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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.

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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 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

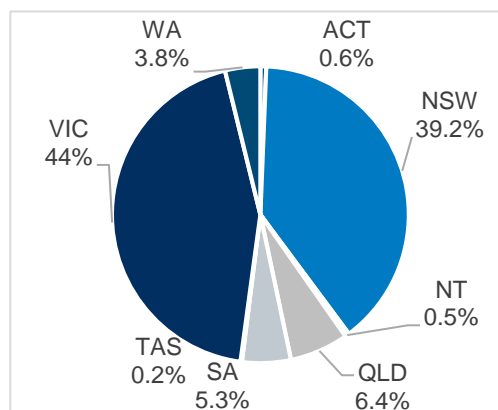
As at 30 June 2018, a total of 36,827 Bridging E Visas (BVE)s have been granted to Illegal Maritime Arrivals (IMA)s. Of these, 17,420 remain in the community, (15,890 with a current BVE and 1,530 awaiting grant of a further BVE). The remaining 19,407 IMAs, who were granted BVEs have either been granted 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	111
NSW	6,827
NT	79
QLD	1,116
SA	924
TAS	27
VIC	7,668
WA	668
Total	17,420

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 **30 June 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	18
2617	12
2611	11
2612	11
17 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	59
Total	111

Table 4: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
SRI LANKA	44
IRAN	26
VIETNAM	11
10 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	30
Total	111

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	50
36 to 45	25
46+	<10
Total	111

Table 5: IMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	23
Male	88
Total	111

New South Wales

Table 6: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NSW

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2195	743
2145	732
2144	691
2160	528
2161	372
2142	293
2146	232
2170	217
2165	202
2166	197
2141	162
2150	153
2196	144
2151	126
2148	121
2147	115
2200	110
2140	103
2118	92
2216	84
2162	74
2168	54
2164	51

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2650	51
2143	47
2117	44
2163	44
2770	36
2190	35
2199	35
2152	32
2112	30
2153	28
2154	28
2680	26
2114	25
2176	23
2192	22
2456	21
2116	16
2264	15
2122	14
2127	14
2128	13
2197	13
2760	13
2768	13
2016	12
2115	12

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2194	12
2290	11
2077	10
2179	10
2747	10
2750	10
2763	10
2767	10
169 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	486
Total	6,827

Table 7: IMA BVE holders by age group in NSW

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	351
5 to 11	282
12 to 15	109
16 to 17	42
18 to 25	867
26 to 35	3,206
36 to 45	1,460
46+	510
Total	6,827

Table 8: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
IRAN	1,907
SRI LANKA	1,680
STATELESS	834
AFGHANISTAN	607
IRAQ	481
BANGLADESH	453
PAKISTAN	289
SUDAN	119
LEBANON	86
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	83
VIETNAM	71
MYANMAR	58
SOMALIA	43
SYRIA	21
INDIA	19
INDONESIA	17
NEPAL	14
UNKNOWN	10
16 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	35
Total	6,827

Table 9: IMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	988
Male	5,839
Total	6,827

Northern Territory

Table 10: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NT

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
810	27
822	19
812	11
8 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	22
Total	79

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	27
36 to 45	26
46+	<10
Total	79

Table 12: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
VIETNAM	29
SRI LANKA	27
7 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	23
Total	79

Table 13: IMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	15
Male	64
Total	79

Queensland

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
4077	178
4114	173
4343	41
4105	31
4122	31
4076	30
4103	28
4109	28
4300	28
4350	25
4132	24
4127	22
4113	21
4701	20
4110	19
4034	18
4151	18
4078	16
4133	14
4012	13
4152	13
4032	12
4131	12
4053	10

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
4121	10
78 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	281
Total	1,116

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	98
5 to 11	91
12 to 15	50
16 to 17	21
18 to 25	151
26 to 35	387
36 to 45	237
46+	81
Total	1,116

Table 16: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
SRI LANKA	356
IRAN	282
VIETNAM	156
IRAQ	64
AFGHANISTAN	56
BANGLADESH	53
STATELESS	52
PAKISTAN	30
SOMALIA	27
INDIA	10
12 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	30
Total	1,116

Table 17: IMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	306
Male	810
Total	1,116

South Australia

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5084	144
5108	59
5113	47
5085	42
5107	38
5098	35
5012	32
5112	28
5271	25
5013	20
5047	17
5109	17
5114	16
5268	16
5014	15
5086	15
5095	15
5008	13
5088	13
5011	12
5082	12
5024	11
5070	11
5043	10

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5083	10
5096	10
63 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	241
Total	924

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	66
5 to 11	64
12 to 15	21
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	108
26 to 35	355
36 to 45	211
46+	90
Total	924

Table 20: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
IRAN	294
SRI LANKA	235
AFGHANISTAN	152
STATELESS	66
VIETNAM	61
PAKISTAN	60
BANGLADESH	14
SUDAN	11
8 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	31
Total	924

Table 21: IMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	202
Male	722
Total	924

Tasmania

Table 22: IMA BVE holders by postcode in TAS

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
10 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	27
Total	27

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	<10
26 to 35	11
36 to 45	<10
46+	<10
Total	27

Table 24: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in TAS

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
6 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	27
Total	27

Table 25: IMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	25
Total	27

Victoria

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3175	985
3020	734
3171	473
3021	435
3047	272
3075	267
3177	253
3174	243
3074	232
3076	231
3046	185
3029	148
3030	147
3082	133
3073	131
3064	129
3023	116
3976	82
3805	81
3048	74
3011	71
3802	71
3072	70

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3034	66
3083	65
3019	63
3803	62
3752	50
3754	49
3977	49
3214	47
3060	46
3028	45
3850	45
3108	44
3750	43
3012	40
3022	38
3044	38
3109	36
3058	35
3037	34
3630	34
3216	32
3172	30
3061	28
3081	28
3107	28
3043	26

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3056	26
3032	25
3049	25
3350	21
3975	21
3150	20
3215	20
3031	19
3134	19
3173	19
3025	18
3033	18
3040	18
3130	18
3131	18
3166	18
3024	17
3038	16
3105	16
3128	15
3875	15
3129	14
3133	14
3042	13
3169	13
3840	13

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3178	12
3051	11
3170	11
3500	11
3121	10
3153	10
3218	10
140 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	460
Total	7,668

Table 27: IMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	628
5 to 11	610
12 to 15	288
16 to 17	73
18 to 25	1,099
26 to 35	2,874
36 to 45	1,481
46+	615
Total	7,668

Table 28: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
IRAN	2682
SRI LANKA	1763
STATELESS	900
PAKISTAN	686
AFGHANISTAN	655
IRAQ	209
VIETNAM	164
LEBANON	129
SOMALIA	93
BANGLADESH	88
MYANMAR	112
SUDAN	51
INDIA	30
UNKNOWN	17
INDONESIA	16
ERITREA	13
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	12
14 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	48
Total	7,668

Table 29: IMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	1,928
Male	5,740
Total	7,668

Western Australia

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
6061	86
6064	76
6110	65
6107	41
6109	34
6147	33
6108	22
6063	19
6105	19
6059	18
6112	17
6060	16
6101	12
6155	12
6065	11
6066	11
6062	10
59 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	166
Total	668

Table 31: IMA BVE holders by age group in WA

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	35
5 to 11	28
12 to 15	14
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	103
26 to 35	269
36 to 45	150
46+	61
Total	668

Table 32: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
SRI LANKA	202
VIETNAM	126
AFGHANISTAN	119
IRAN	99
PAKISTAN	46
IRAQ	31
STATELESS	29
10 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	16
Total	668

Table 33: IMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	108
Male	560
Total	668