

# New Business Index

• July 2026 •

# Executive Summary

## Statistics For July 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

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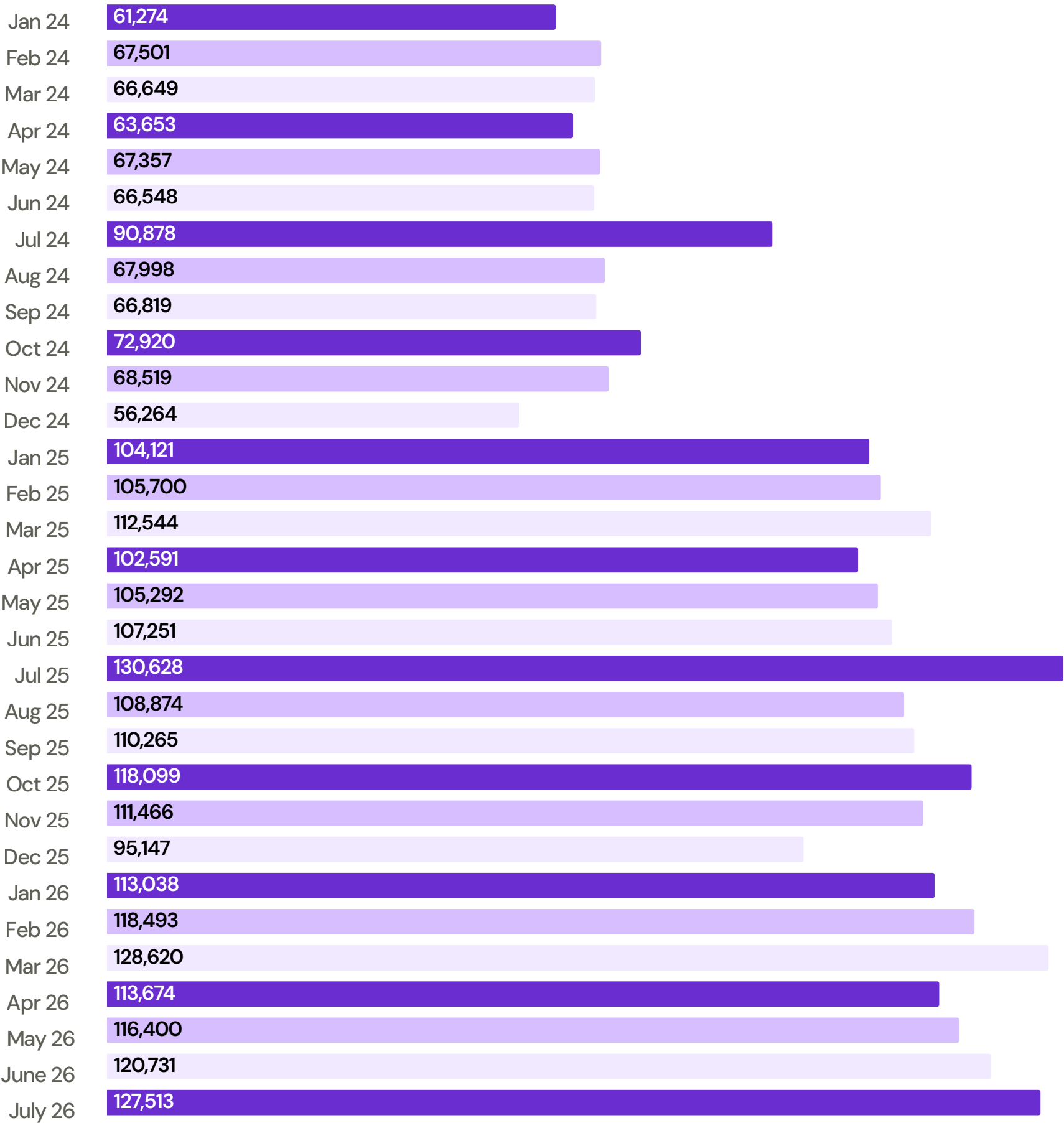
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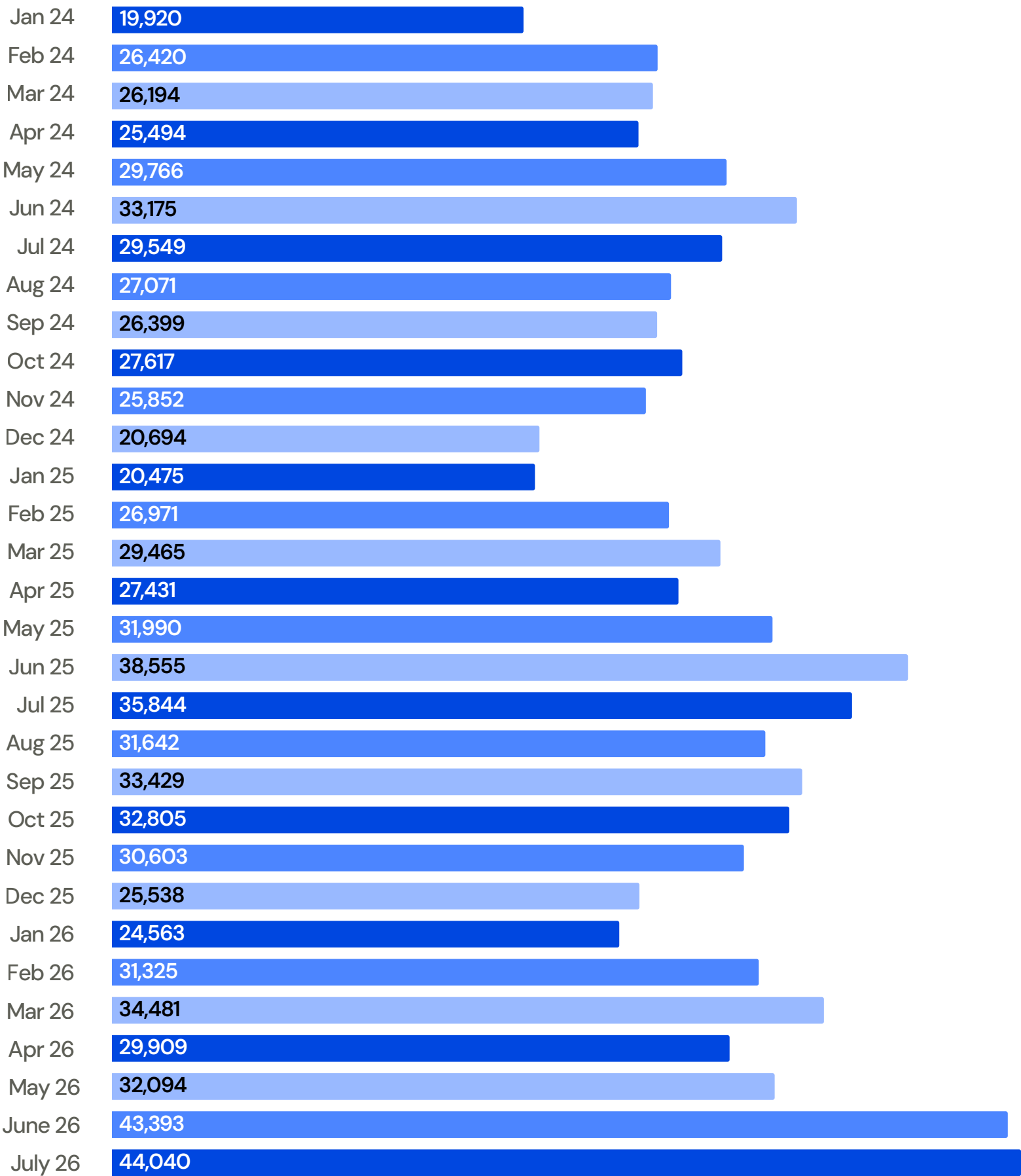
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Source: [ASIC – Company registration statistics](#)



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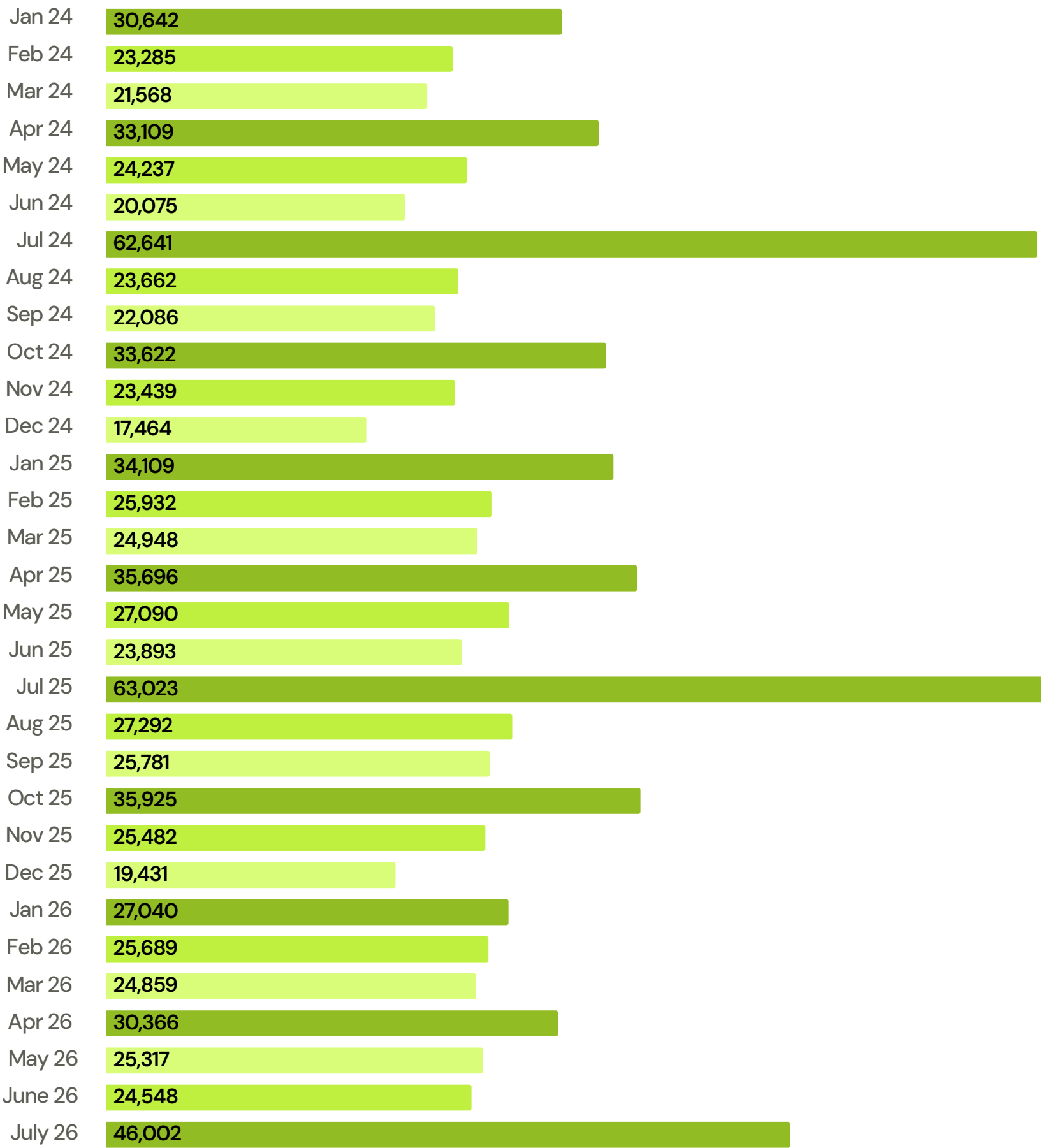
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July 2026's numbers show new business formation cooling, and the geographic story flipping compared to recent months. 127,513 new businesses were registered, down 2.39% YoY, while 44,040 companies were registered, up 22.87%.

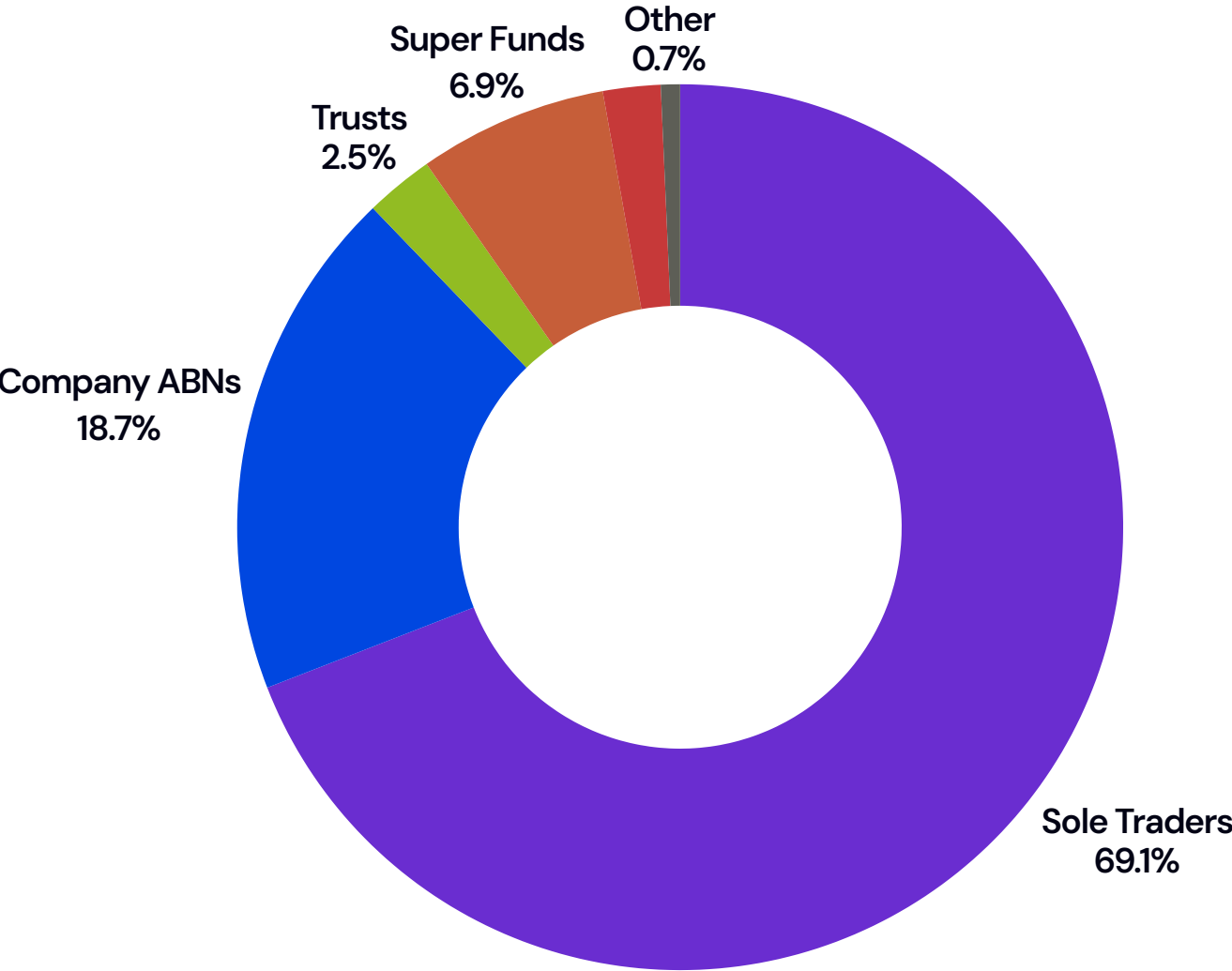
Growth at a state level turned negative almost everywhere. Queensland was the only state or territory to post positive growth, up 0.70%, followed by the ACT at -0.88% and the Northern Territory at -2.39%. Western Australia (-2.89%), NSW (-3.35%) and Victoria (-4.47%) all slowed, Tasmania fell 5.82%, and South Australia recorded the sharpest pullback at -8.81%. NSW and Victoria still carry the highest registration volumes, but neither is contributing to growth this month.

At a suburb level, the CBD slide continued: Sydney CBD 2000 and Melbourne CBD 3000 both fell, down 22.19% and 14.58% YoY. Point Cook 3029 remains the largest postcode by volume but slipped into decline too, down 2.42%, while Liverpool 2170 and Clyde/Cranbourne 3977 led growth, up 12.00% and 10.56%.

The founder profile stayed mature, with 45 to 54 year olds the largest cohort at 23% share and the only group over 40 still growing, up 21.67%. Business Services and Personal Services topped the industry mix at 20% share each, with Business Services the fastest growing major category, up 64.41%. Together, the data points to a formation wave that's stopped broadening and started concentrating, with fewer regions and age groups carrying the growth.

# Business Structures

Australia’s Business Formation

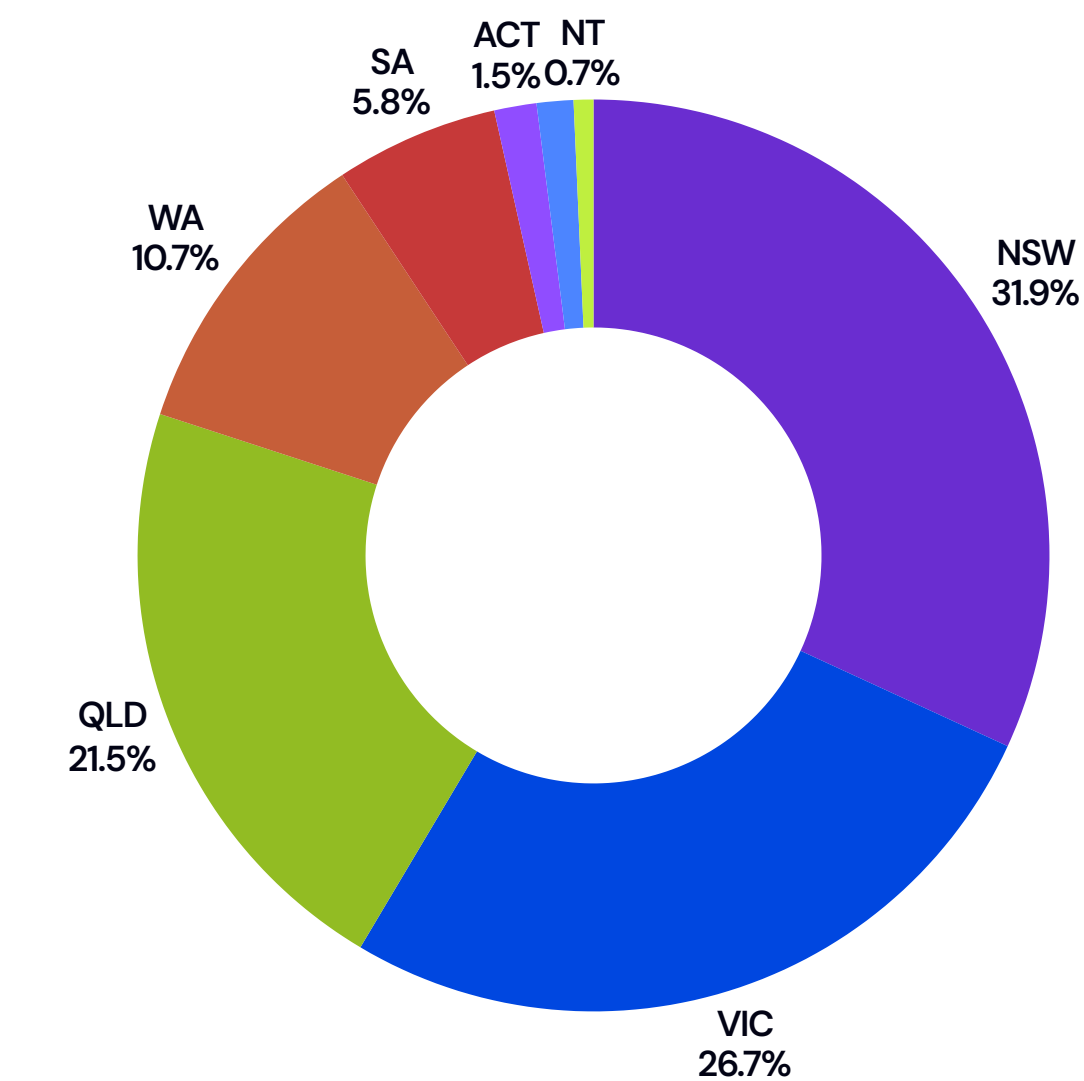


| CATEGORY       | VALUE  | SHARE | YOY GROWTH |
|----------------|--------|-------|------------|
| • Sole Traders | 87,548 | 69.1% | 1.12%      |
| • Company ABNs | 23,700 | 18.7% | 0.47%      |
| • Trusts       | 3,142  | 2.5%  | -67.37%    |
| • Super Funds  | 8,718  | 6.9%  | 49.90%     |
| • Partnerships | 2,668  | 2.1%  | -26.07%    |
| • Other        | 928    | 0.7%  | -30.33%    |

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

# States & Territories

Australia’s Business Formation



| STATE | VALUE  | SHARE | YOY GROWTH |
|-------|--------|-------|------------|
| • NSW | 40,224 | 31.9% | -3.35%     |
| • VIC | 33,668 | 26.7% | -4.47%     |
| • QLD | 27,102 | 21.5% | 0.70%      |
| • WA  | 13,493 | 10.7% | -2.89%     |
| • SA  | 7,310  | 5.8%  | -8.81%     |
| • ACT | 1,918  | 1.5%  | -0.88%     |
| • TAS | 1,699  | 1.3%  | -5.82%     |
| • NT  | 857    | 0.7%  | -2.39%     |

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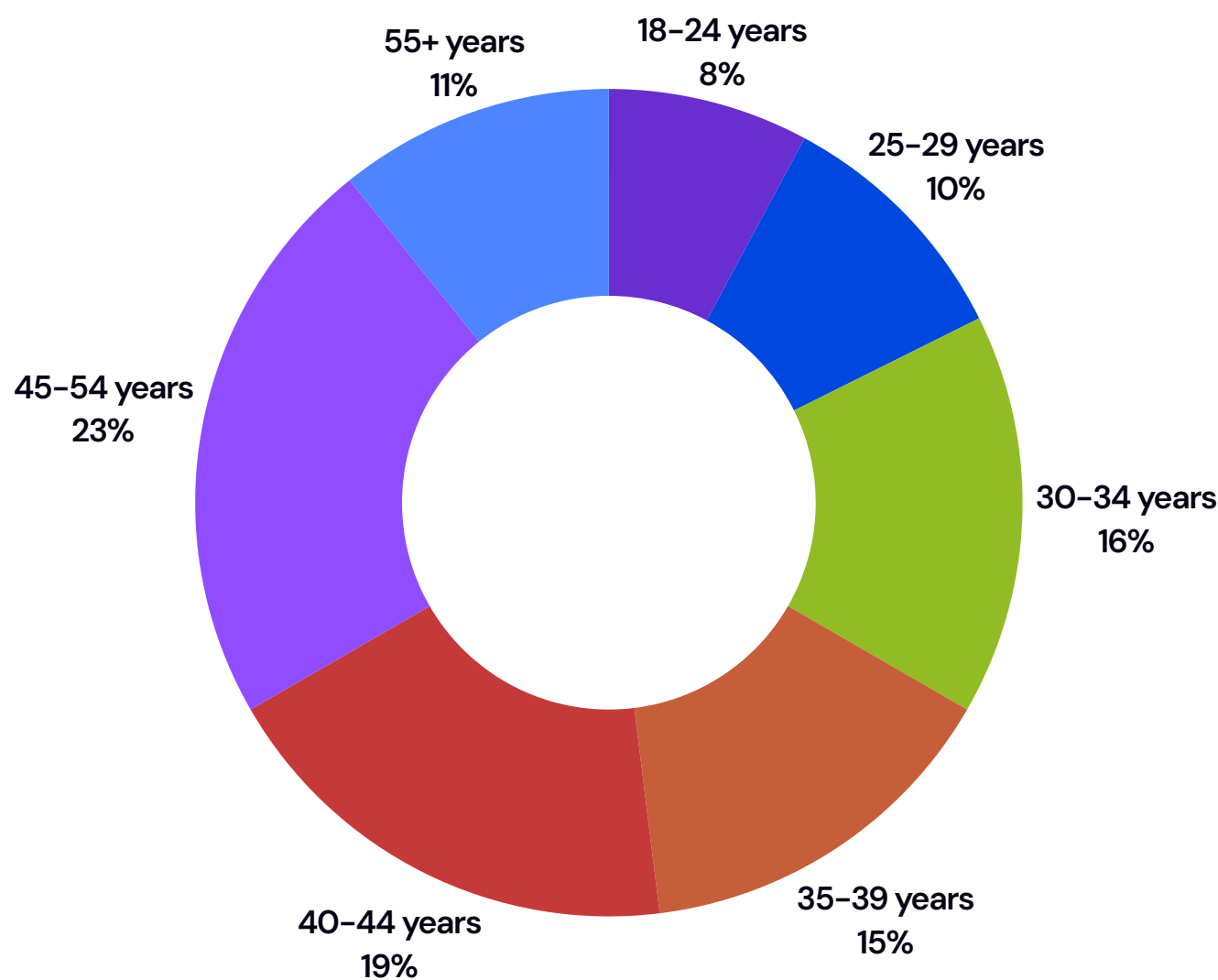
# Suburbs On The Rise

| LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA | STATE           | BUSINESSES REGISTERED (July 2025) | BUSINESSES REGISTERED (July 2026) | YOY GROWTH |
|-----------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------|
| Wyndham               | Victoria        | 1,487                             | 1,451                             | -2.42%     |
| Melbourne             | Victoria        | 1,152                             | 984                               | -14.58%    |
| Sydney                | New South Wales | 1,280                             | 996                               | -22.19%    |
| Hume                  | Victoria        | 905                               | 944                               | 4.31%      |
| Wyndham               | Victoria        | 744                               | 721                               | -3.09%     |
| Casey                 | Victoria        | 625                               | 691                               | 10.56%     |
| Sydney                | New South Wales | 575                               | 644                               | 12.00%     |
| Brisbane              | Queensland      | 577                               | 611                               | 5.89%      |

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# Age Distribution of Founders

Demographic Analysis

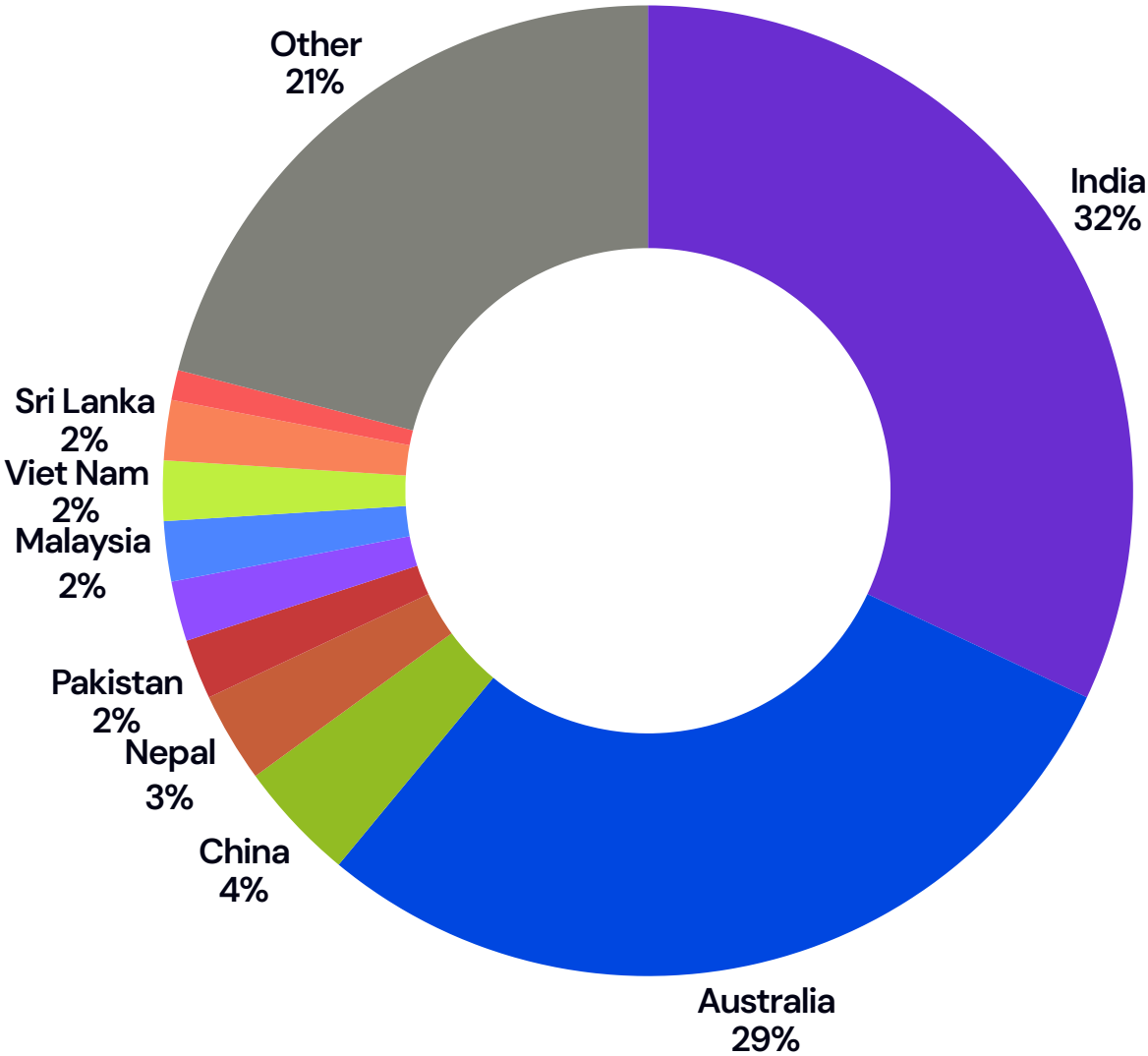


| CATEGORY      | SHARE | YOY GROWTH |
|---------------|-------|------------|
| • 18-24 years | 8%    | 10.61%     |
| • 25-29 years | 10%   | -21.85%    |
| • 30-34 years | 16%   | -12.72%    |
| • 35-39 years | 15%   | -32.39%    |
| • 40-44 years | 19%   | -25.42%    |
| • 45-54 years | 23%   | 21.67%     |
| • 55+ years   | 11%   | -5.61%     |

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

# Countries of Birth

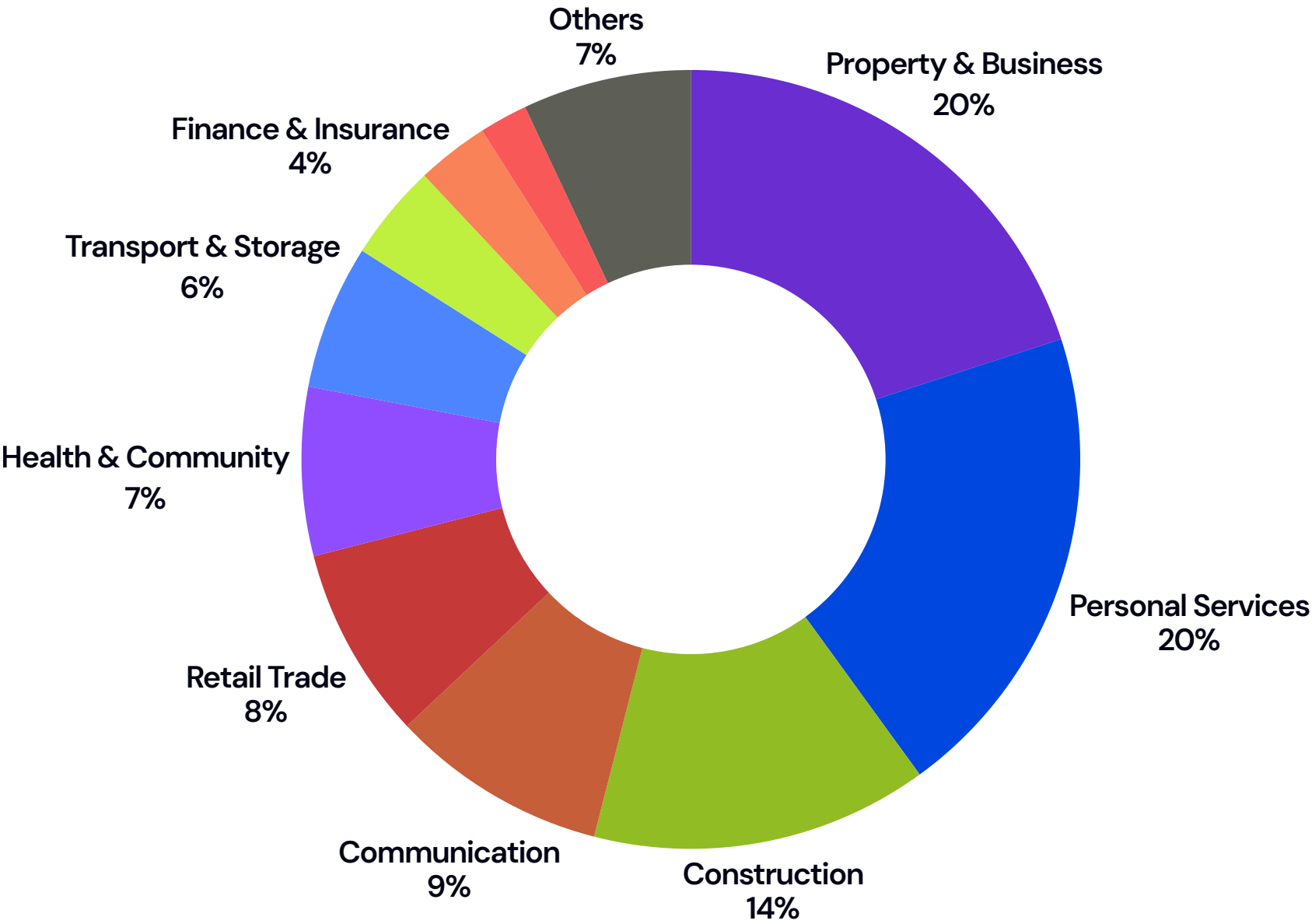
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| COUNTRY          | SHARE | YOY GROWTH |
|------------------|-------|------------|
| • India          | 32%   | 19.69%     |
| • Australia      | 29%   | -14.20%    |
| • China          | 4%    | -54.88%    |
| • Nepal          | 3%    | 60.00%     |
| • Pakistan       | 2%    | -11.54%    |
| • United Kingdom | 2%    | -19.23%    |
| • Malaysia       | 2%    | 50.00%     |
| • Vietnam        | 2%    | -11.76%    |
| • Sri Lanka      | 2%    | 7.14%      |
| • Bangladesh     | 1%    | 120.00%    |
| • Other          | 21%   | -36.16%    |

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# Industry Distribution



| CATEGORY              | SHARE | YOY GROWTH |
|-----------------------|-------|------------|
| • Property & Business | 20%   | 64.41%     |
| • Personal Services   | 20%   | 21.79%     |
| • Construction        | 14%   | 11.67%     |
| • Communication       | 9%    | 114.29%    |
| • Retail Trade        | 8%    | -16.67%    |
| • Health & Community  | 7%    | -60.98%    |
| • Transport & Storage | 6%    | 47.37%     |
| • Finance & Insurance | 4%    | 5.00%      |
| • Accommodations      | 3%    | 21.43%     |
| • Wholesale Trade     | 2%    | 22.22%     |
| • Others              | 7%    | 30.24%     |

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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.

