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

The next report is expected to be released in August 2017.

Release of Illegal Maritime Arrivals on Bridging Visa 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 – Bridging visas for illegal maritime arrivals](#).

Overall Programme Numbers and Current Location by State and Territory

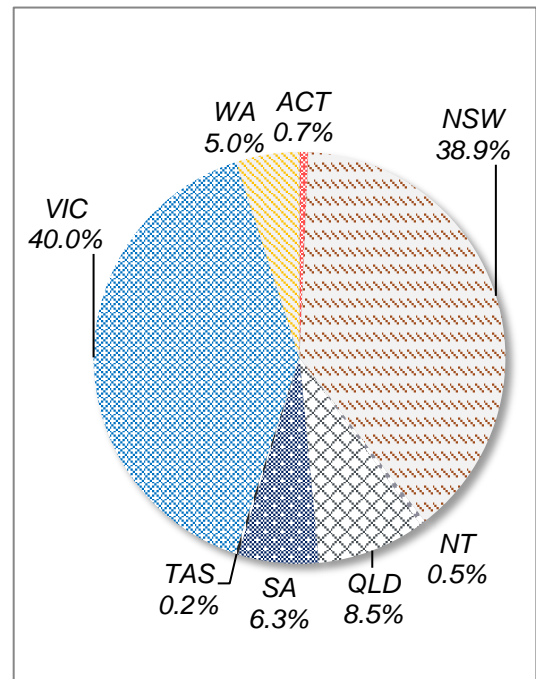
As at 31 March 2017, a total of 36,071 BVEs have been granted to IMAs. Of these, 24,063 remain in the community, (22,107 with a current BVE and 1,956 awaiting grant of a further BVE). The remaining 12,008 IMAs, who were granted BVEs have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned 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	166
NSW	9,358
NT	104
Qld	2,040
SA	1,525
Tas.	55
Vic.	9,616
WA	1,199
Total	24,063

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 31 March 2017. 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
2612	20
2614	19
2617	19
2611	13
2912	13
2913	13
2902	12
2602	10
15 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	47
Total	166

Table 3: IMA BVE holders by age range in ACT

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	13
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	30

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
26 to 35	65
36 to 45	41
46+	<10
Total	166

Table 4: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	14
Iran	40
Iraq	17
Sri Lanka	59
Vietnam	14
9 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	22
Total	166

Table 5: IMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	35
Male	131
Total	166

New South Wales

Table 6: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NSW

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2144	1,135
2195	927
2160	922
2145	786
2161	491
2142	416
2170	347
2165	331
2146	299
2141	259
2166	245
2150	220
2196	178
2200	171
2148	163
2140	151
2151	150
2147	143
2216	90
2118	85
2117	79
2162	78
2168	72

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2152	66
2770	60
2143	56
2112	55
2114	50
2164	50
2650	48
2680	44
2199	42
2163	41
2194	38
2190	34
2456	33
2153	32
2154	31
2176	27
2122	23
2197	23
2116	22
2128	22
2077	21
2115	20
2264	19
2204	17
2767	17

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2131	15
2134	15
2192	15
2010	13
2113	13
2213	13
2000	12
2135	12
2210	12
2290	12
2747	12
2209	11
2565	10
2763	10
189 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	554
Total	9,358

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Iraq	772
Lebanon	95
Myanmar	119
Nepal	16
Pakistan	481
Palestinian Authority	125
Somalia	54
Sri Lanka	1,973
Stateless	1,085
Sudan	198
Syria	44
Unknown	10
Vietnam	71
19 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	45
Total	9,358

Table 7: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	1,095
Bangladesh	423
India	20
Indonesia	18
Iran	2,714

Table 8: IMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	1,415
Male	7,943
Total	9,358

Northern Territory

Table 9: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NT

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
810	40
822	19
820	16
812	12
9 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	17
Total	104

Table 10: IMA BVE holders by age range in NT

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	24
26 to 35	43
36 to 45	24
46+	<10
Total	104

Table 11: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	<10
Bangladesh	<10
Indonesia	<10
Iran	<10
Iraq	<10
Myanmar	<10
Pakistan	<10
Palestinian Authority	<10
Somalia	<10
Sri Lanka	36
Stateless	11
Sudan	<10
Vietnam	29
Total	104

Table 12: IMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	20
Male	84
Total	104

Queensland

Table 13: IMA BVE holders by postcode in Qld

Postcode	Number IMA BVE holders
4114	431
4077	246
4343	84
4109	74
4350	62
4105	60
4076	56
4034	46
4103	45
4110	43
4113	43
4701	42
4012	39
4122	39
4300	34
4127	33
4121	29
4078	27
4151	25
4715	21
4120	20
4053	17
4108	17

Postcode	Number IMA BVE holders
4132	17
4133	15
4068	14
4101	14
4102	13
4106	13
4118	13
4215	13
4515	13
4031	12
4032	12
4051	12
4074	12
4104	12
4112	12
4169	12
4217	12
4301	12
4131	10
4152	10
4216	10
4870	10
75 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	234
Total	2,040

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by age range in Qld

Age Range	Number IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	201
5 to 11	178
12 to 15	83
16 to 17	27
18 to 25	297
26 to 35	745
36 to 45	384
46+	125
Total	2,040

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in Qld

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	184
Bangladesh	84
Cyprus	<10
Eritrea	<10
Ethiopia	<10
India	11
Indonesia	21
Iran	527
Iraq	100
Kenya	<10

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
Lebanon	<10
Myanmar	19
Nepal	<10
Pakistan	72
Papua New Guinea	<10
Somalia	53
Sri Lanka	457
Stateless	264
Sudan	63
Syria	<10
Tibet	<10
Ukraine	<10
Unknown	<10
Vietnam	169
Total	2,040

Table 16: IMA BVE holders by gender in Qld

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	566
Male	1474
Total	2,040

South Australia

Table 17: IMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5084	240
5085	93
5108	88
5113	71
5107	55
5098	45
5112	40
5082	39
5271	34
5008	32
5011	29
5012	29
5109	28
5268	27
5013	26
5047	26
5074	26
5095	25
5086	24
5092	21
5088	20
5023	19
5096	18

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5000	17
5046	17
5070	17
5073	15
5024	14
5065	14
5014	13
5114	12
5032	11
5034	11
5110	11
5037	10
5087	10
5159	10
5253	10
69 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	278
Total	1,525

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by age range in SA

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	99
5 to 11	111
12 to 15	40
16 to 17	21
18 to 25	194
26 to 35	573
36 to 45	342
46+	145
Total	1,525

Table 20: IMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	340
Male	1,185
Total	1,525

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	332
Albania	<10
Bangladesh	17
Congo (DRC)	<10
Eritrea	<10
India	<10
Indonesia	<10
Iran	520
Iraq	37
Malaysia	<10
Myanmar	<10
Nepal	<10
Pakistan	144
Somalia	30
Sri Lanka	333
Stateless	104
Sudan	26
Syria	<10
Unknown	<10
Vietnam	62
Total	1,525

Tasmania

Table 21: IMA BVE holders by postcode in Tas.

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
7008	20
14 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	35
Total	55

Table 22: 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	14
26 to 35	23
36 to 45	10
46+	<10
Total	55

Table 23: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in Tas.

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	12
Bangladesh	<10
Iran	24
Kuwait	<10
Pakistan	<10
Somalia	<10
Sri Lanka	10
Stateless	<10
Vietnam	<10
Total	55

Table 24: IMA BVE holders by gender in Tas.

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	54
Total	55

Victoria

Table 25: IMA BVE holders by postcode in Vic.

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3175	1474
3020	945
3171	596
3021	497
3177	369
3047	366
3174	348
3075	308
3074	267
3076	253
3046	218
3073	163
3030	161
3029	152
3082	141
3064	127
3805	111
3023	108
3034	108
3976	106
3019	96
3630	90
3048	86

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3803	81
3011	78
3072	74
3802	70
3214	67
3012	65
3028	62
3752	62
3977	58
3060	55
3044	53
3083	53
3022	52
3108	47
3850	45
3109	43
3216	42
3058	40
3754	40
3169	39
3500	35
3032	34
3107	33
3172	33
3037	32

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3750	31
3056	29
3033	28
3130	28
3061	26
3024	24
3131	24
3215	24
3025	23
3040	23
3038	22
3081	22
3134	22
3218	22
3585	21
3043	19
3049	19
3128	19
3250	19
3173	18
3350	18
3106	17
3549	17
3031	16
3105	16

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3170	16
3042	15
3129	15
3133	15
3155	15
3150	14
3340	13
3450	13
3027	12
3051	12
3149	12
3000	11
3103	10
3168	10
3178	10
3975	10
141 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	483
Total	9,616

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by age range in Vic.

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	680
5 to 11	767
12 to 15	287

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
16 to 17	117
18 to 25	1,642
26 to 35	3,681
36 to 45	1,735
46+	707
Total	9,616

Table 27: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in Vic.

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	1,168
Albania	<10
Algeria	<10
Bangladesh	86
Belarus	<10
Djibouti	<10
Egypt	<10
Eritrea	15
Estonia	<10
Ethiopia	11
India	27
Indonesia	18
Iran	3,243
Iraq	235
Kuwait	<10
Lebanon	117

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Malaysia	<10
Myanmar	141
Nepal	<10
Pakistan	904
Palestinian Authority	26
Philippines	<10
Somalia	124
Sri Lanka	2,103
Stateless	1,083
Sudan	75
Syria	23
Turkey	<10
Ukraine	<10
Unknown	18
Vietnam	167
Yemen	<10
Total	9,616

Table 28: IMA BVE holders by gender in Vic.

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	2,346
Male	7,270
Total	9,616

Western Australia

Table 29: IMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
6061	182
6064	103
6110	100
6107	82
6109	57
6147	55
6108	51
6105	44
6062	38
6059	34
6065	29
6063	28
6060	27
6112	26
6101	23
6103	22
6317	19
6102	17
6066	16
6155	14
6163	14
6104	12
6052	11

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
6051	10
6056	10
68 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	175
Total	1,199

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by age range in WA

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	63
5 to 11	49
12 to 15	25
16 to 17	12
18 to 25	236
26 to 35	493
36 to 45	218
46+	103
Total	1,199

Table 31: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	314
Bangladesh	<10
Eritrea	<10
Ethiopia	<10
Indonesia	<10
Iran	215
Iraq	46
Myanmar	<10
Nepal	<10
Pakistan	84
Palestinian Authority	18
Somalia	<10
Sri Lanka	281
Stateless	48
Sudan	11
Syria	<10
Unknown	<10
Vietnam	151
Total	1,199

Table 32: IMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	191
Male	1,008
Total	1,199