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COUNTS OF BUSINESSES - SUMMARY TABLES

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INTRODUCTION

This publication presents the first release of counts of businesses sourced from the *Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register (ABSBR)* using new statistical infrastructure. The ABS uses an economic statistics units model on the ABSBR to describe the characteristics of businesses, and the structural relationships between related businesses. Within large and diverse business groups, the units model is also used to define reporting units that can provide data to the ABS at suitable levels of detail. The units model can be used to produce counts of businesses from the ABSBR.

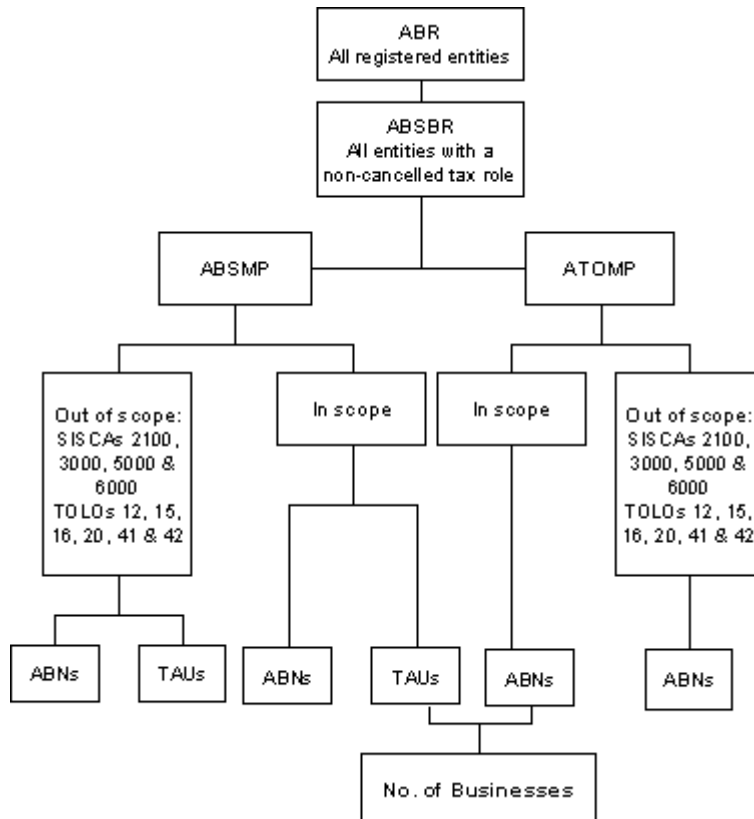
In mid 2002, to better use the information available as a result of *The New Tax System (TNTS)*, the ABS changed its economic statistics units model. The new units model allocates businesses to one of two sub-populations. The vast majority of businesses are in what is called the Australian Tax Office maintained population (ATOMP), while the remaining businesses are in the Australian Bureau of Statistics maintained population (ABSMP). Please refer to the Explanatory Notes for more information about the ABS units model and the composition of the two sub-populations.

POPULATION

The 'in-scope' population for this publication comprises:

- live Type of Activity Units (TAUs) in the Australian Bureau of Statistics maintained population (ABSMP); and
- Australian Business Numbers (ABNs) in the Australian Tax Office maintained population (ATOMP) with at least one non-cancelled in-scope tax role.

Businesses classified to 'out-of-scope' STANDARD INSTITUTIONAL SECTOR CLASSIFICATION OF AUSTRALIA (SISCA) and TYPE OF LEGAL ORGANISATION (TOLO) categories are excluded from this publication. For a full list of SISCA and TOLO exclusions and further information about the scope and coverage of this publication, please refer to the Explanatory Notes.



ADDITIONAL DATA

Further data about counts of businesses sourced from the ABSBR can be purchased separately by contacting the National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070:

- *Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register, Counts of Businesses - Industry by Main State by Employment Size Ranges* (cat. no. 8161.0.55.002)
- *Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register, Counts of Businesses - Postcode by Industry Division by Employment Size* (cat. no. 8161.0.55.003)

COMPARISON WITH
OTHER DATA ON
BUSINESS COUNTS

These business counts are not comparable to previous business entity counts produced as at October 2000 and June 2001 (cat. nos. 1369.0.55.001, 8136.0.55.001 and 8138.0.55.001). Further details are provided in the Appendix.

Estimates of the number of businesses operating in the Australian economy may be derived from a number of sources within the ABS or from non-ABS sources. They may relate to a point in time, or may be average annual data. These estimates will not always show the same results. Variations occur because of the differing data sources, differing definitions of a business and differing scope and coverage between surveys, as well as variations due to sampling and non-sampling errors.

The definition of employing/non-employing in the ABS can also vary according to collection methodology, data sources, and user requirements and uses.

Users comparing data from this publication with other ABS data should do so with care, as this publication relates to businesses (based on the ABS operational definition of a business) while some other ABS publications relate to business entities (for example *Experimental Estimates, Entries and Exits of Business Entities, Australia* cat. no. 8160.0.55.001), or exclude non-employing businesses or particular industries or sectors.

For further information, refer to the *Information Paper: A Statistical View of Counts of Businesses in Australia* (cat. no. 8162.0).

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ABBREVIATIONS

ABN	Australian Business Number
ABR	Australian Business Register
ABS	Australian Bureau of Statistics
ABSBR	Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register
ABSMP	Australian Bureau of Statistics maintained population
ANZSIC	Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification
APRA	Australian Prudential Regulation Authority
ATO	Australian Taxation Office
ATOMP	Australian Taxation Office maintained population
BAS	Business Activity Statement
EG	enterprise group
EN	enterprise
GSTP	goods and services tax payer
ITIP	income tax instalment payer
ITW	income tax withholding
no.	number
SESCA	Standard Economic Sector Classification of Australia
SISCA	Standard Institutional Sector Classification of Australia
TAU	type of activity unit
TNTS	The New Tax System
TOLO	Type of Legal Organisation

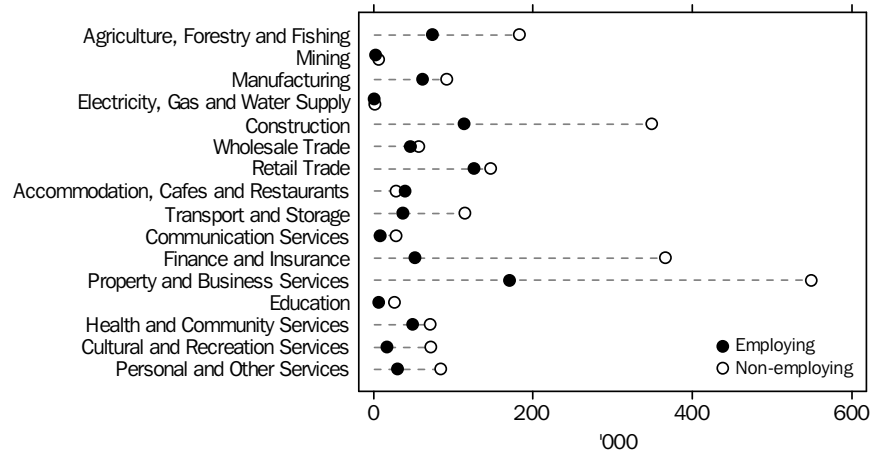
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At June 2004 the number of active businesses on the *Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register (ABSBR)* was 3,015,318. Of the total number of businesses, 837,078 (28%) were employing, with 2,178,240 (72%) non-employed.

PROPERTY AND BUSINESS SERVICES had the greatest number of employing businesses with 171,182 (20%), followed by RETAIL TRADE with 126,160 (15%) and CONSTRUCTION with 113,426 (14%). For non-employed businesses, the greatest number of businesses were in PROPERTY AND BUSINESS SERVICES with 549,650 (25%), FINANCE AND INSURANCE with 366,677 (17%) and CONSTRUCTION with 348,814 (16%).

INDUSTRY DIVISION BY EMPLOYING/NON-EMPLOYING, June 2004



The majority of employing businesses, 754,504 (90%) had between 0 and 19 employees. There were 77,656 (9%) businesses with 20 to 199 employees and 4,918 (1%) businesses with 200+ employees.

Of the total number of businesses, only 38,920 (1%) stated that they operate from locations in more than one state. Of these MULTI-STATE businesses, 25,922 (67%) operate from locations in only two states, while 4,507 (12%) operate from locations in all states and territories.

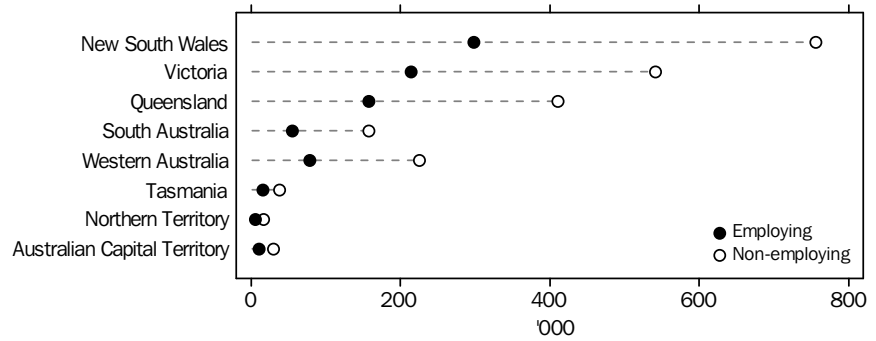
The total number of employing MULTI-STATE businesses was 15,976, with 1,793 (11%) of these businesses reporting 200 or more employees. In comparison, 3,125 (<1%) of employing SINGLE STATE businesses had 200 or more employees.

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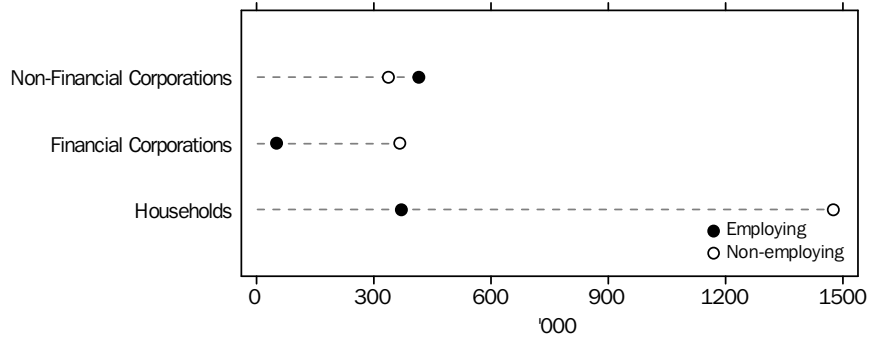
NEW SOUTH WALES had the largest number of businesses, with 1,054,176 (35%). VICTORIA was next with 756,763 (25%), followed by QUEENSLAND with 568,817 (19%). The lowest number of businesses were recorded in AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY and NORTHERN TERRITORY with 41,306 (1%) and 22,088 (<1%) respectively. Refer to paragraph 29 of the Explanatory Notes for a description of Main State.

MAIN STATE BY EMPLOYING/NON-EMPLOYING, June 2004



Of employing businesses, 414,635 (50%) were classified to the NON-FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS SISCA, followed by HOUSEHOLDS with 370,928 (44%). FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS accounted for 51,515 (6%) of employing businesses. For non-employing businesses, the largest number of businesses were in HOUSEHOLDS with 1,474,264 (68%), followed by FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS with 366,242 (17%) and NON-FINANCIAL CORPORATIONS with 337,734 (16%).

SISCA BY EMPLOYING/NON-EMPLOYING, June 2004



SOLE PROPRIETORSHIP with 1,162,183 (39%) was the most common form of legal structure, followed by PROPRIETY LIMITED with 785,727 (26%) and TRUSTS with 531,706 (18%).

BUSINESSES BY INDUSTRY DIVISION AND SUBDIVISION BY EMPLOYMENT SIZE RANGES,
June 2004

	0-19	20-199	200+	Total employing	Non-employed	Total
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING						
Agriculture	57 939	4 490	150	62 579	142 415	204 994
Services to Agriculture; Hunting and Trapping	5 587	977	48	6 612	20 101	26 713
Forestry and Logging	1 276	np	np	1 468	10 703	12 171
Commercial Fishing	3 282	np	np	3 452	9 931	13 383
<i>Total</i>	<i>68 084</i>	<i>5 818</i>	<i>209</i>	<i>74 111</i>	<i>183 150</i>	<i>257 261</i>
MINING						
Coal Mining	96	39	25	160	204	364
Oil and Gas Extraction	102	23	7	132	399	531
Metal Ore Mining	284	76	31	391	803	1 194
Other Mining	744	113	8	865	2 090	2 955
Services to Mining	1 019	138	26	1 183	2 894	4 077
<i>Total</i>	<i>2 245</i>	<i>389</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>2 731</i>	<i>6 390</i>	<i>9 121</i>
MANUFACTURING						
Food, Beverage and Tobacco Manufacturing	3 070	1 274	199	4 543	4 799	9 342
Textile, Clothing, Footwear and Leather Manufacturing	5 154	678	49	5 881	13 419	19 300
Wood and Paper Product Manufacturing	4 081	806	54	4 941	5 977	10 918
Printing, Publishing and Recorded Media	6 044	1 012	70	7 126	10 537	17 663
Petroleum, Coal, Chemical and Associated Manufacturing	3 009	972	104	4 085	4 773	8 858
Non-Metallic Mineral Product Manufacturing	2 062	407	33	2 502	4 080	6 582
Metal Product Manufacturing	9 138	1 832	95	11 065	15 214	26 279
Machinery and Equipment Manufacturing	10 825	1 998	180	13 003	17 514	30 517
Other Manufacturing	7 545	1 172	25	8 742	15 534	24 276
<i>Total</i>	<i>50 928</i>	<i>10 151</i>	<i>809</i>	<i>61 888</i>	<i>91 847</i>	<i>153 735</i>
ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER SUPPLY						
Electricity and Gas Supply	216	50	38	304	1 086	1 390
Water Supply, Sewerage and Drainage Services	261	24	10	295	936	1 231
<i>Total</i>	<i>477</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>599</i>	<i>2 022</i>	<i>2 621</i>
CONSTRUCTION						
General Construction	28 023	1 576	96	29 695	63 015	92 710
Construction Trade Services	79 668	3 919	144	83 731	285 799	369 530
<i>Total</i>	<i>107 691</i>	<i>5 495</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>113 426</i>	<i>348 814</i>	<i>462 240</i>
WHOLESALE TRADE						
Basic Material Wholesaling	8 987	1 352	61	10 400	13 920	24 320
Machinery and Motor Vehicle Wholesaling	14 509	1 898	118	16 525	14 129	30 654
Personal and Household Good Wholesaling	17 085	2 653	137	19 875	28 793	48 668
<i>Total</i>	<i>40 581</i>	<i>5 903</i>	<i>316</i>	<i>46 800</i>	<i>56 842</i>	<i>103 642</i>
RETAIL TRADE						
Food Retailing	30 880	5 189	192	36 261	29 050	65 311
Personal and Household Good Retailing	52 830	5 433	255	58 518	83 111	141 629
Motor Vehicle Retailing and Services	28 745	2 565	71	31 381	35 158	66 539
<i>Total</i>	<i>112 455</i>	<i>13 187</i>	<i>518</i>	<i>126 160</i>	<i>147 319</i>	<i>273 479</i>

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BUSINESSES BY INDUSTRY DIVISION AND SUBDIVISION BY EMPLOYMENT SIZE RANGES,
June 2004 *continued*

	0-19	20-199	200+	Total employing	Non-employed	Total
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
ACCOMMODATION, CAFES AND RESTAURANTS						
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	29 681	9 292	369	39 342	28 680	68 022
<i>Total</i>	29 681	9 292	369	39 342	28 680	68 022
TRANSPORT AND STORAGE						
Road Transport	25 969	1 946	92	28 007	95 068	123 075
Rail Transport	42	np	np	63	135	198
Water Transport	897	143	10	1 050	4 365	5 415
Air and Space Transport	547	100	22	669	1 490	2 159
Other Transport	460	np	np	492	3 103	3 595
Services to Transport	5 454	689	60	6 203	9 077	15 280
Storage	709	165	16	890	1 320	2 210
<i>Total</i>	34 078	3 084	212	37 374	114 558	151 932
COMMUNICATION SERVICES						
Communication Services	7 689	361	39	8 089	28 416	36 505
<i>Total</i>	7 689	361	39	8 089	28 416	36 505
FINANCE AND INSURANCE						
Finance	8 981	587	71	9 639	87 567	97 206
Insurance	21 320	284	148	21 752	213 863	235 615
Services to Finance and Insurance	19 323	911	83	20 317	65 247	85 564
<i>Total</i>	49 624	1 782	302	51 708	366 677	418 385
PROPERTY AND BUSINESS SERVICES						
Property Services	28 352	2 530	78	30 960	258 893	289 853
Business Services	128 581	10 508	1 133	140 222	290 757	430 979
<i>Total</i>	156 933	13 038	1 211	171 182	549 650	720 832
EDUCATION						
Education	5 979	847	54	6 880	26 511	33 391
<i>Total</i>	5 979	847	54	6 880	26 511	33 391
HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES						
Health Services	41 139	2 137	184	43 460	58 542	102 002
Community Services	3 517	1 968	63	5 548	12 456	18 004
<i>Total</i>	44 656	4 105	247	49 008	70 998	120 006
CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES						
Motion Picture, Radio and Television Services	2 870	459	79	3 408	7 752	11 160
Libraries, Museums and the Arts	3 631	336	18	3 985	40 927	44 912
Sport and Recreation	8 307	1 536	64	9 907	23 691	33 598
<i>Total</i>	14 808	2 331	161	17 300	72 370	89 670
PERSONAL AND OTHER SERVICES						
Personal Services	24 073	1 273	45	25 391	64 869	90 260
Other Services	np	np	41	4 916	18 868	23 784
Private Households Employing Staff	np	np	—	173	259	432
<i>Total</i>	28 595	1 799	86	30 480	83 996	114 476
All Industries	754 504	77 656	4 918	837 078	2 178 240	3 015 318

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NEW SOUTH WALES						
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	20 314	1 425	42	21 781	53 586	75 367
Mining	491	88	23	602	1 258	1 860
Manufacturing	17 215	3 168	283	20 666	28 385	49 051
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	164	23	12	199	643	842
Construction	40 179	1 812	89	42 080	119 137	161 217
Wholesale Trade	14 956	2 236	140	17 332	20 474	37 806
Retail Trade	38 848	4 109	191	43 148	49 300	92 448
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	10 993	3 078	165	14 236	10 230	24 466
Transport and Storage	12 112	1 019	98	13 229	38 095	51 324
Communication Services	2 816	162	17	2 995	10 973	13 968
Finance and Insurance	17 481	720	142	18 343	126 184	144 527
Property and Business Services	60 589	4 601	483	65 673	208 770	274 443
Education	2 371	364	22	2 757	9 130	11 887
Health and Community Services	16 400	1 227	64	17 691	24 839	42 530
Cultural and Recreational Services	5 875	764	80	6 719	26 943	33 662
Personal and Other Services	10 010	591	32	10 633	28 145	38 778
<i>All Industries</i>	<i>270 814</i>	<i>25 387</i>	<i>1 883</i>	<i>298 084</i>	<i>756 092</i>	<i>1 054 176</i>
VICTORIA						
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	15 673	1 306	43	17 022	41 126	58 148
Mining	276	31	5	312	607	919
Manufacturing	14 852	3 140	257	18 249	23 845	42 094
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	124	20	15	159	438	597
Construction	28 218	1 196	57	29 471	80 461	109 932
Wholesale Trade	11 113	1 629	92	12 834	14 500	27 334
Retail Trade	28 019	3 278	157	31 454	36 924	68 378
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	7 191	2 012	69	9 272	7 129	16 401
Transport and Storage	8 808	699	50	9 557	28 890	38 447
Communication Services	2 165	88	11	2 264	6 984	9 248
Finance and Insurance	13 757	428	75	14 260	102 336	116 596
Property and Business Services	40 509	3 365	359	44 233	134 523	178 756
Education	1 517	187	7	1 711	6 870	8 581
Health and Community Services	10 895	1 069	65	12 029	18 195	30 224
Cultural and Recreational Services	3 816	624	40	4 480	18 553	23 033
Personal and Other Services	7 018	427	23	7 468	20 607	28 075
<i>All Industries</i>	<i>193 951</i>	<i>19 499</i>	<i>1 325</i>	<i>214 775</i>	<i>541 988</i>	<i>756 763</i>
QUEENSLAND						
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	12 607	1 336	86	14 029	43 902	57 931
Mining	495	88	19	602	1 330	1 932
Manufacturing	9 150	1 876	125	11 151	18 064	29 215
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	75	np	np	97	379	476
Construction	21 214	1 275	45	22 534	71 392	93 926
Wholesale Trade	7 306	962	38	8 306	10 530	18 836
Retail Trade	22 037	2 812	84	24 933	28 221	53 154
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	5 607	1 925	77	7 609	5 621	13 230
Transport and Storage	7 112	701	31	7 844	23 762	31 606
Communication Services	1 561	np	np	1 615	4 539	6 154
Finance and Insurance	8 794	293	32	9 119	58 506	67 625
Property and Business Services	27 417	2 503	172	30 092	98 792	128 884
Education	1 079	143	11	1 233	4 585	5 818
Health and Community Services	8 459	890	53	9 402	11 673	21 075
Cultural and Recreational Services	2 653	439	20	3 112	12 887	15 999
Personal and Other Services	5 570	363	17	5 950	17 006	22 956
<i>All Industries</i>	<i>141 136</i>	<i>15 669</i>	<i>823</i>	<i>157 628</i>	<i>411 189</i>	<i>568 817</i>

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	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
SOUTH AUSTRALIA						
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	8 784	633	22	9 439	16 835	26 274
Mining	112	np	np	138	512	650
Manufacturing	3 348	785	65	4 198	6 488	10 686
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	36	5	5	46	159	205
Construction	5 520	np	np	5 884	20 426	26 310
Wholesale Trade	2 581	362	21	2 964	3 855	6 819
Retail Trade	7 846	890	27	8 763	11 024	19 787
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	1 885	724	12	2 621	1 883	4 504
Transport and Storage	1 926	197	18	2 141	8 241	10 382
Communication Services	361	np	np	377	2 120	2 497
Finance and Insurance	2 792	96	17	2 905	29 674	32 579
Property and Business Services	8 234	714	64	9 012	36 943	45 955
Education	335	52	8	395	1 976	2 371
Health and Community Services	3 135	296	19	3 450	6 439	9 889
Cultural and Recreational Services	763	178	8	949	4 346	5 295
Personal and Other Services	1 988	np	np	2 098	6 503	8 601
<i>All Industries</i>	49 646	5 431	303	55 380	157 424	212 804

WESTERN AUSTRALIA						
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	8 043	740	9	8 792	19 965	28 757
Mining	791	141	42	974	2 425	3 399
Manufacturing	4 889	922	52	5 863	11 527	17 390
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	55	np	np	65	331	396
Construction	8 994	613	36	9 643	41 288	50 931
Wholesale Trade	3 616	546	20	4 182	5 766	9 948
Retail Trade	10 796	1 417	41	12 254	15 550	27 804
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	2 467	1 000	31	3 498	2 400	5 898
Transport and Storage	2 941	325	10	3 276	10 755	14 031
Communication Services	550	32	5	587	3 023	3 610
Finance and Insurance	5 233	180	26	5 439	39 058	44 497
Property and Business Services	14 209	1 307	105	15 621	50 131	65 752
Education	448	65	6	519	2 502	3 021
Health and Community Services	3 789	423	31	4 243	6 635	10 878
Cultural and Recreational Services	1 101	203	7	1 311	6 500	7 811
Personal and Other Services	2 695	np	np	2 902	8 290	11 192
<i>All Industries</i>	70 617	8 117	435	79 169	226 146	305 315

TASMANIA						
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	2 235	np	np	2 560	5 698	8 258
Mining	np	np	np	51	99	150
Manufacturing	844	np	np	1 030	1 888	2 918
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	np	np	np	15	28	43
Construction	1 432	109	—	1 541	6 167	7 708
Wholesale Trade	538	np	np	624	903	1 527
Retail Trade	2 610	266	8	2 884	3 342	6 226
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	828	np	np	1 059	757	1 816
Transport and Storage	680	np	np	763	2 018	2 781
Communication Services	125	7	—	132	299	431
Finance and Insurance	734	np	np	781	4 778	5 559
Property and Business Services	1 991	np	np	2 193	7 787	9 980
Education	91	11	—	102	482	584
Health and Community Services	953	np	np	1 033	1 405	2 438
Cultural and Recreational Services	253	np	np	299	1 240	1 539
Personal and Other Services	585	38	—	623	1 468	2 091
<i>All Industries</i>	13 948	1 666	76	15 690	38 359	54 049

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	0-19	20-199	200+	Total employing	Non-employed	Total
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
NORTHERN TERRITORY						
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	303	np	np	353	1 344	1 697
Mining	34	np	np	np	np	170
Manufacturing	274	np	np	323	711	1 034
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	np	np	np	np	np	28
Construction	821	np	np	897	3 950	4 847
Wholesale Trade	198	47	—	245	367	612
Retail Trade	934	np	np	1 103	1 249	2 352
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	251	np	np	398	276	674
Transport and Storage	255	np	np	301	1 337	1 638
Communication Services	np	np	—	21	150	171
Finance and Insurance	133	np	np	146	1 489	1 635
Property and Business Services	832	np	np	934	3 700	4 634
Education	31	9	—	40	165	205
Health and Community Services	226	np	np	273	532	805
Cultural and Recreational Services	115	np	np	143	544	687
Personal and Other Services	209	23	—	232	667	899
<i>All Industries</i>	4 643	798	23	5 464	16 624	22 088

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	125	10	—	135	694	829
Mining	np	—	—	np	np	41
Manufacturing	356	np	np	408	939	1 347
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	np	np	np	np	np	34
Construction	1 313	np	np	1 376	5 993	7 369
Wholesale Trade	273	np	np	313	447	760
Retail Trade	1 365	np	np	1 621	1 709	3 330
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	459	184	6	649	384	1 033
Transport and Storage	244	19	—	263	1 460	1 723
Communication Services	np	6	np	98	328	426
Finance and Insurance	700	np	np	715	4 652	5 367
Property and Business Services	3 152	255	17	3 424	9 004	12 428
Education	107	16	—	123	801	924
Health and Community Services	799	82	6	887	1 280	2 167
Cultural and Recreational Services	232	np	np	287	1 357	1 644
Personal and Other Services	520	np	np	574	1 310	1 884
<i>All Industries</i>	9 749	1 089	50	10 888	30 418	41 306

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Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	68 084	5 818	209	74 111	183 150	257 261
Mining	2 245	389	97	2 731	6 390	9 121
Manufacturing	50 928	10 151	809	61 888	91 847	153 735
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	477	74	48	599	2 022	2 621
Construction	107 691	5 495	240	113 426	348 814	462 240
Wholesale Trade	40 581	5 903	316	46 800	56 842	103 642
Retail Trade	112 455	13 187	518	126 160	147 319	273 479
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	29 681	9 292	369	39 342	28 680	68 022
Transport and Storage	34 078	3 084	212	37 374	114 558	151 932
Communication Services	7 689	361	39	8 089	28 416	36 505
Finance and Insurance	49 624	1 782	302	51 708	366 677	418 385
Property and Business Services	156 933	13 038	1 211	171 182	549 650	720 832
Education	5 979	847	54	6 880	26 511	33 391
Health and Community Services	44 656	4 105	247	49 008	70 998	120 006
Cultural and Recreational Services	14 808	2 331	161	17 300	72 370	89 670
Personal and Other Services	28 595	1 799	86	30 480	83 996	114 476
<i>All Industries</i>	754 504	77 656	4 918	837 078	2 178 240	3 015 318

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BUSINESSES BY INDUSTRY DIVISION BY SINGLE/MULTI-STATE BY EMPLOYMENT SIZE
RANGES (a), June 2004

	0-19	20-199	200+	Total employing	Non-employing	Total
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING						
Single State	67 351	5 635	193	73 179	180 307	253 486
Multi-State	733	183	16	932	2 843	3 775
<i>Total</i>	<i>68 084</i>	<i>5 818</i>	<i>209</i>	<i>74 111</i>	<i>183 150</i>	<i>257 261</i>
MINING						
Single State	2 130	326	62	2 518	6 131	8 649
Multi-State	115	63	35	213	259	472
<i>Total</i>	<i>2 245</i>	<i>389</i>	<i>97</i>	<i>2 731</i>	<i>6 390</i>	<i>9 121</i>
MANUFACTURING						
Single State	50 295	9 042	344	59 681	90 752	150 433
Multi-State	633	1 109	465	2 207	1 095	3 302
<i>Total</i>	<i>50 928</i>	<i>10 151</i>	<i>809</i>	<i>61 888</i>	<i>91 847</i>	<i>153 735</i>
ELECTRICITY, GAS AND WATER SUPPLY						
Single State	467	64	33	564	1 979	2 543
Multi-State	10	10	15	35	43	78
<i>Total</i>	<i>477</i>	<i>74</i>	<i>48</i>	<i>599</i>	<i>2 022</i>	<i>2 621</i>
CONSTRUCTION						
Single State	106 915	5 289	162	112 366	345 188	457 554
Multi-State	776	206	78	1 060	3 626	4 686
<i>Total</i>	<i>107 691</i>	<i>5 495</i>	<i>240</i>	<i>113 426</i>	<i>348 814</i>	<i>462 240</i>
WHOLESALE TRADE						
Single State	39 528	4 675	107	44 310	55 870	100 180
Multi-State	1 053	1 228	209	2 490	972	3 462
<i>Total</i>	<i>40 581</i>	<i>5 903</i>	<i>316</i>	<i>46 800</i>	<i>56 842</i>	<i>103 642</i>
RETAIL TRADE						
Single State	111 664	12 678	321	124 663	146 018	270 681
Multi-State	791	509	197	1 497	1 301	2 798
<i>Total</i>	<i>112 455</i>	<i>13 187</i>	<i>518</i>	<i>126 160</i>	<i>147 319</i>	<i>273 479</i>
ACCOMMODATION, CAFES AND RESTAURANTS						
Single State	29 509	9 178	328	39 015	28 353	67 368
Multi-State	172	114	41	327	327	654
<i>Total</i>	<i>29 681</i>	<i>9 292</i>	<i>369</i>	<i>39 342</i>	<i>28 680</i>	<i>68 022</i>
TRANSPORT AND STORAGE						
Single State	33 673	2 720	98	36 491	113 438	149 929
Multi-State	405	364	114	883	1 120	2 003
<i>Total</i>	<i>34 078</i>	<i>3 084</i>	<i>212</i>	<i>37 374</i>	<i>114 558</i>	<i>151 932</i>
COMMUNICATION SERVICES						
Single State	7 609	289	19	7 917	28 123	36 040
Multi-State	80	72	20	172	293	465
<i>Total</i>	<i>7 689</i>	<i>361</i>	<i>39</i>	<i>8 089</i>	<i>28 416</i>	<i>36 505</i>

(a) For definitions of Single-State and Multi-State businesses, please refer to the Glossary.

BUSINESSES BY INDUSTRY DIVISION BY SINGLE/MULTI-STATE BY EMPLOYMENT SIZE RANGES(a), June 2004 *continued*

	0-19	20-199	200+	Total employing	Non-employing	Total
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
.....						
FINANCE AND INSURANCE						
Single State	48 875	1 533	172	50 580	364 061	414 641
Multi-State	749	249	130	1 128	2 616	3 744
<i>Total</i>	<i>49 624</i>	<i>1 782</i>	<i>302</i>	<i>51 708</i>	<i>366 677</i>	<i>418 385</i>
.....						
PROPERTY AND BUSINESS SERVICES						
Single State	154 837	11 924	862	167 623	544 108	711 731
Multi-State	2 096	1 114	349	3 559	5 542	9 101
<i>Total</i>	<i>156 933</i>	<i>13 038</i>	<i>1 211</i>	<i>171 182</i>	<i>549 650</i>	<i>720 832</i>
.....						
EDUCATION						
Single State	5 884	806	47	6 737	26 221	32 958
Multi-State	95	41	7	143	290	433
<i>Total</i>	<i>5 979</i>	<i>847</i>	<i>54</i>	<i>6 880</i>	<i>26 511</i>	<i>33 391</i>
.....						
HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES						
Single State	44 265	4 013	200	48 478	70 089	118 567
Multi-State	391	92	47	530	909	1 439
<i>Total</i>	<i>44 656</i>	<i>4 105</i>	<i>247</i>	<i>49 008</i>	<i>70 998</i>	<i>120 006</i>
.....						
CULTURAL AND RECREATIONAL SERVICES						
Single State	14 587	2 222	120	16 929	71 375	88 304
Multi-State	221	109	41	371	995	1 366
<i>Total</i>	<i>14 808</i>	<i>2 331</i>	<i>161</i>	<i>17 300</i>	<i>72 370</i>	<i>89 670</i>
.....						
PERSONAL AND OTHER SERVICES						
Single State	28 307	1 687	57	30 051	83 283	113 334
Multi-State	288	112	29	429	713	1 142
<i>Total</i>	<i>28 595</i>	<i>1 799</i>	<i>86</i>	<i>30 480</i>	<i>83 996</i>	<i>114 476</i>
.....						
ALL INDUSTRIES						
Single State	745 896	72 081	3 125	821 102	2 155 296	2 976 398
Multi-State	8 608	5 575	1 793	15 976	22 944	38 920
<i>Total</i>	<i>754 504</i>	<i>77 656</i>	<i>4 918</i>	<i>837 078</i>	<i>2 178 240</i>	<i>3 015 318</i>

(a) For definitions of Single-State and Multi-State businesses, please refer to the Glossary.

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BUSINESSES BY NUMBER OF STATES/TERRITORIES OF OPERATIONS BY EMPLOYMENT SIZE RANGES(a), June 2004

	0-19	20-199	200+	Total employing	Non-employing	Total
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
.....						
<i>Single State businesses</i>	745 896	72 081	3 125	821 102	2 155 296	2 976 398
<i>Multi-State businesses</i>						
Two States/Territories	6 593	2 815	376	9 784	16 138	25 922
Three States/Territories	751	1 104	241	2 096	2 109	4 205
Four States/Territories	295	632	213	1 140	790	1 930
Five States/Territories	128	584	326	1 038	352	1 390
Six States/Territories	62	173	251	486	127	613
Seven States/Territories	28	51	168	247	106	353
All States/Territories	751	216	218	1 185	3 322	4 507
<i>Total</i>	8 608	5 575	1 793	15 976	22 944	38 920
Total	754 504	77 656	4 918	837 078	2 178 240	3 015 318

(a) For definitions of Single-State and Multi-State businesses, please refer to the Glossary.

BUSINESSES BY MAIN STATE BY STATES/TERRITORIES OF OPERATIONS(a), June 2004

<i>Main State</i>	<i>Total(b)</i>	STATES/TERRITORIES OF OPERATIONS							
		<i>NSW</i>	<i>Vic.</i>	<i>Qld</i>	<i>SA</i>	<i>WA</i>	<i>Tas.</i>	<i>NT</i>	<i>ACT</i>
		no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
New South Wales	1 054 176	1 054 176	8 197	7 930	4 085	4 391	2 752	2 425	3 964
Victoria	756 763	6 284	756 763	3 694	2 704	2 553	1 587	1 288	1 546
Queensland	568 817	4 614	2 567	568 817	1 519	1 556	1 125	1 300	1 176
South Australia	212 804	958	1 185	768	212 804	719	320	477	333
Western Australia	305 315	1 307	1 156	1 210	894	305 315	467	604	505
Tasmania	54 049	220	309	197	113	121	54 049	72	87
Northern Territory	22 088	141	132	204	151	150	71	22 088	70
Australian Capital Territory	41 306	1 125	269	292	165	138	111	115	41 306
Total	3 015 318	1 068 825	770 578	583 112	222 435	314 943	60 482	28 369	48 987

- (a) As some businesses operate in two or more states/territories, the sum of the number of businesses in each State/Territory of Operations is greater than the Main State total. Refer to paragraph 15 of the Explanatory Notes for further information about State/Territories of Operations.
- (b) Refer to paragraphs 29 and 30 of the Explanatory Notes for information on Main State.

BUSINESSES BY SECTOR BY EMPLOYMENT SIZE RANGES (a), June 2004

	0-19	20-199	200+	Total employing	Non-employed	Total
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Non-Financial Corporations	361 808	48 911	3 916	414 635	337 734	752 369
Financial Corporations						
Depository Corporations						
Banks	54	23	20	97	26	123
Other Depository Corporations	353	106	18	477	749	1 226
Total	407	129	38	574	775	1 349
Insurance Corporations and Pension Funds						
Life Insurance	218	17	8	243	165	408
Pension Funds	20 272	188	110	20 570	212 540	233 110
Other Insurance Corporations	637	74	31	742	826	1 568
Total	21 127	279	149	21 555	213 531	235 086
Other Financial Institutions						
Central Borrowing Authorities	np	np	—	np	np	np
Financial Intermediaries n.e.c.	np	np	28	np	np	np
Financial Auxiliaries	19 572	919	82	20 573	66 153	86 726
Total	27 928	1 348	110	29 386	151 936	181 322
Total Financial Corporations	49 462	1 756	297	51 515	366 242	417 757
Households	343 234	26 989	705	370 928	1 474 264	1 845 192
All Sectors	754 504	77 656	4 918	837 078	2 178 240	3 015 318

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(a) Sector classification presented in this table is based on the Standard Institutional Sector Classification of Australia (SISCA). Refer to the Scope section in the Explanatory Notes for information on businesses excluded based on SISCA.

BUSINESSES BY ORGANISATION TYPE BY EMPLOYMENT SIZE RANGES(a), June 2004

	0-19	20-199	200+	Total employing	Non-employing	Total
	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.	no.
Private Sector						
Proprietary	5	np	np	12	8	20
Limited	5 027	2 534	859	8 420	5 186	13 606
Proprietary Limited	367 200	44 586	2 874	414 660	371 067	785 727
No Liability	18	np	np	27	7	34
Other Registered Company	8 068	2 482	168	10 718	59 956	70 674
Sole Proprietor	107 642	2 553	97	110 292	1 051 891	1 162 183
Family Partnership	95 789	4 177	76	100 042	238 333	338 375
Other Partnership	28 904	3 191	78	32 173	80 597	112 770
Trust	141 765	18 057	695	160 517	371 189	531 706
Co-operative Society	66	np	np	87	—	87
<i>Total</i>	<i>754 484</i>	<i>77 609</i>	<i>4 855</i>	<i>836 948</i>	<i>2 178 234</i>	<i>3 015 182</i>
Public Sector						
Australian Government other (incl. Govt owned companies)	np	np	np	11	—	11
State Government other (incl. Govt owned companies)	np	np	np	119	6	125
<i>Total</i>	<i>20</i>	<i>47</i>	<i>63</i>	<i>130</i>	<i>6</i>	<i>136</i>
All Organisation Types	754 504	77 656	4 918	837 078	2 178 240	3 015 318

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(a) Organisation type presented in this table is based on the Type of Legal Organisation (TOLO) classification. Refer to the Scope section in the Explanatory Notes for information on business excluded based on TOLO.

EXPLANATORY NOTES

INTRODUCTION

1 The products *Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register, Counts of Businesses* (cat. nos. 8161.0.55.001, 8161.0.55.002 and 8161.0.55.003) present counts of Australian businesses. These data are based on a snapshot of active businesses as at June 2004 (refer to paragraphs 21 and 22 for further information). This is the first issue of business counts produced solely from the *Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register* (ABSBR) since the introduction of *The New Tax System* (TNTS) in July 2000.

DATA SOURCE

2 The *Australian Bureau of Statistics* (ABS) uses an economic statistics units model on the ABSBR to describe the characteristics of businesses, and the structural relationships between related businesses. Within large and diverse business groups, the units model is used also to define reporting units that can provide data to the ABS at suitable levels of detail.

3 In mid 2002, to better use the information available as a result of TNTS, the ABS changed its business register to a two population model. The vast majority of businesses are in what is called the *Australian Tax Office maintained population* (ATOMP), while the remaining businesses are in the *Australian Bureau of Statistics maintained population* (ABSMP).

ATOMP

4 Most businesses in Australia need to obtain an *Australian Business Number* (ABN), and are then included on the whole-of-government register of businesses, the *Australian Business Register* (ABR), which is maintained by the *Australian Taxation Office* (ATO). Information about the ABR can be obtained from the ATO web site <www.ato.gov.au/businesses>. Most of these businesses have simple structures; therefore the unit registered for an ABN will satisfy ABS statistical requirements. For these businesses, the ABS has aligned its statistical units structure with the ABN unit. Businesses with simple structures constitute the ATOMP.

5 As part of TNTS, businesses with annual turnover of \$50,000 and above and non-profit organisations with annual turnover of \$100,000 and above, are required to register for an ABN. Businesses below this threshold may choose to register for an ABN. When business entities change their registration details, including when entities cease or commence operations, they are required to notify the ABR of these changes.

6 A business entity may receive one ABN regardless of the number of commercial activities it undertakes. Alternatively, multiple commercial activities may be registered as separate ABNs depending on the legal structure adopted by the commercial venture. Hence, where commercial activities are carried out by a number of different, but related entities, each entity may register in its own right. Therefore, some care is needed in equating the number of ABN entities and their characteristics presented in this publication with the operation of business activities.

ABSMP

7 For the population of businesses where the ABN unit is not suitable for ABS statistical requirements, the ABS applies a structure based on the ABS economic statistics units model which constitutes the ABSMP. This population consists typically of large, complex and diverse businesses.

ENTERPRISE GROUP (EG):

8 This is a unit covering all the operations in Australia of one or more legal entities under common ownership and/or control. It covers all of the operations in Australia of legal entities which are related in terms of the current Corporations Law (as amended by the *Corporations Legislation Amendment Act 1991*). These may be legal entities such as trusts and partnerships as well as companies. Majority ownership is not required for control to be exercised.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

ABSMP *continued*

ENTERPRISE (EN):

9 The EN is an ABS institutional unit comprising a single legal entity or business entity, or a grouping of legal entities or business entities within an EG classified to the same *Standard Institutional Sector Classification of Australia* (SISCA) subsector. These legal entities or business entities will be identifiable on the ABR as registrants with ABNs. In general, an enterprise will equate to a single entity except where groupings of entities align with legal reporting units suitable for ABS statistical purposes, e.g. units regulated by the *Australian Prudential Regulatory Authority* (APRA). Separate entities can be grouped for reporting purposes to form a single enterprise provided they are in the same SISCA subsector and conform to data collection requirements. They are classified according to the industry subdivision of the main activity.

TYPE OF ACTIVITY UNIT (TAU):

10 The TAU is comprised of one or more business entities, sub-entities or branches of a business entity within an EG that can report production and employment data for similar economic activities. When a minimum set of data items is available, a TAU is created which covers all the operations within an industry subdivision (and the TAU is classified to the relevant subdivision of the ANZSIC). Where a business cannot supply adequate data for each industry, a TAU is formed which contains activity in more than one industry subdivision. These TAUs are classified according to the industry subdivision of the main activity. TAUs may have operations in one or more states/territories.

11 For more information about the economic statistics units model, refer to the *Information Paper: Improvements in ABS Economic Statistics [Arising from The New Tax System]* (cat. no. 1372.0).

STATISTICAL UNIT

12 The statistical unit referred to as a "business" consists of ABNs from the ATOMP and TAUs from the ABSMP.

SCOPE

13 Counts of businesses produced from the ABSBR comprise businesses defined as:

- live TAUs from the ABSMP
- ABNs from the ATOMP with at least one of the following non-cancelled tax roles: *Goods and Services Tax Instalments Payer* (GSTP), *Income Tax Instalment Payer* (ITIP) or *Income Tax Withholding* (ITW).

14 The concept of a business underlying the counts presented in the ABSBR, Counts of Businesses products conforms to the ABS working definition currently being finalised. For further information refer to the *Information Paper: A Statistical View of Counts of Businesses in Australia* (cat. no. 8162.0).

15 The population includes employing and non-employing, single location and multiple location businesses. Multiple location businesses are counted only once in each table, except for the State/Territories of Operations in table 5 (cat. no. 8161.0.55.001), where businesses are counted once in each state or territory in which they operate. Individual location address information is not available on the ABR or ABSBR.

16 Excluded from these counts are businesses classified to the following categories:

- *Standard Institutional Sector Classification of Australia* (SISCA):
 - 2100 CENTRAL BANK;
 - 3000 GENERAL GOVERNMENT;
 - 5000 NON-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS SERVING HOUSEHOLDS; and
 - 6000 REST OF THE WORLD.
- *Type of Legal Organisation* (TOLO):
 - 12 CHARITABLE INSTITUTION;
 - 15 SOCIAL AND SPORTING CLUBS;
 - 16 TRADE UNIONS AND OTHER ASSOCIATIONS;
 - 20 OTHER UNINCORPORATED ENTITY;

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

SCOPE *continued*

- 41 DIPLOMATIC OR TRADE MISSIONS; and
- 42 OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENT.

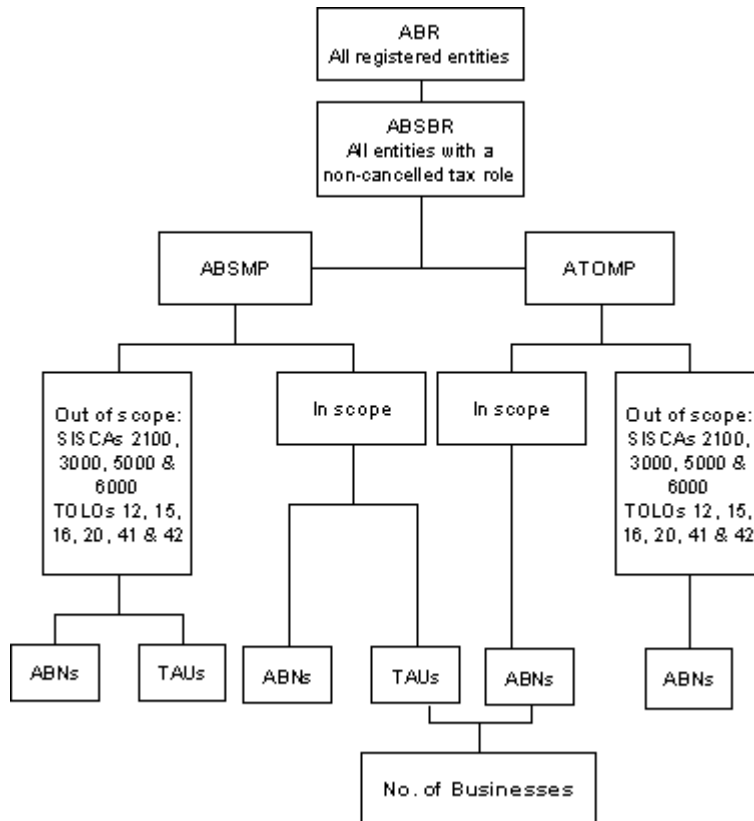
17 The exclusion of General Government particularly affects data for EDUCATION and HEALTH AND COMMUNITY SERVICES (ANZSIC Divisions N and O, respectively).

18 Employing businesses (i.e. those with an ITW role) in the ATOMP that have not reported or remitted to the ATO via a *Business Activity Statement* (BAS) for five consecutive quarters prior to the reference period are deemed to be no longer employing (called long term non-remitters). These businesses are treated as non-employing businesses if they have at least one non-cancelled GSTP or ITIP tax role, otherwise these businesses are deemed to be no longer in operation and hence excluded.

COVERAGE

19 There are businesses which have not registered for an ABN, either because they do not have any obligations under the *Goods and Services Taxation* (GST) legislation or are under the threshold for registration and have chosen not to register. Therefore, these businesses are not included in counts presented in this publication. In addition, businesses in the ATOMP that have an illegal or missing ANZSIC, SISCA or TOLO classification are excluded.

ABS BUSINESS MODEL (AS AT JUNE 2004)



20 Refer to paragraph 16 for SISCA and TOLO descriptions.

REFERENCE PERIOD

21 Counts of businesses provided in the *ABSBR, Counts of Businesses* suite of products are based on a snapshot of the ABSBR as at 1 June, 2004.

22 The ATO provides the ABS with an extract of the ABR on a monthly basis. The ATOMP is made up of a subset of the ABR. It should be noted that the ABR extraction process is taken in the middle of each month by the ATO. For this issue, the ATOMP reflects ABR data as at 15 May, 2004. TAUs in the ABSMP are updated to the ABSBR on an ongoing basis and for this issue, include updates applied until 1st June, 2004.

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

DATA QUALITY

23 The counts in the publication may be subject to non-sampling error and the cyclical administrative workflows of the ATO may impact on data interpretability.

24 The counts are not subject to sampling error as they represent a complete enumeration of those 'economically active' businesses on the ABSBR.

25 For businesses in the ATOMP, most classificatory data items reflect information provided to the ATO at the time of ABN registration. The exception is Number of Payees, which is updated annually by the ATO. In the ABSMP, classificatory data items for the most significant businesses are updated annually. Businesses on the next level of significance are updated biennially. Other businesses in the ABSMP are not routinely updated, but may be updated as a result of ABS survey feedback or other maintenance activity.

BUSINESS SIZE

26 Employing units are defined as:

- in the ATOMP, businesses with a non-cancelled ITW role and have remitted to the ATO at least once in the preceding five quarters. Note that this may include some employing businesses with zero employment;
- in the ABSMP, businesses with greater than zero employees.

27 The sizing variable presented in the ABSBR business counts suite of products is employment. The employment ranges used are Non-employing, 0-19, 20-199 and 200+.

28 The definition of employment differs depending on the ABSBR population in which the business resides:

- in the ATOMP, businesses report "number of payees" defined as the estimated number of individuals to which payments are made. Payments to people under a voluntary agreement or labour hire arrangement are excluded;
- in the ABSMP, businesses report "employment" defined as the number of persons who work for a public or private employer and receive remuneration in wages or salaries (including working proprietors and working partners), or is paid a retainer fee by his/her employer. Employment excludes non-salaried directors; volunteers; persons paid by commission only; and self employed persons such as consultants and contractors.

MAIN STATE

29 Businesses can operate in more than one state/territory. For businesses in the ATOMP, Main State is derived from the main business address. For businesses in the ABSMP, Main State is the state or territory with the highest employment. Therefore, for some businesses in the ABSMP, Main State is not necessarily the state or territory of the main business address.

30 Counts of businesses by Main State contained in cat. nos. 8161.0.55.001 and 8161.0.55.002 will not equal counts of businesses by state/territory in cat. no. 8161.0.55.003. In cat. no. 8161.0.55.003, the postcode and related state/territory are derived from the main business address for all businesses.

INDUSTRY

31 Each ABN unit or TAU on the ABSBR has been classified (by the ATO and the ABS respectively) to a single industry class, irrespective of any diversity of activities undertaken. The industry class allocated is the one which provides the main source of income, which is generally based on a description provided by the business. This may differ from the industry coding used in some other ABS publications which are based on reported data supplied by businesses.

CONFIDENTIALITY

32 The data presented in tables have been confidentialised to ensure no individual business can be identified. Data are only published where a minimum number of businesses contribute to a cell of data. Other cells of data in the table which may or may not have met this threshold are also suppressed to ensure businesses cannot be

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

CONFIDENTIALITY *continued*

identified from the totals. The number of businesses in suppressed cells are included in totals unless otherwise stated.

COMPARISON WITH OTHER DATA ON BUSINESS COUNTS

33 Estimates of the number of businesses operating in the Australian economy may be derived from a number of sources within the ABS or from non-ABS sources. They may relate to a point in time, or may be average annual data. These estimates will not always show the same results. Variations occur because of the differing data sources, differing definitions of a business, differing scope and coverage between surveys, as well as variations due to sampling and non-sampling errors.

34 The definition of employing/non-employing in the ABS can also vary according to collection methodology, data sources, and user requirements and uses.

35 Users comparing data from this publication with other ABS data should do so with care, as this publication relates to businesses while some other ABS publications relate to business entities (for example *Experimental Estimates, Entries and Exits of Business Entities, Australia* cat. no. 8160.0.55.001), or exclude non-employing businesses or particular industries or sectors.

36 For further information refer to the *Information Paper: A Statistical View of Counts of Businesses in Australia* (cat. no. 8162.0).

COMPARISON OVER TIME

37 Counts of business entities (ABNs registered and active for a GST tax role only) have been provided for June 2004 in the Appendix (cat. no. 8161.0.55.001). These counts are comparable to counts of business entities sourced from the ABR as at October 2000 and June 2001 provided in *Australian Business Register: Counts of Australian Business Numbers (ABNs)* (cat. no. 1369.0.55.001), which are also included in the Appendix. Counts of businesses sourced from the ABSBR as at June 2004 have been provided in the Appendix (cat. no. 8161.0.55.001) to enable comparison of counts produced using the two different models.

38 For all other tables, comparison of counts of businesses should not be made to previous business entity counts produced as at October 2000 or June 2001 (cat. nos. 1369.0.55.001, 8136.0.55.001 and 8138.0.55.001).

ADDITIONAL DATA

39 Further data about ABSBR business counts are available in these ABS electronic products:

Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register, Counts of Businesses - Industry by Main State by Employment Size Ranges (cat. no. 8161.0.55.002). This product provides detailed industry information at the ANZSIC class level.

Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register, Counts of Businesses - Postcode by Industry Division by Employment Size (cat. no. 8161.0.55.003). Both single location and multiple location businesses are included in these data and are classified by the postcode of the main business address, resulting in multiple location businesses only being counted once. Individual location address information is not available. Note that counts of businesses at the state/territory level in this dataset are not the same as the counts of businesses by Main State in the other related products - refer to the Main State section for an explanation.

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

40 Users may also wish to refer to the following ABS publications:

Australian Business Register, Counts of ABNs, cat. no. 1369.0.55.001, released on 26 March 2002 *discontinued*

Australian Business Register, Counts of Single Business Locations, ANZSIC Industry Division by Postcode, cat. no. 8136.0.55.001, released on 26 March 2002 *discontinued*

Australian Business Register, ANZSIC Industry Class by State, cat. no. 8138.0.55.001, released on 26 March 2002 *discontinued*

EXPLANATORY NOTES *continued*

RELATED PUBLICATIONS

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Australian Industry, cat. no. 8155.0, released on 7 February 2005

Australian Industry: Summary of Industry Performance, Australia, Data Report, cat. no. 8155.0.55.002, released on 7 February 2005

Australian Industry: States, Territories and Australia, Industry Subdivision: Experimental Estimates, Data Report, cat. no. 8155.0.55.003, released on 7 February 2005

Experimental Estimates, Entries and Exits of Business Entities, Australia, cat. no. 8160.0.55.001, released on 23 June 2005

41 A range of publications presenting detailed results of economic surveys are also produced by the ABS. In general, these publications contain considerable detail about the employing sector of each industry. Current publications and other products released by the ABS are listed in the *Catalogue of Publications and Products* (cat. no. 1101.0). The catalogue is available from the ABS web site. The ABS also issues a daily Release Advice on the ABS web site which details products to be released in the week ahead.

ABS DATA AVAILABLE ON REQUEST

42 As well as the statistics included in this and related publications, the ABS may have other relevant data available on request and for a charge. Inquiries should be made to the ABS National Information and Referral Service on 1300 135 070.

43 Information is also available on-line via a selection of industry-specific theme pages. To access these theme pages, go to the ABS web site home page <www.abs.gov.au>. Open the Industry link shown under THEMES (located in the left-side navigator 'Quick links'), then select one of the links shown under Industry.

APPENDIX ABR COUNTS OF ABNS

INTRODUCTION

The ABS published counts of ABNs registered and active for GST from the ABR in respect of October 2000 and June 2001 in *Australian Business Register: Counts of Australian Business Numbers (ABNs)* (cat. no. 1369.0.55.001). This publication has been discontinued.

To enable comparison of counts of businesses with counts of ABNs, counts of ABNs Registered and Active for GST, at the industry division level have been provided for October 2000, June 2001 and June 2004. The same table provides counts of businesses from the ABSBR for June 2004.

Note: In the 2001-02 financial year, a number of processing backlogs on the ABR were addressed by the ATO. Therefore, counts of ABNs for June 2001 should be treated with caution, as some of the businesses counted had ceased operations but their ABR details had not been updated.

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ABR COUNTS OF ABNS AND ABSBR COUNTS OF BUSINESSES

In addition to the different data sources, there are a number of differences between ABR counts of ABNs and ABSBR counts of businesses:

- ABR counts of ABNs at the Industry Division level include all ABNs that are registered and active for a GSTP tax role. In contrast, ABSBR counts of businesses include all businesses in the ATOMP that have at least one non-cancelled GSTP, ITIP or ITW tax role and live TAUs from the ABSMP.
- The treatment of long term non-remitters (explained in paragraph 18 of the Explanatory Notes) does not apply to ABR counts of ABNs. However, long term non-remitters do impact ABSBR counts of businesses as they are applied to ABNs in the ATOMP.
- ABSBR counts of businesses exclude some sectors based on the SCSA (2100 CENTRAL BANK, 3000 GENERAL GOVERNMENT, 5000 NON-PROFIT INSTITUTIONS SERVING HOUSEHOLDS and 6000 REST OF THE WORLD) and TOLO (12 CHARITABLE INSTITUTION, 15 SOCIAL AND SPORTING CLUBS, 16 TRADE UNIONS AND OTHER ASSOCIATIONS, 20 OTHER UNINCORPORATED ENTITY, 41 DIPLOMATIC OR TRADE MISSIONS and 42 OTHER FOREIGN GOVERNMENT) classifications. These exclusions do not apply to the ABR counts of ABNs.

The ABSBR counts of businesses are higher than the ABR counts of ABNs. The main reason for this is the inclusion of businesses in the ABSBR counts of businesses with either a non-cancelled ITIP or ITW role without an active GSTP tax role; these businesses are excluded from the ABR counts of ABNs.

APPENDIX ABR COUNTS OF ABNS *continued*

ABR BUSINESS ENTITIES(a), October 2000, June 2001 and June 2004

	Employing	Non-employed	Total
	no.	no.	no.
OCTOBER 2000			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	71 983	160 958	232 941
Mining	2 304	5 516	7 820
Manufacturing	54 743	62 846	117 589
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	473	3 865	4 338
Construction	86 193	223 498	309 691
Wholesale Trade	36 233	36 582	72 815
Retail Trade	99 958	105 298	205 256
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	28 820	24 865	53 685
Transport and Storage	28 757	87 386	116 143
Communication Services	4 995	27 030	32 025
Finance and Insurance	22 664	106 234	128 898
Property and Business Services	129 278	274 495	403 773
Government Administration and Defence	2 109	2 615	4 724
Education	10 021	20 859	30 880
Health and Community Services	44 002	48 981	92 983
Cultural and Recreational Services	15 240	45 110	60 350
Personal and Other Services	28 309	140 078	168 387
Industry Not Stated	73 716	11 490	85 206
<i>All Industries</i>	739 798	1 387 706	2 127 504

JUNE 2001			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	87 472	147 885	235 357
Mining	2 658	4 672	7 330
Manufacturing	62 999	67 546	130 545
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	580	1 093	1 673
Construction	108 052	233 405	341 457
Wholesale Trade	42 510	39 594	82 104
Retail Trade	120 533	109 886	230 419
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	35 425	19 150	54 575
Transport and Storage	35 254	89 704	124 958
Communication Services	6 709	22 936	29 645
Finance and Insurance	31 620	129 459	161 079
Property and Business Services	162 082	324 117	486 199
Government Administration and Defence	2 280	2 240	4 520
Education	11 523	18 922	30 445
Health and Community Services	50 116	44 552	94 668
Cultural and Recreational Services	19 089	49 099	68 188
Personal and Other Services	35 199	57 085	92 284
Industry Not Stated	854	2 866	3 720
<i>All Industries</i>	814 955	1 364 211	2 179 166

(a) ABR Business Entities are Australian Business Numbers that are registered and active for a Goods and Services Tax (GST) role.

APPENDIX ABR COUNTS OF ABNS *continued*

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ABR
COUNTS OF ABNS AND ABSBR
COUNTS OF BUSINESSES
continued

ABR BUSINESS ENTITIES(a), October 2000, June 2001 and June
2004 *continued*

	<i>Employing</i>	<i>Non-employed</i>	<i>Total</i>
	no.	no.	no.
JUNE 2004			
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	82 278	150 418	232 696
Mining	2 560	5 027	7 587
Manufacturing	57 072	68 813	125 885
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	557	1 736	2 293
Construction	100 042	259 113	359 155
Wholesale Trade	40 463	52 921	93 384
Retail Trade	105 443	136 390	241 833
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	29 625	31 709	61 334
Transport and Storage	32 396	104 328	136 724
Communication Services	5 824	24 188	30 012
Finance and Insurance	29 930	136 036	165 966
Property and Business Services	150 732	384 810	535 542
Government Administration and Defence	1 847	1 932	3 779
Education	10 892	18 978	29 870
Health and Community Services	46 638	51 342	97 980
Cultural and Recreational Services	17 535	45 188	62 723
Personal and Other Services	32 251	71 480	103 731
Industry Not Stated	1 773	10 952	12 725
<i>All Industries</i>	<i>747 858</i>	<i>1 555 361</i>	<i>2 303 219</i>

(a) ABR Business Entities are Australian Business Numbers that are registered and active for a Goods and Services Tax (GST) role.

APPENDIX ABR COUNTS OF ABNS *continued*

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN ABR
COUNTS OF ABNS AND ABSBR
COUNTS OF BUSINESSES
continued

ABSBR BUSINESSES, June 2004

	<i>Employing</i>	<i>Non-employed</i>	<i>Total</i>
	no.	no.	no.
Agriculture, Forestry and Fishing	74 111	183 150	257 261
Mining	2 731	6 390	9 121
Manufacturing	61 888	91 847	153 735
Electricity, Gas and Water Supply	599	2 022	2 621
Construction	113 426	348 814	462 240
Wholesale Trade	46 800	56 842	103 642
Retail Trade	126 160	147 319	273 479
Accommodation, Cafes and Restaurants	39 342	28 680	68 022
Transport and Storage	37 374	114 558	151 932
Communication Services	8 089	28 416	36 505
Finance and Insurance	51 708	366 677	418 385
Property and Business Services	171 182	549 650	720 832
Education	6 880	26 511	33 391
Health and Community Services	49 008	70 998	120 006
Cultural and Recreational Services	17 300	72 370	89 670
Personal and Other Services	30 480	83 996	114 476
<i>All Industries</i>	<i>837 078</i>	<i>2 178 240</i>	<i>3 015 318</i>

GLOSSARY

Australian Business Number (ABN)	<p>The ABN was established under Section 24 of <i>A New Tax System (Australian Business Number) Act 1999</i> legislation.</p> <p>The ABN is a unique business entity identifier introduced to assist with dealings with the Australian government. A business entity is entitled to an ABN if it meets one of the following criteria:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ a company registered under corporations law in Australia;■ a government department or agency; or■ an entity carrying on an enterprise in Australia. <p>The ABN is the statistical unit used to represent businesses, and for which statistics are reported, in most cases. The ABN unit is the business unit which has registered for an ABN, and thus appears on the <i>Australian Tax Office (ATO)</i> administered ABR. In most cases, the ABN unit represents the legal entity. This unit is suitable for ABS statistical needs when the business is simple in structure. For more significant and diverse businesses where the ABN unit is not suitable for ABS statistical needs, the statistical unit used is the Type of Activity Unit (TAU).</p>
Australian Bureau of Statistics Business Register (ABSBR)	<p>The ABSBR consists of two sub-populations, the <i>Australian Bureau of Statistics maintained population (ABSMP)</i> and the <i>Australian Tax Office maintained population (ATOMP)</i>. The ABSBR uses an economic statistics unit model to describe the characteristics of businesses and the structural relationships between related businesses. For details, refer to paragraphs 2 to 10 of the Explanatory Notes.</p>
Business	<p>A business is a TAU, comprising one or more legal entities, business entities, sub-entities or branches of a business entity that can report production/transactions and employment activities via a subset of data elements in respect of a homogeneous industry. An ABN unit in the ATOMP also meets the criteria required of a TAU and is therefore conceptually comparable.</p>
Business Entity	<p>A business entity refers to an entity registered on the ABR, and is equivalent to the term enterprise used in the <i>A New Tax System (Australian Business Number) Act 1999</i> legislation. For further information refer to the entry for Australian Business Number.</p>
Business size	<p>For the purposes of the <i>ABSBR, Counts of Businesses</i> suite of products, businesses are categorised as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">■ employing businesses, which are shown in three groups:<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ employment of 200 or more persons■ employment of 20 to fewer than 200 persons■ employment of fewer than 20 persons■ non-employing businesses. <p>In the ATOMP, employing businesses are identified based on registration of a non-cancelled ITW role on the ABR, resulting in some employing businesses having zero employment.</p> <p>The ABSBR is updated on an ongoing basis to take account of new businesses, businesses which have ceased employing, changes in employment levels, changes in industry and other general business changes. Businesses which have ceased employing are identified when the ATO cancels their ITW role.</p> <p>In addition, employing businesses in the ATOMP that have not remitted <i>Business Activity Statement (BAS)</i> data for their ITW role for five consecutive quarters prior to the reference period are deemed to be long term non-remitters. These businesses are treated as non-employing businesses if they have at least one non-cancelled GSTP or ITIP tax role, otherwise these businesses are excluded.</p>
Employing business	<p>See the entry for Business size.</p>

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Enterprise (EN)	The EN is an institutional unit comprising a single legal entity or business entity, or a grouping of legal entities or business entities within an enterprise group (EG) classified to the same SISCA subsector. For further information, refer to paragraph 9 of the Explanatory Notes.
Enterprise group (EG)	This is a unit covering all the operations in Australia of one or more legal entities under common ownership and/or control. For further information, refer to paragraph 8 of the Explanatory Notes.
Classification by Industry	Businesses have been classified according to their description of activities. The industry is coded to the <i>Australian and New Zealand Standard Industrial Classification 1993</i> (ANZSIC) which is a classification system for grouping producing businesses (of both goods and services) in Australia and New Zealand into industries to permit comparability of data.
Industry class	Within ANZSIC, there is a structure comprising four levels ranging from industry division (broadest level) to the industry class (finest level). At the industry class level, the activities are narrowly defined and recognised by a four-digit code, e.g. Industry Class 2331 for PULP, PAPER AND PAPERBOARD MANUFACTURING.
Industry division	The main purpose of the industry division level is to provide a limited number of categories which give a broad overall picture of the economy. There are 17 divisions within ANZSIC each identified by an alphabetical letter, that is, 'A' for AGRICULTURE, FORESTRY AND FISHING, 'B' for MINING, 'C' for MANUFACTURING, etc.
Industry group	This is the intermediate level within an industry division of ANZSIC and is recognised by a three-digit code, e.g. Industry Group 233 for PAPER AND PAPER PRODUCT MANUFACTURING. It gives more detail than the industry subdivision and is created in a way that groups like industry classes together.
Industry subdivision	This is the broadest level category within an industry division of ANZSIC and is recognised by a two-digit code, e.g. Industry Subdivision 23 for WOOD AND PAPER PRODUCT MANUFACTURING. Industry subdivisions are built up from industry groups which, in turn, are built up from industry classes.
Main business address	The main business address of a business relates to the physical address where the main business activity takes place. The individual addresses of businesses with multiple locations are not available.
Main State	For businesses in the ATOMP, Main State refers to the state or territory of the main business address. For businesses in the ABSMP, Main State refers to the state or territory with the highest employment.
Multi-State	Refers to those businesses which operate from locations in more than one state or territory.
Non-employing business	See the entry for Business size.
Single-State	Refers to a business which operates from locations in only one state or territory.
Standard Institutional Sector Classification of Australia (SISCA)	The SISCA is the central classification among ABS Standard Economic Sector Classifications. It is based on the <i>System of National Accounts 1993</i> (SNA93) institutional sector classification, and includes the following sectors: non-financial corporations, financial corporations, general government, households, non-profit institutions serving households, and rest of the world (which includes only non-resident units, these being excluded from all other sectors). For more information, users should refer to <i>Standard Economic Sector Classifications of Australia</i> (SESCA) (cat. no. 1218.0).
Tax roles	Tax roles reflect the various tax obligations of businesses to the ATO, depending on the activities of the business. The current tax roles provided to the ABS by the ATO include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ DCIP - Deferred Company Instalments Payer ■ DGST - Deferred Goods and Services Tax

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Tax roles *continued*

- EGCS - Energy Grants Credit Scheme
- FBTI - Fringe Benefits Tax Instalments
- GSTP - Goods and Services Tax Payer
- ITIP - Income Tax Instalment Payer
- ITW - Income Tax Withholding
- LCTP - Luxury Car Tax Payer
- WETP - Wine Equalisation Tax Payer

Type of Legal Organisation (TOLO)

All legal entities on the ABSBR are classified according to their TOLO. Examples of types of legal entities recognised for statistical purposes are companies, partnerships, trusts, sole proprietorship, government departments and statutory authorities. TOLO indicates whether a business is part of the private or government sector and the type of ownership structure it has.

Type of Activity Unit (TAU)

The TAU, residing in the ABSMP, is comprised of one or more business entities, sub-entities or branches of a business entity within an enterprise group that can report production and employment data for similar economic activities when a minimum set of data items are available. For further information, refer to paragraph 10 of the Explanatory Notes.

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