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Immigration Detention and Community 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

As at: 31 August 2013

There were 8732 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention, including 6173 in immigration detention on the mainland and 2559 in immigration detention on Christmas Island as at 31 August 2013.

Separately, 2739 people have been approved for a residence determination to live in the community.

Table 1 –People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention (APOD)

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/07/2013
Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre	1364			1364	+ 344
Curtin Immigration Detention Centre	1064			1064	- 270
Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre	78	16		94	- 8
Northern Immigration Detention Centre (Darwin)	304			304	- 113
Perth Immigration Detention Centre	40	2		42	+ 12
Scherger Immigration Detention Centre	345			345	- 52
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre	373	71		444	+ 7
Wickham Point Immigration Detention Centre	362			362	- 221
Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre	589			589	- 49
Total in Immigration Detention Centres	4519	89		4608	- 350
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	3	3	5	11	+ 3
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	20	24	29	73	+ 9
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	7	10	21	38	+ 5
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	12	2		14	+ 3
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	22	19	19	60	- 18
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	156	95	88	339	- 11
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	220	153	162	535	- 9
Alternative Places of Detention (Christmas Island and Cocos Keeling Island)	324	426	445	1195	- 1018
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	549	709	1136	2394	- 92
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port					0
Total Facility and APOD	5612	1377	1743	8732	- 1469
Total Community under Residence Determination	769	577	1393	2739	- 34
Total Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)	17926	1895	1543	21364	

Community Detention Population by State/Territory

Of the 2739 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 39% are situated in Victoria, 20% in Queensland, 18% in New South Wales, 10% in South Australia, 9% in Western Australia, 2% in the Australian Capital Territory, and 1% in Tasmania.

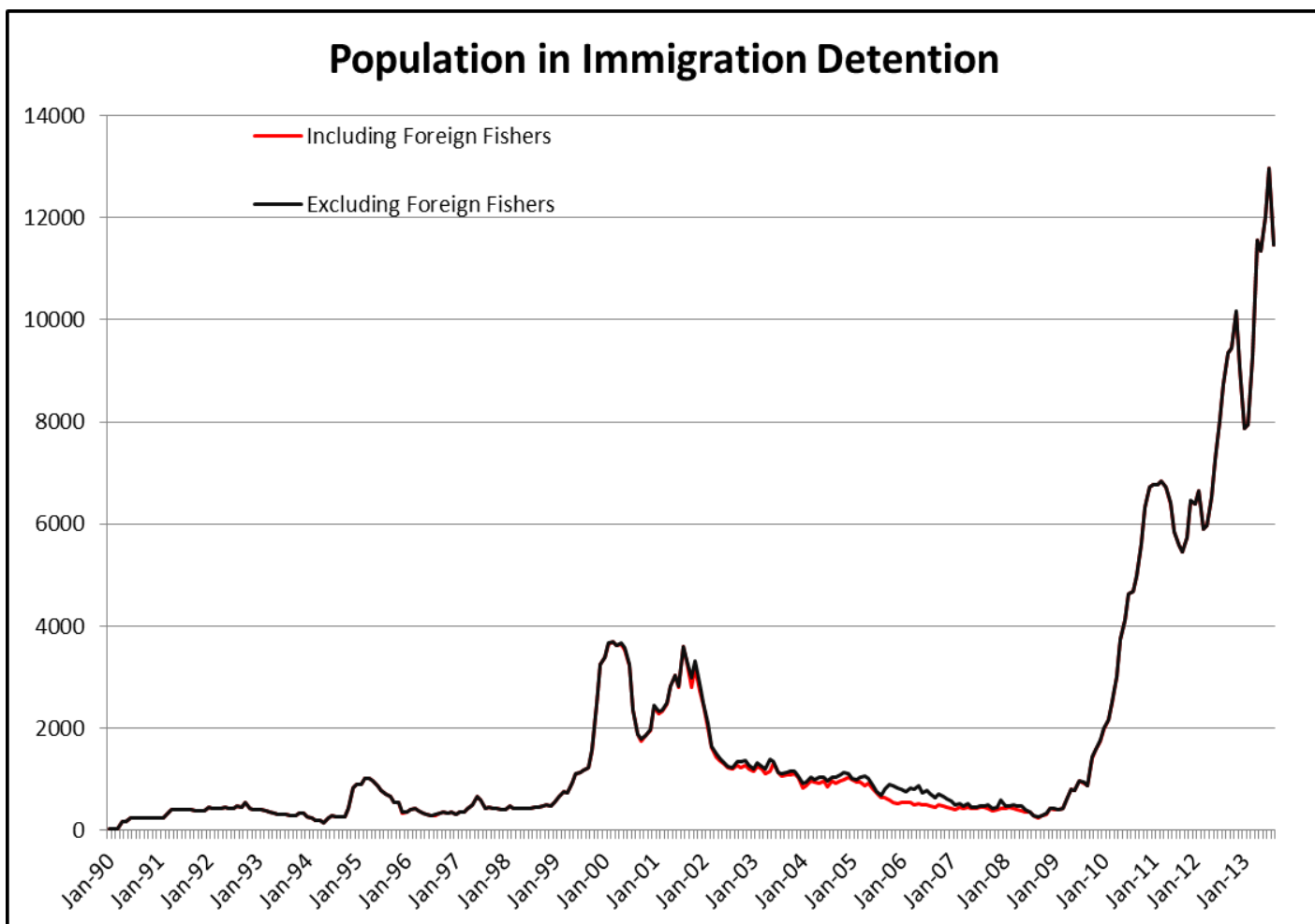
Table 2: Community Detention Population by State/Territory

State	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
ACT	10	8	19	5	42
NSW	166	105	147	85	503
QLD	150	120	196	93	559
SA	70	53	96	52	271
TAS	10	8	10	3	31
VIC	292	225	396	168	1081
WA	71	58	81	42	252
Total	769	577	945	448	2739

Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to 31 August 2013

The number of people in immigration detention month to month continues to fluctuate, predominantly due to the changing pattern of unauthorised maritime arrivals. The number of unauthorised maritime arrivals in August 2013 were down compared to the previous month.

Figure 1 - Population in Immigration Detention

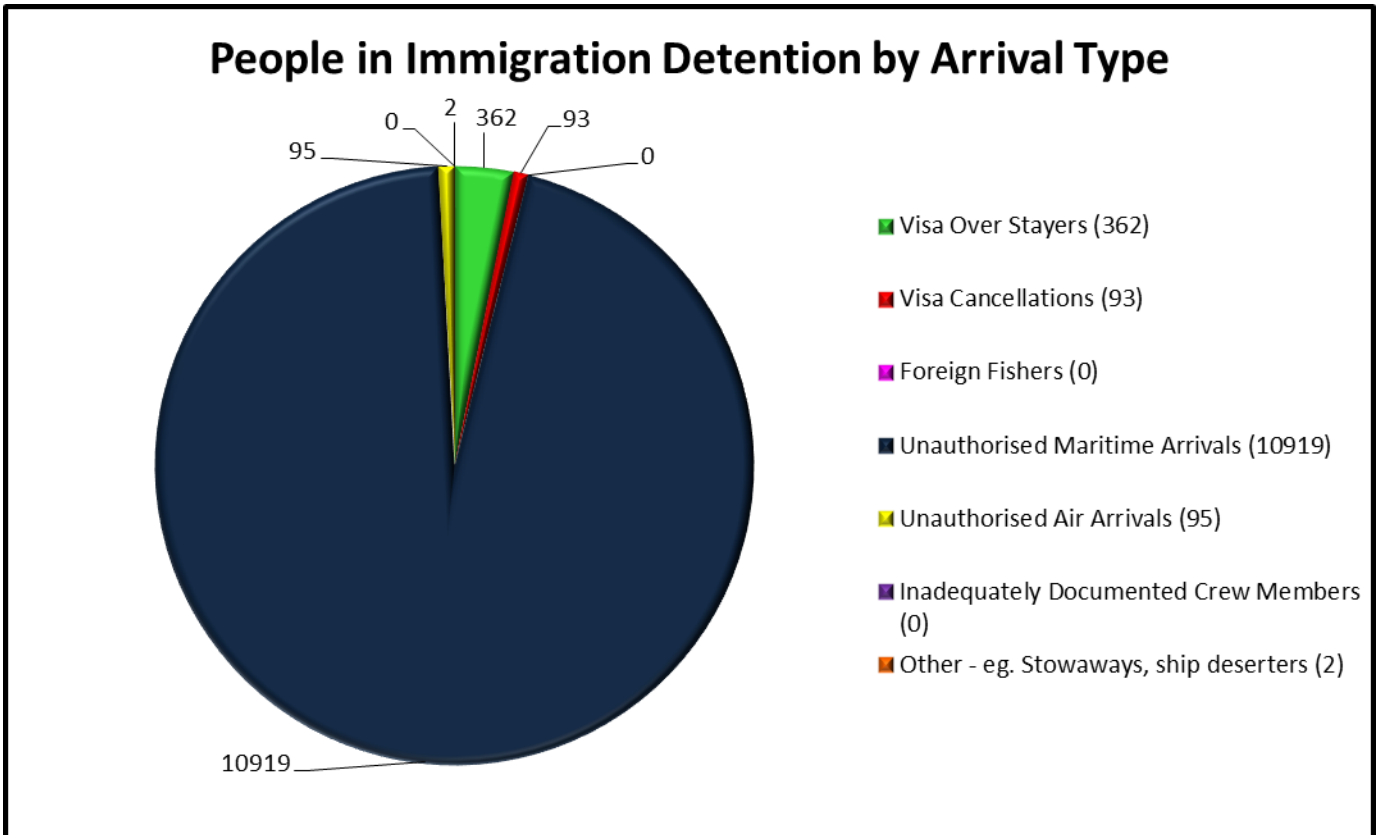


People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention, who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 31 August 2013 was 11,016. This represents about 96% of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 455 people (about 4% of the total immigration population) who arrived in Australia lawfully and were subsequently taken into immigration detention for either overstaying or breaching their visa conditions, resulting in visa cancellations.

Figure 2 - People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type



People in Immigration Detention by Nationality

Of the 8732 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 31 August 2013 around 32% were Iranian nationals, 14% were Sri Lankan nationals, 9% were Vietnamese nationals, 8% were Afghan nationals and 7% were Pakistani nationals.

Table 3 - People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention as at 31 August 2013

Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	1566	663	331	226	2786
Sri Lanka	715	201	190	123	1229
Vietnam	498	96	110	50	754
Afghanistan	485	15	194	19	713
Pakistan	567	15	38	7	627
Iraq	284	38	44	25	391
Indonesia	218	13	10	2	243
China, Peoples Republic Of	113	42			155
Bangladesh	114	1			115
Myanmar	30	6	9	11	56
Other	1022	287	203	151	1663
Total	5612	1377	1129	614	8732

Of the 2739 people approved to live in the community under residence determination, as at 31 August 2013 around 30% were Iranian nationals, 23% were Sri Lankan nationals, 16% were Afghan nationals and 7% were Iraqi nationals.

Table 4 - People in the community under Residence Determination as at 31 August 2013

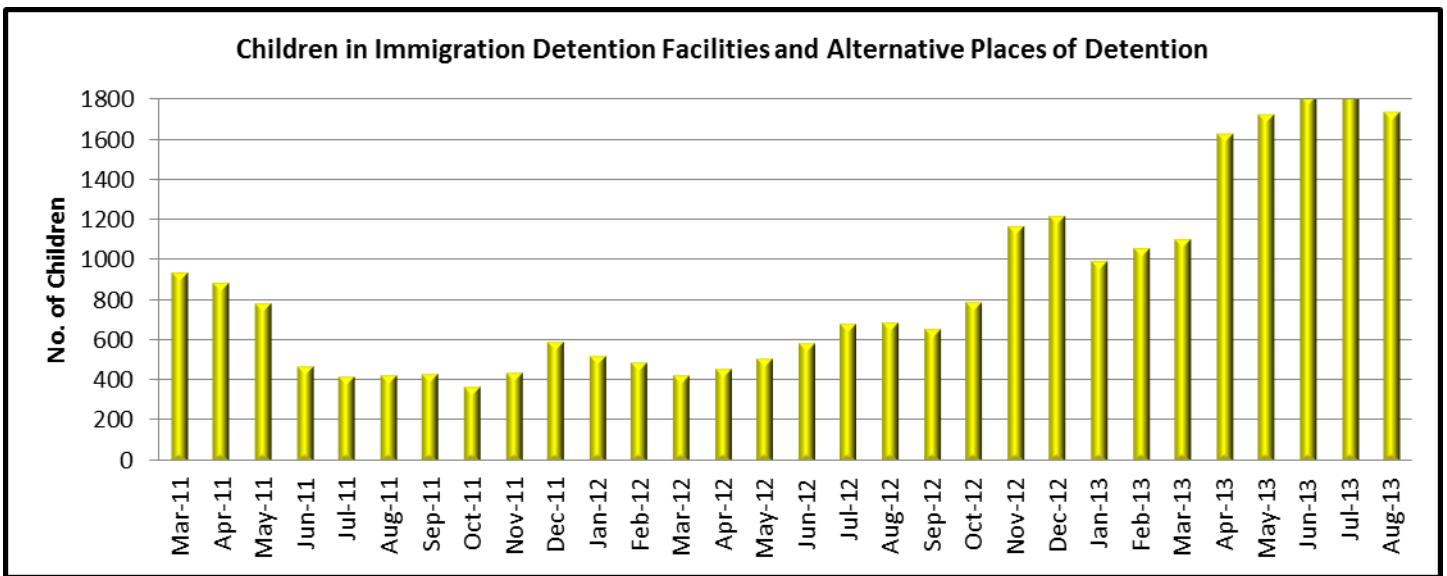
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	259	237	176	144	816
Sri Lanka	196	128	193	103	620
Afghanistan	83	33	300	28	444
Iraq	70	38	56	33	197
Palestinian Authority	14	20	19	23	76
Other	147	121	201	117	586
Total	769	577	945	448	2739

Children in Immigration Detention

As at 31 August 2013 there were 1743 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention.

The increase in the number of children in detention facilities in April and June 2013 was due to a rapid increase in irregular maritime arrivals during this period. The number of children in immigration detention facilities reduced in August as children completed mandatory processing and were transferred into the community.

Figure 3 - Children in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention



The number of children approved to live in the community under a residence determination has been maintained at a high level with a slight increase in August 2013 to 1393 children.

Figure 4 - Children in the Community under a Residence Determination

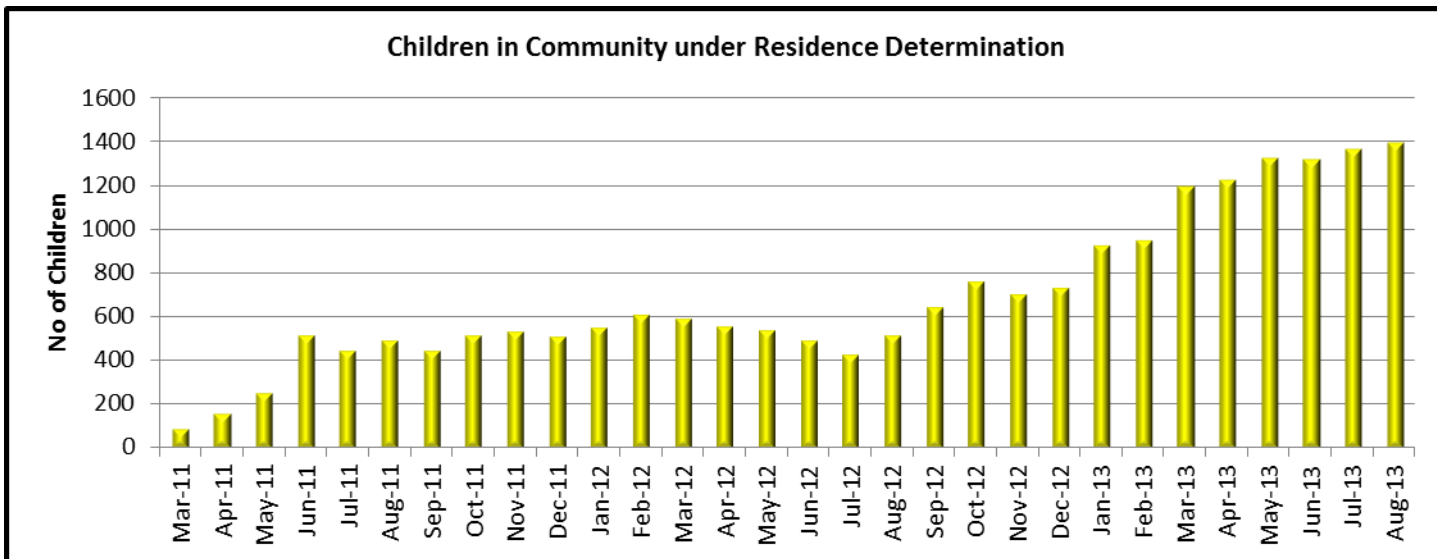


Table 5 - Children in Immigration Detention as at 31 August 2013

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	55
Immigration Transit Accommodation	107
Alternative Places of Detention	1581
Total Facility and APOD	1743
Total in community under a Residence Determination	1393
Total in the community on a Bridging Visa E (including people in a re-grant process)	1543

Time in Held Immigration Detention

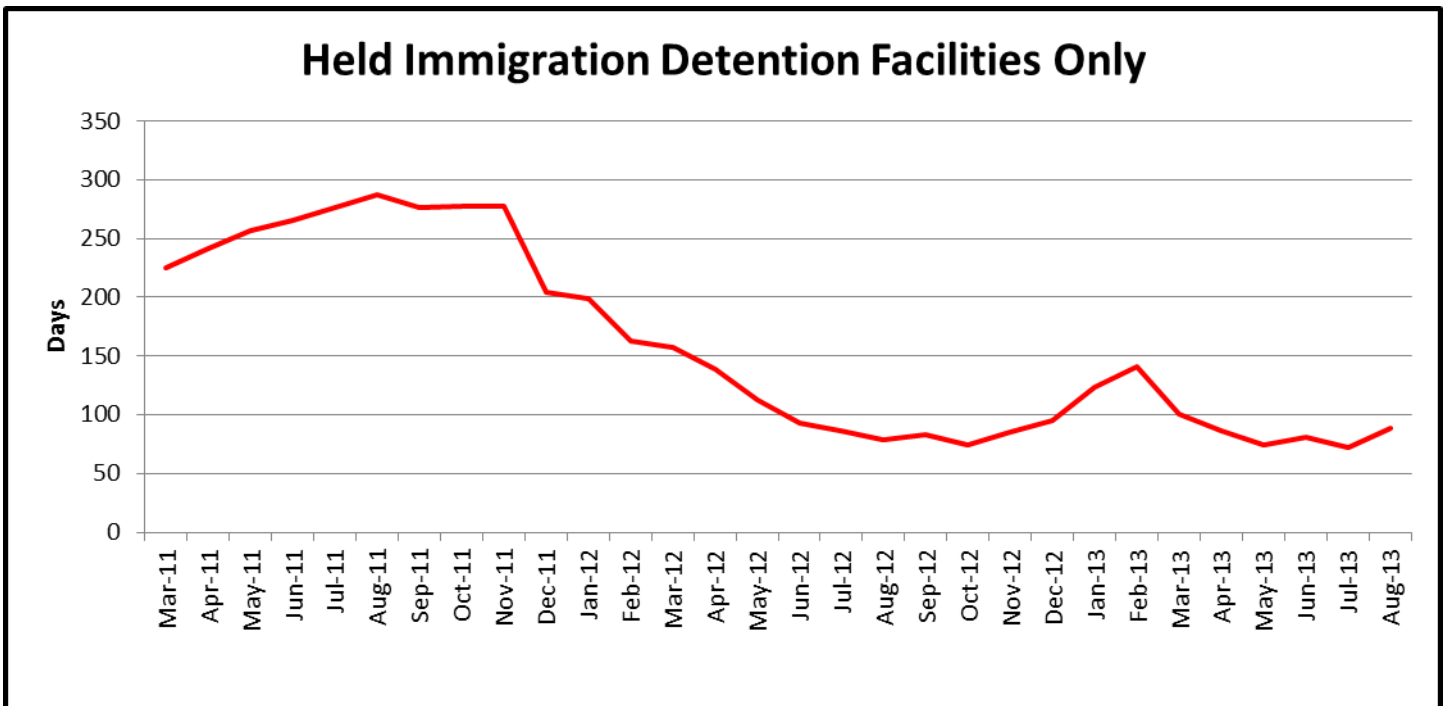
Of the 8732 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 31 August 2013 around 74% had been detained for 3 months or less and 97% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Table 6 - Length of time in held immigration detention as at 31 August 2013

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	250	3
8 days - 31 days	1789	20
32 days - 91 days	4409	50
92 days - 182 days	1675	19
183 days - 365 days	367	4
366 days - 547 days	103	1
548 days - 730 days	20	0
Greater than 730 days	119	1
Total	8732	100

The average period of time for people held in immigration detention facilities has significantly decreased from 277 days in November 2011 to 89 days as at 31 August 2013.

Figure 5 - Average days in held immigration detention facilities only



Time in Community Detention

Of the 2739 people in Community Detention as at 31 August 2013 around 1% had been detained for three months or less and 59% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Table 7 – People in Community Detention by Length of Time in Detention

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	0	0
8 days - 31 days	5	<1%
32 days - 91 days	33	1
92 days - 182 days	200	7
183 days - 365 days	1381	50
366 days - 547 days	683	25
548 days - 730 days	106	4
Greater than 730 days	331	12
Total	2739	100

The time in detention is cumulative and includes periods in detention facilities and community detention.