

IMMIGRATION DETENTION STATISTICS SUMMARY

Community and Detention Services Division, DIAC - As at 26 March 2010

As at 26 March 2010, there were 2505 people in immigration detention, including 537 in immigration detention on the mainland and 1968 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

Of the 537 people in immigration detention on the mainland, 123 were children (aged under 18 years) - six were detained in the community under residence determinations, 20 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, 13 were in immigration residential housing and 84 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Of the 1968 people in immigration detention on Christmas Island, 122 were children (aged under 18 years) - three were detained in the community under residence determinations and 119 were in alternative temporary detention in the community.

Figure 1

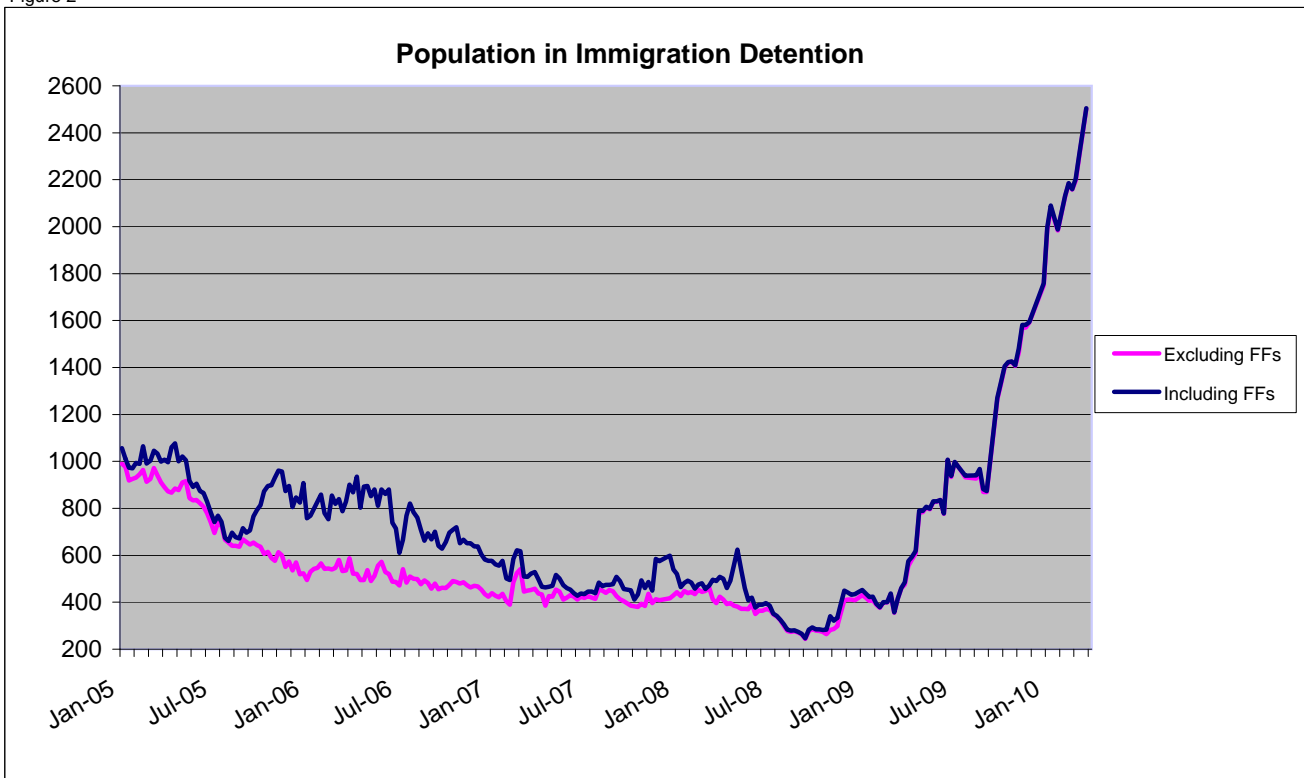
Place of immigration detention ¹	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from 12/03/10
Villawood IDC	118	17		135	+ 3
Northern IDC (Darwin)	63			63	+ 15
Maribyrnong IDC	50	17		67	+ 12
Perth IDC	49			49	+ 19
Christmas Island IDC	1577			1577	+ 31
Total in IDCs	1857	34	0	1891	+ 80
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	15	2	2	19	- 1
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	5	4	11	20	+ 3
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	14	16	41	71	+ 32
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	6	5	43	54	+ 11
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	40	27	97	164	+ 45
Community Detention ² (Mainland)	12	1	6	19	- 1
Community Detention (Christmas Island)	2	2	3	7	0
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community ³ (Mainland)	18	1	20	39	+ 6
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community (Christmas Island)	197	68	119	384	+ 67
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port	1			1	+ 1
Total	2127	133	245	2505	+ 198

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.

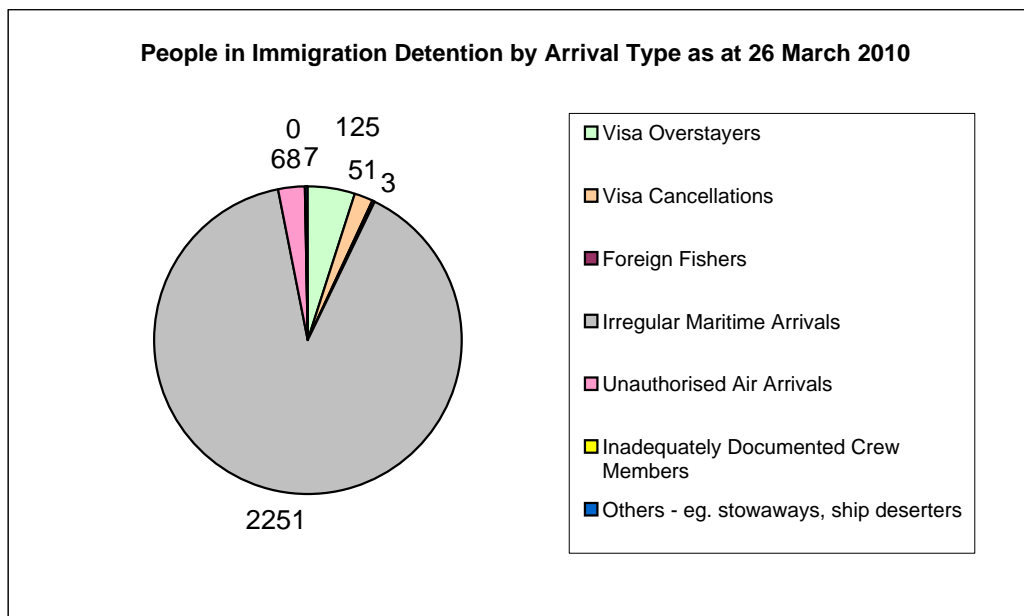
³ Includes detention in the community in private houses / correctional facilities / watch houses / hotels / apartments / foster care / hospitals with a person designated under the Act.

Figure 2



The following pie chart shows that as at 26 March 2010 there were 176 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 26 March 2010 was 2319, representing about 93 per cent of the total immigration detention population.

Figure 3



The following pie chart shows that as at 26 March 2010 there were 1318 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 37 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 31 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 38 people who had their protection visa application refused and 1081 undergoing RSA processing.

Figure 4

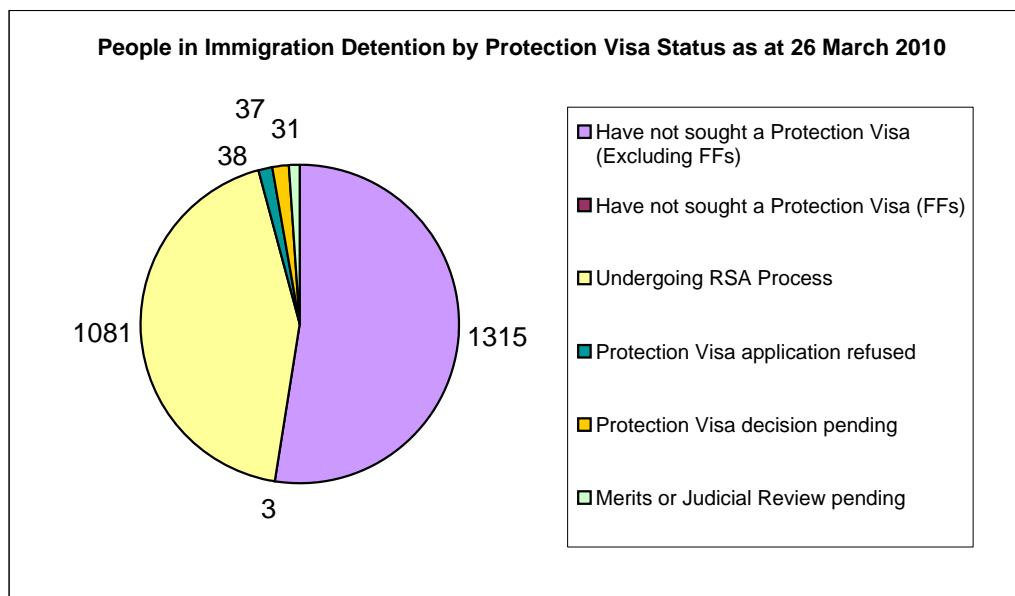


Figure 5

Location of people in immigration detention as at 26 March 2010	
	No. of People as at Midnight Census
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres (excluding Christmas Island)	314
Christmas Island IDC	1577
Total in Immigration Detention Centres (excluding FFs)	1891
Alternative Detention (excluding FF)	
Immigration Residential Housing	39
Immigration Transit Accommodation	125
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	420
Restricted on Board Vessels in Ports	1
Total in Alternative Temporary Detention Arrangements	585
Community Detention	
Community Detention (excluding Christmas Island)	19
Community Detention, Christmas Island	7
Total in Community Detention Arrangements	26
Foreign Fishers (FF)	
Immigration Detention Centres	0
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	3
Total FFs	3
TOTAL IN IMMIGRATION DETENTION	2505

Figure 6

People in immigration detention by nationality as at 26 March 2010					
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Afghanistan	843	27	106	16	992
Sri Lanka	615	27	16	13	671
Iraq	162	16	20	16	214
China, Peoples Republic Of	83	29			112
Indonesia	85		22		107
Iran	76	12	9	4	101
Burma	36		1		37
Vietnam	13	3			16
Palestinian Authority	5	2	6	1	14
Nigeria	10		2		12
Other	199	17	8	5	229
Total	2127	133	190	55	2505

Figure 7

Children in immigration detention as at 26 March 2010	
Type	Total
Immigration Residential Housing	13
Immigration Transit Accommodation	84
Alternative Temporary Detention in the Community	139
Community Detention	9
Total	245

As at 26 March 2010, there were 245 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention. Nine were detained in the community under residence determinations, 139 were in alternative temporary detention in the community, 13 were in immigration residential housing and 84 were in immigration transit accommodation.

Figure 8

Length of time in detention as at 26 March 2010		
Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	188	7.5%
1 week - 1 month	564	22.5%
1 month - 3 months	894	35.7%
3 months - 6 months	447	17.8%
6 months - 12 months	364	14.5%
12 months - 18 months	23	0.9%
18 months - 2 years	6	0.2%
Greater than 2 years	19	0.8%
Total	2505	100%

Of the 2505 people in immigration detention as at 26 March 2010, 1646 had been detained for less than three months.