

## MINISTRY OF THE INTERIOR OF THE REPUBLIC OF LATVIA

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The Ministry of Interior has reviewed your request for information on imigration related detention and provides you with the following:

- 1. 3<sup>rd</sup> country nationals, who are subject to administrative detention for immigration-related reasons, are placed in "Accommodation Centre of Detained Foreigners "Daugavpils"" in city Daugavpils.
- 2. The number of 3<sup>rd</sup> country nationals who were detained for immigration related reasons: 2010-187, 2011 144 and 2012 207. This number includes illegal immigrants whose cases are pending, as well as immigrants who will be expelled.
- 3. The number of asylum seekers in Latvia: 2010 64, 2011- 335 and 2012 -193. Detained asylum seekers in 2010 37, 2011 229, 2012 136. There is asylum seekers' reception centre "Mucenieki" where asylum seekers are staying on a voluntary basis, in this centre resided in year 2010 55, year 2011 319, year 2012 185 asylum seekers (This number may include asylum seekers who were initially detained and placed in the "Accommodation Centre of Detained Foreigners "Daugavpils"").

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