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Illegal Maritime Arrivals on Bridging E Visas

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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 February 2016.

Release of Illegal Maritime Arrivals on Bridging E Visas (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 [Onshore Processing of IMAs](#)

Overall Programme Numbers and Current Location by State or Territory

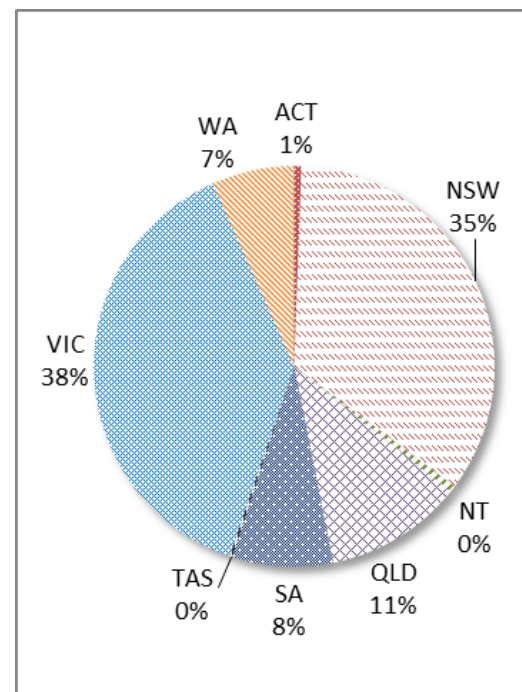
As at 30 September 2015, a total of 34 955 BVEs have been granted to IMAs. Of these, 28 938 remain in the community, (27 136 with a current BVE and 1 802 awaiting grant of a further BVE). The remaining 6 017 IMAs who were granted BVEs have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned 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	Number of IMA BVE holders
ACT	167
NSW	10029
NT	147
QLD	3229
SA	2347
TAS	59
VIC	11032
WA	1928
Total	28938

Table 2: Pie chart showing the percentage of IMA BVE holders by state and territory.



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 30 September 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 3: IMA BVE holders in ACT by suburb

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Turner	17
Gungahlin	16
Watson	13
47 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	121
Total	167

Table 4: IMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	35
Male	132
Total	167

Table 5: IMA BVE holders by age in ACT

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	12
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
18 to 25	44
26 to 35	59
36 to 45	30
46+	<10
Total	167

Table 6: Citizenship of IMA BVE holders in ACT

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	19
Bangladesh	<10
Egypt	<10
Indonesia	<10
Iran	40
Iraq	<10
Pakistan	<10
Palestinian Authority	<10
Somalia	<10
Sri Lanka	59
Stateless	<10

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Vietnam	12
Total	167

New South Wales

Table 7: IMA BVE holders by suburb in NSW

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Auburn	1378
Merrylands	901
Lakemba	771
Guildford	374
Granville	364
Fairfield	319
Liverpool	316
Pendle Hill	282
Parramatta	259
Toongabbie	257
Wentworthville	166
Berala	160
Punchbowl	159
Bankstown	158
Wiley Park	157
Seven Hills	149
North Parramatta	148
Cabramatta	145
Westmead	135
Lidcombe	129
Blacktown	124
Girraween	117
Homebush West	101

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Homebush	88
Canley Vale	80
Rockdale	77
Carramar	77
Harris Park	75
Carlingford	71
Griffith	60
Chester Hill	58
Mount Druitt	58
Warwick Farm	53
Yagoona	48
Ryde	47
Greystanes	44
Smithfield	44
Merrylands West	39
Northmead	39
Fairfield West	36
Greenacre	36
Rosehill	36
South Granville	36
Wagga Wagga	35
Guildford West	35
Old Guildford	33
Dundas	32
Woolgoolga	31

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Campsie	31
Regents Park	31
Scone	29
Doonside	29
Belmore	28
Canley Heights	27
South Wentworthville	27
Castle Hill	26
Ashmont	26
Villawood	23
Yennora	23
Eastwood	21
Mays Hill	21
Lurnea	21
Burwood	20
West Ryde	20
Sefton	19
Silverwater	19
Bass Hill	19
Casula	18
Morriset	18
Constitution Hill	17
Fairfield East	17
Baulkham Hills	16

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Hornsby	15
Quakers Hill	15
Fairfield Heights	15
Leeton	15
Cabramatta West	14
Epping	14
Ermington	14
Koorlingal	14
Marrickville	14
South Tamworth	13
Ashfield	13
Prospect	13
Sydney	12
Kingswood	12
Old Toongabbie	12
Guilford	12
Strathfield	12
Redfern	12
Telopea	12
Rydalmere	12
Chatswood	12
Forest Hill	11
Ultimo	11
Orange	11
Mount Pritchard	11

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Ashcroft	11
Schofields	11
Dundas Valley	11
Marsfield	11
Surry Hills	10
Mount Hutton	10
295 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	761
Total	10029

Table 8: IMA BVE holders by age range in NSW

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	369
5 to 11	356
12 to 15	145
16 to 17	71
18 to 25	2250
26 to 35	4522
35 to 45	1741
46+	575
Total	10029

Table 9: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	1251

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Albania	<10
Algeria	<10
Bangladesh	402
Burma	38
Congo	<10
Cyprus	<10
Egypt	<10
Ethiopia	<10
Gambia	<10
India	10
Indonesia	17
Iran	2889
Iraq	959
Kuwait	10
Lebanon	91
Malaysia	<10
Mali	<10
Moldova	<10
Mongolia	<10
Morocco	<10
Myanmar	57
Nepal	15
Pakistan	555
Palestinian Authority	133

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Slovakia	<10
Somalia	52
Sri Lanka	2147
Stateless	1113
Sudan	133
Syria	49
Unknown	13
Vietnam	57
Yemen	<10
Not Recorded	<10
Total	10029

Table 10: IMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	1340
Male	8689
Total	10029

Northern Territory

Table 11: IMA BVE holders by suburb in NT

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Ludmilla	17
Darwin	17
Coconut Grove	14
Stuart Park	11
Millner	10
25 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	78
Total	147

Table 12: IMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	20
Male	127
Total	147

Table 13: IMA BVE holders by age in NT

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	<10
Bangladesh	<10
Ethiopia	<10
Indonesia	<10
Iran	21
Iraq	<10

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
Myanmar	<10
Pakistan	<10
Palestinian Authority	<10
Somalia	<10
Sri Lanka	61
Stateless	18
Sudan	<10
Vietnam	16
Total	147

Table 14: IMA BVE holders by age in NT

Age	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	<10
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	48
26 to 35	57
36 to 45	22
46+	<10
Total	147

Queensland

Table 15: IMA BVE holders by suburb in QLD

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
Woodridge	496
Inala	199
Logan Central	181
Moorooka	113
Koongal	99
Gatton	92
Annerley	76
Kingston	70
Biloela	64
Slacks Creek	54
Berserker	51
Coorparoo	51
Darra	51
Sunnybank Hills	43
Goodna	42
Toowoomba	37
Acacia Ridge	37
Greenslopes	36
Nundah	35
Southport	33
Zillmere	33
Clayfield	32
Yeronga	31

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
Sunnybank	31
Forest Lake	28
Coopers Plains	27
Marsden	26
Chermside	24
Kedron	23
Runcorn	23
Salisbury	21
Darling Heights	21
Lakes Creek	21
Kearneys Spring	19
Wavell Heights	19
Rockhampton	19
Mount Gravatt	18
Mount Gravatt East	18
Churchill	17
Fairfield	16
Surfers Paradise	16
Woolloongabba	16
Everton Park	14
Morningside	14
Labrador	14
Aspley	13
Park Avenue	13
Biggera Waters	13

Suburb	Number IMA BVE holders
Rocklea	12
Upper Mount Gravatt	12
Allenstown	12
West End	12
Durack	12
Kuraby	12
Redbank Plains	11
Kilcoy	11
Bellbird Park	11
Kangaroo Point	11
Eagleby	11
Holland Park West	10
Banyo	10
Northgate	10
Loganlea	10
North Rockhampton	10
206 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	612
Total	3229

Table 16: IMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	719
Male	2510
Total	3229

Table 17: IMA BVE holders by age range in QLD

Age Range	Number IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	224
5 to 11	233
12 to 15	86
16 to 17	39
18 to 25	625
26 to 35	1328
36 to 45	530
46+	164
Total	3229

Table 18: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	345
Albania	<10
Bangladesh	131
Burma	12
China	<10
Cyprus	<10

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
Eritrea	11
Ethiopia	<10
India	17
Indonesia	21
Iran	836
Iraq	135
Kenya	<10
Kuwait	<10
Kyrgyzstan	<10
Lebanon	<10
Malaysia	<10
Myanmar	26
Nepal	<10
Pakistan	131
Palestinian Authority	<10
Papua New Guinea	<10
Somalia	64
Sri Lanka	830
Stateless	403
Sudan	117
Syria	<10
Tibet	<10
Ukraine	<10
Unknown	<10

Citizenship	Number IMA BVE holders
Vietnam	122
Total	3229

South Australia

Table 19: IMA BVE holders by suburb in SA

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Blair Athol	230
Kilburn	204
Prospect	76
Bordertown	75
Salisbury	74
Naracoorte	73
Davoren Park	72
Enfield	71
Parafield Gardens	65
Croydon Park	42
Pooraka	39
Elizabeth North	36
Ingle Farm	36
Northfield	31
Salisbury East	28
Paralowie	28
Salisbury North	28
Campbelltown	25
Gilles Plains	25
Clearview	25
Findon	24
Elizabeth South	23
Paradise	21

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Renmark	20
Para Hills	19
Murray Bridge	19
Adelaide	17
Torrensville	17
Oaklands Park	17
Mile End	17
Smithfield	16
Woodville	16
Broadview	16
Seacombe Gardens	14
Berri	14
Woodville Gardens	14
Ferryden Park	13
South Plympton	13
Waikerie	13
St Marys	12
Glenside	12
Salisbury Downs	12
Para Hills West	12
Seaton	11
Hillcrest	11
Brooklyn Park	11
Kurralta Park	11
Kilkenny	11

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Elizabeth East	11
Athol Park	10
Klemzig	10
Brahma Lodge	10
Elizabeth Downs	10
Woodville South	10
Ottoway	10
169 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	567
Total	2347

Table 20: IMA BVE holders by age range in SA

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	119
5 to 11	157
12 to 15	56
16 to 17	24
18 to 25	419
26 to 35	863
36 to 45	505
46+	204
Total	2347

Table 21: IMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	434
Male	1913
Total	2347

Table 22: IMA BVE holders by Citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	704
Albania	<10
Bangladesh	23
Burma	<10
Congo	<10
Eritrea	<10
Ethiopia	<10
India	<10
Indonesia	<10
Iran	645
Iraq	58
Myanmar	<10
Nepal	<10
Pakistan	177
Somalia	22
Sri Lanka	468
Stateless	121
Sudan	41

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Syria	<10
United Arab Emirates	<10
Unknown	<10
Vietnam	58
Yemen	<10
Not Recorded	<10
Total	2347

Tasmania

Table 23: IMA BVE holders by suburb in TAS

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
New Town	17
20 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	42
Total	59

Table 24: IMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	9
Male	50
Total	59

Table 25: IMA BVE holders by age range in TAS

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	<10
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	19
26 to 35	22
36 to 45	<10
46+	<10
Total	59

Table 26: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in TAS

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	13
Burma	<10
Iran	26
Kuwait	<10
Pakistan	<10
Somalia	<10
Sri Lanka	<10
Stateless	<10
Unknown	<10
Vietnam	<10
Total	59

Victoria

Table 27: IMA BVE holders by suburb in VIC

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Dandenong	1632
Springvale	584
St Albans	497
Doveton	460
Noble Park	380
Sunshine	364
Lalor	353
Dandenong North	292
Thomastown	291
Sunshine West	272
Glenroy	246
Broadmeadows	244
Albion	235
Epping	230
Reservoir	205
Werribee	200
Shepparton	192
Sunshine North	168
Hoopers Crossing	151
Footscray	142
Dandenong South	140
Dallas	134
Mill Park	132

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Braybrook	125
Hampton Park	121
Avondale Heights	101
Hallam	99
Mildura	84
Meadow Heights	84
Preston	75
Endeavour Hills	70
Corio	65
Craigieburn	65
Narre Warren	60
Narre Warren South	60
Ardeer	55
Altona Meadows	55
Swan Hill	53
South Morang	53
West Footscray	50
Deer Park	49
Keilor East	43
Norlane	42
Sunshine North	41
Altona North	40
Roxburgh Park	39
Coburg	37
Brunswick	37

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Bundoora	36
Keysborough	36
Doncaster	35
Fawkner	34
Jacana	33
Clayton	29
Coburg North	29
Laverton	29
Oak Park	28
Clayton South	27
Robinvale	26
Maidstone	26
Pascoe Vale	25
Eumemmerring	25
Heidelberg West	24
Colac	23
Point Cook	23
Geelong West	23
Essendon	22
Campbellfield	22
Belmont	21
Templestowe Lower	21
Albanvale	20
Cranbourne North	20
Tarneit	19

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Wyndham Vale	18
Hamlyn Heights	18
Ringwood	18
Box Hill	17
Cairnlea	17
Coolaroo	16
Kings Park	16
Donvale	16
Blackburn North	16
Cranbourne	15
Doncaster East	15
Grovedale	15
Mernda	15
Melbourne	14
Carlton	14
Springvale South	14
Lynbrook	14
Templestowe	14
Maribyrnong	14
Brunswick West	14
Thornbury	13
Hadfield	13
Box Hill North	13
Mount Waverley	12
Cranbourne West	12

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Richmond	12
Greensborough	12
Westmeadows	12
Highton	12
Bell Park	11
Newport	11
Manifold Heights	11
Burwood	11
Bulleen	11
Mitcham	11
Caroline Springs	11
Dandenong	11
Keilor Downs	11
Airport West	10
Malvern East	10
Blackburn	10
North Melbourne	10
Wollert	10
214 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	659
Total	11032

Table 28: IMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	2347
Male	8685
Total	11032

Table 29: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	1858
Albania	<10
Algeria	<10
Bangladesh	73
Belarus	<10
Burma	64
Egypt	<10
Eritrea	<10
Ethiopia	<10
India	23
Indonesia	19
Iran	3428
Iraq	288
Kuwait	<10
Lebanon	112
Malaysia	<10
Myanmar	103
Nepal	<10

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Pakistan	1046
Palestinian Authority	28
Philippines	<10
Somalia	99
Sri Lanka	2471
Stateless	1040
Sudan	108
Syria	26
Turkey	<10
Ukraine	<10
Unknown	29
Vietnam	165
Yemen	<10
Not Recorded	<10
Total	11032

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
26 to 35	4279
36 to 45	1802
46+	716
Total	11032

Table 30: IMA BVE holders by age range in VIC

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	657
5 to 11	736
12 to 15	246
16 to 17	129
18 to 25	2467

Western Australia

Table 31: IMA BVE holders by suburb in WA

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Gosnells	169
Balga	108
Maddington	96
Girrawheen	75
Mirrabooka	73
Thornlie	69
Cloverdale	57
Bentley	56
Langford	56
Koondoola	50
Dianella	49
Westminster	45
Kewdale	45
Nollamara	43
Ballajura	43
Beckenham	43
Beechboro	34
East Victoria Park	27
Rivervale	27
Cannington	24
Canning Vale	24
Morley	24
Maylands	24

Suburb	Number of IMA BVE holders
Kenwick	24
Queens Park	23
Yokine	23
Victoria Park	22
Carlisle	21
Wilson	21
Noranda	19
Marangaroo	19
Alexander Heights	17
Mount Barker	16
Belmont	16
Seville Grove	15
Katanning	13
Redcliffe	12
Busselton	11
Huntingdale	11
St James	10
Kardinya	10
Tuart Hill	10
118 suburbs with less than 10 IMA BVE holders	354
Total	1928

Table 32: IMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of IMA BVE holders
Female	237
Male	1691
Total	1928

Table 33: IMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	708
Bangladesh	<10
Burma	<10
Eritrea	<10
Ethiopia	<10
Indonesia	<10
Iran	322
Iraq	71
Lebanon	<10
Myanmar	<10
Pakistan	118
Palestinian Authority	37
Somalia	16
Sri Lanka	390
Stateless	59
Sudan	27
Syria	<10

Citizenship	Number of IMA BVE holders
Unknown	<10
Vietnam	148
Not Recorded	<10
Total	1928

Table 34: IMA BVE holders by age range in WA

Age Range	Number of IMA BVE holders
0 to 4	65
5 to 11	55
12 to 15	31
16 to 17	12
18 to 25	508
26 to 35	767
36 to 45	348
46+	142
Total	1928