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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 2025, 38,048 UMAs were granted BVEs. Of these, 8,128 remain in the community (6,774 with a current BVE and 1,354 unlawful non-citizens). The remaining 29,920 UMAs, who were granted BVEs, have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned to immigration detention, or are deceased.

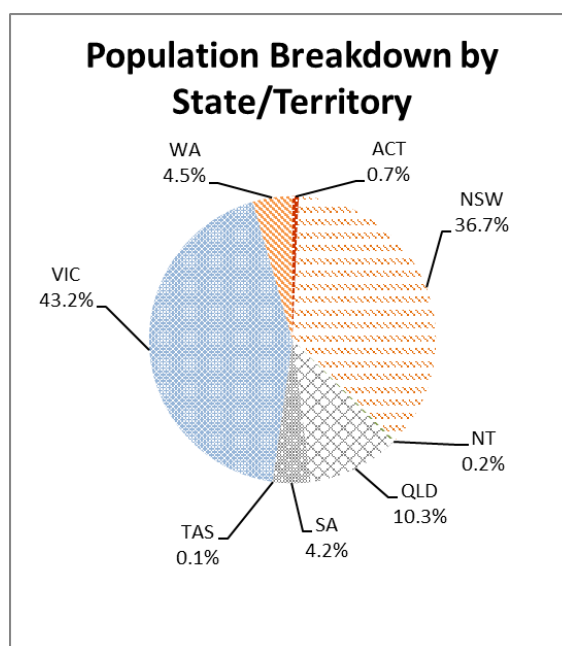
BVE holders are free to choose where they live. Table 1 (below) shows the current location of UMA BVE holders by state and territory as at 30 September 2025. The total number of UMA BVE holders in the community as at that date was 8,128, down by 393 from 8,521 as at 30 June 2025 and down by 1,234 from 9,362 as at 30 September 2024.

**Table 1: Current location of UMA BVE holders at 30 September 2025**

State and Territory	Number of UMA BVE holders
VIC	3,515 ↓
NSW	2,982 ↓
QLD	840 ↓
WA	364 ↓
SA	344 ↓
ACT	57 ↓
NT	<20 ↓
TAS	<10 —
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>8,128 ↓</b>

Note: Arrows show direction of change from previous quarter.

**Chart 1: Percentage of UMA BVE holders by state and territory at 30 September 2025**



## Visa holder location by State and Territory

The following tables provide a breakdown of UMA BVE holders as at 30 September 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	434
2195	236
2144	204
2146	182
2160	148
2161	113
2147	108
2142	85
2170	85
2165	82
2166	73
2148	70
2141	65
2200	57
2216	50
2150	47
2196	46
2770	40
2140	38
2190	34
2151	31
2164	31
2163	30
2162	28
2168	25
2118	22
2154	19
2112	17

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2199	17
2153	14
2001	13
2152	13
2114	12
2117	12
2155	12
2768	12
2127	11
2143	11
2138	10
2650	10
2767	10
160 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	425
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,982</b>

**Table 3: UMA BVE holders by age group in NSW**

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	14
5 to 11	75
12 to 15	29
16 to 17	22
18 to 25	84
26 to 35	671
36 to 45	1,453
46+	634
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,982</b>

**Table 5: UMA BVE holders by gender in NSW**

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	302
Male	2,680
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,982</b>

**Table 4: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW**

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	103
Bangladesh	391
Iran	639
Iraq	241
Lebanon	77
Nepal	13
Pakistan	166
Somalia	19
Sri Lanka	974
Stateless	232
Sudan	11
Syria	11
Vietnam	44
Not Recorded	14
18 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,982</b>

## Victoria

Table 6: UMA BV23E holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3175	374
3021	296
3020	291
3029	127
3023	114
3076	108
3177	104
3047	93
3064	85
3174	84
3046	70
3750	70
3074	68
3075	62
3171	61
3030	58
3977	53
3976	50
3073	48
3082	46
3011	34
3805	32
3060	30
3802	29
3048	28
3012	27
3019	27
3037	27
3752	27
3754	27
3109	24
3026	23

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3083	23
3803	23
3108	22
3336	21
3150	20
3214	20
3630	20
3032	19
3056	19
3022	18
3978	17
3061	16
3216	16
3338	15
3038	13
3072	13
3081	13
3335	13
3806	13
3810	13
3024	12
3040	12
3044	12
3128	12
3337	12
3170	11
3173	10
3182	10
3500	10
145 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	470
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,515</b>

**Table 7: UMA BVE holders by age group in VIC**

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	109
12 to 15	106
16 to 17	<60
18 to 25	194
26 to 35	850
36 to 45	1,452
46+	745
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,515</b>

**Table 8: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC**

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	144
Bangladesh	62
India	22
Iran	1,024
Iraq	110
Lebanon	86
Myanmar	39
Nepal	11
Pakistan	459
Sri Lanka	1,078
Stateless	337
Vietnam	101
Not Recorded	12
14 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	30
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,515</b>

**Table 9: UMA BVE holders by gender in VIC**

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	632
Male	2,883
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,515</b>



## Queensland

Table 10: UMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
4077	100
4114	83
4109	38
4132	34
4343	24
4127	22
4076	21
4133	17
4110	16
4300	16
4102	15
4065	14
4078	14
4122	14
4701	13
4101	12
4121	12
4034	11
4116	11
4123	11
4152	11
4301	11
4118	10
4304	10
99 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	300
<b>Total</b>	<b>840</b>

Table 11: UMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	37
12 to 15	27
16 to 17	<20
18 to 25	70
26 to 35	184
36 to 45	338
46+	166
<b>Total</b>	<b>840</b>

Table 12: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	31
Bangladesh	65
Iran	207
Iraq	57
Pakistan	20
Sri Lanka	240
Stateless	87
Sudan	11
Vietnam	77
9 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	45
<b>Total</b>	<b>840</b>

Table 13: UMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	186
Male	654
<b>Total</b>	<b>840</b>

## South Australia

Table 14: UMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
5084	44
5112	26
5108	22
5107	17
5113	17
5085	16
5501	13
5086	11
68 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	178
<b>Total</b>	<b>344</b>

Table 15: UMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	0
5 to 11	21
12 to 15	<10
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	11
26 to 35	79
36 to 45	143
46+	77
<b>Total</b>	<b>344</b>

Table 16: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	40
Iran	76
Pakistan	28
Sri Lanka	105
Stateless	29
Vietnam	34
10 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	32
<b>Total</b>	<b>344</b>

Table 17: UMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	59
Male	285
<b>Total</b>	<b>344</b>

## Western Australia

Table 18: UMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
6110	39
6064	38
6109	36
6061	22
6112	22
6107	18
6147	18
6056	11
6108	11
6060	10
6063	10
6105	10
52 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	119
<b>Total</b>	<b>364</b>

Table 19: UMA BVE holders by age group in WA

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	19
26 to 35	92
36 to 45	148
46+	89
<b>Total</b>	<b>364</b>

Table 20: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	51
Iran	44
Iraq	16
Pakistan	28
Sri Lanka	122
Stateless	33
Vietnam	55
6 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	15
<b>Total</b>	<b>364</b>

Table 21: UMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	67
Male	297
<b>Total</b>	<b>364</b>

## Tasmania

Table 22: UMA BVE holders by postcode in TAS

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
8 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>&lt;10</b>

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
<b>Total</b>	<b>&lt;10</b>

Table 24: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in TAS

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
3 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>&lt;10</b>

Table 25: UMA BVE holders by gender in TAS

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	0
Male	<10
<b>Total</b>	<b>&lt;10</b>

## Northern Territory

Table 26: UMA BVE holders by postcode in NT

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
6 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	<20
<b>Total</b>	<b>&lt;20</b>

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	0
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	<10
26 to 35	<10
36 to 45	<10
46+	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>&lt;20</b>

Table 28: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
6 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	<20
<b>Total</b>	<b>&lt;20</b>

Table 29: UMA BVE holders by gender in NT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<20
<b>Total</b>	<b>&lt;20</b>

## Australian Capital Territory

Table 30: UMA BVE holders by postcode in ACT

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2913	10
17 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	47
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>

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	0
18 to 25	<10
26 to 35	17
36 to 45	25
46+	10
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>

Table 32: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Iran	10
Sri Lanka	22
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	25
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>

Table 33: UMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	<10
Male	<60
<b>Total</b>	<b>57</b>