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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 E visa (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 Home Affairs 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 July 2018.

Release of IMAs on Bridging E visa (BVE)

Key program concepts

Since 25 November 2011, successive Ministers have used their non-compellable, non-delegable intervention power under s195A of the *Migration Act 1958* to BVEs to some IMAs.

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

Overall program numbers and current location by State and Territory

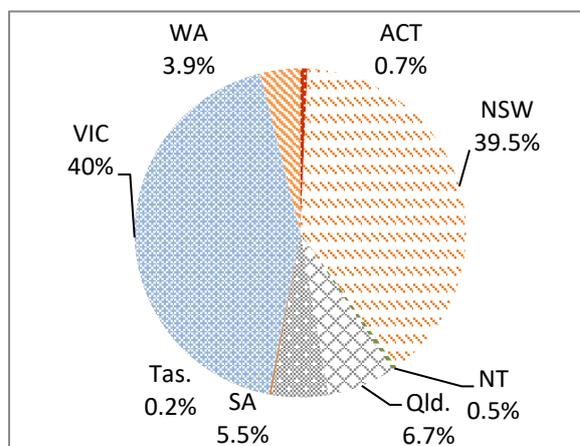
As at 31 March 2018, a total of 36,663 have been granted to IMAs. Of these, 18,325 remain in the community, (17,775 with a current BVE and 1815 awaiting grant of a further BVE). The remaining 18,338 IMAs, who were granted BVEs have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned 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	126
NSW	7,234
NT	85
Qld	1,220
SA	1,016
Tas.	36
Vic.	7,891
WA	717
Total	18,325

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 BVEs as at **31 March 2018**. People who arrived as IMAs and who hold a BVE 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
2614	19
2612	18
2617	13
2913	12
2611	11
16 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	53
Total	126

Table 4: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	13
IRAN	32
IRAQ	10
SRI LANKA	46
9 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	25
Total	126

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	15
26 to 35	58
36 to 45	28
46+	<10
Total	126

Table 5: IMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	25
Male	101
Total	126

New South Wales

Table 6: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NSW

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2195	820
2145	743
2144	738
2160	582
2161	390
2142	310
2170	246
2146	241
2165	212
2166	200
2141	181
2150	156
2196	150
2148	136
2151	131
2147	118
2200	118
2140	108
2216	88
2118	82
2162	69
2143	52
2164	52

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2650	50
2168	49
2117	47
2163	46
2770	45
2190	40
2199	35
2112	34
2152	31
2154	30
2680	30
2114	24
2153	24
2176	24
2192	23
2456	23
2264	19
2760	19
2128	18
2194	18
2197	18
2122	16
2127	16
2767	15
2077	13
2115	13

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2116	12
2016	11
2179	11
2204	10
2207	10
2290	10
2566	10
2747	10
173 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	507
Total	7,234

Table 7: IMA BVE holders by age range in NSW

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	396
5 to 11	298
12 to 15	120
16 to 17	52
18 to 25	968
26 to 35	3,368
36 to 45	1,522
46+	510
Total	7,234

Table 8: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	697
BANGLADESH	451
INDIA	19
INDONESIA	20
IRAN	1,985
IRAQ	513
LEBANON	91
MYANMAR	75
NEPAL	15
PAKISTAN	295
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	89
SOMALIA	45
SRI LANKA	1,728
STATELESS	925
SUDAN	143
SYRIA	24
UNKNOWN	12
VIETNAM	71
16 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	36
Total	7,234

Table 9: IMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	1,077
Male	6,157
Total	7,234

Northern Territory

Table 10: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NT

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
810	32
822	20
820	10
8 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	23
Total	85

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	17
26 to 35	29
36 to 45	24
46+	<10
Total	85

Table 12: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
SRI LANKA	32
VIETNAM	30
9 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	23
Total	85

Table 13: IMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	15
Male	70
Total	85

Queensland

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by postcode in Qld

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
4114	212
4077	177
4343	40
4122	39
4109	38
4076	35
4105	34
4300	31
4103	28
4113	27
4034	24
4350	23
4127	22
4078	20
4701	20
4053	18
4110	18
4151	18
4012	16
4032	16
4132	16
4152	13
4074	12
4133	12

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
4051	11
4169	11
4301	11
4715	11
4121	10
71 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	257
Total	1,220

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by age range in Qld

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	119
5 to 11	98
12 to 15	59
16 to 17	19
18 to 25	161
26 to 35	431
36 to 45	245
46+	88
Total	1,220

Table 16: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in Qld

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	59
BANGLADESH	55
INDIA	10
IRAN	303
IRAQ	77
PAKISTAN	36
SOMALIA	40
SRI LANKA	371
STATELESS	80
SUDAN	12
VIETNAM	147
13 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	30
Total	1,220

Table 17: IMA BVE holders by gender in Qld

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	341
Male	879
Total	1,220

South Australia

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5084	155
5108	70
5113	54
5085	50
5112	36
5098	35
5107	34
5012	30
5013	25
5047	22
5095	21
5014	19
5008	17
5074	17
5271	17
5082	16
5086	16
5109	15
5114	15
5268	15
5070	14
5088	14
5011	12
5023	12

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5096	11
5087	10
62 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	264
Total	1,016

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by age range in SA

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	69
5 to 11	73
12 to 15	24
16 to 17	12
18 to 25	122
26 to 35	393
36 to 45	231
46+	92
Total	1,016

Table 20: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	170
BANGLADESH	14
IRAN	326
PAKISTAN	64
SRI LANKA	241

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
STATELESS	90
SUDAN	12
VIETNAM	64
8 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	35
Total	1,016

Table 21: IMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	223
Male	793
Total	1,016

Tasmania

Table 22: IMA BVE holders by postcode in Tas.

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
7008	15
10 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	21
Total	36

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	13
26 to 35	13
36 to 45	<10
46+	<10
Total	36

Table 24: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in Tas.

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	10
IRAN	11
6 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	15
Total	36

Table 25: IMA BVE holders by gender in Tas.

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	32
Total	36

Victoria

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by postcode in Vic.

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3175	1,032
3020	765
3171	513
3021	456
3047	284
3075	280
3177	272
3174	259
3074	258
3076	234
3046	192
3030	160
3029	141
3073	133
3082	132
3064	124
3023	104
3976	87
3805	83
3802	77
3034	73
3011	72
3048	70
3072	67

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3019	64
3803	56
3752	55
3083	54
3850	49
3028	48
3108	47
3214	47
3754	47
3060	43
3750	43
3977	42
3012	40
3022	39
3044	37
3058	36
3109	34
3630	33
3216	32
3037	31
3172	30
3032	28
3061	28
3056	27
3107	27
3043	26

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3049	24
3081	23
3134	23
3350	23
3169	22
3215	21
3131	20
3031	18
3033	18
3129	18
3150	18
3173	18
3975	18
3025	17
3038	17
3130	17
3024	16
3040	16
3105	15
3875	15
3133	14
3170	14
3042	13
3121	13
3128	13
3178	12

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3500	12
3051	11
3166	11
3340	11
3084	10
3218	10
3585	10
3840	10
141 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	439
Total	7,891

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

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	648
5 to 11	632
12 to 15	286
16 to 17	78
18 to 25	1,190
26 to 35	2,956
36 to 45	1,491
46+	610
Total	7,891

Table 28: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in Vic.

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	677
BANGLADESH	87
ERITREA	13
INDIA	28
INDONESIA	16
IRAN	2,719
IRAQ	208
LEBANON	122
MYANMAR	113
PAKISTAN	710
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	15
SOMALIA	119
SRI LANKA	1,804
STATELESS	961
SUDAN	55
SYRIA	20
UNKNOWN	17
VIETNAM	166
14 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	41
Total	7,891

Table 29: IMA BVE holders by gender in Vic.

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	1,987
Male	5,904
Total	7,891

Western Australia

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
6061	86
6064	75
6110	65
6107	55
6147	32
6109	30
6059	22
6108	22
6060	20
6112	19
6063	18
6105	18
6062	16
6101	16
6065	13
6155	11
6163	10
64 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	189
Total	717

Table 31: IMA BVE holders by age range in WA

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	40
5 to 11	24
12 to 15	15
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	116
26 to 35	288
36 to 45	162
46+	64
Total	717

Table 32: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	135
IRAN	121
IRAQ	29
PAKISTAN	50
SRI LANKA	209
STATELESS	26
VIETNAM	133
9 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	14
Total	717

Table 33: IMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	111
Male	606
Total	717