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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.

Important Notice on UMAs

The term Unauthorised Maritime Arrival (UMA) has a specific meaning, which is defined in the Migration Act 1958. The term Illegal Maritime Arrival (IMA) was used in place of UMA in previous editions of this publication. From the March 2022 edition onwards the term UMA will be used.

Release of UMAs on Bridging E visa (BVE)

Key program concepts

Since 25 November 2011, successive Ministers have used their non-compellable, non-delegable intervention power under s195A of the *Migration Act 1958* to grant a Bridging E Visa (BVE) to some unauthorised maritime arrivals (UMAs).

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 2022, 37,493 UMAs were granted BVEs. Of these, 10,993 remain in the community (8510 with a current BVE and 2483 awaiting grant of a further BVE).

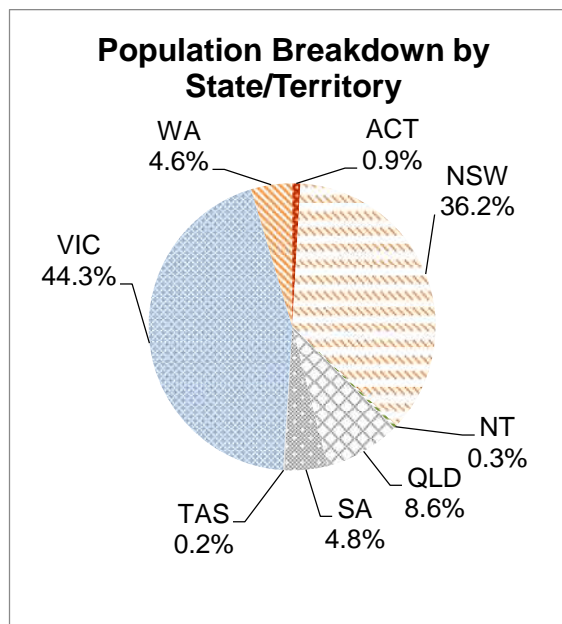
The remaining 26,500 UMAs, who were granted BVEs, have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned to immigration detention, or are deceased.

BVE holders are free to choose where they live. As at 31 March 2022, the largest numbers of UMAs were in Victoria (VIC), followed by New South Wales (NSW), Queensland (QLD), South Australia (SA), Western Australia (WA), 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	4,874
NSW	3,975
QLD	948
SA	531
WA	510
ACT	102
NT	35
TAS	18
TOTAL	10,993

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 31 March 2022, 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	608
2195	317
2144	310
2160	221
2146	195
2161	179
2147	117
2142	114
2170	110
2166	105
2165	97
2141	92
2148	78
2150	75
2200	70
2140	67
2196	66
2216	56
2118	47
2151	43
2162	32
2199	32
2164	30
2190	29
2650	28
2770	28
2001	27
2153	25

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2163	25
2154	22
2112	21
2114	21
2168	20
2176	19
2197	19
2143	18
2155	17
2566	16
2192	14
2152	13
2117	12
2177	12
2767	12
2207	11
2456	11
2765	11
2795	11
2128	10
2138	10
2680	10
2745	10
146 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	432
Total	3,975

Table 3: UMA BVE holders by age group in NSW

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	50
5 to 11	202
12 to 15	78
16 to 17	37
18 to 25	148
26 to 35	1,618
36 to 45	1,339
46+	503
Total	3,975

Table 5: UMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	494
Male	3,481
Total	3,975

Table 4: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	191
Bangladesh	412
India	14
Iran	914
Iraq	317
Lebanon	81
Myanmar	17
Nepal	13
Pakistan	203
Palestinian Authority	13
Somalia	20
Sri Lanka	1,331
Stateless	303
Sudan	20
Syria	15
Vietnam	65
15 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	46
Total	3,975

Victoria

Table 6: UMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3175	620
3020	466
3021	330
3076	171
3047	160
3075	153
3171	151
3023	143
3177	135
3029	126
3174	121
3064	100
3074	94
3046	84
3082	82
3030	77
3214	58
3976	57
3977	55
3073	52
3802	51
3750	48
3752	45
3022	44
3034	38
3048	37
3011	36
3109	36
3072	35
3805	33
3803	30
3012	28

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3019	27
3083	27
3754	27
3810	27
3150	26
3215	26
3500	25
3044	24
3037	23
3108	23
3216	23
3028	21
3060	21
3056	20
3058	20
3630	20
3850	20
3024	19
3081	19
3978	17
3040	16
3172	15
3173	15
3032	14
3061	14
3131	14
3105	13
3169	13
3338	13
3000	12
3053	12
3106	12
3166	11
3182	11
3026	10

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3038	10
3107	10
146 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	508
Total	4,874

Table 7: UMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	113
5 to 11	406
12 to 15	201
16 to 17	86
18 to 25	293
26 to 35	1,722
36 to 45	1,429
46+	624
Total	4,874

Table 8: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	294
Bangladesh	72
India	29
Iran	1,457
Iraq	152
Lebanon	117
Myanmar	67
Pakistan	505
Somalia	13
Sri Lanka	1,467
Stateless	479
Sudan	17
Vietnam	146
Not Recorded	23
18 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	36
Total	4,874

Table 9: UMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	1,027
Male	3,847
Total	4,874

Queensland

Table 10: UMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
4077	149
4114	104
4109	44
4343	36
4110	29
4127	29
4076	26
4103	23
4102	21
4078	18
4350	17
4701	17
4122	14
4034	13
4053	13
4115	13
4116	13
4132	13
4151	13
4105	12
4013	11
4065	11
4108	11
4121	11
4018	10
4300	10
4870	10
80 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	257
Total	948

Table 11: UMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	12
5 to 11	91
12 to 15	39
16 to 17	22
18 to 25	79
26 to 35	312
36 to 45	272
46+	121
Total	948

Table 12: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	31
Bangladesh	57
Iran	204
Iraq	53
Pakistan	18
Somalia	12
Sri Lanka	298
Stateless	95
Sudan	11
Vietnam	125
Not Recorded	14
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	30
Total	948

Table 13: UMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	238
Male	710
Total	948

South Australia

Table 14: UMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
5084	76
5108	34
5085	25
5113	25
5098	21
5112	21
5013	19
5086	19
5107	18
5012	17
5096	14
5268	14
5087	11
5095	11
5109	10
5271	10
61 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	186
Total	531

Table 15: UMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<15
5 to 11	49
12 to 15	18
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	21
26 to 35	165
36 to 45	177
46+	79
Total	531

Table 16: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	66
Bangladesh	12
Iran	128
Pakistan	52
Sri Lanka	158
Stateless	37
Vietnam	51
6 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	27
Total	531

Table 17: UMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	110
Male	421
Total	531

Western Australia

Table 18: UMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
6064	61
6110	50
6061	47
6109	34
6107	30
6147	26
6108	23
6065	16
6112	15
6105	14
6059	12
6062	12
6063	11
6111	11
56 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	148
Total	510

Table 19: UMA BVE holders by age group in WA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	36
12 to 15	12
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	27
26 to 35	197
36 to 45	142
46+	84
Total	510

Table 20: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	78
Iran	72
Iraq	25
Pakistan	36
Sri Lanka	157
Stateless	36
Vietnam	92
6 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	14
Total	510

Table 21: UMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	98
Male	412
Total	510

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	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	<10
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	35
Total	35

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	12
36 to 45	11
46+	<10
Total	35

Table 28: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Sri Lanka	10
Vietnam	13
5 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	12
Total	35

Table 29: UMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<35
Total	35

Australian Capital Territory

Table 30: UMA BVE holders by postcode in ACT

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2614	14
2602	11
2617	11
2913	11
15 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	55
Total	102

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	31
36 to 45	38
46+	13
Total	102

Table 32: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Iran	19
Iraq	14
Sri Lanka	38
Vietnam	10
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	21
Total	102

Table 33: UMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	16
Male	86
Total	102