

New Business Index

• August 2025 •

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Executive Summary

Statistics For August 2025

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

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Monthly ABN registrations

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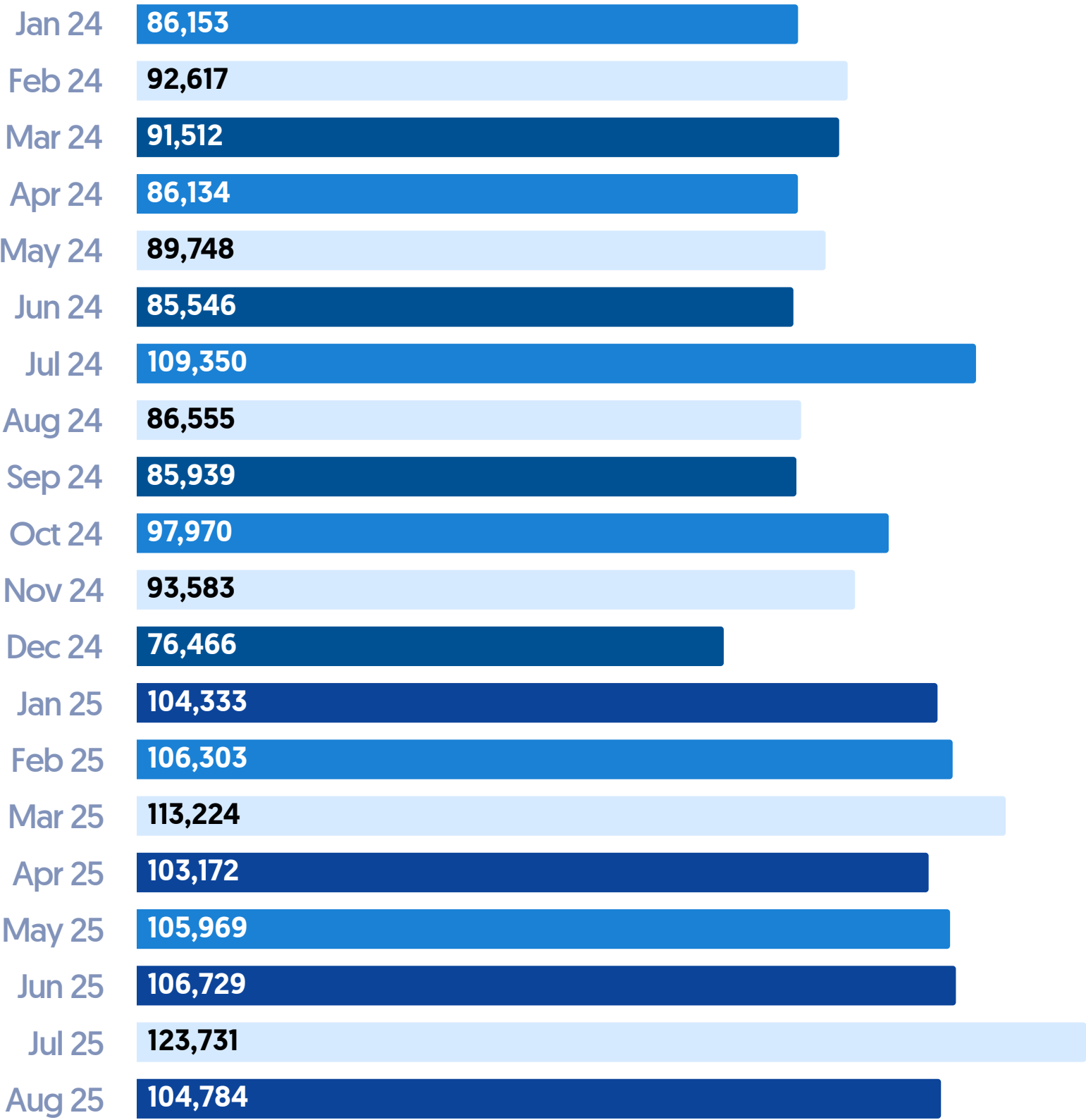
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+21.1% YoY

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Total ABN registrations this month

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



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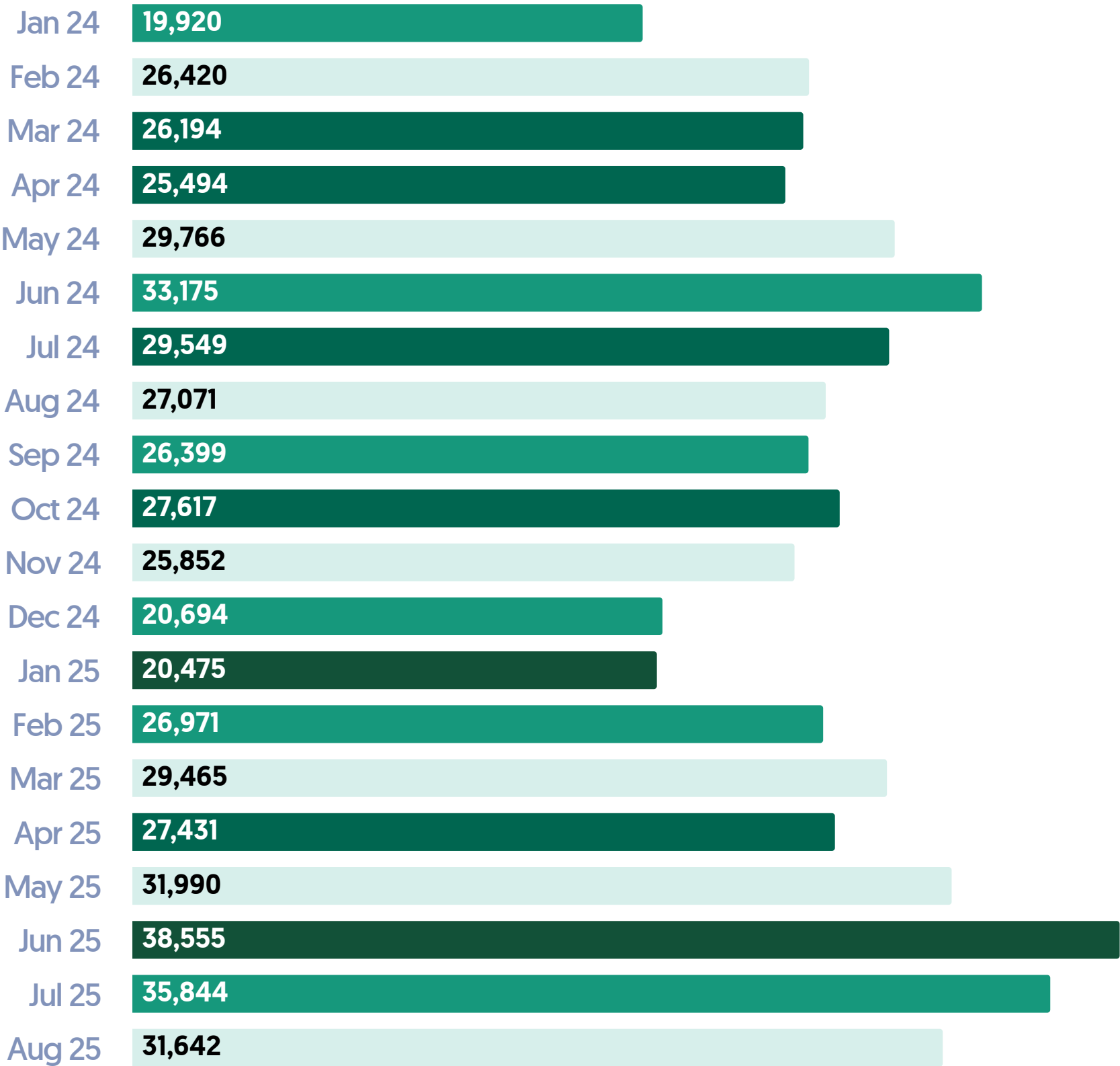
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Total ACN registrations this month

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



Monthly GST registrations

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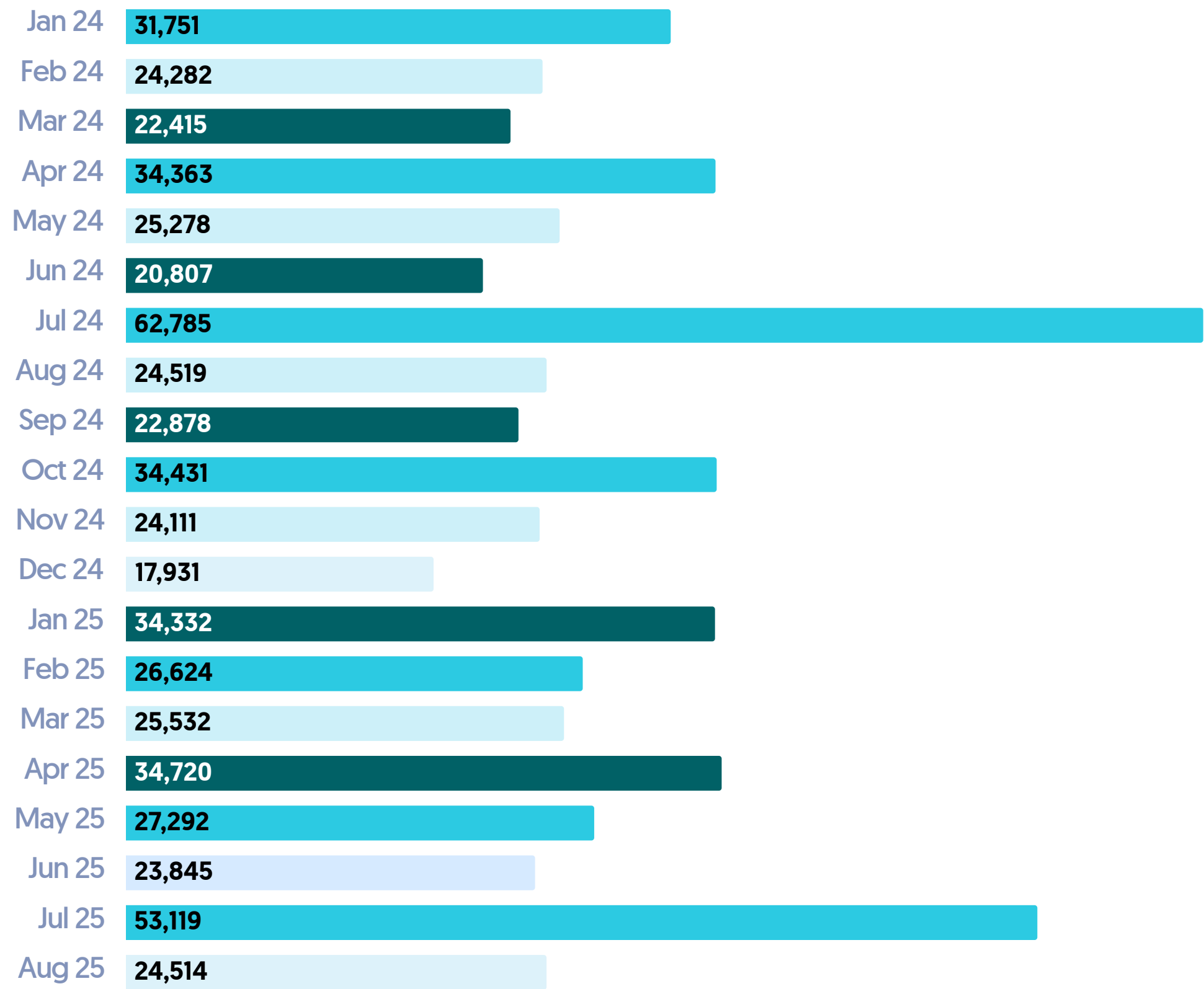
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In August 2025, 104,784 new ABNs were registered across Australia, up 2.11% year on year. The strong activity also came through in company formations, with 31,642 new ACNs, a 16.96% increase that reflects more founders choosing to build with scale, structure, and long term growth in mind. However, GST registrations dipped slightly to 24,514, down 0.02% year on year, hinting at a cautious shift toward leaner models and delayed trading.

This period shows ambition meeting action. As the new financial year settles in, Australians are still moving from ideas into execution. Many are holding off on GST until their ventures stabilise, but thousands are laying their legal foundations now so they can accelerate when opportunities arise.

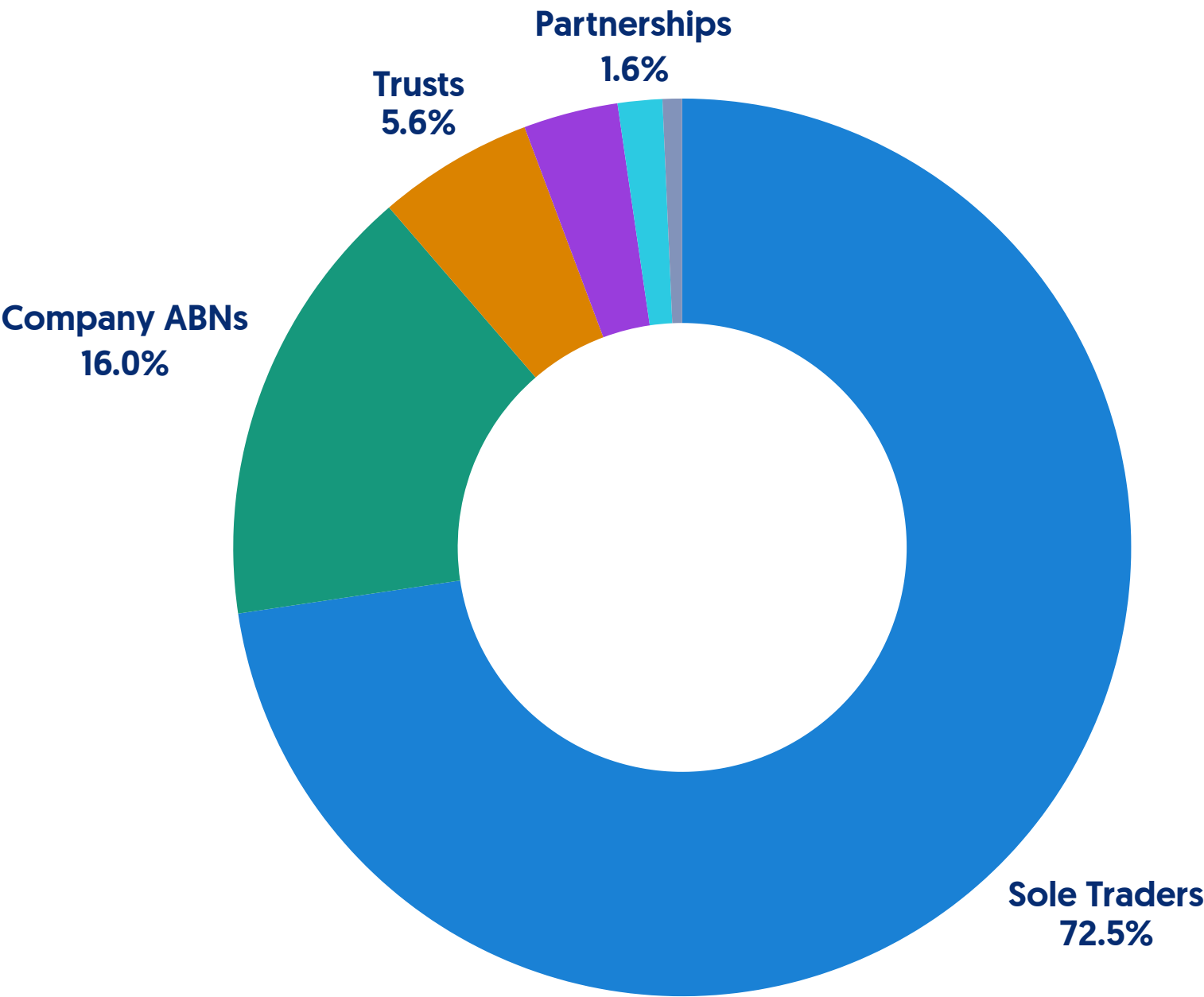
Behind these figures is a story of strategic growth. With AI lowering barriers to launch and global demand opening new markets, founders are becoming more deliberate in when and how they formalise. The playbook continues to evolve, but the drive to build remains as strong as ever.

Business Structures

Australia’s Business Formation

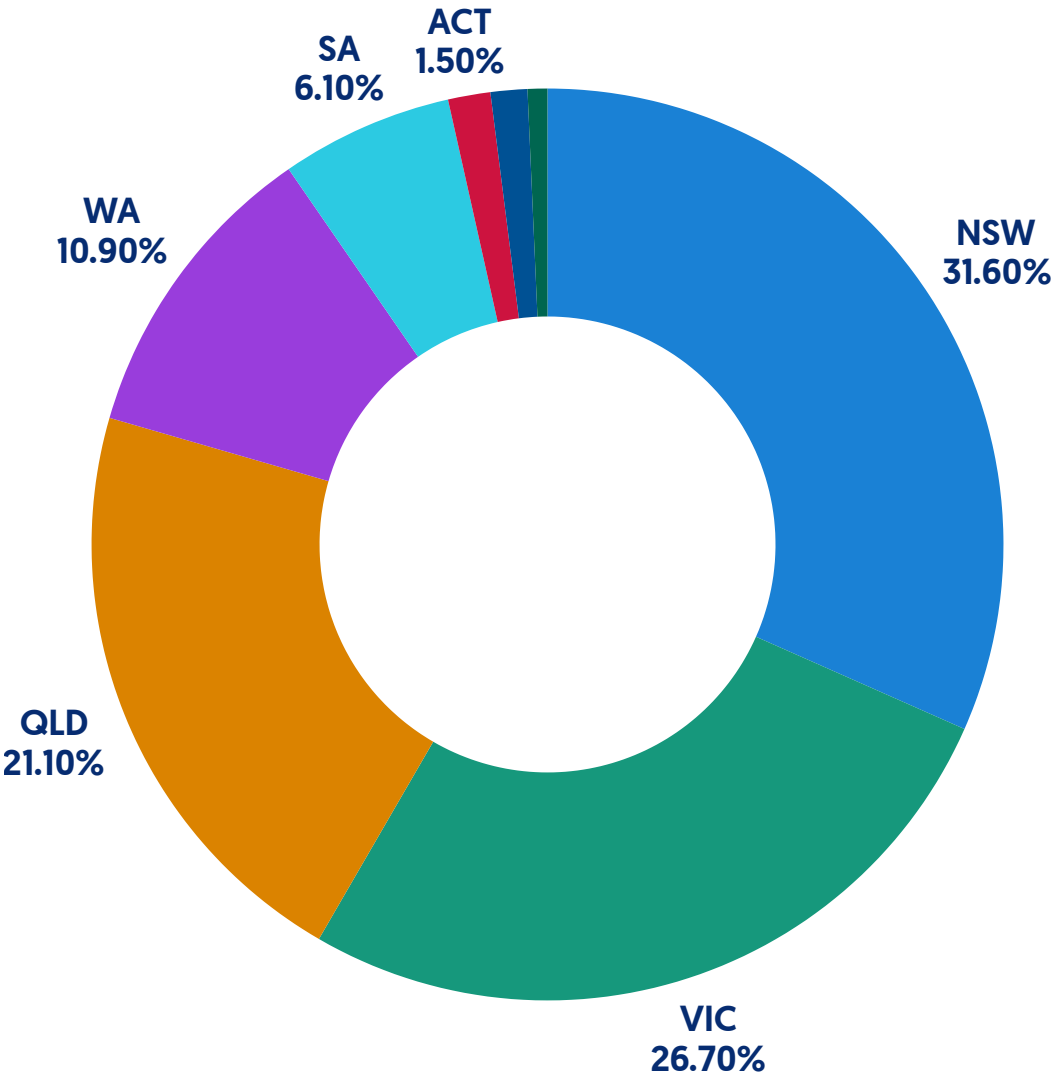
CATEGORY	VALUE	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• Sole Traders	75,268	72.5%	29.92%
• Company ABNs	16,684	16.0%	3.96%
• Trusts	5,818	5.6%	-5.57%
• Super Funds	3,581	3.4%	7.28%
• Partnerships	1,761	1.6%	-14.35%
• Other	737	0.7%	-19.89%

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



States & Territories

Australia’s Business Formation



State	VALUE	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• NSW	32,857	31.60%	14.96%
• VIC	27,677	26.70%	18.55%
• QLD	21,949	21.10%	27.01%
• WA	11,337	10.90%	28.29%
• SA	6,333	6.10%	19.99%
• ACT	1,571	1.50%	25.78%
• TAS	1,354	1.30%	18.25%
• NT	721	0.70%	19.77%
• Other	50	0.00%	-63.77%

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

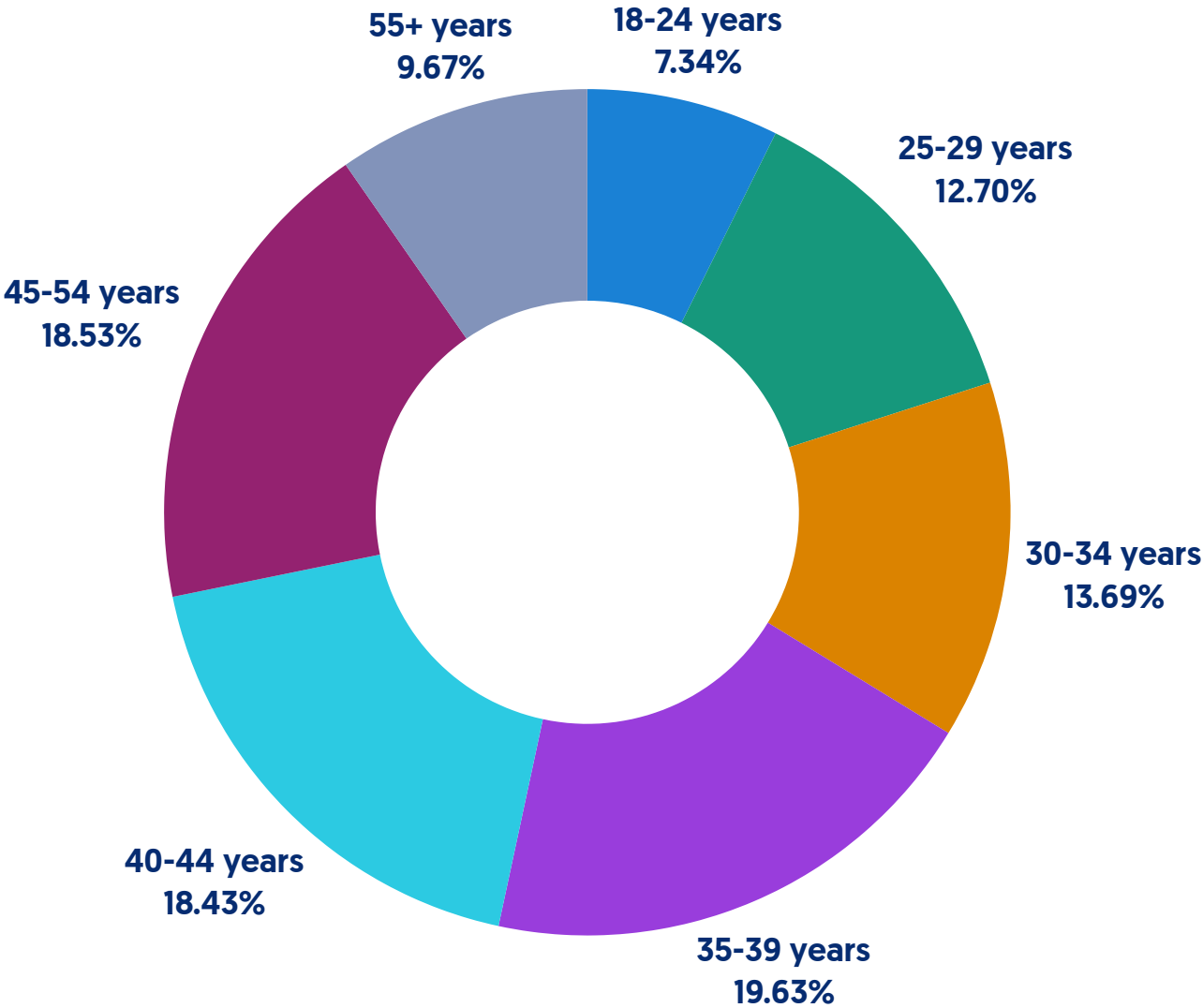
Suburbs On The Rise

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	STATE	BUSINESSES REGISTERED (AUGUST 2024)	BUSINESSES REGISTERED (AUGUST 2025)	YOY GROWTH
Hoppers Crossing	Victoria	887	1,094	23.34%
Melbourne CBD	Victoria	784	945	20.54%
Sydney CBD	New South Wales	889	811	-8.77%
Cragieburn	Tasmania	574	764	33.10%
Werribee	Victoria	480	582	21.25%
Cranebourne	Victoria	472	511	8.26%
Liverpool	New South Wales	452	492	8.85%
Brisbane	Queensland	362	455	25.69%

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

Age Distribution of Founders

Demographic Analysis

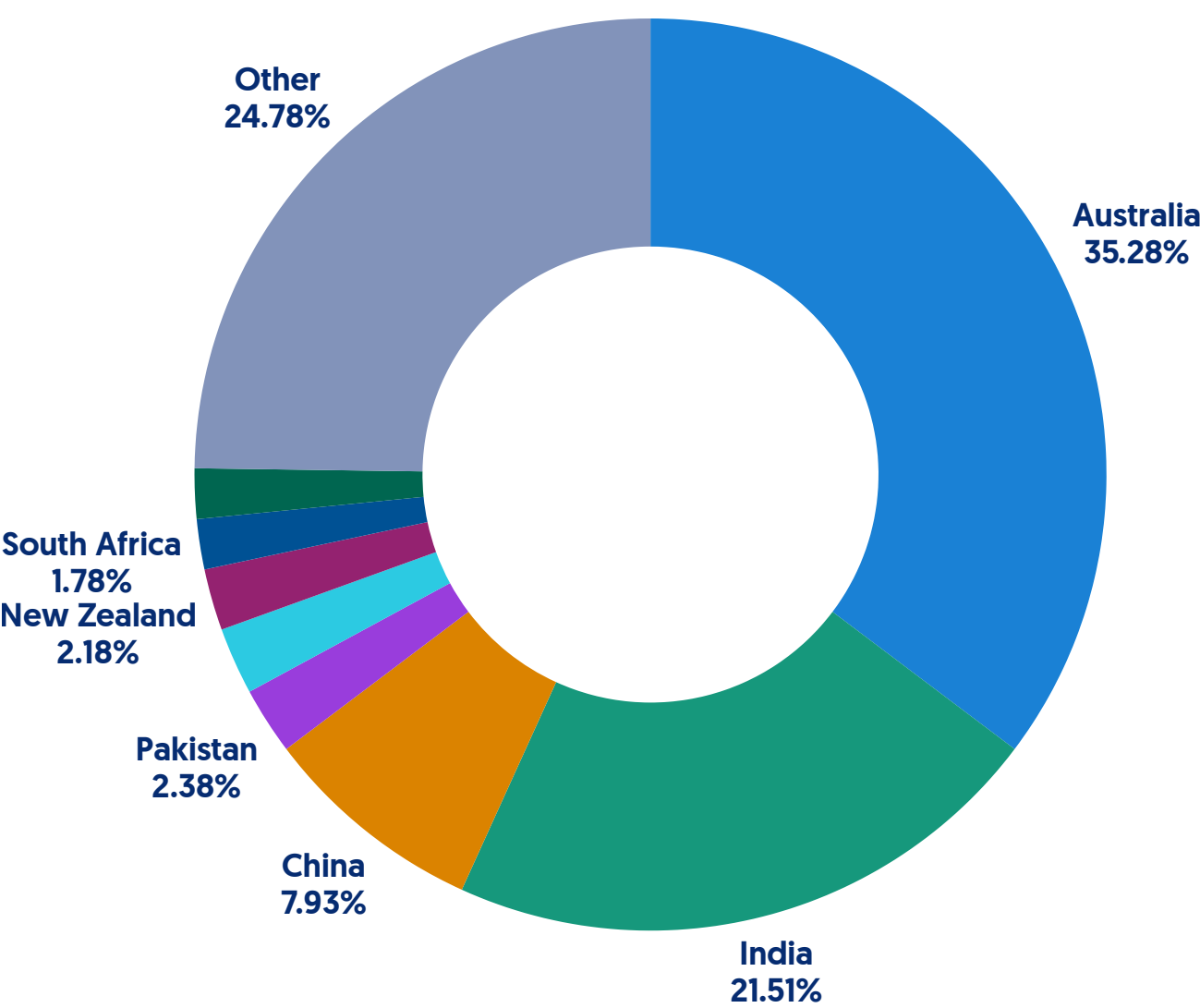


CATEGORY	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• 18-24 years	7.34%	62.22%
• 25-29 years	12.70%	15.60%
• 30-34 years	13.69%	-12.82%
• 35-39 years	19.63%	8.94%
• 40-44 years	18.43%	-4.69%
• 45-54 years	18.53%	0.55%
• 55+ years	9.67%	23.08%

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

Countries of Birth

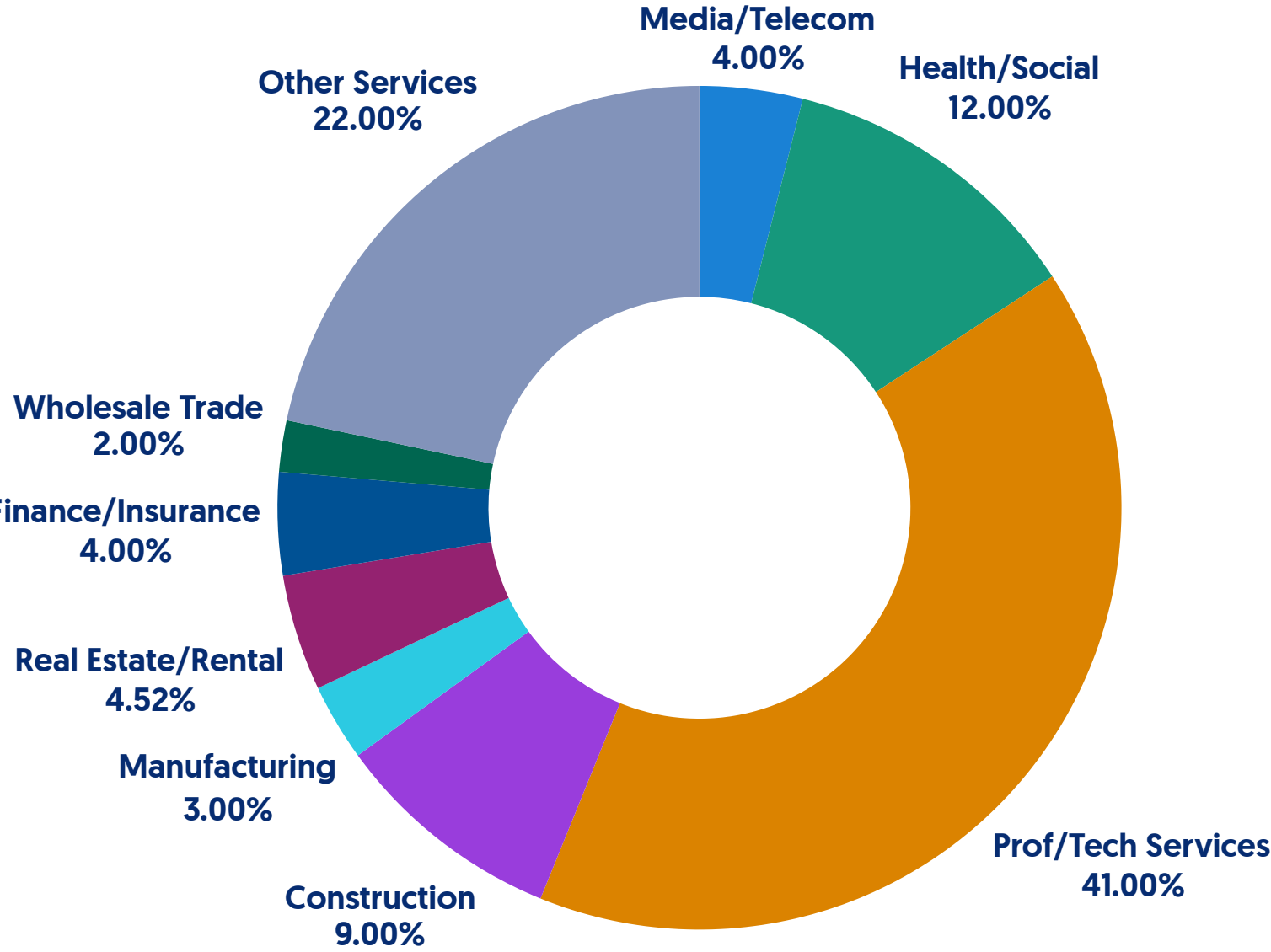
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COUNTRY	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• Australia	35.28%	16.00%
• India	21.51%	14.00%
• China	7.93%	-13.00%
• Pakistan	2.38%	26.00%
• United Kingdom	2.38%	9.00%
• New Zealand	2.18%	38.00%
• Sri Lanka	1.78%	6.00%
• Bangladesh	1.78%	100.00%
• Other	24.78%	-7.00%

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Industry Distribution



CATEGORY	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• Media/Telecom	4.00%	-29.0%
• Health/Social	12.00%	2.0%
• Prof/Tech Services	41.00%	8.0%
• Construction	9.00%	18.0%
• Manufacturing	3.00%	18.0%
• Real Estate/Rental	4.52%	-48.0%
• Finance/Insurance	4.00%	27.0%
• Wholesale Trade	2.00%	-56.0%
• Other Services	22.00%	10.5%

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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.



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