

Counts of Australian Businesses, including Entries and Exits, June 2012 to June 2016 (ABS Cat No 8165.0)

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This publication presents business counts, including rates of business entries to, and exits from, the Australian economy. The scope of the data is limited to those businesses actively remitting in a GST role. These data are sourced from the Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register, but do not include a count of total Australian Business Numbers (ABN) registered with the Australian Business Register (ABR), due to the large number of ABN applications and the timing required for coordination of the publication by the ABS and the ABR.

Business count

The ABS estimated that there were 37 049 actively trading businesses in Tasmania as at 30 June 2016, up 134 businesses (or 0.4 per cent) from a year earlier, in original terms. All jurisdictions recorded an increase in the number of businesses over this period, with New South Wales recording the highest increase. Nationally, the business count increased by 2.4 per cent over this period (Table 1).

According to the ABS, at the end of June 2016 Tasmania's share of the national business count (1.7 per cent) was lower than its share of the national population (2.2 per cent). However, the share of businesses is slightly higher than Tasmania's estimated share of national gross domestic product of 1.6 per cent in 2015-16.

In 2015-16, Tasmania had the lowest rates of both business entries and business exits amongst all jurisdictions (Table 2).

Of businesses that were operating in Tasmania in June 2012, 56.2 per cent survived until June 2016, the second highest survival rate of all jurisdictions, behind South Australia.

Table 1: Business counts by jurisdiction, June 2016, original data

	Business count, number	Annual growth (%)	Share of national:	
			Businesses (%)	Population (%)
NSW	727 435	3.0	33.5	32.0
Vic	570 068	2.8	26.3	25.1
Qld	425 569	1.9	19.6	20.1
SA	144 514	0.8	6.7	7.1
WA	225 006	1.9	10.4	10.9
Tas	37 049	0.4	1.7	2.2
NT	14 310	1.1	0.7	1.0
ACT	26 183	2.9	1.2	1.6
Aus*	2 171 544	2.4	100.0	100.0

SOURCE: COUNTS OF AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSES, INCLUDING ENTRIES AND EXITS, ABS CAT NO 8165.0: TABLE 4, AUSTRALIAN DEMOGRAPHIC STATISTICS, CAT NO 3101.0

Table 2: Rates of business entry, exit and survival by jurisdiction, 2015-16, original data

	Entry rate 2015-16 (%)	Exit rate 2015-16 (%)	Survival rate – June 2012 to June 2016 (%) *
NSW	15.3	12.3	54.1
Vic	14.9	12.1	55.0
Qld	14.6	12.7	53.5
SA	11.8	11.0	57.2
WA	14.4	12.5	54.3
Tas	11.0	10.6	56.2
NT	14.2	13.1	49.9
ACT	16.3	13.4	53.6
Aus	14.6	12.3	54.4

* Percentage of businesses included in the ABS business count operating at 30 June 2012 still operating at 30 June 2016

SOURCE: COUNTS OF AUSTRALIAN BUSINESSES, INCLUDING ENTRIES AND EXITS, ABS CAT NO 8165.0: TABLES 4, 6.

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