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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 February 2018.

# 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

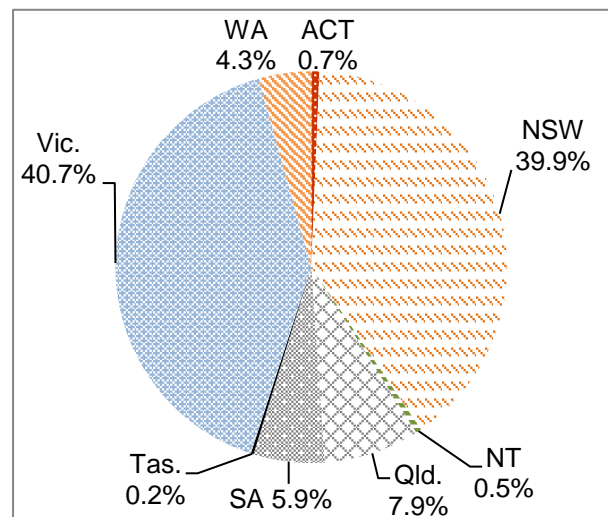
As at 30 September 2017, a total of 36,362 BVEs have been granted to IMAs. Of these, 20,599 remain in the community, (18,633 with a current BVE and 1966 awaiting grant of a further BVE). The remaining 15,763 IMAs, who were granted BVEs have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, 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	137
NSW	8,214
NT	97
Qld.	1,627
SA	1,207
Tas.	47
Vic.	8,379
WA	891
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,599</b>

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 30 September 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	18
2614	18
2611	13
2914	13
2617	12
2912	10
15 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>

Table 3: IMA BVE holders by age range in ACT

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	11
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	18
26 to 35	59
36 to 45	30

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>

Table 4: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	10
IRAN	29
IRAQ	20
SRI LANKA	48
10 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>

Table 5: IMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	29
Male	108
<b>Total</b>	<b>137</b>

## New South Wales

Table 6: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NSW

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2144	901
2195	896
2160	773
2145	750
2161	410
2142	354
2170	311
2146	270
2165	269
2166	213
2150	196
2141	195
2196	186
2200	154
2148	152
2151	148
2140	125
2147	120
2216	95
2118	84
2162	69
2143	65
2117	58

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2163	53
2168	50
2164	48
2650	47
2112	44
2770	44
2152	41
2199	37
2680	36
2154	34
2190	33
2194	33
2153	32
2114	31
2456	30
2197	23
2760	21
2192	20
2115	18
2176	18
2264	18
2122	17
2128	17
2767	15
2016	14

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2116	14
2077	13
2204	13
2127	12
2213	12
2217	12
2135	11
2290	11
2131	10
2768	10
181 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	528
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,214</b>

Table 7: IMA BVE holders by age range in NSW

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	392
5 to 11	372
12 to 15	134
16 to 17	60
18 to 25	1,248
26 to 35	3,831
36 to 45	1,621
46+	556
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,214</b>

Table 8: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	887
BANGLADESH	447
INDIA	19
INDONESIA	21
IRAN	2,317
IRAQ	622
LEBANON	92
MYANMAR	98
NEPAL	16
PAKISTAN	356
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	123

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
SOMALIA	43
SRI LANKA	1,828
STATELESS	1,027
SUDAN	165
SYRIA	33
UNKNOWN	11
VIETNAM	70
18 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	39
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,214</b>

Table 9: IMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	1,273
Male	6,941
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,214</b>



## Northern Territory

Table 10: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NT

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
810	35
822	19
820	13
812	11
7 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>

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	18
26 to 35	39
36 to 45	26
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>

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Table 12: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
SRI LANKA	37
VIETNAM	29
10 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>

Table 13: IMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	16
Male	81
<b>Total</b>	<b>97</b>

## Queensland

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by postcode in Qld

Postcode	Number IMA BVE holders
4114	329
4077	248
4343	58
4105	55
4109	51
4076	50
4350	38
4034	37
4122	35
4103	34
4701	29
4110	28
4113	28
4151	26
4127	25
4078	24
4300	23
4121	21
4132	18
4012	17
4053	16
4133	15
4301	14

Postcode	Number IMA BVE holders
4715	14
4870	14
4074	13
4120	13
4031	11
4032	11
4215	11
4104	10
4118	10
4119	10
4169	10
77 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	281
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,627</b>

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by age range in Qld

Age Range	Number IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	182
5 to 11	145
12 to 15	73
16 to 17	24
18 to 25	220
26 to 35	567
36 to 45	312
46+	104
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,627</b>

Table 16: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in Qld

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	114
BANGLADESH	67
INDIA	11
INDONESIA	18
IRAN	406
IRAQ	76
MYANMAR	11
PAKISTAN	41
SOMALIA	49
SRI LANKA	399
STATELESS	221
SUDAN	23
VIETNAM	168
13 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,627</b>

Table 17: IMA BVE holders by gender in Qld

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	487
Male	1,140
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,627</b>

## South Australia

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5084	190
5108	85
5113	62
5085	58
5107	46
5098	37
5112	31
5011	29
5013	29
5012	23
5271	23
5092	22
5095	22
5109	22
5268	22
5047	21
5008	19
5082	19
5088	18
5086	17
5074	16
5070	15
5073	15

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5000	14
5023	14
5014	13
5046	13
5096	13
5114	13
5087	12
5031	11
5024	10
63 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	253
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,207</b>

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by age range in SA

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	81
5 to 11	87
12 to 15	29
16 to 17	18
18 to 25	158
26 to 35	455
36 to 45	276
46+	103
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,207</b>

Table 20: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	218
BANGLADESH	17
IRAN	386
IRAQ	20
PAKISTAN	70
SOMALIA	18
SRI LANKA	273
STATELESS	108
SUDAN	14
VIETNAM	57
10 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,207</b>

Table 21: IMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	262
Male	945
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,207</b>

# Tasmania

Table 22: IMA BVE holders by postcode in Tas.

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
7008	18
13 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>

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	19
36 to 45	<10
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>

Table 24: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in Tas.

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	10
IRAN	21
7 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>

Table 25: IMA BVE holders by gender in Tas.

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>47</b>

# Victoria

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by postcode in Vic.

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3175	1,122
3020	831
3171	549
3021	465
3047	317
3177	311
3075	297
3174	277
3074	253
3076	241
3046	210
3030	156
3029	141
3064	136
3073	128
3082	123
3023	104
3805	99
3976	92
3019	84
3034	82
3011	80
3802	78

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3048	75
3072	75
3752	66
3028	60
3803	59
3083	55
3214	54
3012	53
3044	46
3060	46
3058	45
3108	43
3109	42
3750	42
3630	41
3022	39
3754	39
3850	39
3977	35
3107	33
3216	31
3037	30
3169	27
3061	26
3172	26

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3032	25
3056	24
3038	23
3081	23
3350	23
3025	22
3033	22
3134	22
3042	21
3043	21
3130	21
3024	20
3040	19
3049	19
3173	19
3215	19
3129	18
3128	17
3105	16
3150	16
3031	15
3131	15
3155	15
3170	15
3500	15

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3133	14
3450	13
3975	13
3027	12
3166	12
3218	12
3585	12
3051	11
3145	11
3340	11
3549	11
3055	10
140 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	449
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,379</b>



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

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	634
5 to 11	702
12 to 15	280
16 to 17	93
18 to 25	1,348
26 to 35	3,179
36 to 45	1,526
46+	617
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,379</b>

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
SOMALIA	125
SRI LANKA	1,896
STATELESS	996
SUDAN	68
SYRIA	20
UNKNOWN	17
VIETNAM	168
13 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,379</b>

Table 28: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in Vic.

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	727
BANGLADESH	85
ERITREA	14
INDIA	27
INDONESIA	16
IRAN	2,937
IRAQ	220
LEBANON	117
MYANMAR	122
PAKISTAN	766
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	17

Table 29: IMA BVE holders by gender in Vic.

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	2,133
Male	6,246
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,379</b>

## Western Australia

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
6061	116
6064	89
6110	75
6107	67
6109	43
6147	32
6108	31
6105	27
6062	26
6059	25
6063	25
6060	23
6065	23
6101	17
6102	14
6111	14
6112	14
6066	13
6103	13
6155	13
6104	11

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
64 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	180
<b>Total</b>	<b>891</b>

Table 31: IMA BVE holders by age range in WA

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	44
5 to 11	33
12 to 15	22
16 to 17	10
18 to 25	171
26 to 35	359
36 to 45	183
46+	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>891</b>

Table 32: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	203
IRAN	151
IRAQ	35
PAKISTAN	67
SRI LANKA	231
STATELESS	30

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
VIETNAM	140
10 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>891</b>

Table 33: IMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	128
Male	763
<b>Total</b>	<b>891</b>