



## Immigration Detention in the UK: "Residential" Detention Capacity

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These tables detail the capacity of the Home Office to hold people for more than 24 hours under immigration powers. It therefore includes **residential spaces** only i.e. immigration removal centres and short term holding facilities where detainees may be held for more than 24 hours. It does not include holding rooms at ports and airports or police custody suites, where detainees may also be held under immigration act powers, but for which figures are not published. Home Office statistics<sup>1</sup> don't include these facilities, nor do they include detainees held in prison. The official statistics therefore give a false impression of the scale of detention in the UK.

### Expansion in 2014:

There have been various expansions in 2014. This includes the Verne, which has **580** spaces for immigration detainees. It has operated as a prison but re-rolls as an IRC in September 2014. Throughout 2014, various extensions were carried out at some existing detention centres (Brook, Campsfield, Dover, Dungavel, Harmondsworth, Haslar) creating in the realm of **267** new bed spaces: the equivalent of another detention centre. At the time of writing, planning is in process for a major expansion at Campsfield of another 260 places, so the trend towards expansion continues.

### Detention in Prisons:

In 2012, a service level agreement between the Home Office and NOMS (Prison Service) allocated 1,000 spaces in prisons for immigration detainees. In reality, figures differ month to month, and are often contradictory. For example, two different sets of figures were given in parliament for the numbers of immigration detainees in prison as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2013: 850<sup>2</sup> and 1214<sup>3</sup>. Either way this represents a huge proportion of those detained under immigration act powers.

**As at September 2014 the detention capacity in the UK is 4270, a huge increase of over 800 in the last 12 months. Including the capacity to hold detainees in prison takes this figure to around 5270.**

Immigration Removal Centres (no time limit)				
	Location	Contractor	Detainees	Capacity
Brook House	Gatwick	G4S	Male	448
Campsfield House	Kidlington, Oxfordshire	Mitie PLC	Male	276

<sup>1</sup> The Home Office's detention statistics are available at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/tables-for-immigration-statistics-january-to-march-2014>

<sup>2</sup> HC Deb, 13 May 2014, c459W

[http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140513/text/140513w0002.htm#140513w0002.htm\\_wqn17](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140513/text/140513w0002.htm#140513w0002.htm_wqn17)

<sup>3</sup> HC Deb, 9 April 2014, c249W

[http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140409/text/140409w0001.htm#140409w0001.htm\\_wqn45](http://www.publications.parliament.uk/pa/cm201314/cmhansrd/cm140409/text/140409w0001.htm#140409w0001.htm_wqn45)

<b>Colnbrook (IRC and STHF)</b>	London Heathrow	Mitie PLC	Male (27 female spaces in STHF)	408 (381 male, 27 female) <sup>4</sup>
<b>Dover</b>	Dover	HM Prison Service	Male	401
<b>Dungavel House</b>	Strathaven, Lanarkshire	GEO Group	Male and Female	249
<b>Harmondsworth</b>	London Heathrow	Mitie PLC	Male	661
<b>Haslar</b>	Gosport, nr. Portsmouth	HM Prison Service	Male	197
<b>Morton Hall</b>	Lincolnshire	HM Prison Service	Male	392
<b>Tinsley House</b>	Gatwick	G4S	Male, Families <sup>5</sup>	153 (119 men, 34 family spaces)
<b>Verne (from 28 Sept 2014)</b>	Isle of Portland, Dorset	HM Prison Service	Males	580
<b>Yarl's Wood</b>	Bedfordshire	Serco	Women, families with adult children	372 (304 female, 68 family spaces)
<b>TOTAL IRC</b>				<b>4,137</b>

<b>Residential Short Term Holding Facilities (up to 7 days)</b>				
<b>STHF</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Detainees</b>	<b>Capacity</b>
<b>Larne House</b>	Outside Belfast, Northern Ireland	Tascor	Male and Female	19
<b>Pennine House</b>	Manchester Airport	Tascor	Male and Female	32
<b>Yarl's Wood</b>	Bedfordshire	Serco	Male	38
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>89</b>

<b>Pre-departure accommodation (up to 7 days)</b>				
<b>PDA</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Detainees</b>	<b>Capacity</b>
<b>Cedars</b>	Near Crawley, Sussex	G4S and Barnardos	Families	9 apartments (44 people)
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>44</b>

**Total Residential Detention Spaces: 4,270**

**Total Residential Detention Spaces including prisons: around 5,270**

<sup>4</sup> The 381 spaces also include a STHF for men, although women are sometimes held there if the women's STHF is full.

<sup>5</sup> As of May 2011, Tinsley House should only be used to hold families who have not yet entered the UK (border cases) or where there is a criminal case.