

Children held solely under Immigration Act powers (M)(1), by place of initial location, and age (2) entering in December 2011 (3)(4)(5)

United Kingdom	Number of children				Total
	Children				
Initial location	Under 5 yrs	5-11 yrs	12-16 yrs	17 yrs	
Immigration Removal Centres					
Brook House	0	0	0	0	0
Campsfield House	0	0	0	0	0
Dover	0	0	0	0	0
Dungavel	0	0	0	0	0
Harmondsworth	0	0	1	0	1
Haslar	0	0	0	0	0
Lindholme (6)	0	0	0	0	0
Morton Hall	0	0	0	0	0
Tinsley House	4	2	0	0	6
Yarl's Wood	0	0	0	0	0
Short Term Holding Facilities (7)					
Colnbrook Short Term	0	0	0	0	0
Larne House	0	0	0	0	0
Pennine House	0	0	0	0	0
Detention Total	4	2	1	0	7
Pre-Departure Accommodation					
Cedars	5	3	2	0	10
Grand Total	9	5	3	0	17

- (1) Some children may be recorded more than once if, for example, the child has entered on more than one separate occasion in the time period shown, such as a child who has left detention, but has subsequently been re-detained.
- (2) Recorded age at the start of their period of detention, these figures may include age disputed cases.
- (3) Figures exclude children recorded as entering police cells, Prison Service establishments and short term holding rooms at ports and airports (for less than 24 hours), those recorded as detained under both criminal and immigration powers and their dependants.
- (4) Figures include dependants.
- (5) May include children detained for less than 24 hours.
- (6) Lindholme closed on 23 December 2011.
- (7) Short Term Holding Facilities suitable for up to 7 days detention, excluding police cells and short term holding rooms at ports and airports (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 Immigration Statistics, on the Home Office's Science, Research and Statistics website at:

[Migration statistics | Home Office](#)

The latest edition current to this publication is Immigration Statistics: October to December 2011, to be published on 23 February 2012. Statistics on people entering detention are shown in Tables dt.01 to dt.03.q.

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. We will review the publication of monthly figures on children detained 6 months after the new pre-departure accommodation is available. After which, consideration will be given to future publication of the series.

Notes on the table provided

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