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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 November 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

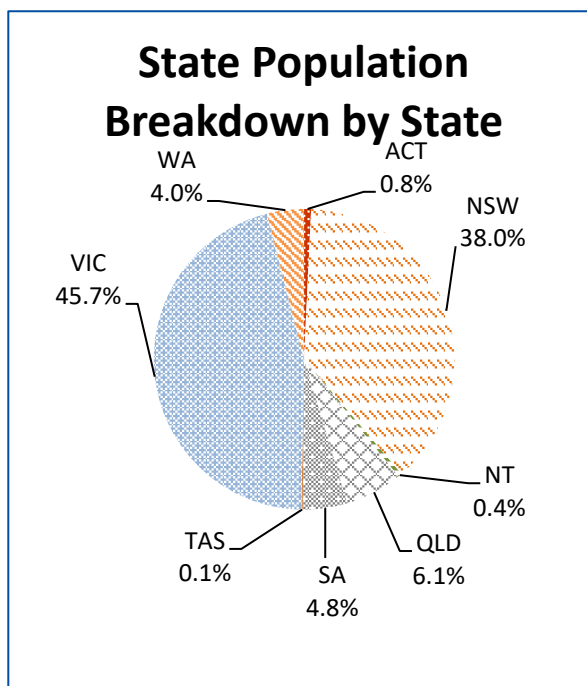
As at 30 June 2019, a total of 36,880 BVEs have been granted to IMAs. Of these, 14,507 are currently living in the Australian community (12,466 with a current BVE and 2041 awaiting grant of a further BVE). Of the remaining 22,373 IMAs who were granted BVEs, some received a substantive visa, while others have returned to immigration detention, departed Australia, or are now deceased.

BVE holders are free to live where they chose, in any state or territory. Currently, the largest proportion of IMAs reside 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).

**Table 1: Current location of IMA BVE holders**

State and Territory	Number of IMA BVE holders
ACT	109
NSW	5,519
NT	61
QLD	891
SA	694
TAS	21
VIC	6,634
WA	578
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,507</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 bridging visas as at 30 June 2019. 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 postcode in ACT

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2913	14
2614	13
2611	10
17 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	72
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>

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	15
26 to 35	43
36 to 45	26
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>

Table 4: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
IRAN	27
SRI LANKA	44
VIETNAM	11
7 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>

Table 5: IMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	28
Male	81
<b>Total</b>	<b>109</b>

## New South Wales

Table 6: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NSW

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2145	660
2144	504
2195	454
2160	427
2161	320
2142	216
2146	211
2166	187
2170	164
2165	161
2150	124
2141	105
2147	105
2196	100
2200	90
2151	89
2148	88
2140	84
2118	78
2216	74
2162	46
2650	44
2152	42

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2168	42
2190	41
2199	41
2163	38
2164	38
2112	35
2117	34
2176	34
2154	32
2770	32
2143	27
2114	22
2153	22
2197	19
2192	17
2680	17
2122	16
2155	16
2127	15
2767	15
2116	14
2194	14
2456	14
2768	14
2128	12
2290	11

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2077	10
2125	10
2207	10
2566	10
2760	10
166 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	464
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,519</b>

Table 7: IMA BVE holders by age group in NSW

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	194
5 to 11	262
12 to 15	93
16 to 17	36
18 to 25	529
26 to 35	2,563
36 to 45	1,366
46+	476
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,519</b>

Table 8: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	413

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
BANGLADESH	447
INDIA	22
INDONESIA	10
IRAN	1,634
IRAQ	420
LEBANON	84
MYANMAR	22
NEPAL	14
PAKISTAN	225
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	50
SOMALIA	15
SRI LANKA	1,529
STATELESS	449
SUDAN	58
SYRIA	16
VIETNAM	67
17 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,519</b>

Table 9: IMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	744
Male	4,775
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,519</b>

## Northern Territory

Table 10: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NT

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
810	20
812	13
9 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>

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	17
36 to 45	24
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>

Table 12: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
SRI LANKA	26
VIETNAM	20
6 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>

Table 13: IMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>61</b>



## Queensland

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
4077	153
4114	133
4343	37
4076	27
4132	24
4701	24
4103	23
4122	23
4110	22
4350	21
4032	20
4109	20
4127	18
4105	17
4300	16
4102	14
4065	13
4034	11
4123	11
4151	11
4064	10
4121	10
70 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	233
<b>Total</b>	<b>891</b>

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	52
5 to 11	85
12 to 15	44
16 to 17	19
18 to 25	105
26 to 35	321
36 to 45	200
46+	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>891</b>

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

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	48
BANGLADESH	60
INDIA	12
IRAN	188
IRAQ	39
PAKISTAN	20
SOMALIA	10
SRI LANKA	302
STATELESS	55
VIETNAM	131
9 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>891</b>

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

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
FEMALE	232
MALE	659
<b>Total</b>	<b>891</b>

## South Australia

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5084	115
5108	42
5113	37
5085	34
5271	27
5012	26
5013	26
5107	24
5098	19
5112	18
5088	12
5268	12
5159	11
5086	10
5095	10
77 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	271
<b>Total</b>	<b>694</b>

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	45
5 to 11	54
12 to 15	12

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	67
26 to 35	277
36 to 45	165
46+	69
<b>Total</b>	<b>694</b>

Table 20: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	110
BANGLADESH	12
IRAN	190
PAKISTAN	51
SRI LANKA	189
STATELESS	35
VIETNAM	74
9 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	33
<b>Total</b>	<b>694</b>

Table 21: IMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	137
Male	557
<b>Total</b>	<b>694</b>

## Tasmania

Table 22: IMA BVE holders by postcode in TAS

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
11 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

Table 24: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in TAS

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
5 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

Table 25: IMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>21</b>

## Victoria

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3175	860
3020	636
3021	387
3171	268
3047	256
3177	215
3075	212
3076	206
3174	203
3074	191
3046	144
3023	142
3029	142
3064	134
3082	134
3073	120
3030	111
3976	79
3805	72
3072	68
3803	63
3214	61
3977	61
3083	58

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3752	58
3802	57
3019	48
3034	47
3048	47
3109	47
3012	46
3011	43
3108	43
3750	42
3022	39
3850	39
3037	37
3044	37
3060	37
3754	36
3028	31
3058	28
3107	28
3630	28
3081	25
3150	25
3172	25
3216	24
3134	23
3032	22

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3215	22
3033	21
3056	20
3173	20
3025	18
3049	18
3131	18
3350	18
3042	17
3061	17
3130	16
3133	16
3043	15
3128	14
3024	13
3500	13
3975	13
3170	12
3875	12
3978	12
3038	11
3059	11
3337	11
3040	10
3104	10
3105	10

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3129	10
3153	10
3166	10
3169	10
137 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	421
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,634</b>

Table 27: IMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	383
5 to 11	562
12 to 15	263
16 to 17	87
18 to 25	797
26 to 35	2,497
36 to 45	1,447
46+	598
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,634</b>

**Table 28: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC**

<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Number of IMA BVE holders</b>
AFGHANISTAN	584
BANGLADESH	77
INDIA	22
IRAN	2,341
IRAQ	178
LEBANON	129
MYANMAR	88
NOT RECORDED	20
PAKISTAN	632
SOMALIA	15
SRI LANKA	1,658
STATELESS	655
SUDAN	25
VIETNAM	164
15 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,634</b>

**Table 29: IMA BVE holders by gender in VIC**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of IMA BVE holders</b>
FEMALE	1,585
MALE	5,049
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,634</b>

## Western Australia

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
6064	68
6110	61
6061	60
6107	37
6147	32
6109	28
6108	24
6112	19
6105	15
6059	14
6062	14
6065	14
6155	14
6063	13
6060	10
56 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	155
<b>Total</b>	<b>578</b>

Table 31: IMA BVE holders by age group in WA

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	19
5 to 11	27
12 to 15	16
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	70
26 to 35	230
36 to 45	143
46+	70
<b>Total</b>	<b>578</b>

Table 32: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	107
IRAN	76
IRAQ	21
PAKISTAN	45
SRI LANKA	192
STATELESS	16
VIETNAM	110
7 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>578</b>



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

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of IMA BVE holders</b>
FEMALE	95
MALE	483
<b>Total</b>	<b>578</b>