

New Business Index

•FY26•

Executive Summary

Statistics For FY26

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

• January 2025 – June 2026 •

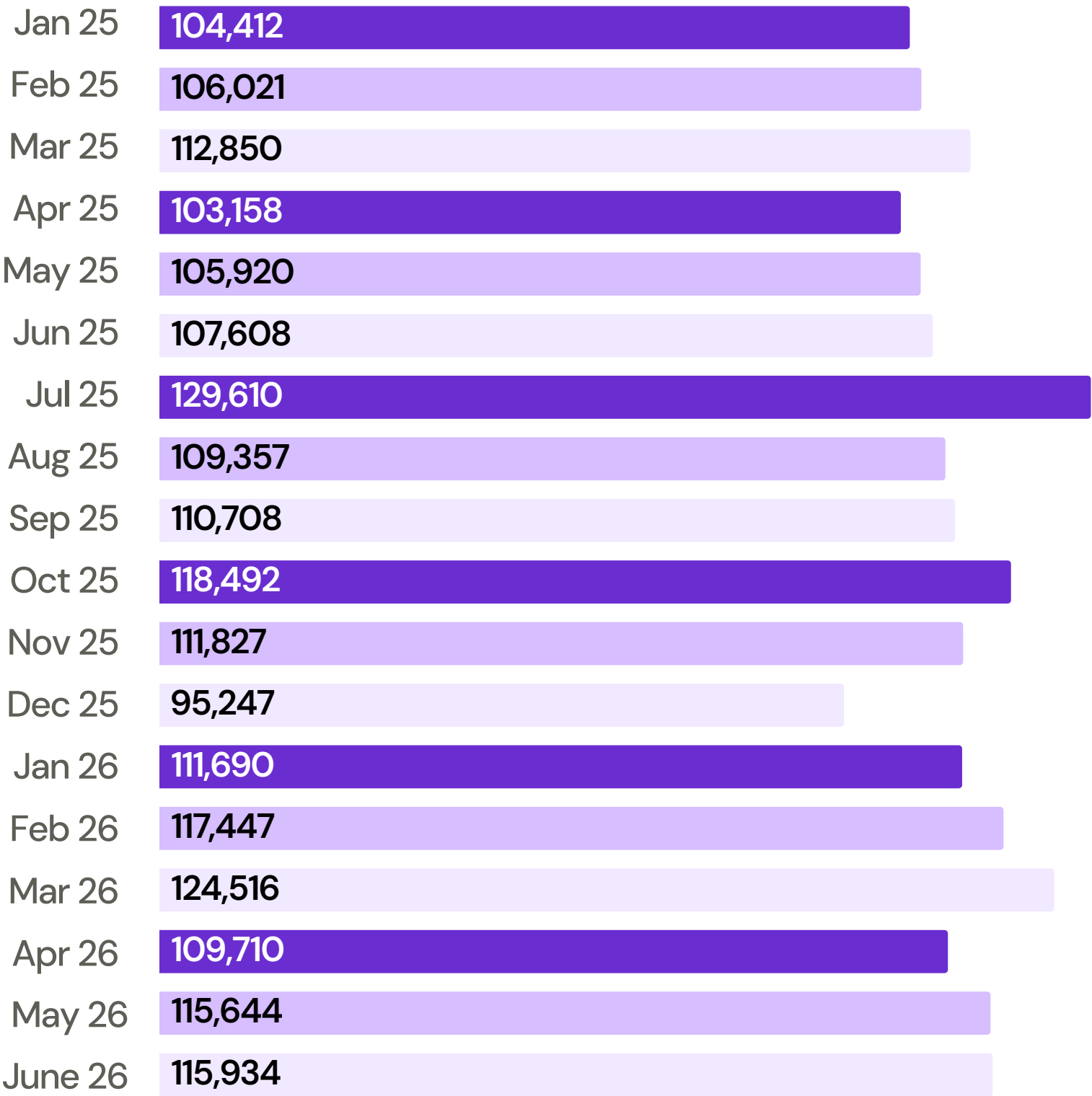
NEW BUSINESS REGISTERED

+31.34% YoY

1,380,611

Total ABN registrations in FY26

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



Monthly ACN registrations

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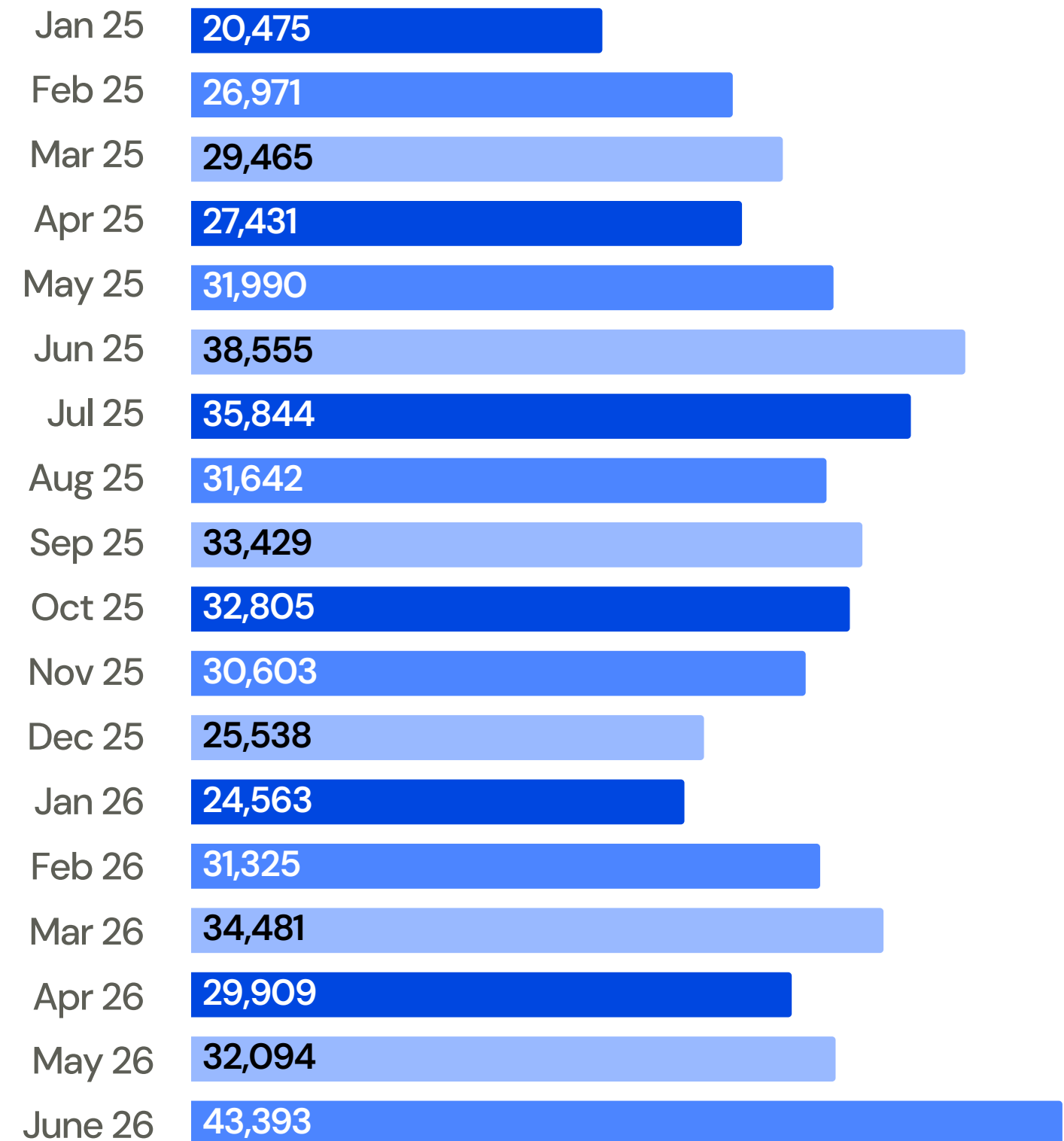
NEW COMPANIES REGISTERED

+16.13% YoY

385,626

Total ACN registrations in FY26

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



Monthly GST registrations

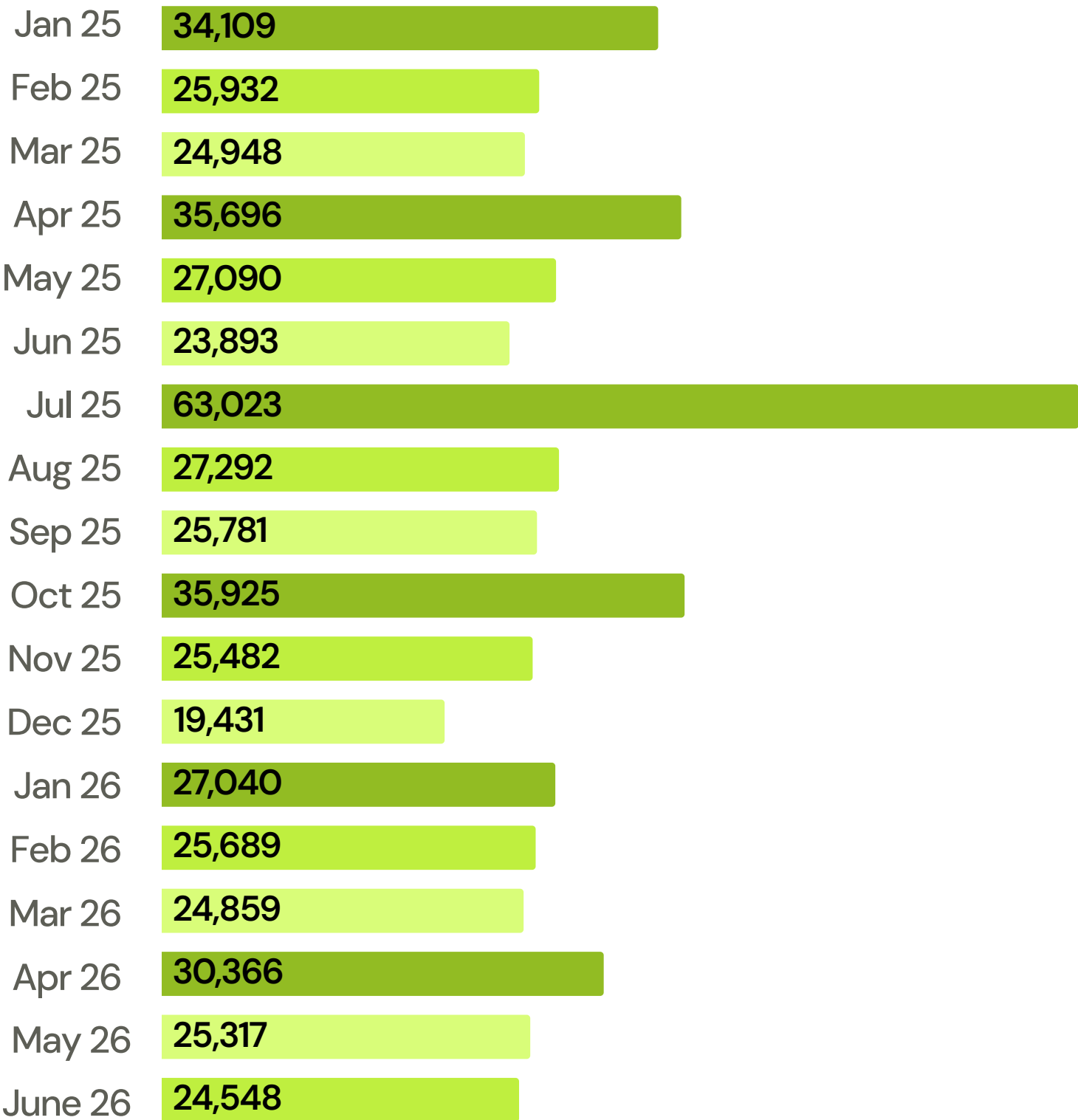
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GST STATUS

4.46% YoY

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Businesses registered for GST in FY26



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

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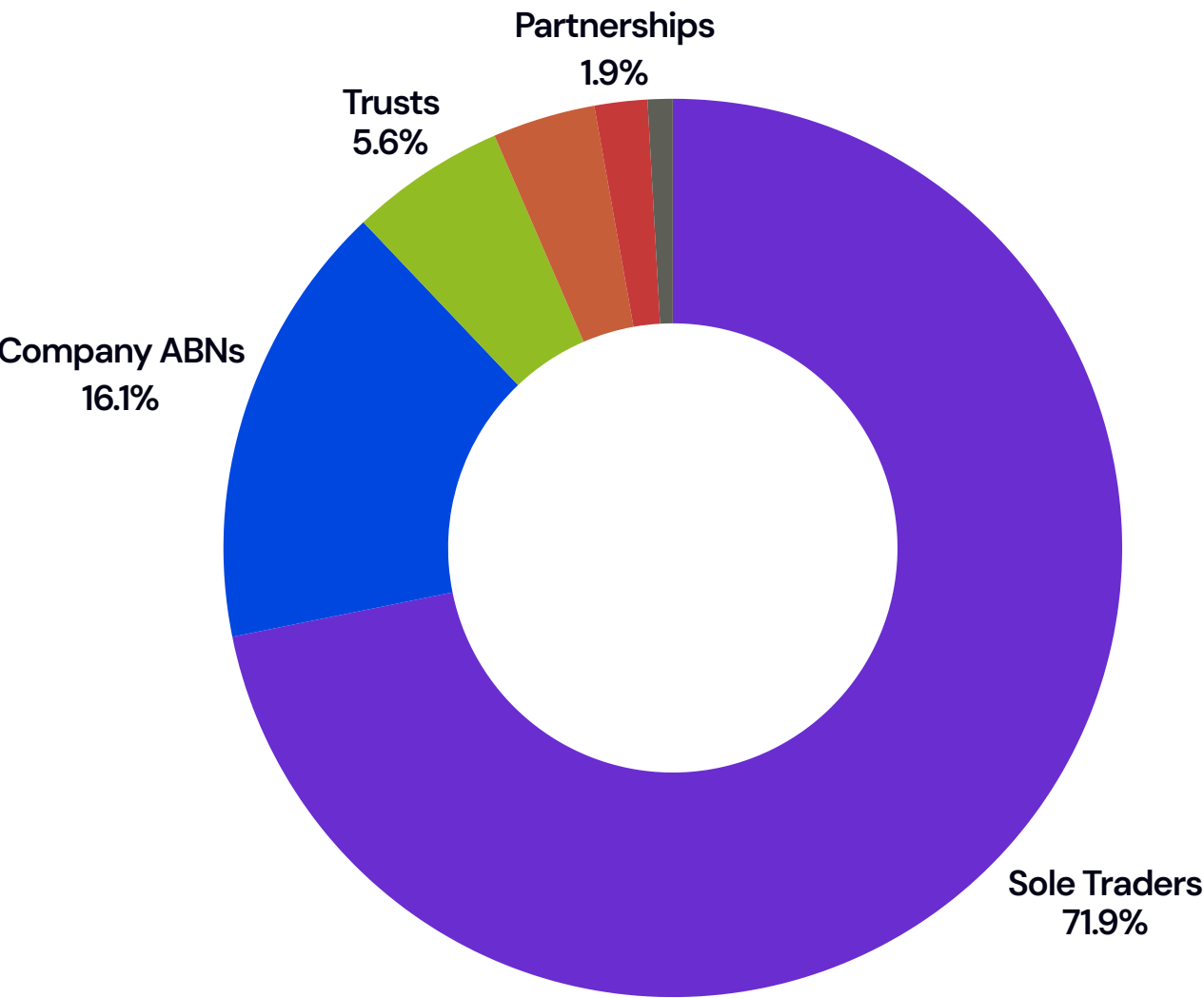
The shift in Australian business registrations between July 2025 and June 2026 points to a reshuffling of where new activity is concentrated, not simply an increase in volume. Lawpath data shows Personal & Other Services rose from 19% to 24% of new registrations, while Property & Business Services jumped from 12% to 17%, a 60% year-on-year increase in its share of the mix. Construction also strengthened, up from 14% to 16%, and Communication Services more than tripled its share, moving from 2% to 7%. Agriculture, Forestry & Fishing and Electricity, Gas & Water Supply both moved from a negligible base to 2% and 1% respectively, suggesting pockets of new formation in categories that were barely represented a year earlier.

The offsetting decline is just as telling. Health & Community Services fell sharply, from 15% to 7% of registrations, and Retail Trade slipped from 10% to 8%. Finance & Insurance, Wholesale Trade, and Transport & Storage all lost share, each down more than 20% year-on-year in relative terms, while Cultural & Recreational Services roughly halved its portion of the mix. Read together, the pattern suggests founders are moving away from categories that were previously reliable entry points, such as retail, health services, and logistics, toward services, property-adjacent, construction, and communications work, where the share of new registrations grew fastest. The economic backdrop offers a plausible explanation. The RBA lifted its cash rate to 4.35% through the first half of 2026, reversing the rate cuts delivered in 2025, as inflation re-accelerated well above the 2 to 3% target band. With borrowing costs and living expenses climbing again, the appeal of trades, property-related services, and flexible personal-services work looks less like sector-specific optimism and more like Australians gravitating toward formation categories with lower capital requirements and faster paths to income.

Same note as before: this is built entirely from the industry breakdown in your sheet. If you've got demographic, location, or entity-type data to add, I can extend it to match the fuller structure of the original.

Business Structures

Australia’s Business Formation

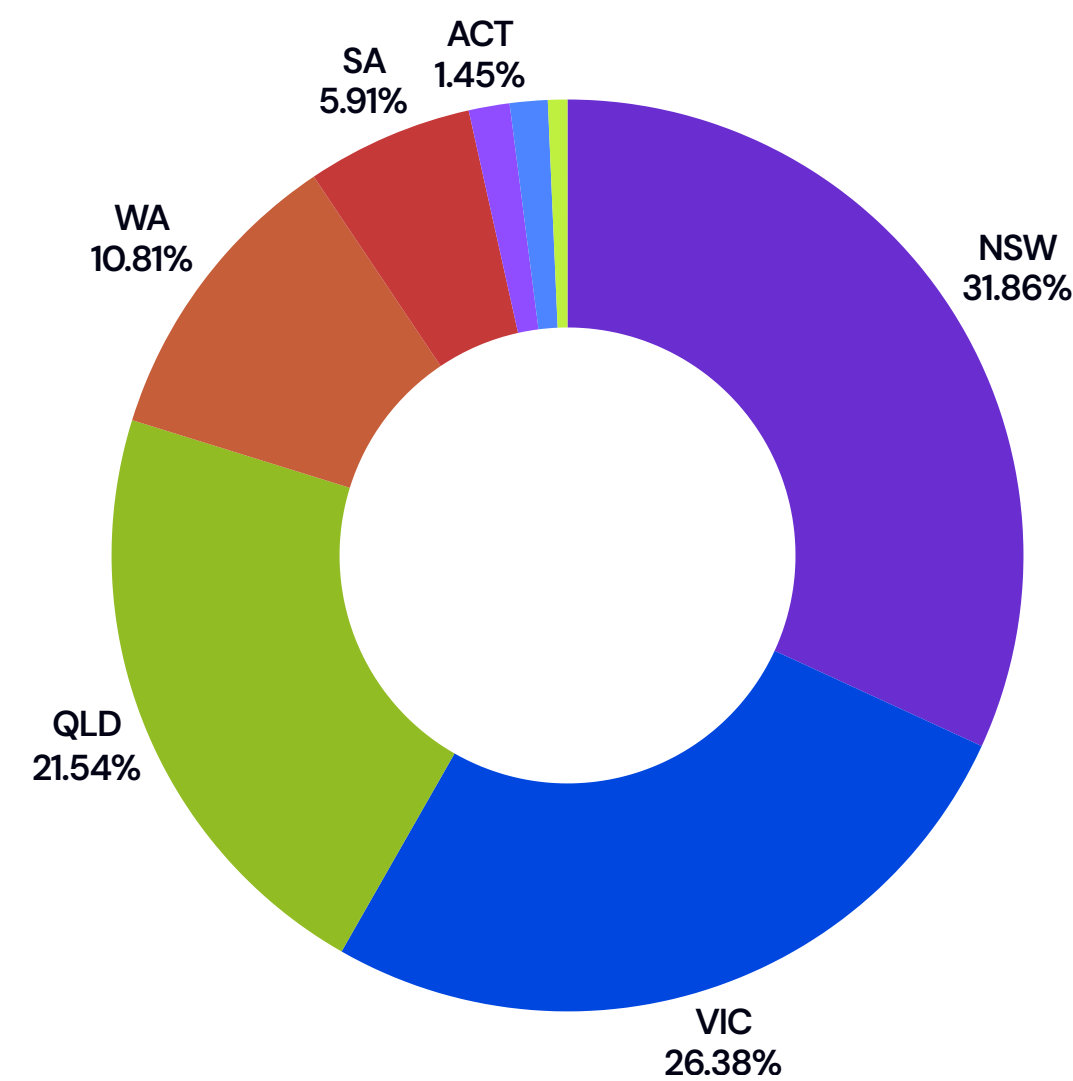


CATEGORY	FY25	FY26	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• Sole Traders	704,363	992,166	71.9%	40.86%
• Company ABNs	194,727	222,038	16.1%	14.03%
• Trusts	74,939	76,927	5.6%	2.65%
• Super Funds	41,442	51,078	3.7%	23.25%
• Partnerships	23,162	25,618	1.9%	10.60%
• Other	12196	12002	0.9%	-1.59%

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

States & Territories

Australia’s Business Formation



STATE	FY25	FY26	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• NSW	339,484	438,816	31.86%	29.26%
• VIC	283,317	363,375	26.38%	28.26%
• QLD	218,694	296,692	21.54%	36.67%
• WA	108,224	148,908	10.81%	37.60%
• SA	62,525	81,419	5.91%	30.22%
• ACT	14,938	20,029	1.45%	34.08%
• TAS	13,773	18,404	1.34%	33.62%
• NT	7261	9526	0.69%	31.20%

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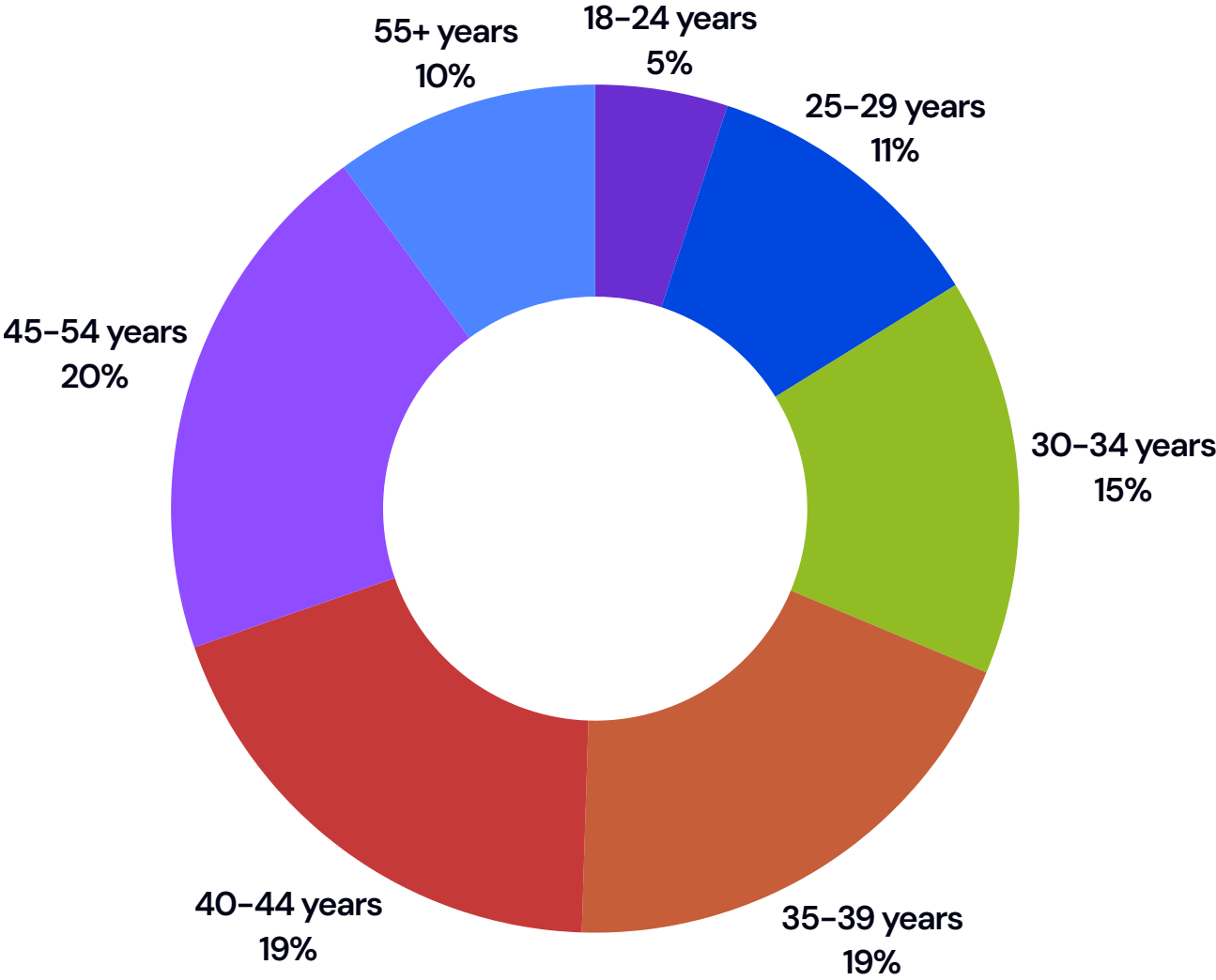
Suburbs On The Rise

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	STATE	BUSINESSES REGISTERED FY25	BUSINESSES REGISTERED FY26	YOY GROWTH
Wyndham	Victoria	63,984	65,925	3.03%
Melbourne	Victoria	80,376	82,334	2.44%
Sydney	New South Wales	127,167	128,761	1.25%
Hume	Victoria	42,940	44,250	3.05%
Wyndham	Victoria	38,856	39,993	2.93%
Casey	Victoria	34,551	35,623	3.10%
Sydney	New South Wales	35,979	36,938	2.66%
Brisbane	Queensland	41,802	42,758	2.29%

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Age Distribution of Founders

Demographic Analysis

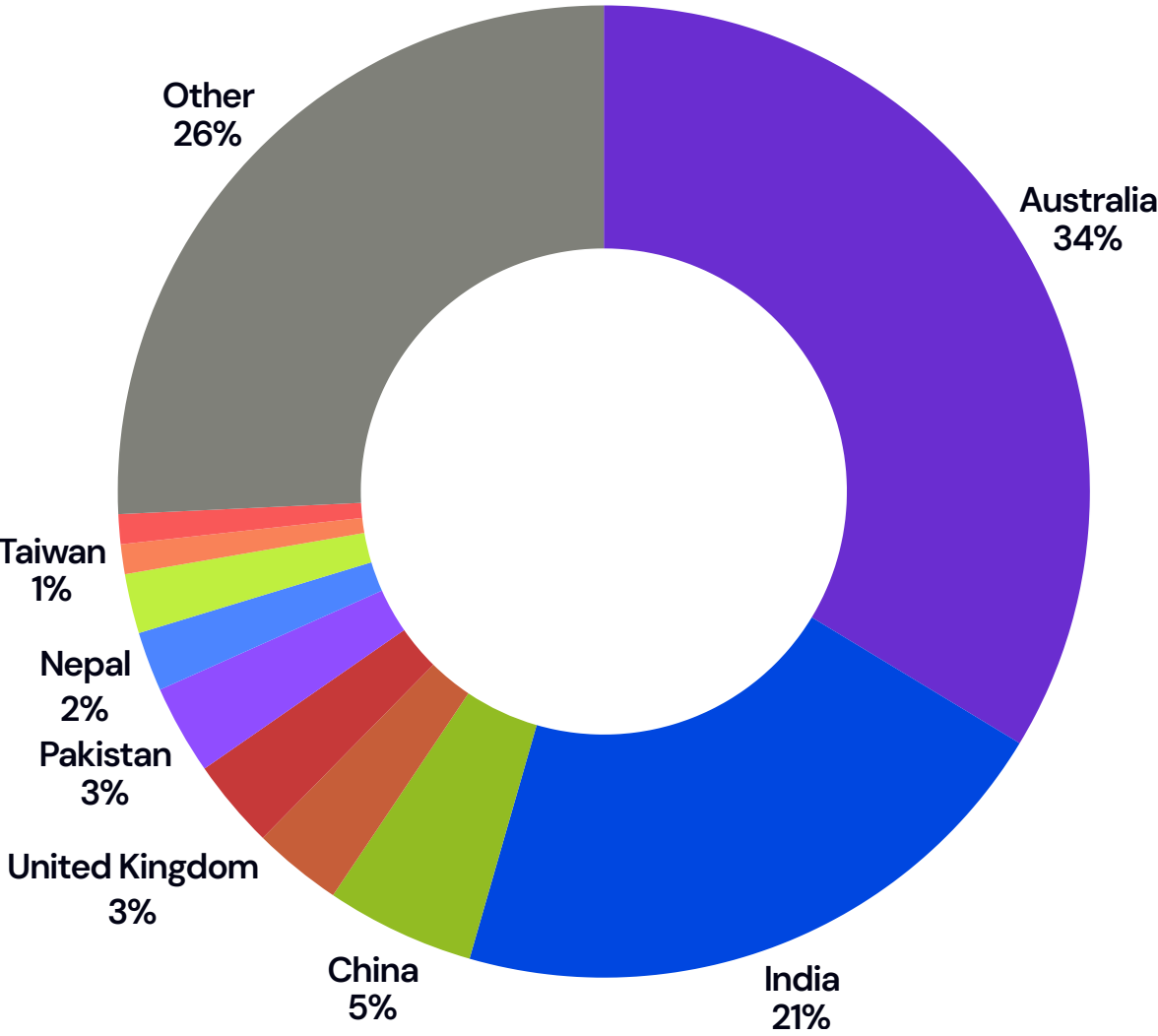


CATEGORY	FY25	FY26	YOY GROWTH
• 18-24 years	6%	5%	-12.31%
• 25-29 years	11%	11%	19.09%
• 30-34 years	17%	15%	1.17%
• 35-39 years	19%	19%	15.74%
• 40-44 years	19%	19%	13.61%
• 45-54 years	21%	20%	5.69%
• 55+ years	8%	10%	34.52%

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

Countries of Birth

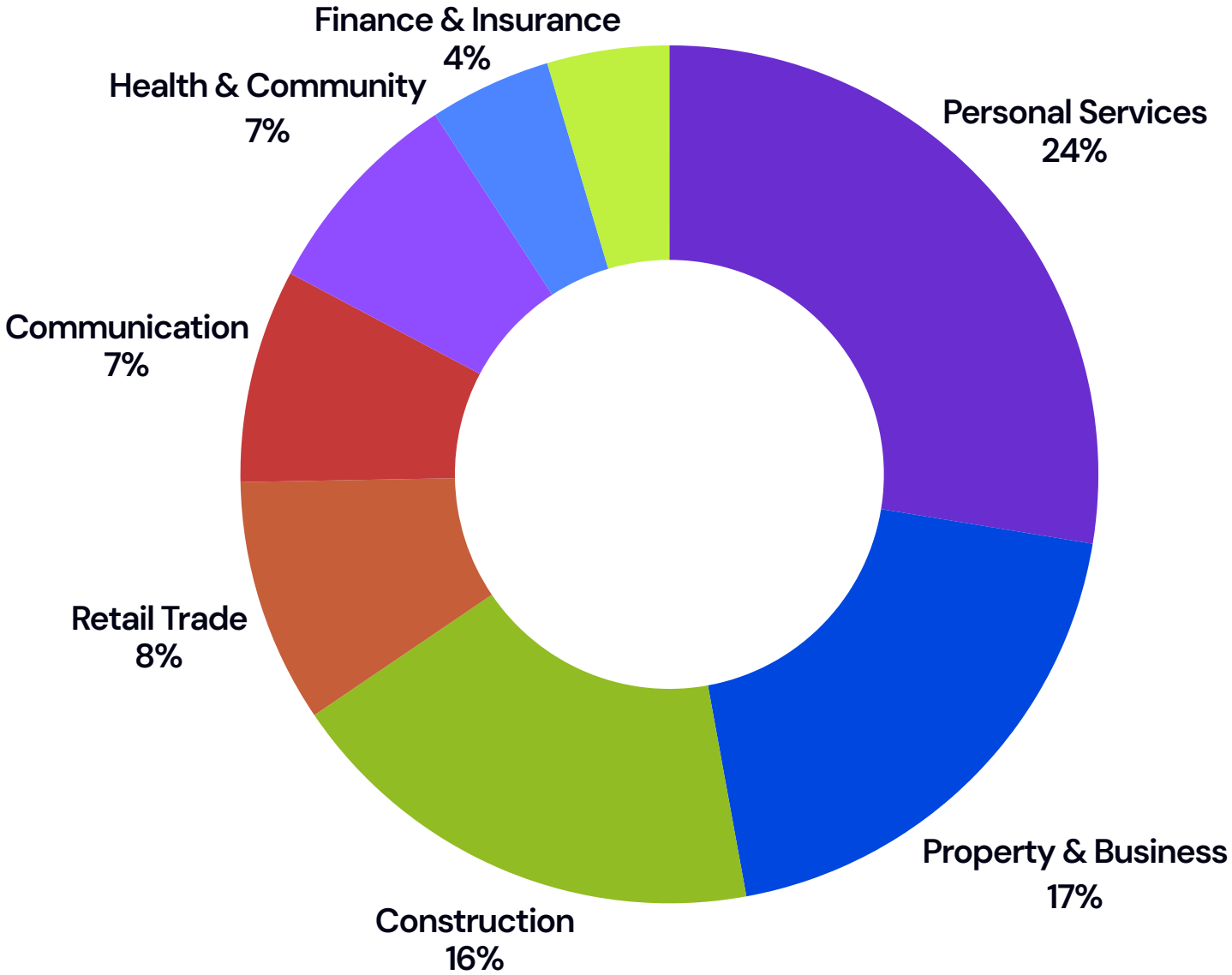
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COUNTRY	FY25	FY26	YOY GROWTH
• Australia	34%	34%	9.71%
• India	21%	21%	8.76%
• China	7%	5%	-16.42%
• New Zealand	2%	3%	112.50%
• United Kingdom	3%	3%	6.67%
• Pakistan	1%	3%	107.14%
• Nepal	2%	2%	37.50%
• Sri Lanka	1%	2%	40.00%
• Taiwan	1%	1%	23.08%
• Iraq	0%	1%	200.00%
• Other	28%	26%	5.24%

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Industry Distribution



CATEGORY	FY25	FY26	YOY GROWTH
• Personal Services	19%	24%	45.12%
• Property & Business	12%	17%	60.38%
• Construction	14%	16%	26.23%
• Retail Trade	10%	8%	-11.36%
• Communication	2%	7%	227.27%
• Health & Community	15%	7%	-46.88%
• Finance & Insurance	6%	4%	-22.22%
• Hospitality	5%	4%	-29.41%

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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.

