

New Business Index

• August 2026 •

Executive Summary

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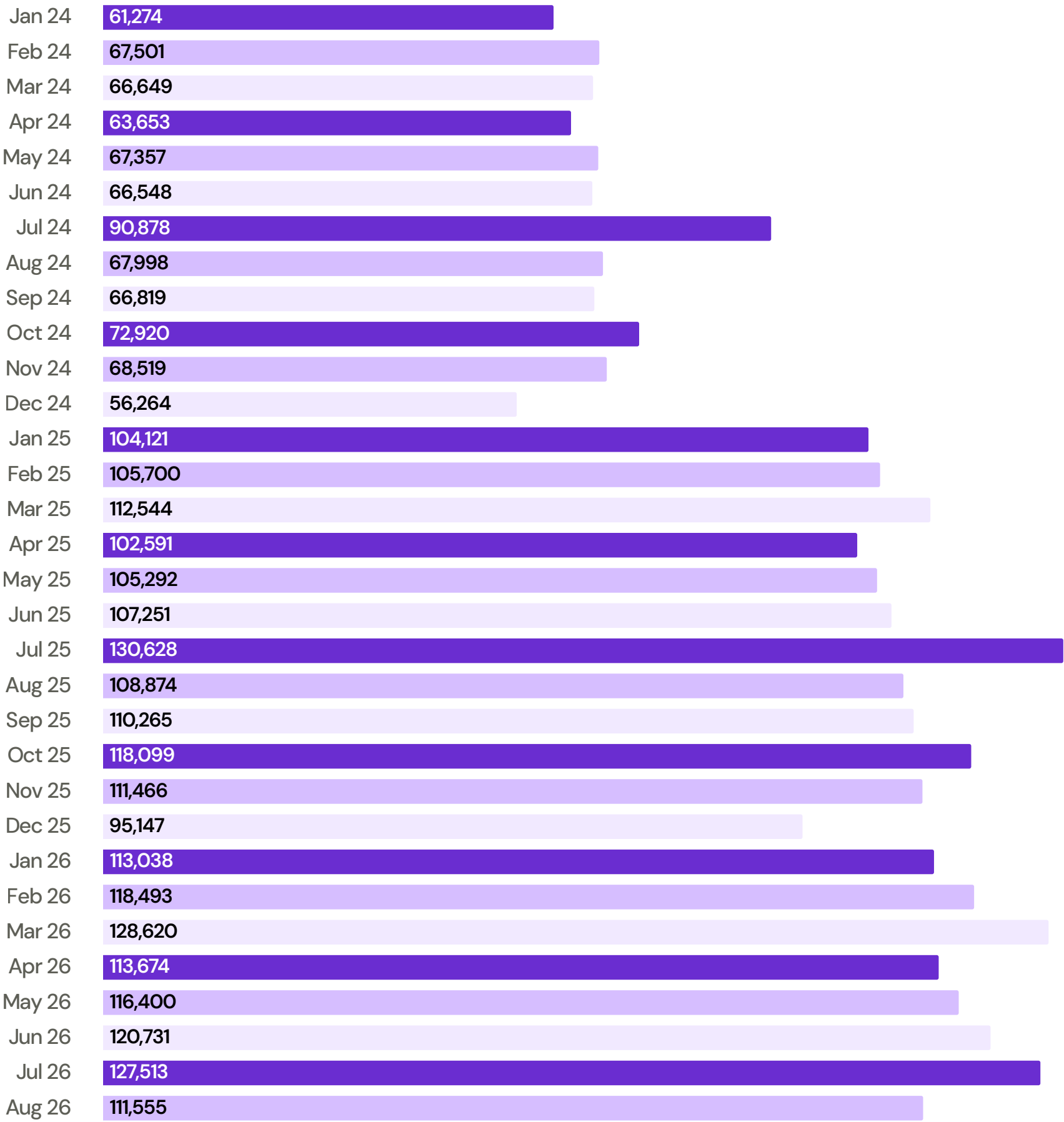
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Source: [Australian Business Register](#) – ABN Bulk Extract



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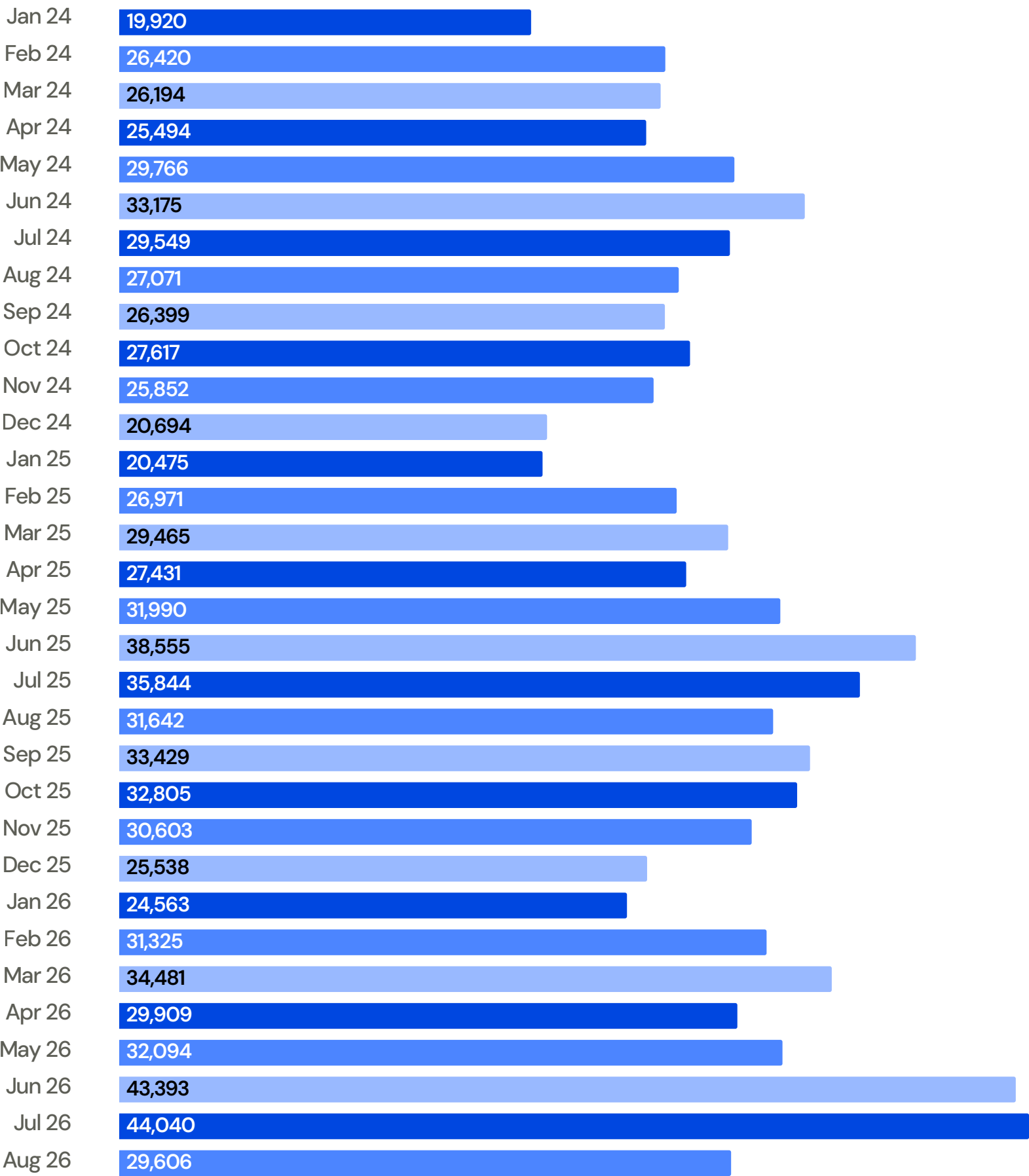
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Source: [ASIC – Company registration statistics](#)



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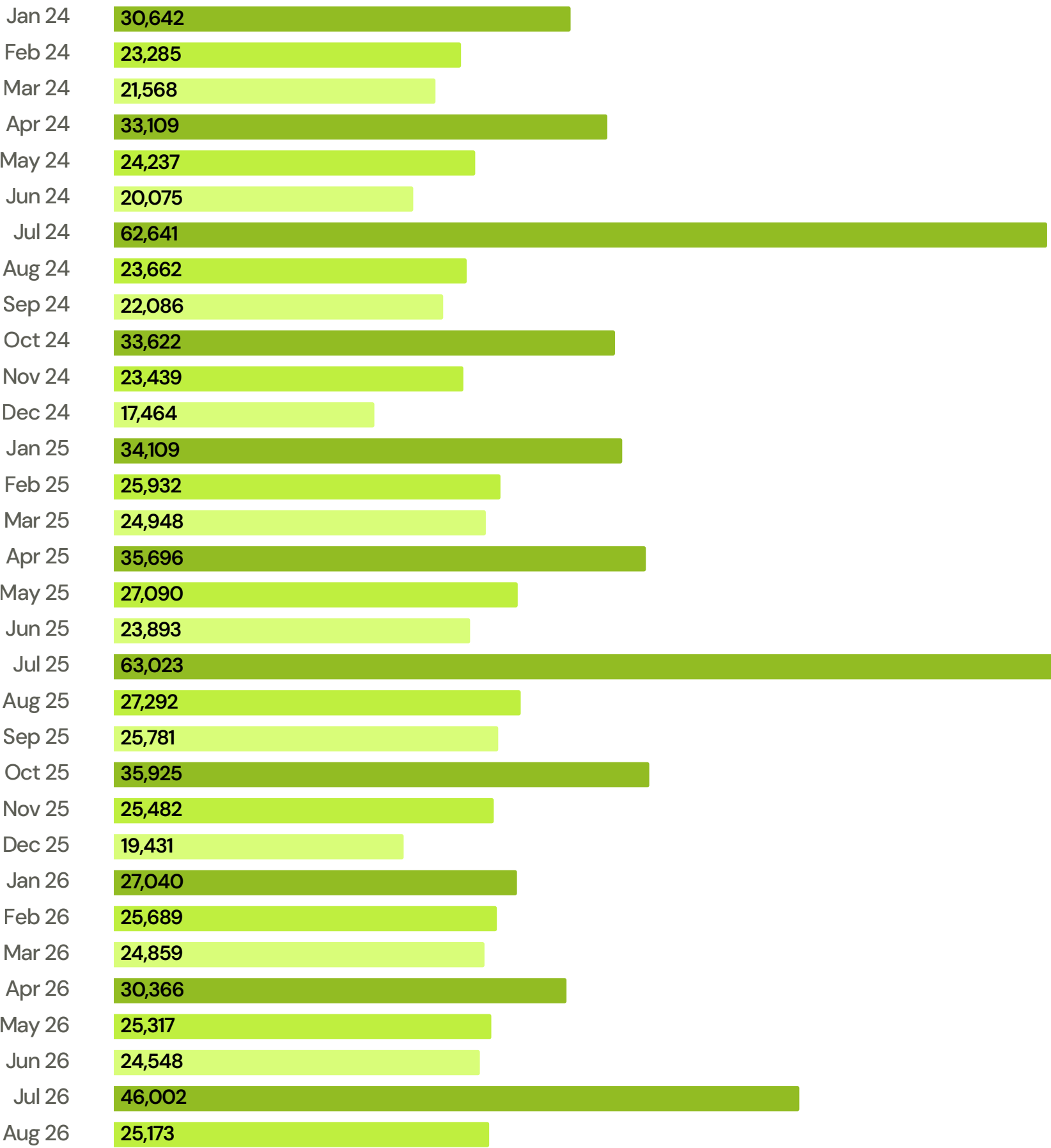
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August 2026's numbers show new business formation ticking back up while company incorporations pulled back, and the geographic story reversing compared to July. 111,555 new businesses were registered, up 2.46% YoY, while 29,606 companies were registered, down 6.43%.

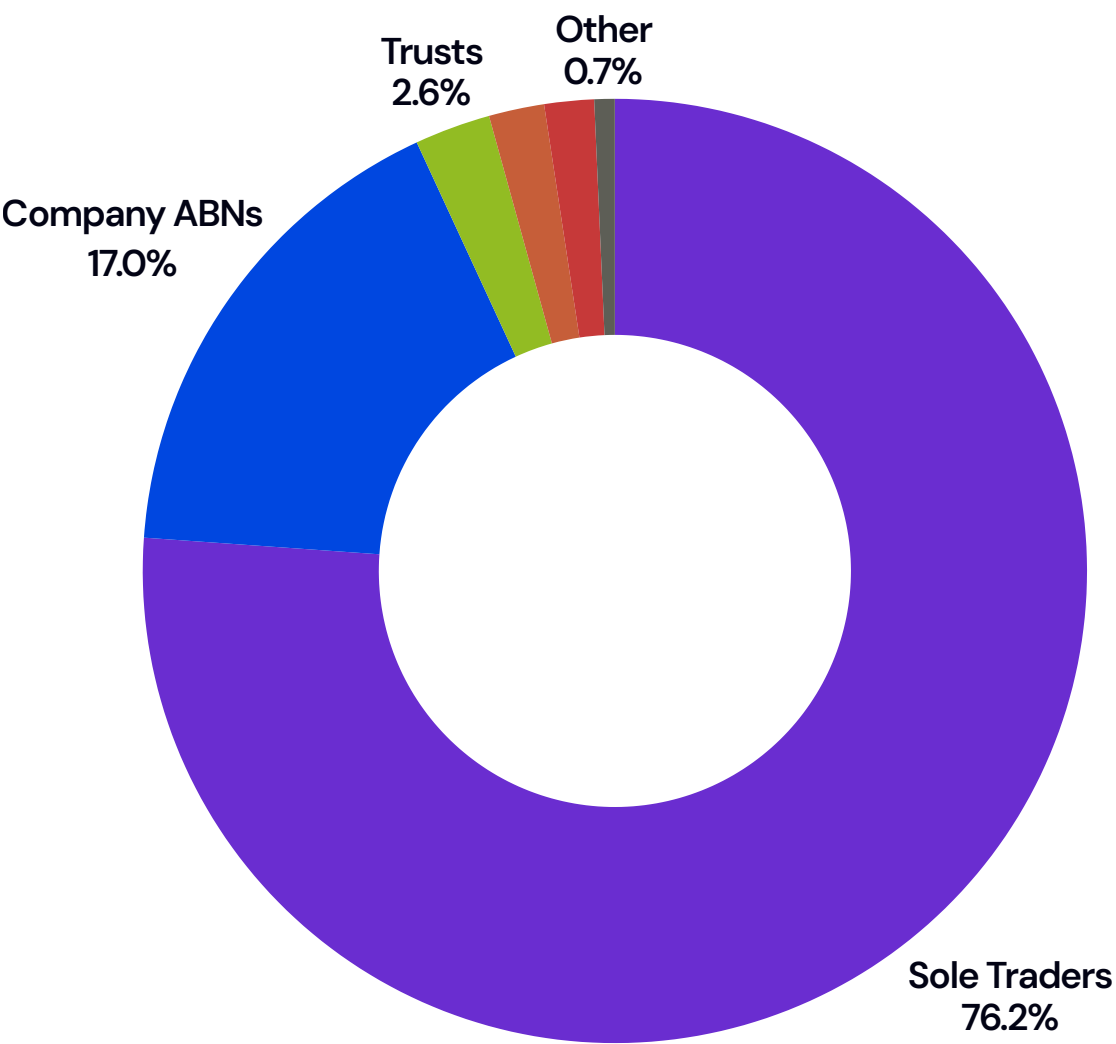
Growth at a state level turned positive across the board. Tasmania led all states and territories, up 15.95%, followed by the Northern Territory (+11.37%) and Queensland (+7.49%). NSW (+7.13%), Victoria (+6.97%) and the ACT (+6.37%) all posted solid gains as well, while Western Australia (+2.88%) and South Australia (+1.75%) grew more modestly. NSW and Victoria still carry the highest registration volumes, and this month both are contributing to growth too.

At a suburb level, the CBD slide reversed: Sydney CBD 2000 and Melbourne CBD 3000 both grew, up 16.28% and 9.10% YoY. Point Cook 3029 remains the largest postcode by volume and returned to growth, up 11.88%, while Clyde/Cranbourne 3977 and Liverpool 2170 also grew, up 18.09% and 3.52%.

The founder profile skewed older, with 45 to 54 year olds the largest cohort at 20% share and, alongside every group over 40, still growing, up 1.95%. Personal Services and Construction topped the industry mix at 21% and 20% share, while Communication Services was the fastest growing category overall, up 69.23%, with Construction the fastest grower among the largest categories, up 38.18%. Together, the data points to a formation wave that's broadening again, with growth returning across postcodes and now, unlike last month, across every state and territory too.

Business Structures

Australia’s Business Formation

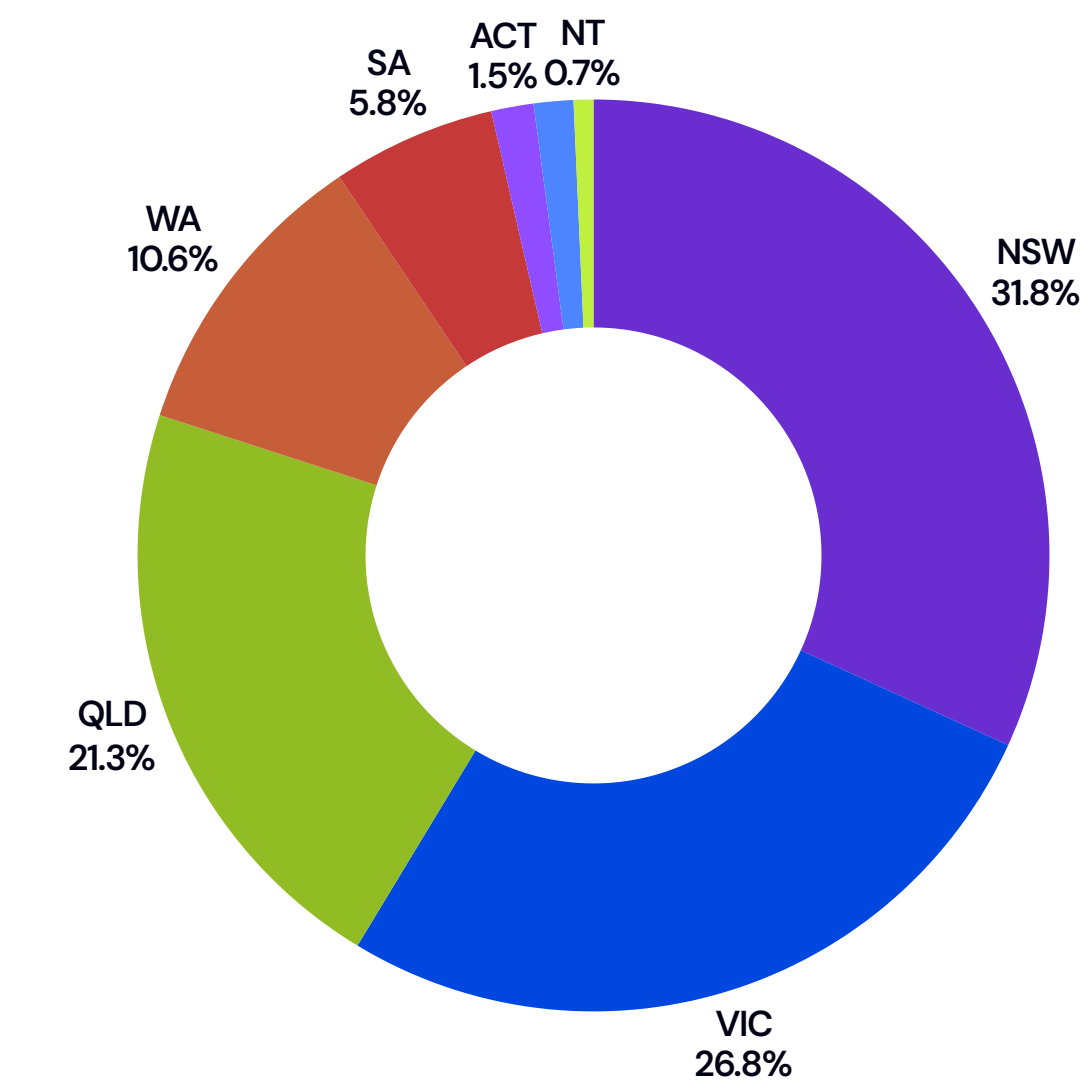


CATEGORY	VALUE	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• Sole Traders	84,516	76.2%	12.29%
• Company ABNs	18,827	17.0%	12.84%
• Trusts	2,866	2.6%	-19.97%
• Super Funds	2,102	1.9%	-63.87%
• Partnerships	1,852	1.7%	5.17%
• Other	745	0.7%	1.09%

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

States & Territories

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STATE	VALUE	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• NSW	35,200	31.8%	7.13%
• VIC	29,606	26.8%	6.97%
• QLD	23,592	21.3%	7.49%
• WA	11,664	10.6%	2.88%
• SA	6,444	5.8%	1.75%
• ACT	1,671	1.5%	6.37%
• TAS	1,570	1.4%	15.95%
• NT	803	0.7%	11.37%

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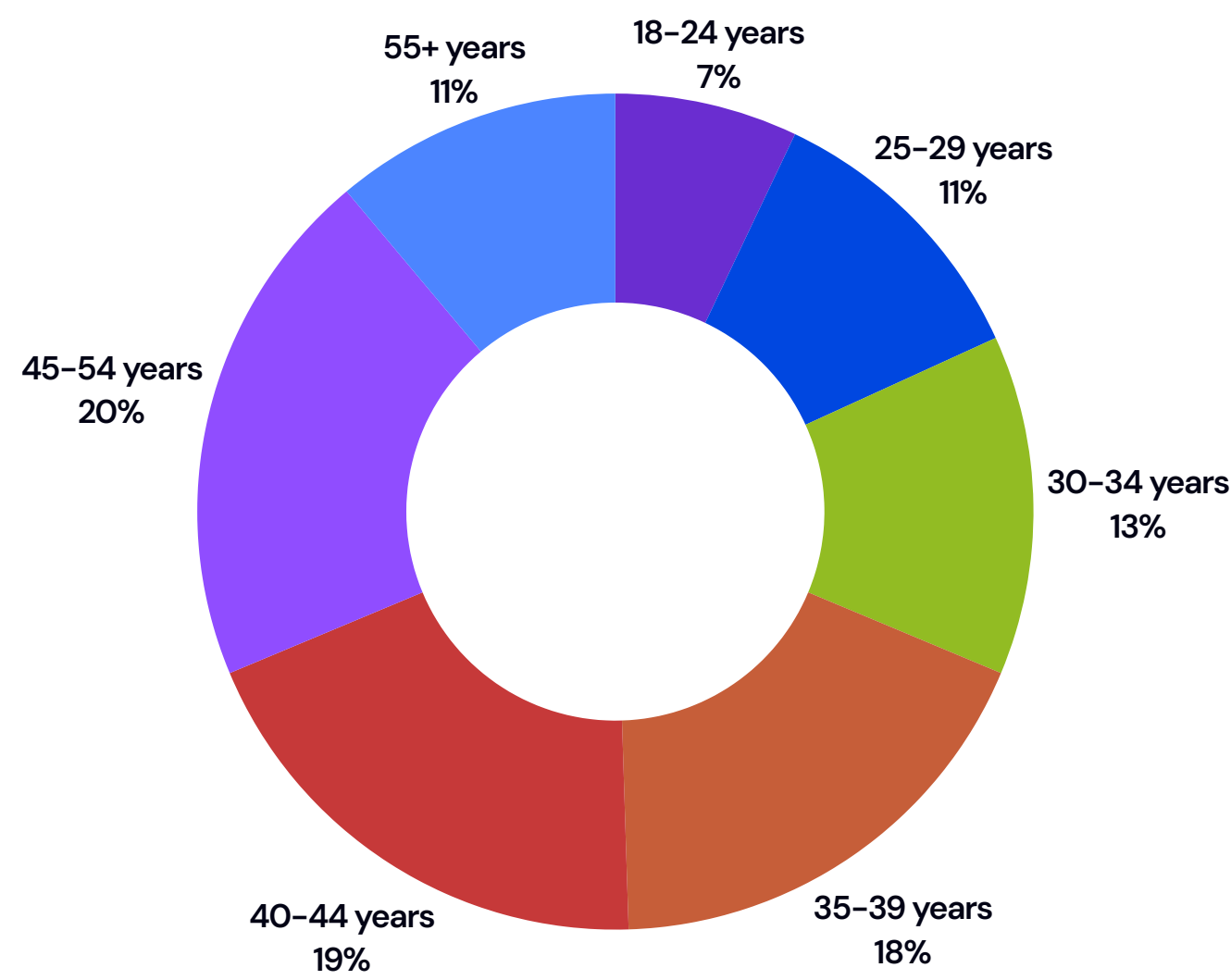
Suburbs On The Rise

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	STATE	BUSINESSES REGISTERED (August 2025)	BUSINESSES REGISTERED (August 2026)	YOY GROWTH
Wyndham	Victoria	1,094	1,224	11.88%
Melbourne	Victoria	945	1,031	9.10%
Sydney	New South Wales	811	943	16.28%
Hume	Victoria	764	770	0.79%
Wyndham	Victoria	582	621	6.70%
Casey	Victoria	492	581	18.09%
Liverpool	New South Wales	511	529	3.52%
Brisbane	Queensland	432	496	14.81%

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Age Distribution of Founders

Demographic Analysis

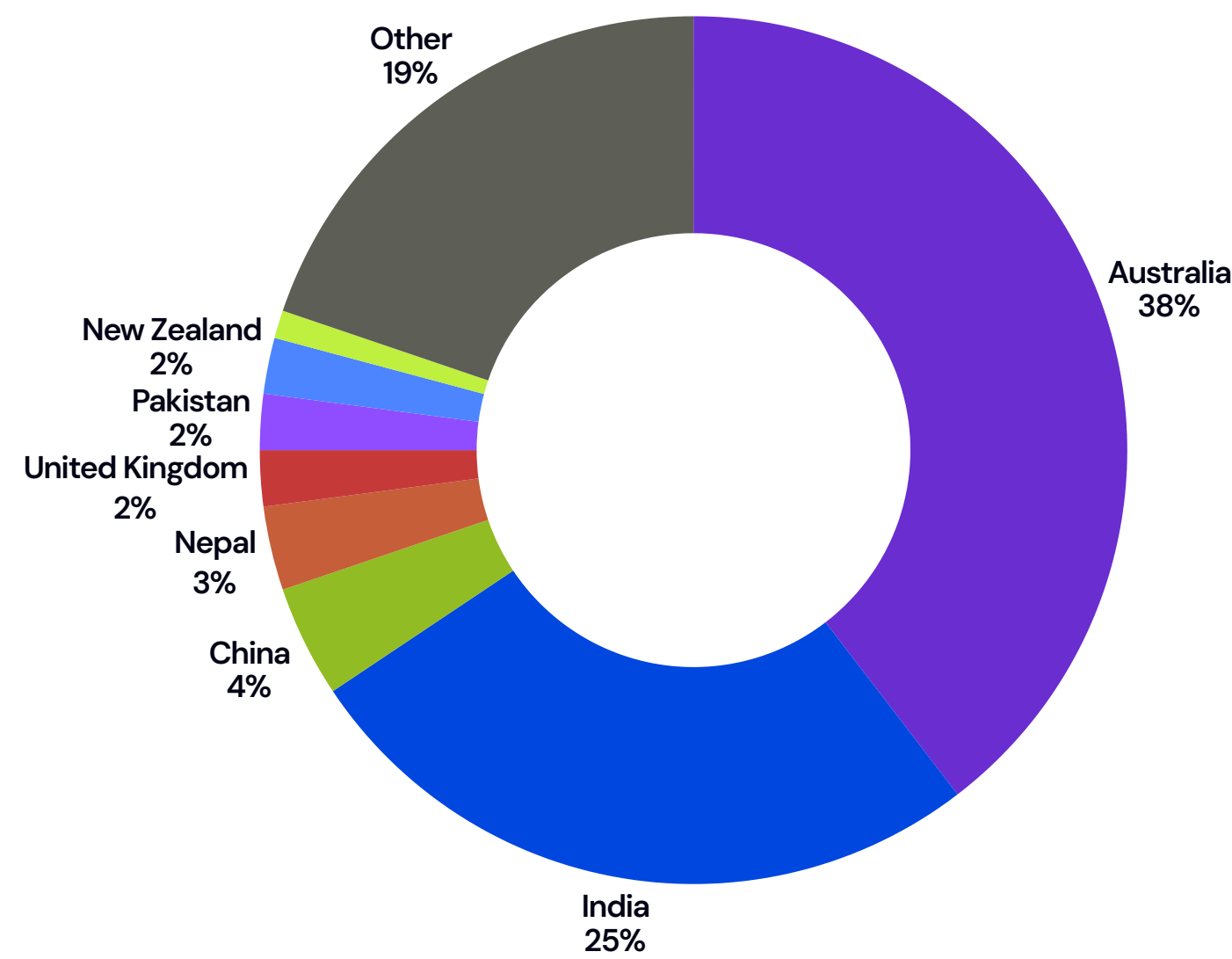


CATEGORY	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• 18-24 years	7%	-0.29%
• 25-29 years	11%	-1.06%
• 30-34 years	13%	-0.66%
• 35-39 years	18%	-1.86%
• 40-44 years	19%	0.61%
• 45-54 years	20%	1.95%
• 55+ years	11%	1.32%

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

Countries of Birth

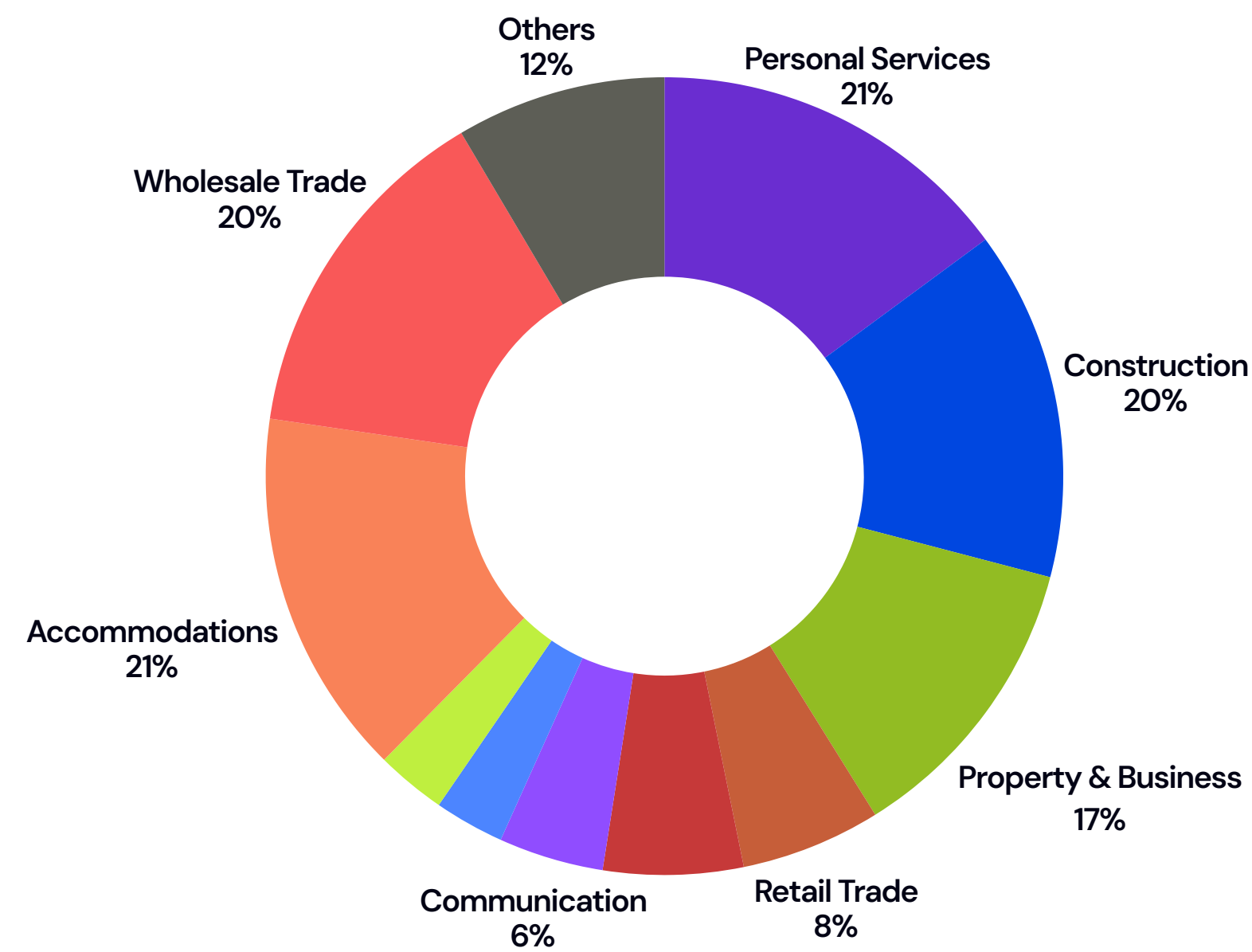
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COUNTRY	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• Australia	38%	3.26%
• India	25%	-4.87%
• China	4%	-55.42%
• Nepal	3%	29.41%
• United Kingdom	2%	-12.50%
• Pakistan	2%	-29.63%
• New Zealand	2%	-44.44%
• Iran	1%	71.43%
• Others	19%	-31.95%

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Industry Distribution



CATEGORY	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• Personal Services	21%	2.60%
• Construction	20%	38.18%
• Property & Business	17%	29.41%
• Retail Trade	8%	-30.23%
• Health & Community	8%	-57.75%
• Communication	6%	69.23%
• Finance & Insurance	4%	-36.36%
• Transport & Storage	4%	-44.00%
• Accommodations	21%	2.60%
• Wholesale Trade	20%	38.18%
• Others	12%	-9.95%

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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.

