

The Detention Forum



The Detention Forum guide to navigating immigration detention statistics: data tables

Table 1: Length of time spent in detention (31 December 2017)

	1-28 days	1-3 months	3-6 months	6-12 months	12-24 months	24 + months
31 Dec 2017	753	908	535	285	59	5
31 Dec 2017 (percentage)	30%	36%	21%	11%	2%	>1%
31 Mar 2018	1,121	859	421	286	66	5
31 Mar 2018 (percentage)	41%	31%	15%	10%	2%	>1%

Table 2: Number of people entering and leaving detention (2010-2017)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Entering detention	25,950	27,089	28,905	30,418	30,364	32,447	28,903	27,331
Leaving detention	25,959	27,181	28,575	30,030	29,674	33,226	28,677	28,244

Table 3: Number of people released or returned (2010-2017)

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
Returned	16,577	16,836	17,246	16,933	15,673	15,106	13,473	13,173
Released	9,382	10,345	11,329	13,097	14,001	18,120	15,204	15,071

Table 4: Number of people released or returned by length of detention (2017)

	1-28 days	1-3 months	3-6 months	6-12 months	12-24 months	24 + months
Returned	9,136	2,644	908	413	61	11
Released	8,782	4,185	1,429	522	133	20
Total	17,918	6,829	2,337	935	194	31
Returned (percentage)	51%	39%	39%	44%	31%	35%
Released (percentage)	49%	61%	61%	56%	69%	65%