

**SENATE STANDING COMMITTEE ON LEGAL AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS
ADDITIONAL ESTIMATES
FEBRUARY 2025**

**Home Affairs Portfolio
Department of Home Affairs**

Program 3.5: Onshore Compliance and Detention

AE25-359 - Immigration detention - Minors in detention

Senator David Shoebridge asked:

How many minors have been detained under the Migration Act in the last five years (broken down by year)? How many were detained in a detention facility (broken down by year)? How many have been detained in an APOD (broken down by year)? What is the longest cumulative duration of detention in the last five years (broken down by year)? What is the youngest age in each year?

Answer:

Between 1 July 2020 and 31 December 2024, there were 175 minors detained under the *Migration Act 1958* (Migration Act). Of those, 44 were detained in Alternative Places of Detention (APODs). The remainder were detained in a residence determination arrangement (community detention).

No minors were held in Immigration Detention Centres (IDCs).

Minors detained under the Migration Act between 01/07/2020 - 31/12/2024

Financial Year	No. of Persons*
2020-21	24
2021-22	47
2022-23	36
2023-24	45
2024-25	26

** Individuals may be detained more than once. In those cases, individuals may be counted in the table more than once.*

Minors detained in APODs between 01/07/2020 - 31/12/2024

Financial Year	No. of Persons*
2020-21	<5
2021-22	<10
2022-23	10
2023-24	20
2024-25	7

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Longest duration of detention of minors detained between 01/07/2020 - 31/12/2024 (cumulative)

Financial Year	Days Detained
2020-21	2,411
2021-22	1,295
2022-23	1,544
2023-24	736
2024-25	209

Youngest age at time of detention of minors detained between 01/07/2020 - 31/12/2024

Financial Year	Age in Years
2020-21	0
2021-22	0
2022-23	0
2023-24	0
2024-25	0