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Illegal Maritime Arrivals on Bridging Visa E

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About this report

This report provides an overview of the number of Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs) who have been granted a Bridging Visa E (BVE) to allow them to remain lawfully in Australia while their immigration status is being resolved.

The data is sourced from several departmental processing and recording systems. All reasonable efforts have been made to ensure the accuracy of this information; however, it is subject to change.

The report presents some basic statistics on IMAs who had been granted BVEs and were living in the community at the time of reporting.

The Department of Immigration and Border Protection has a policy of not publishing figures, for individuals, which total less than ten. This is done to protect the privacy of individuals.

The next report is expected to be released in August 2017.

Release of Illegal Maritime Arrivals on Bridging Visa E (BVE)

Key Programme Concepts

Since 25 November 2011, successive Ministers have used their non-compellable, non-delegable intervention power under s195A of the *Migration Act 1958* to grant bridging visas to some Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMAs).

For further information about the IMA BVE programme please see [Fact Sheet – Bridging visas for illegal maritime arrivals](#).

Overall Programme Numbers and Current Location by State and Territory

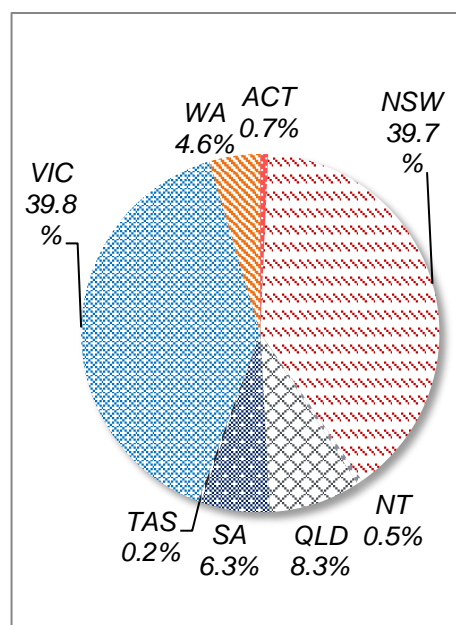
As at 30 June 2017, a total of 36,182 BVEs have been granted to IMAs. Of these, 22,143 remain in the community, (20,138 with a current BVE and 2,005 awaiting grant of a further BVE). The remaining 14,039 IMAs, who were granted BVEs have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned to immigration detention or are deceased.

BVE holders are free to choose where they live. The largest numbers of IMAs are in Victoria (Vic.), followed by New South Wales (NSW), Queensland (Qld), South Australia (SA), Western Australia (WA), Australian Capital Territory (ACT), Northern Territory (NT), and Tasmania (Tas.).

Table 1: Current location of IMA BVE holders

State and Territory	Number of IMA BVE holders
ACT	159
NSW	8,784
NT	106
Qld	1,831
SA	1,385
Tas.	51
Vic.	8,809
WA	1,018
Total	22,143

Chart 1: Pie chart showing the percentage of IMA BVE holders by state and territory



Visa Holder Location by State and Territory

The following tables provide a breakdown by state and territory, then by gender, age group, citizenship and current location for IMA holders of bridging visas as at 31 March 2017. People who arrived as IMAs and who hold a bridging visa are free to live wherever they choose in Australia.

Australian Capital Territory

Table 2: IMA BVE holders by postcode in ACT

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2612	20
2614	18
2617	18
2611	13
2912	12
2913	12
2602	10
2615	10
2902	10
10 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	36
Total	159

Table 3: IMA BVE holders by age range in ACT

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	10
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	30

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
26 to 35	64
36 to 45	33
46+	<10
Total	159

Table 4: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	14
IRAN	37
IRAQ	18
SRI LANKA	55
VIETNAM	11
10 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	24
Total	159

Table 5: IMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	33
Male	126
Total	159

New South Wales

Table 6: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NSW

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2144	1,026
2195	922
2160	843
2145	730
2161	457
2142	383
2170	339
2146	306
2165	295
2141	235
2150	231
2166	227
2196	178
2200	158
2148	154
2151	146
2140	138
2147	138
2216	90
2118	85
2117	74
2162	73
2143	61

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2152	55
2168	53
2112	49
2770	48
2164	47
2650	46
2163	43
2680	40
2114	38
2199	38
2190	37
2154	34
2194	33
2456	31
2153	30
2176	27
2077	22
2122	21
2197	21
2264	20
2192	19
2767	19
2115	18
2116	17

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2128	17
2135	15
2204	14
2010	13
2213	13
2290	13
2121	12
2134	12
2747	11
2762	11
2000	10
2036	10
2113	10
2127	10
2131	10
2209	10
2760	10
163 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	488
Total	8,784

Table 7: IMA BVE holders by age range in NSW

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	412
5 to 11	389

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
12 to 15	139
16 to 17	65
18 to 25	1,379
26 to 35	4,107
36 to 45	1,725
46+	568
Total	8,784

Table 8: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	981
BANGLADESH	437
INDIA	20
INDONESIA	19
IRAN	2,563
IRAQ	709
LEBANON	92
MYANMAR	112
NEPAL	16
PAKISTAN	421
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	121
SOMALIA	44
SRI LANKA	1,863
STATELESS	1,055

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
SUDAN	175
SYRIA	40
VIETNAM	68
19 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	48
Total	8,784

Table 9: IMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	1,359
Male	7,425
Total	8,784

Northern Territory

Table 10: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NT

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
810	43
822	20
820	13
812	11
9 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	19
Total	106

Table 11: IMA BVE holders by age range in NT

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	<10
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	23
26 to 35	41
36 to 45	28
46+	<10
Total	106

Table 12: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
SRI LANKA	37
STATELESS	11
VIETNAM	29
10 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	29
Total	106

Table 13: IMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	19
Male	87
Total	106

Queensland

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by postcode in Qld

Postcode	Number IMA BVE holders
4114	389
4077	255
4343	71
4109	69
4105	54
4076	53
4350	51
4103	42
4034	41
4122	38
4110	36
4701	36
4113	32
4151	26
4078	24
4127	24
4300	23
4121	21
4120	19
4133	19
4715	19
4012	18
4132	17

Postcode	Number IMA BVE holders
4301	17
4032	15
4053	15
4108	15
4215	15
4118	13
4169	13
4074	12
4104	12
4013	11
4068	11
4101	10
4102	10
4515	10
80 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	275
Total	1,831

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by age range in Qld

Age Range	Number IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	196
5 to 11	163
12 to 15	80
16 to 17	24
18 to 25	256

Age Range	Number IMA BVE holders
26 to 35	650
36 to 45	343
46+	119
Total	1,831

Table 16: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in Qld

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	140
BANGLADESH	73
INDIA	11
INDONESIA	22
IRAN	453
IRAQ	93
MYANMAR	13
PAKISTAN	60
SOMALIA	54
SRI LANKA	418
STATELESS	254
SUDAN	47
VIETNAM	169
13 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	24
Total	1,831

7Table 17: IMA BVE holders by gender in Qld

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	528
Male	1303
Total	1,831

South Australia

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5084	213
5108	91
5085	73
5113	67
5107	46
5098	37
5112	37
5271	34
5012	33
5011	29
5109	28
5013	27
5047	27
5008	26
5082	25
5092	25
5095	24
5074	22
5268	22
5023	20
5086	20
5088	20
5000	18

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5073	17
5096	17
5070	15
5114	15
5046	14
5014	12
5024	12
5034	12
5064	12
5087	12
5031	11
5032	10
5065	10
63 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	252
Total	1,385

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by age range in SA

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	93
5 to 11	103
12 to 15	37
16 to 17	20
18 to 25	180
26 to 35	507

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
36 to 45	322
46+	123
Total	1,385

Table 21: IMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	313
Male	1,072
Total	1,385

Table 20: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	259
BANGLADESH	16
IRAN	453
IRAQ	25
PAKISTAN	99
SOMALIA	21
SRI LANKA	300
STATELESS	101
SUDAN	22
VIETNAM	58
10 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	31
Total	1,385

Tasmania

Table 22: IMA BVE holders by postcode in Tas.

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
7008	19
14 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	32
Total	51

Table 23: IMA BVE holders by age range in Tas.

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	<10
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	12
26 to 35	20
36 to 45	11
46+	<10
Total	51

Table 24: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in Tas.

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
IRAN	22
SRI LANKA	10
9 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	19
Total	51

Table 25: IMA BVE holders by gender in Tas.

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	45
Total	51

Victoria

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by postcode in Vic.

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3175	1,203
3020	852
3171	556
3021	465
3047	345
3177	335
3174	315
3075	308
3076	253
3074	250
3046	209
3030	170
3073	151
3029	143
3082	141
3064	126
3023	114
3805	101
3976	101
3019	88
3034	84
3011	80
3048	79

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3802	78
3803	74
3072	72
3214	63
3012	62
3028	61
3752	58
3083	57
3630	54
3022	50
3044	50
3109	46
3108	45
3060	44
3058	42
3850	42
3977	40
3754	39
3169	37
3216	32
3049	31
3750	30
3032	28
3033	28
3037	28

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3107	28
3172	28
3130	27
3500	27
3056	26
3061	26
3081	26
3131	24
3134	24
3038	23
3025	22
3215	21
3350	21
3043	20
3024	19
3040	19
3129	18
3128	17
3173	17
3218	17
3105	16
3042	15
3133	15
3155	15
3549	15

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3585	15
3170	14
3250	14
3027	13
3145	13
3150	13
3166	13
3450	13
3000	12
3031	12
3340	12
3051	11
3084	11
3975	11
3106	10
3168	10
3875	10
123 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	416
Total	8,809

Table 27: IMA BVE holders by age range in Vic.

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	648
5 to 11	722
12 to 15	282
16 to 17	100
18 to 25	1,441
26 to 35	3,379
36 to 45	1,595
46+	642
Total	8,809

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
SOMALIA	121
SRI LANKA	1,968
STATELESS	1,016
SUDAN	67
SYRIA	19
UNKNOWN	18
VIETNAM	165
13 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	35
Total	8,809

Table 28: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in Vic.

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	834
BANGLADESH	83
ERITREA	14
ETHIOPIA	11
INDIA	27
INDONESIA	17
IRAN	3,094
IRAQ	221
LEBANON	119
MYANMAR	134
PAKISTAN	822
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	24

Table 29: IMA BVE holders by gender in Vic.

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	2,215
Male	6,594
Total	8,809

Western Australia

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
6061	142
6064	97
6107	73
6110	72
6147	45
6109	44
6108	42
6105	41
6062	32
6059	28
6060	26
6065	26
6063	24
6101	22
6112	22
6103	18
6066	14
6102	14
6155	14
6104	13
6317	13
6111	12
6017	10

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
6163	10
60 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	164
Total	1,018

Table 31: IMA BVE holders by age range in WA

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	51
5 to 11	40
12 to 15	23
16 to 17	12
18 to 25	193
26 to 35	424
36 to 45	194
46+	81
Total	1,018

Table 32: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	251
IRAN	175
IRAQ	40
PAKISTAN	72
SRI LANKA	246
STATELESS	40

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
SUDAN	11
VIETNAM	147
10 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	36
Total	1,018

Table 33: IMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	154
Male	864
Total	1,018