

Children entering detention (M)(1) held solely under Immigration Act powers, by age (2) and place of initial detention, (excluding Harwich), October 2010 (3)(4)(5)

United Kingdom		Number of children			
Place of initial detention	Children				Total
	Under 5 yrs	5-11 yrs	12-16 yrs	17 yrs	
UK Border Agency Removal Centres					
Yarl's Wood	6	3	1	-	10
Oakington Reception Centre	-	-	-	-	-
Harmondsworth	-	-	-	-	-
Brook House	-	-	-	-	-
Tinsley House	-	1	2	-	3
Campsfield House	-	-	-	1	1
Dungavel	-	-	-	-	-
Dover Immigration Removal Centre	-	-	-	-	-
Lindholme	-	-	-	-	-
Haslar	-	-	1	-	1
UK Border Agency Short Term Holding Facilities					
Colnbrook Short Term	-	-	-	-	-
Pennine House	-	-	-	-	-
Grand Total	6	4	4	1	15

- (1) Some detainees may be recorded more than once if, for example, the person has been detained on more than one separate occasion in the time period shown, such as a person who has left detention, but has subsequently been re-detained.
- (2) Recorded age at the start of their period of detention. Figures for children will overstate if any applicants aged 18 or over claim to be younger.
- (3) Figures exclude persons recorded as entering Harwich Short Term Holding Facility, police cells and Prison Service establishments, those recorded as detained under both criminal and immigration powers and their dependants.
- (4) Figures include dependants.
- (5) May include persons detained for less than 24 hours.
- (M) These figures are based on management information and are not subject to the detailed checks that apply for National Statistics. They are provisional and subject to change. These figures may alter when produced for the National Statistics publication following more detailed checking.

Monthly children entering detention table

Background

The Home Office have published management information on adults and children entering detention held solely under Immigration Act powers going back to Quarter 1 2009. They have been published quarterly and are available in the Control of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary, on the Home Office's Research, Development and Statistics website at: www.homeoffice.gov.uk/rds/immigration-asylum-stats.html.

The latest edition current to this publication is the Control of Immigration: Quarterly Statistical Summary, United Kingdom, July – September 2010 published on the 25th November 2010. Statistics on people entering detention are contained in Table 3.4.

All the statistics on detention are published quarterly alongside other statistics related to migration, to allow a more coherent picture of immigration statistics, cover a wide range of data and avoid confusion caused by frequent publications which may give conflicting messages. However, there has been a recent increase in public and parliamentary interest in the numbers of children entering detention, held solely under Immigration Act powers, as evidenced for example by a greater number of Parliamentary Questions and Freedom of Information Act requests on this subject. In order to service this latest interest and a desire for more frequent information it was decided to publish management information monthly on children entering detention, held solely under Immigration Act powers, as official statistics. The intention is to publish this more frequent information whilst the government's review of the current measures for the detention of children for immigration purposes is ongoing. After which consideration will be given to future publication.

Notes on the table provided

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