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Introduction

The following summary of statistics is sourced from:

Australian Bureau of Statistics, Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits, June 2014 to June 2018 (catalogue number 8165.0).

The data is based on

- counts of actively trading businesses,
- rates of entry to and exits from the market sector of the Australian economy
- rates of business survival.

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Australian Business - Overview

At the end of 2017-18, there were 2 313 291 actively trading businesses in Australia, an increase of 3.4 per cent (74 992 businesses) from the end of 2016-17.

Financial Year	Number of businesses at start of year	Number of businesses at end of year	Change in number of businesses over year
2009-10	2 050 642	2 124 650	74 008 (+3.6%)
2010-11	2 124 650	2 132 412	7 762 (+0.4%)
2011-12	2 132 412	2 141 280	8 868 (+0.4%)
2012-13	2 141 280	2 079 666	-61 614 (-2.9%)
2013-14	2 079 666	2 100 162	20 496 (+1%)
2014-15	2 100 162	2 121 235	21 073 (+1%)
2015-16	2 121 235	2 171 544	50 309 (+2.4%)
2016-17	2 171 544	2 238 299	66 755 (+3.1%)
2017-18	2 238 299	2 313 291	74 992 (+3.4%)

During 2017-18, the rates of businesses entering the market sector in Australia (15.8%), and those exiting (12.5%), were higher than in the previous year (15.1% and 12.0%, respectively).

Australian Business – State Highlights

In 2017-18, almost two-thirds (60.6%) of all businesses in Australia were in New South Wales (783 050 businesses) and Victoria (618 189 businesses).

Over this period, the number of businesses increased in all States and Territories; businesses in NSW (up 29 268 businesses) and Victoria (up 27 353 businesses) accounted for 75.5% of annual growth.

In 2017-18, the largest annual percentage increase was in Victoria (up 4.6%; or 27 353 businesses), followed by the Australian Capital Territory (up 4.3%; or 1 190 businesses) and NSW (up 3.9%; or 29 268 businesses).

Businesses in the ACT had both the highest entry (18.0%) and exit rates (13.4%) in 2017-18.

Businesses in Tasmania had both the lowest entry (11.8%) and exit (10.2%) rates in 2017-18.

From June 2014 to June 2018, the survival rate for all businesses in Australia was 64.5% (Tasmania was 67.9%).

Australian Business - Industry Division Highlights

Construction continues to be the industry with the largest number of businesses in Australia in 2017-18, accounting for 16.6% or 383 326 of all businesses.

One-third (33.7%) of the annual increase in businesses in Australia is due to growth in the Transport, Postal and Warehousing industry, which increased by 16.8% (25 247 businesses).

The Transport, Postal and Warehousing industry also had the highest rate for businesses entering (33.6%) the Australian economy in 2017-18.

The annual growth in Transport, Postal and Warehousing businesses during 2017-18 is driven by the following Industry Classes: 'Taxi and Other Road Transport', which increased 39.1% (9 899 businesses) and 'Other Transport Support Services n.e.c.', which increased 29.4% (11 801 businesses). Together, these Industry Classes account for 86% of the growth in this sector. This growth has continued since 2015 when legislation was passed requiring ride share drivers to register as businesses.

Two industry sectors showed an annual decrease in business counts in 2017-18:

- Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing showed the largest decrease from 2016-17 (down 0.9% or 1 634 businesses) as well as the lowest entry rate (7.2%) of businesses in 2017-18.
- Mining showed an annual decrease of 0.5% (37 businesses).

Australian Business - Employment Size Highlights

In 2017-18, almost two-thirds of businesses in Australia (62.1%; or 1 435 547 businesses) were non-employing. Non-employing businesses also had the largest increase (up 4.8%; or 65 496 businesses) in 2017-18.

Over one-third of all businesses in Australia in 2017-18 were employing (37.9%; or 877 744 businesses).

The most common employing businesses had between 1 and 4 employees (71.5%; or 627 932 businesses).

The least common employing businesses had 200 or more employees (0.4%; or 3 855 businesses).

Businesses with 1-4 employees showed the largest annual increase of all employing businesses (up 3.2% or 19 199 businesses).

Businesses in the larger employment size ranges all decreased. Businesses with 5-19 employees showed the largest decrease (down 3.8%, or 7 732 businesses).

During 2017-18, there was a net movement of businesses away from all employing size categories to the Non-employing category (+14 438).

In 2017-18, non-employing businesses had both the highest entry (19.0%) and exit (15.2%) rates, while businesses with 20-199 employees had both the lowest entry (2.2%) and exit (3.7%) rates.

Of those businesses operating in June 2014, non-employing businesses had the lowest survival rate at 30 June 2018 (59.6%); while businesses with 200+ employees had the highest survival rate (85.6%) at 30 June 2018.

Tasmanian Overview – Number of Tasmanian Businesses

At the end of the financial year 2017-18 there was an estimated:

- **38 443 businesses (all sizes) in Tasmania.** This was 716 more businesses (+1.9%) than the previous year.
- At the end of the financial year 2017-18 there were **37 272 small businesses** (less than 20 employees). This was 678 more businesses (+1.8%) than the previous year.
- Small businesses account for **97%** of all businesses in Tasmania.

Financial Year	Number of businesses at start of year	Number of businesses at end of year	Change in number of businesses over year
2010-11	38 989	38 833	-156 (-0.4%)
2011-12	38 833	38 797	-197 (-0.5%)
2012-13	38 797	37 646	-1 153 (-3.0%)
2013-14	37 464	37 033	-431 (-1.2%)
2014-15	37 033	36 798	-235 (-0.6%)
2015-16	36 798	37 053	255 (+0.7%)
2016-17	37 053	37 726	674 (+1.8%)
2017-18	37 726	38 443	716 (+1.9%)

Tasmanian Business – Survival of Tasmanian Businesses

When compared with other states and territories, Tasmanian businesses have the highest survival rate (businesses still in operation at the end of each financial year).

Of the 37 032 Tasmanian businesses operating in June 2014

- 89.0% were operating in June 2015
- 80.6% were operating in June 2016
- 73.8% were operating in June 2017
- 67.9% were operating in June 2018

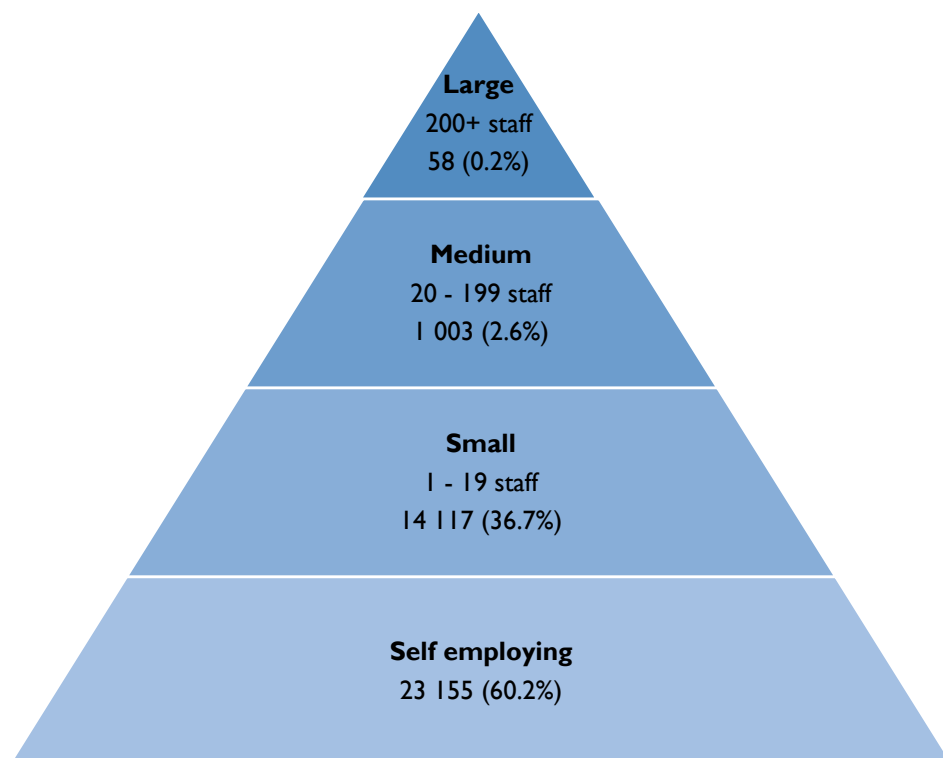
Tasmanian Business – Business Employment Size Ranges

At the end of the financial year 2017-18 there were 37 272 small businesses (less than 20 employees).

Small businesses make up 97% of all businesses in Tasmania.

62% of small businesses (60% of all businesses) in Tasmania are sole operators (non-employing).

2.8% (1 061) of Tasmanian businesses employ more than 20 employees.



Tasmanian Businesses in Local Government Area

Tasmanian businesses by Local Government Area, June 2018			
Local Government Area	Small Business	Total Businesses	Small businesses as % of total
Break O'Day	514	522	98%
Brighton	546	561	97%
Burnie	1 161	1 190	98%
Central Coast	1 393	1 422	98%
Central Highlands	211	226	93%
Circular Head	871	891	98%
Clarence	3 172	3 244	98%
Derwent Valley	405	426	95%
Devonport	1 637	1 709	96%
Dorset	893	906	99%
Flinders	152	155	98%
George Town	305	316	97%
Glamorgan/Spring Bay	468	479	98%
Glenorchy	2 255	2 345	96%
Hobart	6 120	6 342	96%
Huon Valley	1 183	1 208	98%
Kentish	483	486	99%
King Island	287	291	99%
Kingborough	2 452	2 496	98%
Latrobe	747	770	97%
Launceston	5 161	5 340	97%
Meander Valley	1 603	1 622	99%
Northern Midlands	1 060	1 093	97%
Sorell	834	843	99%
Southern Midlands	500	503	99%
Tasman	180	184	98%
Waratah/Wynyard	839	864	97%
West Coast	190	193	98%
West Tamar	1 427	1 456	98%
Location unknown	276	364	76%

Tasmanian Businesses by Industry Division

Tasmanian businesses by Industry Divisions, June 2018			
Industry Division	Small businesses	Total businesses	Small businesses as % of total
Administrative and Support Services	1 063	1 118	95%
Accommodation and Food Services	2 043	2 199	93%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	5 453	5 623	97%
Arts and Recreation Services	453	464	98%
Construction	5 867	5 945	99%
Education and Training	364	384	95%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	104	116	90%
Financial and Insurance Services	2 708	2 726	99%
Health Care and Social Assistance	2 313	2 411	96%
Information Media and Telecommunications	216	219	99%
Manufacturing	1 567	1 706	92%
Mining	120	135	89%
Other Services	1 623	1 638	99%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	3 495	3 558	98%
Public Administration and Safety	99	108	92%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	3 757	3 793	99%
Retail Trade	2 531	2 640	96%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	2 286	2 361	97%
Wholesale Trade	909	951	96%
Currently Unknown	293	302	97%