

## 01. Overview

This research note supplements the research note titled '[Business Dynamics in NSW](#)' (published in November 2024) with an in-depth look at the business count across all NSW regions. The analysis is based on recently released Australian Bureau of Statistics data ('Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits') for the financial year 2023-24.

The following research questions are explored in this research note:

1. How were businesses distributed across different regions and industries in NSW?
2. What were the key industries in each NSW region?
3. What were the industries in each NSW region that had a decline in business count?
4. How many small businesses were there in each NSW region?

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## Key Findings

- The top five regions in terms of business counts at the end of the financial year 2023-24 were Sydney (67%), Newcastle and Lake Macquarie (3%), Richmond-Tweed (3%), Central Coast (3%) and the Capital Region (3%).
- Every region in NSW recorded an annual increase in business count at the end of the financial year 2023-24. The five fastest growing regions were Western Sydney, Illawarra, Newcastle and Lake Macquarie, Richmond-Tweed and Hunter Valley.
- All industries in NSW except Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing recorded an annual increase in business count at the end of the financial year 2023-24. The five fastest growing industries in NSW were Health Care and Social Assistance; Transport, Postal and Warehousing; Financial and Insurance Services; Public Administration and Safety; and Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services.
- The total business count for NSW grew by 2.9% in the financial year 2023-24. However, the number of micro-businesses (those employing 1 to 4 employees) fell by 1.6%, while the number of small businesses with 5 to 19 employees was almost unchanged from the previous year (with an annual increase of just 0.3%).

**Table 1: Summary of regional findings**

	Top 3 industries by business count			Industries with a decline in business count in FY23-24	Count of micro-businesses*
	1st	2nd	3rd		Annual growth
NSW	Construction	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	-1.6%
Sydney	Construction	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Information Media and Telecommunications	-1.9%
> Eastern Sydney	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	Construction	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Information Media and Telecommunications; Wholesale Trade	-2.9%
> Western Sydney	Construction	Transport, Postal and Warehousing	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	-0.3%
Capital Region	Construction	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	Accommodation and Food Services; Retail Trade; Manufacturing; Public Administration and Safety; Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	-2.1%
Central Coast	Construction	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	Mining; Public Administration and Safety; Retail Trade; Accommodation and Food Services; Other Services	-2.2%
Central West	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	Construction	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	Education and Training; Retail Trade; Arts and Recreation Services; Wholesale Trade; Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Manufacturing; Transport, Postal and Warehousing; Accommodation and Food Services	-2.2%
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	Construction	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	Mining; Public Administration and Safety; Accommodation and Food Services; Arts and Recreation Services; Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Manufacturing; Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	-2.2%
Far West and Orana	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	Construction	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	Public Administration and Safety; Information Media and Telecommunications; Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services; Mining; Retail Trade; Accommodation and Food Services; Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Administrative and Support Services; Education and Training	-2.9%
Hunter Valley exc Newcastle	Construction	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	Wholesale Trade; Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services; Accommodation and Food Services; Education and Training	1.4%
Illawarra	Construction	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	Health Care and Social Assistance	Mining; Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services; Retail Trade; Other Services	-1.0%
Mid North Coast	Construction	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	Health Care and Social Assistance	Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services; Retail Trade; Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Manufacturing; Transport, Postal and Warehousing; Accommodation and Food Services	-1.2%
Murray	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	Construction	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	Mining; Public Administration and Safety; Wholesale Trade; Retail Trade; Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1.5%
New England and North West	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	Construction	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	Information Media and Telecommunications; Retail Trade; Wholesale Trade; Accommodation and Food Services; Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	-1.8%
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	Construction	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	Health Care and Social Assistance	Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services; Wholesale Trade; Accommodation and Food Services; Retail Trade	0.1%
Richmond - Tweed	Construction	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services; Wholesale Trade; Retail Trade; Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Accommodation and Food Services	0.2%
Riverina	Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	Construction	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	Retail Trade; Accommodation and Food Services; Education and Training; Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	-0.9%
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	Construction	Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	Wholesale Trade; Retail Trade; Arts and Recreation Services; Transport, Postal and Warehousing; Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing; Accommodation and Food Services	-1.7%

Note: \*Micro-businesses are businesses with 1 to 4 employees (excluding sole traders)

Source: ABS



## 02. NSW business count

Table 2: NSW business count by region

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Sydney	572,885	67%	4.2%	583,072	67%	1.8%	603,464	67%	3.5%
> Eastern Sydney	366,146	43%	3.1%	369,419	42%	0.9%	379,341	42%	2.7%
> Western Sydney	206,739	24%	6.3%	213,653	25%	3.3%	224,123	25%	4.9%
Capital Region	23,281	3%	5.5%	23,822	3%	2.3%	24,122	3%	1.3%
Central Coast	25,667	3%	4.8%	26,307	3%	2.5%	26,774	3%	1.8%
Central West	21,864	3%	5.8%	22,247	3%	1.8%	22,331	2%	0.4%
Coffs Harbour - Grafton	11,979	1%	4.9%	12,185	1%	1.7%	12,328	1%	1.2%
Far West and Orana	12,422	1%	4.7%	12,629	1%	1.7%	12,665	1%	0.3%
Hunter Valley (excl. Newcastle)	20,364	2%	6.0%	20,938	2%	2.8%	21,465	2%	2.5%
Illawarra	21,145	2%	6.8%	21,628	2%	2.3%	22,337	2%	3.3%
Mid North Coast	17,882	2%	5.6%	18,470	2%	3.3%	18,695	2%	1.2%
Murray	12,993	2%	5.4%	13,303	2%	2.4%	13,498	2%	1.5%
New England and North West	20,964	2%	4.1%	21,192	2%	1.1%	21,371	2%	0.8%
Newcastle and Lake Macquarie	29,205	3%	6.1%	29,975	3%	2.6%	30,918	3%	3.1%
Richmond - Tweed	26,378	3%	5.1%	27,110	3%	2.8%	27,859	3%	2.8%
Riverina	17,083	2%	5.1%	17,299	2%	1.3%	17,490	2%	1.1%
Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven	14,397	2%	5.8%	14,567	2%	1.2%	14,812	2%	1.7%
NSW Unknown	6,144	1%	-5.5%	6,127	1%	-0.3%	6,361	1%	3.8%
<b>NSW</b>	<b>854,653</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>870,871</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>896,490</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 3a: NSW business count by industry**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Accommodation and Food Services	37,275	4%	3.1%	37,046	4%	-0.6%	37,496	4%	1.2%
Administrative and Support Services	38,993	5%	5.6%	40,208	5%	3.1%	41,310	5%	2.7%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	53,910	6%	2.1%	53,828	6%	-0.2%	53,223	6%	-1.1%
Arts and Recreation Services	12,558	1%	5.9%	13,005	1%	3.6%	13,312	1%	2.4%
Construction	146,560	17%	6.2%	149,442	17%	2.0%	153,176	17%	2.5%
Education and Training	14,580	2%	5.9%	14,823	2%	1.7%	15,206	2%	2.6%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	2,726	0%	6.2%	2,782	0%	2.1%	2,852	0%	2.5%
Financial and Insurance Services	45,903	5%	6.5%	47,238	5%	2.9%	49,864	6%	5.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	58,274	7%	7.4%	61,482	7%	5.5%	65,962	7%	7.3%
Information Media and Telecommunications	9,975	1%	4.1%	10,005	1%	0.3%	10,085	1%	0.8%
Manufacturing	28,445	3%	3.3%	28,542	3%	0.3%	28,763	3%	0.8%
Mining	1,559	0%	1.2%	1,608	0%	3.1%	1,633	0%	1.6%
Other Services	38,988	5%	6.8%	39,714	5%	1.9%	40,816	5%	2.8%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	120,157	14%	4.5%	122,273	14%	1.8%	125,811	14%	2.9%
Public Administration and Safety	2,764	0%	5.0%	2,752	0%	-0.4%	2,860	0%	3.9%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	97,011	11%	5.1%	98,258	11%	1.3%	101,290	11%	3.1%
Retail Trade	51,352	6%	4.5%	51,031	6%	-0.6%	51,160	6%	0.3%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	63,251	7%	-0.7%	66,668	8%	5.4%	71,463	8%	7.2%
Wholesale Trade	29,660	3%	1.0%	29,580	3%	-0.3%	29,616	3%	0.1%
Currently Unknown	712	0%	-7.5%	586	0%	-17.7%	592	0%	1.0%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>854,653</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>870,871</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>896,490</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 3b: NSW business count by employment count**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Non employing	486,488	57%	6.3%	509,560	59%	4.7%	537,652	60%	5.5%
1-4 Employees	272,846	32%	1.9%	264,193	30%	-3.2%	259,942	29%	-1.6%
5-19 Employees	74,774	9%	2.6%	75,387	9%	0.8%	75,630	8%	0.3%
20-199 Employees	18,816	2%	3.9%	20,154	2%	7.1%	21,582	2%	7.1%
200+ Employees	1,690	0%	4.8%	1,771	0%	4.8%	1,894	0%	6.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>854,653</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.5%</b>	<b>870,871</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.9%</b>	<b>896,490</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.9%</b>

Source: ABS

## 03. Sydney business count

Table 4a: Sydney business count by industry

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Accommodation and Food Services	23,473	4%	3.0%	23,445	4%	-0.1%	24,038	4%	2.5%
Administrative and Support Services	28,046	5%	3.7%	28,713	5%	2.4%	29,488	5%	2.7%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	4,733	1%	0.4%	4,603	1%	-2.7%	4,539	1%	-1.4%
Arts and Recreation Services	8,496	1%	5.8%	8,709	1%	2.5%	8,894	1%	2.1%
Construction	94,601	17%	6.1%	95,603	16%	1.1%	98,403	16%	2.9%
Education and Training	10,510	2%	5.3%	10,678	2%	1.6%	10,971	2%	2.7%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	1,670	0%	6.8%	1,698	0%	1.7%	1,788	0%	5.3%
Financial and Insurance Services	38,011	7%	6.7%	39,155	7%	3.0%	41,382	7%	5.7%
Health Care and Social Assistance	39,761	7%	7.1%	41,757	7%	5.0%	44,446	7%	6.4%
Information Media and Telecommunications	8,001	1%	2.8%	7,994	1%	-0.1%	7,990	1%	-0.1%
Manufacturing	18,011	3%	2.7%	18,010	3%	0.0%	18,117	3%	0.6%
Mining	727	0%	1.8%	710	0%	-2.3%	727	0%	2.4%
Other Services	24,279	4%	6.9%	24,444	4%	0.7%	25,142	4%	2.9%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	93,113	16%	3.9%	94,449	16%	1.4%	97,204	16%	2.9%
Public Administration and Safety	2,068	0%	4.5%	2,067	0%	0.0%	2,116	0%	2.4%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	71,475	12%	5.0%	72,295	12%	1.1%	74,704	12%	3.3%
Retail Trade	34,550	6%	5.1%	34,332	6%	-0.6%	34,697	6%	1.1%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	48,437	8%	-2.0%	51,645	9%	6.6%	55,919	9%	8.3%
Wholesale Trade	22,408	4%	0.6%	22,362	4%	-0.2%	22,464	4%	0.5%
Currently Unknown	515	0%	-4.5%	403	0%	-21.7%	435	0%	7.9%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>572,885</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>583,072</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>603,464</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>

Source: ABS

Table 4b: Sydney business count by employment count

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Non employing	327,494	57%	6.1%	344,062	59%	5.1%	366,333	61%	6.5%
1-4 Employees	186,883	33%	1.8%	179,590	31%	-3.9%	176,200	29%	-1.9%
5-19 Employees	45,670	8%	1.5%	45,905	8%	0.5%	45,972	8%	0.1%
20-199 Employees	12,241	2%	2.0%	13,131	2%	7.3%	14,176	2%	8.0%
200+ Employees	605	0%	9.2%	672	0%	11.1%	835	0%	24.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>572,885</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.2%</b>	<b>583,072</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>603,464</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3.5%</b>

Source: ABS



**Table 5a: Eastern Sydney business count by industry**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Accommodation and Food Services	15,816	4%	1.7%	15,618	4%	-1.3%	15,710	4%	0.6%
Administrative and Support Services	17,369	5%	1.4%	17,531	5%	0.9%	17,972	5%	2.5%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	2,214	1%	-1.4%	2,124	1%	-4.1%	2,106	1%	-0.8%
Arts and Recreation Services	6,271	2%	5.2%	6,417	2%	2.3%	6,545	2%	2.0%
Construction	48,580	13%	4.8%	48,934	13%	0.7%	50,350	13%	2.9%
Education and Training	7,290	2%	4.8%	7,307	2%	0.2%	7,412	2%	1.4%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	980	0%	7.2%	1,010	0%	3.1%	1,074	0%	6.3%
Financial and Insurance Services	30,674	8%	6.0%	31,482	9%	2.6%	33,272	9%	5.7%
Health Care and Social Assistance	26,697	7%	5.6%	27,708	8%	3.8%	28,973	8%	4.6%
Information Media and Telecommunications	6,446	2%	2.4%	6,418	2%	-0.4%	6,378	2%	-0.6%
Manufacturing	9,621	3%	1.2%	9,541	3%	-0.8%	9,542	3%	0.0%
Mining	593	0%	-0.3%	589	0%	-0.7%	604	0%	2.5%
Other Services	13,653	4%	5.7%	13,654	4%	0.0%	14,074	4%	3.1%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	69,754	19%	2.8%	70,056	19%	0.4%	71,409	19%	1.9%
Public Administration and Safety	1,113	0%	7.8%	1,092	0%	-1.9%	1,126	0%	3.1%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	51,858	14%	4.5%	52,324	14%	0.9%	53,833	14%	2.9%
Retail Trade	21,215	6%	3.6%	20,928	6%	-1.4%	21,025	6%	0.5%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	21,902	6%	-5.6%	22,775	6%	4.0%	24,054	6%	5.6%
Wholesale Trade	13,742	4%	-0.6%	13,609	4%	-1.0%	13,578	4%	-0.2%
Currently Unknown	358	0%	-5.5%	302	0%	-15.6%	304	0%	0.7%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>366,146</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>369,419</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>379,341</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 5b: Eastern Sydney business count by employment count**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Non employing	213,548	58%	4.8%	222,189	60%	4.0%	234,395	62%	5.5%
1-4 Employees	114,427	31%	0.9%	108,540	29%	-5.1%	105,385	28%	-2.9%
5-19 Employees	29,522	8%	0.9%	29,452	8%	-0.2%	29,416	8%	-0.1%
20-199 Employees	8,200	2%	-1.0%	8,889	2%	8.4%	9,538	3%	7.3%
200+ Employees	465	0%	14.5%	464	0%	-0.2%	612	0%	31.9%
<b>Total</b>	<b>366,146</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>	<b>369,419</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0.9%</b>	<b>379,341</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.7%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 6a: Western Sydney business count by industry**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Accommodation and Food Services	7,657	4%	5.7%	7,827	4%	2.2%	8,328	4%	6.4%
Administrative and Support Services	10,677	5%	7.7%	11,182	5%	4.7%	11,516	5%	3.0%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	2,519	1%	2.0%	2,479	1%	-1.6%	2,433	1%	-1.9%
Arts and Recreation Services	2,225	1%	7.4%	2,292	1%	3.0%	2,349	1%	2.5%
Construction	46,021	22%	7.6%	46,669	22%	1.4%	48,053	21%	3.0%
Education and Training	3,220	2%	6.5%	3,371	2%	4.7%	3,559	2%	5.6%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	690	0%	6.3%	688	0%	-0.3%	714	0%	3.8%
Financial and Insurance Services	7,337	4%	9.5%	7,673	4%	4.6%	8,110	4%	5.7%
Health Care and Social Assistance	13,064	6%	10.4%	14,049	7%	7.5%	15,473	7%	10.1%
Information Media and Telecommunications	1,555	1%	4.5%	1,576	1%	1.4%	1,612	1%	2.3%
Manufacturing	8,390	4%	4.4%	8,469	4%	0.9%	8,575	4%	1.3%
Mining	134	0%	12.6%	121	0%	-9.7%	123	0%	1.7%
Other Services	10,626	5%	8.5%	10,790	5%	1.5%	11,068	5%	2.6%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	23,359	11%	7.1%	24,393	11%	4.4%	25,795	12%	5.7%
Public Administration and Safety	955	0%	0.8%	975	0%	2.1%	990	0%	1.5%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	19,617	9%	6.2%	19,971	9%	1.8%	20,871	9%	4.5%
Retail Trade	13,335	6%	7.7%	13,404	6%	0.5%	13,672	6%	2.0%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	26,535	13%	1.3%	28,870	14%	8.8%	31,865	14%	10.4%
Wholesale Trade	8,666	4%	2.7%	8,753	4%	1.0%	8,886	4%	1.5%
Currently Unknown	157	0%	-1.9%	101	0%	-35.7%	131	0%	29.7%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>206,739</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>213,653</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>224,123</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 6b: Western Sydney business count by employment count**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Non employing	113,946	55%	8.6%	121,873	57%	7.0%	131,938	59%	8.3%
1-4 Employees	72,456	35%	3.3%	71,050	33%	-1.9%	70,815	32%	-0.3%
5-19 Employees	16,148	8%	2.5%	16,453	8%	1.9%	16,556	7%	0.6%
20-199 Employees	4,041	2%	8.5%	4,242	2%	5.0%	4,638	2%	9.3%
200+ Employees	140	0%	-5.4%	208	0%	48.6%	223	0%	7.2%
<b>Total</b>	<b>206,739</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6.3%</b>	<b>213,653</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>224,123</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>

Source: ABS



## 04. Regional business counts

**Table 7a: Capital Region business count by industry**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Accommodation and Food Services	1,293	6%	5.3%	1,248	5%	-3.5%	1,213	5%	-2.8%
Administrative and Support Services	834	4%	10.5%	916	4%	9.8%	916	4%	0.0%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	5,209	22%	2.5%	5,199	22%	-0.2%	5,137	21%	-1.2%
Arts and Recreation Services	295	1%	3.9%	284	1%	-3.7%	299	1%	5.3%
Construction	4,830	21%	5.8%	5,049	21%	4.5%	5,159	21%	2.2%
Education and Training	310	1%	3.0%	319	1%	2.9%	323	1%	1.3%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	86	0%	13.2%	91	0%	5.8%	91	0%	0.0%
Financial and Insurance Services	455	2%	11.8%	461	2%	1.3%	486	2%	5.4%
Health Care and Social Assistance	930	4%	6.9%	1,010	4%	8.6%	1,100	5%	8.9%
Information Media and Telecommunications	126	1%	11.5%	117	0%	-7.1%	126	1%	7.7%
Manufacturing	823	4%	8.3%	814	3%	-1.1%	799	3%	-1.8%
Mining	56	0%	7.7%	62	0%	10.7%	64	0%	3.2%
Other Services	1,058	5%	5.4%	1,079	5%	2.0%	1,119	5%	3.7%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2,186	9%	7.5%	2,291	10%	4.8%	2,337	10%	2.0%
Public Administration and Safety	52	0%	18.2%	61	0%	17.3%	60	0%	-1.6%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1,759	8%	6.5%	1,824	8%	3.7%	1,878	8%	3.0%
Retail Trade	1,317	6%	3.3%	1,305	5%	-0.9%	1,271	5%	-2.6%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	1,186	5%	8.1%	1,213	5%	2.3%	1,249	5%	3.0%
Wholesale Trade	467	2%	2.0%	458	2%	-1.9%	477	2%	4.1%
Currently Unknown	9	0%	-50.0%	21	0%	133.3%	18	0%	-14.3%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>23,281</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>23,822</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>24,122</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 7b: Capital Region business count by employment count**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Non employing	12,926	56%	7.2%	13,494	57%	4.4%	14,013	58%	3.8%
1-4 Employees	7,385	32%	2.9%	7,313	31%	-1.0%	7,160	30%	-2.1%
5-19 Employees	2,536	11%	5.6%	2,498	10%	-1.5%	2,541	11%	1.7%
20-199 Employees	425	2%	-3.8%	470	2%	10.6%	476	2%	1.3%
200+ Employees	12	0%	300.0%	9	0%	-25.0%	9	0%	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,281</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5.5%</b>	<b>23,822</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>24,122</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>

Source: ABS



**Table 8a: Central Coast business count by industry**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Accommodation and Food Services	1,193	5%	0.0%	1,184	5%	-0.8%	1,172	4%	-1.0%
Administrative and Support Services	1,351	5%	10.8%	1,431	5%	5.9%	1,463	5%	2.2%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	513	2%	1.6%	516	2%	0.6%	517	2%	0.2%
Arts and Recreation Services	501	2%	1.2%	533	2%	6.4%	550	2%	3.2%
Construction	6,328	25%	4.7%	6,519	25%	3.0%	6,591	25%	1.1%
Education and Training	474	2%	7.7%	459	2%	-3.2%	480	2%	4.6%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	82	0%	1.2%	88	0%	7.3%	91	0%	3.4%
Financial and Insurance Services	885	3%	5.1%	910	3%	2.8%	971	4%	6.7%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,969	8%	5.6%	2,114	8%	7.4%	2,249	8%	6.4%
Information Media and Telecommunications	302	1%	7.5%	317	1%	5.0%	322	1%	1.6%
Manufacturing	1,010	4%	6.7%	993	4%	-1.7%	1,015	4%	2.2%
Mining	50	0%	-3.8%	66	0%	32.0%	51	0%	-22.7%
Other Services	1,465	6%	7.2%	1,516	6%	3.5%	1,507	6%	-0.6%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	3,393	13%	6.7%	3,427	13%	1.0%	3,487	13%	1.8%
Public Administration and Safety	76	0%	-2.6%	82	0%	7.9%	81	0%	-1.2%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	2,409	9%	5.2%	2,422	9%	0.5%	2,449	9%	1.1%
Retail Trade	1,596	6%	3.0%	1,633	6%	2.3%	1,615	6%	-1.1%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	1,305	5%	1.0%	1,337	5%	2.5%	1,403	5%	4.9%
Wholesale Trade	753	3%	0.9%	745	3%	-1.1%	751	3%	0.8%
Currently Unknown	12	0%	-50.0%	15	0%	25.0%	9	0%	-40.0%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>25,667</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>26,307</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>26,774</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 8b: Central Coast business count by employment count**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Non employing	13,157	51%	7.6%	13,765	52%	4.6%	14,408	54%	4.7%
1-4 Employees	9,376	37%	0.7%	9,244	35%	-1.4%	9,044	34%	-2.2%
5-19 Employees	2,586	10%	6.3%	2,692	10%	4.1%	2,711	10%	0.7%
20-199 Employees	579	2%	10.7%	574	2%	-0.9%	640	2%	11.5%
200+ Employees	18	0%	50.0%	24	0%	33.3%	18	0%	-25.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,667</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.8%</b>	<b>26,307</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>	<b>26,774</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 9a: Central West business count by industry**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Accommodation and Food Services	1,003	5%	4.2%	967	4%	-3.6%	966	4%	-0.1%
Administrative and Support Services	606	3%	17.9%	654	3%	7.9%	671	3%	2.6%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	6,854	31%	3.1%	6,855	31%	0.0%	6,755	30%	-1.5%
Arts and Recreation Services	245	1%	11.4%	244	1%	-0.4%	236	1%	-3.3%
Construction	3,276	15%	7.5%	3,462	16%	5.7%	3,477	16%	0.4%
Education and Training	217	1%	8.0%	224	1%	3.2%	212	1%	-5.4%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	71	0%	20.3%	64	0%	-9.9%	66	0%	3.1%
Financial and Insurance Services	470	2%	8.8%	492	2%	4.7%	512	2%	4.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,003	5%	8.2%	1,084	5%	8.1%	1,196	5%	10.3%
Information Media and Telecommunications	109	0%	39.7%	100	0%	-8.3%	100	0%	0.0%
Manufacturing	816	4%	6.5%	829	4%	1.6%	821	4%	-1.0%
Mining	117	1%	9.3%	118	1%	0.9%	124	1%	5.1%
Other Services	1,105	5%	4.7%	1,158	5%	4.8%	1,201	5%	3.7%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,454	7%	6.4%	1,465	7%	0.8%	1,474	7%	0.6%
Public Administration and Safety	31	0%	-11.4%	29	0%	-6.5%	39	0%	34.5%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1,694	8%	8.7%	1,702	8%	0.5%	1,738	8%	2.1%
Retail Trade	1,133	5%	6.0%	1,133	5%	0.0%	1,087	5%	-4.1%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	1,161	5%	3.9%	1,159	5%	-0.2%	1,151	5%	-0.7%
Wholesale Trade	490	2%	-1.2%	502	2%	2.4%	493	2%	-1.8%
Currently Unknown	9	0%	0.0%	6	0%	-33.3%	12	0%	100.0%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>21,864</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>22,247</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>22,331</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 9b: Central West business count by employment count**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Non employing	13,038	60%	7.4%	13,465	61%	3.3%	13,608	61%	1.1%
1-4 Employees	6,143	28%	1.7%	6,098	27%	-0.7%	5,962	27%	-2.2%
5-19 Employees	2,249	10%	4.0%	2,231	10%	-0.8%	2,227	10%	-0.2%
20-199 Employees	398	2%	10.2%	442	2%	11.1%	505	2%	14.3%
200+ Employees	15	0%	66.7%	21	0%	40.0%	9	0%	-57.1%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,864</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>22,247</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.8%</b>	<b>22,331</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0.4%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 10a: Coffs Harbour - Grafton business count by industry**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Accommodation and Food Services	689	6%	2.2%	665	5%	-3.5%	656	5%	-1.4%
Administrative and Support Services	485	4%	10.0%	504	4%	3.9%	523	4%	3.8%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	2,006	17%	1.3%	1,993	16%	-0.6%	1,975	16%	-0.9%
Arts and Recreation Services	170	1%	1.2%	176	1%	3.5%	174	1%	-1.1%
Construction	2,285	19%	6.7%	2,399	20%	5.0%	2,424	20%	1.0%
Education and Training	174	1%	-1.1%	193	2%	10.9%	196	2%	1.6%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	34	0%	-2.9%	35	0%	2.9%	37	0%	5.7%
Financial and Insurance Services	237	2%	-7.4%	237	2%	0.0%	242	2%	2.1%
Health Care and Social Assistance	919	8%	10.2%	969	8%	5.4%	1,046	8%	7.9%
Information Media and Telecommunications	74	1%	25.4%	73	1%	-1.4%	78	1%	6.8%
Manufacturing	461	4%	4.5%	462	4%	0.2%	459	4%	-0.6%
Mining	36	0%	50.0%	42	0%	16.7%	35	0%	-16.7%
Other Services	637	5%	3.6%	671	6%	5.3%	676	5%	0.7%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,077	9%	7.3%	1,133	9%	5.2%	1,127	9%	-0.5%
Public Administration and Safety	35	0%	16.7%	33	0%	-5.7%	28	0%	-15.2%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1,061	9%	6.0%	1,037	9%	-2.3%	1,071	9%	3.3%
Retail Trade	735	6%	2.8%	705	6%	-4.1%	715	6%	1.4%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	590	5%	2.8%	584	5%	-1.0%	591	5%	1.2%
Wholesale Trade	265	2%	6.4%	268	2%	1.1%	269	2%	0.4%
Currently Unknown	9	0%	200.0%	6	0%	-33.3%	6	0%	0.0%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>11,979</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>12,185</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>12,328</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 10b: Coffs Harbour - Grafton business count by employment count**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Non employing	6,776	57%	7.0%	7,035	58%	3.8%	7,255	59%	3.1%
1-4 Employees	3,580	30%	-0.3%	3,568	29%	-0.3%	3,488	28%	-2.2%
5-19 Employees	1,345	11%	7.8%	1,296	11%	-3.6%	1,296	11%	0.0%
20-199 Employees	257	2%	7.5%	280	2%	8.9%	310	3%	10.7%
200+ Employees	12	0%	100.0%	6	0%	-50.0%	9	0%	50.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,979</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.9%</b>	<b>12,185</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>12,328</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 11a: Far West and Orana business count by industry**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Accommodation and Food Services	609	5%	0.7%	593	5%	-2.6%	576	5%	-2.9%
Administrative and Support Services	327	3%	16.4%	369	3%	12.8%	362	3%	-1.9%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	4,491	36%	3.0%	4,540	36%	1.1%	4,433	35%	-2.4%
Arts and Recreation Services	84	1%	7.7%	102	1%	21.4%	111	1%	8.8%
Construction	1,749	14%	6.9%	1,744	14%	-0.3%	1,802	14%	3.3%
Education and Training	112	1%	1.8%	127	1%	13.4%	126	1%	-0.8%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	55	0%	-1.8%	58	0%	5.5%	52	0%	-10.3%
Financial and Insurance Services	229	2%	11.2%	229	2%	0.0%	239	2%	4.4%
Health Care and Social Assistance	507	4%	5.4%	534	4%	5.3%	573	5%	7.3%
Information Media and Telecommunications	28	0%	0.0%	28	0%	0.0%	25	0%	-10.7%
Manufacturing	305	2%	2.0%	309	2%	1.3%	318	3%	2.9%
Mining	75	1%	-9.6%	81	1%	8.0%	77	1%	-4.9%
Other Services	651	5%	5.9%	669	5%	2.8%	695	5%	3.9%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	585	5%	5.8%	606	5%	3.6%	633	5%	4.5%
Public Administration and Safety	28	0%	47.4%	28	0%	0.0%	23	0%	-17.9%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	952	8%	6.0%	990	8%	4.0%	1,026	8%	3.6%
Retail Trade	602	5%	0.0%	598	5%	-0.7%	571	5%	-4.5%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	738	6%	8.7%	741	6%	0.4%	745	6%	0.5%
Wholesale Trade	275	2%	1.9%	274	2%	-0.4%	272	2%	-0.7%
Currently Unknown	20	0%	100.0%	9	0%	-55.0%	6	0%	-33.3%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>12,422</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>12,629</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>12,665</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 11b: Far West and Orana business count by employment count**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Non employing	7,641	62%	5.7%	7,957	63%	4.1%	8,088	64%	1.6%
1-4 Employees	3,348	27%	0.4%	3,250	26%	-2.9%	3,155	25%	-2.9%
5-19 Employees	1,228	10%	5.2%	1,180	9%	-3.9%	1,233	10%	4.5%
20-199 Employees	216	2%	17.4%	230	2%	6.5%	201	2%	-12.6%
200+ Employees	6	0%	100.0%	6	0%	0.0%	-	0%	-100.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,422</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.7%</b>	<b>12,629</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>	<b>12,665</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0.3%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 12a: Hunter Valley (excluding Newcastle) business count by industry**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Accommodation and Food Services	1,055	5%	4.9%	1,039	5%	-1.5%	1,019	5%	-1.9%
Administrative and Support Services	928	5%	15.0%	954	5%	2.8%	996	5%	4.4%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	3,102	15%	4.5%	3,122	15%	0.6%	3,135	15%	0.4%
Arts and Recreation Services	295	1%	8.1%	319	2%	8.1%	343	2%	7.5%
Construction	3,745	18%	6.3%	3,882	19%	3.7%	3,903	18%	0.5%
Education and Training	293	1%	6.9%	305	1%	4.1%	302	1%	-1.0%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	66	0%	-5.7%	58	0%	-12.1%	56	0%	-3.4%
Financial and Insurance Services	512	3%	4.1%	547	3%	6.8%	566	3%	3.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,102	5%	14.1%	1,152	6%	4.5%	1,299	6%	12.8%
Information Media and Telecommunications	94	0%	23.7%	90	0%	-4.3%	100	0%	11.1%
Manufacturing	870	4%	2.6%	894	4%	2.8%	901	4%	0.8%
Mining	106	1%	11.6%	114	1%	7.5%	124	1%	8.8%
Other Services	1,369	7%	10.8%	1,502	7%	9.7%	1,598	7%	6.4%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,933	9%	4.2%	1,996	10%	3.3%	2,083	10%	4.4%
Public Administration and Safety	50	0%	25.0%	49	0%	-2.0%	53	0%	8.2%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1,910	9%	3.7%	1,955	9%	2.4%	2,001	9%	2.4%
Retail Trade	1,195	6%	3.4%	1,163	6%	-2.7%	1,184	6%	1.8%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	1,248	6%	1.3%	1,311	6%	5.0%	1,360	6%	3.7%
Wholesale Trade	476	2%	8.7%	472	2%	-0.8%	439	2%	-7.0%
Currently Unknown	15	0%	-25.0%	14	0%	-6.7%	3	0%	-78.6%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>20,364</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>20,938</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>21,465</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 12b: Hunter Valley (excluding Newcastle) business count by employment count**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Non employing	11,044	54%	6.5%	11,600	55%	5.0%	11,946	56%	3.0%
1-4 Employees	6,480	32%	5.2%	6,449	31%	-0.5%	6,542	30%	1.4%
5-19 Employees	2,225	11%	3.1%	2,253	11%	1.3%	2,300	11%	2.1%
20-199 Employees	578	3%	14.9%	589	3%	1.9%	656	3%	11.4%
200+ Employees	6	0%	-50.0%	15	0%	150.0%	12	0%	-20.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,364</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>	<b>20,938</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>21,465</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.5%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 13a: Illawarra business count by industry**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Accommodation and Food Services	1,067	5%	4.6%	1,049	5%	-1.7%	1,057	5%	0.8%
Administrative and Support Services	959	5%	9.2%	1,000	5%	4.3%	1,029	5%	2.9%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	337	2%	0.6%	327	2%	-3.0%	330	1%	0.9%
Arts and Recreation Services	419	2%	3.2%	455	2%	8.6%	478	2%	5.1%
Construction	4,715	22%	8.9%	4,773	22%	1.2%	4,820	22%	1.0%
Education and Training	447	2%	10.9%	442	2%	-1.1%	459	2%	3.8%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	49	0%	16.7%	63	0%	28.6%	56	0%	-11.1%
Financial and Insurance Services	719	3%	4.5%	748	3%	4.0%	790	4%	5.6%
Health Care and Social Assistance	2,010	10%	8.5%	2,128	10%	5.9%	2,358	11%	10.8%
Information Media and Telecommunications	210	1%	5.0%	195	1%	-7.1%	210	1%	7.7%
Manufacturing	765	4%	4.5%	763	4%	-0.3%	777	3%	1.8%
Mining	40	0%	-7.0%	50	0%	25.0%	44	0%	-12.0%
Other Services	1,315	6%	6.8%	1,325	6%	0.8%	1,319	6%	-0.5%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2,790	13%	8.5%	2,927	14%	4.9%	3,055	14%	4.4%
Public Administration and Safety	78	0%	5.4%	86	0%	10.3%	95	0%	10.5%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	2,113	10%	6.7%	2,137	10%	1.1%	2,216	10%	3.7%
Retail Trade	1,396	7%	4.6%	1,391	6%	-0.4%	1,360	6%	-2.2%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	1,201	6%	2.1%	1,256	6%	4.6%	1,360	6%	8.3%
Wholesale Trade	500	2%	3.7%	501	2%	0.2%	515	2%	2.8%
Currently Unknown	15	0%	-6.3%	12	0%	-20.0%	9	0%	-25.0%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>21,145</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>21,628</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>22,337</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 13b: Illawarra business count by employment count**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Non employing	11,067	52%	9.0%	11,548	53%	4.3%	12,250	55%	6.1%
1-4 Employees	7,316	35%	3.9%	7,228	33%	-1.2%	7,154	32%	-1.0%
5-19 Employees	2,264	11%	8.1%	2,293	11%	1.3%	2,361	11%	3.0%
20-199 Employees	468	2%	7.6%	490	2%	4.7%	558	2%	13.9%
200+ Employees	21	0%	133.3%	18	0%	-14.3%	15	0%	-16.7%
<b>Total</b>	<b>21,145</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6.8%</b>	<b>21,628</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.3%</b>	<b>22,337</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 14a: Mid North Coast business count by industry**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Accommodation and Food Services	965	5%	5.6%	988	5%	2.4%	983	5%	-0.5%
Administrative and Support Services	701	4%	16.1%	762	4%	8.7%	768	4%	0.8%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	3,211	18%	3.7%	3,231	17%	0.6%	3,165	17%	-2.0%
Arts and Recreation Services	213	1%	-2.3%	229	1%	7.5%	243	1%	6.1%
Construction	3,604	20%	5.8%	3,778	20%	4.8%	3,878	21%	2.6%
Education and Training	223	1%	0.5%	246	1%	10.3%	250	1%	1.6%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	49	0%	6.5%	57	0%	16.3%	49	0%	-14.0%
Financial and Insurance Services	433	2%	5.6%	445	2%	2.8%	455	2%	2.2%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,391	8%	11.0%	1,497	8%	7.6%	1,639	9%	9.5%
Information Media and Telecommunications	77	0%	1.3%	86	0%	11.7%	93	0%	8.1%
Manufacturing	644	4%	3.9%	666	4%	3.4%	659	4%	-1.1%
Mining	27	0%	-12.9%	26	0%	-3.7%	30	0%	15.4%
Other Services	974	5%	8.3%	1,010	5%	3.7%	1,021	5%	1.1%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,455	8%	8.8%	1,517	8%	4.3%	1,540	8%	1.5%
Public Administration and Safety	38	0%	-11.6%	41	0%	7.9%	53	0%	29.3%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1,479	8%	3.2%	1,486	8%	0.5%	1,492	8%	0.4%
Retail Trade	1,158	6%	2.6%	1,156	6%	-0.2%	1,132	6%	-2.1%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	886	5%	3.7%	885	5%	-0.1%	880	5%	-0.6%
Wholesale Trade	348	2%	2.7%	355	2%	2.0%	359	2%	1.1%
Currently Unknown	6	0%	100.0%	9	0%	50.0%	6	0%	-33.3%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>17,882</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>18,470</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>18,695</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 14b: Mid North Coast business count by employment count**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Non employing	10,564	59%	7.2%	11,063	60%	4.7%	11,343	61%	2.5%
1-4 Employees	5,185	29%	3.0%	5,162	28%	-0.4%	5,099	27%	-1.2%
5-19 Employees	1,807	10%	2.5%	1,863	10%	3.1%	1,864	10%	0.1%
20-199 Employees	345	2%	25.5%	373	2%	8.1%	366	2%	-1.9%
200+ Employees	18	0%	0.0%	9	0%	-50.0%	6	0%	-33.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,882</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5.6%</b>	<b>18,470</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3.3%</b>	<b>18,695</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>

Source: ABS



**Table 15a: Murray business count by industry**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Accommodation and Food Services	656	5%	3.3%	644	5%	-1.8%	654	5%	1.6%
Administrative and Support Services	368	3%	15.4%	373	3%	1.4%	388	3%	4.0%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	3,472	27%	1.8%	3,527	27%	1.6%	3,505	26%	-0.6%
Arts and Recreation Services	104	1%	8.3%	118	1%	13.5%	121	1%	2.5%
Construction	2,022	16%	8.0%	2,120	16%	4.8%	2,150	16%	1.4%
Education and Training	132	1%	10.0%	133	1%	0.8%	138	1%	3.8%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	172	1%	6.2%	177	1%	2.9%	179	1%	1.1%
Financial and Insurance Services	334	3%	8.4%	339	3%	1.5%	342	3%	0.9%
Health Care and Social Assistance	638	5%	8.0%	704	5%	10.3%	759	6%	7.8%
Information Media and Telecommunications	42	0%	23.5%	40	0%	-4.8%	41	0%	2.5%
Manufacturing	443	3%	3.7%	453	3%	2.3%	481	4%	6.2%
Mining	14	0%	-17.6%	15	0%	7.1%	13	0%	-13.3%
Other Services	655	5%	4.0%	681	5%	4.0%	695	5%	2.1%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	838	6%	8.1%	870	7%	3.8%	890	7%	2.3%
Public Administration and Safety	22	0%	15.8%	23	0%	4.5%	21	0%	-8.7%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1,282	10%	6.0%	1,311	10%	2.3%	1,342	10%	2.4%
Retail Trade	626	5%	3.1%	628	5%	0.3%	622	5%	-1.0%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	823	6%	7.2%	806	6%	-2.1%	822	6%	2.0%
Wholesale Trade	338	3%	6.0%	332	2%	-1.8%	326	2%	-1.8%
Currently Unknown	12	0%	100.0%	9	0%	-25.0%	9	0%	0.0%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>12,993</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>13,303</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>13,498</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 15b: Murray business count by employment count**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Non employing	7,720	59%	7.3%	8,067	61%	4.5%	8,231	61%	2.0%
1-4 Employees	3,515	27%	-0.1%	3,448	26%	-1.9%	3,498	26%	1.5%
5-19 Employees	1,414	11%	5.3%	1,435	11%	1.5%	1,387	10%	-3.3%
20-199 Employees	307	2%	9.3%	344	3%	12.1%	382	3%	11.0%
200+ Employees	6	0%	-33.3%	6	0%	0.0%	3	0%	-50.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>12,993</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5.4%</b>	<b>13,303</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.4%</b>	<b>13,498</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.5%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 16a: New England North West business count by industry**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Accommodation and Food Services	805	4%	4.4%	775	4%	-3.7%	762	4%	-1.7%
Administrative and Support Services	537	3%	14.5%	544	3%	1.3%	570	3%	4.8%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	8,143	39%	3.4%	8,167	39%	0.3%	8,102	38%	-0.8%
Arts and Recreation Services	184	1%	5.1%	193	1%	4.9%	200	1%	3.6%
Construction	2,677	13%	5.5%	2,765	13%	3.3%	2,837	13%	2.6%
Education and Training	194	1%	14.1%	197	1%	1.5%	198	1%	0.5%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	65	0%	3.2%	65	0%	0.0%	71	0%	9.2%
Financial and Insurance Services	386	2%	1.8%	406	2%	5.2%	418	2%	3.0%
Health Care and Social Assistance	840	4%	7.0%	906	4%	7.9%	933	4%	3.0%
Information Media and Telecommunications	68	0%	13.3%	71	0%	4.4%	61	0%	-14.1%
Manufacturing	561	3%	5.3%	576	3%	2.7%	596	3%	3.5%
Mining	59	0%	7.3%	53	0%	-10.2%	54	0%	1.9%
Other Services	908	4%	5.5%	968	5%	6.6%	985	5%	1.8%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,186	6%	3.9%	1,188	6%	0.2%	1,217	6%	2.4%
Public Administration and Safety	41	0%	7.9%	40	0%	-2.4%	47	0%	17.5%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1,779	8%	4.7%	1,780	8%	0.1%	1,854	9%	4.2%
Retail Trade	968	5%	0.8%	954	5%	-1.4%	918	4%	-3.8%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	1,106	5%	1.5%	1,080	5%	-2.4%	1,099	5%	1.8%
Wholesale Trade	454	2%	-0.9%	458	2%	0.9%	443	2%	-3.3%
Currently Unknown	3	0%	-50.0%	6	0%	100.0%	6	0%	0.0%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>20,964</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>21,192</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>21,371</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 16b: New England North West business count by employment count**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Non employing	13,329	64%	5.8%	13,548	64%	1.6%	13,782	64%	1.7%
1-4 Employees	5,406	26%	-1.0%	5,335	25%	-1.3%	5,241	25%	-1.8%
5-19 Employees	1,895	9%	4.9%	1,934	9%	2.1%	1,954	9%	1.0%
20-199 Employees	291	1%	11.5%	351	2%	20.6%	358	2%	2.0%
200+ Employees	6	0%	-60.0%	12	0%	100.0%	6	0%	-50.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>20,964</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>4.1%</b>	<b>21,192</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>	<b>21,371</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>0.8%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 17a: Newcastle and Lake Macquarie business count by industry**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Accommodation and Food Services	1,347	5%	1.4%	1,384	5%	2.7%	1,365	4%	-1.4%
Administrative and Support Services	1,289	4%	6.0%	1,351	5%	4.8%	1,382	4%	2.3%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	323	1%	7.3%	317	1%	-1.9%	321	1%	1.3%
Arts and Recreation Services	533	2%	6.4%	577	2%	8.3%	592	2%	2.6%
Construction	5,880	20%	6.4%	6,079	20%	3.4%	6,196	20%	1.9%
Education and Training	543	2%	9.9%	541	2%	-0.4%	569	2%	5.2%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	89	0%	15.6%	85	0%	-4.5%	76	0%	-10.6%
Financial and Insurance Services	1,290	4%	6.6%	1,301	4%	0.9%	1,360	4%	4.5%
Health Care and Social Assistance	3,263	11%	7.6%	3,433	11%	5.2%	3,735	12%	8.8%
Information Media and Telecommunications	191	1%	-1.5%	207	1%	8.4%	217	1%	4.8%
Manufacturing	1,047	4%	3.8%	1,068	4%	2.0%	1,081	3%	1.2%
Mining	72	0%	-10.0%	82	0%	13.9%	99	0%	20.7%
Other Services	1,620	6%	10.1%	1,667	6%	2.9%	1,722	6%	3.3%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	4,030	14%	7.1%	4,131	14%	2.5%	4,261	14%	3.1%
Public Administration and Safety	90	0%	5.9%	68	0%	-24.4%	93	0%	36.8%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	3,304	11%	7.4%	3,371	11%	2.0%	3,433	11%	1.8%
Retail Trade	1,851	6%	4.8%	1,789	6%	-3.3%	1,780	6%	-0.5%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	1,647	6%	3.5%	1,750	6%	6.3%	1,875	6%	7.1%
Wholesale Trade	763	3%	-1.0%	753	3%	-1.3%	740	2%	-1.7%
Currently Unknown	33	0%	-8.3%	21	0%	-36.4%	21	0%	0.0%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>29,205</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>29,975</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>30,918</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 17b: Newcastle and Lake Macquarie business count by employment count**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Non employing	15,204	52%	8.3%	15,911	53%	4.7%	16,847	54%	5.9%
1-4 Employees	9,649	33%	3.2%	9,595	32%	-0.6%	9,605	31%	0.1%
5-19 Employees	3,439	12%	4.1%	3,536	12%	2.8%	3,487	11%	-1.4%
20-199 Employees	879	3%	13.1%	949	3%	8.0%	978	3%	3.1%
200+ Employees	16	0%	33.3%	18	0%	12.5%	33	0%	83.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>29,205</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>6.1%</b>	<b>29,975</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.6%</b>	<b>30,918</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>3.1%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 18a: Richmond - Tweed business count by industry**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Accommodation and Food Services	1,311	5%	1.9%	1,285	5%	-2.0%	1,269	5%	-1.2%
Administrative and Support Services	1,043	4%	6.8%	1,104	4%	5.8%	1,172	4%	6.2%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	3,763	14%	0.8%	3,739	14%	-0.6%	3,684	13%	-1.5%
Arts and Recreation Services	545	2%	15.7%	558	2%	2.4%	582	2%	4.3%
Construction	4,779	18%	6.5%	5,089	19%	6.5%	5,276	19%	3.7%
Education and Training	484	2%	8.0%	485	2%	0.2%	492	2%	1.4%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	88	0%	18.9%	96	0%	9.1%	83	0%	-13.5%
Financial and Insurance Services	665	3%	7.8%	705	3%	6.0%	725	3%	2.8%
Health Care and Social Assistance	1,917	7%	7.5%	2,034	8%	6.1%	2,334	8%	14.7%
Information Media and Telecommunications	313	1%	12.2%	331	1%	5.8%	363	1%	9.7%
Manufacturing	1,083	4%	5.7%	1,102	4%	1.8%	1,112	4%	0.9%
Mining	52	0%	8.3%	43	0%	-17.3%	46	0%	7.0%
Other Services	1,227	5%	6.4%	1,249	5%	1.8%	1,289	5%	3.2%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	2,889	11%	7.6%	3,031	11%	4.9%	3,147	11%	3.8%
Public Administration and Safety	51	0%	8.5%	45	0%	-11.8%	46	0%	2.2%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	2,391	9%	5.6%	2,472	9%	3.4%	2,502	9%	1.2%
Retail Trade	1,903	7%	2.6%	1,900	7%	-0.2%	1,868	7%	-1.7%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	1,069	4%	0.1%	1,041	4%	-2.6%	1,107	4%	6.3%
Wholesale Trade	791	3%	2.3%	781	3%	-1.3%	746	3%	-4.5%
Currently Unknown	14	0%	-33.3%	20	0%	42.9%	16	0%	-20.0%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>26,378</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>27,110</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>27,859</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 18b: Richmond - Tweed business count by employment count**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Non employing	15,850	60%	5.8%	16,749	62%	5.7%	17,467	63%	4.3%
1-4 Employees	7,542	29%	3.3%	7,234	27%	-4.1%	7,251	26%	0.2%
5-19 Employees	2,439	9%	4.9%	2,537	9%	4.0%	2,581	9%	1.7%
20-199 Employees	519	2%	7.0%	555	2%	6.9%	591	2%	6.5%
200+ Employees	15	0%	66.7%	12	0%	-20.0%	9	0%	-25.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>26,378</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>27,110</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>	<b>27,859</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>2.8%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 19a: Riverina business count by industry**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Accommodation and Food Services	715	4%	6.2%	698	4%	-2.4%	684	4%	-2.0%
Administrative and Support Services	567	3%	13.9%	580	3%	2.3%	591	3%	1.9%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	5,321	31%	1.8%	5,348	31%	0.5%	5,316	30%	-0.6%
Arts and Recreation Services	154	1%	18.5%	155	1%	0.6%	165	1%	6.5%
Construction	2,545	15%	5.6%	2,593	15%	1.9%	2,604	15%	0.4%
Education and Training	157	1%	10.6%	159	1%	1.3%	156	1%	-1.9%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	56	0%	7.7%	55	0%	-1.8%	59	0%	7.3%
Financial and Insurance Services	436	3%	4.3%	428	2%	-1.8%	459	3%	7.2%
Health Care and Social Assistance	836	5%	6.2%	904	5%	8.1%	949	5%	5.0%
Information Media and Telecommunications	45	0%	7.1%	55	0%	22.2%	63	0%	14.5%
Manufacturing	586	3%	5.2%	603	3%	2.9%	624	4%	3.5%
Mining	18	0%	-5.3%	22	0%	22.2%	23	0%	4.5%
Other Services	845	5%	7.1%	888	5%	5.1%	911	5%	2.6%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	923	5%	6.0%	936	5%	1.4%	979	6%	4.6%
Public Administration and Safety	42	0%	16.7%	39	0%	-7.1%	40	0%	2.6%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1,527	9%	5.4%	1,564	9%	2.4%	1,589	9%	1.6%
Retail Trade	840	5%	4.5%	841	5%	0.1%	818	5%	-2.7%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	1,000	6%	11.5%	981	6%	-1.9%	1,004	6%	2.3%
Wholesale Trade	464	3%	6.7%	447	3%	-3.7%	450	3%	0.7%
Currently Unknown	6	0%	-50.0%	3	0%	-50.0%	6	0%	100.0%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>17,083</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>17,299</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>17,490</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 19b: Riverina business count by employment count**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Non employing	9,997	59%	7.3%	10,269	59%	2.7%	10,515	60%	2.4%
1-4 Employees	4,960	29%	2.8%	4,809	28%	-3.0%	4,764	27%	-0.9%
5-19 Employees	1,735	10%	0.0%	1,757	10%	1.3%	1,732	10%	-1.4%
20-199 Employees	401	2%	1.8%	424	2%	5.7%	432	2%	1.9%
200+ Employees	6	0%	-50.0%	12	0%	100.0%	3	0%	-75.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>17,083</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5.1%</b>	<b>17,299</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.3%</b>	<b>17,490</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.1%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 20a: Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven business count by industry**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Accommodation and Food Services	856	6%	5.2%	838	6%	-2.1%	831	6%	-0.8%
Administrative and Support Services	742	5%	9.8%	747	5%	0.7%	784	5%	5.0%
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	1,078	7%	4.1%	1,067	7%	-1.0%	1,055	7%	-1.1%
Arts and Recreation Services	253	2%	11.5%	258	2%	2.0%	253	2%	-1.9%
Construction	3,175	22%	5.7%	3,247	22%	2.3%	3,265	22%	0.6%
Education and Training	228	2%	10.7%	230	2%	0.9%	245	2%	6.5%
Electricity, Gas, Water and Waste Services	40	0%	-13.0%	38	0%	-5.0%	42	0%	10.5%
Financial and Insurance Services	423	3%	6.0%	425	3%	0.5%	471	3%	10.8%
Health Care and Social Assistance	926	6%	10.6%	991	7%	7.0%	1,057	7%	6.7%
Information Media and Telecommunications	136	1%	13.3%	140	1%	2.9%	141	1%	0.7%
Manufacturing	571	4%	3.1%	562	4%	-1.6%	565	4%	0.5%
Mining	21	0%	-8.7%	27	0%	28.6%	33	0%	22.2%
Other Services	750	5%	4.9%	762	5%	1.6%	792	5%	3.9%
Professional, Scientific and Technical Services	1,760	12%	9.2%	1,762	12%	0.1%	1,795	12%	1.9%
Public Administration and Safety	44	0%	2.3%	45	0%	2.3%	46	0%	2.2%
Rental, Hiring and Real Estate Services	1,380	10%	4.3%	1,424	10%	3.2%	1,479	10%	3.9%
Retail Trade	1,025	7%	4.1%	1,008	7%	-1.7%	985	7%	-2.3%
Transport, Postal and Warehousing	599	4%	-0.5%	616	4%	2.8%	609	4%	-1.1%
Wholesale Trade	381	3%	-0.3%	374	3%	-1.8%	361	2%	-3.5%
Currently Unknown	9	0%	0.0%	6	0%	-33.3%	3	0%	-50.0%
<b>All Industries</b>	<b>14,397</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>14,567</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>14,812</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

Source: ABS

**Table 20b: Southern Highlands and Shoalhaven business count by employment count**

	June 2022			June 2023			June 2024		
	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth	Count	% of total	Annual growth
Non employing	7,677	53%	6.6%	7,985	55%	4.0%	8,271	56%	3.6%
1-4 Employees	4,911	34%	3.9%	4,743	33%	-3.4%	4,664	31%	-1.7%
5-19 Employees	1,535	11%	4.1%	1,564	11%	1.9%	1,567	11%	0.2%
20-199 Employees	267	2%	-2.6%	331	2%	24.0%	343	2%	3.6%
200+ Employees	6	0%	100.0%	6	0%	0.0%	3	0%	-50.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14,397</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>5.8%</b>	<b>14,567</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.2%</b>	<b>14,812</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>1.7%</b>

Source: ABS