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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 2026, 38,052 UMAs were granted BVEs. Of these, 4656 remain in the community (3738 with a current BVE and 918 unlawful non-citizens (UNC)). The remaining 33,396 UMAs, who were granted BVEs, have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned to immigration detention, or are deceased.

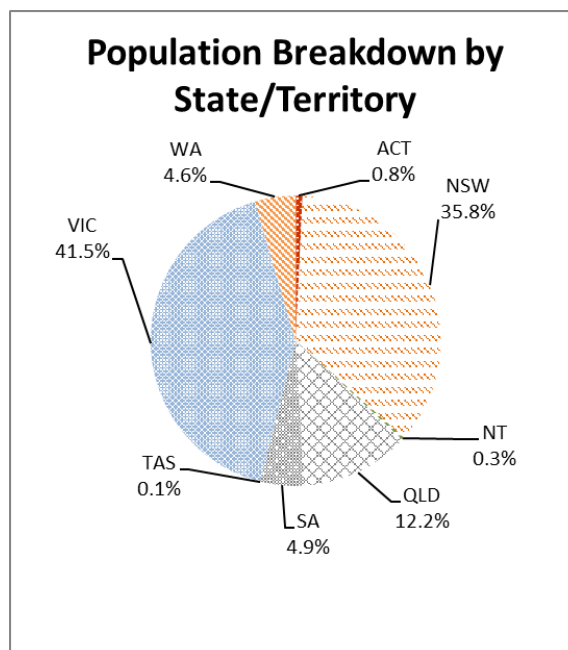
BVE holders are free to choose where they live. Table 1 (below) shows the current location of UMAs (who were granted a BVE at any point between 25 November 2011 and 31 March 2026) by state and territory as at 31 March 2026. The total number of UMAs in the community as at that date was 4656 (3738 with a current BVE and 918 UNC), down by 2379 from 7035 (5923 with a current BVE and 1,112 UNC) as at 31 December 2025 and down by 4326 from 8982 (7417 with a current BVE and 1565 UNC) as at 31 March 2025.

**Table 1: Current location of UMAs at 31 March 2026**

| State and Territory | Number of UMAs* |
|---------------------|-----------------|
| VIC                 | 1,930 ↓         |
| NSW                 | 1,669 ↓         |
| QLD                 | 567 ↓           |
| WA                  | 212 ↓           |
| SA                  | 226 ↓           |
| ACT                 | 35 ↓            |
| NT                  | <20 ↓           |
| TAS                 | <10 ↓           |
| <b>TOTAL</b>        | <b>4,656 ↓</b>  |

Note: Arrows show direction of change from previous quarter.  
 \* Table includes UMAs with a current BVE and those who are UNC. Those who are UNC were granted a BVE at some point between 25 November 2011 and 31 March 2026.

**Chart 1: Unauthorised Maritime Arrivals on Bridging E visa by state and territory at 31 March 2026**



## UMA location by State and Territory

The following tables provide a breakdown of UMAs as at 31 March 2026, split by current location, age group, citizenship and gender for each Australian state and territory.

### New South Wales

Table 2: UMAs by postcode in NSW

| Postcode | Number of UMAs |
|----------|----------------|
| 2195     | 175            |
| 2145     | 165            |
| 2144     | 98             |
| 2160     | 74             |
| 2146     | 61             |
| 2161     | 60             |
| 2170     | 58             |
| 2142     | 54             |
| 2165     | 47             |
| 2166     | 44             |
| 2147     | 41             |
| 2196     | 40             |
| 2216     | 33             |
| 2200     | 32             |
| 2150     | 30             |
| 2141     | 28             |
| 2148     | 26             |
| 2190     | 26             |
| 2151     | 23             |
| 2163     | 21             |
| 2168     | 20             |
| 2164     | 19             |
| 2153     | 18             |
| 2162     | 18             |
| 2199     | 18             |
| 2114     | 16             |
| 2140     | 16             |
| 2770     | 16             |

| Postcode                                        | Number of UMAs |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 2112                                            | 13             |
| 2118                                            | 13             |
| 2154                                            | 13             |
| 2001                                            | 11             |
| 2127                                            | 10             |
| 2152                                            | 10             |
| 2155                                            | 10             |
| 137 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders | 312            |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>1,669</b>   |

**Table 3: UMAs by age group in NSW**

| Age Range    | Number of UMAs |
|--------------|----------------|
| 0 to 4       | 10             |
| 5 to 11      | 48             |
| 12 to 15     | 13             |
| 16 to 17     | 15             |
| 18 to 25     | 37             |
| 26 to 35     | 302            |
| 36 to 45     | 901            |
| 46+          | 343            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,669</b>   |

**Table 5: UMAs by gender in NSW**

| Gender       | Number of UMAs |
|--------------|----------------|
| Female       | 164            |
| Male         | 1,505          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,669</b>   |

**Table 4: UMAs by citizenship in NSW**

| Citizenship                            | Number of UMAs |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|
| Afghanistan                            | 77             |
| Bangladesh                             | 283            |
| Iran                                   | 521            |
| Iraq                                   | 121            |
| Lebanon                                | 48             |
| Nepal                                  | 12             |
| Pakistan                               | 54             |
| Somalia                                | 18             |
| Sri Lanka                              | 297            |
| Stateless                              | 157            |
| Vietnam                                | 31             |
| 15 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs | 50             |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>1,669</b>   |

## Victoria

Table 6: UMAs by postcode in VIC

| Postcode | Number of UMAs |
|----------|----------------|
| 3175     | 155            |
| 3020     | 121            |
| 3021     | 106            |
| 3064     | 66             |
| 3047     | 58             |
| 3750     | 58             |
| 3046     | 51             |
| 3076     | 51             |
| 3030     | 50             |
| 3174     | 48             |
| 3177     | 47             |
| 3171     | 46             |
| 3023     | 44             |
| 3075     | 42             |
| 3029     | 41             |
| 3752     | 34             |
| 3074     | 31             |
| 3048     | 30             |
| 3011     | 29             |
| 3976     | 26             |
| 3977     | 25             |
| 3073     | 24             |
| 3082     | 23             |
| 3805     | 23             |
| 3037     | 20             |
| 3056     | 18             |
| 3802     | 18             |
| 3108     | 17             |
| 3109     | 17             |
| 3012     | 16             |
| 3032     | 16             |
| 3061     | 15             |

| Postcode                                        | Number of UMAs |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 3019                                            | 14             |
| 3150                                            | 14             |
| 3083                                            | 13             |
| 3803                                            | 13             |
| 3060                                            | 12             |
| 3754                                            | 12             |
| 3038                                            | 11             |
| 3216                                            | 11             |
| 3336                                            | 11             |
| 3338                                            | 11             |
| 3337                                            | 10             |
| 3630                                            | 10             |
| 3978                                            | 10             |
| 146 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders | 412            |
| <b>Total</b>                                    | <b>1,930</b>   |

**Table 7: UMAs by age group in VIC**

| Age Range    | Number of UMAs |
|--------------|----------------|
| 0 to 4       | <10            |
| 5 to 11      | 65             |
| 12 to 15     | 54             |
| 16 to 17     | <30            |
| 18 to 25     | 102            |
| 26 to 35     | 383            |
| 36 to 45     | 858            |
| 46+          | 437            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,930</b>   |

**Table 9: UMAs by gender in VIC**

| Gender       | Number of UMAs |
|--------------|----------------|
| Female       | 351            |
| Male         | 1,579          |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>1,930</b>   |

**Table 8: UMAs by citizenship in VIC**

| Citizenship                            | Number of UMAs |
|----------------------------------------|----------------|
| Afghanistan                            | 111            |
| Bangladesh                             | 46             |
| India                                  | 17             |
| Iran                                   | 837            |
| Iraq                                   | 58             |
| Lebanon                                | 38             |
| Myanmar                                | 23             |
| Pakistan                               | 145            |
| Sri Lanka                              | 344            |
| Stateless                              | 199            |
| Vietnam                                | 71             |
| 10 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs | 41             |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>1,930</b>   |

## Queensland

Table 10: UMAs by postcode in QLD

| Postcode                                       | Number of UMAs |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 4114                                           | 63             |
| 4077                                           | 46             |
| 4132                                           | 32             |
| 4109                                           | 28             |
| 4127                                           | 17             |
| 4343                                           | 17             |
| 4122                                           | 15             |
| 4065                                           | 13             |
| 4076                                           | 13             |
| 4125                                           | 12             |
| 4101                                           | 11             |
| 4123                                           | 11             |
| 4133                                           | 11             |
| 4152                                           | 11             |
| 4300                                           | 11             |
| 90 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders | 256            |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>567</b>     |

Table 12: UMAs by citizenship in QLD

| Citizenship                           | Number of UMAs |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Afghanistan                           | 23             |
| Bangladesh                            | 52             |
| Iran                                  | 202            |
| Iraq                                  | 48             |
| Pakistan                              | 17             |
| Sri Lanka                             | 83             |
| Stateless                             | 64             |
| Sudan                                 | 10             |
| Vietnam                               | 36             |
| 7 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs | 32             |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>567</b>     |

Table 13: UMAs by gender in QLD

| Gender       | Number of UMAs |
|--------------|----------------|
| Female       | 107            |
| Male         | 460            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>567</b>     |

Table 11: UMAs by age group in QLD

| Age Range    | Number of UMAs |
|--------------|----------------|
| 0 to 4       | <10            |
| 5 to 11      | 16             |
| 12 to 15     | <10            |
| 16 to 17     | 11             |
| 18 to 25     | 39             |
| 26 to 35     | 111            |
| 36 to 45     | 244            |
| 46+          | 135            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>567</b>     |

## South Australia

Table 14: UMAs by postcode in SA

| Postcode                                       | Number of UMAs |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 5084                                           | 24             |
| 5112                                           | 18             |
| 5085                                           | 11             |
| 5113                                           | 11             |
| 5501                                           | 10             |
| 64 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders | 152            |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>226</b>     |

Table 15: UMA by age group in SA

| Age Range    | Number of UMAs |
|--------------|----------------|
| 0 to 4       | 0              |
| 5 to 11      | 11             |
| 12 to 15     | <10            |
| 16 to 17     | <10            |
| 18 to 25     | 10             |
| 26 to 35     | 44             |
| 36 to 45     | 102            |
| 46+          | 51             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>226</b>     |

Table 16: UMA by citizenship in SA

| Citizenship                           | Number of UMAs |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Afghanistan                           | 33             |
| Iran                                  | 63             |
| Pakistan                              | 12             |
| Sri Lanka                             | 52             |
| Stateless                             | 26             |
| Vietnam                               | 15             |
| 8 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs | 25             |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>226</b>     |

Table 17: UMA by gender in SA

| Gender       | Number of UMAs |
|--------------|----------------|
| Female       | 39             |
| Male         | 187            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>226</b>     |

## Western Australia

Table 18: UMAs by postcode in WA

| Postcode                                       | Number of UMAs |
|------------------------------------------------|----------------|
| 6109                                           | 23             |
| 6110                                           | 20             |
| 6064                                           | 18             |
| 6112                                           | 13             |
| 6061                                           | 12             |
| 6107                                           | 10             |
| 50 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders | 116            |
| <b>Total</b>                                   | <b>212</b>     |

Table 19: UMAs by age group in WA

| Age Range    | Number of UMAs |
|--------------|----------------|
| 0 to 4       | 0              |
| 5 to 11      | <10            |
| 12 to 15     | <10            |
| 16 to 17     | <10            |
| 18 to 25     | <10            |
| 26 to 35     | 52             |
| 36 to 45     | 90             |
| 46+          | 54             |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>212</b>     |

Table 20: UMAs by citizenship in WA

| Citizenship                           | Number of UMAs |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Afghanistan                           | 48             |
| Iran                                  | 32             |
| Iraq                                  | 11             |
| Pakistan                              | 13             |
| Sri Lanka                             | 52             |
| Stateless                             | 22             |
| Vietnam                               | 29             |
| 3 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs | 5              |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>212</b>     |

Table 21: UMAs by gender in WA

| Gender       | Number of UMAs |
|--------------|----------------|
| Female       | 29             |
| Male         | 183            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>212</b>     |

## Tasmania

Table 22: UMAs by postcode in TAS

| Postcode                           | Number of UMAs |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 4 postcodes with less than 10 UMAs | <10            |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>&lt;10</b>  |

Table 23: UMAs by age group in TAS

| Age Range    | Number of UMAs |
|--------------|----------------|
| 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              |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>&lt;10</b>  |

Table 24: UMAs by citizenship in TAS

| Citizenship                           | Number of UMAs |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| 2 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs | <10            |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>&lt;10</b>  |

Table 25: UMAs by gender in TAS

| Gender       | Number of UMAs |
|--------------|----------------|
| Female       | 0              |
| Male         | <10            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>&lt;10</b>  |

## Northern Territory

Table 26: UMAs by postcode in NT

| Postcode                           | Number of UMAs |
|------------------------------------|----------------|
| 6 postcodes with less than 10 UMAs | <20            |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>&lt;20</b>  |

Table 27: UMAs by age group in NT

| Age Range    | Number of UMAs |
|--------------|----------------|
| 0 to 4       | 0              |
| 5 to 11      | 0              |
| 12 to 15     | 0              |
| 16 to 17     | <10            |
| 18 to 25     | <10            |
| 26 to 35     | <10            |
| 36 to 45     | 0              |
| 46+          | <10            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>&lt;20</b>  |

Table 28: UMAs by citizenship in NT

| Citizenship                           | Number of UMAs |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| 5 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs | <20            |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>&lt;20</b>  |

Table 29: UMAs by gender in NT

| Gender       | Number of UMAs |
|--------------|----------------|
| Female       | <10            |
| Male         | <20            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>&lt;20</b>  |

## Australian Capital Territory

Table 30: UMAs by postcode in ACT

| Postcode                            | Number of UMAs |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| 14 postcodes with less than 10 UMAs | 35             |
| <b>Total</b>                        | <b>35</b>      |

Table 31: UMAs by age group in ACT

| Age Range    | Number of UMAs |
|--------------|----------------|
| 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     | 16             |
| 46+          | <10            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>35</b>      |

Table 32: UMAs by citizenship in ACT

| Citizenship                           | Number of UMAs |
|---------------------------------------|----------------|
| Sri Lanka                             | 11             |
| 7 citizenships with less than 10 UMAs | 24             |
| <b>Total</b>                          | <b>35</b>      |

Table 33: UMAs by gender in ACT

| Gender       | Number of UMAs |
|--------------|----------------|
| Female       | <10            |
| Male         | <30            |
| <b>Total</b> | <b>35</b>      |