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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 that total less than ten. This is done to protect the privacy of individuals.

The next report is expected to be released in October 2016.

Release of Illegal Maritime Arrivals on Bridging Visas 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 on [Onshore Processing of IMAs](#)

Overall Programme Numbers and Current Location by State or Territory

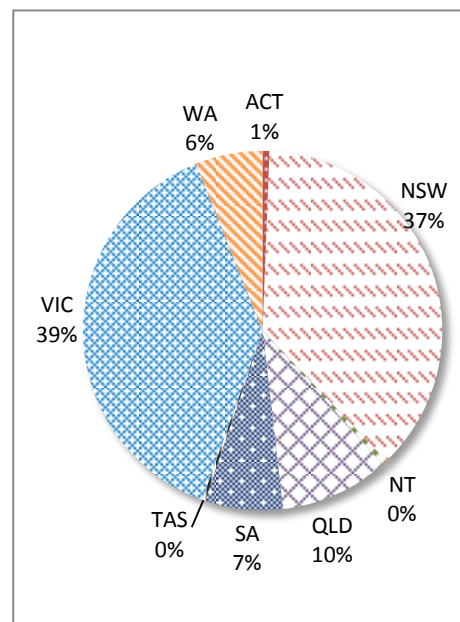
As at 30 June 2016, a total of 35,776 BVEs have been granted to IMAs. Of these, 28,163 remain in the community, (26,397 with a current BVE and 1,766 awaiting grant of a further BVE). The remaining 7,613 IMAs who were granted BVEs have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned 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	171
NSW	10,508
NT	127
QLD	2,765
SA	1,975
TAS	76
VIC	10,837
WA	1,704
Total	28,163

Chart 1: 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 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 in ACT by suburb

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Turner	16
Gungahlin	14
Ngunnawal	12
48 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	129
Total	171

Table 3: Citizenship of IMA BVE holders in ACT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	18
Bangladesh	<10
Egypt	<10
Indonesia	<10
Iran	37
Iraq	14
Pakistan	<10
Palestinian Authority	<10
Sri Lanka	68
Stateless	<10

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Sudan	<10
Syria	<10
Vietnam	12
Total	171

Table 4: IMA BVE holders by age in ACT

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	14
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	40
26 to 35	64
36 to 45	33
46+	<10
Total	171

Table 5: IMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	35
Male	136
Total	171

New South Wales

Table 6: IMA BVE holders by suburb in NSW

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Auburn	1,416
Merrylands	1,001
Lakemba	825
Guildford	435
Granville	352
Fairfield	324
Toongabbie	293
Liverpool	291
Pendle Hill	259
Parramatta	203
Wentworthville	191
Bankstown	187
Berala	179
Wiley Park	179
Punchbowl	168
Lidcombe	158
North Parramatta	138
Cabramatta	129
Seven Hills	125
Girraween	121
Westmead	116
Canley Vale	100
Homebush West	97

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Carlingford	89
Homebush	87
Rockdale	87
Northmead	70
Greystanes	58
Warwick Farm	58
Harris Park	57
Ryde	56
Carramar	55
Chester Hill	54
Mount Druitt	51
Smithfield	51
South Wentworthville	51
South Granville	50
Griffith	48
Fairfield West	43
Yagoona	43
Greenacre	42
Guildford West	42
Regents Park	42
Old Guildford	41
Campsie	36
West Ryde	34
Woolgoolga	34

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Mays Hill	33
Yennora	32
Dundas	30
Merrylands West	29
Canley Heights	27
Kooringal	27
Belmore	26
Castle Hill	26
Telopea	26
Rosehill	25
Silverwater	25
Wagga Wagga	25
Rydalmere	24
Fairfield East	23
Fairfield Heights	23
Villawood	23
Bass Hill	22
Baulkham Hills	22
Doonside	22
Morriset	22
Eastwood	20
Guilford	20
Holroyd	20
Constitution Hill	19
Mount Pritchard	19

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Sadleir	19
Sefton	19
Cabramatta West	18
Hornsby	18
Lalor Park	18
Ashmont	17
Lurnea	17
Burwood	16
Oatlands	16
Orange	16
Leeton	15
Prospect	15
Epping	14
Ermington	14
Marrickville	14
Old Toongabbie	14
Scone	13
Woodpark	13
Ashcroft	12
Casula	12
Kingswood	12
Marsfield	11
Penrith	11
Ultimo	11
Cartwright	10

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Hinchinbrook	10
Meadowbank	10
Narrandera	10
Picnic Point	10
Quakers Hill	10
Riverwood	10
Surry Hills	10
Sydney	10
Wakeley	10
288 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BE holders	783
Total	10,508

Table 7: IMA BVE holders by age range in NSW

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	415
5 to 11	423
12 to 15	158
16 to 17	72
18 to 25	2,056
26 to 35	4,817
36 to 45	1,925
46+	642
Grand Total	10,508

Table 8: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	1,359
Albania	<10
Algeria	<10
Bangladesh	424
Congo	<10
Cyprus	<10
Egypt	<10
Eritrea	<10
Ethiopia	<10
Gambia	<10
India	18
Indonesia	15
Iran	2,944
Iraq	963
Kuwait	<10
Lebanon	99
Malaysia	<10
Mali	<10
Moldova	<10
Mongolia	<10
Morocco	<10
Myanmar	123
Nepal	15
Pakistan	566

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Palestinian Authority	152
Saudi Arabia	<10
Slovakia	<10
Somalia	53
Sri Lanka	2,209
Stateless	1,187
Sudan	195
Syria	50
Unknown	12
Vietnam	80
Yemen	<10
Total	10,508

Table 9: IMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	1,474
Male	9,034
Total	10,508

Northern Territory

Table 10: IMA BVE holders by suburb in NT

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Stuart Park	18
Coconut Grove	15
Lambells Lagoon	12
34 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	82
Total	127

Table 11: IMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	23
Male	104
Total	127

Table 12: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	<10
Bangladesh	<10
Indonesia	<10
Iran	12
Iraq	<10
Palestinian Authority	<10
Somalia	<10

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
Sri Lanka	46
Stateless	14
Sudan	<10
Vietnam	30
Total	127

Table 13: IMA BVE holders by age in NT

Age	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	<10
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	34
26 to 35	49
36 to 45	27
46+	<10
Total	127

Queensland

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by suburb in QLD

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
Woodridge	390
Inala	203
Logan Central	164
Gatton	92
Moorooka	79
Annerley	64
Slacks Creek	57
Kingston	55
Darra	53
Biloela	49
Runcorn	40
Sunnybank Hills	40
Forest Lake	37
Acacia Ridge	36
Coorparoo	36
Zillmere	36
Greenslopes	34
Sunnybank	33
Toowoomba	33
Clayfield	32
Koongal	32
Nundah	29
Southport	27

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
Berserker	23
Kedron	23
Marsden	22
Chermside	21
Wavell Heights	20
Woolloongabba	19
Holland Park	18
Northgate	18
Salisbury	18
Coopers Plains	17
Everton Park	17
Kearneys Spring	17
Kilcoy	17
Tarragindi	17
Yeronga	17
Darling Heights	16
Goodna	16
Durack	15
Fairfield	15
Mount Gravatt	15
Kuraby	14
Surfers Paradise	14
Underwood	14
Bellbird Park	12
Churchill	12

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
Doolandella	12
Rocklea	12
Upper Mount Gravatt	12
Allenstown	11
Aspley	11
Banyo	11
Labrador	11
Archerfield	10
Holland Park West	10
Kangaroo Point	10
Lakes Creek	10
Loganlea	10
Macgregor	10
Mount Gravatt East	10
Toowong	10
182 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	527
Total	2,765

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	683
Male	2,082
Total	2,765

Table 16: IMA BVE holders by age range in QLD

Age Range	Number IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	223
5 to 11	231
12 to 15	86
16 to 17	38
18 to 25	439
26 to 35	1089
36 to 45	497
46+	162
Total	2,765

Table 17: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	299
Bangladesh	102
China	<10
Cyprus	<10
Eritrea	<10
Ethiopia	<10
India	14
Indonesia	24
Iran	804
Iraq	127
Kenya	<10
Kyrgyzstan	<10

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
Lebanon	<10
Myanmar	29
Nepal	<10
Pakistan	104
Palestinian Authority	<10
Papua New Guinea	<10
Somalia	66
Sri Lanka	585
Stateless	349
Sudan	94
Syria	<10
Tibet	<10
Ukraine	<10
Unknown	<10
Vietnam	139
Total	2,765

South Australia

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by suburb in SA

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Blair Athol	177
Kilburn	176
Parafield Gardens	77
Prospect	64
Enfield	55
Naracoorte	50
Bordertown	49
Salisbury	47
Ingle Farm	41
Davoren Park	39
Clearview	38
Elizabeth North	34
Salisbury North	30
Paradise	29
Paralowie	29
Pooraka	28
Salisbury East	25
Croydon Park	24
Renmark	24
Campbelltown	23
Para Hills	23
Seacombe Gardens	22
Oaklands Park	20

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Northfield	19
Ottoway	19
Elizabeth South	18
Sturt	17
Findon	16
Fulham Gardens	16
Gilles Plains	16
Mawson Lakes	16
Elizabeth Downs	14
Holden Hill	14
Murray Bridge	14
Broadview	13
Burton	13
Woodville Gardens	13
Brooklyn Park	12
Kilkenny	12
West Croydon	12
Pennington	11
Seaton	11
Windsor Gardens	11
Elizabeth East	10
Glenelg North	10
Hectorville	10
Virginia	10
Woodville South	10

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
162 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	514
Total	1,975

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by age range in SA

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	114
5 to 11	134
12 to 15	50
16 to 17	25
18 to 25	290
26 to 35	714
36 to 45	454
46+	194
Total	1,975

Table 20: IMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	385
Male	1,590
Total	1,975

Table 21: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	534
Albania	<10
Bangladesh	17
Congo	<10
Eritrea	<10
Ethiopia	<10
Indonesia	<10
Iran	574
Iraq	47
Myanmar	<10
Nepal	<10
Pakistan	157
Somalia	24
Sri Lanka	397
Stateless	106
Sudan	30
Syria	<10
Unknown	<10
Vietnam	63
Total	1,975

Tasmania

Table 22: IMA BVE holders by suburb in TAS

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
New Town	25
23 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	51
Total	76

Table 23: IMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	68
Total	76

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	0
18 to 25	21
26 to 35	32
36 to 45	10
46+	<10
Total	76

Table 25: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in TAS

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	17
Bangladesh	<10
Iran	29
Iraq	<10
Kuwait	<10
Pakistan	<10
Somalia	<10
Sri Lanka	15
Stateless	<10
Unknown	<10
Vietnam	<10
Total	76

Victoria

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by suburb in VIC

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Dandenong	1,433
Springvale	642
St Albans	486
Doveton	423
Noble Park	387
Lalor	368
Sunshine	323
Dandenong North	298
Sunshine West	278
Broadmeadows	275
Thomastown	265
Albion	249
Epping	249
Sunshine North	222
Glenroy	206
Reservoir	195
Werribee	164
Shepparton	146
Mill Park	143
Dandenong South	135
Hampton Park	126
Braybrook	115
Hoppers Crossing	115

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Avondale Heights	113
Dallas	105
Footscray	100
Hallam	100
Endeavour Hills	93
Narre Warren	83
Preston	76
Meadow Heights	70
Mildura	63
Craigieburn	61
South Morang	56
Corio	53
Roxburgh Park	53
Deer Park	52
Altona Meadows	50
Ardeer	50
Narre Warren South	47
West Footscray	44
Norlane	43
Keilor East	42
Fawkner	41
Bundoora	40
Altona North	38
Jacana	38
Keysborough	37

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Pascoe Vale	37
Coburg	36
Doncaster	36
Brunswick	35
Swan Hill	33
Templestowe Lower	32
Point Cook	31
Doncaster East	30
Springvale South	30
Oak Park	29
Clayton	27
Cranbourne North	27
Hadfield	27
Mernda	27
Cairnlea	26
Eumemmerring	26
Robinvale	26
Clayton South	25
Essendon	25
Coburg North	24
Sale	24
Campbellfield	23
Kings Park	23
Albanvale	22
Maidstone	22

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Tarneit	22
Colac	21
Cranbourne	21
Heidelberg West	21
Ringwood	21
Caroline Springs	20
Laverton	20
Keilor Downs	19
North Melbourne	19
Box Hill	18
Geelong West	18
Westmeadows	17
Noble Park North	16
Rowville	16
Wollert	16
Wyndham Vale	16
Blackburn	15
Cranbourne West	15
Highton	15
Brunswick West	14
Bulleen	14
Coolaroo	13
Delahey	13
Forest Hill	13
Glen Waverley	13

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Maribyrnong	13
Belmont	12
Boronia	12
Thornbury	12
Bell Park	11
Blackburn North	11
Box Hill North	11
Brooklyn	11
Grovedale	11
Hamlyn Heights	11
Sydenham	11
Castlemaine	10
Derrimut	10
Essendon North	10
Heidelberg Heights	10
Melbourne	10
Mitcham	10
Newport	10
Nunawading	10
Richmond	10
Taylors Hill	10
Templestowe	10
Truganina	10
213 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	671

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Total	10,837

Table 27: IMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	2,435
Male	8,402
Total	10,837

Table 28: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	1,748
Albania	<10
Algeria	<10
Bangladesh	86
Belarus	<10
Djibouti	<10
Egypt	<10
Eritrea	10
Estonia	<10
Ethiopia	<10
India	23
Indonesia	19
Iran	3427
Iraq	272
Kuwait	<10

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Lebanon	112
Malaysia	<10
Myanmar	166
Nepal	<10
Pakistan	1,031
Palestinian Authority	25
Philippines	<10
Somalia	116
Sri Lanka	2,344
Stateless	1,118
Sudan	82
Syria	26
Turkey	<10
Ukraine	<10
Unknown	18
Vietnam	171
Yemen	<10
Total	10,837

Table 29: IMA BVE holders by age range in VIC

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	715
5 to 11	769
12 to 15	281
16 to 17	123
18 to 25	2,116
26 to 35	4,192
36 to 45	1,883
46+	758
Total	10,837

Western Australia

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by suburb in WA

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Gosnells	132
Balga	98
Mirrabooka	89
Maddington	81
Girrawheen	74
Dianella	59
Thornlie	56
Langford	52
Cloverdale	42
Kewdale	42
Nollamara	41
Morley	40
Ballajura	34
Bentley	33
Koondoola	33
Westminster	31
Beckenham	29
Beechboro	29
Rivervale	27
Cannington	26
Kenwick	25
Belmont	24
Alexander Heights	23

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Marangaroo	22
Victoria Park	22
Katanning	21
Seville Grove	18
Carlisle	17
Yokine	17
Queens Park	16
Bennett Springs	15
Maylands	15
East Victoria Park	13
Osborne Park	13
Wilson	13
Canning Vale	12
Madeley	12
Mount Barker	12
Kelmscott	10
Noranda	10
122 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	326
Total	1,704

Table 31: IMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	231
Male	1,473
Total	1,704

Table 32: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	593
Bangladesh	<10
Eritrea	<10
Ethiopia	<10
Indonesia	<10
Iran	308
Iraq	54
Jordan	<10
Myanmar	<10
Pakistan	113
Palestinian Authority	29
Somalia	11
Sri Lanka	336
Stateless	59
Sudan	17
Syria	<10
Unknown	<10

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Vietnam	158
Total	1,704

Table 33: IMA BVE holders by age range in WA

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	64
5 to 11	56
12 to 15	27
16 to 17	16
18 to 25	374
26 to 35	698
36 to 45	327
46+	142
Total	1,704