



## Freedom of Information Request FA 21/05/01180

1. How many people were in the community and known to the Department as being unlawful (without any visa) during the financial years:

2016 - 2017

2017 - 2018

2018 - 2019

2019 - 2020

2020 – 20 May 2021

**Response** – The estimate of Unlawful Non-Citizens in Australia as at 30 June of each year is as follows:

30 June 2016 – 64,400

30 June 2017 – 62,900

30 June 2018 – 62,900

30 June 2019 - No estimate published

30 June 2020 – 70,000

The Estimate of Unlawful Non-Citizens is now published in the Administration of the Immigration and Citizenship Programs report. The most recent report is available on the Home Affairs website through the following link:

[The Administration of the Immigration and Citizenship Programs Seventh Edition, May 2021 \(homeaffairs.gov.au\)](https://www.homeaffairs.gov.au/immigration-and-citizenship-programs-report-2021)

3. How many Bridging visas were granted by the Minister under section 195A during the financial years:

2016 - 2017

2017 - 2018

2018 - 2019

2019 - 2020

2020 – 20 May 2021

**Response –**

Year	<i>Bridging E (subclass 050) visa (BVE)</i>	<i>Bridging B (subclass 020) visa (BVB)</i>	<i>Removal Pending Bridging (subclass 070) visa (RPBV)</i>
2016 – 2017	225	<5	12
2017 – 2018	893	0	19
2018 – 2019	376	0	<5
2019 – 2020	247	<5	14
2020 – 20 May 2021	466	0	0