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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 April 2017.

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

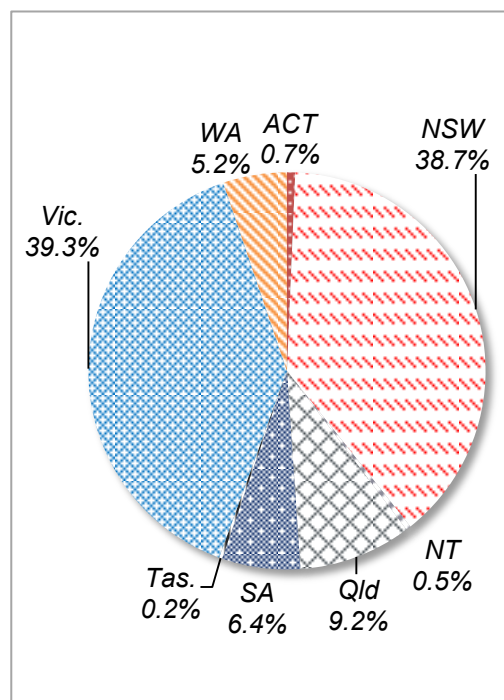
As at 31 December 2016, a total of 35,978 BVEs have been granted to IMAs. Of these, 25,810 remain in the community, (23,831 with a current BVE and 1,979 awaiting grant of a further BVE). The remaining 10,168 IMAs, who were granted BVEs have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, 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	172
NSW	9,979
NT	103
Qld	2,372
SA	1,648
Tas.	63
Vic.	10,131
WA	1,342
Total	25,810

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 31 December 2016. 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 citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	16
Bangladesh	<10
Egypt	<10
Indonesia	<10
Iran	40
Iraq	20
Pakistan	<10
Palestinian Authority	<10
Sri Lanka	60
Stateless	<10
Sudan	<10
Vietnam	11
Total	172

Table 3: IMA BVE holders by age range in ACT

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	12
12 to 15	10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	30
26 to 35	72
36 to 45	35
46+	<10
Total	172

Table 4: IMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	36
Male	136
Total	172

Table 5: IMA BVE holders by suburb in ACT

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Turner	16
Gungahlin	12
Kambah	12
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Ngunnawal	10
49 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	111
Total	172

New South Wales

Table 6: IMA BVE holders by suburb in NSW

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Auburn	1,283
Merrylands	944
Lakemba	768
Guildford	421
Granville	330
Fairfield	296
Toongabbie	295
Liverpool	253
Pendle Hill	244
Wiley Park	201
Wentworthville	187
Parramatta	185
Punchbowl	179
Bankstown	178
Blacktown	158
Lidcombe	152
Berala	143
North Parramatta	131
Cabramatta	124
Seven Hills	119
Girraween	104
Carlingford	92
Canley Vale	89

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Rockdale	89
Homebush West	87
Westmead	75
Homebush	73
Warwick Farm	68
Northmead	64
Greystanes	62
Guildford West	57
Ryde	53
South Wentworthville	53
Chester Hill	51
Harris Park	48
South Granville	48
Griffith	45
Yagoona	45
Mount Druitt	44
Campsie	41
Merrylands West	40
Smithfield	39
Fairfield West	38
Mays Hill	38
Regents Park	38
West Ryde	36
Carramar	35
Rosehill	35

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Telopea	33
Greenacre	31
Old Guildford	31
Castle Hill	29
Fairfield East	29
Woolgoolga	29
Canley Heights	28
North Rocks	28
Silverwater	28
Yennora	28
Baulkham Hills	26
Dundas	26
Bass Hill	25
Fairfield Heights	25
Rydalmere	24
Villawood	24
Holroyd	23
Oatlands	23
Sefton	22
Belmore	21
Cabramatta West	21
Constitution Hill	21
Eastwood	20
Wagga Wagga	20
Lurnea	18

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Doonside	17
Ermington	17
Koorlingal	17
Marrickville	17
Morisset	17
Burwood	16
Guilford	16
Mount Pritchard	16
Hornsby	15
Lalor Park	15
Sadleir	15
Hinchinbrook	14
Ashmont	13
Casula	13
Condell Park	13
Sydney	13
Ashcroft	12
Leeton	12
Meadowbank	12
Old Toongabbie	12
Woodpark	12
Ashfield	11
Heckenberg	11
Kingswood	11
Picnic Point	11

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Wakeley	11
Epping	10
Orange	10
Prospect	10
Revesby	10
288 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	769
Total	9,979

Table 7: IMA BVE holders by age range in NSW

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	422
5 to 11	430
12 to 15	149
16 to 17	80
18 to 25	1,720
26 to 35	4,640
36 to 45	1,899
46+	639
Total	9,979

Table 8: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	1,230
Albania	<10
Algeria	<10
Bangladesh	421
Myanmar	125
Congo (DRC)	<10
Cyprus	<10
Egypt	<10
Ethiopia	<10
Gambia	<10
India	20
Indonesia	19
Iran	2,834
Iraq	901
Jordan	<10
Kuwait	<10
Lebanon	95
Malaysia	<10
Mali	<10
Moldova	<10
Mongolia	<10
Morocco	<10
Nepal	15
Pakistan	533

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Palestinian Authority	134
Saudi Arabia	<10
Slovakia	<10
Somalia	54
Sri Lanka	2,062
Stateless	1,140
Sudan	209
Syria	48
Unknown	12
Vietnam	82
Yemen	<10
Total	9,979

Table 9: IMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	1,460
Male	8,519
Total	9,979

Northern Territory

Table 10: IMA BVE holders by suburb in NT

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Stuart Park	13
Lambells Lagoon	13
Coconut Grove	11
31 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	66
Total	103

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	21
26 to 35	43
36 to 45	26
46+	<10
Total	103

Table 12: IMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	19
Male	84
Total	103

Table 13: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	<10
Bangladesh	<10
Indonesia	<10
Iran	<10
Iraq	<10
Myanmar	<10
Pakistan	<10
Palestinian Authority	<10
Somalia	<10
Sri Lanka	32
Stateless	11
Sudan	<10
Vietnam	29
Total	103

Queensland

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by suburb in Qld

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
Woodridge	296
Inala	200
Logan Central	152
Gatton	101
Moorooka	64
Slacks Creek	56
Kingston	55
Darra	54
Annerley	51
Runcorn	47
Acacia Ridge	39
Forest Lake	37
Sunnybank	34
Greenslopes	33
Zillmere	30
Sunnybank Hills	28
Coorparoo	26
Durack	23
Nundah	22
Wavell Heights	22
Biloela	21
Marsden	19
Berserker	18

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
Woolloongabba	18
Goodna	17
Salisbury	17
Toowoomba	17
Chermside	16
Clayfield	16
Harristown	16
Holland Park	16
Kilcoy	16
Mount Gravatt	16
Northgate	16
Southport	16
Coopers Plains	15
Doolandella	15
Everton Park	15
Kedron	15
Yeronga	15
Loganlea	14
Underwood	14
Kearneys Spring	13
Koongal	13
Biggera Waters	12
Darling Heights	12
Eight Mile Plains	12
Bellbird Park	11

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
Kuraby	11
Macgregor	11
Redbank Plains	11
Surfers Paradise	11
Waterford West	11
Archerfield	10
Richlands	10
171 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	496
Total	2,372

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by gender in Qld

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	625
Male	1,747
Total	2,372

Table 16: IMA BVE holders by age range in Qld

Age Range	Number IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	212
5 to 11	194
12 to 15	85
16 to 17	31
18 to 25	336
26 to 35	906
36 to 45	454
46+	154
Total	2,372

Table 17: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in Qld

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	264
Bangladesh	96
Myanmar	20
Cyprus	<10
Eritrea	<10
Ethiopia	<10
India	<10
Indonesia	19
Iran	699
Iraq	108
Kenya	<10
Lebanon	<10
Nepal	<10
Pakistan	81
Papua New Guinea	<10
Somalia	57
Sri Lanka	474
Stateless	283
Sudan	87
Syria	<10
Tibet	<10
Ukraine	<10

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
Unknown	<10
Vietnam	159
Total	2,372

South Australia

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by suburb in SA

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Blair Athol	150
Kilburn	129
Parafield Gardens	63
Prospect	42
Ingle Farm	40
Naracoorte	40
Enfield	36
Salisbury	35
Clearview	30
Davoren Park	30
Elizabeth North	30
Salisbury North	30
Bordertown	29
Campbelltown	29
Pooraka	23
Paralowie	22
Croydon Park	20
Northfield	20
Adelaide	19
Elizabeth South	19
Salisbury East	17
Woodville Gardens	17
Oaklands Park	16

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Fulham Gardens	15
Holden Hill	14
Ottoway	14
Para Hills	14
Seacombe Gardens	14
Burton	13
Windsor Gardens	13
Brooklyn Park	12
Gilles Plains	12
Renmark	12
Sturt	12
Kilkenny	11
Pennington	11
Findon	10
Murray Bridge	10
Para Hills West	10
Queenstown	10
Seaton	10
Smithfield	10
Woodville South	10
159 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	525
Total	1,648

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by age range in SA

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	98
5 to 11	121
12 to 15	40
16 to 17	24
18 to 25	222
26 to 35	603
36 to 45	379
46+	161
Total	1,648

Table 20: IMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	351
Male	1,297
Total	1,648

Table 21: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	360
Albania	<10
Bangladesh	15
Myanmar	<10
Congo (DRC)	<10
Eritrea	<10
India	<10
Indonesia	<10
Iran	523
Iraq	37
Nepal	<10
Pakistan	146
Somalia	25
Sri Lanka	327
Stateless	99
Sudan	24
Syria	<10
Unknown	<10
Vietnam	62
Total	1,648

Tasmania

Table 22: IMA BVE holders by suburb in Tas.

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
New Town	22
19 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	41
Total	63

Table 23: IMA BVE holders by gender in Tas.

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	54
Total	63

Table 24: 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	14
26 to 35	26
36 to 45	12
46+	<10
Total	63

Table 25: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in Tas.

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	13
Bangladesh	<10
Iran	28
Kuwait	<10
Pakistan	<10
Somalia	<10
Sri Lanka	13
Stateless	<10
Vietnam	<10
Total	63

Victoria

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by suburb in Vic.

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Dandenong	1,261
Springvale	633
St Albans	456
Doveton	389
Noble Park	342
Lalor	317
Thomastown	284
Sunshine West	274
Sunshine	269
Dandenong North	267
Epping	257
Broadmeadows	255
Albion	245
Sunshine North	211
Glenroy	183
Reservoir	170
Mill Park	138
Werribee	132
Hampton Park	130
Shepparton	115
Hoppers Crossing	112
Braybrook	109
Avondale Heights	106

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Dallas	103
Dandenong South	100
Footscray	92
Hallam	91
Endeavour Hills	79
Narre Warren	73
Craigieburn	70
Preston	66
Meadow Heights	62
South Morang	59
Roxburgh Park	57
Fawkner	54
Deer Park	50
Ardeer	49
Pascoe Vale	48
Mildura	47
Bundoora	46
Doncaster	44
Keilor East	44
Corio	42
Doncaster East	42
Jacana	42
Point Cook	40
West Footscray	39
Narre Warren South	38

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Altona Meadows	36
Clayton South	35
Templestowe Lower	35
Mernda	32
Sale	32
Springvale South	32
Swan Hill	32
Altona North	31
Coburg	30
Cranbourne North	29
Keysborough	29
Kings Park	29
Norlane	29
Brunswick	28
Cairnlea	26
Hadfield	26
Wyndham Vale	26
Campbellfield	25
Tarneit	25
Essendon	23
Robinvale	23
Wollert	23
Caroline Springs	22
Cranbourne	22
Eumemmerring	22

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Albanvale	21
Laverton	20
Box Hill	19
Colac	19
Oak Park	19
Geelong West	18
Westmeadows	18
Highton	17
Keilor Downs	17
Maribyrnong	17
Noble Park North	17
Templestowe	17
Blackburn	16
Box Hill North	16
Maidstone	16
Mulgrave	16
Boronia	15
Coburg North	15
Coolaroo	15
Nunawading	15
Ringwood	15
Clayton	14
Forest Hill	14
Sydenham	14
Heidelberg West	13

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Bulleen	12
Castlemaine	12
Glen Iris	12
Truganina	12
Vermont South	12
Cranbourne West	11
Glen Waverley	11
Hamlyn Heights	11
Kingsbury	11
Melbourne	11
Mount Waverley	11
North Melbourne	11
Grovedale	10
Heidelberg	10
Kew	10
Taylors Hill	10
214 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	707
Total	10,131

Table 27: IMA BVE holders by gender in Vic.

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	2,387
Male	7,744
Total	10,131

Table 28: IMA BVE holders by age range in Vic.

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	689
5 to 11	780
12 to 15	289
16 to 17	123
18 to 25	1,788
26 to 35	3,895
36 to 45	1,831
46+	736
Total	10,131

Table 29: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in Vic.

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	1,392
Albania	<10
Algeria	<10
Bangladesh	86
Belarus	<10
Myanmar	147
Djibouti	<10
Egypt	<10
Eritrea	15
Estonia	<10
Ethiopia	10
India	29

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Indonesia	19
Iran	3,323
Iraq	255
Kuwait	<10
Lebanon	114
Malaysia	<10
Nepal	<10
Pakistan	960
Palestinian Authority	25
Philippines	<10
Somalia	123
Sri Lanka	2,188
Stateless	1,121
Sudan	76
Syria	26
Turkey	<10
Ukraine	<10
Unknown	19
Vietnam	170
Yemen	<10
Total	10,131

Western Australia

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by suburb in WA

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Gosnells	98
Balga	76
Maddington	63
Thornlie	58
Mirrabooka	57
Langford	52
Girrawheen	45
Dianella	44
Morley	37
Nollamara	31
Kewdale	28
Beechboro	26
Cloverdale	25
Koondoola	25
Rivervale	23
Ballajura	22
Katanning	22
Yokine	21
Westminster	20
Alexander Heights	18
Beckenham	18
Cannington	18
Queens Park	18

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Kenwick	17
Marangaroo	17
Bennett Springs	16
Seville Grove	16
Bentley	14
Carlisle	13
Victoria Park	13
Canning Vale	12
East Victoria Park	12
Madeley	11
Bedford	10
Osborne Park	10
Willetton	10
Wilson	10
117 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	316
Total	1,342

Table 31: IMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	208
Male	1,134
Total	1,342

Table 32: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	388
Bangladesh	<10
Myanmar	<10
Eritrea	<10
Ethiopia	<10
Indonesia	<10
Iran	241
Iraq	45
Nepal	<10
Pakistan	97
Palestinian Authority	25
Somalia	<10
Sri Lanka	292
Stateless	57
Sudan	11
Syria	<10
Unknown	<10
Vietnam	154
Total	1,342

Table 33: IMA BVE holders by age range in WA

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	64
5 to 11	51
12 to 15	23
16 to 17	15
18 to 25	267
26 to 35	559
36 to 45	244
46+	119
Total	1,342