QUARTER 1 2025 MEANING BUSINESS News and information on business sales in Australia

This is the Benchmark "State Of The Market" Report for Quarter 1 of 2025.

At the end of each Quarter we review the previous three months of business sale transactions and we analyse prices and demand.

We also look at "time on the market" and "total buyer enquiry" numbers, and the number of businesses on the market across Australia. This report has been prepared to show the state of each market in five states.

- NSW
- Queensland
- Victoria
- South Australia
- Western Australia

This report is based upon the sale data collated across Australia through the Benchmark offices. We also use data on businesses which are not selling, and we utilise information gathered from third party website providers and from observation of the market for the sale of Australian Small Businesses. This guide is intended to demonstrate the results that business owners are achieving when selling their businesses across Australia. In many cases the sale price achieved could be greater if planning and preparation for the sale had been implemented at an earlier time.

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Each year Benchmark sells hundreds of businesses and provides business valuations and appraisals for many small business owners and their advisors.

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SMALL BUSINESS SALES WHAT'S HOT? WHAT'S NOT? QUARTER 1 2025

Each Quarter we review the past three months of business sales, buyer enquiry and business values. We separate the data onto monthly information and show the trends for each state in a table of many industry types (*Small Business Sales* and *Supply*). It is interesting to note that the number of businesses listed across Australia has increased over the last year. In March 2020 approximately 13,500 businesses were listed for sale. In December 2021 that number was approximately 10,400. In December 2024 there were approximately 16,523 businesses listed for sale Across Australia down from 17,111 in September 2024.

WHATS HOT

Buyer enquiry has been consistent throughout the quarter. What has changed is the sectors which have received the greatest number of enquiries. Buyer demand for Hospitality has dropped, and other sectors have risen. Here is a short list of the new "hot" sectors.

- Aged Care
- Engineering
- Food Production
- Home improvement
- Service Stations
- Supermarkets
- Cleaning companies
- Labour hire
- Transport
- Vegetation management
- NDIS

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Some small business categories have seen decreased interest from buyers. Main sectors which have seen reduced interest are:

- Hotels/Motels
- Hospitality
- Bakeries
- Bars & Clubs
- Entertainment
- Retail
- Professions
- Gymnasiums
- Printing
- Post Offices



VALUES AND PRICES

Increases and decreases in buyer demand do not always affect value. Value is also impacted by sentiment and (of course) profit. The following sectors have seen increased values:



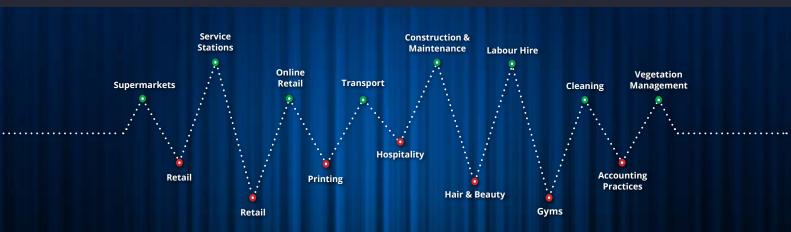
- Car Washed
- Manufacturing
- Home improvement
- Service stations
- Supermarkets
- Rent Rolls
- Labour hire
- Facilities Management
- Engineering
- Wholesale
- Civil Engineering

Some sectors have suffered a loss in value.



- Cafes
- Gymnasiums
- Professions
- Retail
- Hospitality
- Print
- Motels
- Post Offices
- Online Businesses

The following pages display the "State Of The Market" report for each state across Australia, based upon the enquiry and sales results achieved by Benchmark business brokers across Australia for the last quarter.





The Queensland Small Business STATE OF THE MARKET REPORT

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The New South Wales Small Business STATE OF THE MARKET REPORT

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	Caravan Parks Freehold	=	=	Е	12% to 19%	1 1 1 1	Labour Hire	=	=	Е	25% to 33%
ACCOMMODATION	Caravan Parks Leasehold	∔	=	Ρ	20% to 27%		Printing	=	=	Ρ	50% to 100%
	Hotels Leasehold	=	₽	Ρ	20% to 30%	SERVICES	Professions	➡	=	Е	50% to 100%
	Motels	=	=	Ρ	20% to 40%		Real Estate/Property Management		=	Е	25% to 33%
	Car Washes	=	=	Е	23% to 33%		Security	=	=	Ρ	25% to 33%
	Automotive Dealership	=	=	Е	20% to 25%		Serviced Office	=	=	Ρ	33% to 50%
	Car Rental		=	Ρ	27% to 36%		NDIS			Ρ	20% to 30%
AUTOMOTIVE	Caravan/Motorcycle/Marine Dealership	=	=	Е	30% to 40%		Discount & Variety	₽	₽	Ρ	50% to 100%
	Mechanical Workshops	₽	₽	Ρ	50% to 100%		Gifts & Florists	➡	╇	Ρ	50% to 100%
	Service Stations	1	1	Ρ	33% to 45%		Homeware & Furniture	╇	╇	Ρ	50% to 100%
DOMESTIC	Cleaning Companies	=	=	Р	25% to 33%	RETAIL	Online Retail	➡	╇	Е	25% to 30%
SERVICES	Maintenance	1	1	Р	25% to 37%		Pet Services & Products	1	1	Ρ	25% to 33%
EDUCATION &	Childcare Centre	1	1	Е	18% to 20%		Post Office & Newsagencies	➡	╇	Ρ	50% to 100%
TRAINING	RTO & Training	1	1	Ρ	25% to 40%		Supermarket (Large)	1	1	Ρ	25% to 38%
HAIR &	Cosmetic Salons	=	₽	Ρ	25% to 40%		Supermarket (Small)	=	=	Ρ	50% to 100%
BEAUTY	Hair & Beauty Salons	=	=	Ρ	50% to 100%		Adventure	➡	╇	Ρ	25% to 50%
	Bakeries	₽	╇	Ρ	50% to 100%	RECREATION	Gymnasiums	➡	╇	Ρ	33% to 50%
	Bars & Clubs	₽	₽	Ρ	33% to 100%	STORAGE	Storage Complexes	1	=	Е	16% to 24%
	Café/Coffee Lounge	1	=	Ρ	50% to 100%		Air Conditioning	1	=	Ρ	28% to 40%
HOSPITALITY	Catering & Events	=	=	Ρ	33% to 100%	TRADES	Electrical & Plumbing	=	=	Ρ	33% to 55%
	Food Franchise	₽	₽	Ρ	50% to 100%	TRADES	Home Improvement			Ρ	33% to 100%
	Takeaway & Casual Dining	=	=	Ρ	50% to 100%		Pool Servicing	=	=	Ρ	33% to 100%
	Vending	₽	₽	Е	25% to 35%		Courier	=	=	Р	50% to 100%
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ENGINEERING & MANUFACTURING	Engineering	=	=	Ρ	24% to 33%		Logistics			Е	25% to 38%
	Manufacturing	1	=	Е	25% to 40%		Vegetation Management	1	1	Р	22% to 40%
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	IT & Communications	=	=	Ρ	25% to 42%		Water Treatment		1	Е	18% to 33%
	Marketing	➡	=	Ρ	40% to 100%		Equipment Wholesale	1	=	Р	25% to 33%
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