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Immigration Detention and Community Statistics Summary

31 January 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.

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

The Department has initiated a data cleanse which has identified a systems error in how the status of IMA BVE holders is reported. Further work is currently being undertaken to resolve this issue.

Further information about immigration detention is available at:

<http://www.immi.gov.au/About/Pages/detention/about-immigration-detention.aspx>

Enquiries

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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 January 2014

There were 5867 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention, including 3967 in immigration detention on the mainland and 1900 in immigration detention on Christmas Island as at 31 January 2014.

Separately, 3391 people are living in the community after being approved for a residence determination and 22670 are 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 31/12/2013 |
|---|--------------|-------------|-------------|--------------|--|
| Christmas Island Immigration Detention Centre | 944 | | | 944 | - 119 |
| Curtin Immigration Detention Centre | 849 | | | 849 | + 124 |
| Maribyrnong Immigration Detention Centre | 79 | 5 | | 84 | + 3 |
| Northern Immigration Detention Centre (Darwin) | 198 | | | 198 | + 7 |
| Perth Immigration Detention Centre | 34 | 9 | | 43 | + 9 |
| Scherger Immigration Detention Centre | 83 | | | 83 | - 149 |
| Villawood Immigration Detention Centre | 364 | 60 | | 424 | + 60 |
| Wickham Point Immigration Detention Centre | 204 | | | 204 | + 52 |
| Yongah Hill Immigration Detention Centre | 407 | | | 407 | - 121 |
| Total in Immigration Detention Centres | 3162 | 74 | | 3236 | - 134 |
| Perth Immigration Residential Housing | 2 | 6 | 6 | 14 | + 1 |
| Port Augusta Immigration Residential Housing | | | | | - 20 |
| Sydney Immigration Residential Housing | 8 | 11 | 20 | 39 | + 3 |
| Adelaide Immigration Transit Accommodation | 22 | 1 | | 23 | - 6 |
| Brisbane Immigration Transit Accommodation | 39 | 19 | 12 | 70 | + 13 |
| Melbourne Immigration Transit Accommodation | 156 | 103 | 73 | 332 | + 10 |
| Total in Immigration Residential Housing and Immigration Transit Accommodation | 227 | 140 | 111 | 478 | + 1 |
| Alternative Places of Detention (Christmas Island and Cocos Keeling Island) | 234 | 298 | 424 | 956 | - 164 |
| Alternative Places of Detention (Mainland) | 316 | 410 | 471 | 1197 | + 42 |
| Restricted on Board Vessels in Port | | | | | 0 |
| Total Facility and APOD | 3939 | 922 | 1006 | 5867 | - 255 |
| Total Community under Residence Determination | 1071 | 689 | 1631 | 3391 | + 46 |
| Total Community on Bridging Visa E (Including people in a re-grant process) | 18783 | 2136 | 1751 | 22670 | -38 |

| Offshore Processing Centres | Men | Women | Children | Total | Change from Previous Summary 31/01/2014 |
|--|-------------|------------|------------|-------------|---|
| Republic of Nauru | 621 | 259 | 132 | 1012 | +174 |
| Manus Province, Papua New Guinea | 1353 | | | 1353 | +124 |
| Total Offshore Processing Centres | 1974 | 259 | 132 | 2365 | +298 |

Community Population by State/Territory

Of the 3391 people approved for a residence determination to live in the community, 42% are situated in Victoria, 19% in Queensland, 18% in New South Wales, 9% in South Australia, 9% in Western Australia, 2% in Tasmania and 1% in the Australian Capital Territory.

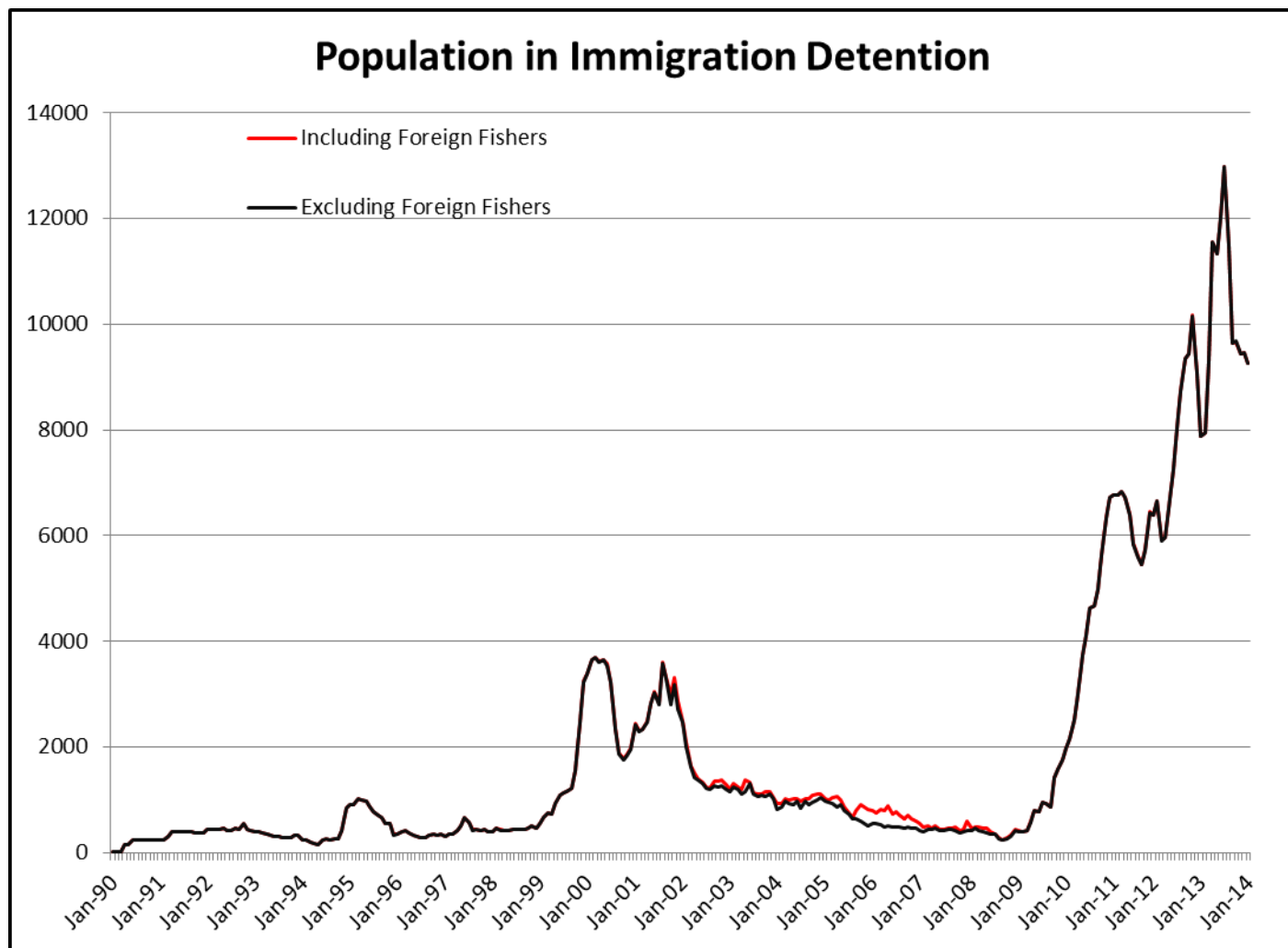
Table 2: Community Detention Population by State/Territory

| State/Territory | Adult | | Child (<18 years) | | Total |
|-----------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female | |
| ACT | 18 | 9 | 23 | 6 | 56 |
| NSW | 211 | 121 | 177 | 100 | 609 |
| NT | | 2 | | | 2 |
| QLD | 179 | 143 | 208 | 113 | 643 |
| SA | 87 | 60 | 93 | 61 | 301 |
| TAS | 24 | 9 | 35 | 4 | 72 |
| VIC | 456 | 285 | 446 | 232 | 1419 |
| WA | 96 | 60 | 93 | 40 | 289 |
| Total | 1071 | 689 | 1075 | 556 | 3391 |

Immigration Detention Population from 1990 to 31 January 2014

The number of people in immigration detention month to month continues to fluctuate, predominantly due to the changing pattern of unauthorised maritime arrivals. The numbers of illegal maritime arrivals in January 2014 were down 99% compared to the previous month.

Figure 1 - Population in Immigration Detention

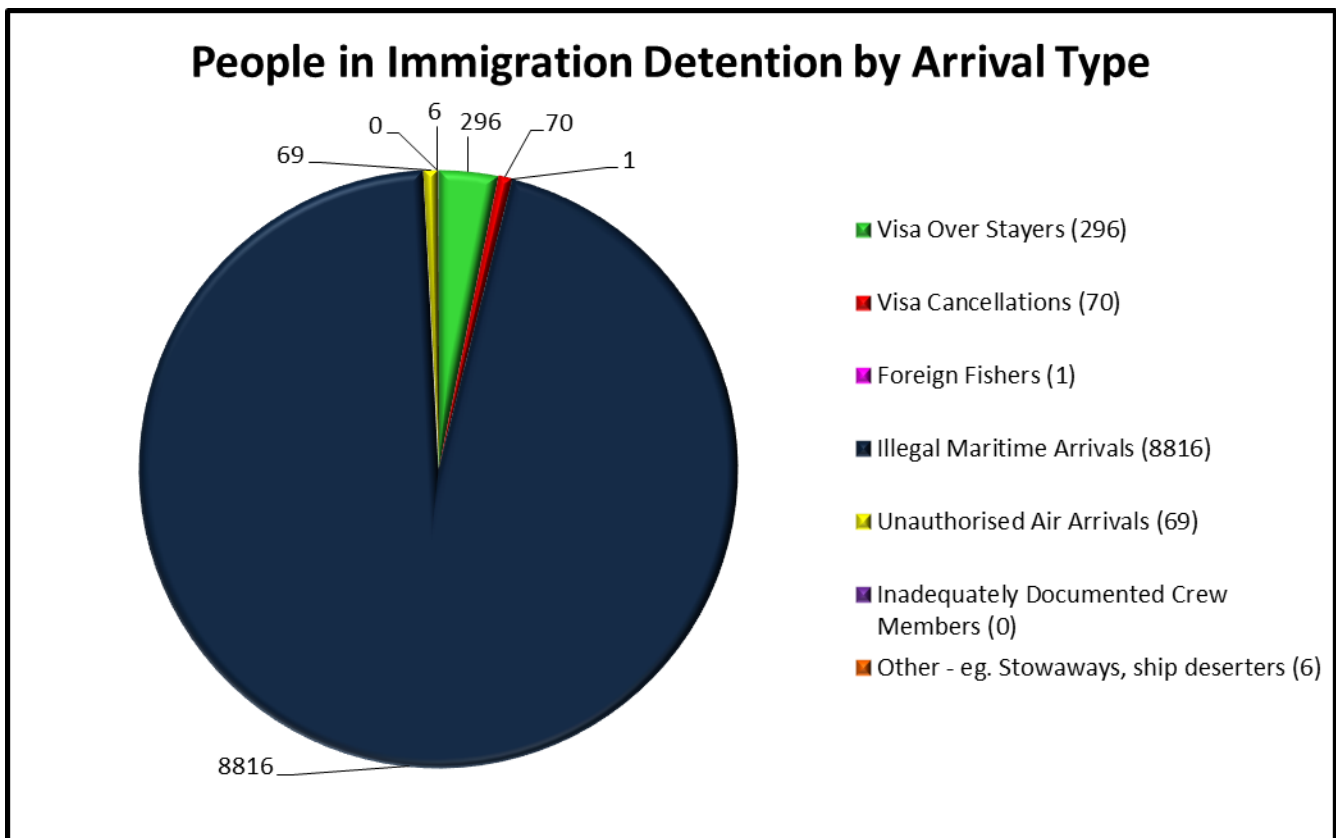


People in Immigration Detention by Arrival Type

The number of people in immigration detention, who arrived unlawfully by air or boat as at 31 January 2014 was 8831, representing about 95% of the total immigration detention population.

There were also 427 people (about 5% of the total immigration population) who arrived in Australia lawfully and were subsequently taken into immigration detention for either over staying 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 5867 people in held immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 31 January 2014, around 38% were Iranian nationals, 16% were Sri Lankan nationals, 12% were Vietnamese nationals, 3% were Afghan nationals and 2% were Pakistani nationals.

Table 3 - People in Immigration Detention Facilities and Alternative Places of Detention as at 31 January 2014

| Nationalities | Adult | | Child (<18 years) | | Total |
|---------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female | |
| Iran | 885 | 359 | 200 | 140 | 1584 |
| Sri Lanka | 711 | 128 | 95 | 59 | 993 |
| Vietnam | 430 | 89 | 70 | 40 | 629 |
| Afghanistan | 326 | 9 | 41 | 8 | 384 |
| Pakistan | 280 | 11 | 17 | 6 | 314 |
| Iraq | 208 | 31 | 29 | 21 | 289 |
| Bangladesh | 99 | | | | 99 |
| Indonesia | 33 | 24 | | 3 | 60 |
| Myanmar | 18 | 6 | 7 | 10 | 41 |
| Other | 949 | 265 | 132 | 128 | 1474 |
| Total | 3939 | 922 | 591 | 415 | 5867 |

Of the 3391 people living in the community after being approved for a residence determination, as at 31 January 2014, around 27% were Iranian nationals, 24% were Sri Lankan nationals, 17% were Afghan nationals and 7% were Iraqi nationals.

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

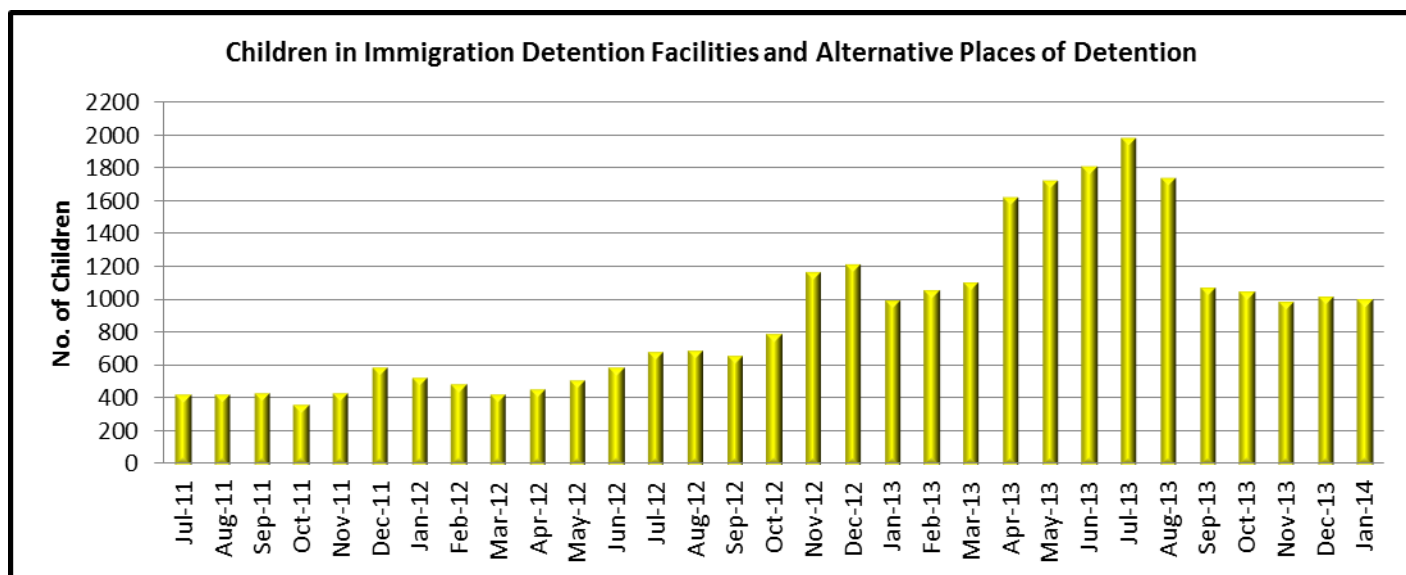
| Nationalities | Adult | | Child (<18 years) | | Total |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|-------------------|------------|-------------|
| | Male | Female | Male | Female | |
| Iran | 292 | 261 | 201 | 160 | 914 |
| Sri Lanka | 251 | 177 | 236 | 142 | 806 |
| Afghanistan | 234 | 33 | 278 | 30 | 575 |
| Iraq | 82 | 44 | 65 | 40 | 231 |
| Palestinian Authority | 17 | 20 | 19 | 22 | 78 |
| Other | 195 | 154 | 276 | 162 | 787 |
| Total | 1071 | 689 | 1075 | 556 | 3391 |

Children in Immigration Detention

As at 31 January 2014, there were 1006 children (aged under 18 years) in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention.

The number of children in immigration detention facilities decreased in January 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 slightly decreased in January 2014 to 1631 children.

Figure 4 - Children in the Community under a Residence Determination

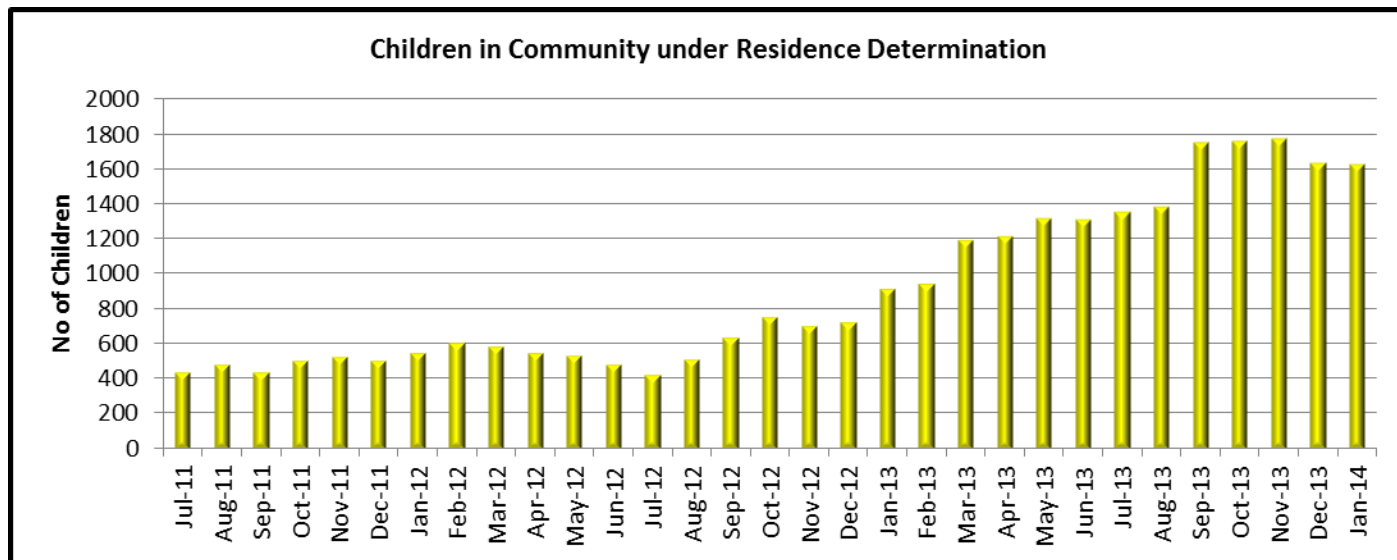


Table 5 - Children in Immigration Detention and in the Community as at 31 January 2014

| Placement Type | Children |
|---|-------------|
| Immigration Residential Housing | 26 |
| Immigration Transit Accommodation | 85 |
| Alternative Places of Detention | 895 |
| Total Facility and APOD | 1006 |
| Total in the Community under a Residence Determination | 1631 |
| Total in the Community on a Bridging Visa E (including people in a re-grant process) | 1751 |

Time in Held Immigration Detention

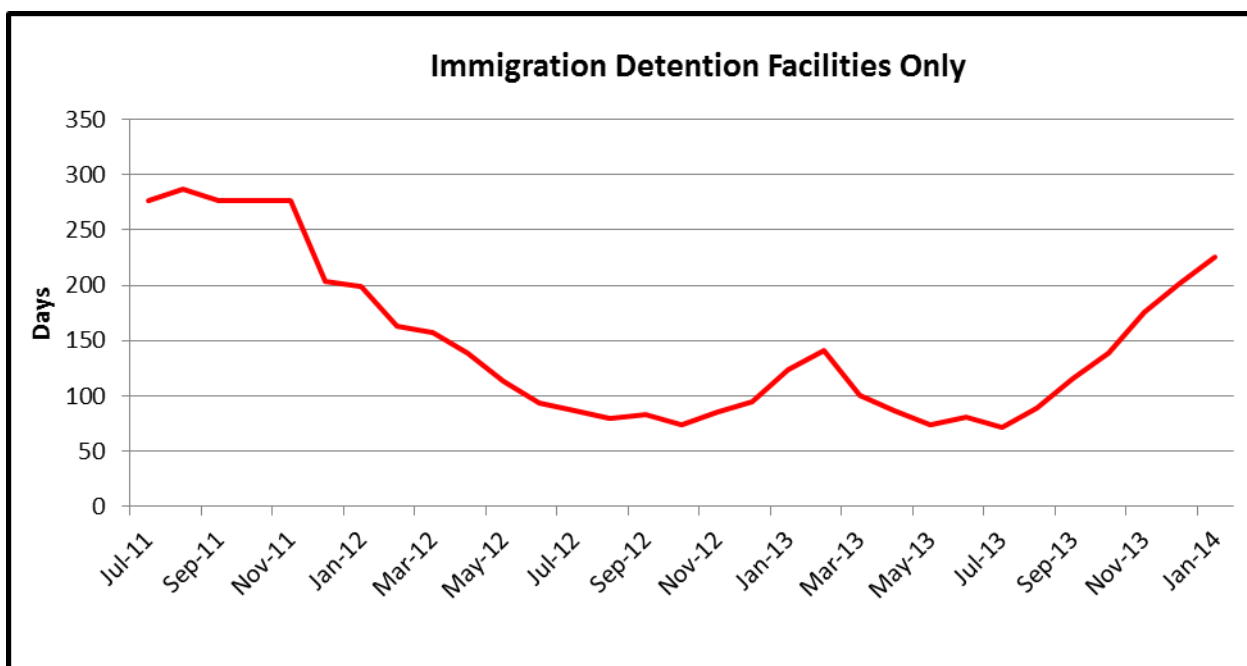
Of the 5867 people in immigration detention facilities and alternative places of detention as at 31 January 2014 around 8% had been detained for 3 months or less and 93% had been detained for 12 months or less.

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

| Period Detained | Total | % of Total |
|-----------------------|-------------|------------|
| 7 days or less | 46 | 1 |
| 8 days - 31 days | 128 | 2 |
| 32 days - 91 days | 310 | 5 |
| 92 days - 182 days | 1884 | 32 |
| 183 days - 365 days | 3116 | 53 |
| 366 days - 547 days | 197 | 4 |
| 548 days - 730 days | 67 | 1 |
| Greater than 730 days | 119 | 2 |
| Total | 5867 | 100 |

The average period of time for people held in detention facilities is steadily increasing at 226 days as at 31 January 2014, however remains lower than 277 days in November 2011.

Figure 5 - Average days in held immigration detention facilities only



Time in Community Detention

Of the 3391 people in Community Detention as at 31 January 2014, less than 1% had been detained for 3 months or less and 28% had been detained for 12 months or less. This includes the period detained in facilities and/or alternative places of detention 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 | 4 | 0 |
| 8 days - 31 days | 7 | 0 |
| 32 days - 91 days | 5 | 0 |
| 92 days - 182 days | 36 | 1 |
| 183 days - 365 days | 892 | 26 |
| 366 days - 547 days | 1649 | 49 |
| 548 days - 730 days | 398 | 12 |
| Greater than 730 days | 400 | 12 |
| Total | 3391 | 100 |

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