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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 31 October 2011

There were 4223 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention, including 3353 in immigration detention on the mainland and 870 in immigration detention on Christmas Island as at 31 October 2011. Separately, 1231 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 (30/09/11)
Christmas Island IDC	629			629	- 20
Curtin IDC	957			957	- 103
Maribyrnong IDC	89	3		92	- 9
Northern IDC (Darwin)	341			341	- 74
Perth IDC	23	2		25	0
Pontville IDC	200			200	+ 124
Scherger IDC	293			293	- 40
Villawood IDC	310	62		372	- 35
Total in IDCs	2842	67	0	2909	- 157
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	6	1	2	9	+ 2
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	2	2	34	38	0
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	9	3	5	17	+ 5
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	2	6	1	9	- 4
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	65			65	+ 9
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	74		2	76	+ 3
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	158	12	44	214	+ 15
Alternative Places of Detention ² (Christmas Island)	61	52	128	241	+ 5
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	520	141	198	859	- 86
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port				0	0
Total	3581	272	370	4223	- 223
People in Community under Residence Determination ³	410	309	512	1231	+ 80

¹ Immigration detention as set out under s 189 or s 249 of the *Migration Act 1958*.

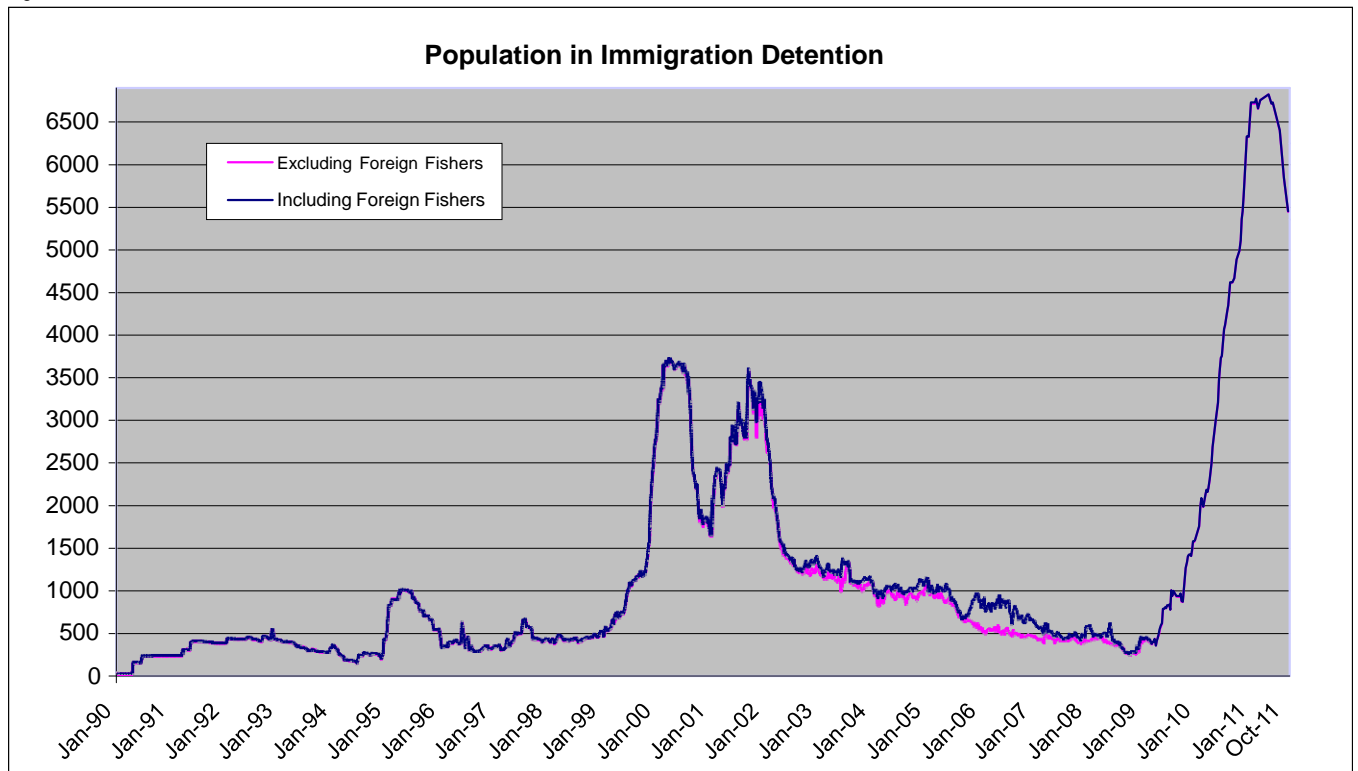
² Includes detention in the community in private houses / correctional facilities / watch houses / hotels / apartments / foster care / hospitals with a person designated under the Act.

³ Residence determination as set out in the 197AB of the *Migration Act 1958*.

Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to October 2011.

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

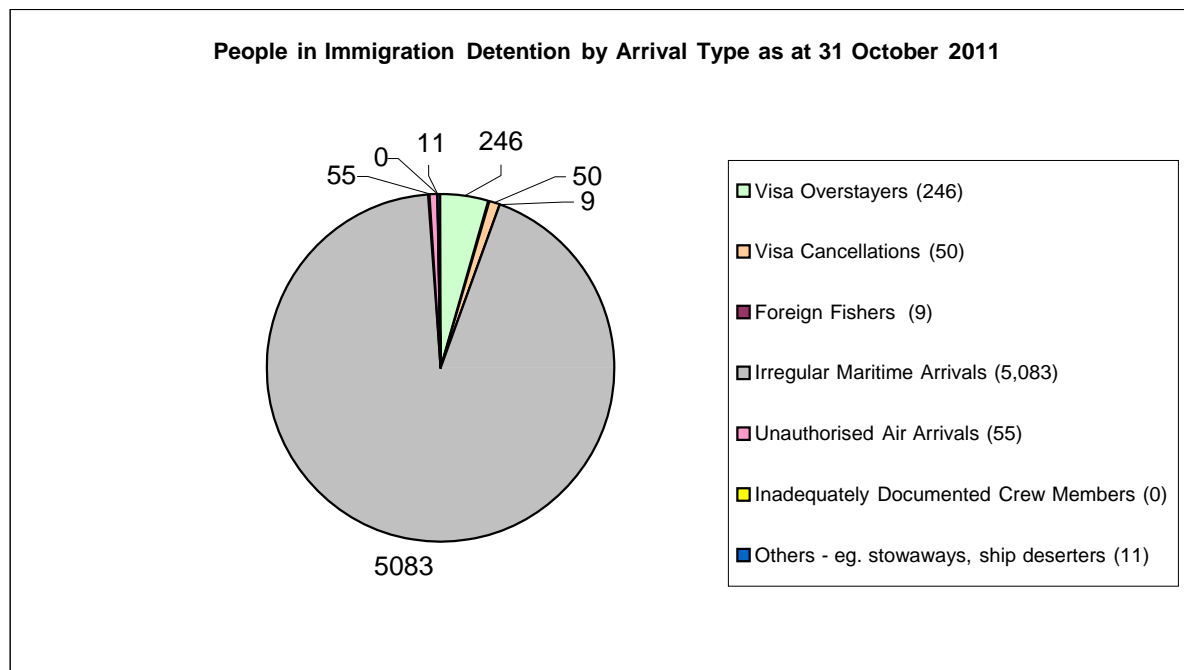
Figure 2



People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 31 October 2011 was 5138, representing about 94 per cent of the total immigration detention population. There were also 296 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 conditions, resulting in visa cancellation.

Figure 3



People in Immigration Detention by Nationality

Of the 4223 people in immigration detention in DIAC facilities and other places of detention as at 31 October 2011, around 29% were Afghan nationals, 26% were Iranian nationals and 10% were Sri Lankan nationals.

Figure 4

People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention as at 31 October 2011					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Afghanistan	14	1119	4	109	1246
Iran	134	849	43	69	1095
Sri Lanka	11	402	7	4	424
Indonesia	2	342		32	376
Iraq	8	170	3	11	192
China, Peoples Republic Of	44	100			144
Pakistan	3	82	1	7	93
Vietnam	8	36	19	27	90
Burma		47		1	48
Syria		21		1	22
Other	48	413	9	23	493
Total	272	3581	86	284	4223

Of the 1231 people in the community under residence determinations as at 31 October 2011, around 34% were Iranian nationals, 18% were Sri Lankan nationals and 14% were Afghan nationals.

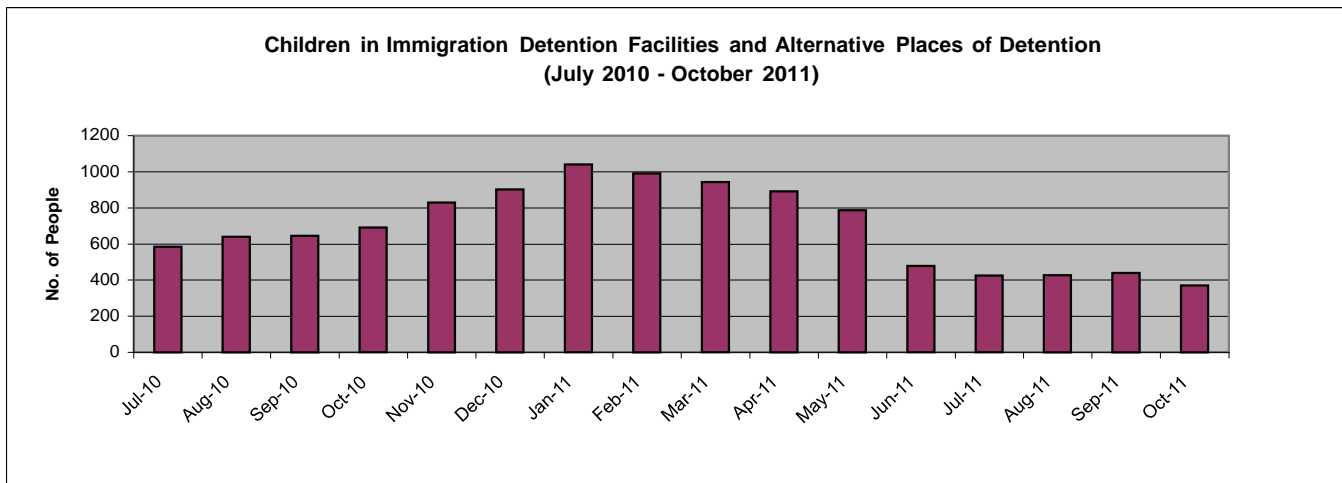
Figure 5

People in Community under Residence Determination as at 31 October 2011					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Female	Male	Female	Male	
Iran	127	152	56	82	417
Sri Lanka	70	68	38	47	223
Afghanistan	13	41	5	116	175
Iraq	29	53	21	36	139
Vietnam	4	8	7	7	26
Other	66	88	36	61	251
Total	309	410	163	349	1231

Children in Immigration Detention

As at 31 October 2011, there were 370 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: Other Places of Detention are Immigration Residential Housing, Immigration Transit Accommodation and Alternative Places of Detention.

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

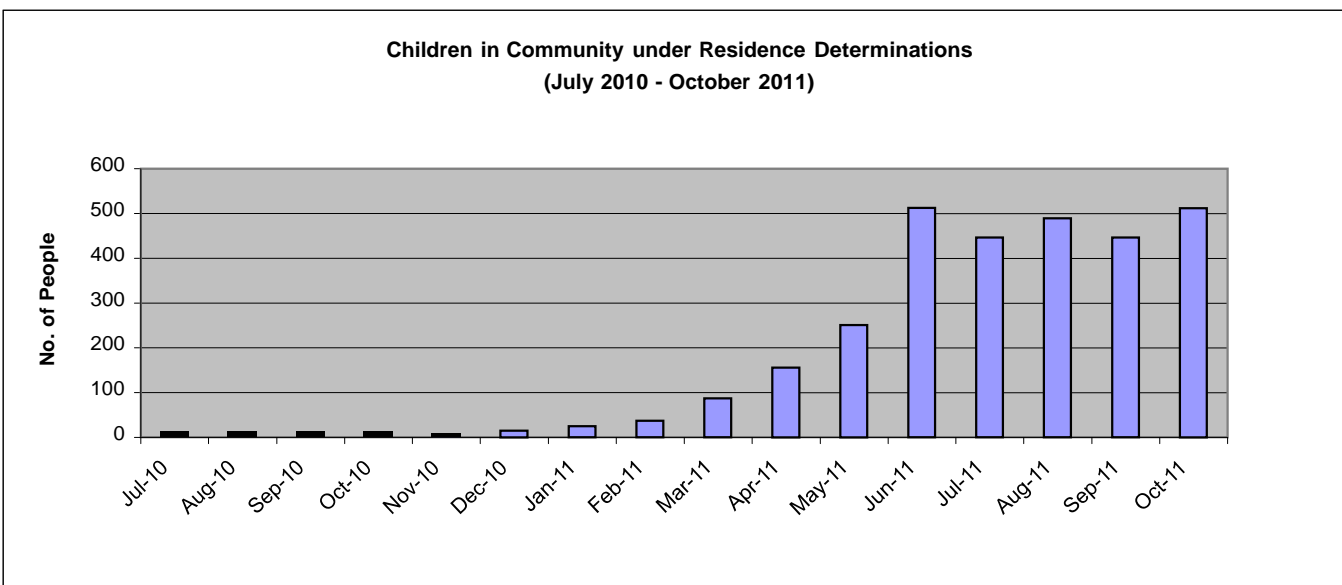


Figure 8

Children in Immigration Detention as at 31 October 2011	
Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	41
Immigration Transit Accommodation	3
Alternative Places of Detention	326
Total	370

Children in Community Residence Determination	512
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Time in Detention

Of the 5454 people in immigration detention as at 31 October 2011, 3344 or 61% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Figure 9

Length of Time in Detention as at 31 October 2011		
Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	67	1.2%
8 days - 31 days	332	6.1%
32 days - 91 days	771	14.1%
92 days - 182 days	784	14.4%
183 days - 365 days	1390	25.5%
366 days - 547 days	1346	24.7%
548 days - 730 days	678	12.4%
Greater than 730 days	86	1.6%
Total	5454	100%