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# Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals on Bridging E visa

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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 December 2023, 37,934 UMAs were granted BVEs. Of these, 10,190 remain in the community (7941 with a current BVE and 2249 unlawful non-citizens). The remaining 27,744 UMAs, who were granted BVEs, have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned to immigration detention, or are deceased.

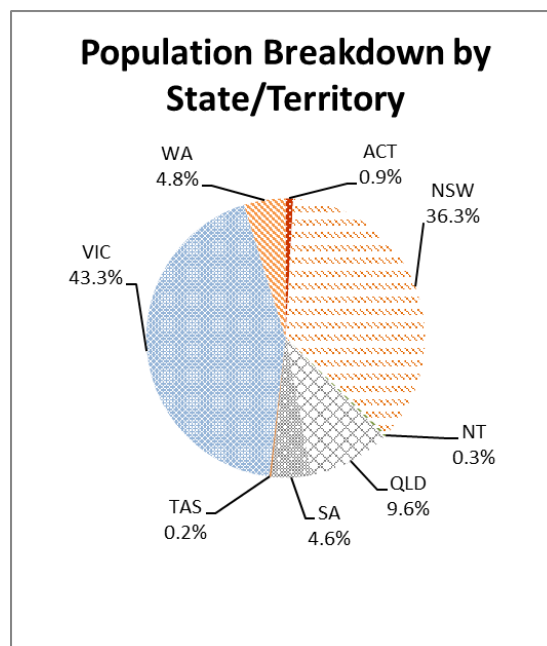
BVE holders are free to choose where they live. Table 1 (below) shows the current location of UMA BVE holders by state and territory as at 31 December 2023. The total number of UMA BVE holders in the community was 10,190, down by 365 from 10,555 as at 30 September 2023, and down by 531 from 10,721 as at 31 December 2022.

**Table 1: Current location of UMA BVE holders at 31 December 2023**

State and Territory	Number of UMA BVE holders
VIC	4,410 ↓
NSW	3,703 ↓
QLD	978 ↓
WA	494 ↓
SA	470 ↓
ACT	88 ↑
NT	27 ↓
TAS	20 –
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,190 ↓</b>

Note: Arrows show direction of change from previous quarter.

**Chart 1: Percentage of UMA BVE holders by state and territory at 31 December 2023**



## Visa holder location by State and Territory

The following tables provide a breakdown of UMA BVE holders as at 31 December 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	546
2195	295
2144	279
2146	211
2160	208
2161	161
2147	115
2142	105
2166	104
2170	104
2141	91
2165	89
2200	75
2150	70
2148	68
2196	63
2140	54
2216	54
2151	36
2770	35
2164	33
2190	32
2155	30
2001	29
2118	29
2162	27
2163	25
2199	24
2650	23

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2153	21
2168	20
2154	19
2143	16
2114	15
2152	15
2112	14
2566	14
2117	13
2176	13
2768	13
2138	12
2456	11
2113	10
2192	10
2767	10
164 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	462
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,703</b>

**Table 3: UMA BVE holders by age group in NSW**

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	26
5 to 11	179
12 to 15	62
16 to 17	38
18 to 25	114
26 to 35	1,217
36 to 45	1,503
46+	564
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,703</b>

**Table 5: UMA BVE holders by gender in NSW**

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	462
Male	3,241
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,703</b>

**Table 4: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW**

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	177
Bangladesh	411
India	11
Iran	821
Iraq	280
Lebanon	82
Myanmar	15
Nepal	11
Pakistan	191
Somalia	26
Sri Lanka	1198
Stateless	327
Sudan	19
Syria	14
Vietnam	61
Not Recorded	16
16 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	43
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,703</b>

## Victoria

Table 6: UMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3175	516
3020	394
3021	338
3076	156
3029	144
3047	130
3023	128
3171	126
3177	123
3174	120
3075	107
3064	83
3046	82
3074	80
3082	78
3030	75
3977	59
3073	55
3750	54
3976	47
3802	46
3214	44
3752	42
3048	41
3803	34
3011	32
3022	32
3019	31
3083	30
3172	29
3150	27
3109	26
3810	26

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3034	25
3060	25
3216	25
3026	23
3072	23
3081	23
3805	23
3044	22
3630	22
3012	21
3032	20
3037	20
3754	20
3024	19
3108	19
3056	18
3173	18
3040	17
3058	17
3500	17
3978	16
3028	15
3106	15
3335	15
3038	14
3215	14
3025	13
3170	13
3182	13
3061	12
3128	12
3131	12
3152	12
3337	12
3338	12
3013	10

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3165	10
144 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	438
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,410</b>

**Table 7: UMA BVE holders by age group in VIC**

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	46
5 to 11	307
12 to 15	160
16 to 17	72
18 to 25	242
26 to 35	1,369
36 to 45	1,518
46+	696
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,410</b>

**Table 8: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC**

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	192
Bangladesh	73
India	32
Iran	1281
Iraq	140
Lebanon	108
Myanmar	57
Nepal	13
Pakistan	493
Somalia	26
Sri Lanka	1326
Stateless	468
Sudan	14
Vietnam	134
Not Recorded	24
16 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,410</b>

**Table 9: UMA BVE holders by gender in VIC**

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	882
Male	3,528
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,410</b>



## Queensland

Table 10: UMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
4077	132
4114	115
4109	41
4076	32
4343	31
4127	29
4110	28
4131	26
4102	21
4122	20
4132	19
4116	18
4152	18
4300	18
4121	16
4101	15
4018	14
4078	14
4103	14
4350	14
4701	13
4012	11
4032	11
4115	11
4151	11
4053	10
86 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	276
<b>Total</b>	<b>978</b>

Table 11: UMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	77
12 to 15	39
16 to 17	<30
18 to 25	65
26 to 35	286
36 to 45	326
46+	157
<b>Total</b>	<b>978</b>

Table 12: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	34
Bangladesh	63
India	10
Iran	244
Iraq	61
Pakistan	23
Sri Lanka	291
Stateless	100
Sudan	13
Vietnam	104
9 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	35
<b>Total</b>	<b>978</b>

Table 13: UMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	234
Male	744
<b>Total</b>	<b>978</b>

## South Australia

Table 14: UMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
5084	58
5108	29
5112	25
5107	21
5113	21
5085	19
5013	15
5012	14
5098	13
5268	12
5086	11
5095	11
5211	11
5114	10
66 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	200
<b>Total</b>	<b>470</b>

Table 15: UMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	50
12 to 15	15
16 to 17	<15
18 to 25	16
26 to 35	122
36 to 45	169
46+	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>470</b>

Table 16: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	56
Bangladesh	10
Iran	109
Iraq	10
Pakistan	46
Sri Lanka	137
Stateless	40
Vietnam	45
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>470</b>

Table 17: UMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	97
Male	373
<b>Total</b>	<b>470</b>

## Western Australia

Table 18: UMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
6064	56
6061	44
6110	44
6109	39
6107	27
6147	22
6112	21
6108	16
6065	15
6105	15
6111	12
6059	11
6066	10
61 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	162
<b>Total</b>	<b>494</b>

Table 19: UMA BVE holders by age group in WA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	29
12 to 15	12
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	22
26 to 35	165
36 to 45	166
46+	94
<b>Total</b>	<b>494</b>

Table 20: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	76
Iran	68
Iraq	28
Pakistan	35
Sri Lanka	141
Stateless	41
Vietnam	84
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>494</b>

Table 21: UMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	93
Male	401
<b>Total</b>	<b>494</b>

## Tasmania

Table 22: UMA BVE holders by postcode in TAS

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
12 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

Table 24: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in TAS

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
5 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	20
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

Table 25: UMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<20
<b>Total</b>	<b>20</b>

## Northern Territory

Table 26: UMA BVE holders by postcode in NT

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
7 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

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	0
18 to 25	<10
26 to 35	<10
36 to 45	<10
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

Table 28: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
8 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

Table 29: UMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<25
<b>Total</b>	<b>27</b>

## Australian Capital Territory

Table 30: UMA BVE holders by postcode in ACT

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2615	10
16 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	78
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>

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	11
26 to 35	26
36 to 45	29
46+	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>

Table 32: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Iran	14
Iraq	14
Sri Lanka	35
Vietnam	10
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>

Table 33: UMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	17
Male	71
<b>Total</b>	<b>88</b>