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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 revision.

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 2021 September quarter report is expected to be released in early November 2021.

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 grant a Bridging E Visa (BVE) to some illegal maritime arrivals (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

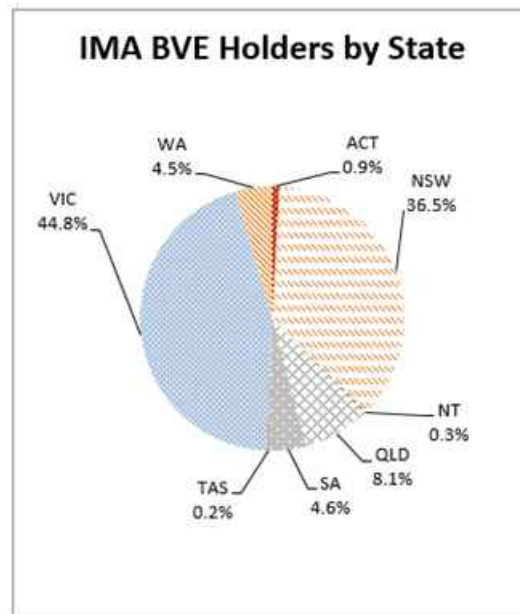
Between 25 November 2011 and 30 June 2021, 37,473 IMAs had been granted BVEs. Of these IMAs, 11,891 were residing in the Australian community as at 30 June 2021 (9610 with a BVE in effect and 2281 awaiting grant of a further BVE). The remaining 25,582 IMAs had either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned to immigration detention or were deceased.

BVE holders are free to choose where they live. As at 30 June 2021, the largest numbers of IMAs were 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).

Table 1: Current location of IMA BVE holders

State and Territory	Number of IMA BVE holders
NSW	4,344
VIC	5,333
QLD	964
SA	548
WA	537
NT	39
TAS	21
ACT	105
TOTAL	11,891

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 of IMA BVE holders as at 30 June 2021, split by current location, age group, citizenship and gender for each Australian state and territory.

New South Wales

Table 2: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NSW

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2145	628
2195	352
2144	335
2160	287
2161	202
2146	200
2142	135
2166	130
2170	124
2147	104
2165	98
2141	91
2150	90
2140	81
2148	73
2196	69
2118	63
2216	63
2200	62
2151	49
2162	45
2199	41
2650	40
2164	34
2168	33
2770	32

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2163	29
2153	28
2190	27
2112	25
2154	25
2143	23
2001	21
2197	20
2117	18
2767	18
2114	17
2176	17
2152	16
2155	15
2768	14
2456	13
2566	13
2680	13
2122	12
2192	12
2127	10
2760	10
2795	10
155 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	477
Total	4,344

Table 3: IMA BVE holders by age group in NSW

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	85
5 to 11	219
12 to 15	88
16 to 17	36
18 to 25	205
26 to 35	1,876
36 to 45	1,336
46+	499
Total	4,344

Table 5: IMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	578
Male	3,766
Total	4,344

Table 4: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	243
Bangladesh	426
India	16
Indonesia	10
Iran	1108
Iraq	338
Lebanon	88
Myanmar	22
Nepal	14
Pakistan	203
Palestinian Authority	12
Somalia	15
Sri Lanka	1383
Stateless	315
Sudan	22
Syria	14
Vietnam	71
12 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	30
Not Recorded	14
Total	4,344

Victoria

Table 6: IMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3175	687
3020	500
3021	332
3076	197
3171	179
3047	169
3075	166
3177	156
3023	136
3174	133
3029	123
3064	116
3074	105
3046	104
3082	90
3030	89
3073	79
3976	67
3214	64
3750	56
3022	49
3752	49
3977	49
3802	48
3803	47
3805	46
3072	45
3048	41
3011	40
3034	40

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3109	40
3083	35
3012	33
3754	32
3108	30
3215	30
3028	28
3044	28
3019	27
3037	27
3150	27
3173	24
3850	24
3216	23
3810	22
3024	21
3060	20
3081	19
3500	19
3630	19
3056	18
3978	18
3975	17
3058	16
3133	16
3172	16
3032	15
3038	15
3061	15
3106	15
3131	15
3107	13
3170	13

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3134	12
3025	11
3027	11
3040	11
3166	11
3169	11
3337	11
3000	10
3026	10
3043	10
3105	10
3129	10
3130	10
3184	10
3219	10
138 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	443
Total	5,333

Table 7: IMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	161
5 to 11	463
12 to 15	212
16 to 17	85
18 to 25	434
26 to 35	1,917
36 to 45	1,429
46+	632
Total	5,333

Table 8: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	405
Bangladesh	72
India	29
Iran	1665
Iraq	156
Lebanon	122
Myanmar	74
Pakistan	513
Sri Lanka	1568
Stateless	494
Sudan	17
Vietnam	153
18 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	45
Not Recorded	20
Total	5,333

Table 9: IMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	1,192
Male	4,140
Total	5,333

Queensland

Table 10: IMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
4077	149
4114	111
4343	36
4109	32
4127	30
4103	28
4110	28
4132	23
4131	22
4076	21
4034	17
4102	16
4105	16
4701	16
4122	15
4350	15
4078	14
4101	14
4053	13
4065	13
4116	13
4121	13
4115	12
4300	12
4013	11
4018	11
4118	11
4108	10
78 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE	242
Total	964

Table 11: IMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	25
5 to 11	92
12 to 15	39
16 to 17	22
18 to 25	86
26 to 35	341
36 to 45	254
46+	105
Total	964

Table 12: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	42
Bangladesh	60
India	12
Iran	231
Iraq	53
Pakistan	19
Somalia	20
Sri Lanka	308
Stateless	59
Sudan	12
Vietnam	127
8 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	21
Total	964

Table 13: IMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	243
Male	721
Total	964

South Australia

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5084	84
5108	38
5098	30
5086	24
5113	24
5085	23
5107	21
5013	19
5012	18
5112	18
5087	14
5268	13
5271	11
5095	10
66 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	201
Total	548

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<20
5 to 11	48
12 to 15	21
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	28
26 to 35	183
36 to 45	176
46+	68
Total	548

Table 16: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	67
Bangladesh	13
Iran	145
Iraq	10
Pakistan	56
Sri Lanka	161
Stateless	30
Vietnam	55
5 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	11
Total	548

Table 17: IMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	115
Male	433
Total	548

Western Australia

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
6064	60
6061	52
6110	50
6107	35
6109	34
6147	27
6108	23
6065	17
6105	17
6112	15
6062	13
6111	13
6059	12
6063	10
54 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	159
Total	537

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by age group in WA

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0-4	<10
5-11	40
12-15	11
16-17	<10
18-25	38
26-35	205
36-45	145
46+	84
Total	537

Table 20: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	88
Iran	75
Iraq	24
Pakistan	38
Sri Lanka	175
Stateless	26
Vietnam	101
7 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	10
Total	537

Table 21: IMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	105
Male	432
Total	537

Tasmania

Table 22: IMA BVE holders by postcode in TAS

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
9 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	21
Total	21

Table 23: IMA BVE holders by age group in TAS

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	0
5 to 11	<10
12 to 15	0
16 to 17	0
18 to 25	<10
26 to 35	<10
36 to 45	<10
46+	0
Total	21

Table 24: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in TAS

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
6 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	21
Total	21

Table 25: IMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<20
Total	21

Northern Territory

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NT

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
810	10
10 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	29
Total	39

Table 27: IMA BVE holders by age group in NT

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	0
5 to 11	0
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	0
18 to 25	<10
26 to 35	16
36 to 45	11
46+	<10
Total	39

Table 28: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Sri Lanka	13
Vietnam	14
5 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	12
Total	39

Table 29: IMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<40
Total	39

Australian Capital Territory

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by postcode in ACT

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2614	14
2611	12
2913	12
2617	11
2602	10
17 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	46
Total	105

Table 31: IMA BVE holders by age group in ACT

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	<10
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	10
26 to 35	39
36 to 45	34
46+	11
Total	105

Table 32: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Iran	25
Iraq	13
Sri Lanka	36
Vietnam	10
7 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	21
Total	105

Table 33: IMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	18
Male	87
Total	105