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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 2025, 38,050 UMAs were granted BVEs. Of these, 7,035 remain in the community (5,923 with a current BVE and 1,112 unlawful non-citizens (UNC)). The remaining 31,015 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 UMAs (who were granted a BVE at any point between 25 November 2011 and 31 December 2025) by state and territory as at 31 December 2025. The total number of UMAs in the community as at that date was 7,035 (5,923 with a current BVE and 1,112 UNC), down by 1,093 from 8,128 (6,774 with a current BVE and 1,354 UNC) as at 30 September 2025 and down by 2,168 from 9,203 (7,629 with a current BVE and 1,574 UNC) as at 31 December 2024.

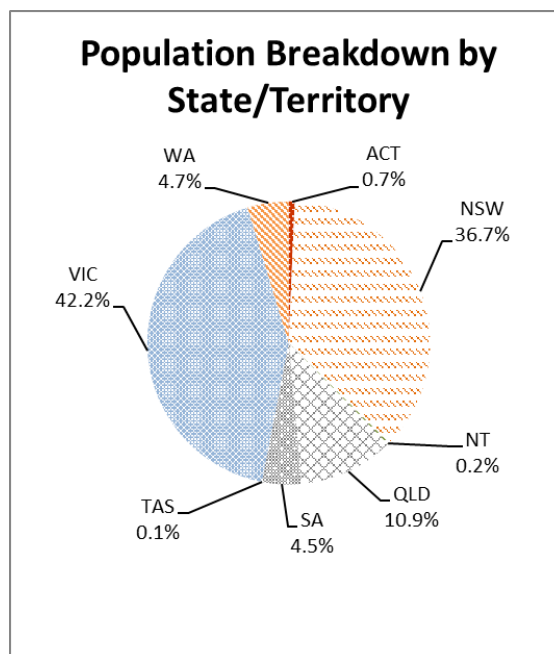
Table 1: Current location of UMAs at 31 December 2025

State and Territory	Number of UMAs*
VIC	2,970 ↓
NSW	2,585 ↓
QLD	767 ↓
WA	330 ↓
SA	314 ↓
ACT	48 ↓
NT	<20 ↓
TAS	<10 ↓
TOTAL	7,035 ↓

Note: Arrows show direction of change from previous quarter.

* Table includes UMAs with a current BVE and those who are UNC. Those who are UNC were granted a BVE at some point between 25 November 2011 and 31 December 2025.

Chart 1: Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals on Bridging E visa by state and territory at 31 December 2025



UMA location by State and Territory

The following tables provide a breakdown of UMAs as at 31 December 2025, split by current location, age group, citizenship and gender for each Australian state and territory.

New South Wales

Table 2: UMAs by postcode in NSW

Postcode	Number of UMAs
2145	356
2195	228
2144	173
2146	143
2160	112
2147	90
2161	86
2142	74
2165	74
2170	71
2148	61
2166	60
2141	53
2196	50
2200	48
2216	47
2150	41
2770	34
2190	31
2151	30
2164	27
2163	26
2140	25
2118	22
2168	22
2162	21
2199	20
2154	17

Postcode	Number of UMAs
2153	16
2114	14
2112	13
2152	13
2155	13
2001	12
2127	11
2768	11
2560	10
2767	10
153 postcodes with less than 10 UMAs	420
Total	2,585

Table 3: UMAs by age group in NSW

Age Range	Number of UMAs
0 to 4	13
5 to 11	67
12 to 15	23
16 to 17	15
18 to 25	63
26 to 35	515
36 to 45	1,337
46+	552
Total	2,585

Table 5: UMAs by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of UMAs
Female	245
Male	2,340
Total	2,585

Table 4: UMAs by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of UMAs
Afghanistan	89
Bangladesh	385
Iran	604
Iraq	211
Lebanon	69
Nepal	13
Pakistan	100
Somalia	19
Sri Lanka	790
Stateless	197
Sudan	11
Vietnam	37
Not Recorded	10
16 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs	50
Total	2,585

Victoria

Table 6: UMAs by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of UMAs
3175	312
3020	246
3021	205
3177	99
3029	91
3076	90
3047	85
3064	85
3023	70
3174	67
3750	66
3046	61
3030	60
3171	57
3075	53
3074	50
3976	47
3977	44
3073	39
3011	32
3048	32
3752	30
3082	28
3805	28
3037	25
3019	24
3802	24
3012	22
3056	21
3803	21
3214	20
3109	19

Postcode	Number of UMAs
3150	19
3754	19
3978	19
3032	18
3083	18
3108	18
3060	17
3338	16
3216	15
3026	14
3061	14
3081	14
3630	14
3022	13
3038	13
3336	13
3806	13
3044	12
3128	12
3170	12
3337	12
3024	11
3072	11
3810	11
3040	10
3500	10
145 postcodes with less than 10 UMAs	449
Total	2,970

Table 7: UMAs by age group in VIC

Age Range	Number of UMAs
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	88
12 to 15	85
16 to 17	<40
18 to 25	141
26 to 35	663
36 to 45	1,297
46+	652
Total	2,970

Table 9: UMAs by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of UMAs
Female	507
Male	2,463
Total	2,970

Table 8: UMAs by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of UMAs
Afghanistan	133
Bangladesh	63
India	22
Iran	944
Iraq	99
Lebanon	77
Myanmar	24
Pakistan	289
Sri Lanka	882
Stateless	296
Vietnam	91
Not Recorded	11
14 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs	39
Total	2,970

Queensland

Table 10: UMAs by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of UMAs
4114	84
4077	75
4109	37
4132	35
4127	23
4343	21
4076	18
4133	17
4300	16
4034	14
4078	14
4102	14
4065	13
4122	13
4152	13
4701	13
4110	12
4125	12
4101	11
4123	11
4118	10
4304	10
92 postcodes with less than 10 UMAs	281
Total	767

Table 11: UMAs by age group in QLD

Age Range	Number of UMAs
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	27
12 to 15	16
16 to 17	<20
18 to 25	61
26 to 35	151
36 to 45	341
46+	153
Total	767

Table 12: UMAs by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of UMAs
Afghanistan	26
Bangladesh	65
Iran	211
Iraq	56
Pakistan	20
Sri Lanka	191
Stateless	76
Sudan	11
Vietnam	64
10 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs	47
Total	767

Table 13: UMAs by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of UMAs
Female	155
Male	612
Total	767

South Australia

Table 14: UMAs by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of UMAs
5084	37
5112	26
5108	17
5113	16
5085	14
5501	13
5086	11
5107	11
5114	11
67 postcodes with less than 10 UMAs	158
Total	314

Table 15: UMA by age group in SA

Age Range	Number of UMAs
0 to 4	0
5 to 11	14
12 to 15	<15
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	11
26 to 35	67
36 to 45	136
46+	74
Total	314

Table 16: UMA by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of UMAs
Afghanistan	38
Iran	75
Pakistan	17
Sri Lanka	97
Stateless	31
Vietnam	28
9 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs	28
Total	314

Table 17: UMA by gender in SA

Gender	Number of UMAs
Female	53
Male	261
Total	314

Western Australia

Table 18: UMAs by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of UMAs
6110	38
6109	32
6064	29
6112	23
6061	21
6107	17
6108	12
6063	11
6147	11
6056	10
51 postcodes with less than 10 UMAs	126
Total	330

Table 19: UMAs by age group in WA

Age Range	Number of UMAs
0 to 4	0
5 to 11	<10
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	13
26 to 35	81
36 to 45	134
46+	88
Total	330

Table 20: UMAs by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of UMAs
Afghanistan	50
Iran	40
Iraq	18
Pakistan	26
Sri Lanka	111
Stateless	28
Vietnam	45
4 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs	12
Total	330

Table 21: UMAs by gender in WA

Gender	Number of UMAs
Female	53
Male	277
Total	330

Tasmania

Table 22: UMAs by postcode in TAS

Postcode	Number of UMAs
7 postcodes with less than 10 UMAs	<10
Total	<10

Table 23: UMAs by age group in TAS

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

Table 24: UMAs by citizenship in TAS

Citizenship	Number of UMAs
3 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs	<10
Total	<10

Table 25: UMAs by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of UMAs
Female	0
Male	<10
Total	<10

Northern Territory

Table 26: UMAs by postcode in NT

Postcode	Number of UMAs
6 postcodes with less than 10 UMAs	<20
Total	<20

Table 27: UMAs by age group in NT

Age Range	Number of UMAs
0 to 4	0
5 to 11	0
12 to 15	0
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	<10
26 to 35	<10
36 to 45	0
46+	10
Total	<20

Table 28: UMAs by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of UMAs
5 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs	<20
Total	<20

Table 29: UMAs by gender in NT

Gender	Number of UMAs
Female	<10
Male	<20
Total	<20

Australian Capital Territory

Table 30: UMAs by postcode in ACT

Postcode	Number of UMAs
16 postcodes with less than 10 UMAs	48
Total	48

Table 31: UMAs by age group in ACT

Age Range	Number of UMAs
0 to 4	0
5 to 11	0
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	0
18 to 25	<10
26 to 35	17
36 to 45	17
46+	<10
Total	48

Table 32: UMAs by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of UMAs
Sri Lanka	17
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs	31
Total	48

Table 33: UMAs by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of UMAs
Female	<10
Male	<45
Total	48