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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

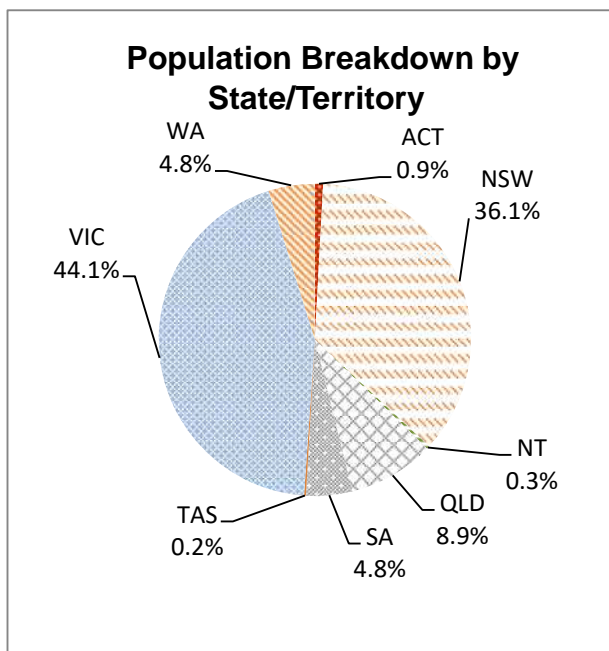
Between 25 November 2011 and 30 September 2022, 37,569 UMAs were granted BVEs. Of these, 10,789 remain in the community (8301 with a current BVE and 2488 unlawful non-citizens). The remaining 26,780 UMAs, who were granted BVEs, have either been granted a substantive visa, departed Australia, returned to immigration detention, or are deceased.

BVE holders are free to choose where they live. As at 30 September 2022, 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

State and Territory	Number of UMA BVE holders
VIC	4,758
NSW	3,893
QLD	956
WA	519
SA	517
ACT	93
NT	35
TAS	18
TOTAL	10,789

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 30 September 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	592
2144	314
2195	296
2160	226
2146	202
2161	173
2147	114
2142	106
2170	106
2166	104
2165	93
2141	90
2150	81
2148	76
2200	76
2140	60
2196	60
2216	57
2118	41
2151	37
2190	36
2770	33
2163	31
2199	30
2001	29
2162	28
2164	27
2650	27

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
2153	23
2168	21
2154	20
2176	20
2114	18
2143	18
2197	18
2112	17
2152	16
2155	16
2566	16
2192	13
2767	13
2117	11
2138	11
2207	11
2456	11
2765	11
2000	10
2128	10
2264	10
2745	10
151 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	424
Total	3,893

Table 3: UMA BVE holders by age group in NSW

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	35
5 to 11	193
12 to 15	69
16 to 17	37
18 to 25	136
26 to 35	1,525
36 to 45	1,383
46+	515
Total	3,893

Table 5: UMA BVE holders by gender in NSW

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	468
Male	3,425
Total	3,893

Table 4: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in NSW

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	190
Bangladesh	408
India	14
Iran	878
Iraq	307
Lebanon	82
Myanmar	14
Nepal	11
Pakistan	207
Palestinian Authority	13
Somalia	18
Sri Lanka	1,294
Stateless	304
Sudan	20
Syria	14
Vietnam	65
Not Recorded	16
14 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	38
Total	3,893

Victoria

Table 6: UMA BVE holders by postcode in VIC

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3175	571
3020	430
3021	329
3076	165
3047	151
3171	144
3029	141
3177	141
3075	138
3023	134
3174	130
3064	106
3046	90
3074	83
3082	77
3030	76
3977	62
3214	58
3073	54
3750	54
3802	50
3976	46
3752	44
3011	36
3034	36
3048	35
3019	34
3022	34
3083	32
3803	32
3072	31
3805	31
3810	31

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3109	29
3150	26
3012	25
3028	24
3037	24
3500	24
3754	24
3108	23
3216	23
3044	22
3056	22
3173	22
3630	22
3040	21
3081	21
3060	20
3024	18
3038	18
3978	18
3032	16
3058	15
3172	14
3215	14
3850	14
3025	13
3061	13
3131	13
3026	12
3169	12
3182	12
3335	12
3106	11
3107	11
3166	11
3170	11
3084	10

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
3165	10
3338	10
3806	10
141 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	482
Total	4,758

Table 7: UMA BVE holders by age group in VIC

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	79
5 to 11	393
12 to 15	180
16 to 17	82
18 to 25	276
26 to 35	1,638
36 to 45	1,455
46+	655
Total	4,758

Table 8: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in VIC

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	255
Bangladesh	74
India	34
Iran	1,402
Iraq	155
Lebanon	116
Myanmar	67
Pakistan	506
Somalia	11
Sri Lanka	1,440
Stateless	470
Sudan	17
Vietnam	143
Not Recorded	25
22 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	43
Total	4,758

Table 9: UMA BVE holders by gender in VIC

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	965
Male	3,793
Total	4,758

Queensland

Table 10: UMA BVE holders by postcode in QLD

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
4077	152
4114	108
4109	43
4343	32
4127	29
4076	26
4110	25
4103	23
4102	19
4350	19
4078	18
4300	18
4131	16
4701	15
4101	14
4122	14
4116	13
4012	12
4053	12
4065	12
4108	12
4115	12
4121	12
4151	12
4113	11
4014	10
4018	10
4132	10
78 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	247
Total	956

Table 11: UMA BVE holders by age group in QLD

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	10
5 to 11	88
12 to 15	45
16 to 17	18
18 to 25	77
26 to 35	310
36 to 45	279
46+	129
Total	956

Table 12: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in QLD

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	36
Bangladesh	55
Iran	211
Iraq	54
Pakistan	17
Somalia	11
Sri Lanka	306
Stateless	97
Sudan	11
Vietnam	122
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	36
Total	956

Table 13: UMA BVE holders by gender in QLD

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	238
Male	718
Total	956

South Australia

Table 14: UMA BVE holders by postcode in SA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
5084	73
5108	30
5085	27
5113	24
5112	23
5013	19
5086	19
5098	19
5107	18
5012	15
5096	14
5268	13
5271	11
5087	10
5095	10
5109	10
61 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	182
Total	517

Table 15: UMA BVE holders by age group in SA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<15
5 to 11	47
12 to 15	17
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	20
26 to 35	147
36 to 45	182
46+	83
Total	517

Table 16: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in SA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	70
Bangladesh	11
Iran	123
Pakistan	49
Sri Lanka	151
Stateless	36
Vietnam	50
6 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	27
Total	517

Table 17: UMA BVE holders by gender in SA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	103
Male	414
Total	517

Western Australia

Table 18: UMA BVE holders by postcode in WA

Postcode	Number of UMA BVE holders
6064	57
6061	46
6110	45
6109	44
6107	25
6108	25
6147	24
6065	19
6105	17
6112	16
6059	12
6062	12
6111	12
6155	11
65 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	154
Total	519

Table 19: UMA BVE holders by age group in WA

Age Range	Number of UMA BVE holders
0 to 4	<10
5 to 11	38
12 to 15	11
16 to 17	<10
18 to 25	29
26 to 35	187
36 to 45	154
46+	90
Total	519

Table 20: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in WA

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Afghanistan	78
Iran	76
Iraq	27
Pakistan	37
Sri Lanka	162
Stateless	37
Vietnam	88
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	14
Total	519

Table 21: UMA BVE holders by gender in WA

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	101
Male	418
Total	519

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	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
8 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	<10
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	11
6 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	14
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	13
2617	11
2602	10
14 postcodes with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	59
Total	93

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	29
36 to 45	35
46+	10
Total	93

Table 32: UMA BVE holders by citizenship in ACT

Citizenship	Number of UMA BVE holders
Iran	17
Iraq	11
Sri Lanka	39
Vietnam	10
7 citizenships with less than 10 UMA BVE holders	16
Total	93

Table 33: UMA BVE holders by gender in ACT

Gender	Number of UMA BVE holders
Female	15
Male	78
Total	93