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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 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 July 2015.

Release of Illegal Maritime Arrivals on Bridging E Visa (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 bridging visas for IMAs](#).

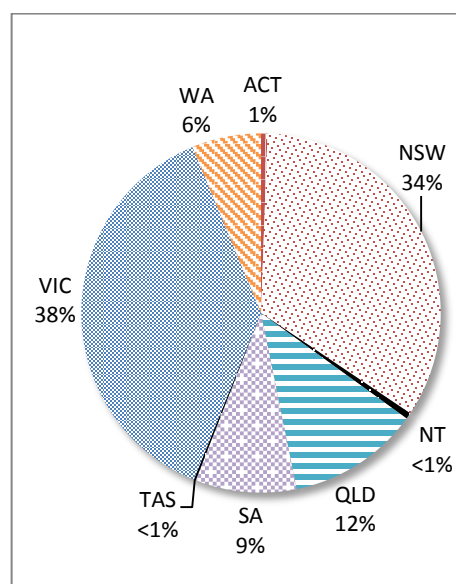
Overall Programme Numbers and Current Location by State or Territory

As at 31 March 2015, a total of 32 780 BVEs have been granted to IMAs. Of these, 27 216 remain in the community, (24 222 with a current BVE and 2 994 awaiting grant of a further BVE). The remaining 5 564 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 number of the 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	157
NSW	9211
NT	153
QLD	3222
SA	2476
TAS	51
VIC	10249
WA	1697
Total	27 216



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 31 March 2015. 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 IMA BVE holders
TURNER	18
GUNGAHLIN	14
WATSON	11
40 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	114
Total	157

Table 3: IMA BVE holders by Gender in ACT

Gender	Number IMA BVE holders
Female	30
Male	127
Total	157

Table 4: IMA BVE holders by Age in ACT

Age Range	Number IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	13
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	40
26 to 35	57
36 to 45	27
46+	<10
Total	157

Table 5: Citizenship of IMA BVE holders in ACT

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	24
BANGLADESH	<10
INDONESIA	<10
IRAN	38
IRAQ	<10
PAKISTAN	11
SOMALIA	<10
SRI LANKA	48
STATELESS	<10
SYRIA	<10
VIETNAM	12
Total	157

New South Wales

Table 6: IMA BVE holders in NSW by Suburb

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
AUBURN	1278
MERRYLANDS	833
LAKEMBA	659
GRANVILLE	348
GUILDFORD	337
PARRAMATTA	289
LIVERPOOL	288
TOONGABBIE	277
PENDLE HILL	268
FAIRFIELD	256
WILEY PARK	171
WENTWORTHVILLE	151
CABRAMATTA	148
SEVEN HILLS	147
BANKSTOWN	146
PUNCHBOWL	143
BERALA	137
BLACKTOWN	137
PARRAMATTA NORTH	132
GIRRAWEE	122
LIDCOMBE	121
WESTMEAD	104
HARRIS PARK	99
HOME BUSH WEST	87
HOME BUSH	86
CARRAMAR	76
ROCKDALE	75
GRIFFITH	63
CANLEY VALE	61
WARWICK FARM	61
MOUNT DRUITT	55
RYDE	54
CHESTER HILL	53
WAGGA WAGGA	50

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
ROSEHILL	49
MERRYLANDS WEST	48
CARLINGFORD	46
SOUTH GRANVILLE	44
ASHFIELD	40
GREYSTANES	40
NORTHMEAD	39
GREENACRE	36
CAMPSIE	35
SMITHFIELD	32
SOUTH WENTWORTHVILLE	30
FAIRFIELD WEST	29
SEFTON	26
ULTIMO	26
GUILDFORD WEST	25
YAGOONA	25
YENNORA	25
MAYS HILL	24
DUNDAS	22
CASULA	21
CHATSWOOD	20
REGENTS PARK	20
SILVERWATER	20
BAULKHAM HILLS	19
DOONSIDE	19
CANLEY HEIGHTS	18
CASTLE HILL	18
KINGSWOOD	18
BELMORE	17
BURWOOD	17
FAIRFIELD HEIGHTS	17
KOORINGAL	16
OLD GUILDFORD	16
QUAKERS HILL	16
STRATHFIELD	16
VILLAWOOD	16
EASTWOOD	15
HORNSBY	15

New South Wales (Continued)

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
WEST RYDE	15
CABRAMATTA WEST	14
JUNEE	14
LALOR PARK	14
MORISSET	14
WOOLGOOLGA	14
ASHMONT	13
FOREST HILL	13
SOUTH TAMWORTH	13
FAIRFIELD EAST	12
SYDNEY	12
GEORGES HALL	11
TAMWORTH	11
BASS HILL	10
CONSTITUTION HILL	10
DULWICH HILL	10
ROOTY HILL	10
246 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	699
Total	9211

Table 7: IMA BVE holders by Gender in NSW

Gender	Number IMA BVE holders
Female	1117
Male	8094
Total	9211

Table 8: IMA BVE holders by Age in NSW

Age Range	Number IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	255
5 to 11	267
12 to 15	114
16 to 17	59
18 to 25	2222
26 to 35	4249
36 to 45	1523
46+	522
Total	9211

New South Wales (continued)

Table 9: Citizenship of IMA BVE holders in NSW

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	1077
ALBANIA	<10
ALGERIA	<10
BANGLADESH	381
BURMA	84
CONGO	<10
CYPRUS	<10
EGYPT	<10
ETHIOPIA	<10
GAMBIA	<10
INDIA	10
INDONESIA	16
IRAN	2667
IRAQ	928
JORDAN	<10
KUWAIT	12
LEBANON	84
MALAYSIA	<10
MALI	<10
MOLDOVA	<10
MONGOLIA	<10
MOROCCO	<10
NEPAL	15
PAKISTAN	521
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	112
SLOVAKIA	<10
SOMALIA	34
SRI LANKA	2058
STATELESS	979
SUDAN	109
SYRIA	46
TIBET	<10
VIETNAM	42
YEMEN	<10
Total	9211

Northern Territory

Table 10: IMA BVE holders by Suburb in NT

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
DARWIN	18
NIGHTCLIFF	18
LUDMILLA	17
COCONUT GROVE	16
MILLNER	12
LARRAKEYAH	10
25 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	62
Total	153

Table 11: IMA BVE holders by Gender in NT

Gender	Number IMA BVE holders
Female	20
Male	133
Total	153

Table 12: IMA BVE holders by Age in NT

Age Range	Number IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	<10
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	58
26 to 35	55
36 to 45	19
46+	<10
Total	153

Table 13: Citizenship of IMA BVE holders in NT

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	<10
BANGLADESH	<10
INDONESIA	<10
IRAN	29
IRAQ	<10
LEBANON	<10
MYANMAR	<10
PAKISTAN	<10
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	<10
SOMALIA	<10
SRI LANKA	66
STATELESS	27
SUDAN	<10
VIETNAM	<10
Total	153

Queensland

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by Suburb in Queensland

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
WOODRIDGE	543
INALA	182
LOGAN CENTRAL	164
MOOROOKA	115
GATTON	101
KOONGAL	95
KINGSTON	76
ANNERLEY	62
ROCKHAMPTON	58
ACACIA RIDGE	57
BERSERKER	56
BILOELA	56
SLACKS CREEK	53
WOOLLOONGABBA	45
SUNNYBANK	38
COORPAROO	36
GREENSLOPES	35
LAKES CREEK	35
TOOWOOMBA	35
DARRA	34
NUNDAH	33
GOODNA	31
RUNCORN	31
SOUTHPORT	28
MARSDEN	27
SALISBURY	27
SUNNYBANK HILLS	26
ZILLMERE	26
CHERMSIDE	25
YERONGA	25
PARK AVENUE	23
EAST BRISBANE	21
LOGANLEA	21
COOPERS PLAINS	20

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
CHURCHILL	19
DURACK	18
KANGAROO POINT	18
LABRADOR	18
FOREST LAKE	17
SURFERS PARADISE	17
EVERTON PARK	16
MOUNT GRAVATT EAST	16
CLAYFIELD	15
KURABY	15
ROBERTSON	15
NORTHGATE	14
WEST END	14
BIGGERA WATERS	13
GYMPIE	13
ROCKLEA	13
UPPER MOUNT GRAVATT	13
WAVELL HEIGHTS	13
FAIRFIELD	12
GEEBUNG	12
MORNINGSIDE	12
BELLBIRD PARK	11
KEARNEYS SPRING	11
MACGREGOR	11
TARINGA	11
ALLENSTOWN	10
HOLLAND PARK WEST	10
208 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	585
Total	3222

Queensland (continued)

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by Gender in Queensland

Gender	Number IMA BVE holders
Female	612
Male	2610
Total	3222

Table 16: IMA BVE holders Age in Queensland

Age Range	Number IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	164
5 to 11	173
12 to 15	75
16 to 17	35
18 to 25	740
26 to 35	1361
36 to 45	514
46+	160
Total	3222

Table 17: Citizenship of IMA BVE holders in Queensland

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	370
ALBANIA	<10
BANGLADESH	143
BURMA	33
CYPRUS	<10
ERITREA	12
ETHIOPIA	<10
INDIA	10
INDONESIA	18
IRAN	792
IRAQ	147
KENYA	<10
KUWAIT	<10
KYRGYZSTAN	<10
LEBANON	<10
MALAYSIA	<10
NEPAL	<10
PAKISTAN	133
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	12
SOMALIA	57
SRI LANKA	898
STATELESS	386
SUDAN	116
SYRIA	<10
UKRAINE	<10
VIETNAM	81
Total	3222

South Australia

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by Suburb in SA

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
BLAIR ATHOL	245
KILBURN	219
ADELAIDE	147
DAVOREN PARK	93
ENFIELD	91
PROSPECT	78
SALISBURY	77
NARACOORTE	67
BORDERTOWN	66
PARAFIELD GARDENS	61
CROYDON PARK	41
INGLE FARM	41
CLEARVIEW	36
POORAKA	35
SALISBURY EAST	35
NORTHFIELD	33
PARALOWIE	27
ELIZABETH NORTH	26
TORRENSVILLE	23
ELIZABETH PARK	22
PARA HILLS	22
CAMPBELLTOWN	19
MILE END	19
MURRAY BRIDGE	19
FINDON	18
BROADVIEW	17
ST MARYS	17
GILLES PLAINS	16
WINDSOR GARDENS	16
SALISBURY NORTH	15
SMITHFIELD	15
STURT	15

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
ELIZABETH EAST	14
FELIXSTOW	14
RENOVN PARK	14
WOODVILLE	14
ATHOL PARK	13
BROOKLYN PARK	13
FERRYDEN PARK	13
KURRALTA PARK	13
SALISBURY DOWNS	13
WOODVILLE GARDENS	13
ELIZABETH SOUTH	12
PARA HILLS WEST	12
PARADISE	12
FLINDERS PARK	11
RENMARK	11
GLENSIDE	10
KILKENNY	10
KLEMZIG	10
SEATON	10
VALLEY VIEW	10
WALKLEY HEIGHTS	10
165 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	539
Total	2476

South Australia (continued)

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by Gender in SA

Gender	Number IMA BVE holders
Female	367
Male	2109
Total	2476

Table 20: IMA BVE holders by Age in SA

Age Range	Number IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	98
5 to 11	123
12 to 15	40
16 to 17	21
18 to 25	548
26 to 35	951
36 to 45	492
46+	203
Total	2476

Table 21: Citizenship of IMA BVE holders in SA

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	824
ALBANIA	<10
BANGLADESH	26
BURMA	<10
CONGO	<10
ERITREA	<10
ETHIOPIA	<10
INDIA	<10
INDONESIA	<10
IRAN	654
IRAQ	42
NEPAL	<10
PAKISTAN	215
SOMALIA	25
SRI LANKA	441
STATELESS	141
SUDAN	48
SYRIA	<10
UNITED ARAB EMIRATES	<10
VIETNAM	31
YEMEN	<10
Total	2476

Tasmania

Table 22: IMA BVE holders by Suburb in Tasmania

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
21 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	51
Total	51

Table 23: IMA BVE holders by Gender in Tasmania

Gender	Number IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	48
Total	51

Table 24: IMA BVE holders by Age in Tasmania

Age Range	Number IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	<10
18 to 25	20
26 to 35	21
36 to 45	<10
46+	<10
Total	51

Table 25: Citizenship of IMA BVE holders in Tasmania

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	15
IRAN	25
KUWAIT	<10
PAKISTAN	<10
SRI LANKA	<10
VIETNAM	<10
Total	51

Victoria

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by Suburb in Victoria

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
DANDENONG	1685
ST ALBANS	486
SPRINGVALE	478
DOVETON	393
SUNSHINE	381
NOBLE PARK	351
LALOR	290
DANDENONG NORTH	261
THOMASTOWN	249
BROADMEADOWS	247
GLENROY	233
SUNSHINE WEST	218
SHEPPARTON	211
RESERVOIR	206
WERRIBEE	206
ALBION	197
EPPING	195
SUNSHINE NORTH	194
HOPPERS CROSSING	152
FOOTSCRAY	148
DANDENONG SOUTH	136
DALLAS	130
HAMPTON PARK	122
MILDURA	102
BRAYBROOK	96
HALLAM	87
MEADOW HEIGHTS	84
MILL PARK	82
ENDEAVOUR HILLS	73
CORIO	69
PRESTON	67
MAIDSTONE	61
SWAN HILL	61
AVONDALE HEIGHTS	60

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
NARRE WARREN	59
WEST FOOTSCRAY	59
SOUTH MORANG	48
NORLANE	47
COBURG	46
CRAIGIEBURN	45
ARDEER	43
Deer Park	40
ALTONA NORTH	37
NARRE WARREN SOUTH	37
ALTONA MEADOWS	36
FAWKNER	35
CLAYTON	34
BRUNSWICK	30
EUMEMMERRING	29
NORTH MELBOURNE	28
CLAYTON SOUTH	27
ROBINVALE	27
KEYSBOROUGH	26
BLACKBURN NORTH	25
HEIDELBERG WEST	25
LAVERTON	25
ROXBURGH PARK	25
CRANBOURNE NORTH	24
JACANA	24
BOX HILL	22
KEILOR EAST	22
PASCOE VALE	22
WYNDHAM VALE	22
DONCASTER	21
OAK PARK	21
TARNEIT	21
CAMPBELLFIELD	20
KINGS PARK	20
BUNDOORA	19

Victoria (continued)

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
COLAC	19
ESSENDON	19
GEE LONG WEST	19
MALVERN EAST	19
TEMPLESTOWE LOWER	19
BURWOOD	17
BELMONT	16
BLACKBURN	15
BROOKLYN	15
CAIRNLEA	15
GEE LONG	15
RINGWOOD	15
BOX HILL NORTH	14
BRUNSWICK WEST	14
COBURG NORTH	14
DONCASTER EAST	14
COOLAROO	13
CRANBOURNE	13
LYNBROOK	13
SPRINGVALE SOUTH	13
GEE LONG NORTH	12
HADFIELD	12
KEILOR DOWNS	12
MARIBYRNONG	12
MOUNT WAVERLEY	12
POINT COOK	12
SHEPPARTON EAST	12
SYDENHAM	12
BULLEEN	10
CRANBOURNE WEST	10
GROVEDALE	10
MELBOURNE	10
NEWPORT	10
RICHMOND	10
THORNBURY	10
218 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	670
Total	10249

Table 27: IMA BVE holders by Gender in Victoria

Gender	Number IMA BVE holders
Female	1836
Male	8413
Total	10249

Table 28: IMA BVE holders by Age in Victoria

Age Range	Number IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	422
5 to 11	489
12 to 15	193
16 to 17	116
18 to 25	2606
26 to 35	4120
36 to 45	1640
46+	663
Total	10249

Victoria (continued)

Table 29: Citizenship of IMA BVE holders in Victoria

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	1869
ALBANIA	<10
ALGERIA	<10
BANGLADESH	80
BELARUS	<10
BURMA	128
EGYPT	<10
ERITREA	<10
ETHIOPIA	<10
INDIA	15
INDONESIA	11
IRAN	3161
IRAQ	259
KUWAIT	<10
LEBANON	98
MALAYSIA	<10
NEPAL	<10
PAKISTAN	1030
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	24
PHILIPPINES	<10
SOMALIA	81
SRI LANKA	2291
STATELESS	877
SUDAN	119
SYRIA	23
TURKEY	<10
UKRAINE	<10
VIETNAM	141
YEMEN	<10
Total	10249

Western Australia

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by Suburb in WA

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
GOSNELLS	124
BALGA	102
MADDINGTON	71
MIRRABOOKA	65
GIRRAWHEEN	57
BENTLEY	55
KOONDOOLA	55
THORNLIE	47
CLOVERDALE	44
LANGFORD	44
DIANELLA	43
BECKENHAM	42
NOLLAMARA	42
BALLAJURA	41
CANNING VALE	32
BELMONT	31
WESTMINSTER	30
YOKINE	30
KEWDALE	29
WEMBLEY	28
ALEXANDER HEIGHTS	25
BEECHBORO	25
MORLEY	24
RIVERVALE	24
WILSON	22
QUEENS PARK	20
VICTORIA PARK	20
MAYLANDS	19
CANNINGTON	18
CARLISLE	18
EAST VICTORIA PARK	18
KENWICK	17
MARANGAROO	16
EAST PERTH	14
MOUNT BARKER	14
KARDINYA	13

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
BUSSELTON	12
BALCATT	11
EAST CANNINGTON	10
LYNWOOD	10
PERTH	10
ST JAMES	10
112 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	315
Total	1697

Table 31: IMA BVE holders by Gender in WA

Gender	Number IMA BVE holders
Female	143
Male	1554
Total	1697

Table 32: IMA BVE holders by Age in WA

Age Range	Number IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	29
5 to 11	24
12 to 15	15
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	471
26 to 35	719
36 to 45	306
46+	127
Total	1697

Western Australia (continued)

Table 33: Citizenship of IMA BVE holders in WA

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	639
BANGLADESH	<10
BURMA	<10
ERITREA	<10
IRAN	276
IRAQ	67
LEBANON	<10
PAKISTAN	109
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	34
SOMALIA	12
SRI LANKA	340
STATELESS	58
SUDAN	35
SYRIA	<10
VIETNAM	105
Total	1697