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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

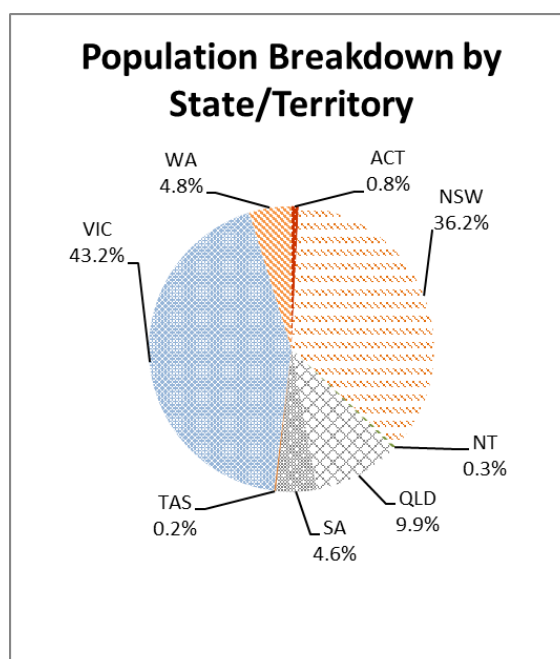
Between 25 November 2011 and 30 September 2023, 37,930 UMAs were granted BVEs. Of these, 10,555 remain in the community (8164 with a current BVE and 2391 unlawful non-citizens). The remaining 27,375 UMAs, who were granted BVEs, have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned to immigration detention, or are deceased.

BVE holders are free to choose where they live. As at 30 June 2023, the largest numbers of UMAs were in Victoria (VIC), followed by New South Wales (NSW), Queensland (QLD), Western Australia (WA), South Australia (SA), Australian Capital Territory (ACT), Northern Territory (NT), and Tasmania (TAS) (Table 1).

Table 1: Current location of UMA BVE holders at 30 September 2023

State and Territory	Number of UMA BVE holders
VIC	4,565
NSW	3,819
QLD	1,041
WA	506
SA	487
ACT	86
NT	31
TAS	20
TOTAL	10,555

Chart 1: Percentage of UMA BVE holders by state and territory at 30 September 2023



Visa holder location by State and Territory

The following tables provide a breakdown of UMA BVE holders as at 30 September 2023, 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	551
2195	302
2144	297
2160	222
2146	218
2161	167
2147	113
2142	106
2166	103
2170	102
2165	93
2141	90
2150	84
2200	78
2148	69
2196	63
2140	57
2216	53
2151	40
2770	34
2190	33
2164	32
2001	31
2118	30
2199	28
2163	26
2153	24
2162	24

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2155	23
2650	23
2168	20
2114	19
2154	18
2112	17
2143	17
2152	16
2176	15
2566	15
2117	14
2127	14
2767	13
2768	13
2138	12
2000	11
2113	11
2197	11
2456	11
2128	10
2177	10
2192	10
2264	10
155 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	416
Total	3,819

Table 3: UMA BVE holders by age group in NSW

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	31
5 to 11	186
12 to 15	67
16 to 17	42
18 to 25	118
26 to 35	1,314
36 to 45	1,493
46+	568
Total	3,819

Table 5: UMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	480
Male	3,339
Total	3,819

Table 4: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	195
Bangladesh	407
India	13
Iran	861
Iraq	293
Lebanon	81
Myanmar	16
Nepal	11
Pakistan	195
Palestinian Authority	13
Somalia	30
Sri Lanka	1,223
Stateless	329
Sudan	21
Syria	14
Vietnam	62
Not Recorded	15
15 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	40
Total	3,819

Victoria

Table 6: UMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3175	538
3020	398
3021	336
3076	163
3029	142
3171	136
3047	133
3177	132
3023	131
3174	122
3075	114
3074	90
3064	87
3046	84
3082	81
3030	76
3977	67
3750	61
3073	54
3214	49
3802	47
3976	46
3048	43
3752	41
3011	36
3022	36
3083	36
3019	35
3803	32
3034	29
3805	29
3150	28

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3044	25
3060	25
3081	25
3108	25
3810	25
3072	24
3172	24
3216	24
3012	23
3109	23
3630	22
3028	21
3032	21
3037	21
3024	20
3173	20
3754	20
3056	19
3026	18
3500	18
3058	17
3040	16
3978	16
3038	15
3182	15
3061	14
3106	14
3215	14
3335	14
3025	13
3336	13
3128	12
3131	11
3170	11
3337	11
3043	10

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3107	10
3165	10
3338	10
143 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	444
Total	4,565

Table 7: UMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	56
5 to 11	362
12 to 15	165
16 to 17	79
18 to 25	257
26 to 35	1,425
36 to 45	1,521
46+	700
Total	4,565

Table 8: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	220
Bangladesh	77
India	33
Iran	1,349
Iraq	142
Lebanon	110
Myanmar	63
Nepal	13
Pakistan	501
Somalia	26
Sri Lanka	1,353
Stateless	472
Sudan	14
Vietnam	131
Not Recorded	27
19 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	34
Total	4,565

Table 9: UMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	936
Male	3,629
Total	4,565

Queensland

Table 10: UMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
4077	140
4114	117
4109	42
4127	37
4343	34
4076	33
4110	27
4131	26
4132	22
4350	22
4102	20
4122	20
4103	19
4116	18
4152	18
4300	17
4078	15
4101	15
4121	15
4018	14
4032	13
4053	13
4065	13
4701	13
4012	11
4014	11
4115	11
4133	10
4151	10
4077	140
4114	117
4109	42
4127	37

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
4343	34
4076	33
4110	27
4131	26
83 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	265
Total	1,041

Table 11: UMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	10
5 to 11	89
12 to 15	41
16 to 17	25
18 to 25	71
26 to 35	316
36 to 45	329
46+	160
Total	1,041

Table 12: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	34
Bangladesh	64
India	10
Iran	254
Iraq	67
Pakistan	24
Somalia	12
Sri Lanka	307
Stateless	111
Sudan	13
Vietnam	115
8 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	30
Total	1,041

Table 13: UMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	258
Male	783
Total	1,041

South Australia

Table 14: UMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
5084	64
5108	26
5112	26
5085	22
5107	21
5113	19
5013	16
5012	15
5095	13
5098	13
5086	12
5268	12
5114	11
5211	11
5096	10
68 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	196
Total	487

Table 15: UMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	50
12 to 15	17
16 to 17	<15
18 to 25	20
26 to 35	129
36 to 45	176
46+	82
Total	487

Table 16: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	62
Bangladesh	11
Iran	112
Iraq	10
Pakistan	47
Sri Lanka	138
Stateless	44
Vietnam	46
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	17
Total	487

Table 17: UMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	100
Male	387
Total	487

Western Australia

Table 18: UMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
6064	57
6110	46
6061	40
6109	40
6107	28
6147	25
6112	22
6108	17
6065	15
6105	14
6111	12
6059	11
6066	10
6155	10
62 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	159
Total	506

Table 19: UMA BVE holders by age group in WA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	30
12 to 15	12
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	23
26 to 35	180
36 to 45	164
46+	90
Total	506

Table 20: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	80
Iran	72
Iraq	27
Pakistan	39
Sri Lanka	145
Stateless	42
Vietnam	82
6 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	19
Total	506

Table 21: UMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	93
Male	413
Total	506

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	20
Total	20

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	20

Table 24: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in TAS

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
5 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	20
Total	20

Table 25: UMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

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

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	31
Total	31

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	<10
18 to 25	<10
26 to 35	10
36 to 45	<10
46+	<10
Total	31

Table 28: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Vietnam	11
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	20
Total	31

Table 29: UMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<30
Total	31

Australian Capital Territory

Table 30: UMA BVE holders by postcode in ACT

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2614	15
2615	10
15 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	61
Total	86

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	12
26 to 35	24
36 to 45	30
46+	14
Total	86

Table 32: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Iran	14
Iraq	12
Sri Lanka	36
Vietnam	10
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	14
Total	86

Table 33: UMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	15
Male	71
Total	86