

New Business Index

• September 2026 •

Executive Summary

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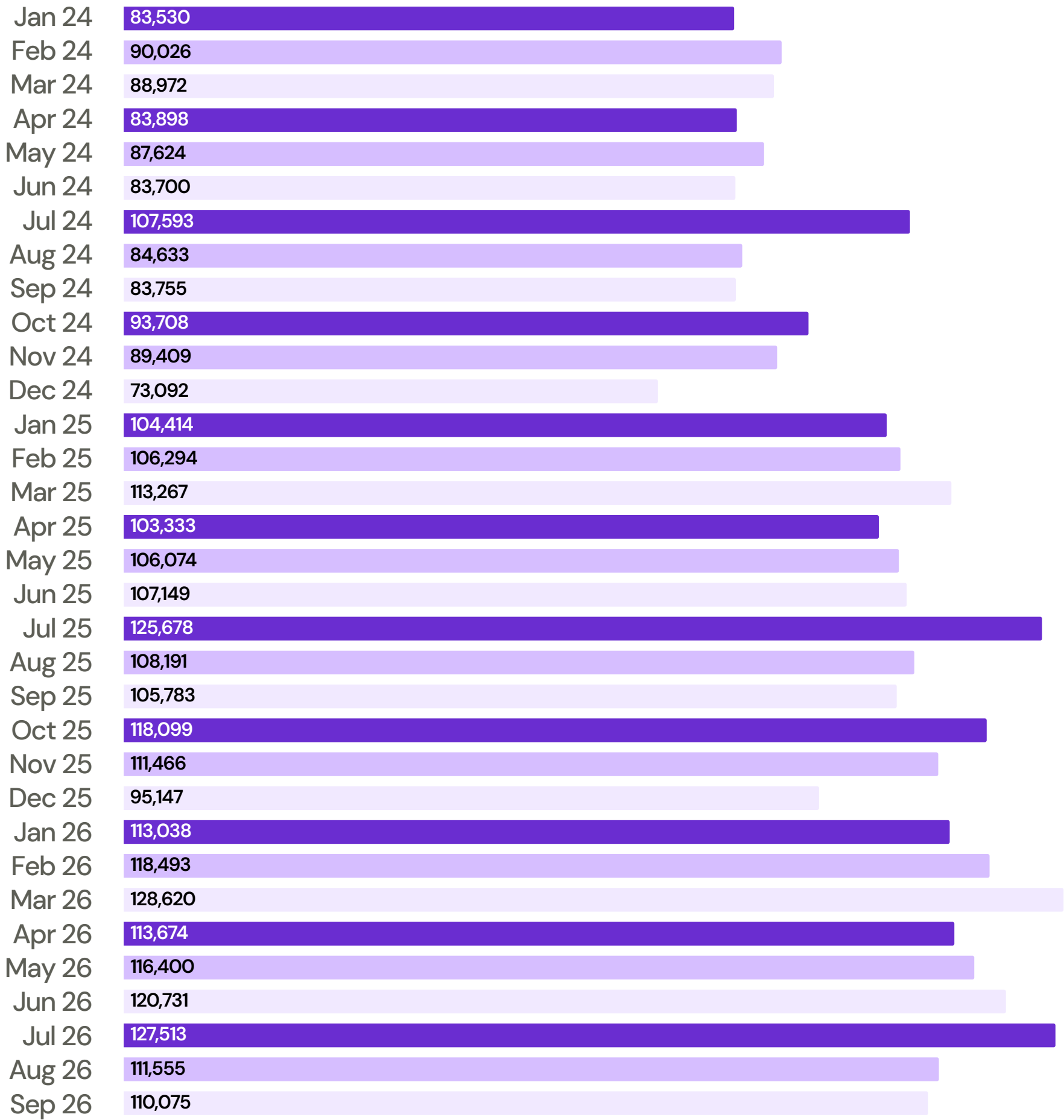
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Source: [Australian Business Register](#) – ABN Bulk Extract



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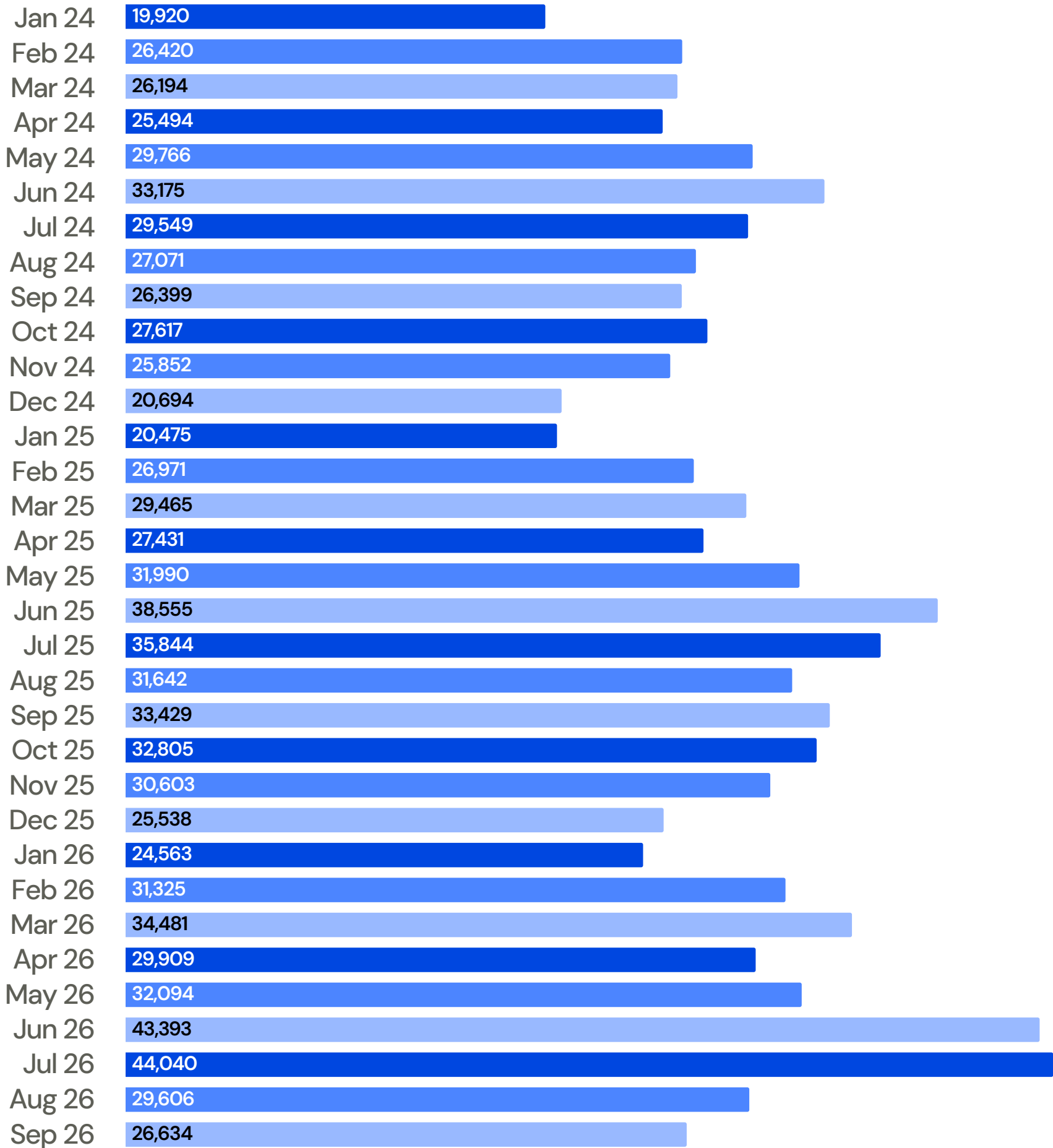
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Total ACN registrations this month

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



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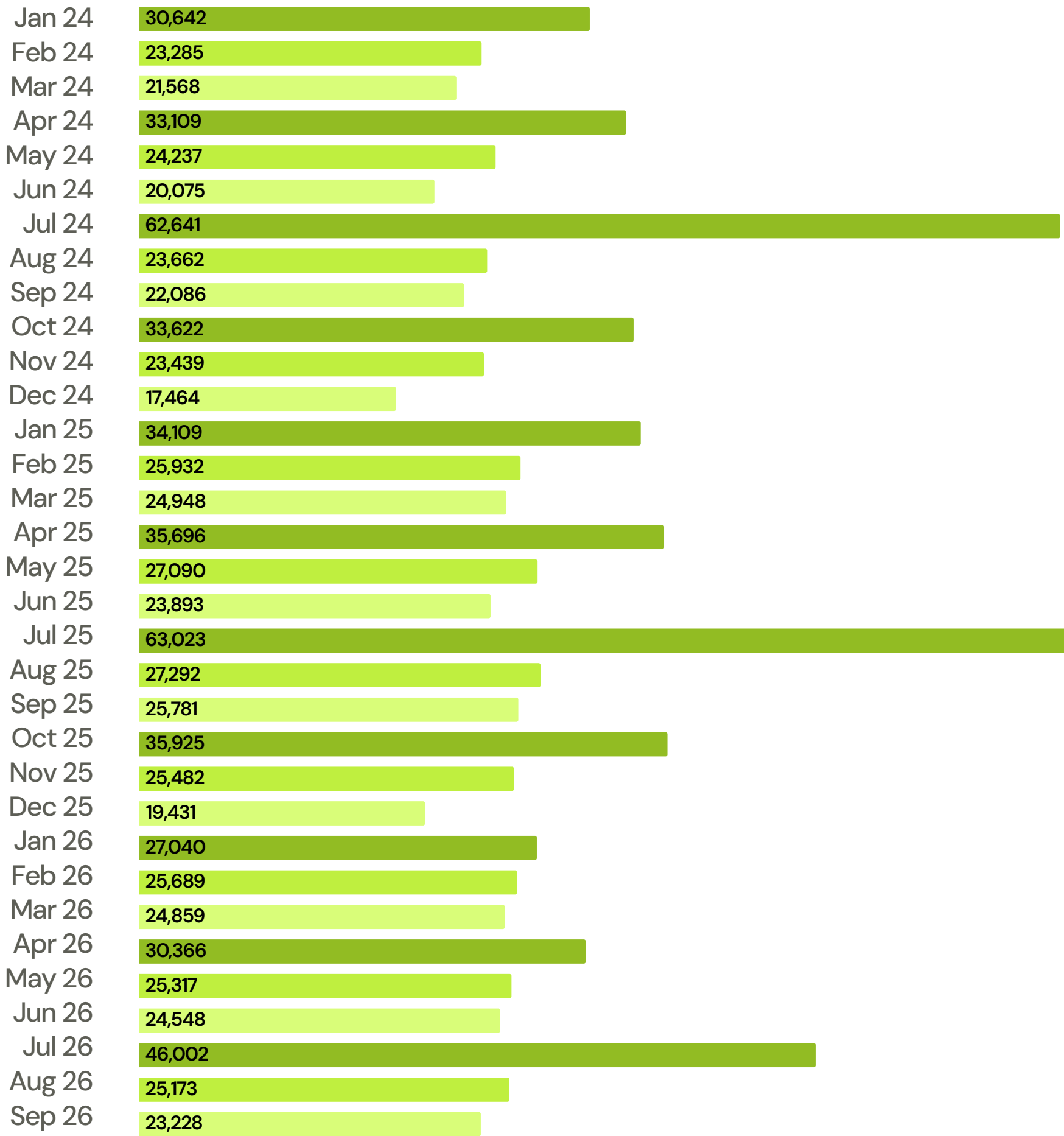
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September 2026's numbers show new business formation picking up pace while company incorporations fell sharply, with growth holding across every state but the two CBDs going in opposite directions. 110,075 new businesses were registered, up 4.06% YoY, while 26,634 companies were registered, down 20.33%.

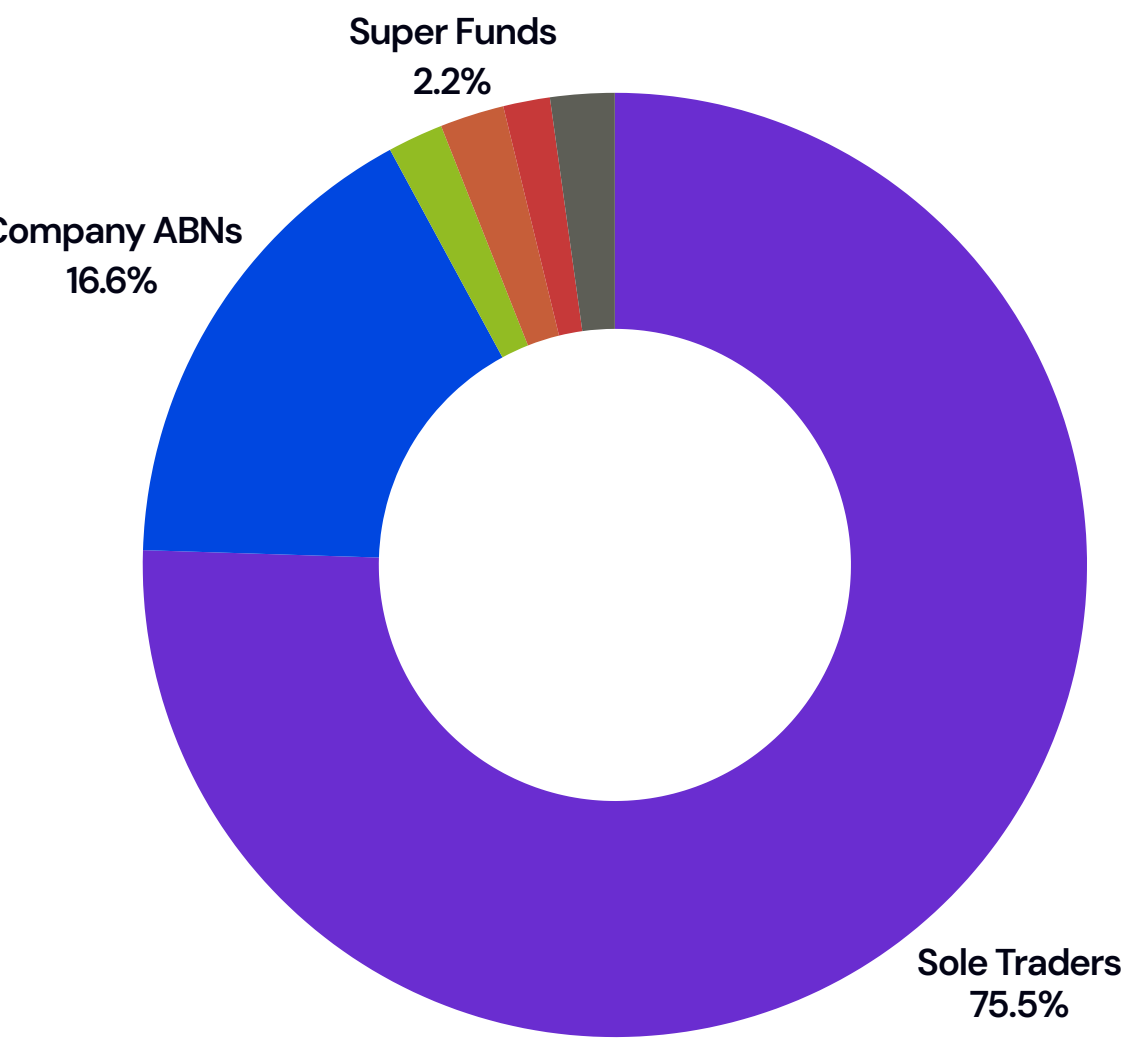
Every state and territory grew for the second month in a row. Tasmania again led all states and territories, up 16.70%, followed by Queensland (+11.29%) and South Australia (+8.40%). The Northern Territory (+7.48%), Victoria (+7.45%) and Western Australia (+6.64%) all posted solid gains, while NSW (+4.78%) grew more modestly and the ACT was essentially flat (+0.76%). NSW and Victoria still carry the highest registration volumes, and Victoria was the stronger contributor this month.

At a suburb level, the CBDs split: Sydney CBD 2000 grew 3.86% YoY, while Melbourne CBD 3000 slipped 5.44%. Point Cook 3029 remains the largest postcode by volume and kept growing, up 1.96%, while Clyde/Cranbourne 3977 edged up 1.72%. The bigger gains came from the outer suburbs of Sydney and Melbourne, with Liverpool 2170 up 17.49% and Craigieburn 3064 up 13.81%.

The founder profile continued to skew older. 45 to 54 year olds were the largest cohort at 21.6% share, up 2.0 percentage points, and the 55+ group gained the most ground (+2.4 points). Founders aged 30 to 44 lost share, while the under-30 groups gained. Property & Business Services and Personal & Other Services topped the industry mix at 21.1% and 18.0% share. Property & Business Services also posted the largest share gain (+5.7 points). Communication Services doubled its share to 6.7% (+3.4 points), and Construction rose to 14.2% (+2.7 points). Together, the data points to a formation wave that's gathering pace, with every state growing for a second straight month, even as company incorporations take a sharp step back.

Business Structures

Australia’s Business Formation

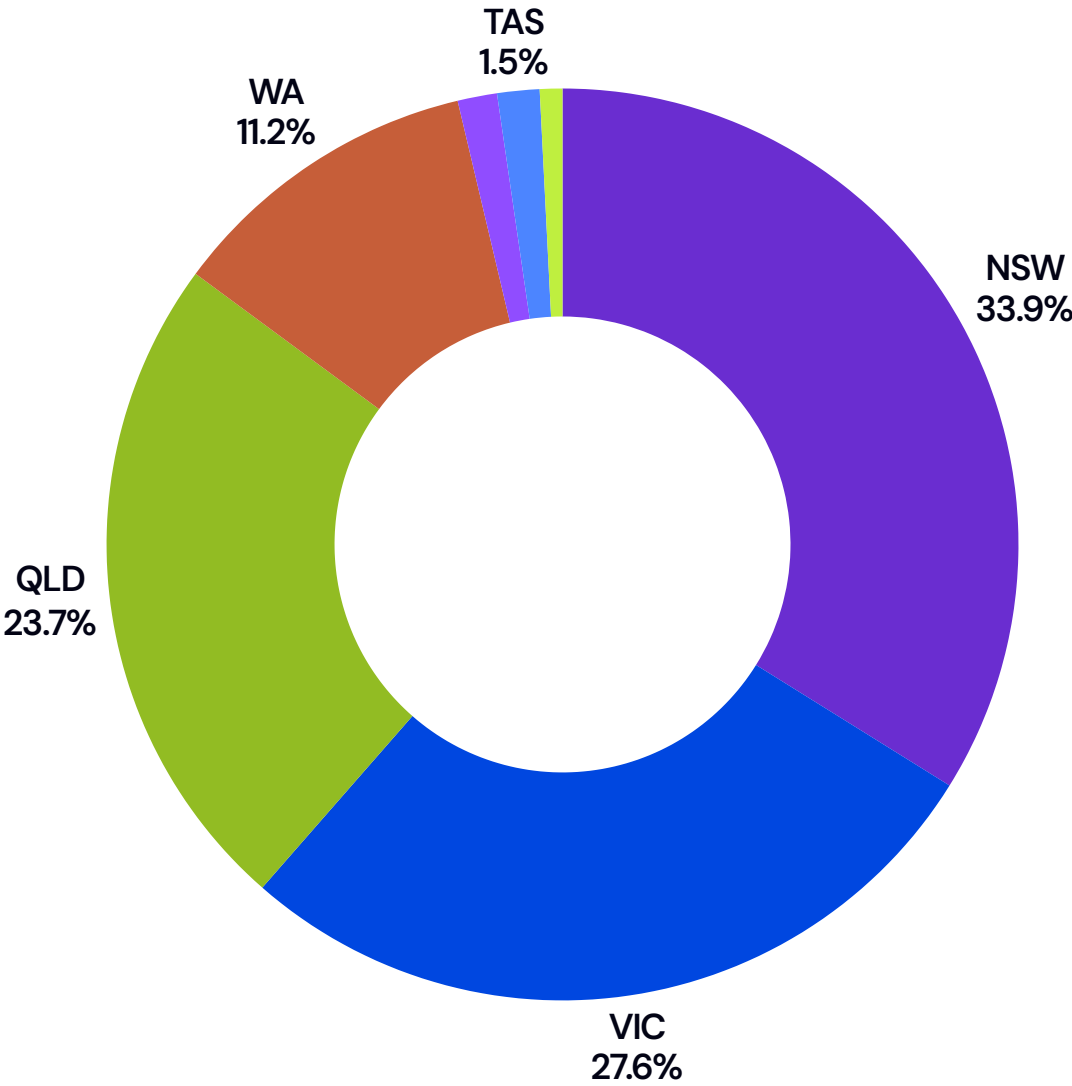


CATEGORY	VALUE	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• Sole Traders	84,318	75.5%	13.00%
• Company ABNs	18,558	16.6%	12.35%
• Trusts	2,135	1.9%	-64.23%
• Super Funds	2,437	2.2%	-36.60%
• Partnerships	1,811	1.6%	4.32%
• Other	2,437	2.2%	214.86%

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

States & Territories

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STATE	VALUE	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• NSW	35,157	33.9%	4.78%
• VIC	28,595	27.6%	7.45%
• QLD	24,548	23.7%	11.29%
• WA	11,664	11.2%	6.64%
• SA	8.40%	0.0%	8.40%
• ACT	1,457	1.4%	0.76%
• TAS	1,544	1.5%	16.70%
• NT	790	0.8%	7.48%

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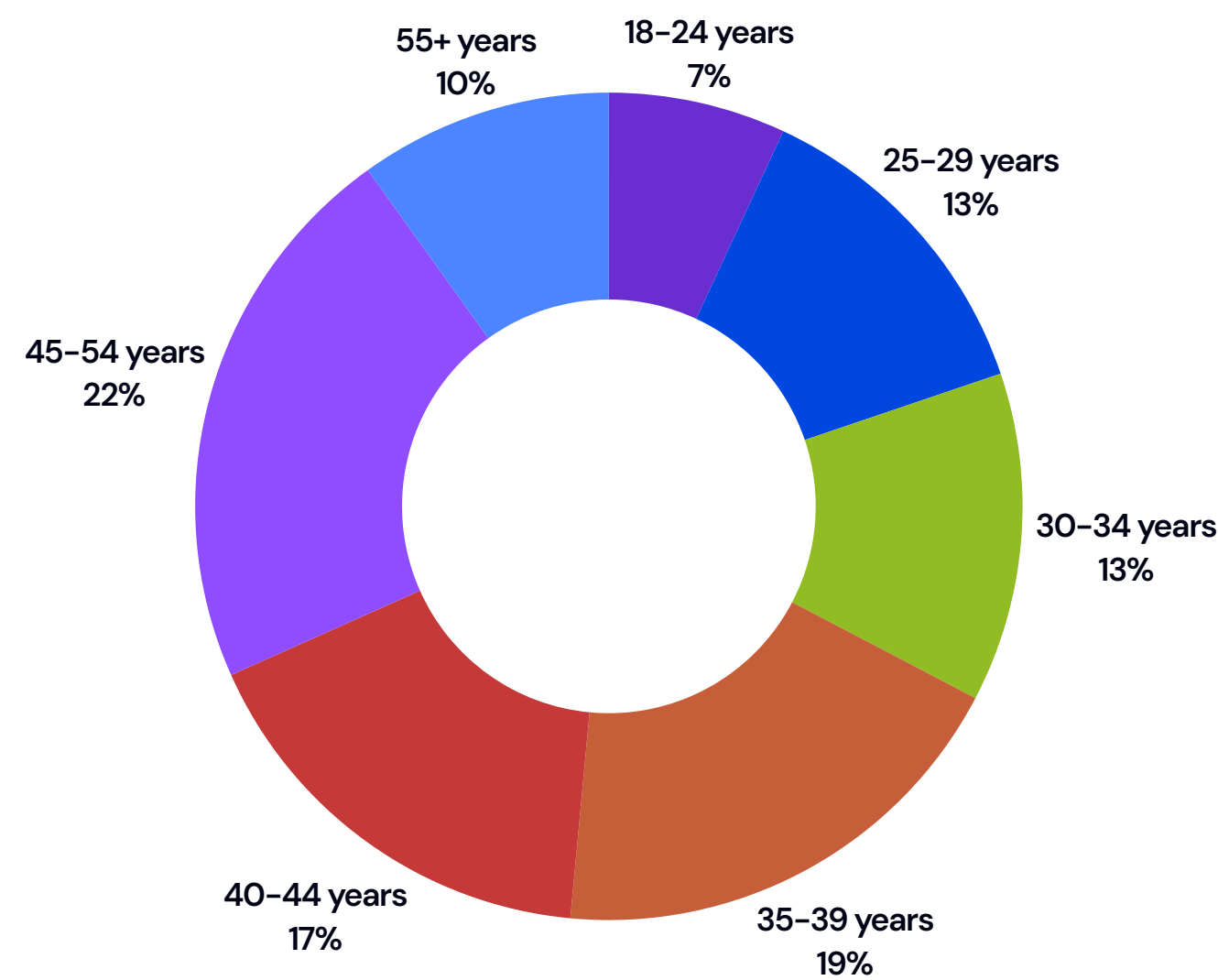
Suburbs On The Rise

LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA	STATE	BUSINESSES REGISTERED (Septembert 2025)	BUSINESSES REGISTERED (September 2026)	YOY GROWH
Wyndham	Victoria	1,120	1,142	1.96%
Melbourne	Victoria	1,047	990	-5.44%
Sydney	New South Wales	959	996	3.86%
Hume	Victoria	746	849	13.81%
Wyndham	Victoria	554	522	-5.78%
Casey	Victoria	522	531	1.72%
Liverpool	New South Wales	463	544	17.49%
Brisbane	Queensland	637	692	8.63%

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Age Distribution of Founders

Demographic Analysis

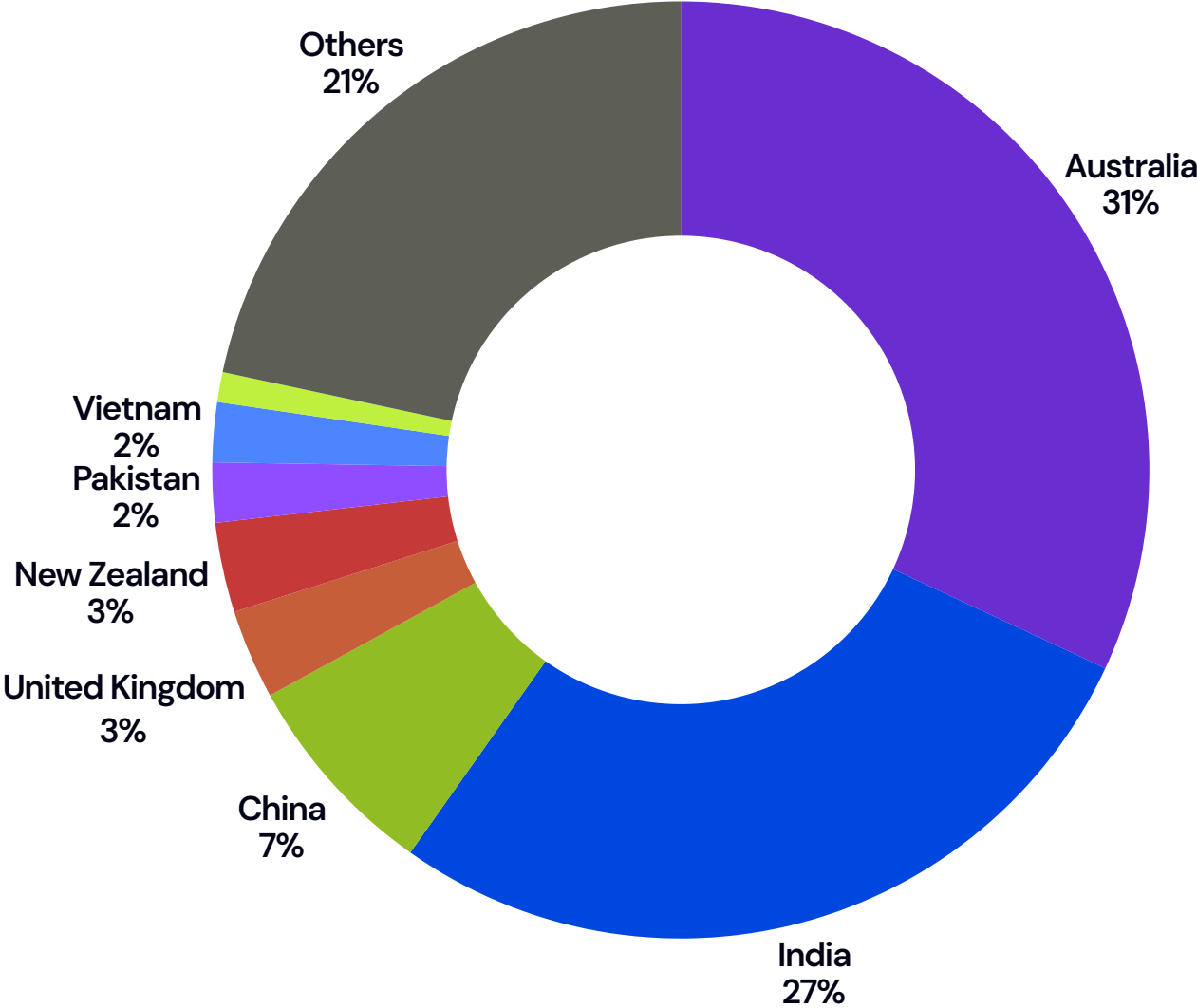


CATEGORY	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• 18-24 years	7%	0.09%
• 25-29 years	13%	1.20%
• 30-34 years	13%	-1.60%
• 35-39 years	19%	-2.70%
• 40-44 years	17%	-2.00%
• 45-54 years	22%	2.00%
• 55+ years	10%	2.40%

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

Countries of Birth

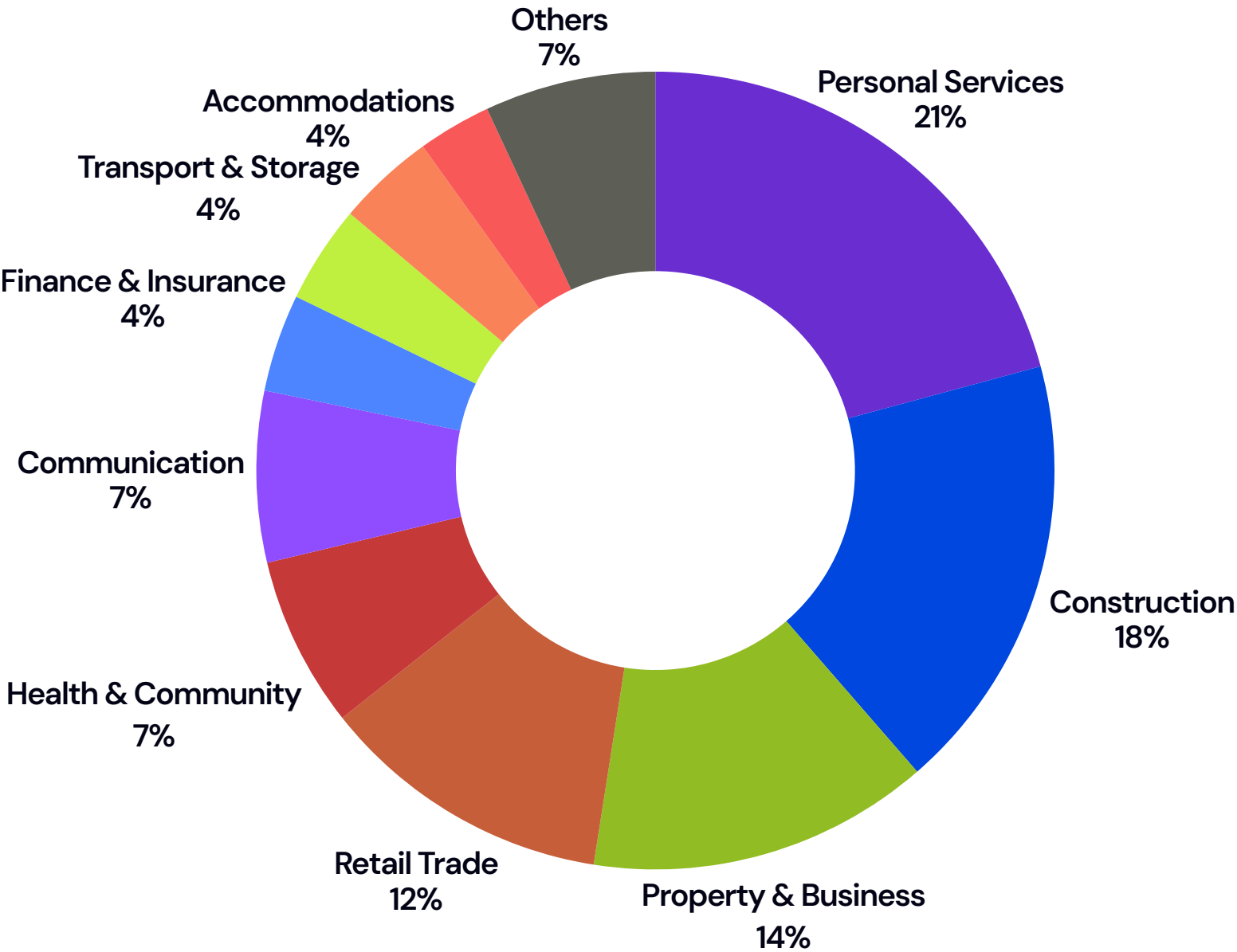
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COUNTRY	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• Australia	31%	4.60%
• India	27%	6.50%
• China	7%	-0.08%
• United Kingdom	3%	0.08%
• New Zealand	3%	-0.01%
• Pakistan	2%	-1.20%
• Vietnam	2%	-0.70%
• Iraq	1%	0.06%
• Others	21%	-9.00%

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Industry Distribution



CATEGORY	SHARE	YOY GROWTH
• Property & Business	21%	5.70%
• Personal Services	18%	0.30%
• Construction	14%	2.70%
• Retail Trade	12%	-0.30%
• Health & Community	7%	-3.50%
• Communication	7%	3.40%
• Finance & Insurance	4%	-0.40%
• Transport & Storage	4%	-1.30%
• Accommodations	4%	-1.80%
• Wholesale Trade	3%	-0.30%
• Others	7%	-4.30%

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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.

