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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 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 (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

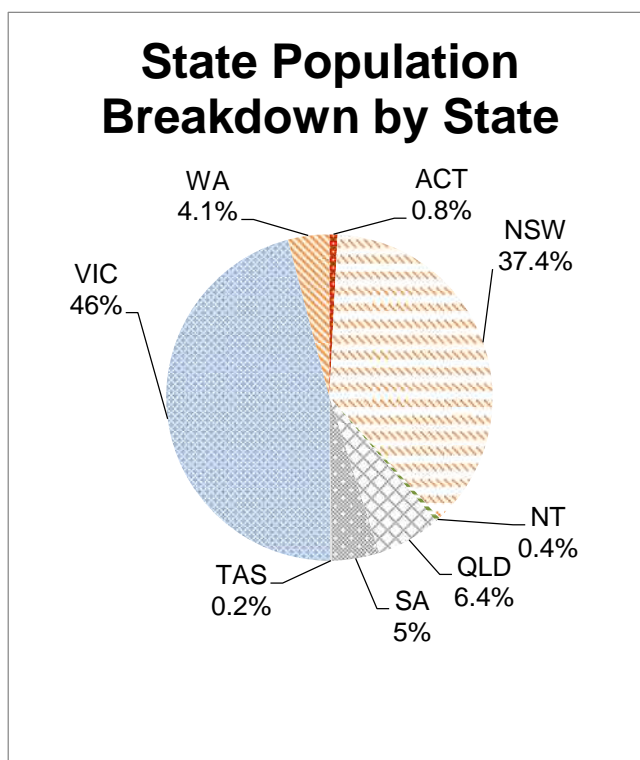
As at 30 September 2019, a total of 36,958 have been granted to IMAs. Of these, 13,827 remain in the community, (11,746 with a current BVE and 2,081 awaiting grant of a further BVE). The remaining 23,131 IMAs, who were granted BVEs have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned 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	110
NSW	5,178
NT	58
QLD	889
SA	648
TAS	21
VIC	6,354
WA	569
TOTAL	13,827

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 30 September 2019. 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	16
2602	13
2614	13
2611	11
2617	10
15 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	47
Total	110

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	13
26 to 35	45
36 to 45	27

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
46+	<10
Total	110

Table 4: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
IRAN	23
IRAQ	11
SRI LANKA	48
VIETNAM	11
5 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	17
Total	110

Table 5: IMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	27
Male	83
Total	110

New South Wales

Table 6: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NSW

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2145	653
2144	451
2195	414
2160	381
2161	292
2142	209
2146	208
2166	179
2170	153
2165	148
2150	113
2147	105
2141	97
2151	88
2196	87
2140	85
2148	79
2200	74
2118	71
2216	69
2162	47
2650	45
2190	43

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2199	42
2168	39
2164	37
2152	35
2117	34
2163	34
2112	33
2770	32
2154	30
2176	25
2143	21
2153	21
2197	21
2114	18
2680	16
2767	16
2800	16
2127	15
2155	15
2194	15
2116	14
2122	14
2768	14
2077	13
2192	12
2456	12

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
2128	11
2566	10
2750	10
161 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	462
Total	5,178

Table 7: IMA BVE holders by age group in NSW

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	176
5 to 11	259
12 to 15	92
16 to 17	31
18 to 25	455
26 to 35	2,389
36 to 45	1,319
46+	457
Total	5,178

Table 8: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	322
BANGLADESH	438
INDIA	22
INDONESIA	10

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
IRAN	1,559
IRAQ	386
LEBANON	85
MYANMAR	21
NEPAL	14
PAKISTAN	209
PALESTINIAN AUTHORITY	30
SOMALIA	11
SRI LANKA	1,491
STATELESS	411
SUDAN	44
SYRIA	15
VIETNAM	71
16 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	39
Total	5,178

Table 9: IMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	717
Male	4,461
Total	5,178

Northern Territory

Table 10: IMA BVE holders by postcode in NT

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
810	20
812	12
9 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	26
Total	58

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	15
36 to 45	25
46+	<10
Total	58

Table 12: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
SRI LANKA	24
VIETNAM	19
7 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	15
Total	58

Table 13: IMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	49
Total	58

Queensland

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
4077	150
4114	129
4343	41
4076	28
4132	25
4701	24
4103	23
4110	23
4122	22
4109	20
4032	19
4127	18
4350	18
4105	17
4300	17
4065	14
4034	12
4102	12
4123	11
4151	11
4064	10
4121	10
71 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	235
Total	889

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	49
5 to 11	86
12 to 15	44
16 to 17	17
18 to 25	96
26 to 35	325
36 to 45	202
46+	70
Total	889

Table 16: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	47
BANGLADESH	62
INDIA	11
IRAN	183
IRAQ	39
PAKISTAN	18
SRI LANKA	308
STATELESS	67
VIETNAM	127
10 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	27
Total	889

Table 17: IMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
FEMALE	231
MALE	658
Total	889

South Australia

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
5084	110
5108	39
5113	32
5085	31
5107	29
5013	26
5012	23
5112	22
5098	19
5268	17
5271	15
5074	11
5159	11
5008	10
5088	10
72 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	243
Total	648

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	36
5 to 11	51
12 to 15	13

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	58
26 to 35	257
36 to 45	163
46+	64
Total	648

Table 20: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	97
BANGLADESH	13
IRAN	173
PAKISTAN	55
SRI LANKA	179
STATELESS	32
VIETNAM	74
6 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	25
Total	648

Table 21: IMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	125
Male	523
Total	648

Tasmania

Table 22: IMA BVE holders by postcode in TAS

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
12 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	21
Total	21

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
Total	21

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
Total	21

Table 25: IMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	20
Total	21

Victoria

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3175	853
3020	615
3021	366
3047	240
3171	234
3075	209
3177	202
3076	201
3174	184
3074	178
3029	142
3023	136
3046	130
3064	125
3073	114
3082	114
3030	110
3805	69
3976	67
3072	65
3803	62
3977	62
3083	58

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3752	58
3214	56
3802	54
3048	50
3109	48
3108	45
3012	43
3011	42
3034	42
3019	40
3750	40
3044	38
3022	36
3037	35
3754	34
3850	33
3028	30
3150	30
3107	29
3215	29
3060	28
3216	28
3058	27
3081	23
3630	23
3056	22

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
3172	22
3134	20
3173	20
3032	19
3130	19
3033	18
3042	18
3350	18
3131	17
3043	16
3049	16
3133	16
3337	16
3025	15
3061	15
3500	14
3978	14
3129	13
3024	12
3128	12
3170	12
3040	11
3153	11
3840	11
3875	11
3975	11

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
141 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	458
Total	6,354

Table 27: IMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	338
5 to 11	550
12 to 15	259
16 to 17	86
18 to 25	732
26 to 35	2,365
36 to 45	1,442
46+	582
Total	6,354

Table 28: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	562
BANGLADESH	77
INDIA	23
IRAN	2,240
IRAQ	179
LEBANON	122
MYANMAR	76
PAKISTAN	606
SRI LANKA	1,620
STATELESS	613
SUDAN	22
VIETNAM	158
19 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	56
Total	6,354

Table 29: IMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	1,505
Male	4,849
Total	6,354

Western Australia

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of IMA BVE holders
6064	68
6110	59
6061	58
6107	37
6147	31
6109	28
6108	25
6112	19
6059	14
6065	14
6105	14
6062	13
6063	13
6060	11
6155	11
57 postcodes with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	154
Total	569

Table 31: IMA BVE holders by age group in WA

Age Group	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	18
5 to 11	27
12 to 15	14
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	69
26 to 35	221
36 to 45	143
46+	72
Total	569

Table 32: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
AFGHANISTAN	103
IRAN	74
IRAQ	22
PAKISTAN	44
SRI LANKA	187
STATELESS	17
VIETNAM	110
7 citizenships with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	12
Total	569

Table 33: IMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	93
Male	476
Total	569