 December 2010		
Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	160	2.5%
1 week - 1 month	584	9.1%
1 month - 3 months	1232	19.2%
3 months - 6 months	1496	23.3%
6 months - 12 months	2664	41.4%
12 months - 18 months	250	3.9%
18 months - 2 years	20	0.3%
Greater than 2 years	27	0.4%
Total	6433	100%

Of the 6433 people in immigration detention as at 17 December 2010, 1976 had been detained for less than three months.