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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 June quarter report is expected to be released in August 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

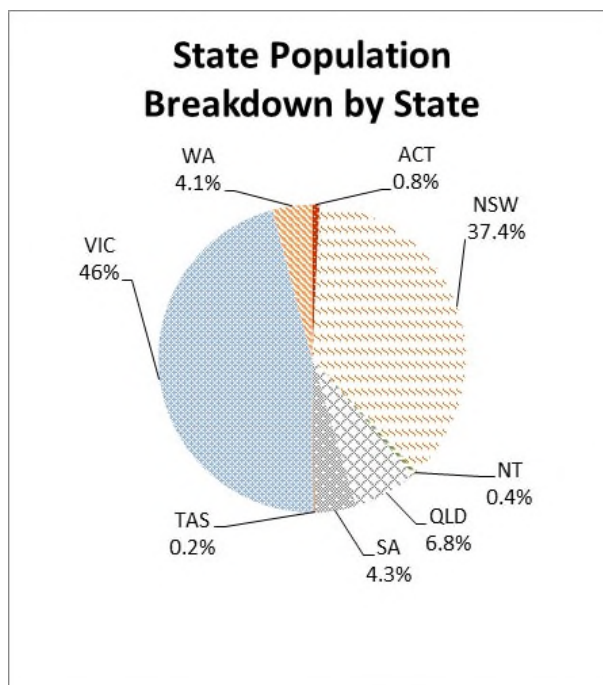
As at 31 March 2020, a total of 37,007 have been granted to IMAs. Of these, 12,742 remain in the community, (10,467 with a current BVE and 2275 awaiting grant of a further BVE). The remaining 24,265 IMAs, who were granted BVEs have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned 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	101
NSW	4,764
NT	53
QLD	867
SA	548
TAS	21
VIC	5,860
WA	528
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>12,742</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 31 March 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	17
2614	14
2602	12
2611	11
16 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>

Table 4: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
IRAN	22
IRAQ	10
SRI LANKA	43
VIETNAM	10
6 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</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	41
36 to 45	26
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>

Table 5: IMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	20
Male	81
<b>Total</b>	<b>101</b>

## New South Wales

Table 6: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NSW

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2145	632
2144	399
2195	393
2160	350
2161	258
2146	207
2142	182
2166	148
2165	129
2170	128
2150	101
2147	99
2140	91
2141	89
2151	72
2196	71
2216	71
2148	69
2118	65
2200	60
2650	42
2162	39
2199	39

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2164	38
2190	38
2770	37
2152	32
2163	32
2168	31
2112	28
2154	28
2153	26
2176	26
2143	20
2117	19
2197	19
2114	18
2800	17
2767	16
2194	15
2680	15
2768	15
2155	14
2192	14
2122	12
2127	12
2456	12
2795	12

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2760	11
2116	10
2128	10
2337	10
163 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	443
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,764</b>

**Table 7: IMA BVE holders by age group in NSW**

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	146
5 to 11	251
12 to 15	88
16 to 17	39
18 to 25	338
26 to 35	2,189
36 to 45	1,254
46+	459
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,764</b>

**Table 8: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW**

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	272
BANGLADESH	441
INDIA	16

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
INDONESIA	10
IRAN	1,361
IRAQ	356
LEBANON	85
MYANMAR	21
NEPAL	14
PAKISTAN	210
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	21
SOMALIA	10
SRI LANKA	1,433
STATELESS	361
SUDAN	31
SYRIA	13
VIETNAM	69
14 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,764</b>

**Table 9: IMA BVE holders by gender in NSW**

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	655
Male	4,109
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,764</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	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</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	21
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>

Table 12: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
SRI LANKA	21
VIETNAM	18
8 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>

Table 13: IMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>53</b>



## Queensland

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
4077	150
4114	115
4343	41
4076	27
4103	25
4110	25
4127	25
4701	25
4132	21
4300	20
4122	19
4109	18
4350	17
4105	16
4032	13
4034	13
4012	12
4065	12
4102	12
4151	12
4123	11
73 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	238
<b>Total</b>	<b>867</b>

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	39
5 to 11	84
12 to 15	42
16 to 17	17
18 to 25	90
26 to 35	312
36 to 45	199
46+	84
<b>Total</b>	<b>867</b>

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

<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Number of IMA BVE holders</b>
AFGHANISTAN	42
BANGLADESH	58
INDIA	11
IRAN	185
IRAQ	38
PAKISTAN	19
SRI LANKA	302
STATELESS	61
VIETNAM	123
10 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>867</b>

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

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of IMA BVE holders</b>
FEMALE	220
MALE	647
<b>Total</b>	<b>867</b>

## South Australia

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5084	97
5108	43
5085	35
5113	25
5013	23
5012	20
5107	20
5087	17
5098	15
5086	14
5268	14
5112	11
5271	11
5074	10
62 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	193
<b>Total</b>	<b>548</b>

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	23
5 to 11	37
12 to 15	14
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	38
26 to 35	230

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
36 to 45	145
46+	58
<b>Total</b>	<b>548</b>

Table 20: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	74
BANGLADESH	11
IRAN	115
PAKISTAN	74
SRI LANKA	169
STATELESS	13
VIETNAM	73
6 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	19
<b>Total</b>	<b>548</b>

Table 21: IMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	93
Male	455
<b>Total</b>	<b>548</b>

## 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	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>

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>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>

## Victoria

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3175	765
3020	556
3021	362
3047	215
3076	207
3171	200
3177	194
3075	191
3174	160
3029	147
3074	147
3046	124
3023	118
3064	116
3073	101
3082	100
3030	94
3214	71
3976	63
3072	62
3752	62
3977	62
3805	59
3803	53
3083	50
3048	48

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3802	48
3109	44
3022	42
3011	39
3019	37
3044	37
3754	37
3108	36
3750	36
3012	34
3028	34
3034	34
3060	29
3037	28
3215	28
3850	27
3216	26
3107	25
3150	25
3630	23
3058	22
3081	22
3172	22
3056	21
3173	20
3033	19
3049	19
3130	19
3337	19

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3978	17
3043	16
3133	16
3032	15
3042	15
3134	14
3350	14
3024	13
3025	13
3061	13
3500	13
3840	12
3975	12
3040	11
3131	11
3153	11
3170	11
3038	10
3059	10
3105	10
3128	10
3152	10
3810	10
135 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	394
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,860</b>

Table 27: IMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	255
5 to 11	533
12 to 15	248
16 to 17	87
18 to 25	610
26 to 35	2,159
36 to 45	1,378
46+	590
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,860</b>

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

<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Number of IMA BVE holders</b>
AFGHANISTAN	477
BANGLADESH	74
INDIA	29
IRAN	1978
IRAQ	182
LEBANON	124
MYANMAR	72
NOT RECORDED	19
PAKISTAN	535
SRI LANKA	1584
STATELESS	561
SUDAN	15
VIETNAM	157
19 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,860</b>

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

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of IMA BVE holders</b>
Female	1,389
Male	4,471
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,860</b>

## Western Australia

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
6064	61
6061	59
6110	48
6107	36
6109	30
6147	28
6108	25
6105	15
6112	15
6065	14
6062	13
6063	12
6155	12
6060	11
6059	10
53 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	139
<b>Total</b>	<b>528</b>

Table 31: IMA BVE holders by age group in WA

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	13
5 to 11	29
12 to 15	11

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	58
26 to 35	202
36 to 45	139
46+	71
<b>Total</b>	<b>528</b>

Table 32: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	99
IRAN	68
IRAQ	18
PAKISTAN	36
SRI LANKA	170
STATELESS	19
VIETNAM	108
6 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>528</b>

Table 33: IMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	88
Male	440
<b>Total</b>	<b>528</b>