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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 May 2019.

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 (IMA)s.

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

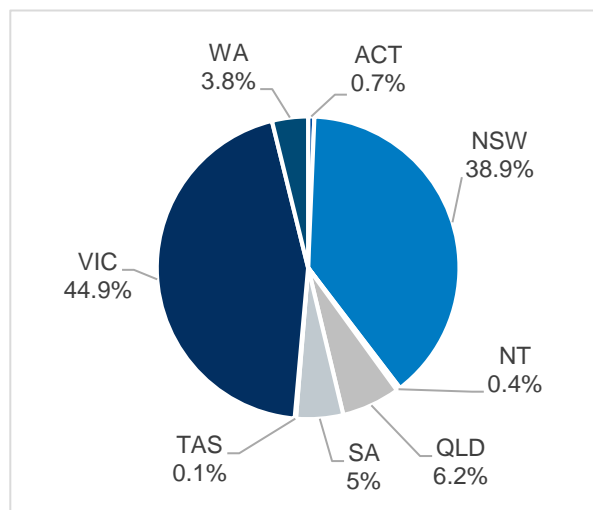
As at 31 December 2018, a total of 36,874 have been granted to IMAs. Of these, 15,674 remain in the community, (13,743 with a current BVE and 1931 awaiting grant of a further BVE). The remaining 21,200 IMAs, who were granted BVEs have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned 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	104
NSW	6,105
NT	63
QLD	979
SA	787
TAS	22
VIC	7,011
WA	603
Total	15,674

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 2018**. 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	15
2611	12
16 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	77
Total	104

Table 3: 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	14
26 to 35	44
36 to 45	24
46+	<10
Total	104

Table 4: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
IRAN	25
SRI LANKA	43
VIETNAM	11
9 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	25
Total	104

Table 5: IMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	23
Male	81
Total	104

New South Wales

Table 6: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NSW

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2145	707
2144	589
2195	541
2160	507
2161	355
2142	248
2146	212
2165	197
2166	186
2170	184
2141	139
2150	133
2196	115
2151	112
2147	108
2200	99
2148	98
2140	97
2118	89
2216	77
2162	63
2168	50
2650	49

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2163	46
2112	40
2152	39
2190	37
2770	36
2117	35
2143	33
2199	33
2164	29
2154	26
2153	23
2680	22
2114	21
2176	21
2127	19
2192	19
2128	16
2456	15
2768	14
2116	13
2197	13
2767	13
2077	12
2122	12
2290	12
2125	11

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2155	11
2750	11
2000	10
2115	10
2747	10
2763	10
175 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	478
Total	6,105

Table 7: IMA BVE holders by age group in NSW

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	254
5 to 11	243
12 to 15	92
16 to 17	41
18 to 25	678
26 to 35	2,881
36 to 45	1,428
46+	488
Total	6,105

Table 8: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	538
BANGLADESH	455
INDIA	20
INDONESIA	15
IRAN	1,781
IRAQ	442
LEBANON	84
MYANMAR	38
NEPAL	14
PAKISTAN	264
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	72
SOMALIA	23
SRI LANKA	1,592
STATELESS	554
SUDAN	87
SYRIA	16
VIETNAM	69
17 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	41
Total	6,105

Table 9: IMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	825
Male	5,280
Total	6,105

Northern Territory

Table 10: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NT

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
810	22
822	15
812	12
6 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	14
Total	63

Table 11: IMA BVE holders by age group in NT

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	18
36 to 45	23
46+	<10
Total	63

Table 12: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
SRI LANKA	25
VIETNAM	23
6 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	15
Total	63

Table 13: IMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	10
Male	53
Total	63

Queensland

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
4077	167
4114	149
4343	38
4109	29
4122	29
4076	27
4132	24
4105	23
4350	23
4127	21
4300	21
4701	20
4103	19
4110	18
4034	17
4078	16
4113	15
4012	12
4032	12
4102	12
4151	12
4065	10
4131	10

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
71 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	255
Total	979

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	75
5 to 11	85
12 to 15	43
16 to 17	26
18 to 25	119
26 to 35	346
36 to 45	209
46+	76
Total	979

Table 16: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	50
BANGLADESH	56
INDIA	10
IRAN	212
IRAQ	57
PAKISTAN	25
SOMALIA	22
SRI LANKA	323
STATELESS	54
VIETNAM	147
10 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	23
Total	979

Table 17: IMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	264
Male	715
Total	979

South Australia

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5084	147
5108	46
5113	45
5085	38
5012	29
5271	28
5107	27
5013	25
5098	25
5112	20
5088	15
5095	13
5109	12
5114	12
5268	12
5008	11
5047	11
5082	11
5086	10
5096	10
71 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	240
Total	787

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	56
5 to 11	54
12 to 15	15
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	80
26 to 35	315
36 to 45	185
46+	75
Total	787

Table 20: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	141
BANGLADESH	12
IRAN	216
PAKISTAN	62
SRI LANKA	217
STATELESS	39
SUDAN	10
VIETNAM	62
9 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	28
Total	787

Table 21: IMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	164
Male	623
Total	787

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	22
Total	22

Table 23: IMA BVE holders by age group in TAS

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	<10
36 to 45	<10
46+	<10
Total	22

Table 24: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in TAS

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
5 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	22
Total	22

Table 25: IMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	21
Total	22

Victoria

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3175	889
3020	659
3021	409
3171	382
3047	255
3177	237
3075	221
3174	216
3074	211
3076	210
3046	169
3029	140
3082	131
3064	130
3023	129
3073	123
3030	115
3976	79
3805	75
3072	69
3083	63
3011	60
3802	59
3977	59

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3048	57
3803	56
3752	52
3019	51
3109	48
3034	47
3754	45
3850	45
3750	44
3060	42
3108	42
3214	42
3044	41
3012	40
3022	40
3037	35
3058	33
3028	31
3630	31
3150	29
3216	29
3081	28
3032	27
3107	27
3172	24
3049	23

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3056	22
3173	22
3975	22
3043	21
3061	21
3134	21
3215	19
3350	19
3033	18
3130	18
3131	18
3025	17
3040	16
3042	15
3024	14
3133	14
3170	14
3038	13
3128	13
3031	12
3059	12
3105	12
3166	12
3500	12
3875	12
3041	11

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3153	11
3169	11
3340	10
3810	10
141 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	450
Total	7,011

Table 27: IMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	501
5 to 11	563
12 to 15	264
16 to 17	82
18 to 25	920
26 to 35	2,638
36 to 45	1,450
46+	593
Total	7,011

Table 28: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	602
BANGLADESH	82
INDIA	30
INDONESIA	10
IRAN	2,466
IRAQ	181
LEBANON	128
MYANMAR	100
PAKISTAN	642
SOMALIA	34
SRI LANKA	1,698
STATELESS	773
SUDAN	31
VIETNAM	164
NOT RECORDED	18
15 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	52
Total	7,011

Table 29: IMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
FEMALE	1,692
MALE	5,319
Total	7,011

Western Australia

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
6061	72
6064	68
6110	61
6107	38
6147	32
6109	30
6108	23
6059	18
6112	17
6065	16
6105	16
6063	12
6060	11
6062	10
6066	10
6101	10
56 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	159
Total	603

Table 31: IMA BVE holders by age group in WA

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	25
5 to 11	25
12 to 15	18
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	77
26 to 35	242
36 to 45	141
46+	69
Total	603

Table 32: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	108
IRAN	82
IRAQ	21
PAKISTAN	44
SRI LANKA	196
STATELESS	22
VIETNAM	119
7 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	11
Total	603

Table 33: IMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	99
Male	504
Total	603