



## Immigration Detention in the UK: Residential Detention Spaces

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These tables detail the UK's residential detention capacity, i.e. immigration removal centres and short term holding facilities where detainees may be held for more than 24 hours. It does not include prisons, non residential holding centres or police custody suites, where detainees may also be held under immigration act powers, but for which figures are not readily available.

In 2011 the UKBA introduced a new category of detention: 'pre departure accommodation'. This is part of a new model for returning families and operates under the same statutory rules as short term holding facilities. Also in 2011, Lindholme IRC outside Doncaster closed, and new centres were opened in Lincolnshire (IRC Morton Hall) and Northern Ireland (Larne Short Term Holding).

As at February 2012, there are **3397** residential detention spaces in the UK. An important gap in this data is the number of foreign national prisoners held **after the completion of their sentence** in mainstream prisons. The exact numbers of these immigration detainees in prisons is not centrally gathered. There is an average of 635 immigration detainees in prisons at any time. This amounts to an additional 18-20% of the immigration detention population.

Immigration Removal Centres				
	Location	Contractor	Detainees	Capacity
Brook House	Gatwick	G4S	Male	426
Campsfield House	Kidlington, Oxfordshire	Mitie PLC	Male	216
Colnbrook	London Heathrow	Serco	Male	308
Dungavel House	Strathaven, Lanarkshire	GEO Group	Male and Female	219
Dover	Dover	HM Prison Service	Male	314
Haslar	Gosport, nr. Portsmouth	HM Prison Service	Male	160
Harmondsworth	London Heathrow	GEO Group	Male	623
Morton Hall	Lincolnshire	HM Prison Service	Male	393
Tinsley House	Gatwick	G4S	Male, families <sup>1</sup>	155
Yarl's Wood	Bedfordshire	Serco	Women and families with adult children <sup>2</sup>	405(284 women and 121 family spaces)
<b>TOTAL IRC</b>				<b>3219</b>

<sup>1</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.

<sup>2</sup> In early 2012 a new short term unit to hold single men will opened at Yarl's Wood

<b>Residential Short Term Holding Facilities</b>				
<b>STHF</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Contractor</b>	<b>Detainees</b>	<b>Capacity</b>
<b>Colnbrook</b>	Heathrow	Serco	Male, with 8 female only spaces <sup>3</sup>	80
<b>Pennine House (Manchester airport)</b>	Manchester Airport	Reliance	Male and Female	32
<b>Larne House</b>	Northern Ireland	Reliance	Male and Female	22
<b>TOTAL</b>				<b>134</b>

<b>Pre-departure accommodation</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: 3,397**

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<sup>3</sup> We have been told that the main STHF may still hold women if the women's STHF is full.