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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 2025, 38,032 UMAs were granted BVEs. Of these, 8,982 remain in the community (7,417 with a current BVE and 1,565 unlawful non-citizens). The remaining 29,050 UMAs, who were granted BVEs, have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned to immigration detention, or are deceased.

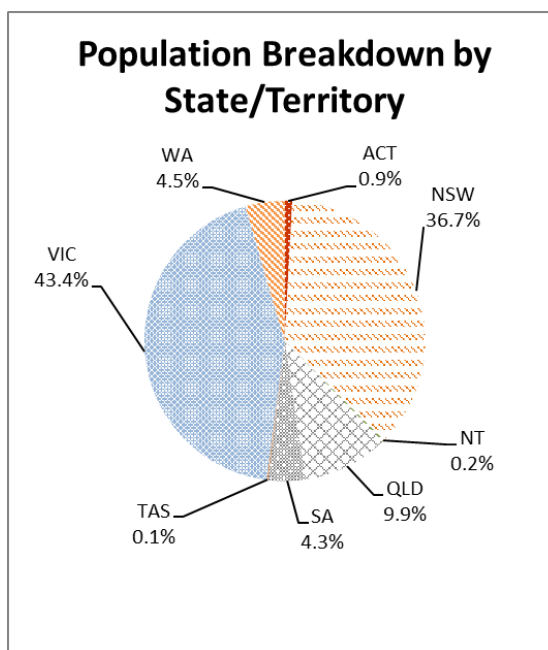
BVE holders are free to choose where they live. Table 1 (below) shows the current location of UMA BVE holders by state and territory as at 31 March 2025. The total number of UMA BVE holders in the community as at that date was 8,982, down by 221 from 9,203 as at 31 December 2024 and down by 910 from 9,892 as at 31 March 2024.

Table 1: Current location of UMA BVE holders at 31 March 2025

State and Territory	Number of UMA BVE holders
VIC	3,902 ↓
NSW	3,292 ↓
QLD	890 ↓
WA	407 ↓
SA	383 ↓
ACT	78 ↓
NT	19 ↑
TAS	11 ↑
TOTAL	8,982 ↓

Note: Arrows show direction of change from previous quarter.

Chart 1: Percentage of UMA BVE holders by state and territory at 31 March 2025



Visa holder location by State and Territory

The following tables provide a breakdown of UMA BVE holders as at 31 March 2025, 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	486
2195	245
2144	238
2146	198
2160	157
2161	131
2147	125
2142	97
2170	96
2166	81
2165	79
2148	72
2141	70
2200	70
2196	56
2150	54
2216	52
2140	42
2770	39
2190	34
2163	33
2164	33
2151	27
2199	25
2168	24
2118	23
2162	23
2155	22

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2154	20
2112	19
2001	18
2176	17
2153	16
2152	15
2114	14
2650	14
2117	12
2143	12
2192	12
2128	11
2560	11
2767	11
2768	11
2127	10
2138	10
2747	10
161 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	417
Total	3,292

Table 3: UMA BVE holders by age group in NSW

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	21
5 to 11	104
12 to 15	47
16 to 17	30
18 to 25	101
26 to 35	837
36 to 45	1,518
46+	634
Total	3,292

Table 5: UMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	388
Male	2,904
Total	3,292

Table 4: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	126
Bangladesh	398
India	11
Iran	717
Iraq	259
Lebanon	80
Nepal	13
Pakistan	175
Somalia	22
Sri Lanka	1,083
Stateless	272
Sudan	14
Syria	12
Vietnam	50
Not Recorded	13
17 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	47
Total	3,292

Victoria

Table 6: UMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3175	417
3021	339
3020	324
3076	139
3029	135
3023	121
3047	113
3177	107
3174	94
3064	89
3171	76
3074	73
3046	69
3075	69
3750	68
3082	63
3977	62
3030	61
3976	53
3073	50
3752	40
3802	36
3214	36
3060	35
3083	31
3019	30
3048	30
3803	29
3805	29
3109	29
3011	28
3108	28

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3754	26
3150	26
3216	25
3026	25
3012	25
3037	24
3056	21
3630	20
3022	20
3072	18
3806	17
3032	16
3040	16
3059	16
3978	16
3044	16
3173	16
3335	15
3810	15
3172	15
3024	14
3336	14
3058	13
3038	13
3025	12
3034	12
3081	12
3061	12
3033	11
3500	11
3152	11
3128	10
3337	10
3182	10
3338	10

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
146 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	436
Total	3,902

Table 7: UMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	17
5 to 11	161
12 to 15	127
16 to 17	67
18 to 25	217
26 to 35	1,051
36 to 45	1,505
46+	757
Total	3,902

Table 8: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	160
Bangladesh	64
India	22
Iran	1,117
Iraq	128
Lebanon	94
Myanmar	42
Nepal	12
Pakistan	489
Sri Lanka	1,230
Stateless	366
Sudan	10
Vietnam	111
Not Recorded	28
15 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	29
Total	3,902

Table 9: UMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	732
Male	3,170
Total	3,902

Queensland

Table 10: UMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
4077	105
4114	99
4109	43
4132	33
4076	31
4343	26
4127	23
4110	21
4122	20
4102	17
4032	14
4133	14
4300	14
4701	14
4078	13
4101	13
4118	11
4121	11
4131	11
4301	11
4065	10
4069	10
4105	10
4123	10
4151	10
98 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	296
Total	890

Table 11: UMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	45
12 to 15	31
16 to 17	<30
18 to 25	65
26 to 35	216
36 to 45	339
46+	170
Total	890

Table 12: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	34
Bangladesh	66
India	10
Iran	232
Iraq	57
Pakistan	19
Sri Lanka	260
Stateless	91
Sudan	11
Vietnam	82
9 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	28
Total	890

Table 13: UMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	196
Male	694
Total	890

South Australia

Table 14: UMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
5084	45
5112	24
5108	21
5107	20
5085	19
5113	17
5086	13
5092	12
5501	11
69 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	201
Total	383

Table 15: UMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	25
12 to 15	11
16 to 17	11
18 to 25	<20
26 to 35	91
36 to 45	158
46+	76
Total	383

Table 16: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	43
Iran	88
Pakistan	32
Sri Lanka	117
Stateless	37
Vietnam	35
9 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	31
Total	383

Table 17: UMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	72
Male	311
Total	383

Western Australia

Table 18: UMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
6064	43
6110	39
6109	39
6061	29
6107	22
6112	22
6147	18
6105	13
6108	12
6063	11
6060	10
61 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	149
Total	407

Table 19: UMA BVE holders by age group in WA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	0
5 to 11	15
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	22
26 to 35	112
36 to 45	159
46+	88
Total	407

Table 20: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	56
Iran	55
Iraq	22
Pakistan	28
Sri Lanka	125
Stateless	41
Vietnam	63
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	17
Total	407

Table 21: UMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	75
Male	332
Total	407

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	11
Total	11

Table 23: UMA BVE holders by age group in TAS

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
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+	0
Total	11

Table 24: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in TAS

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
3 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	11
Total	11

Table 25: UMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	0
Male	11
Total	11

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+	11
Total	19

Table 28: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
6 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
2615	12
2913	11
2611	11
17 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	44
Total	78

Table 31: UMA BVE holders by age group in ACT

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	22
36 to 45	28
46+	14
Total	78

Table 32: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Iran	11
Iraq	13
Sri Lanka	32
Vietnam	10
6 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	12
Total	78

Table 33: UMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	15
Male	63
Total	78