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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 March 2024, 37,934 UMAs were granted BVEs. Of these, 9,892 remain in the community (7671 with a current BVE and 2221 unlawful non-citizens). The remaining 28,042 UMAs, who were granted BVEs, have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned to immigration detention, or are deceased.

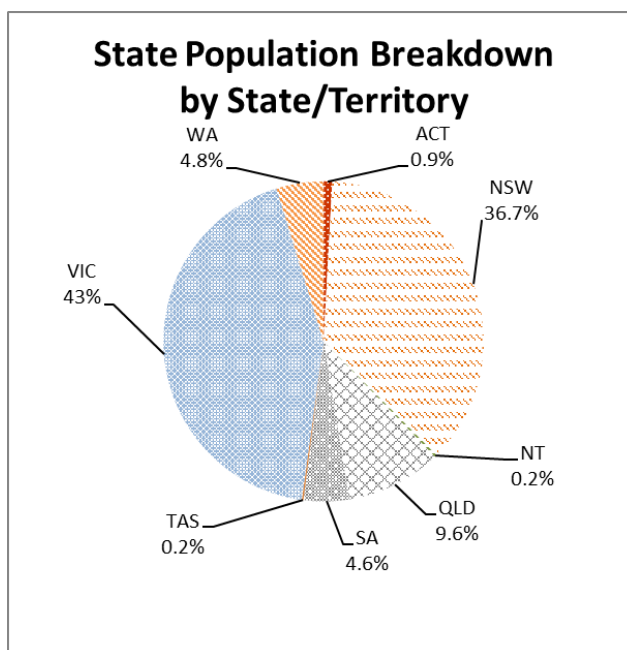
BVE holders are free to choose where they live. Table 1 (below) shows the current location of UMA BVE holders by state and territory as at 31 March 2024. The total number of UMA BVE holders in the community as at that date was 9,892, down by 298 from 10,190 as at 31 December 2023 and down by 936 from 10,828 as at 31 March 2023.

**Table 1: Current location of UMA BVE holders at 31 March 2024**

State and Territory	Number of UMA BVE holders
VIC	4,260 ↓
NSW	3,631 ↓
QLD	954 ↓
WA	470 ↓
SA	452 ↓
ACT	85 ↓
NT	23 ↓
TAS	17 ↓
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>9,892 ↓</b>

Note: Arrows show direction of change from previous quarter.

**Chart 1: Percentage of UMA BVE holders by state and territory at 31 March 2024**



## Visa holder location by State and Territory

The following tables provide a breakdown of UMA BVE holders as at 31 March 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	533
2195	286
2144	277
2146	210
2160	202
2161	153
2147	125
2170	106
2142	105
2166	99
2165	86
2141	85
2200	73
2150	70
2148	67
2196	60
2140	52
2216	51
2770	35
2151	34
2164	34
2155	29
2118	27
2190	27
2001	26
2162	26
2163	25
2199	24

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2153	19
2168	19
2112	18
2154	18
2650	17
2114	15
2143	15
2117	14
2566	14
2152	13
2768	13
2138	12
2176	12
2192	12
2113	11
2456	11
2127	10
2767	10
166 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	451
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,631</b>

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

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	21
5 to 11	164
12 to 15	64
16 to 17	33
18 to 25	115
26 to 35	1,131
36 to 45	1,527
46+	576
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,631</b>

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

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	452
Male	3,179
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,631</b>

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

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	167
Bangladesh	408
India	10
Iran	802
Iraq	275
Lebanon	82
Myanmar	12
Nepal	12
Pakistan	186
Somalia	26
Sri Lanka	1,183
Stateless	317
Sudan	19
Syria	12
Vietnam	63
Not Recorded	16
15 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	41
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,631</b>

## Victoria

Table 6: UMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3175	488
3020	379
3021	341
3076	149
3029	131
3023	128
3047	125
3171	116
3177	113
3174	105
3075	100
3064	85
3046	83
3074	77
3030	72
3082	70
3977	56
3750	55
3073	53
3976	47
3802	43
3752	41
3214	39
3048	36
3803	36
3019	33
3060	30
3083	30
3022	28
3172	28
3150	27
3026	26

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3011	25
3109	25
3216	25
3081	24
3810	24
3805	23
3072	22
3012	21
3173	21
3630	21
3032	20
3034	20
3037	20
3040	20
3044	20
3056	20
3108	20
3754	20
3024	19
3978	16
3058	15
3106	15
3215	15
3335	15
3500	15
3028	14
3038	14
3338	14
3025	13
3061	13
3170	13
3182	13
3337	13
3059	12
3152	12
3131	11

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3806	11
3000	10
3013	10
3128	10
3165	10
129 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	396
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,260</b>

**Table 7: UMA BVE holders by age group in VIC**

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	36
5 to 11	280
12 to 15	147
16 to 17	75
18 to 25	234
26 to 35	1,279
36 to 45	1,514
46+	695
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,260</b>

**Table 8: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC**

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	185
Bangladesh	70
India	32
Iran	1,222
Iraq	140
Lebanon	105
Myanmar	63
Nepal	13
Pakistan	492
Somalia	23
Sri Lanka	1,290
Stateless	437
Sudan	13
Vietnam	127
Not Recorded	26
14 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	22
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,260</b>

**Table 9: UMA BVE holders by gender in VIC**

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	838
Male	3,422
<b>Total</b>	<b>4,260</b>



## Queensland

Table 10: UMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
4077	128
4114	111
4109	42
4076	30
4127	30
4343	29
4110	28
4131	24
4102	20
4122	20
4132	18
4152	18
4300	16
4101	15
4103	15
4078	14
4116	14
4121	14
4701	13
4018	12
4012	11
4032	11
4115	11
4350	11
4133	10
4151	10
88 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	279
<b>Total</b>	<b>954</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	73
12 to 15	40
16 to 17	<25
18 to 25	65
26 to 35	269
36 to 45	327
46+	155
<b>Total</b>	<b>954</b>

Table 12: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	33
Bangladesh	63
India	11
Iran	246
Iraq	60
Pakistan	20
Sri Lanka	283
Stateless	97
Sudan	12
Vietnam	99
9 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>954</b>

Table 13: UMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	228
Male	726
<b>Total</b>	<b>954</b>

## South Australia

Table 14: UMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
5084	52
5108	27
5112	25
5113	21
5085	20
5107	20
5013	15
5012	14
5095	12
5098	12
5086	11
5211	11
5114	10
5268	10
62 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	192
<b>Total</b>	<b>452</b>

Table 15: UMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	44
12 to 15	15
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	16
26 to 35	114
36 to 45	170
46+	82
<b>Total</b>	<b>452</b>

Table 16: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	55
Bangladesh	10
Iran	100
Iraq	11
Pakistan	43
Sri Lanka	135
Stateless	39
Vietnam	43
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	16
<b>Total</b>	<b>452</b>

Table 17: UMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	93
Male	359
<b>Total</b>	<b>452</b>

## Western Australia

Table 18: UMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
6064	52
6110	42
6061	38
6109	37
6107	25
6108	21
6112	19
6147	18
6065	15
6105	14
6063	13
6111	13
6060	11
6066	11
59 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	141
<b>Total</b>	<b>470</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	25
12 to 15	12
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	23
26 to 35	155
36 to 45	159
46+	91
<b>Total</b>	<b>470</b>

Table 20: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	71
Iran	67
Iraq	27
Pakistan	35
Sri Lanka	131
Stateless	40
Vietnam	78
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>470</b>

Table 21: UMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	89
Male	381
<b>Total</b>	<b>470</b>

## Tasmania

Table 22: UMA BVE holders by postcode in TAS

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
11 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</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	0
26 to 35	<10
36 to 45	<10
46+	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</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	17
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>

Table 25: UMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<20
<b>Total</b>	<b>17</b>

## 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	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</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	<10
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	0
18 to 25	<10
26 to 35	<10
36 to 45	<10
46+	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

Table 28: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
8 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	23
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

Table 29: UMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<20
<b>Total</b>	<b>23</b>

## Australian Capital Territory

**Table 30: UMA BVE holders by postcode in ACT**

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2611	11
16 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	74
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</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	10
26 to 35	25
36 to 45	29
46+	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>

**Table 32: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT**

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Iran	13
Iraq	14
Sri Lanka	35
Vietnam	10
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	13
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>

**Table 33: UMA BVE holders by gender in ACT**

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	17
Male	68
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>