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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 2024, 37,956 UMAs were granted BVEs. Of these, 9,362 remain in the community (7,258 with a current BVE and 2,104 unlawful non-citizens). The remaining 28,594 UMAs, who were granted BVEs, have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned to immigration detention, or are deceased.

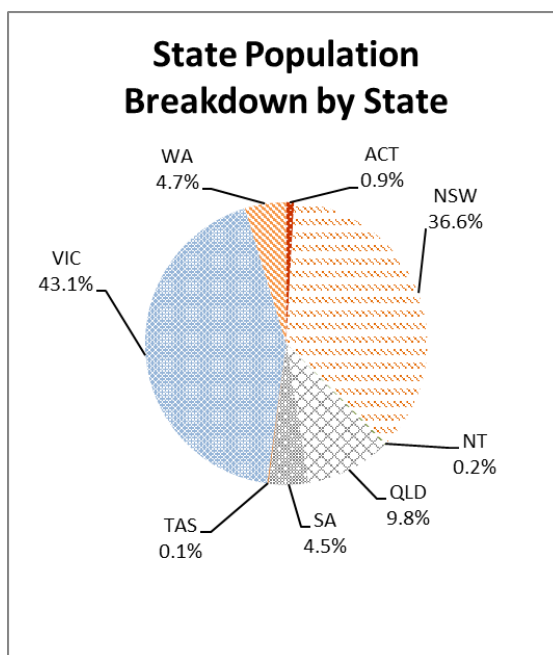
BVE holders are free to choose where they live. Table 1 (below) shows the current location of UMA BVE holders by state and territory as at 30 September 2024. The total number of UMA BVE holders in the community as at that date was 9,362, down by 219 from 9,581 as at 30 June 2024 and down by 1,193 from 10,555 as at 30 September 2023.

Table 1: Current location of UMA BVE holders at 30 September 2024

State and Territory	Number of UMA BVE holders
VIC	4,036 ↓
NSW	3,430 ↓
QLD	914 ↓
WA	443 ↓
SA	424 ↓
ACT	84 –
NT	18 ↓
TAS	13 ↓
TOTAL	9,362 ↓

Note: Arrows show direction of change from previous quarter.

Chart 1: Percentage of UMA BVE holders by state and territory at 30 September 2024



Visa holder location by State and Territory

The following tables provide a breakdown of UMA BVE holders as at 30 September 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	493
2195	276
2144	251
2146	212
2160	175
2161	143
2147	123
2170	103
2142	98
2166	90
2165	84
2141	80
2148	75
2200	71
2150	61
2196	58
2216	52
2140	51
2770	33
2164	32
2151	30
2118	29
2163	29
2001	25
2155	25
2190	25
2162	24
2199	24

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2154	19
2168	18
2112	17
2114	17
2650	17
2152	16
2153	16
2192	14
2143	13
2176	13
2138	11
2456	11
2767	11
2128	10
2560	10
2564	10
2566	10
166 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	425
Total	3,430

Table 3: UMA BVE holders by age group in NSW

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	25
5 to 11	125
12 to 15	51
16 to 17	32
18 to 25	109
26 to 35	994
36 to 45	1,504
46+	590
Total	3,430

Table 5: UMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	407
Male	3,023
Total	3,430

Table 4: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	144
Bangladesh	400
Iran	725
Iraq	270
Lebanon	80
Myanmar	10
Nepal	12
Pakistan	184
Somalia	24
Sri Lanka	1129
Stateless	305
Sudan	14
Syria	12
Vietnam	60
Not Recorded	12
16 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	48
Total	3,430

Victoria

Table 6: UMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3175	451
3021	346
3020	345
3076	146
3023	131
3047	130
3029	125
3177	110
3174	96
3064	85
3171	84
3075	81
3046	77
3074	75
3082	67
3030	65
3750	56
3977	54
3073	50
3976	48
3752	44
3802	38
3214	36
3803	35
3048	33
3060	33
3019	32
3109	30
3011	29
3083	28
3150	26
3012	25

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3022	24
3172	24
3754	24
3216	23
3810	23
3037	22
3056	22
3805	22
3026	20
3630	20
3040	19
3072	19
3081	18
3108	18
3173	18
3032	17
3024	16
3034	16
3044	16
3335	16
3058	15
3215	15
3978	15
3500	14
3806	14
3025	13
3028	13
3059	12
3061	12
3106	12
3152	12
3038	11
3131	11
3170	11
3182	11
3336	11

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3105	10
3128	10
137 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	406
Total	4,036

Table 7: UMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	22
5 to 11	206
12 to 15	135
16 to 17	74
18 to 25	222
26 to 35	1,166
36 to 45	1,502
46+	709
Total	4,036

Table 8: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	172
Bangladesh	69
India	26
Iran	1,153
Iraq	135
Lebanon	100
Myanmar	49
Nepal	11
Pakistan	489
Somalia	14
Sri Lanka	1,254
Stateless	388
Sudan	10
Vietnam	123
Not Recorded	23
14 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	20
Total	4,036

Table 9: UMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	763
Male	3,273
Total	4,036

Queensland

Table 10: UMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
4077	107
4114	106
4109	46
4343	28
4122	26
4132	26
4076	25
4110	21
4127	21
4102	18
4101	16
4121	15
4131	15
4116	14
4300	14
4078	13
4701	13
4133	12
4152	12
4301	12
4118	11
4012	10
4032	10
4065	10
4103	10
4108	10
4115	10
4151	10
91 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	273
Total	914

Table 11: UMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	56
12 to 15	34
16 to 17	<30
18 to 25	63
26 to 35	238
36 to 45	327
46+	165
Total	914

Table 12: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	30
Bangladesh	63
India	10
Iran	250
Iraq	56
Pakistan	18
Sri Lanka	269
Stateless	92
Sudan	12
Vietnam	86
8 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	28
Total	914

Table 13: UMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	214
Male	700
Total	914

South Australia

Table 14: UMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
5084	52
5112	25
5085	21
5108	21
5113	19
5107	18
5012	15
5086	13
5092	11
5114	11
5013	10
68 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	208
Total	424

Table 15: UMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	37
12 to 15	13
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	14
26 to 35	103
36 to 45	159
46+	86
Total	424

Table 16: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	48
Bangladesh	11
Iran	96
Iraq	10
Pakistan	38
Sri Lanka	122
Stateless	40
Vietnam	42
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	17
Total	424

Table 17: UMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	84
Male	340
Total	424

Western Australia

Table 18: UMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
6064	48
6110	39
6061	38
6109	38
6107	22
6112	21
6108	19
6147	17
6105	14
6111	14
6063	13
6065	12
6059	10
59 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	138
Total	443

Table 20: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	69
Iran	57
Iraq	24
Pakistan	32
Sri Lanka	128
Stateless	40
Vietnam	72
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	21
Total	443

Table 21: UMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	83
Male	360
Total	443

Table 19: UMA BVE holders by age group in WA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	20
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	23
26 to 35	137
36 to 45	161
46+	88
Total	443

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	13
Total	13

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+	<10
Total	13

Table 24: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in TAS

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
4 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	13
Total	13

Table 25: UMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<15
Total	13

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	18
Total	18

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+	10
Total	18

Table 28: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
6 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	18
Total	18

Table 29: UMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<20
Total	18

Australian Capital Territory

Table 30: UMA BVE holders by postcode in ACT

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2913	13
2615	12
2611	11
16 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	48
Total	84

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	11
26 to 35	25
36 to 45	27
46+	16
Total	84

Table 32: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Iran	14
Iraq	13
Sri Lanka	35
Vietnam	10
6 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	12
Total	84

Table 33: UMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	18
Male	66
Total	84