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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.

## Important Notice on UMAs

The term Unauthorised Maritime Arrival (UMA) has a specific meaning, which is defined in the *Migration Act 1958*. The term Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) was used in place of UMA in previous editions of this publication. From the March 2022 edition onwards the term UMA is used.

# 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

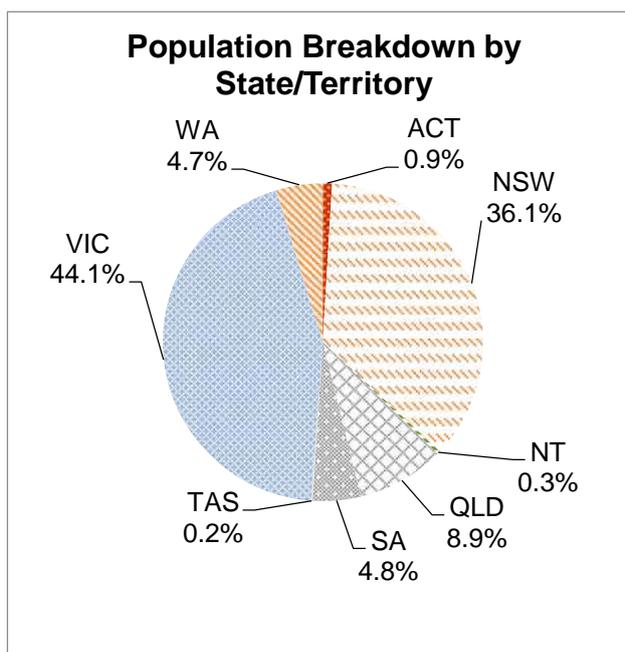
Between 25 November 2011 and 30 June 2022, 37,543 UMAs were granted BVEs. Of these, 10,868 remain in the community (8352 with a current BVE and 2516 unlawful non-citizens). The remaining 26,675 UMAs, who were granted BVEs, have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned to immigration detention, or are deceased.

BVE holders are free to choose where they live. As at 30 June 2022, the largest numbers of UMAs were in Victoria (VIC), followed by New South Wales (NSW), Queensland (QLD), South Australia (SA), Western Australia (WA), 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	4,791
NSW	3,925
QLD	964
SA	525
WA	512
ACT	99
NT	34
TAS	18
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>10,868</b>

**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 30 June 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	600
2144	311
2195	307
2160	210
2146	198
2161	172
2147	115
2142	109
2170	108
2166	105
2165	101
2141	91
2150	82
2148	78
2200	75
2140	65
2196	60
2216	57
2151	42
2118	40
2199	32
2190	31
2770	31
2164	30
2001	29
2162	29
2163	27
2650	26

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2153	25
2168	22
2114	21
2154	21
2143	19
2176	19
2197	18
2112	17
2566	16
2152	15
2155	15
2192	14
2767	13
2138	11
2177	11
2456	11
2765	11
2795	11
2117	10
2128	10
2745	10
154 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	444
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,925</b>

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

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	39
5 to 11	204
12 to 15	73
16 to 17	34
18 to 25	142
26 to 35	1,565
36 to 45	1,368
46+	500
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,925</b>

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

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	479
Male	3,446
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,925</b>

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

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	183
Bangladesh	413
India	15
Iran	884
Iraq	317
Lebanon	82
Myanmar	15
Nepal	12
Pakistan	201
Palestinian Authority	13
Somalia	18
Sri Lanka	1,318
Stateless	305
Sudan	19
Syria	14
Vietnam	65
Not Recorded	14
14 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,925</b>

## Victoria

Table 6: UMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3175	591
3020	459
3021	335
3076	168
3047	154
3075	150
3171	138
3023	136
3029	132
3177	132
3174	131
3064	98
3074	89
3046	88
3030	75
3082	69
3214	58
3977	58
3750	54
3802	52
3073	51
3976	49
3752	45
3022	40
3034	36
3048	36
3011	35
3072	34
3803	32
3805	32
3083	31
3109	31
3019	30

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3810	27
3012	26
3150	26
3500	25
3037	24
3216	24
3056	23
3108	23
3754	23
3028	22
3044	22
3215	22
3630	21
3850	20
3024	19
3040	19
3058	19
3060	19
3081	19
3038	18
3032	17
3978	17
3053	15
3172	15
3173	14
3061	13
3131	13
3026	12
3106	12
3169	12
3182	12
3000	11
3107	11
3166	11
3084	10

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
143 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	506
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,791</b>

Table 7: UMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	97
5 to 11	388
12 to 15	187
16 to 17	84
18 to 25	279
26 to 35	1,690
36 to 45	1,432
46+	634
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,791</b>

Table 8: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	276
Bangladesh	73
India	31
Iran	1,423
Iraq	154
Lebanon	116
Myanmar	62
Pakistan	502
Somalia	15
Sri Lanka	1,448
Stateless	468
Sudan	16
Vietnam	146
Not Recorded	23
19 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	38
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,791</b>

Table 9: UMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	982
Male	3,809
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,791</b>

## Queensland

Table 10: UMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
4077	147
4114	107
4109	35
4343	32
4110	31
4127	27
4076	26
4103	24
4078	18
4102	18
4350	18
4701	17
4300	16
4131	15
4034	14
4115	14
4122	14
4053	13
4116	13
4151	13
4065	12
4108	12
4013	11
<b>4012</b>	<b>10</b>
4018	10
4105	10
4113	10
4121	10
4132	10
4870	10
79 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	247
<b>Total</b>	<b>964</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	92
12 to 15	40
16 to 17	19
18 to 25	82
26 to 35	316
36 to 45	278
46+	127
<b>Total</b>	<b>964</b>

Table 12: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	34
Bangladesh	57
Iran	213
Iraq	53
Pakistan	19
Somalia	11
Sri Lanka	303
Stateless	97
Sudan	11
Vietnam	125
Not Recorded	13
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	28
<b>Total</b>	<b>964</b>

Table 13: UMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	241
Male	723
<b>Total</b>	<b>964</b>

## South Australia

Table 14: UMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
5084	77
5108	29
5085	26
5113	25
5112	22
5098	20
5013	19
5107	19
5086	18
5012	16
5096	15
5268	14
5087	11
5095	10
5109	10
5271	10
61 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	184
<b>Total</b>	<b>525</b>

Table 15: UMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<15
5 to 11	48
12 to 15	19
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	20
26 to 35	160
36 to 45	175
46+	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>525</b>

Table 16: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	69
Bangladesh	11
Iran	125
Pakistan	52
Sri Lanka	156
Stateless	36
Vietnam	50
6 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	26
<b>Total</b>	<b>525</b>

Table 17: UMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	106
Male	419
<b>Total</b>	<b>525</b>

## Western Australia

Table 18: UMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
6064	57
6061	50
6110	47
6109	38
6147	27
6107	25
6108	24
6065	17
6112	15
6105	14
6059	12
6063	12
6111	12
6062	10
61 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	152
<b>Total</b>	<b>512</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	33
12 to 15	14
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	26
26 to 35	196
36 to 45	146
46+	87
<b>Total</b>	<b>512</b>

Table 20: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	79
Iran	76
Iraq	26
Pakistan	35
Sri Lanka	157
Stateless	35
Vietnam	90
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>512</b>

Table 21: UMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	98
Male	414
<b>Total</b>	<b>512</b>

## Tasmania

Table 22: UMA BVE holders by postcode in TAS

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
10 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</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	<10
26 to 35	<10
36 to 45	<10
46+	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</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	18
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

Table 25: UMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<20
<b>Total</b>	<b>18</b>

## 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	34
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</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	11
36 to 45	11
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>

Table 28: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Sri Lanka	10
Vietnam	11
5 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>

Table 29: UMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<35
<b>Total</b>	<b>34</b>

## Australian Capital Territory

Table 30: UMA BVE holders by postcode in ACT

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2614	14
2617	13
2602	10
2913	10
15 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</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	30
36 to 45	37
46+	12
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>

Table 32: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Iran	18
Iraq	11
Sri Lanka	39
Vietnam	10
8 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>

Table 33: UMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	16
Male	83
<b>Total</b>	<b>99</b>