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# Illegal Maritime Arrivals on Bridging E Visas

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

The next report is expected to be released in October 2015.

# Release of Illegal Maritime Arrivals on Bridging E Visas (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 on bridging visas for IMAs](#).

## Overall Programme Numbers and Current Location by State or Territory

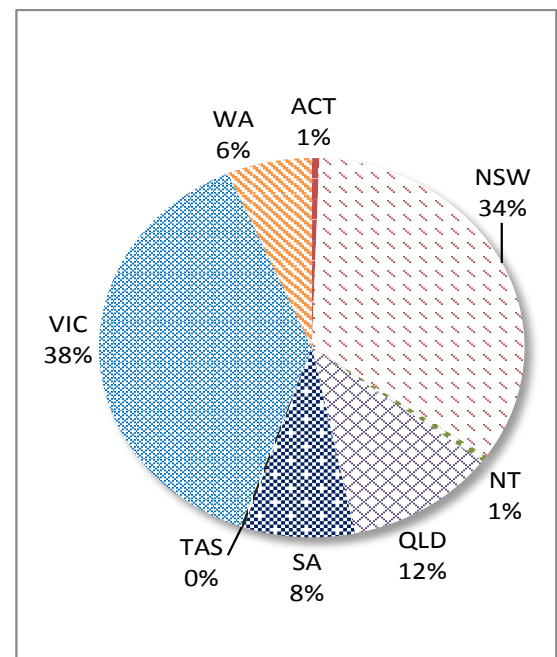
As at 30 June 2015, a total of 34 365 BVEs have been granted to IMAs. Of these, 28 588 remain in the community, (24 540 with a current BVE and 4 048 awaiting grant of a further BVE). The remaining 5 777 IMAs who were granted BVEs have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned 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	Number of IMA BVE holders
ACT	163
NSW	9754
NT	148
QLD	3296
SA	2422
TAS	62
VIC	10902
WA	1841
<b>Total</b>	<b>28588</b>

Table 2: Pie chart showing the percentage of IMA BVE holders by state and territory.



# Visa Holder Location by State or 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 June 2015. People who arrived as IMAs and who hold a bridging visa are free to live wherever they choose in Australia.

## Australian Capital Territory

Table 3: IMA BVE holders in ACT by suburb

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
TURNER	19
GUNGAHLIN	17
WATSON	14
40 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	113
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>

Table 4: IMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	33
Male	130
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>

Table 5: IMA BVE holders by age in ACT

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 17	29
18 to 25	42
26 to 35	56
36 to 45	30

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>

Table 6: Citizenship of IMA BVE holders in ACT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	23
BANGLADESH	<10
INDONESIA	<10
IRAN	39
IRAQ	<10
PAKISTAN	<10
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	<10
SOMALIA	<10
SRI LANKA	56
STATELESS	<10
VIETNAM	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>163</b>

## New South Wales

Table 7: IMA BVE holders by suburb in NSW

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
AUBURN	1367
MERRYLANDS	892
LAKEMBA	743
GUILDFORD	372
GRANVILLE	348
LIVERPOOL	301
PENDLE HILL	291
TOONGABBIE	278
PARRAMATTA	278
FAIRFIELD	276
WILEY PARK	173
BERALA	166
WENTWORTHVILLE	158
PUNCHBOWL	158
NORTH PARRAMATTA	156
BANKSTOWN	146
SEVEN HILLS	143
CABRAMATTA	142
BLACKTOWN	129
LIDCOMBE	128
WESTMEAD	120
GIRRAWEE	117

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
HOMEBUSH WEST	88
HOMEBUSH	86
CANLEY VALE	81
HARRIS PARK	81
CARRAMAR	77
ROCKDALE	75
CARLINGFORD	65
WARWICK FARM	62
GRIFFITH	59
MOUNT DRUITT	59
CHESTER HILL	53
GREYSTANES	48
SOUTH GRANVILLE	47
RYDE	47
SMITHFIELD	43
NORTHMEAD	42
YAGOONA	39
GREENACRE	38
MERRYLANDS WEST	38
WAGGA WAGGA	37
GUILDFORD WEST	37
FAIRFIELD WEST	33
ROSEHILL	31
CAMPSIE	30
REGENTS PARK	28

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
OLD GUILDFORD	27
CASULA	26
SOUTH WENTWORTHVILLE	25
WOOLGOOLGA	25
BELMORE	25
DUNDAS	25
MAYS HILL	24
YENNORA	22
KINGSWOOD	21
CASTLE HILL	21
DOONSIDE	21
WEST RYDE	20
BURWOOD	20
EASTWOOD	20
SEFTON	20
VILLAWOOD	19
CANLEY HEIGHTS	19
SILVERWATER	19
BAULKHAM HILLS	19
SCONE	18
CHATSWOOD	18
MARSFIELD	18
MORISSET	16
STRATHFIELD	16

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
LEETON	15
QUAKERS HILL	15
ASHFIELD	15
LURNEA	15
CONSTITUTION HILL	14
ERMINGTON	14
FOREST HILL	14
HORNSBY	14
FAIRFIELD EAST	14
KOORINGAL	14
JUNEE	13
SOUTH TAMWORTH	13
FAIRFIELD HEIGHTS	12
MARRICKVILLE	12
REDFERN	12
SCHOFIELDS	11
SURRY HILLS	11
EPPING	10
KOGARAH	10
HILLSDALE	10
MOUNT HUTTON	10
SADLEIR	10
ROSELANDS	10
CABRAMATTA WEST	10

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
TELOPEA	10
ULTIMO	10
LALOR PARK	10
259 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	716
<b>Total</b>	<b>9754</b>

Table 8: IMA BVE holders by age range in NSW

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0-17	864
18-25	2286
26-35	4424
36-45	1627
46+	553
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>9754</b>

Table 9: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	1176
ALBANIA	<10
ALGERIA	<10
BANGLADESH	393
BURMA	90
CONGO	<10
CYPRUS	<10

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
EGYPT	<10
ETHIOPIA	<10
GAMBIA	<10
INDIA	10
INDONESIA	17
IRAN	2835
IRAQ	942
JORDAN	<10
KUWAIT	11
LEBANON	82
MALAYSIA	<10
MALI	<10
MOLDOVA	<10
MONGOLIA	<10
MOROCCO	<10
NEPAL	15
PAKISTAN	540
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	134
SLOVAKIA	<10
SOMALIA	52
SRI LANKA	2115
STATELESS	1071
SUDAN	120
SYRIA	47



Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
UNKNOWN	12
VIETNAM	50
YEMEN	<10
NOT RECORDED	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>9754</b>

Table 10: IMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	1279
Male	8475
<b>Total</b>	<b>9754</b>

## Northern Territory

Table 11: IMA BVE holders by suburb in NT

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
LUDMILLA	17
COCONUT GROVE	16
DARWIN	13
MILLNER	12
LARRAKEYAH	11
NIGHTCLIFF	10
25 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>

Table 12: IMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	19
Male	129
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>

Table 13: IMA BVE holders by age in NT

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	<10
BANGLADESH	<10
BURMA	<10
INDONESIA	<10
IRAN	21

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
IRAQ	<10
PAKISTAN	<10
SOMALIA	<10
SRI LANKA	70
STATELESS	20
SUDAN	<10
VIETNAM	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by age in NT

Age	Number of IMA BVE holders
0-17	15
18-25	51
26-35	56
36-45	20
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>148</b>

## Queensland

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by suburb in QLD

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
WOODRIDGE	539
INALA	205
LOGAN CENTRAL	193
MOOROOKA	114
GATTON	96
KOONGAL	96
ANNERLEY	79
BILOELA	66
KINGSTON	63
BERSERKER	59
SLACKS CREEK	57
COORPAROO	49
SUNNYBANK	44
DARRA	43
ACACIA RIDGE	42
GOODNA	40
TOOWOOMBA	39
GREENSLOPES	39
NUNDAH	34
SUNNYBANK HILLS	32
ROCKHAMPTON	32
RUNCORN	31
YERONGA	31

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
SOUTHPORT	30
CLAYFIELD	30
ZILLMERE	29
LAKES CREEK	29
CHERMSIDE	28
FOREST LAKE	25
SALISBURY	24
MARSDEN	23
KEARNEYS SPRING	22
DARLING HEIGHTS	22
PARK AVENUE	18
COOPERS PLAINS	17
CHURCHILL	17
ROBERTSON	17
MOUNT GRAVATT EAST	16
SURFERS PARADISE	15
FAIRFIELD	15
EVERTON PARK	15
WOOLLOONGABBA	15
NORTHGATE	14
ROCKLEA	14
BIGGERA WATERS	14
KEDRON	14
MOUNT GRAVATT	13

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
GEEBUNG	13
LABRADOR	13
KANGAROO POINT	13
KURABY	13
KILCOY	12
HOLLAND PARK WEST	12
LOGANLEA	12
WEST END	12
DURACK	11
EAGLEBY	11
MORNINGSIDE	11
BELLBIRD PARK	10
INDOOROOPILLY	10
EAST BRISBANE	10
DOOLANDELLA	10
217 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	624
<b>Total</b>	<b>3296</b>

Table 16: IMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	694
Male	2602
<b>Total</b>	<b>3296</b>

Table 17: IMA BVE holders by age range in QLD

Age Range	Number IMA BVE holders
0-17	564
18-25	679
26-35	1357
36-45	533
46+	163
<b>Total</b>	<b>3296</b>

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	365
ALBANIA	<10
BANGLADESH	137
BURMA	38
CHINA	<10
CYPRUS	<10
ERITREA	11
ETHIOPIA	<10
INDIA	15
INDONESIA	18
IRAN	827
IRAQ	144
KENYA	<10
KUWAIT	<10
KYRGYZSTAN	<10

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
LEBANON	<10
MALAYSIA	<10
NEPAL	<10
PAKISTAN	138
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	<10
SOMALIA	50
SRI LANKA	900
STATELESS	397
SUDAN	112
SYRIA	<10
TIBET	<10
UKRAINE	<10
UNKNOWN	<10
VIETNAM	115
NOT RECORDED	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>3296</b>

## South Australia

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by suburb in SA

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
BLAIR ATHOL	236
KILBURN	210
DAVOREN PARK	87
ENFIELD	78
NARACORTE	77
PROSPECT	73
PARAFIELD GARDENS	68
SALISBURY	68
BORDERTOWN	68
ADELAIDE	48
INGLE FARM	42
CROYDON PARK	40
POORAKA	34
NORTHFIELD	33
CLEARVIEW	30
PARALOWIE	29
SALISBURY EAST	29
ELIZABETH NORTH	27
CAMPBELLTOWN	27
SALISBURY NORTH	27
FINDON	26
PARA HILLS	24

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
GILLES PLAINS	23
MILE END	21
MURRAY BRIDGE	19
ELIZABETH PARK	19
BROADVIEW	18
ELIZABETH SOUTH	17
WOODVILLE	16
BERRI	15
ST MARYS	15
OAKLANDS PARK	15
SMITHFIELD	16
TORRENSVILLE	15
SALISBURY DOWNS	15
SOUTH PLYMPTON	14
PARADISE	14
RENMARK	14
WOODVILLE GARDENS	14
ROSTREVOR	13
WAIKERIE	13
BROOKLYN PARK	13
ATHOL PARK	13
WINDSOR GARDENS	13
FERRYDEN PARK	13
ELIZABETH EAST	12

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
ELIZABETH	12
PARA HILLS WEST	11
GLENSIDE	11
BRAHMA LODGE	11
KURRALTA PARK	11
KILKENNY	10
GLENELG NORTH	10
FELIXSTOW	10
HILLCREST	10
MAWSON LAKES	10
174 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	565
<b>Total</b>	<b>2422</b>

Table 20: IMA BVE holders by age range in SA

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0-17	343
18-25	469
26-35	899
36-45	508
46+	203
<b>Total</b>	<b>2422</b>

Table 21: IMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	423
Male	1999
<b>Total</b>	<b>2422</b>

Table 22: IMA BVE holders by Citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	762
ALBANIA	<10
BANGLADESH	25
BURMA	<10
CONGO	<10
ERITREA	<10
ETHIOPIA	<10
INDIA	<10
INDONESIA	<10
IRAN	662
IRAQ	55
NEPAL	<10
PAKISTAN	188
SOMALIA	23
SRI LANKA	455
STATELESS	125
SUDAN	47
SYRIA	<10

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	<10
UNKNOWN	<10
VIETNAM	53
YEMEN	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>2422</b>



## Tasmania

Table 23: IMA BVE holders by suburb in TAS

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
NEW TOWN	15
18 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>

Table 24: IMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	10
Male	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>

Table 25: IMA BVE holders by age range in TAS

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0-17	10
18-25	18
26-35	25
36-45	<10
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in TAS

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	12
BURMA	<10
IRAN	29
IRAQ	<10
KUWAIT	<10
PAKISTAN	<10
SOMALIA	<10
SRI LANKA	<10
UNKNOWN	<10
VIETNAM	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>

# Victoria

Table 27: IMA BVE holders by suburb in VIC

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
DANDENONG	1708
SPRINGVALE	555
ST ALBANS	501
DOVETON	415
SUNSHINE	395
NOBLE PARK	374
LALOR	302
DANDENONG NORTH	296
THOMASTOWN	284
GLENROY	261
BROADMEADOWS	255
SUNSHINE WEST	254
SUNSHINE NORTH	222
RESERVOIR	215
WERRIBEE	206
EPPING	205
ALBION	205
SHEPPARTON	203
FOOTSCRAY	163
HOPPERS CROSSING	162
DALLAS	136
DANDENONG SOUTH	134

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
MILL PARK	115
HAMPTON PARK	115
BRAYBROOK	115
MILDURA	106
HALLAM	101
AVONDALE HEIGHTS	83
MEADOW HEIGHTS	74
PRESTON	69
ENDEAVOUR HILLS	67
SWAN HILL	65
NARRE WARREN SOUTH	61
CRAIGIEBURN	61
CORIO	60
WEST FOOTSCRAY	59
NARRE WARREN	55
DEER PARK	47
NORLANE	47
ALTONA MEADOWS	46
ALTONA NORTH	45
COBURG	46
SOUTH MORANG	48
ARDEER	43
KEILOR EAST	39
BRUNSWICK	37

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
MAIDSTONE	34
JACANA	33
KEYSBOROUGH	32
ESSENDON	29
EUMEMMERRING	29
ROXBURGH PARK	30
CLAYTON SOUTH	28
ROBINVALE	28
LAVERTON	28
FAWKNER	27
BOX HILL	24
CLAYTON	24
BUNDOORA	24
HEIDELBERG WEST	24
DONCASTER	24
COBURG NORTH	23
CRANBOURNE NORTH	22
POINT COOK	22
MARIBYRNONG	21
OAK PARK	21
GEELONG WEST	21
COLAC	20
CAMPBELLFIELD	20
PASCOE VALE	20

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
WYNDHAM VALE	20
MALVERN EAST	19
BURWOOD	18
BELMONT	18
CAIRNLEA	17
TARNEIT	17
GROVEDALE	17
DONCASTER EAST	16
COOLAROO	16
BLACKBURN	16
TEMPLESTOWE LOWER	16
KINGS PARK	16
BLACKBURN NORTH	15
HIGHTON	15
CRANBOURNE	15
RINGWOOD	14
MITCHAM	13
SPRINGVALE SOUTH	13
WESTMEADOWS	13
NORTH MELBOURNE	13
MOUNT WAVERLEY	13
BULLEEN	12
BOX HILL NORTH	12
KEILOR DOWNS	12

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
MERENDA	12
CAROLINE SPRINGS	12
CRANBOURNE WEST	12
RICHMOND	12
BRUNSWICK WEST	11
MANIFOLD HEIGHTS	11
LYNBROOK	11
CARLTON	11
TEMPLESTOWE	11
ALBANVALE	10
HADFIELD	10
NOBLE PARK NORTH	10
GREENSBOROUGH	10
MELBOURNE	10
HAMLIN HEIGHTS	10
AIRPORT WEST	10
YARRAVILLE	10
233 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	690
<b>Total</b>	<b>10902</b>

Table 28: IMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	2207
Male	8695
<b>Total</b>	<b>10902</b>

Table 29: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	1885
ALBANIA	<10
ALGERIA	<10
BANGLADESH	75
BELARUS	<10
BURMA	152
EGYPT	<10
ERITREA	<10
ETHIOPIA	<10
INDIA	23
INDONESIA	14
IRAN	3347
IRAQ	280
KUWAIT	<10
LEBANON	109
MALAYSIA	<10
NEPAL	<10
PAKISTAN	1036

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	29
PHILIPPINES	<10
SOMALIA	87
SRI LANKA	2470
STATELESS	1017
SUDAN	114
SYRIA	23
TURKEY	<10
UKRAINE	<10
UNKNOWN	24
VIETNAM	168
YEMEN	<10
NOT RECORDED	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>10902</b>

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by age range in VIC

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0-17	1624
18-25	2554
26-35	4275
36-45	1757
46+	692
<b>Total</b>	<b>10902</b>

## Western Australia

Table 31: IMA BVE holders by suburb in WA

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
GOSNELLS	148
BALGA	105
MIRRABOOKA	79
MADDINGTON	79
BENTLEY	63
GIRRAWHEEN	59
THORNLIE	55
DIANELLA	55
KOONDOOLA	54
BALLAJURA	46
CLOVERDALE	44
BECKENHAM	43
WESTMINSTER	42
LANGFORD	41
NOLLAMARA	39
KEWDALE	39
QUEENS PARK	33
CANNING VALE	30
BELMONT	29
CARLISLE	25
BEECHBORO	25
KENWICK	24
YOKINE	23

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
ALEXANDER HEIGHTS	23
CANNINGTON	22
MORLEY	21
WILSON	21
EAST VICTORIA PARK	20
MOUNT BARKER	20
RIVERVALE	19
MAYLANDS	18
NORANDA	18
VICTORIA PARK	17
ST JAMES	17
MARANGAROO	16
BAYSWATER	12
BUSSELTON	12
HUNTINGDALE	12
KARDINYA	11
KARRINYUP	10
HAMILTON HILL	10
PERTH	10
BALCATT	10
EAST CANNINGTON	10
REDCLIFFE	10
115 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	322

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
<b>Total</b>	<b>1841</b>

Table 32: IMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	204
Male	1637
<b>Total</b>	<b>1841</b>

Table 33: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	681
BANGLADESH	<10
BURMA	<10
ERITREA	<10
ETHIOPIA	<10
IRAN	311
IRAQ	74
LEBANON	<10
PAKISTAN	121
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	38
SOMALIA	11
SRI LANKA	351
STATELESS	62
SUDAN	34

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
SYRIA	<10
UNKNOWN	<10
VIETNAM	132
<b>Total</b>	<b>1841</b>

Table 34: IMA BVE holders by age range in WA

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0-17	130
18-25	493
26-35	748
36-45	331
46+	139
<b>Total</b>	<b>1841</b>