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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 August 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

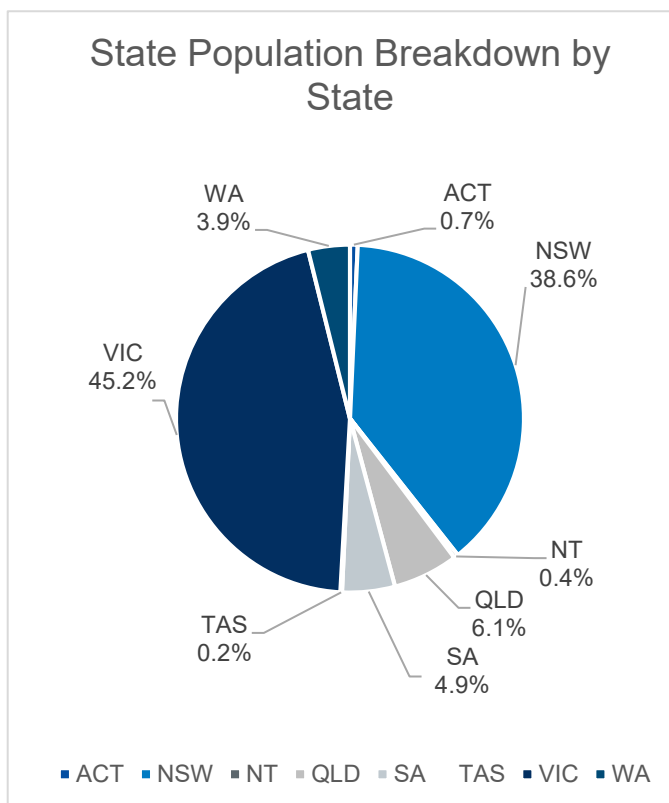
As at 31 March 2019, a total of 36,880 BVEs have been granted to IMAs. Of these, 15,104 are currently living in the Australian community (13,178 with a current BVE and 1926 awaiting grant of a further BVE). Of the remaining 21,776 IMAs who were granted BVEs, some received a substantive visa, while others 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	108
NSW	5,836
NT	61
QLD	917
SA	741
TAS	23
VIC	6,831
WA	587
Total	15,104

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 of current BVE holders' location by state and territory, then by gender, age group, citizenship as at **31 March 2019**.

Australian Capital Territory

Table 2: IMA BVE holders by postcode in ACT

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2614	13
2913	12
2611	11
16 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	72
Total	108

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	44
36 to 45	26
46+	<10
Total	108

Table 4: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
IRAN	30
SRI LANKA	45
VIETNAM	11
8 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	22
Total	108

Table 5: IMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	25
Male	83
Total	108

New South Wales

Table 6: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NSW

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2145	680
2144	542
2195	490
2160	480
2161	345
2142	224
2146	214
2165	181
2166	180
2170	167
2150	130
2141	129
2196	112
2151	103
2147	100
2148	100
2200	96
2140	91
2118	84
2216	77
2162	51
2168	45

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2650	44
2199	41
2112	39
2164	39
2152	38
2163	37
2190	35
2117	34
2770	34
2154	33
2143	32
2176	30
2114	22
2153	21
2197	19
2127	18
2128	17
2192	17
2680	17
2155	16
2122	15
2767	15
2116	14
2456	14

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2768	14
2115	12
2290	12
2077	11
2750	11
2125	10
2566	10
2747	10
173 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	484
Total	5,836

Table 7: IMA BVE holders by age group in NSW

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	234
5 to 11	243
12 to 15	91
16 to 17	37
18 to 25	595
26 to 35	2,748
36 to 45	1,413
46+	475
Total	5,836

Table 8: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	494
BANGLADESH	446
INDIA	16
INDONESIA	10
IRAN	1734
IRAQ	430
LEBANON	86
MYANMAR	33
NEPAL	14
PAKISTAN	241
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	65
SOMALIA	22
SRI LANKA	1575
STATELESS	478
SUDAN	66
SYRIA	16
VIETNAM	69
16 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	41
Total	5,836

Table 9: IMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	786
Male	5,050
Total	5,836

Northern Territory

Table 10: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NT

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
810	20
812	13
822	12
7 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	16
Total	61

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	17
36 to 45	23
46+	<10
Total	61

Table 12: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
SRI LANKA	25
VIETNAM	23
6 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	13
Total	61

Table 13: IMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	10
Male	51
Total	61

Queensland

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
4077	149
4114	141
4343	38
4122	30
4076	26
4350	25
4132	23
4105	22
4103	21
4109	21
4110	19
4701	19
4127	18
4034	17
4102	15
4300	14
4065	13
4032	12
4012	11
4078	11
4121	11
4151	11
4064	10

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
69 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	240
Total	917

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	63
5 to 11	81
12 to 15	40
16 to 17	22
18 to 25	107
26 to 35	333
36 to 45	201
46+	70
Total	917

Table 16: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	50
BANGLADESH	60
INDIA	12
IRAN	192
IRAQ	44
PAKISTAN	21
SOMALIA	11
SRI LANKA	314
STATELESS	53
VIETNAM	133
10 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	27
Total	917

Table 17: IMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
FEMALE	237
MALE	680
Total	917

South Australia

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5084	136
5108	46
5085	39
5113	38
5013	27
5012	26
5098	26
5271	26
5107	22
5112	20
5088	15
5008	12
5268	12
5047	10
5086	10
5095	10
5114	10
5159	10
73 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	246
Total	741

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	50
5 to 11	52
12 to 15	13
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	75
26 to 35	301
36 to 45	171
46+	74
Total	741

Table 20: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	127
BANGLADESH	13
IRAN	202
PAKISTAN	63
SRI LANKA	191
STATELESS	34
SUDAN	10
VIETNAM	74
9 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	27
Total	741

Table 21: IMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	145
Male	596
Total	741

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	23
Total	23

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	0
16 to 17	0
18 to 25	<10
26 to 35	<10
36 to 45	<10
46+	0
Total	23

Table 24: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in TAS

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
IRAN	10
4 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	13
Total	23

Table 25: IMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	22
Total	23

Victoria

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3175	864
3020	647
3021	401
3171	314
3047	252
3177	225
3075	215
3076	209
3174	207
3074	202
3046	154
3029	142
3023	138
3082	135
3064	133
3073	121
3030	117
3976	80
3805	73
3072	66
3083	63
3214	62
3802	62
3977	62

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3803	60
3752	57
3011	49
3019	49
3048	49
3109	49
3012	45
3034	45
3108	45
3754	43
3850	42
3060	40
3044	37
3022	36
3750	36
3037	33
3028	32
3058	31
3107	31
3081	30
3150	29
3216	28
3630	28
3172	25
3032	24
3056	24

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3043	23
3134	23
3215	22
3033	21
3131	21
3173	19
3049	18
3350	18
3025	17
3042	17
3061	17
3130	17
3975	16
3133	15
3128	14
3170	14
3024	13
3038	12
3040	12
3059	12
3166	12
3500	12
3875	12
3105	11
3153	11
3337	11

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
145 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	480
Total	6,831

Table 27: IMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	435
5 to 11	565
12 to 15	261
16 to 17	90
18 to 25	849
26 to 35	2,575
36 to 45	1,460
46+	596
Total	6,831

Table 28: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	594
BANGLADESH	80
INDIA	26
IRAN	2417
IRAQ	177
LEBANON	129
MYANMAR	91
PAKISTAN	642
SOMALIA	21
SRI LANKA	1669
STATELESS	715
SUDAN	31
SYRIA	10
UNKNOWN	20
VIETNAM	164
15 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	45
Total	6,831

Table 29: IMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
FEMALE	1,628
MALE	5,203
Total	6,831

Western Australia

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
6061	72
6064	68
6110	63
6107	38
6147	29
6109	26
6108	24
6059	18
6065	16
6105	16
6112	16
6063	15
6155	12
6060	10
6101	10
56 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	154
Total	587

Table 31: IMA BVE holders by age group in WA

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	21
5 to 11	26
12 to 15	15
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	73
26 to 35	235
36 to 45	141
46+	70
Total	587

Table 32: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	107
IRAN	76
IRAQ	21
PAKISTAN	46
SRI LANKA	194
STATELESS	16
VIETNAM	116
7 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	11
Total	587

Table 33: IMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
FEMALE	96
MALE	491
Total	587