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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

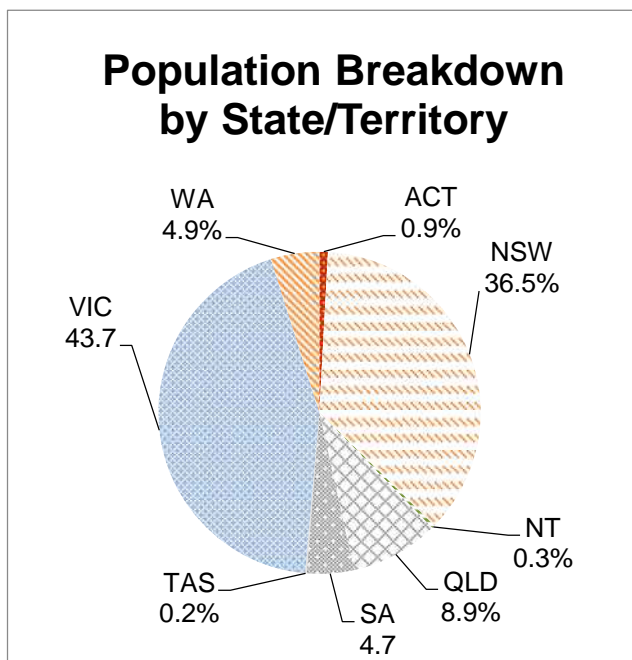
Between 25 November 2011 and 31 December 2022, 37,593 UMAs were granted BVEs. Of these, 10,721 remain in the community (8209 with a current BVE and 2512 unlawful non-citizens). The remaining 26,872 UMAs, who were granted BVEs, have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned to immigration detention, or are deceased.

BVE holders are free to choose where they live. As at 31 December 2022, 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	4,684
NSW	3,912
QLD	953
WA	523
SA	505
ACT	92
NT	35
TAS	17
TOTAL	10,721

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 December 2022, 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	588
2144	315
2195	294
2160	228
2146	201
2161	173
2147	113
2142	109
2166	106
2170	103
2165	92
2141	89
2148	82
2150	79
2200	76
2196	63
2140	60
2216	57
2118	36
2190	36
2151	34
2770	33
2163	32
2199	31
2001	30
2162	30
2164	25
2650	25

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2153	22
2154	22
2168	22
2176	20
2112	18
2143	18
2114	17
2117	17
2197	17
2566	17
2152	16
2155	15
2192	15
2767	14
2000	12
2127	12
2138	11
2456	11
2765	11
2116	10
2122	10
2128	10
2564	10
2745	10
2747	10
148 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	405
Total	3,912

Table 3: UMA BVE holders by age group in NSW

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	34
5 to 11	194
12 to 15	68
16 to 17	40
18 to 25	127
26 to 35	1,490
36 to 45	1,426
46+	533
Total	3,912

Table 5: UMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	469
Male	3,443
Total	3,912

Table 4: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	197
Bangladesh	411
India	15
Iran	879
Iraq	309
Lebanon	82
Myanmar	17
Nepal	11
Pakistan	206
Palestinian Authority	14
Somalia	18
Sri Lanka	1,283
Stateless	317
Sudan	21
Syria	14
Vietnam	64
Not Recorded	14
15 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	40
Total	3,912

Victoria

Table 6: UMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3175	560
3020	424
3021	328
3076	158
3047	151
3171	146
3029	138
3177	135
3075	133
3023	131
3174	122
3064	101
3046	90
3074	86
3082	77
3030	73
3977	59
3750	57
3214	56
3802	56
3073	55
3752	43
3976	43
3022	38
3048	35
3034	34
3803	34
3011	33
3019	33
3805	33
3083	30
3072	29
3012	26

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3810	25
3028	24
3037	24
3108	24
3109	24
3044	23
3150	23
3216	22
3630	22
3754	22
3056	21
3060	21
3173	21
3500	21
3081	20
3024	19
3040	19
3032	18
3038	18
3058	17
3978	17
3172	16
3215	15
3026	14
3025	13
3182	13
3850	13
3061	12
3131	12
3335	12
3107	11
3128	11
3084	10
3106	10
3163	10
3165	10

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3169	10
3170	10
3338	10
140 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	480
Total	4,684

Table 7: UMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	73
5 to 11	367
12 to 15	183
16 to 17	80
18 to 25	267
26 to 35	1,580
36 to 45	1,475
46+	659
Total	4,684

Table 8: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	241
Bangladesh	80
India	33
Iran	1,381
Iraq	149
Lebanon	116
Myanmar	66
Not Recorded	28
Pakistan	505
Somalia	12
Sri Lanka	1,423
Stateless	456
Sudan	17
Vietnam	137
21 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	40
Total	4,684

Table 9: UMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	942
Male	3,742
Total	4,684

Queensland

Table 10: UMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
4077	146
4114	114
4109	43
4343	33
4076	27
4127	26
4110	24
4103	22
4300	19
4350	18
4102	17
4078	16
4122	15
4018	14
4116	14
4701	14
4053	13
4101	13
4121	13
4132	13
4014	12
4065	12
4131	12
4151	12
4108	11
4115	11
4012	10
4032	10
4113	10
82 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	239
Total	953

Table 11: UMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	84
12 to 15	42
16 to 17	<20
18 to 25	74
26 to 35	308
36 to 45	287
46+	133
Total	953

Table 12: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	39
Bangladesh	55
Iran	216
Iraq	53
Pakistan	17
Sri Lanka	304
Stateless	93
Sudan	11
Vietnam	121
8 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	44
Total	953

Table 13: UMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	230
Male	723
Total	953

South Australia

Table 14: UMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
5084	80
5085	26
5108	26
5112	24
5113	21
5013	19
5086	19
5098	19
5012	16
5107	16
5096	14
5268	13
5271	11
63 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	201
Total	505

Table 15: UMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<15
5 to 11	44
12 to 15	16
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	17
26 to 35	149
36 to 45	174
46+	86
Total	505

Table 16: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	72
Bangladesh	11
Iran	117
Pakistan	49
Sri Lanka	148
Stateless	32
Vietnam	46
8 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	30
Total	505

Table 17: UMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	93
Male	412
Total	505

Western Australia

Table 18: UMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
6064	55
6109	46
6110	46
6061	44
6108	32
6107	23
6147	22
6112	19
6065	18
6155	18
6105	17
6059	12
6062	11
62 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	160
Total	523

Table 19: UMA BVE holders by age group in WA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	41
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	25
26 to 35	188
36 to 45	158
46+	90
Total	523

Table 20: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	79
Iran	72
Iraq	26
Pakistan	39
Sri Lanka	159
Stateless	45
Vietnam	85
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	18
Total	523

Table 21: UMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	101
Male	422
Total	523

Tasmania

Table 22: UMA BVE holders by postcode in TAS

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
8 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
9 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	35
Total	35

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	11
36 to 45	12
46+	<10
Total	35

Table 28: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Vietnam	11
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	24
Total	35

Table 29: UMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<35
Total	35

Australian Capital Territory

Table 30: UMA BVE holders by postcode in ACT

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2614	14
2615	10
2617	10
14 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	58
Total	92

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	14
26 to 35	30
36 to 45	34
46+	9
Total	92

Table 32: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Iran	15
Iraq	11
Sri Lanka	38
Vietnam	10
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	18
Total	92

Table 33: UMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	15
Male	77
Total	92