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About this report

This quarterly report provides an overview of the number of Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals (UMAs) 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 revision.

The report presents some basic statistics on UMAs who had been granted BVEs and were living in the community at the time of reporting.

To protect the privacy of individuals within this report, figures which total less than ten are not published.

Release of UMAs on Bridging E visa (BVE)

Key program concepts

A Bridging E (subclass 050) visa (BVE) is a short-term bridging visa that allows eligible individuals to stay in Australia lawfully while they progress to a status resolution outcome. A BVE may be granted while the non-citizen:

- has a substantive visa application with the Department
- seeks merits or judicial review of a visa refusal or cancellation decision
- makes arrangements for their departure from Australia
- seeks Ministerial Intervention to substitute a decision of a review tribunal.

For further information about the BVE program, please see the Home Affairs visa listing webpage on [Bridging Visa E \(BVE\)](#).

Overall program numbers and current location by State and Territory

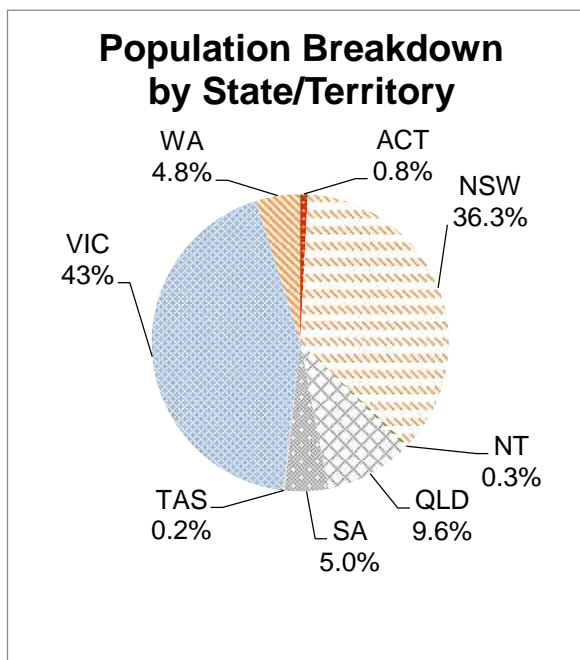
Between 25 November 2011 and 31 March 2023, 37,820 UMAs were granted BVEs. Of these, 10,828 remain in the community (8367 with a current BVE and 2461 unlawful non-citizens). The remaining 26,992 UMAs, who were granted BVEs, have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned to immigration detention, or are deceased.

BVE holders are free to choose where they live. As at 31 March 2023, the largest numbers of UMAs were in Victoria (VIC), followed by New South Wales (NSW), Queensland (QLD), Western Australia (WA), South Australia (SA), Australian Capital Territory (ACT), Northern Territory (NT), and Tasmania (TAS) (Table 1).

Table 1: Current location of UMA BVE holders

State and Territory	Number of UMA BVE holders
VIC	4,697
NSW	3,932
QLD	1,036
WA	519
SA	509
ACT	88
NT	30
TAS	17
TOTAL	10,828

Chart 1: Pie chart showing the percentage of UMA BVE holders by state and territory



Visa holder location by State and Territory

The following tables provide a breakdown of UMA BVE holders as at 31 March 2023, split by current location, age group, citizenship and gender for each Australian state and territory.

New South Wales

Table 2: UMA BVE holders by postcode in NSW

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2145	585
2144	323
2195	297
2160	227
2146	208
2161	174
2142	112
2147	108
2166	105
2170	102
2141	88
2165	88
2148	82
2150	76
2200	76
2196	66
2140	58
2216	55
2151	42
2162	40
2118	36
2770	35
2163	34
2190	34
2164	30
2199	30
2001	27
2650	24

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2168	23
2153	22
2154	21
2176	21
2112	19
2117	18
2143	18
2155	17
2197	17
2114	16
2152	16
2192	14
2566	14
2767	14
2127	13
2122	11
2138	11
2456	11
2680	11
2765	11
2000	10
2128	10
2264	10
2564	10
151 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	412
Total	3,932

Table 3: UMA BVE holders by age group in NSW

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	37
5 to 11	205
12 to 15	67
16 to 17	42
18 to 25	127
26 to 35	1,443
36 to 45	1,461
46+	550
Total	3,932

Table 5: UMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	499
Male	3,433
Total	3,932

Table 4: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	189
Bangladesh	413
India	15
Iran	907
Iraq	303
Lebanon	82
Myanmar	17
Nepal	11
Pakistan	208
Palestinian Authority	13
Somalia	28
Sri Lanka	1,263
Stateless	329
Sudan	22
Syria	14
Vietnam	64
Not Recorded	15
15 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	39
Total	3,932

Victoria

Table 6: UMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3175	563
3020	428
3021	328
3076	156
3171	148
3047	142
3029	141
3177	136
3023	131
3075	128
3174	123
3064	100
3046	93
3074	92
3082	81
3030	76
3750	61
3977	61
3073	54
3802	51
3214	49
3752	46
3976	42
3022	39
3011	37
3048	36
3083	36
3805	34
3803	32
3019	31
3034	30
3150	28
3072	27

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3108	27
3810	25
3060	24
3173	24
3012	23
3216	23
3630	23
3028	22
3037	22
3044	21
3109	21
3754	21
3024	20
3056	20
3081	20
3172	20
3500	20
3032	19
3040	19
3058	19
3038	17
3182	17
3978	17
3215	15
3026	14
3169	14
3025	13
3131	13
3335	13
3061	12
3107	12
3106	11
3128	11
3168	11
3850	11
3084	10

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3165	10
3338	10
142 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	473
Total	4,697

Table 7: UMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	72
5 to 11	376
12 to 15	177
16 to 17	78
18 to 25	263
26 to 35	1,533
36 to 45	1,512
46+	686
Total	4,697

Table 8: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	240
Bangladesh	82
India	36
Iran	1,380
Iraq	148
Lebanon	114
Myanmar	65
Nepal	13
Pakistan	501
Somalia	26
Sri Lanka	1,416
Stateless	460
Sudan	17
Vietnam	137
Not Recorded	27
20 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	35
Total	4,697

Table 9: UMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	955
Male	3,742
Total	4,697

Queensland

Table 10: UMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
4077	147
4114	130
4109	49
4343	34
4076	28
4110	28
4127	27
4300	24
4132	20
4103	19
4131	19
4350	19
4102	18
4053	17
4121	17
4122	17
4078	15
4018	14
4032	14
4065	14
4116	14
4701	14
4101	13
4151	13
4014	11
4034	10
4133	10
86 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	281
Total	1,036

Table 11: UMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	10
5 to 11	94
12 to 15	46
16 to 17	21
18 to 25	80
26 to 35	320
36 to 45	307
46+	158
Total	1,036

Table 12: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	37
Bangladesh	57
Iran	264
Iraq	60
Pakistan	20
Somalia	10
Sri Lanka	310
Stateless	110
Sudan	13
Vietnam	119
8 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	36
Total	1,036

Table 13: UMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	258
Male	778
Total	1,036

South Australia

Table 14: UMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
5084	77
5085	28
5108	24
5113	23
5086	22
5112	21
5107	19
5098	18
5013	17
5012	16
5268	13
5095	11
5096	10
5114	10
5271	10
62 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	190
Total	509

Table 15: UMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	46
12 to 15	18
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	18
26 to 35	145
36 to 45	186
46+	82
Total	509

Table 16: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	67
Bangladesh	12
Iran	116
Iraq	14
Pakistan	51
Sri Lanka	144
Stateless	35
Vietnam	48
8 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	22
Total	509

Table 17: UMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	96
Male	413
Total	509

Western Australia

Table 18: UMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
6064	53
6110	47
6061	46
6109	43
6107	24
6108	24
6147	23
6112	20
6105	17
6065	16
6155	14
6111	13
6059	12
61 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	167
Total	519

Table 19: UMA BVE holders by age group in WA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	36
12 to 15	12
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	26
26 to 35	188
36 to 45	158
46+	91
Total	519

Table 20: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	76
Iran	77
Iraq	28
Pakistan	39
Sri Lanka	152
Stateless	50
Vietnam	84
6 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	13
Total	519

Table 21: UMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	100
Male	419
Total	519

Tasmania

Table 22: UMA BVE holders by postcode in TAS

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
9 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	17
Total	17

Table 23: UMA BVE holders by age group in TAS

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

Table 24: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in TAS

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
5 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	17
Total	17

Table 25: UMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<20
Total	17

Northern Territory

Table 26: UMA BVE holders by postcode in NT

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
8 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	30
Total	30

Table 27: UMA BVE holders by age group in NT

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	0
5 to 11	0
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	<10
26 to 35	<10
36 to 45	<10
46+	<10
Total	30

Table 28: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
8 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	30
Total	30

Table 29: UMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<30
Total	30

Australian Capital Territory

Table 30: UMA BVE holders by postcode in ACT

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2614	15
2615	11
16 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	62
Total	88

Table 31: UMA BVE holders by age group in ACT

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	0
5 to 11	<10
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	12
26 to 35	26
36 to 45	34
46+	10
Total	88

Table 32: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Iran	14
Iraq	12
Sri Lanka	38
Vietnam	10
6 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	14
Total	88

Table 33: UMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	16
Male	72
Total	88