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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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The September quarter report is expected to be released in November 2020.

# 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 (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

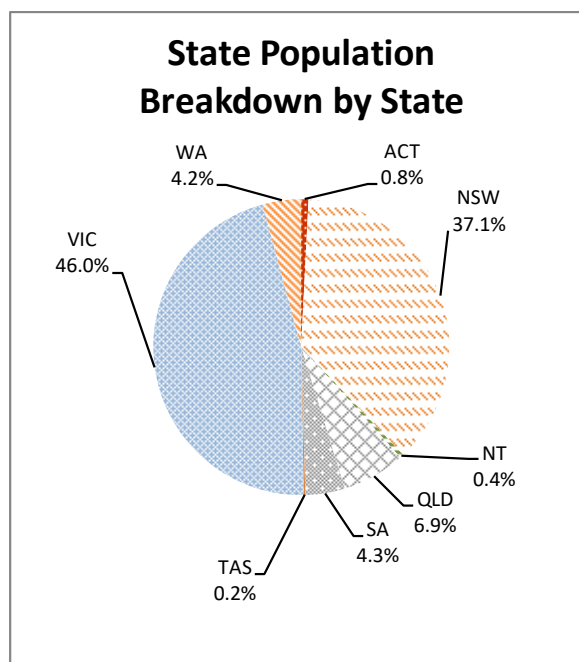
As at 30 June 2020, a total of 37 026 have been granted to IMAs. Of these, 12 450 remain in the community, (10 245 with a current BVE and 2205 awaiting grant of a further BVE). The remaining 24 576 IMAs, who were granted BVEs have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned to 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).

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

State and Territory	Number of IMA BVE holders
ACT	100
NSW	4,623
NT	51
QLD	859
SA	537
TAS	23
VIC	5,731
WA	526
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,450</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 2020. 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	16
2602	13
2614	12
2611	11
2617	10
16 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 4: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
IRAN	22
IRAQ	14
SRI LANKA	42
7 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	24
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</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	<10
26 to 35	38
36 to 45	28
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

Table 5: IMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	22
Male	78
<b>Total</b>	<b>100</b>

## New South Wales

Table 6: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NSW

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2145	635
2195	384
2144	369
2160	335
2161	236
2146	201
2142	178
2166	142
2170	124
2165	115
2147	99
2150	98
2141	91
2140	87
2196	74
2216	72
2148	67
2118	66
2151	63
2200	60
2650	43
2162	40
2164	39

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2199	38
2168	34
2163	33
2190	32
2770	31
2112	28
2154	27
2152	26
2153	26
2176	25
2117	20
2143	19
2197	19
2767	18
2114	16
2155	16
2680	16
2800	16
2192	15
2768	15
2127	13
2194	13
2116	12
2122	11
2128	11

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2171	11
2456	11
2760	11
2766	10
157 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	432
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,623</b>

Table 7: IMA BVE holders by age group in NSW

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	131
5 to 11	244
12 to 15	89
16 to 17	35
18 to 25	301
26 to 35	2,113
36 to 45	1,253
46+	457
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,623</b>

Table 8: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	257
BANGLADESH	439
INDIA	16
INDONESIA	10

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
IRAN	1,306
IRAQ	349
LEBANON	84
MYANMAR	19
NEPAL	14
PAKISTAN	198
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	20
SRI LANKA	1,410
STATELESS	345
SUDAN	29
SYRIA	11
VIETNAM	68
15 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	48
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,623</b>

Table 9: IMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	621
Male	4,002
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,623</b>

## Northern Territory

Table 10: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NT

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
810	19
812	11
7 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>

Table 11: IMA BVE holders by age group in NT

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	0
5 to 11	<10
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	<10
26 to 35	15
36 to 45	20
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>

Table 12: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
SRI LANKA	21
VIETNAM	17
8 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>

Table 13: IMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	>40
<b>Total</b>	<b>51</b>



## Queensland

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
4077	154
4114	106
4343	40
4110	27
4701	24
4127	22
4076	21
4103	21
4122	20
4132	20
4109	18
4105	17
4065	16
4350	16
4032	13
4034	13
4102	13
4123	12
4151	12
4300	12
4215	10
75 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	252
<b>Total</b>	<b>859</b>

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	30
5 to 11	88
12 to 15	39
16 to 17	21
18 to 25	88
26 to 35	309
36 to 45	201
46+	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>859</b>

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

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	41
BANGLADESH	59
INDIA	11
IRAN	177
IRAQ	40
PAKISTAN	17
SRI LANKA	297
STATELESS	64
VIETNAM	124
10 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>859</b>

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

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
FEMALE	217
MALE	642
<b>Total</b>	<b>859</b>

## South Australia

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5084	94
5108	43
5085	32
5113	25
5013	23
5012	22
5098	20
5107	19
5087	17
5268	14
5112	12
5086	11
5271	11
5074	10
61 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	184
<b>Total</b>	<b>537</b>

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	19
5 to 11	40
12 to 17	19
18 to 25	35
26 to 35	220
36 to 45	147

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
46+	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>537</b>

Table 20: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	69
BANGLADESH	12
IRAN	123
PAKISTAN	67
SRI LANKA	164
STATELESS	13
VIETNAM	71
5 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>537</b>

Table 21: IMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	93
Male	444
<b>Total</b>	<b>537</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	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

Table 25: IMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<11
Male	>11
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

Table 23: IMA BVE holders by age group in TAS

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	0
5 to 11	<10
12 to 15	0
16 to 17	0
18 to 25	<10
26 to 35	<10
36 to 45	<10
46+	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

Table 24: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in TAS

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
7 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

## Victoria

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3175	740
3020	553
3021	360
3076	206
3047	194
3171	192
3177	188
3075	179
3174	146
3029	143
3074	141
3023	121
3064	116
3046	113
3082	98
3073	95
3030	87
3214	67
3976	65
3803	61
3977	60
3805	58
3752	57
3072	54
3802	52
3083	51

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3048	49
3011	40
3022	40
3108	40
3019	39
3109	39
3754	38
3750	37
3215	36
3044	35
3034	34
3012	32
3028	31
3037	28
3150	25
3850	25
3216	24
3058	22
3060	22
3107	22
3172	22
3173	22
3630	22
3056	21
3033	20
3337	20
3810	20
3081	19
3975	19

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3049	18
3131	18
3024	15
3032	15
3133	15
3500	15
3840	14
3134	13
3350	13
3978	13
3042	12
3043	12
3061	12
3130	12
3025	11
3038	11
3059	11
3153	11
3169	11
3170	11
3000	10
3040	10
3105	10
3152	10
137 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	388
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,731</b>

Table 27: IMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	228
5 to 11	522
12 to 15	240
16 to 17	96
18 to 25	577
26 to 35	2,107
36 to 45	1,387
46+	574
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,731</b>

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

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	469
BANGLADESH	72
INDIA	29
IRAN	1,877
IRAQ	179
LEBANON	124
MYANMAR	75
NOT RECORDED	19
PAKISTAN	537
SRI LANKA	1,588
STATELESS	537
SUDAN	13
VIETNAM	159
19 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,731</b>

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

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	1,333
Male	4,398
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,731</b>

## Western Australia

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
6061	62
6064	56
6110	49
6107	33
6108	30
6109	30
6147	28
6065	15
6105	15
6062	14
6063	13
6112	13
6059	12
6155	11
51 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	145
<b>Total</b>	<b>526</b>

Table 31: IMA BVE holders by age group in WA

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	11
5 to 11	32
12 to 17	18
18 to 25	52

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
26 to 35	202
36 to 45	138
46+	75
<b>Total</b>	<b>528</b>

Table 32: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	98
IRAN	64
IRAQ	18
PAKISTAN	38
SRI LANKA	173
STATELESS	20
VIETNAM	104
6 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	11
<b>Total</b>	<b>526</b>

Table 33: IMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	92
Male	434
<b>Total</b>	<b>526</b>