

New Business Index

• April 2026 •

Executive Summary

Statistics For April 2026

Key growth signals from the ABN registry and Australia's latest new business registrations.

Australia's Business Formation

A closer look at how Australia's new businesses are taking shape, from the structures they choose to the regions driving growth.

Demographic Analysis

Age distribution and geographic origins of Lawpath company founders

Monthly ABN registrations

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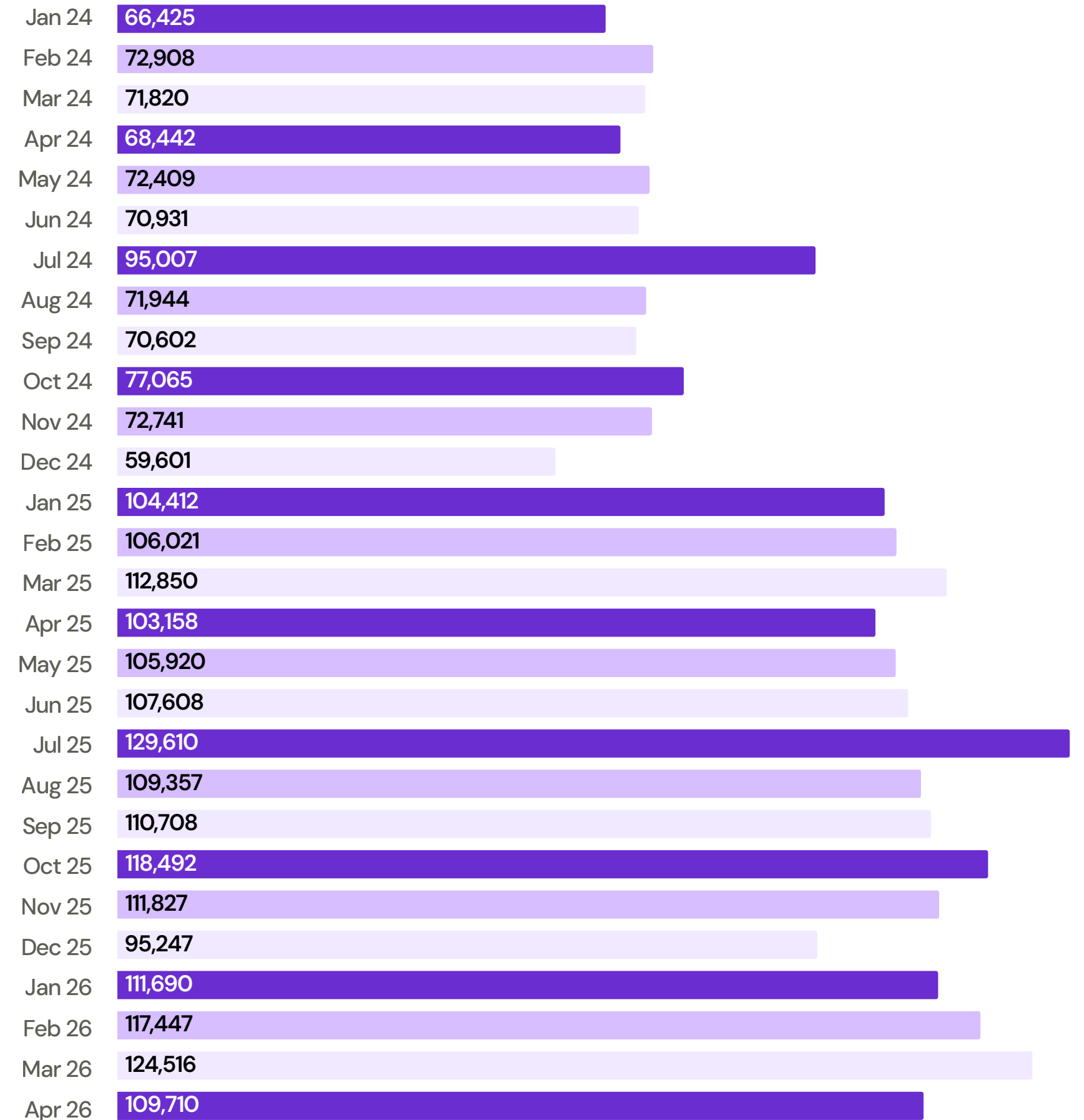
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Source: [Australian Business Register – ABN Bulk Extract](#)



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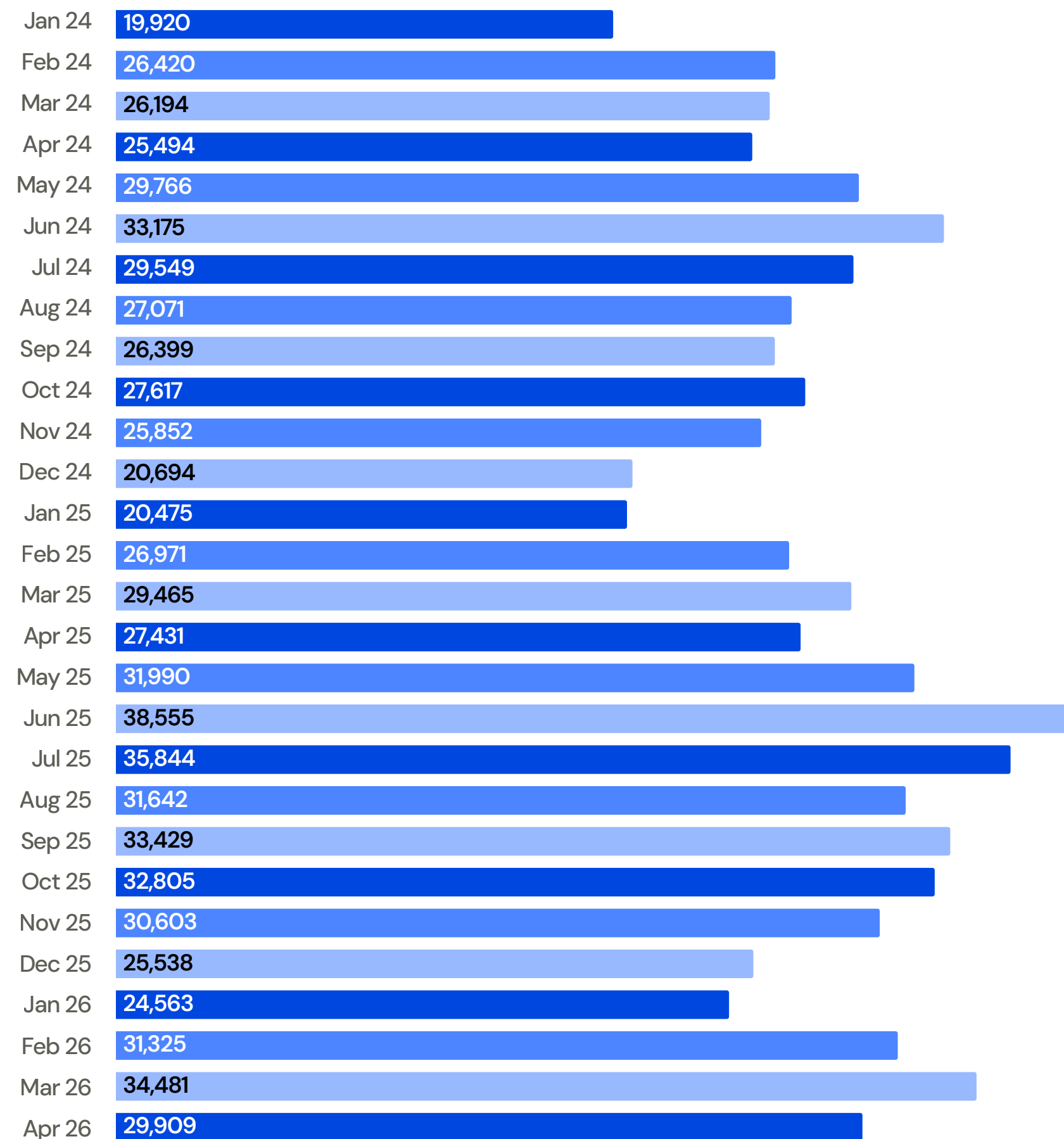
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Source: [ASIC – Company registration statistics](#)



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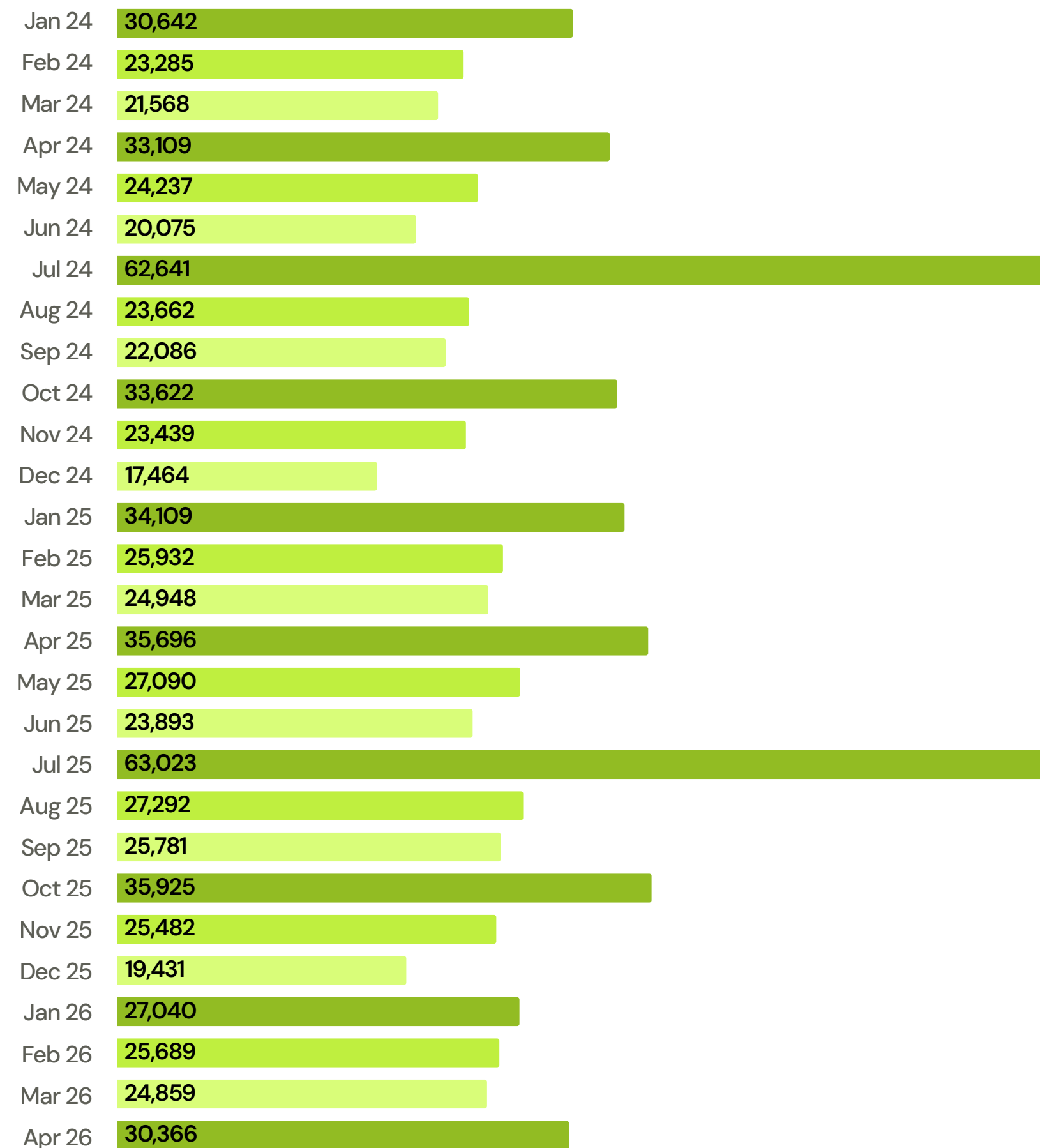
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April's numbers show Australia's new business growth is still strong, but no longer follows the old Sydney–Melbourne CBD script. 109,710 new businesses were registered, up 6.41% YoY, while 29,909 companies were registered, up 9.03%.

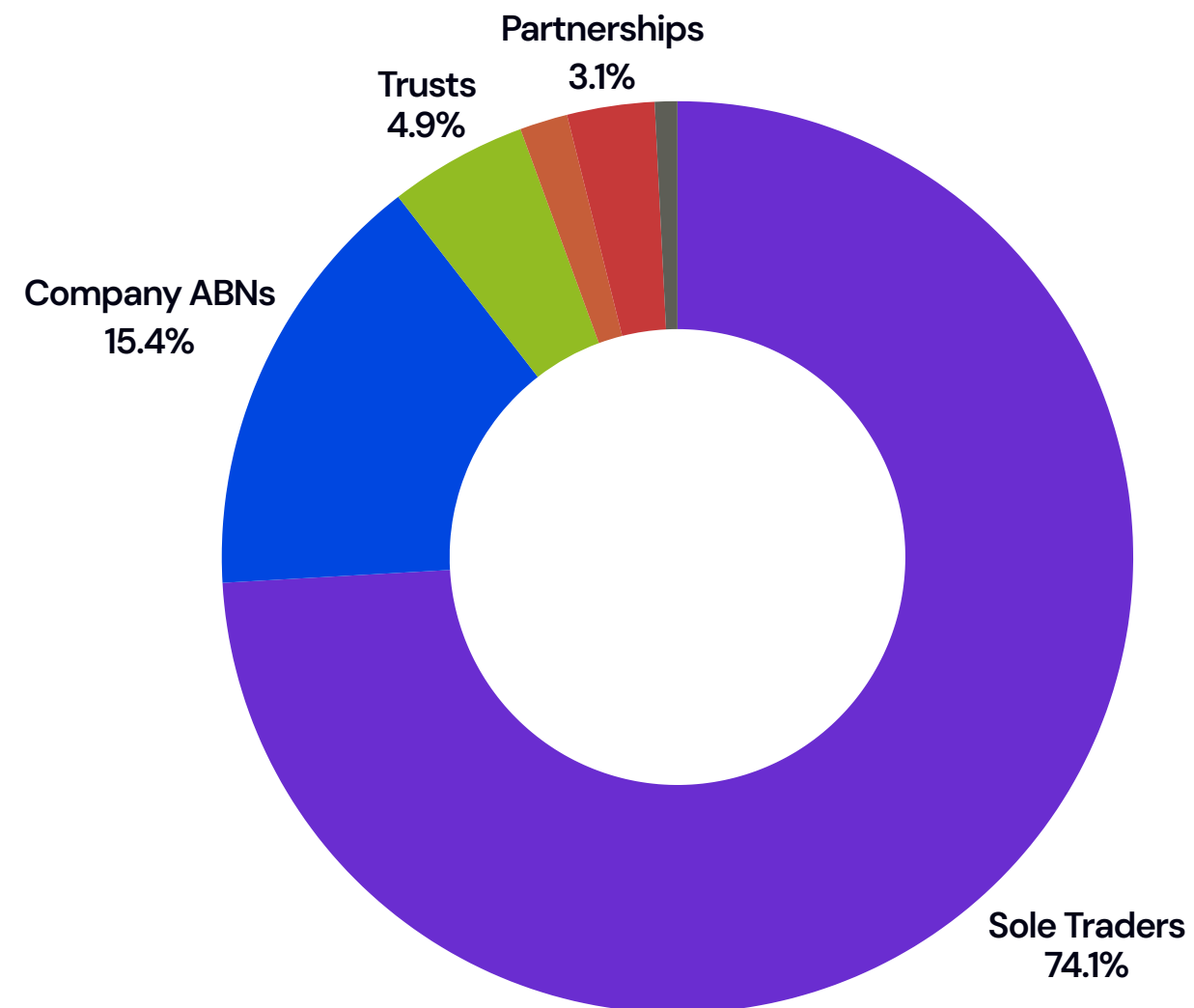
The fastest growth came from smaller states and territories. Tasmania led at 25.71% YoY growth, followed by the Northern Territory at 15.40%, South Australia at 12.44% and Western Australia at 11.11%. NSW and Victoria still carried the highest registration volumes, but April's strongest growth rates came from outside the two largest state economies.

At a suburb level, Melbourne CBD 3000 and Sydney CBD 2000 remained major registration hubs, showing the CBDs still matter even as the growth story becomes more nationally spread.

The founder profile also looks more mature and practical, with 45–54-year-olds making up the largest age cohort in April, while Personal and Other Services, Property and Business Services, and Retail Trade topped the industry mix. Together, the data points to a broader, older and more distributed wave of Australian business formation.

Business Structures

Australia's Business Formation

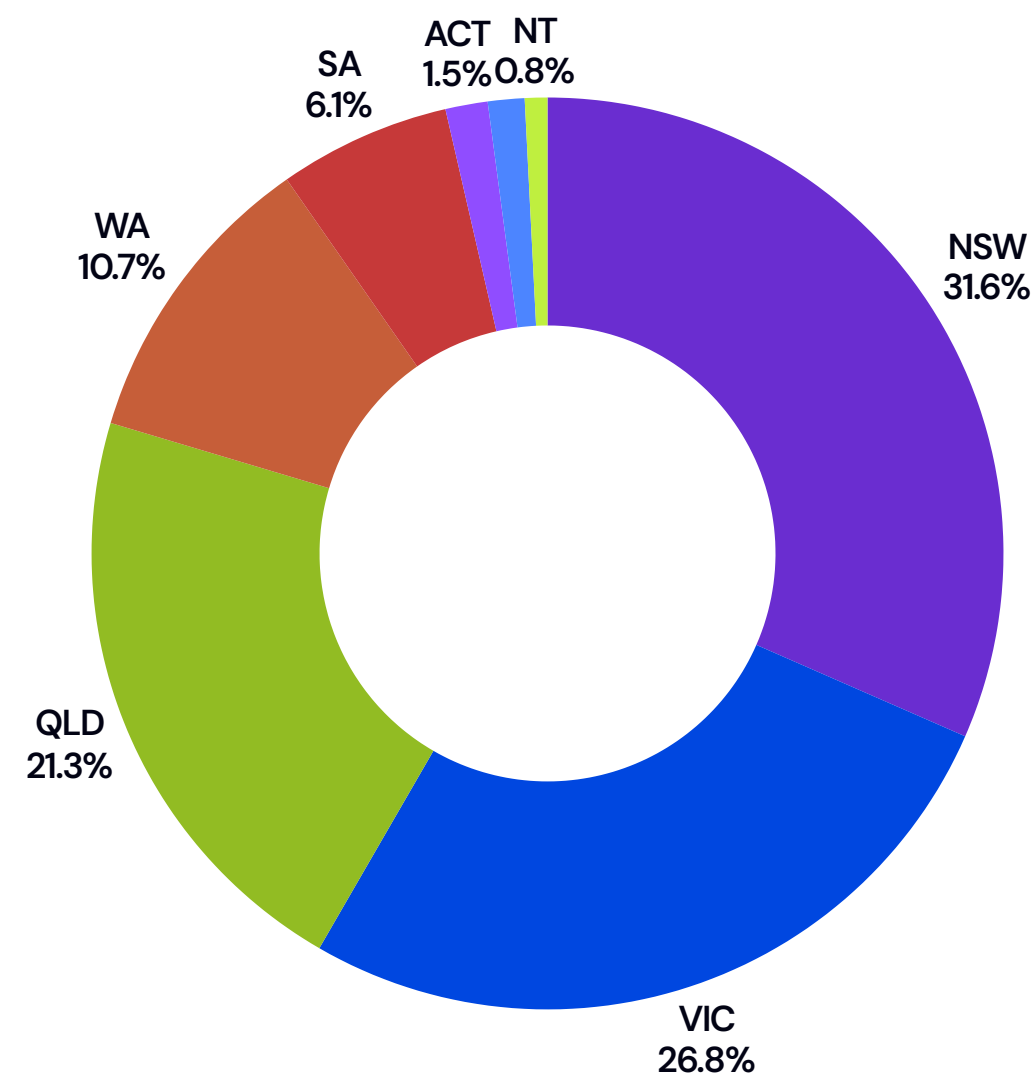


CATEGORY	VALUE	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• Sole Traders	81,082	74.1%	9.74%
• Company ABNs	16,874	15.4%	4.87%
• Trusts	5,312	4.9%	-16.37%
• Super Funds	1,849	1.7%	-12.87%
• Partnerships	3,410	3.1%	-6.63%
• Other	883	0.8%	-6.86%

Source: [Australian Business Register – ABN Bulk Extract](#) (monthly new company registrations)

States & Territories

Australia's Business Formation



STATE	VALUE	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• NSW	34,471	31.6%	3.44%
• VIC	29,262	26.8%	5.62%
• QLD	23,215	21.3%	5.88%
• WA	11,681	10.7%	11.11%
• SA	6,690	6.1%	12.44%
• ACT	1,407	1.5%	0.14%
• TAS	1,584	1.3%	25.71%
• NT	832	0.8%	15.40%

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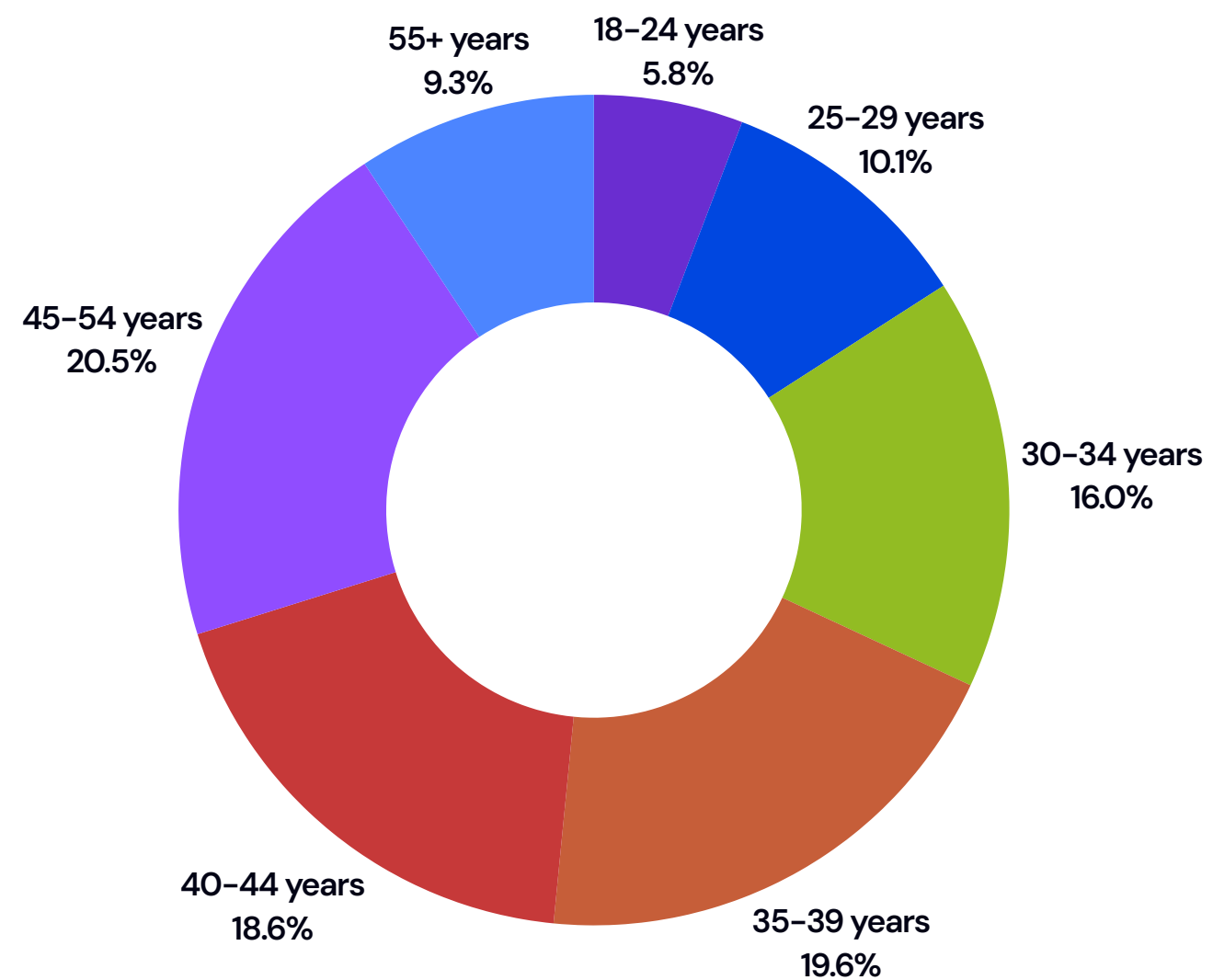
Suburbs On The Rise

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	STATE	BUSINESSES REGISTERED (April 2025)	BUSINESSES REGISTERED (April 2026)	YOY GROWTH
Wyndham	Victoria	1,087	1,105	1.66%
Melbourne	Victoria	1,142	1,138	-0.35%
Sydney	New South Wales	1,046	1,136	8.60%
Hume	Victoria	646	738	14.24%
Wyndham	Victoria	527	575	9.11%
Casey	Victoria	562	501	-10.85%
Sydney	New South Wales	473	539	13.95%
Brisbane	Queensland	641	599	-6.55%

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Age Distribution of Founders

Demographic Analysis

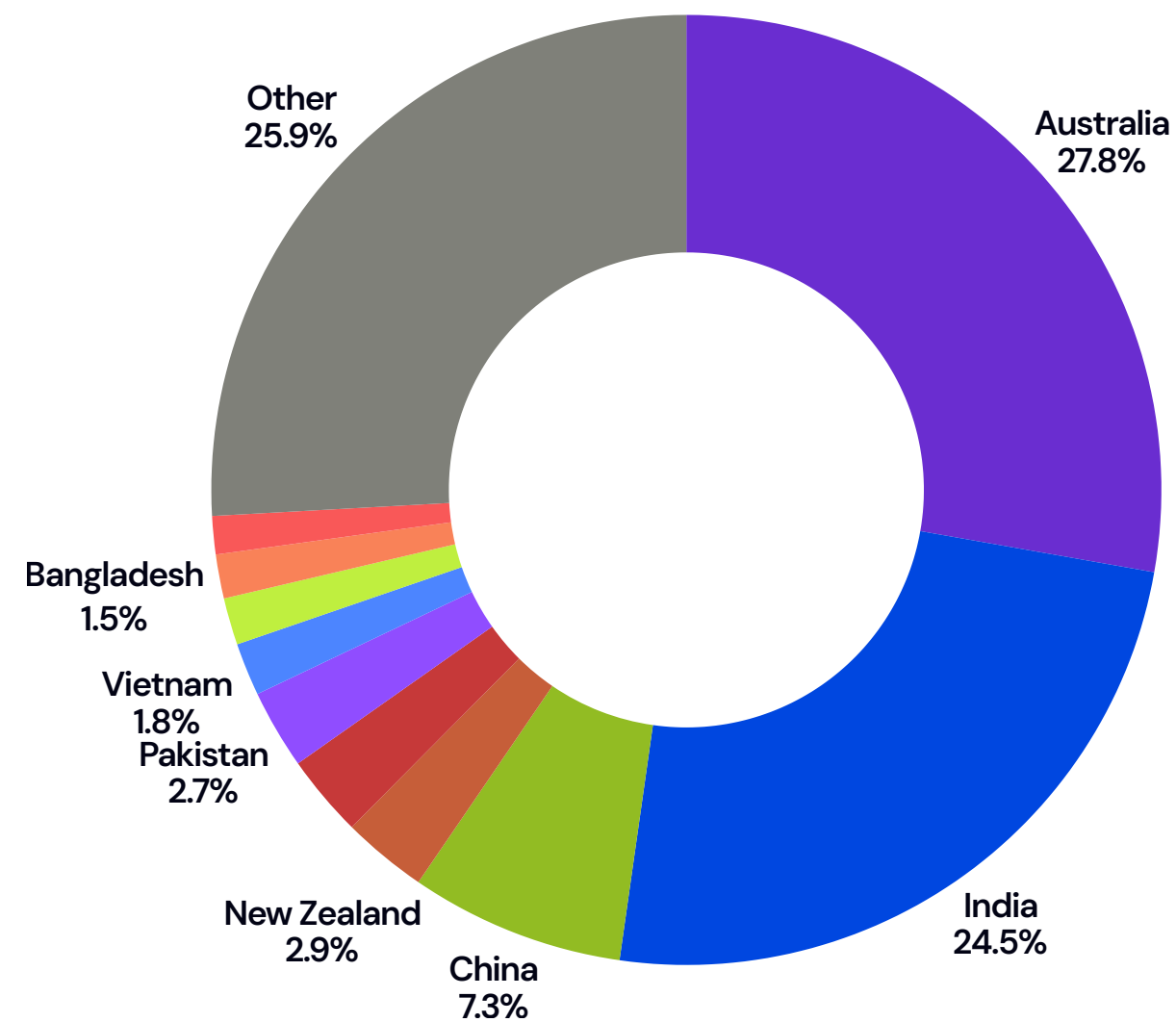


CATEGORY	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• 18-24 years	5.8%	-3.70%
• 25-29 years	10.1%	-15.09%
• 30-34 years	16.0%	2.88%
• 35-39 years	19.6%	13.64%
• 40-44 years	18.6%	7.10%
• 45-54 years	20.5%	16.56%
• 55+ years	9.3%	16.90%

Source: [The Lawpath Business Index: Uncovering Australia's Hidden Entrepreneurs](#)

Countries of Birth

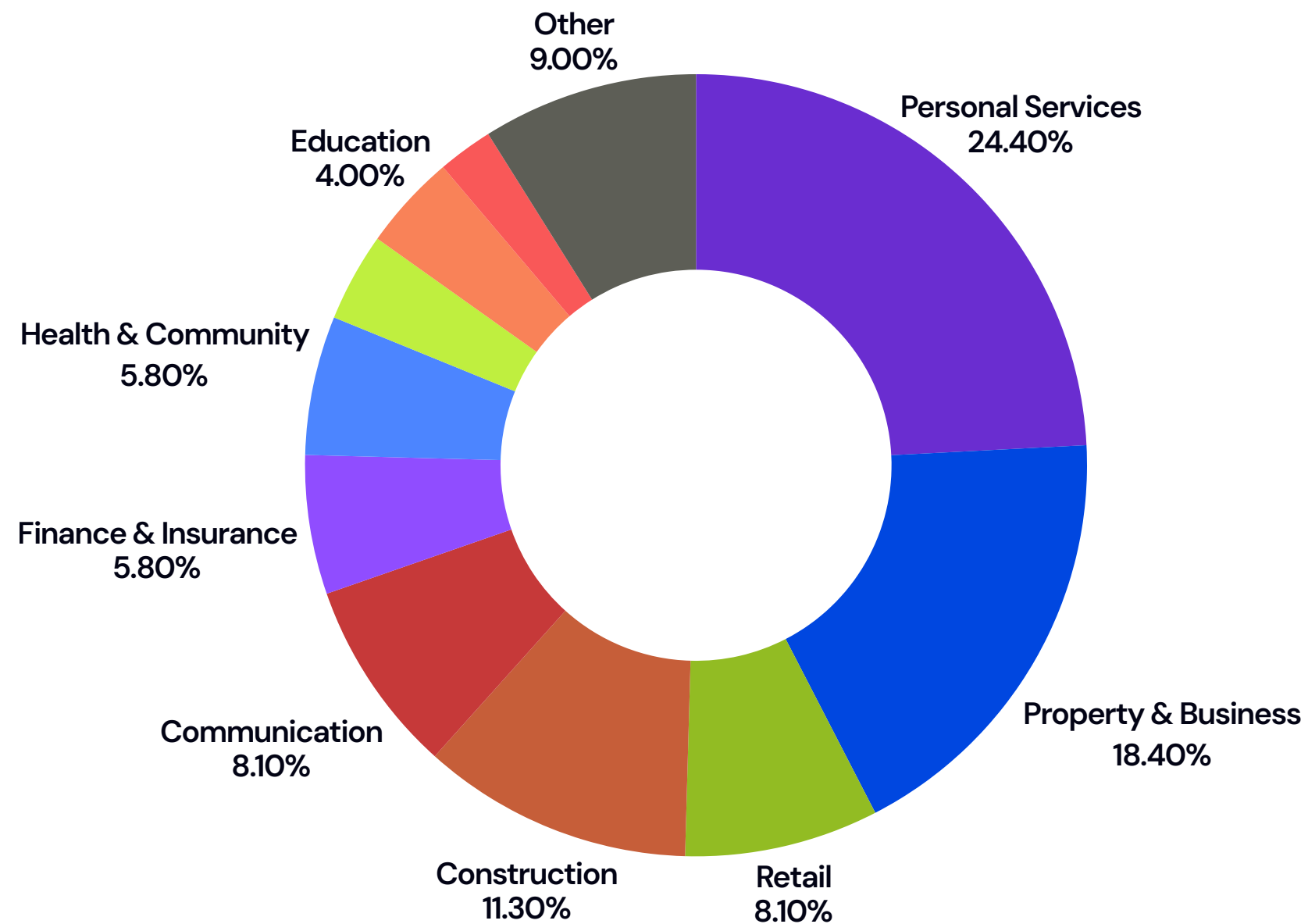
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COUNTRY	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• Australia	27.8%	0.81%
• India	24.5%	10.05%
• China	7.3%	0.00%
• New Zealand	2.9%	62.50%
• United Kingdom	2.8%	8.70%
• Pakistan	2.7%	14.29%
• Vietnam	1.8%	60.00%
• Philippines	1.6%	180.00%
• Bangladesh	1.5%	116.67%
• Nepal	1.3%	-29.41%
• Other	25.9%	0.43%

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Industry Distribution



CATEGORY	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• Personal Services	24.40%	96.30%
• Property & Business	18.40%	90.48%
• Retail	8.10%	32.43%
• Construction	11.30%	-10.26%
• Communication	8.10%	288.89%
• Finance & Insurance	5.80%	56.25%
• Health & Community	5.80%	-59.02%
• Transport & Storage	3.70%	-5.88%
• Education	4.00%	85.71%
• Hospitality	2.30%	-42.11%
• Other	9.00%	-19.98%

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Methodology

Each month, the Lawpath New Business Index captures how entrepreneurship in Australia is evolving.

Using verified data from the Australian Business Register (ABR) and ASIC, combined with anonymised insights from thousands of registrations processed through the Lawpath platform, we deliver a verified, month-by-month view of who is starting businesses, where they are based, and the industries they are choosing.

