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# Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

31 March 2014



## About this report

This report provides an overview of the number of people in immigration detention and Offshore Processing Centres 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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<http://www.immi.gov.au/About/Pages/detention/about-immigration-detention.aspx>

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**See:** <http://www.immi.gov.au/managing-australias-borders/detention/visiting/enquiries-feedback.htm>

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## Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

As at 31 March 2014, there were 4484 people in immigration detention facilities, including 2946 in immigration detention on the mainland and 1538 in immigration detention on Christmas Island.

A further 3101 people were living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 24208 were living in the community after grant of a Bridging Visa E.

**Table 1 – People in Immigration Detention Facilities, Alternative Places of Detention (APOD), Offshore Processing Centres and the Community**

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 28/02/2014
Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre	864			<b>864</b>	- 59
Curtin Immigration Detention Centre	251			<b>251</b>	- 83
Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre	91	4		<b>95</b>	- 1
Northern Immigration Detention Centre (Darwin)	61			<b>61</b>	- 3
Perth Immigration Detention Centre	47	15		<b>62</b>	+ 9
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre	393	69		<b>462</b>	+ 16
Wickham Point Immigration Detention Centre	151			<b>151</b>	+ 7
Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre	362	8		<b>370</b>	+ 11
Alternative Places of Detention (Christmas Island and Cocos Keeling Island)	160	209	305	<b>674</b>	- 120
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	273	325	449	<b>1047</b>	- 9
<b>Total Immigration Detention Centres/APODs</b>	<b>2653</b>	<b>630</b>	<b>754</b>	<b>4037</b>	<b>- 232</b>
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	3	5	10	<b>18</b>	- 8
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	7	8	17	<b>32</b>	- 3
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	17	5		<b>22</b>	+ 2
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	44	18	16	<b>78</b>	+ 3
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	125	74	98	<b>297</b>	+ 23
<b>Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation</b>	<b>196</b>	<b>110</b>	<b>141</b>	<b>447</b>	<b>+ 17</b>
<b>Total Facility</b>	<b>2849</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>895</b>	<b>4484</b>	<b>- 215</b>
<b>Total Community under Residence Determination</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>1560</b>	<b>3101</b>	<b>+ 9</b>
<b>Total Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)</b>	<b>20105</b>	<b>2282</b>	<b>1821</b>	<b>24208</b>	<b>+ 229</b>

Offshore Processing Centres	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 28/02/2014
Republic of Nauru	665	313	179	1157	+ 50
Manus Province, Papua New Guinea	1296			1296	- 29
<b>Total Offshore Processing Centres</b>	<b>1961</b>	<b>313</b>	<b>179</b>	<b>2453</b>	<b>+ 21</b>

## Community Population by State/Territory

Of the 3101 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 42% are in Victoria, 20% in Queensland, 17% in New South Wales, 9% in South Australia, 9% in Western Australia, 2% in Tasmania and 1% in the Australian Capital Territory.

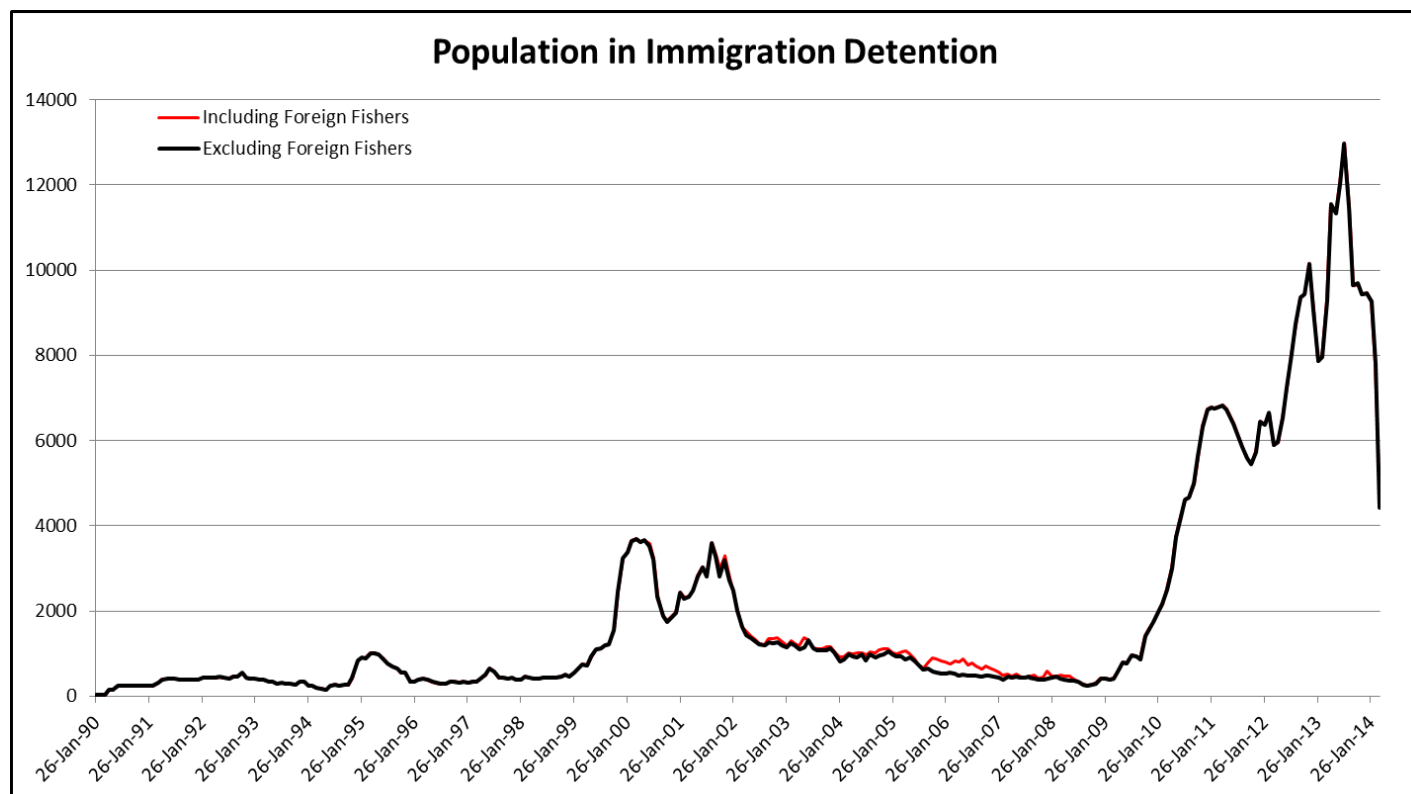
**Table 2: Community Detention Population by State/Territory**

State/Territory	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
VIC	366	282	423	228	1299
QLD	168	138	194	112	612
NSW	161	114	162	98	535
SA	70	58	86	62	276
WA	78	61	90	38	267
TAS	13	9	34	4	60
ACT	15	8	24	5	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>1013</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>3101</b>

## Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to 31 March 2014

The number of people in immigration detention continues to fluctuate month to month, as a result of releases into the community as well as transfers to Offshore Processing Centres.

**Figure 1 - Population in Immigration Detention**

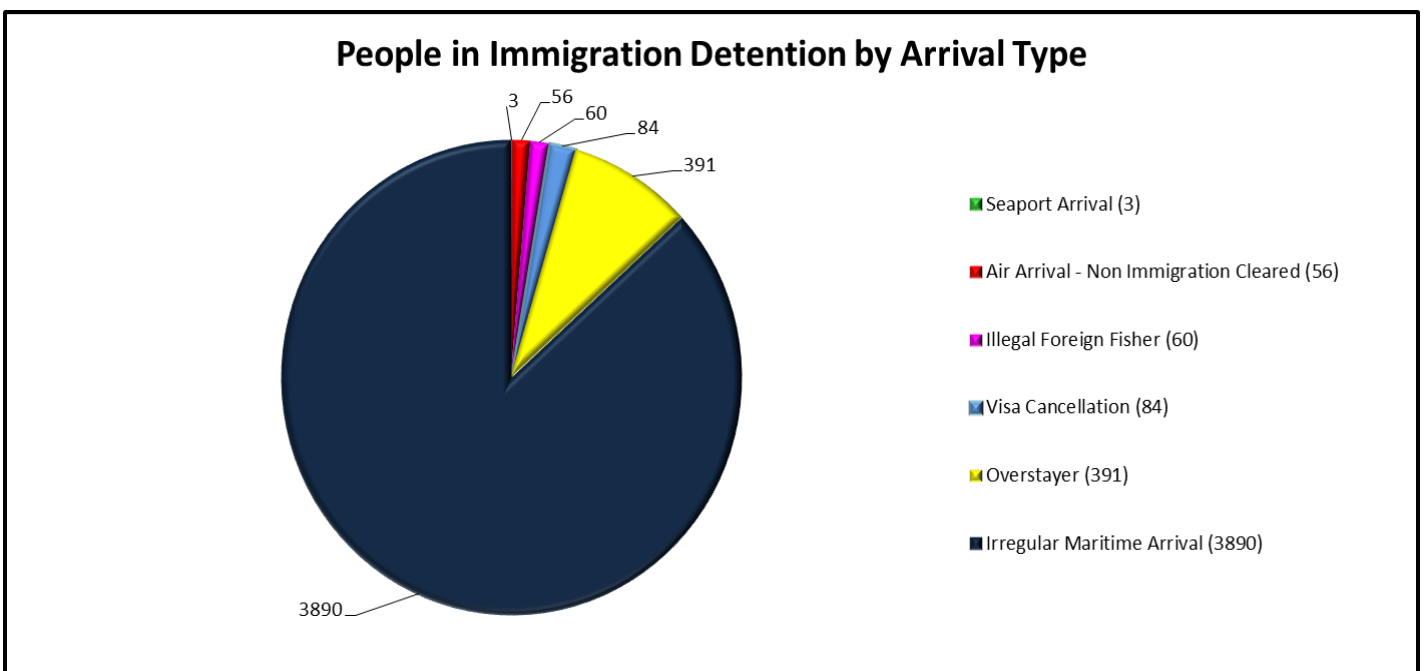


## People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention, who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 31 March 2014 was 4009, representing approximately 89% of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 475 people (about 11% of the total immigration population) who arrived in Australia lawfully and were subsequently taken into immigration detention and had visa cancellations for either over staying or breaching their visa conditions.

Figure 2 - People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type



## People in Immigration Detention by Nationality

As at 31 March 2014, there were 4484 people in immigration detention facilities. Of these 4484 people, around 27% were from Iran, 15% were from Vietnam, 13% were from Sri Lanka, 11% were Stateless and 5% were from Afghanistan.

**Table 3 - People in Immigration Detention Facilities as at 31 March 2014**

Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	652	253	175	112	1192
Vietnam	483	87	66	38	674
Sri Lanka	362	85	66	53	566
Stateless	238	77	85	84	484
Afghanistan	163	9	30	8	210
Iraq	118	25	29	20	192
Pakistan	159	10	10	6	185
China	107	34			141
Somalia	30	30	16	17	93
Other	537	130	37	43	747
<b>Total</b>	<b>2849</b>	<b>740</b>	<b>514</b>	<b>381</b>	<b>4484</b>

As at 31 March 2014, 3101 were people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination. Of these 3101 people, around 29% were from Iran, 25% were from Sri Lanka, 14% were Stateless and 13% were from Afghanistan.

**Table 4 - People in the community under Residence Determination as at 31 March 2014**

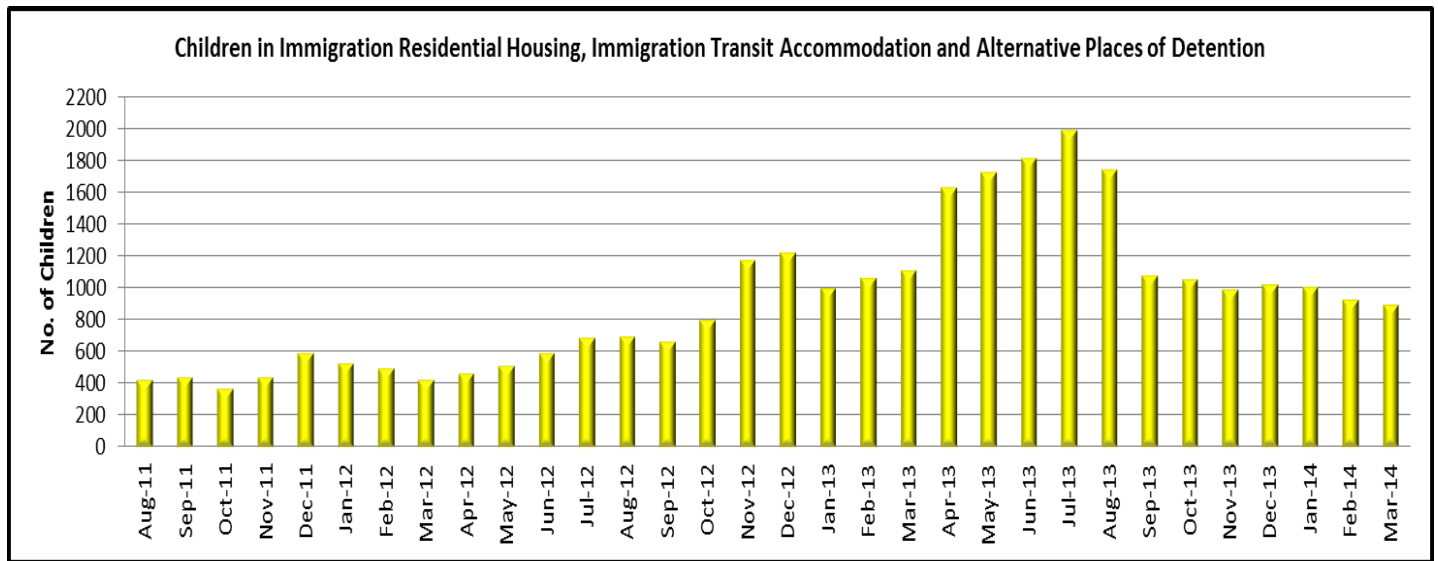
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	284	259	194	158	895
Sri Lanka	227	169	227	137	760
Stateless	115	90	130	85	420
Afghanistan	93	29	254	24	400
Iraq	75	43	62	41	221
Other	77	80	146	102	405
<b>Total</b>	<b>871</b>	<b>670</b>	<b>1013</b>	<b>547</b>	<b>3101</b>

## Children in Immigration Detention

As at 31 March 2014, there were 895 children (aged under 18 years) in Immigration Residential Housing, Immigration Transit Accommodation and Alternative Places of Detention.

The number of children in immigration facilities decreased in March, as children completed mandatory processing and were transferred into the community or to an Offshore Processing Centre as part of a family group.

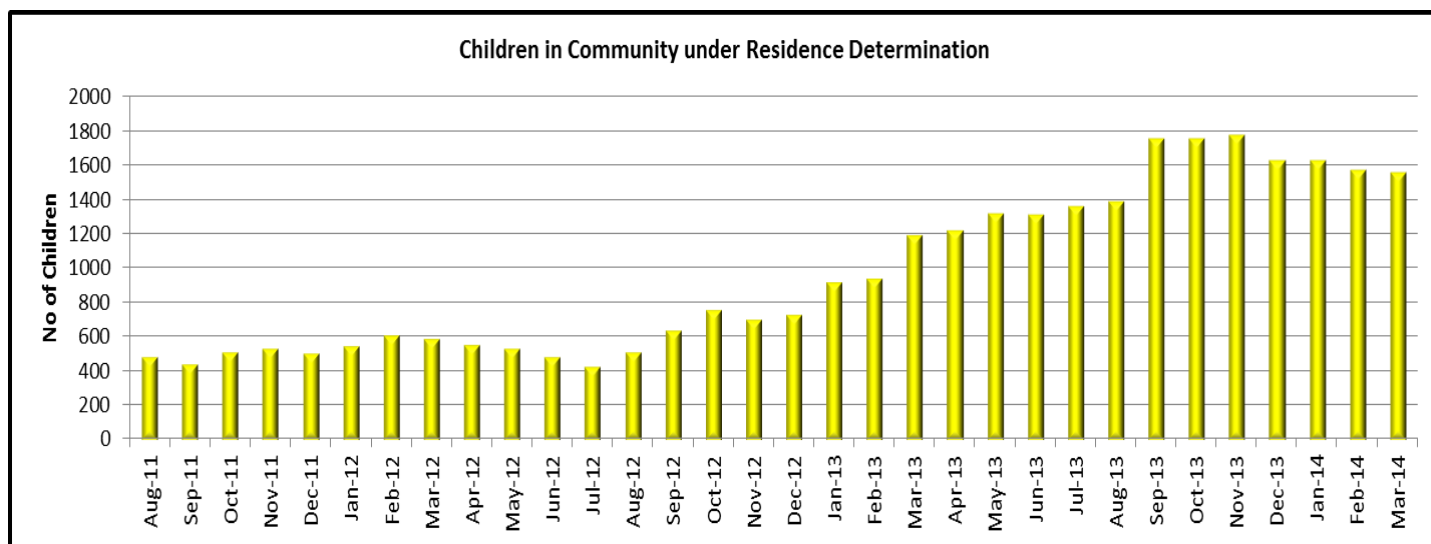
**Figure 3 - Children in Immigration Residential Housing, Immigration Transit Accommodation and Alternative Places of Detention**





The number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination slightly decreased in March 2014 to 1560 children.

**Figure 4 - Children in the Community under a Residence Determination**



**Table 5 - Children in Immigration Detention and in the Community as at 31 March 2014**

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	27
Immigration Transit Accommodation	114
Alternative Places of Detention	754
<b>Total Facility</b>	<b>895</b>
<b>Total in the Community under a Residence Determination</b>	<b>1560</b>
<b>Total in the Community on a Bridging Visa E (including people in a re-grant process)</b>	<b>1821</b>

## Time in Held Immigration Detention

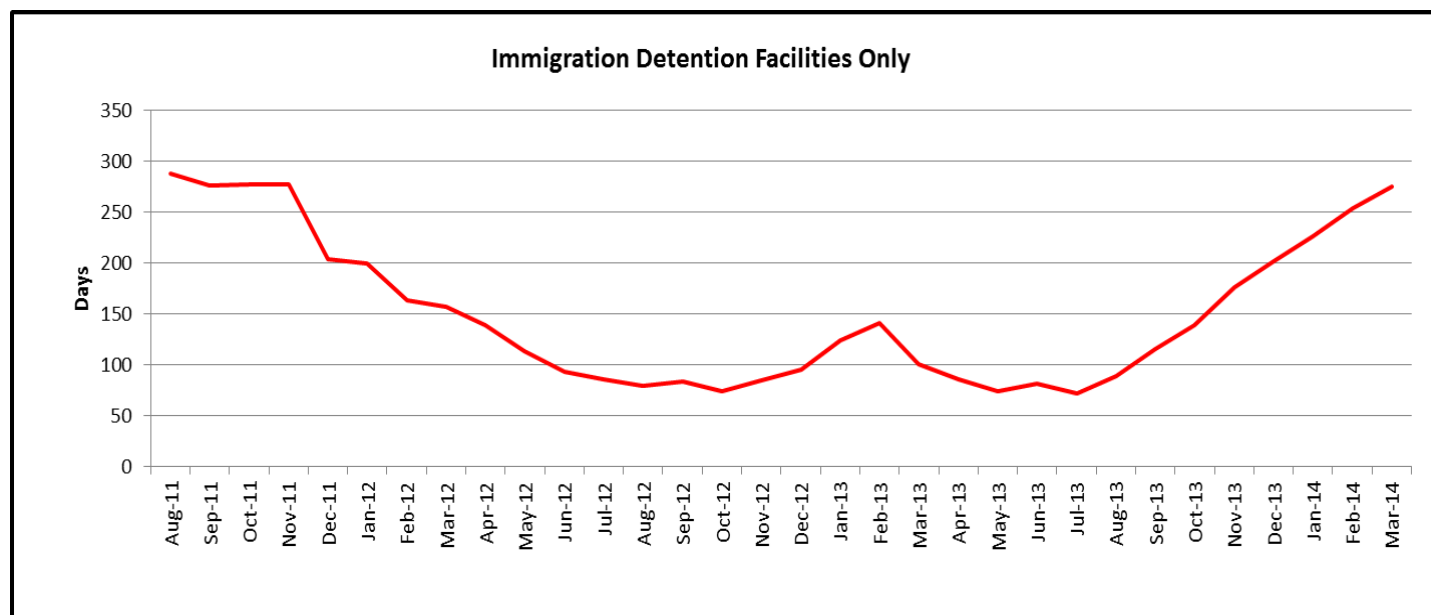
As at 31 March 2014, there were 4484 people in immigration detention facilities. Of these 4484, around 11% had been detained for 3 months or less and 89% had been detained for 12 months or less.

**Table 6 - Length of time in held immigration detention as at 31 March 2014**

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	91	2%
8 days - 31 days	210	5%
32 days - 91 days	171	4%
92 days - 182 days	394	9%
183 days - 365 days	3134	70%
366 days - 547 days	242	5%
548 days - 730 days	117	2%
Greater than 730 days	125	3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>4484</b>	<b>100%</b>

The average period of time for people held in detention facilities is steadily increasing to 275 days as at 31 March 2014.

**Figure 5 - Average days in held immigration detention facilities only**



## Time in Community Detention

Of the 3101 people in Community Detention, as at 31 March 2014, less than 2% had been detained under 3 months and 22% had been detained for 12 months or less. This includes the period detained in facilities prior to transferring to Community Detention.

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

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	1	< 0.5%
8 days - 31 days	13	< 0.5%
32 days - 91 days	13	< 0.5%
92 days - 182 days	19	0.5%
183 days - 365 days	691	22%
366 days - 547 days	1080	35%
548 days - 730 days	883	28%
Greater than 730 days	401	13%
<b>Total</b>	<b>3101</b>	<b>100%</b>

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