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 30 June 2026, 38,052 UMAs were granted BVEs. Of these, 2863 remain in the community (2188 with a current BVE and 675 unlawful non-citizens (UNC)). The remaining 35,189 UMAs, who were granted BVEs, have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned to immigration detention, or are deceased.

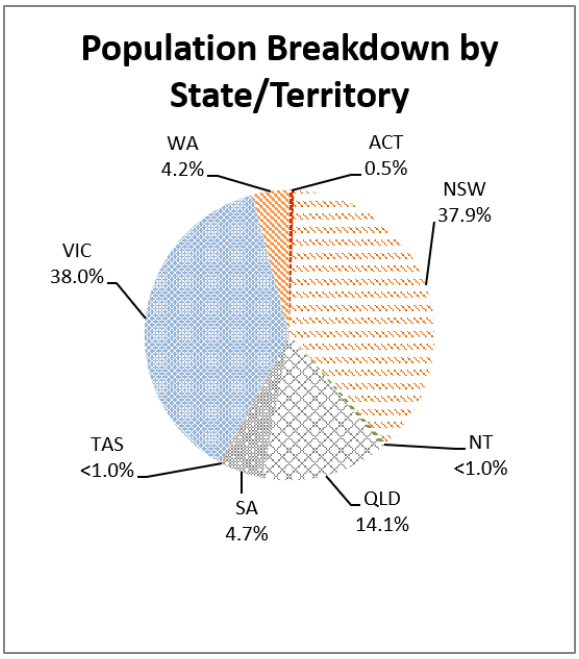
BVE holders are free to choose where they live. Table 1 (below) shows the current location of UMAs (who were granted a BVE at any point between 25 November 2011 and 30 June 2026) by state and territory as at 30 June 2026. The total number of UMAs in the community as at that date was 2863 (2188 with a current BVE and 675 UNC), down by 1793 from 4656 (3738 with a current BVE and 918 UNC) as at 31 March 2026 and down by 5658 from 8521 (6999 with a current BVE and 1522 UNC) as at 30 June 2025.

Table 1: Current location of UMAs at 30 June 2026

State and Territory	Number of UMAs*
VIC	1,089 ↓
NSW	1,085 ↓
QLD	403 ↓
WA	119 ↓
SA	135 ↓
ACT	15 ↓
NT	<20 ↑
TAS	<10 ↓
TOTAL	**2,863 ↓**

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 30 June 2026.

Chart 1: Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals on Bridging E visa by state and territory at 30 June 2026



UMA location by State and Territory

The following tables provide a breakdown of UMAs as at 30 June 2026, 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	116
2195	93
2144	63
2160	48
2161	46
2146	45
2170	43
2142	37
2147	31
2166	28
2165	26
2148	21
2150	21
2141	20
2190	18
2168	17
2196	15
2216	15
2151	14
2199	14
2770	14
2154	13
2164	13
2200	13
2162	12
2163	12
2112	11
2001	10
2114	10
107 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	246
Total	**1,085**

Table 3: UMAs by age group in NSW

Age Range	Number of UMAs
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	39
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	26
26 to 35	201
36 to 45	583
46+	214
Total	**1,085**

Table 4: UMAs by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of UMAs
Afghanistan	48
Bangladesh	120
Iran	332
Iraq	80
Lebanon	32
Pakistan	37
Somalia	17
Sri Lanka	210
Stateless	140
Vietnam	24
14 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs	45
Total	**1,085**

Table 5: UMAs by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of UMAs
Female	119
Male	966
Total	**1,085**

Victoria

Table 6: UMAs by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of UMAs
3175	94
3020	68
3021	62
3064	44
3171	35
3047	33
3174	32
3750	32
3030	30
3046	30
3029	28
3023	26
3177	25
3075	22
3011	21
3076	20
3082	20
3048	18
3074	18
3977	14
3037	13
3032	12
3976	12
3056	11
3073	11
3752	11
3805	11
3012	10
3038	10
132 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	316
Total	**1,089**

Table 7: UMAs by age group in VIC

Age Range	Number of UMAs
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	31
12 to 15	21
16 to 17	<20
18 to 25	58
26 to 35	229
36 to 45	490
46+	247
Total	**1,089**

Table 8: UMAs by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of UMAs
Afghanistan	73
Bangladesh	21
India	17
Iran	427
Iraq	37
Lebanon	26
Myanmar	14
Pakistan	95
Sri Lanka	158
Stateless	146
Vietnam	39
9 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs	36
Total	**1,089**

Table 9: UMAs by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of UMAs
Female	164
Male	925
Total	**1,089**

Queensland

Table 10: UMAs by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of UMAs
4114	48
4077	30
4132	27
4109	21
4122	14
4127	14
4076	12
4125	11
4152	10
79 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	216
Total	**403**

Table 11: UMAs by age group in QLD

Age Range	Number of UMAs
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	11
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	10
18 to 25	24
26 to 35	90
36 to 45	159
46+	103
Total	**403**

Table 12: UMAs by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of UMAs
Afghanistan	18
Bangladesh	23
Iran	146
Iraq	31
Pakistan	17
Sri Lanka	47
Stateless	58
Sudan	10
Vietnam	26
6 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs	27
Total	**403**

Table 13: UMAs by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of UMAs
Female	79
Male	324
Total	**403**

South Australia

Table 14: UMAs by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of UMAs
5112	16
5084	11
50 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	108
Total	**135**

Table 15: UMA by age group in SA

Age Range	Number of UMAs
0 to 4	0
5 to 11	<10
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	<10
26 to 35	23
36 to 45	61
46+	34
Total	**135**

Table 16: UMA by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of UMAs
Afghanistan	27
Iran	28
Sri Lanka	27
Stateless	21
9 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs	32
Total	**135**

Table 17: UMA by gender in SA

Gender	Number of UMAs
Female	23
Male	112
Total	**135**

Western Australia

Table 18: UMAs by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of UMAs
6110	15
6061	11
6109	10
38 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	83
Total	**119**

Table 19: UMAs by age group in WA

Age Range	Number of UMAs
0 to 4	0
5 to 11	<10
12 to 15	0
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	<10
26 to 35	29
36 to 45	50
46+	34
Total	**119**

Table 20: UMAs by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of UMAs
Afghanistan	21
Iran	22
Sri Lanka	29
Stateless	17
Vietnam	10
5 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs	20
Total	**119**

Table 21: UMAs by gender in WA

Gender	Number of UMAs
Female	11
Male	108
Total	**119**

Tasmania

Table 22: UMAs by postcode in TAS

Postcode	Number of UMAs
3 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	0
36 to 45	<10
46+	0
Total	**<10**

Table 24: UMAs by citizenship in TAS

Citizenship	Number of UMAs
2 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	<10
5 to 11	<10
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	<10
26 to 35	<10
36 to 45	<10
46+	<10
Total	**<20**

Table 28: UMAs by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of UMAs
8 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
11 postcodes with less than 10 UMAs	15
Total	**15**

Table 31: UMAs by age group in ACT

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+	<10
Total	**15**

Table 32: UMAs by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of UMAs
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs	15
Total	**15**

Table 33: UMAs by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of UMAs
Female	<10
Male	<20
Total	**15**