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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

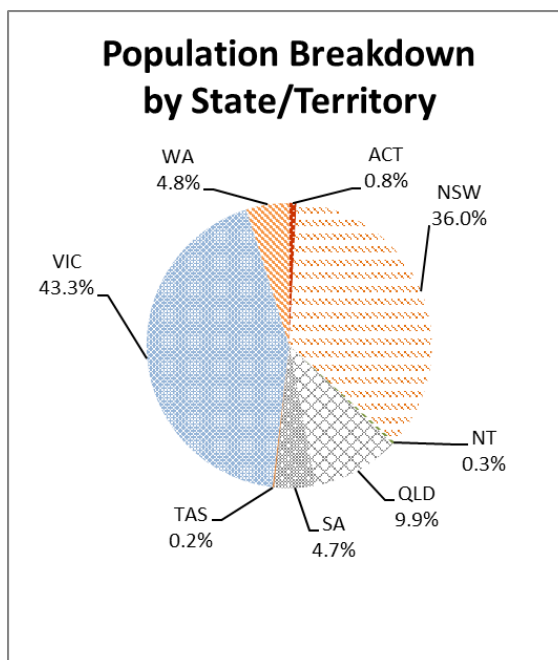
Between 25 November 2011 and 30 June 2023, 37,923 UMAs were granted BVEs. Of these, 10,788 remain in the community (8313 with a current BVE and 2475 unlawful non-citizens). The remaining 27,135 UMAs, who were granted BVEs, have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned to immigration detention, or are deceased.

BVE holders are free to choose where they live. As at 30 June 2023, 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	4,669
NSW	3,883
QLD	1,069
WA	523
SA	505
ACT	89
NT	32
TAS	18
TOTAL	10,788

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 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	562
2144	314
2195	313
2160	232
2146	225
2161	169
2142	107
2166	106
2147	104
2170	103
2165	90
2141	89
2150	82
2148	75
2200	74
2196	66
2140	60
2216	53
2151	40
2162	35
2190	34
2770	34
2163	32
2164	32
2118	31
2199	29
2001	23
2153	23

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2650	23
2168	21
2154	20
2155	20
2143	18
2112	17
2114	17
2117	16
2152	16
2176	16
2566	14
2767	14
2138	13
2127	12
2197	12
2456	11
2000	10
2113	10
2128	10
2177	10
2192	10
2264	10
153 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	426
Total	3,883

Table 3: UMA BVE holders by age group in NSW

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	32
5 to 11	200
12 to 15	67
16 to 17	42
18 to 25	124
26 to 35	1,369
36 to 45	1,489
46+	560
Total	3,883

Table 5: UMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	498
Male	3,385
Total	3,883

Table 4: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	194
Bangladesh	414
India	12
Iran	879
Iraq	299
Lebanon	81
Myanmar	17
Nepal	12
Pakistan	199
Palestinian Authority	13
Somalia	35
Sri Lanka	1,237
Stateless	339
Sudan	21
Syria	14
Vietnam	63
Not Recorded	14
15 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	40
Total	3,883

Victoria

Table 6: UMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3175	556
3020	416
3021	335
3076	161
3171	145
3029	142
3047	137
3023	132
3075	131
3177	127
3174	122
3064	100
3074	92
3046	88
3030	78
3082	74
3977	66
3750	60
3073	56
3976	49
3214	48
3802	48
3752	47
3022	39
3048	37
3011	35
3019	35
3083	34
3805	32
3803	31
3034	30
3150	29
3072	27

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3044	26
3810	26
3028	24
3060	24
3108	24
3216	24
3012	23
3081	23
3630	23
3172	22
3173	22
3037	21
3056	21
3109	21
3024	20
3032	20
3754	20
3058	19
3038	18
3500	18
3040	17
3978	16
3182	15
3215	15
3026	14
3025	13
3061	13
3106	13
3335	13
3107	11
3128	11
3131	11
3338	11
3165	10
3168	10
3169	10

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3170	10
3337	10
143 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	468
Total	4,669

Table 7: UMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	70
5 to 11	363
12 to 15	174
16 to 17	80
18 to 25	265
26 to 35	1,494
36 to 45	1,528
46+	695
Total	4,669

Table 8: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	234
Bangladesh	79
India	35
Iran	1,392
Iraq	148
Lebanon	114
Myanmar	65
Nepal	13
Pakistan	496
Somalia	25
Sri Lanka	1,393
Stateless	460
Sudan	16
Vietnam	137
Not Recorded	29
20 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	33
Total	4,669

Table 9: UMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	955
Male	3,714
Total	4,669

Queensland

Table 10: UMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
4077	141
4114	125
4109	42
4131	40
4127	35
4343	35
4076	31
4110	29
4132	20
4350	20
4102	19
4103	19
4122	19
4101	17
4300	17
4701	15
4018	14
4078	14
4116	14
4121	14
4152	14
4053	13
4065	13
4133	13
4032	12
4151	12
4014	11
4034	10
4068	10
4108	10
4115	10
4118	10
4215	10

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
81 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	241
Total	1,069

Table 11: UMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	11
5 to 11	93
12 to 15	46
16 to 17	23
18 to 25	74
26 to 35	322
36 to 45	337
46+	163
Total	1,069

Table 12: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	35
Bangladesh	64
India	10
Indonesia	10
Iran	263
Iraq	61
Pakistan	28
Somalia	13
Sri Lanka	317
Stateless	118
Sudan	14
Vietnam	115
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	21
Total	1,069

Table 13: UMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	263
Male	806
Total	1,069

South Australia

Table 14: UMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
5084	71
5108	28
5112	27
5113	24
5085	23
5107	22
5013	17
5012	16
5086	13
5098	13
5095	12
5268	12
5114	11
70 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	216
Total	505

Table 15: UMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	49
12 to 15	19
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	21
26 to 35	141
36 to 45	180
46+	81
Total	505

Table 16: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	67
Bangladesh	11
Iran	117
Iraq	10
Pakistan	53
Sri Lanka	138
Stateless	42
Vietnam	47
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	20
Total	505

Table 17: UMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	100
Male	405
Total	505

Western Australia

Table 18: UMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
6064	53
6110	46
6061	43
6109	43
6147	25
6107	24
6112	22
6108	20
6065	15
6105	15
6111	14
6155	13
6059	12
6062	10
61 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	168
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	35
12 to 15	12
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	24
26 to 35	190
36 to 45	164
46+	90
Total	523

Table 20: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	81
Iran	77
Iraq	28
Pakistan	39
Sri Lanka	149
Stateless	52
Vietnam	83
6 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	14
Total	523

Table 21: UMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	99
Male	424
Total	523

Tasmania

Table 22: UMA BVE holders by postcode in TAS

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
9 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	18
Total	18

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	18

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
Total	18

Table 25: UMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

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

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	32
Total	32

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	10
36 to 45	<10
46+	<10
Total	32

Table 28: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Vietnam	10
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	22
Total	32

Table 29: UMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<30
Total	32

Australian Capital Territory

Table 30: UMA BVE holders by postcode in ACT

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2614	15
2615	11
15 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	63
Total	89

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	12
26 to 35	30
36 to 45	29
46+	12
Total	89

Table 32: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Iran	14
Iraq	13
Sri Lanka	38
Vietnam	10
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	14
Total	89

Table 33: UMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	16
Male	73
Total	89