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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 2024, 37,936 UMAs were granted BVEs. Of these, 9,581 remain in the community (7,392 with a current BVE and 2,189 unlawful non-citizens). The remaining 28,355 UMAs, who were granted BVEs, have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned to immigration detention, or are deceased.

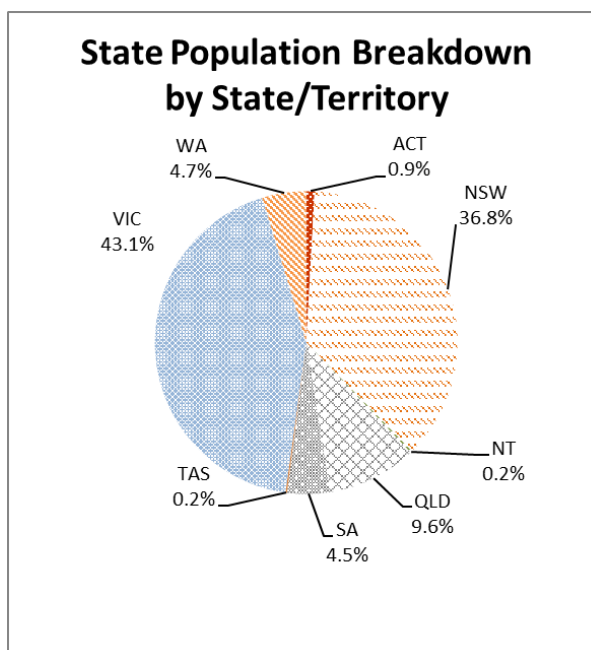
BVE holders are free to choose where they live. Table 1 (below) shows the current location of UMA BVE holders by state and territory as at 30 June 2024. The total number of UMA BVE holders in the community as at that date was 9,581, down by 311 from 9,892 as at 31 March 2024 and down by 1,207 from 10,788 as at 30 June 2023.

Table 1: Current location of UMA BVE holders at 30 June 2024

State and Territory	Number of UMA BVE holders
VIC	4,128 ↓
NSW	3,530 ↓
QLD	918 ↓
WA	452 ↓
SA	435 ↓
ACT	84 ↓
NT	19 ↓
TAS	15 ↓
TOTAL	9,581 ↓

Note: Arrows show direction of change from previous quarter.

Chart 1: Percentage of UMA BVE holders by state and territory at 30 June 2024



Visa holder location by State and Territory

The following tables provide a breakdown of UMA BVE holders as at 30 June 2024, 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	517
2195	274
2144	264
2146	213
2160	187
2161	147
2147	124
2142	105
2170	101
2166	97
2141	86
2165	85
2148	73
2200	70
2150	64
2196	62
2216	52
2140	51
2155	32
2164	32
2770	32
2151	30
2163	30
2118	28
2001	25
2190	25
2199	24
2162	23

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2112	18
2154	18
2168	18
2650	17
2153	16
2114	15
2117	15
2152	15
2192	14
2138	12
2143	12
2566	12
2176	11
2456	11
2113	10
2128	10
2767	10
166 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	443
Total	3,530

Table 3: UMA BVE holders by age group in NSW

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	25
5 to 11	139
12 to 15	55
16 to 17	37
18 to 25	113
26 to 35	1,058
36 to 45	1,522
46+	581
Total	3,530

Table 5: UMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	428
Male	3,102
Total	3,530

Table 4: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	156
Bangladesh	402
Iran	767
Iraq	272
Lebanon	80
Myanmar	13
Nepal	12
Pakistan	186
Somalia	23
Sri Lanka	1,163
Stateless	305
Sudan	16
Syria	12
Vietnam	60
Not Recorded	15
16 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	48
Total	3,530

Victoria

Table 6: UMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3175	480
3020	359
3021	345
3076	149
3023	132
3047	128
3029	127
3177	111
3174	97
3171	94
3075	88
3064	84
3046	82
3074	80
3030	71
3082	66
3977	58
3073	54
3750	52
3976	45
3752	41
3802	40
3803	37
3048	34
3214	34
3060	33
3019	32
3083	30
3022	27
3011	26
3150	26
3172	26

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3026	25
3109	25
3012	24
3216	23
3056	22
3810	22
3754	21
3805	21
3037	20
3081	20
3173	20
3630	20
3040	19
3044	19
3072	19
3024	18
3032	18
3108	18
3034	16
3335	16
3215	15
3058	14
3106	14
3500	14
3978	14
3028	13
3182	13
3025	12
3038	12
3061	12
3152	12
3806	12
3131	11
3170	11
3337	11
3013	10

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3059	10
3128	10
3204	10
3336	10
3338	10
132 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	384
Total	4,128

Table 7: UMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	25
5 to 11	236
12 to 15	146
16 to 17	69
18 to 25	233
26 to 35	1,218
36 to 45	1,507
46+	694
Total	4,128

Table 8: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	180
Bangladesh	70
India	29
Iran	1,179
Iraq	136
Lebanon	103
Myanmar	51
Nepal	11
Pakistan	489
Somalia	18
Sri Lanka	1,280
Stateless	401
Sudan	11
Vietnam	124
Not Recorded	24
14 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	22
Total	4,128

Table 9: UMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	792
Male	3,336
Total	4,128

Queensland

Table 10: UMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
4077	109
4114	107
4109	41
4076	29
4343	29
4110	25
4127	25
4131	23
4122	21
4102	20
4132	19
4152	16
4101	15
4300	15
4078	14
4116	14
4121	14
4133	13
4701	13
4301	12
4032	11
4103	11
4118	11
4012	10
4107	10
93 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	291
Total	918

Table 11: UMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	61
12 to 15	36
16 to 17	<20
18 to 25	64
26 to 35	254
36 to 45	319
46+	160
Total	918

Table 12: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	30
Bangladesh	64
India	10
Iran	240
Iraq	56
Pakistan	18
Sri Lanka	267
Stateless	100
Sudan	12
Vietnam	92
8 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	29
Total	918

Table 13: UMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	216
Male	702
Total	918

South Australia

Table 14: UMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
5084	49
5112	25
5108	22
5085	21
5113	20
5107	19
5012	17
5086	13
5013	11
5095	11
5114	11
5211	11
65 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	205
Total	435

Table 15: UMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	41
12 to 15	13
16 to 17	<15
18 to 25	12
26 to 35	113
36 to 45	159
46+	85
Total	435

Table 16: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	54
Bangladesh	10
Iran	97
Iraq	11
Pakistan	38
Sri Lanka	125
Stateless	41
Vietnam	42
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	17
Total	435

Table 17: UMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	88
Male	347
Total	435

Western Australia

Table 18: UMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
6064	48
6110	42
6061	41
6109	36
6107	21
6112	21
6108	20
6147	18
6065	15
6105	13
6111	13
6063	12
6060	11
6059	10
58 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	131
Total	452

Table 19: UMA BVE holders by age group in WA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	23
12 to 15	10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	23
26 to 35	145
36 to 45	157
46+	88
Total	452

Table 20: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	68
Iran	62
Iraq	24
Pakistan	33
Sri Lanka	130
Stateless	39
Vietnam	75
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	21
Total	452

Table 21: UMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	88
Male	364
Total	452

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	15
Total	15

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	15

Table 24: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in TAS

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
3 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	15
Total	15

Table 25: UMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<15
Total	15

Northern Territory

Table 26: UMA BVE holders by postcode in NT

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
7 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	19
Total	19

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	<10
36 to 45	<10
46+	<10
Total	19

Table 28: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	19
Total	19

Table 29: UMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<20
Total	19

Australian Capital Territory

Table 30: UMA BVE holders by postcode in ACT

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2913	13
2611	11
2615	10
16 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	60
Total	84

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	25
36 to 45	30
46+	13
Total	84

Table 32: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Iran	13
Iraq	14
Sri Lanka	34
Vietnam	10
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	13
Total	84

Table 33: UMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	17
Male	67
Total	84