



Immigration Detention: Size of the Detention Estate

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These tables detail the current size of the immigration detention estate since the opening of an 11th IRC in the UK at Morton Hall in Lincolnshire. It includes residential spaces only (i.e. doesn't include non-residential holding centres or police custody suites, where people may also be held under immigration act powers).

An important gap in this data is the number of foreign national prisoners held post sentence in mainstream prisons. As of July 2010 there were 581 held in prisons¹- which amounts to an additional 18-20% of the immigration detention population.

Immigration Removal Centres

IRC	Location	Contractor	Detainees	Capacity
Brook House	Gatwick	G4S	Male	426
Campsfield House	Kidlington, Oxfordshire	Mitie PLC	Male	216
Colnbrook	London Heathrow	Serco	Male (300) female (8) ²	308
Dungavel	Strathaven, Lanarkshire	G4S (to Sept 2011, then GEO Group)	Male and Female	219
Dover	Dover	Prison Service	Male	314
Haslar	Gosport, nr. Portsmouth	Prison Service	Male	160
Harmondsworth	London Heathrow	The GEO Group	Male	623
Lindholme	Near Doncaster	Prison Service	Male	124
Morton Hall	Lincolnshire	Prison Service	Male	392
Tinsley House	Gatwick	G4S	Male, families ³	154
Yarl's Wood	Bedfordshire	Serco	Women and families (over 18)	405
TOTAL IRC				3341

¹ HoC Hansard, 26th October 2010: www.parliament.gov.uk

² We have recently learned of the opening of a 'self contained' facility for women in Colnbrook IRC

³ 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.

Residential Short Term Holding Facilities

STHF	Location	Contractor	Detainees	Capacity
Colnbrook	Heathrow	Serco	Men and Women	80
Pennine House (Manchester airport)	Manchester Airport	Reliance	Men and women	32
TOTAL current STHF				112
Larne (to open summer 2011)	Northern Ireland	Reliance	Men and women	22
NEW TOTAL				134

Other (pre-departure accommodation)

PDA	Location	Contractor	Detainees	Capacity
Pease Pottage (to open Summer 2011)	Near Crawley, Sussex	G4S and Barnardos	Families	9 apartments (44 people)
TOTAL				44