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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.

Note: Bridging Visa figures in this report only relate to unauthorised maritime arrivals.

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Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

As at: 30 September 2013

There were 6403 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention, including 3885 in immigration detention on the mainland and 2518 in immigration detention on Christmas Island as at 30 September 2013.

Separately, 3241 people are living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 22987 are living in the community after grant of a Bridging Visa E.

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

Place of immigration detention	Men	Women	Children	Total	Change from Previous Summary 31/08/2013
Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre	1332			1332	- 32
Curtin Immigration Detention Centre	457			457	- 607
Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre	87	12		99	+ 5
Northern Immigration Detention Centre (Darwin)	229			229	- 75
Perth Immigration Detention Centre	37	4		41	- 1
Scherger Immigration Detention Centre	233			233	- 112
Villawood Immigration Detention Centre	352	72		424	- 20
Wickham Point Immigration Detention Centre	163			163	- 199
Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre	540			540	- 49
Total in Immigration Detention Centres	3430	88		3518	- 1090
Perth Immigration Residential Housing	3	3	4	10	- 1
Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing	13	13	8	34	- 39
Sydney Immigration Residential Housing	7	12	20	39	+ 1
Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation	7	2		9	- 5
Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation	27	24	17	68	+ 8
Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation	143	72	61	276	- 63
Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation	200	126	110	436	- 99
Alternative Places of Detention (Christmas Island and Cocos Keeling Island)	325	411	450	1186	- 9
Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland)	319	426	518	1263	- 1131
Restricted on Board Vessels in Port					0
Total Facility and APOD	4274	1051	1078	6403	- 2329
Total Community under Residence Determination	832	649	1760	3241	+ 502
Total Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process)	19025	2146	1816	22987	+ 1623

Community Population by State/Territory

Of the people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 40% are situated in Victoria, 20% in Queensland, 19% in New South Wales, 9% in South Australia, 9% in Western Australia, 2% in Tasmania and <2% in the Australian Capital Territory.

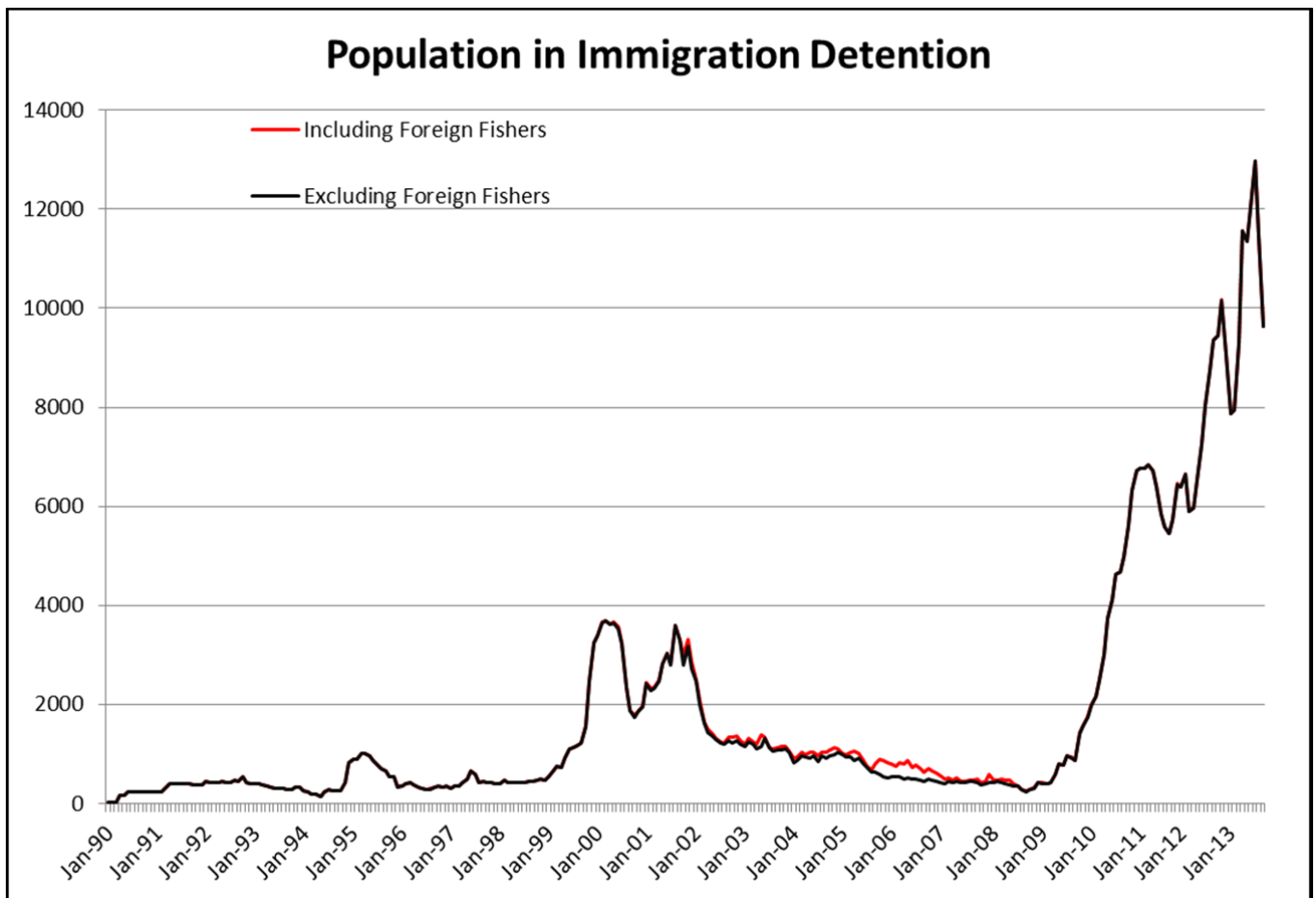
Table 2: Community Detention Population by State/Territory

State/Territory	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
ACT	13	9	28	6	56
NSW	183	122	212	100	617
QLD	160	134	230	108	632
SA	66	56	113	52	287
TAS	10	9	48	4	71
VIC	328	261	503	202	1294
WA	72	58	113	41	284
Total	832	649	1247	513	3241

Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to 30 September 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 September 2013 were down by 16% compared to the previous month.

Figure 1 - Population in Immigration Detention

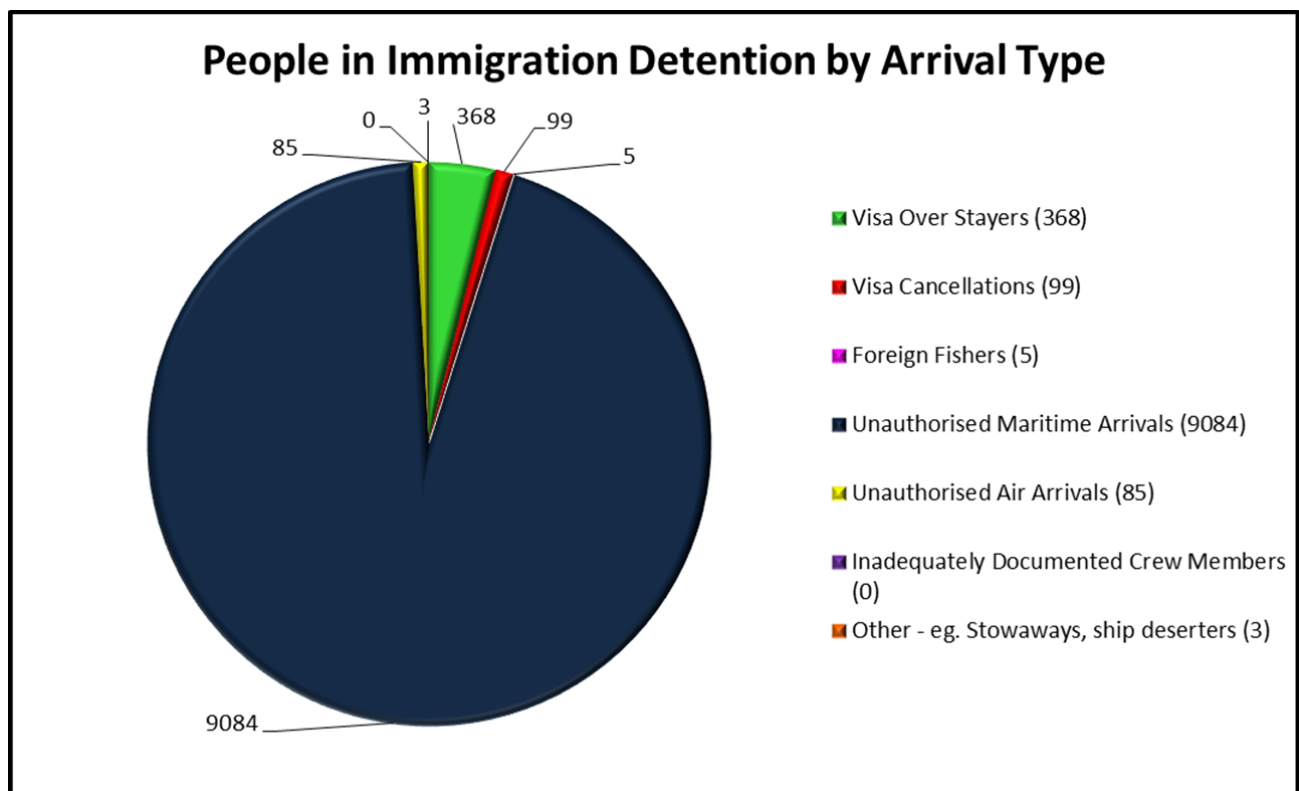


People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention, who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 30 September 2013 was 9177. This represents about 95% of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 467 people (about 5% 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 6403 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 30 September 2013 around 29% were Iranian nationals, 14% were Sri Lankan nationals, 11% were Vietnamese nationals, 6% were Afghan nationals and 5% were Pakistani nationals.

Table 3 - People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention as at 30 September 2013

Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	1029	463	217	158	1867
Sri Lanka	570	144	118	66	898
Vietnam	498	96	67	39	700
Afghanistan	276	10	67	12	365
Iraq	247	30	29	20	326
Pakistan	289	11	17	6	323
China, Peoples Republic Of	105	33			138
Bangladesh	138				138
Indonesia	110	17	5	3	135
Myanmar	20	5	7	11	43
Other	992	242	118	118	1470
Total	4274	1051	645	433	6403

Of the 3241 people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination, as at 30 September 2013 around 27% were Iranian nationals, 23% were Sri Lankan nationals, 18% were Afghan nationals and 7% were Iraqi nationals.

Table 4 - People in the community under Residence Determination as at 30 September 2013

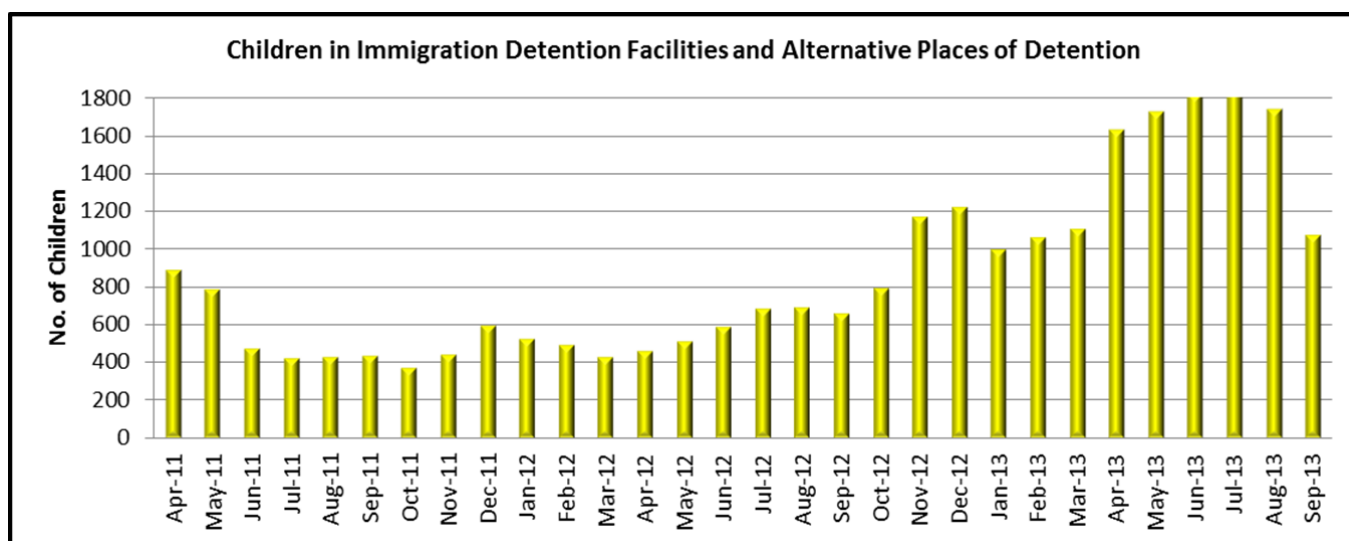
Nationalities	Adult		Child (<18 years)		Total
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Iran	279	248	197	147	871
Sri Lanka	222	167	237	135	761
Afghanistan	82	32	426	28	568
Iraq	74	40	68	37	219
Palestinian Authority	14	20	19	22	75
Other	161	142	300	144	747
Total	832	649	1247	513	3241

Children in Immigration Detention

As at 30 September 2013 there were 1078 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention.

The number of children in immigration detention facilities reduced in September 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 Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention



The number of children living in the community after being approved for a residence determination has been maintained at a high level with a slight increase in September 2013 to 1760 children.

Figure 4 - Children in the Community under a Residence Determination

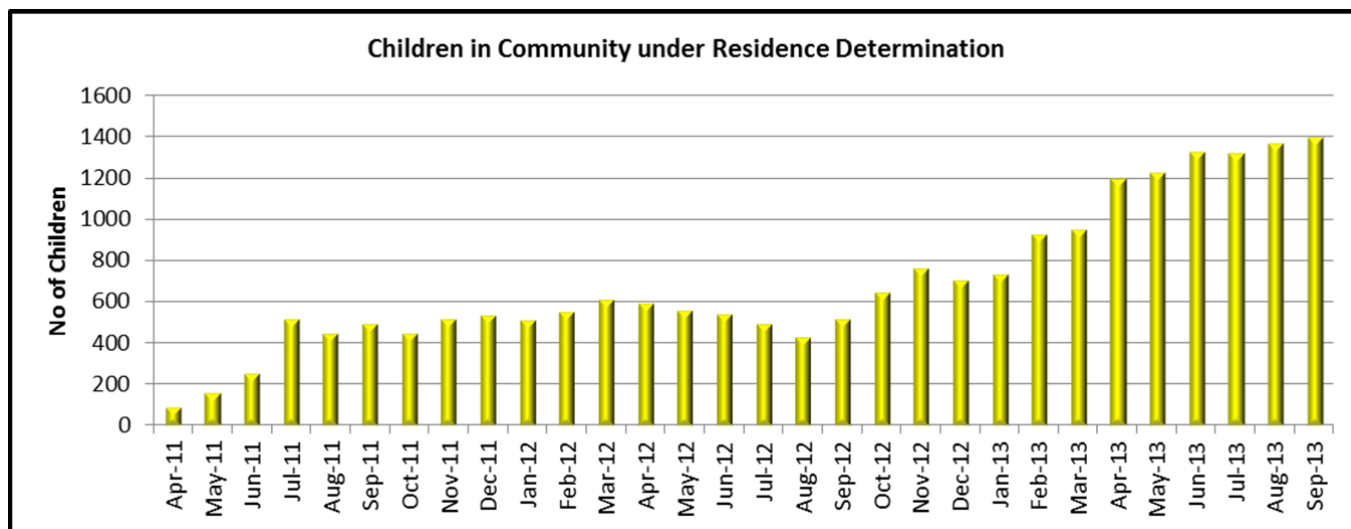


Table 5 - Children in Immigration Detention and in the Community as at 30 September 2013

Placement Type	Children
Immigration Residential Housing	32
Immigration Transit Accommodation	78
Alternative Places of Detention	968
Total Facility and APOD	1078
Total in the Community under a Residence Determination	1760
Total in the Community on a Bridging Visa E (including people in a re-grant process)	1816

Time in Held Immigration Detention

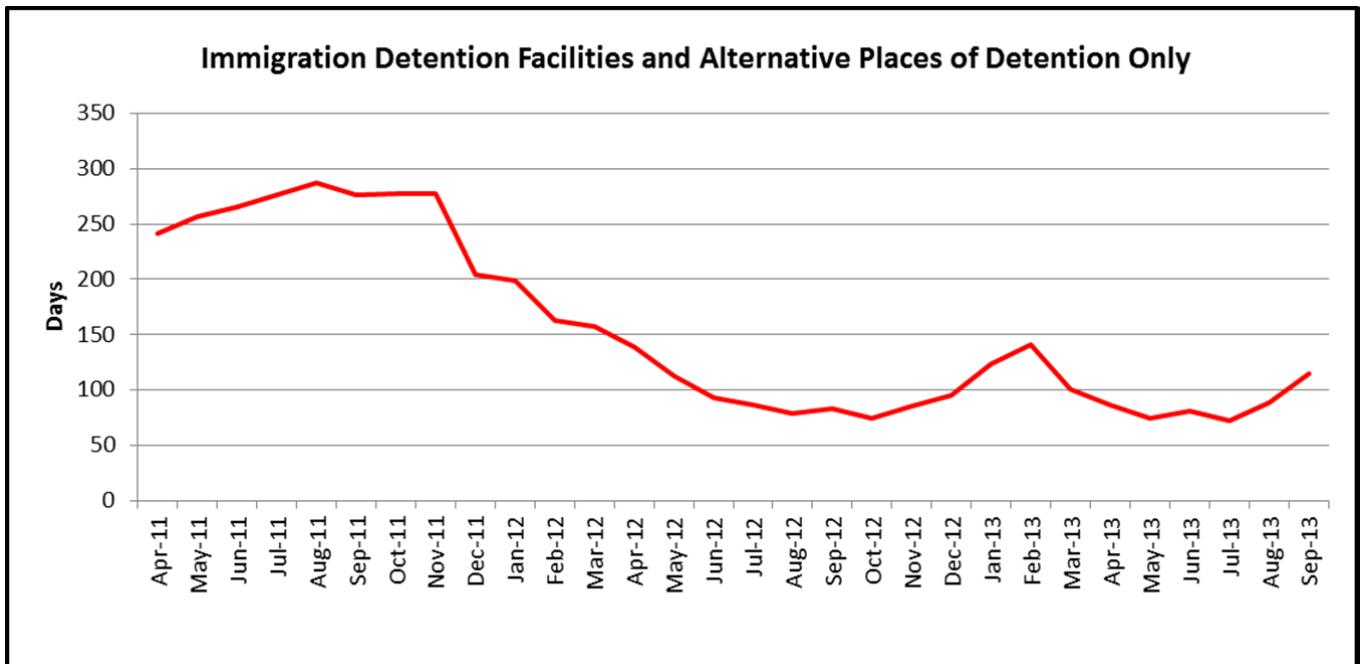
Of the 6403 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 30 September 2013 around 61% had been detained for 3 months or less and 96% had been detained for 12 months or less.

Table 6 - Length of time in held immigration detention as at 30 September 2013

Period Detained	Total	% of Total
7 days or less	201	3
8 days - 31 days	650	10
32 days - 91 days	3067	48
92 days - 182 days	1864	29
183 days - 365 days	379	6
366 days - 547 days	119	2
548 days - 730 days	17	0
Greater than 730 days	106	2
Total	6403	100

The average period of time for people held in immigration detention facilities has significantly decreased from 277 days in November 2011 to 115 days as at 30 September 2013.

Figure 5 - Average days in held immigration detention facilities only



Time in Community Detention

Of the 3241 people in Community Detention as at 30 September 2013 around 6% had been detained for 3 months or less and 56% had been detained for 12 months or less. This includes the period detained in facilities and/or alternative places of detention prior 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	0	0
8 days - 31 days	1	<1%
32 days - 91 days	202	6
92 days - 182 days	410	13
183 days - 365 days	1216	38
366 days - 547 days	977	30
548 days - 730 days	101	3
Greater than 730 days	334	10
Total	3241	100

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