

IMMIGRATION DETENTION STATISTICS SUMMARY

Community and Detention Services Division, DIAC - As at 12 March 2010

As at 12 March 2010, there were 2307 people in immigration detention, including 437 in immigration detention on the mainland and 1870 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

Of the 437 people in immigration detention on the mainland, 73 were children (aged under 18 years) - six were detained in the community under residence determinations, 15 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, eight were in immigration residential housing and 44 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Of the 1870 people in immigration detention on Christmas Island, 155 were children (aged under 18 years) - three were detained in the community under residence determinations and 152 were in alternative temporary detention in the community.

Figure 1

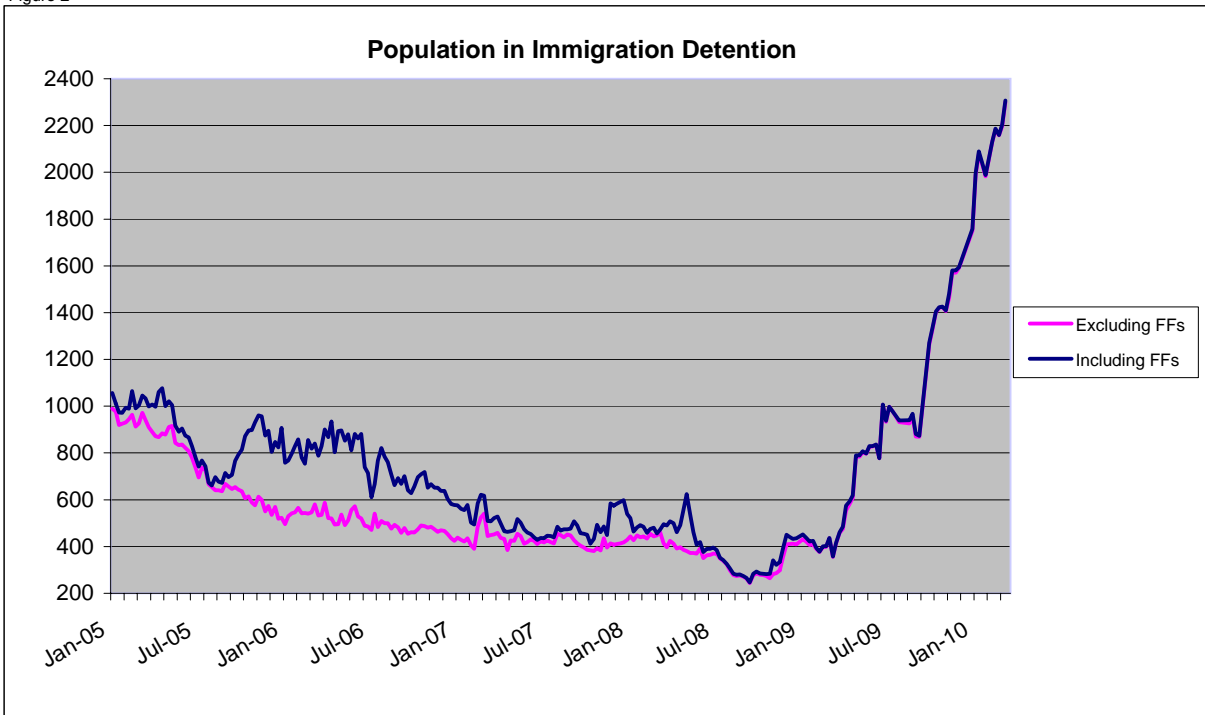
Place of immigration detention ¹	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from 5/03/10
Villawood IDC	113	19		132	- 13
Northern IDC (Darwin)	48			48	+ 7
Maribyrnong IDC	42	13		55	+ 14
Perth IDC	30			30	+ 1
Christmas Island IDC	1546			1546	+ 42
Total in IDCs	1779	32	0	1811	+ 51
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	15	3	2	20	- 3
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	8	3	6	17	+ 5
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	11	14	14	39	+ 16
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	6	7	30	43	+ 11
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	40	27	52	119	+ 29
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)	18		15	33	+ 4
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community (Christmas Island)	118	47	152	317	+ 20
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port				0	- 1
Total	1970	109	228	2307	+ 103

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.

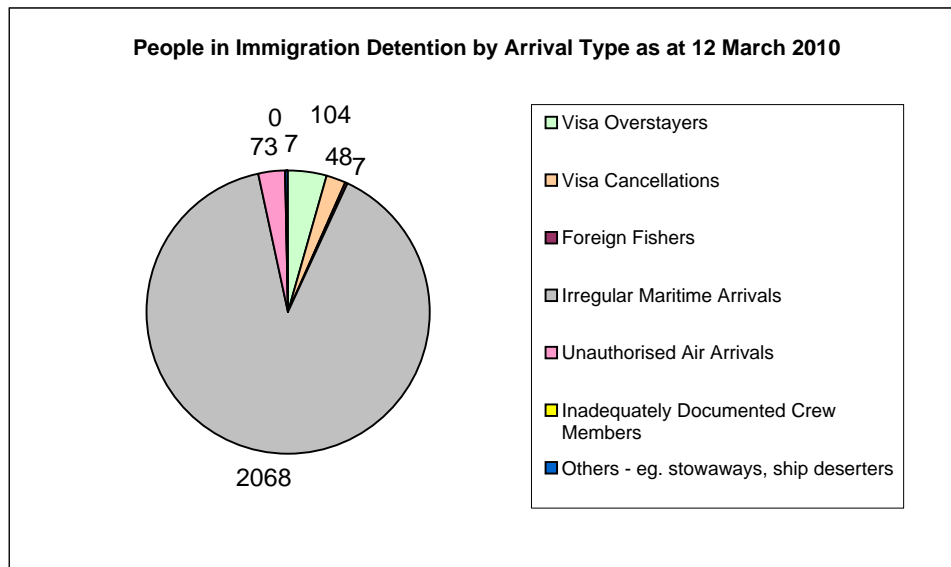
³ Includes detention in the community in private houses / correctional facilities / watch houses / hotels / apartments / foster care / hospitals with a person designated under the Act.

Figure 2



The following pie chart shows that as at 12 March 2010 there were 152 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 12 March 2010 was 2141, representing about 93 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

Figure 3



The following pie chart shows that as at 12 March 2010 there were 1219 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 25 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 986 undergoing RSA processing.

Figure 4

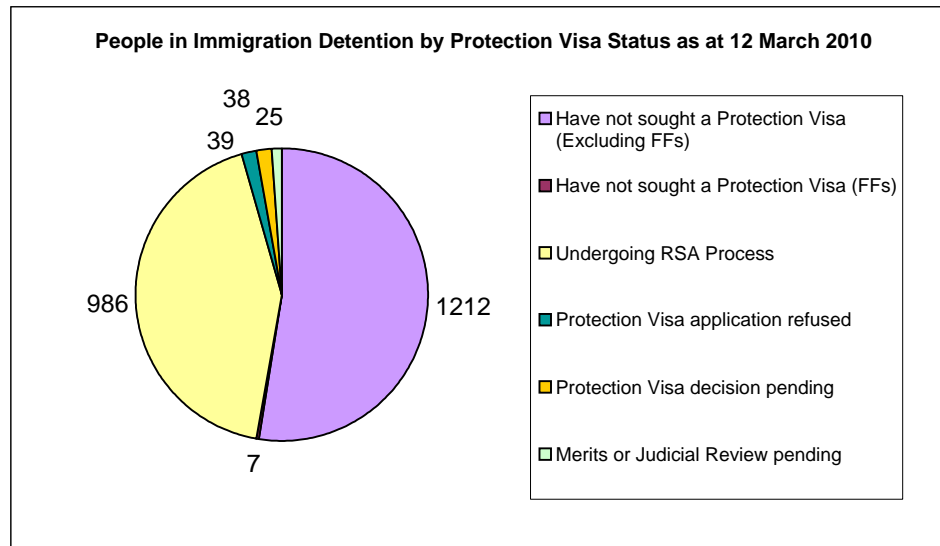


Figure 5

Location of people in immigration detention as at 12 March 2010	
	No. of People as at Midnight Census
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding Christmas Island)	263
Christmas Island IDC	1546
Total in Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FFs)	1809
Alternative Detention (excluding FF)	
Immigration Residential Housing	37
Immigration Transit Accommodation	82
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	345
Restricted on Board Vessels in Ports	0
Total in Alternative Temporary Detention Arrangements	464
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	2
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	5
Total FFs	7
TOTAL IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION	2307

Figure 6

People in immigration detention by nationality as at 12 March 2010					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Afghanistan	785	29	104	17	935
Sri Lanka	549	15	12	7	583
Iraq	163	14	20	14	211
Indonesia	84	1	23		108
Iran	73	7	7	3	90
China, Peoples Republic Of	69	20			89
Vietnam	14	3			17
Burma	13		1		14
Malaysia	11	3			14
Palestinian Authority	5	2	6	1	14
Other	204	15	9	4	232
Total	1970	109	182	46	2307

Figure 7

Children in immigration detention as at 12 March 2010	
Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	8
Immigration Transit Accommodation	44
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	167
Community Detention	9
Total	228

As at 12 March 2010, there were 228 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention. Nine were detained in the community under residence determinations, 167 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, eight were in immigration residential housing and 44 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Figure 8

Length of time in detention as at 12 March 2010		
Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	198	8.6%
1 week - 1 month	390	16.9%
1 month - 3 months	887	38.4%
3 months - 6 months	574	24.9%
6 months - 12 months	218	9.4%
12 months - 18 months	15	0.7%
18 months - 2 years	7	0.3%
Greater than 2 years	18	0.8%
Total	2307	100%

Of the 2307 people in immigration detention as at 12 March 2010, 1475 had been detained for less than three months.