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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 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 next report is expected to be released in April 2018.

# 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 BVEs to some 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

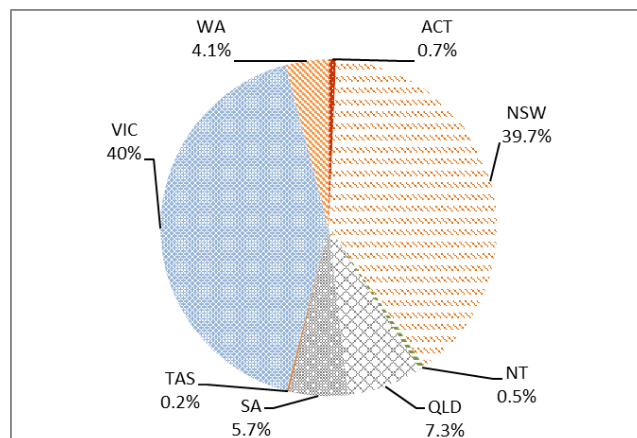
As at 31 December 2017, a total of 36,362 BVEs have been granted to IMAs. Of these, 19,590 remain in the community, (17,775 with a current BVE and 1815 awaiting grant of a further BVE). The remaining 16,772 IMAs, who were granted BVEs have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned 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	7,780
NT	93
Qld	1,426
SA	1,108
Tas.	38
Vic.	8,200
WA	808
<b>Total</b>	<b>19,590</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 BVEs as at **31 December 2017**. People who arrived as IMAs and who hold a BVE 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
2614	20
2612	18
2617	15
2914	11
2611	10
2615	10
2912	10
14 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	43
<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	15
26 to 35	58
36 to 45	33

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	12
IRAN	30
IRAQ	19
SRI LANKA	45
12 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	31
<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
2195	897
2144	830
2145	757
2160	669
2161	405
2142	341
2170	276
2165	236
2146	230
2166	206
2141	188
2150	179
2196	168
2148	154
2147	144
2200	141
2151	133
2140	115
2216	90
2118	85
2162	60
2143	57

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2168	54
2163	52
2164	50
2650	49
2117	47
2770	46
2152	42
2112	40
2190	37
2154	35
2199	35
2680	28
2456	27
2194	26
2114	23
2153	23
2192	23
2197	23
2176	18
2264	18
2760	17
2115	16
2122	16
2128	16

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2016	15
2127	15
2767	15
2116	14
2135	11
2217	11
2290	11
2000	10
2077	10
182 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	546
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,780</b>

Table 7: IMA BVE holders by age range in NSW

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	439
5 to 11	330
12 to 15	129
16 to 17	62
18 to 25	1,080
26 to 35	3,622
36 to 45	1,578
46+	540
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,780</b>

Table 8: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	785
BANGLADESH	449
INDIA	19
INDONESIA	19
IRAN	2,158
IRAQ	575
LEBANON	96
MYANMAR	88
NEPAL	16
PAKISTAN	328
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	105
SOMALIA	44
SRI LANKA	1,801
STATELESS	999
SUDAN	152
SYRIA	23
UNKNOWN	13
VIETNAM	72
17 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,780</b>

**Table 9: IMA BVE holders by gender in NSW**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of IMA BVE holders</b>
Female	1,212
Male	6,568
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,780</b>



## Northern Territory

Table 10: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NT

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
810	35
822	20
812	11
820	10
6 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</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	34
36 to 45	25
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>

Table 12: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
SRI LANKA	37
VIETNAM	30
10 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>

Table 13: IMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	16
Male	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>93</b>

## Queensland

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by postcode in Qld

Postcode	Number IMA BVE holders
4114	282
4077	206
4105	46
4076	45
4343	45
4109	41
4122	38
4034	35
4103	34
4350	33
4113	30
4300	28
4110	26
4078	25
4127	23
4701	23
4151	22
4012	18
4053	18
4132	17
4032	16
4133	14
4715	14

Postcode	Number IMA BVE holders
4870	13
4074	12
4120	12
4121	12
4169	12
4301	12
4119	10
75 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	264
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,426</b>

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by age range in Qld

Age Range	Number IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	161
5 to 11	125
12 to 15	65
16 to 17	24
18 to 25	182
26 to 35	503
36 to 45	271
46+	95
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,426</b>

**Table 16: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in Qld**

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	80
BANGLADESH	64
INDIA	10
INDONESIA	15
IRAN	342
IRAQ	75
PAKISTAN	36
SOMALIA	50
SRI LANKA	383
STATELESS	161
SUDAN	19
VIETNAM	159
13 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,426</b>

**Table 17: IMA BVE holders by gender in Qld**

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	425
Male	1,001
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,426</b>

## South Australia

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5084	173
5108	82
5085	56
5113	56
5107	41
5112	34
5098	31
5013	29
5012	27
5047	22
5074	21
5095	21
5008	19
5014	18
5271	18
5086	17
5109	17
5000	16
5011	16
5082	16
5114	16
5268	16
5070	15

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5073	14
5023	13
5088	13
5087	11
5042	10
5046	10
5159	10
59 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	250
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,108</b>

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by age range in SA

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	74
5 to 11	79
12 to 15	27
16 to 17	16
18 to 25	142
26 to 35	413
36 to 45	259
46+	98
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,108</b>

**Table 20: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA**

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	187
BANGLADESH	16
IRAN	366
PAKISTAN	66
SOMALIA	16
SRI LANKA	251
STATELESS	106
SUDAN	12
VIETNAM	59
9 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,108</b>

**Table 21: IMA BVE holders by gender in SA**

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	245
Male	863
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,108</b>

## Tasmania

Table 22: IMA BVE holders by postcode in Tas.

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
7008	18
11 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</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	12
26 to 35	15
36 to 45	<10
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>

Table 24: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in Tas.

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	10
IRAN	14
6 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>

Table 25: IMA BVE holders by gender in Tas.

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>38</b>

## Victoria

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by postcode in Vic.

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3175	1,073
3020	797
3171	541
3021	462
3047	302
3177	286
3075	285
3174	271
3074	255
3076	245
3046	207
3030	159
3073	139
3029	138
3064	128
3082	127
3023	106
3805	93
3976	89
3019	82
3011	79
3034	79
3802	77

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3048	70
3072	67
3752	61
3083	56
3028	53
3214	53
3803	53
3012	45
3060	45
3850	45
3754	44
3058	43
3750	43
3022	42
3044	42
3108	42
3977	40
3109	39
3630	35
3107	32
3037	30
3061	29
3172	29
3056	27

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3032	26
3216	26
3038	24
3169	24
3350	24
3025	23
3033	23
3081	23
3024	22
3043	22
3134	22
3215	22
3049	21
3975	20
3170	19
3042	18
3129	17
3150	17
3173	17
3031	16
3105	16
3130	16
3131	16
3040	14

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3133	14
3128	13
3166	13
3450	13
3051	12
3084	12
3218	12
3500	12
3875	12
3027	11
3055	11
3178	11
3340	11
3585	11
3145	10
143 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	449
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,200</b>



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

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	662
5 to 11	671
12 to 15	293
16 to 17	84
18 to 25	1,263
26 to 35	3,088
36 to 45	1,526
46+	613
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,200</b>

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
SOMALIA	125
SRI LANKA	1,856
STATELESS	1,002
SUDAN	67
SYRIA	20
UNKNOWN	18
VIETNAM	171
12 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,200</b>

Table 28: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in Vic.

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	705
BANGLADESH	86
ERITREA	14
INDIA	28
INDONESIA	16
IRAN	2,856
IRAQ	218
LEBANON	118
MYANMAR	111
PAKISTAN	736
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	15

Table 29: IMA BVE holders by gender in Vic.

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	2,083
Male	6,117
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,200</b>

## Western Australia

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
6061	92
6064	84
6110	79
6107	62
6109	36
6147	29
6063	25
6065	24
6105	23
6060	22
6108	22
6059	20
6062	19
6112	17
6101	15
6066	12
6155	12
6102	11
6103	10
6111	10
65 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	184

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
<b>Total</b>	<b>808</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	26
12 to 15	17
16 to 17	13
18 to 25	140
26 to 35	325
36 to 45	173
46+	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>808</b>

**Table 32: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA**

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	172
IRAN	145
IRAQ	32
PAKISTAN	56
SRI LANKA	223
STATELESS	26
VIETNAM	137
9 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>808</b>

**Table 33: IMA BVE holders by gender in WA**

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	122
Male	686
<b>Total</b>	<b>808</b>