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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 February 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

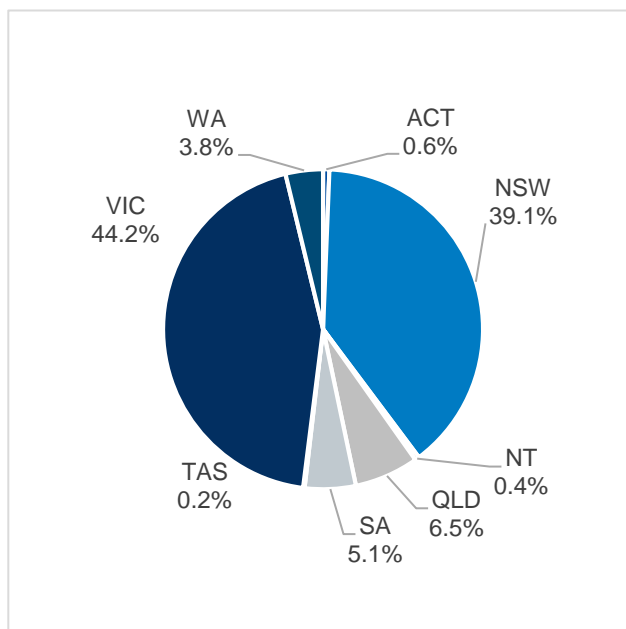
As at 30 September 2018, a total of 36,860 BVEs have been granted to IMAs. Of these, 16,481 remain in the community, (14,838 with a current BVE and 1643 awaiting grant of a further BVE). The remaining 20,379 IMAs, who were granted BVEs have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, 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	105
NSW	6,450
NT	71
QLD	1,071
SA	848
TAS	25
VIC	7,288
WA	623
<b>Total</b>	<b>16,481</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 BVEs as at **30 September 2018**. People who arrived as IMAs and who hold a BVE 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
2614	17
2611	13
2913	10
18 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	65
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>

**Table 4: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT**

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
IRAN	25
SRI LANKA	44
VIETNAM	11
10 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</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	14
26 to 35	44
36 to 45	25
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>

**Table 5: IMA BVE holders by gender in ACT**

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	23
Male	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>105</b>

## New South Wales

Table 6: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NSW

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2145	706
2195	647
2144	636
2160	533
2161	364
2142	278
2146	222
2170	202
2165	193
2166	193
2141	150
2150	137
2196	130
2147	120
2151	117
2148	112
2200	109
2140	97
2118	90
2216	82
2162	67
2650	50
2168	49

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2143	44
2163	44
2164	43
2199	38
2152	37
2112	36
2117	35
2770	35
2190	32
2154	30
2192	23
2680	23
2153	20
2114	19
2176	19
2127	18
2456	17
2116	15
2122	15
2128	14
2768	13
2115	12
2197	12
2290	12
2155	11
2016	10

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2077	10
2337	10
2747	10
2750	10
2763	10
2767	10
2800	10
168 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	469
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,450</b>

Table 7: IMA BVE holders by age group in NSW

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	315
5 to 11	264
12 to 15	101
16 to 17	41
18 to 25	789
26 to 35	3,006
36 to 45	1,445
46+	489
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,450</b>

Table 8: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	574
BANGLADESH	452
INDIA	19
INDONESIA	16
IRAN	1,832
IRAQ	452
LEBANON	87
MYANMAR	48
NEPAL	14
PAKISTAN	277
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	81
SOMALIA	30
SRI LANKA	1,630
STATELESS	707
SUDAN	99
SYRIA	19
VIETNAM	69
17 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	44
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,450</b>

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

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of IMA BVE holders</b>
Female	905
Male	5,545
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,450</b>



## Northern Territory

Table 10: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NT

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
810	21
822	18
812	12
9 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>

Table 11: IMA BVE holders by age group in NT

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	23
36 to 45	25
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>

Table 12: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
SRI LANKA	25
VIETNAM	28
6 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>

Table 13: IMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	14
Male	57
<b>Total</b>	<b>71</b>

## Queensland

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
4077	171
4114	159
4343	39
4076	30
4105	30
4122	29
4109	28
4300	27
4132	25
4350	22
4127	21
4701	21
4103	20
4034	18
4110	18
4151	18
4078	16
4113	16
4152	13
4012	12
4032	12
4131	12
4102	11
4053	10

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
4065	10
4121	10
79 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	273
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,071</b>

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	89
5 to 11	92
12 to 15	46
16 to 17	25
18 to 25	142
26 to 35	375
36 to 45	223
46+	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,071</b>

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

<b>Citizenship</b>	<b>Number of IMA BVE holders</b>
AFGHANISTAN	51
BANGLADESH	57
INDIA	10
IRAN	270
IRAQ	56
PAKISTAN	27
SOMALIA	25
SRI LANKA	339
STATELESS	58
VIETNAM	153
10 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,071</b>

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

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of IMA BVE holders</b>
Female	297
Male	774
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,071</b>

## South Australia

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5084	145
5108	55
5113	49
5085	38
5107	36
5271	30
5012	28
5098	27
5112	26
5013	21
5109	18
5268	16
5082	13
5088	13
5114	13
5086	12
5095	12
5008	11
5047	11
5043	10
67 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	264
<b>Total</b>	<b>848</b>

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	65
5 to 11	59
12 to 15	17
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	100
26 to 35	326
36 to 45	196
46+	79
<b>Total</b>	<b>848</b>

Table 20: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	140
BANGLADESH	12
IRAN	245
PAKISTAN	62
SRI LANKA	226
STATELESS	61
SUDAN	11
VIETNAM	60
11 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	31
<b>Total</b>	<b>848</b>

Table 21: IMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	183
Male	665
<b>Total</b>	<b>848</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	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>

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	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	<10
26 to 35	10
36 to 45	<10
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</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	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>

Table 25: IMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>

## Victoria

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3175	936
3020	671
3171	433
3021	428
3047	250
3075	238
3177	238
3174	234
3074	227
3076	211
3046	185
3029	144
3082	139
3023	128
3030	128
3073	126
3064	116
3805	81
3976	80
3048	68
3011	67
3072	66
3083	65

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3803	65
3802	59
3034	57
3752	54
3977	51
3060	49
3019	48
3214	48
3850	47
3754	45
3012	43
3750	42
3108	41
3109	41
3022	39
3044	38
3037	37
3028	36
3058	34
3081	32
3630	32
3216	31
3172	27
3043	26
3049	26
3107	26

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3150	26
3032	24
3056	24
3061	23
3215	22
3173	20
3975	19
3025	18
3130	18
3131	18
3134	18
3350	18
3024	17
3033	17
3038	16
3031	15
3040	15
3166	15
3042	14
3129	14
3133	14
3169	14
3105	13
3128	12
3153	12
3170	12

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3875	12
3500	11
3041	10
3051	10
139 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	464
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,288</b>

Table 27: IMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	568
5 to 11	583
12 to 15	274
16 to 17	74
18 to 25	1,012
26 to 35	2,703
36 to 45	1,464
46+	610
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,288</b>



Table 28: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	623
BANGLADESH	87
ERITREA	11
INDIA	30
INDONESIA	12
IRAN	2,561
IRAQ	192
LEBANON	127
MYANMAR	106
PAKISTAN	663
SOMALIA	44
SRI LANKA	1,722
STATELESS	843
SUDAN	32
UNKNOWN	15
VIETNAM	167
14 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	53
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,288</b>

Table 29: IMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	1,808
Male	5,480
<b>Total</b>	<b>7,288</b>

## Western Australia

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
6064	74
6061	73
6110	63
6107	40
6147	32
6109	31
6108	21
6063	19
6112	18
6059	17
6105	17
6060	12
6065	12
6155	11
6062	10
6066	10
6101	10
6102	10
55 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	143
<b>Total</b>	<b>623</b>

Table 31: IMA BVE holders by age group in WA

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	31
5 to 11	28
12 to 15	16
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	86
26 to 35	245
36 to 45	142
46+	67
<b>Total</b>	<b>623</b>

Table 32: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	111
IRAN	82
IRAQ	26
PAKISTAN	45
SRI LANKA	202
STATELESS	20
VIETNAM	123
8 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>623</b>

**Table 33: IMA BVE holders by gender in WA**

<b>Gender</b>	<b>Number of IMA BVE holders</b>
Female	106
Male	517
<b>Total</b>	<b>623</b>