



Australian Government
Australian Business Register

ABR spatial and online developments

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Australian Business Register | AUSkey | Standard Business Reporting

Vision and strategic direction



Contribute to improving the wellbeing of the Australian people through enhanced business productivity by:

- Reducing the administrative cost to business of complying with government regulation.
- Influencing government policy and implementation, through advocating the use of services, technologies and processes to minimise the administrative impact on business.
- Encouraging the adoption of new practices by businesses to reduce operating costs.

The ABR Program components



The Australian Business Register (ABR) Program combines four services that can be used individually or collectively to provide a complete digital solution for business and government:

- Australian Business Number
- AUSKey
- Standard Business Reporting
- Australian Reporting Dictionary

What is the ABR?

A Register of all regulated entities in Australia, including business, companies, government, individuals (sole traders), partnerships, superannuation funds and trusts.

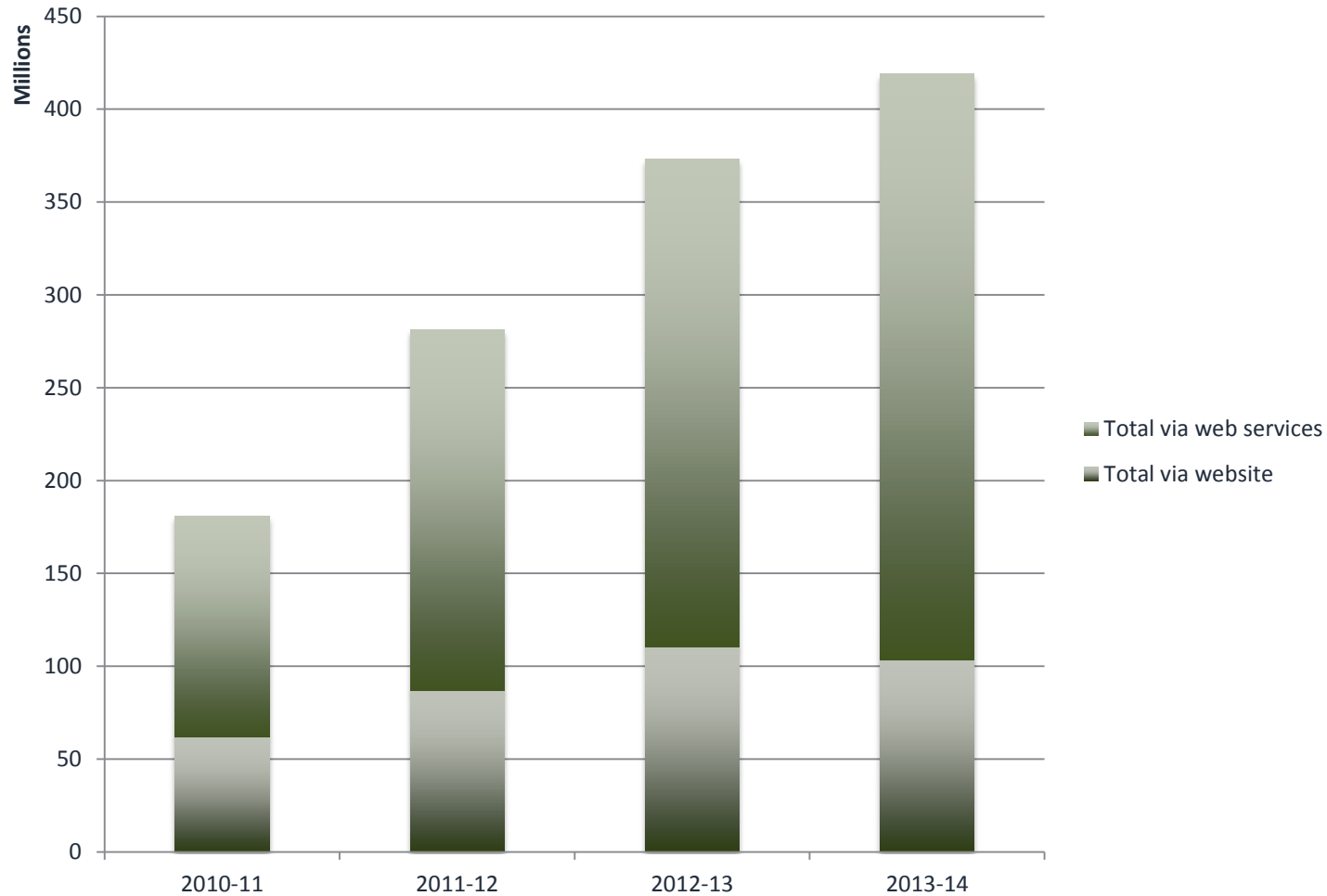
**Over 7.6 million
registered ABNs**

Availability of ABR data

The Register stores an entities' business information as public and non-public data:

- Public data is freely available to everyone using ABN Lookup.
- Non-public data is available to eligible government agencies.

Public data - ABN Lookup



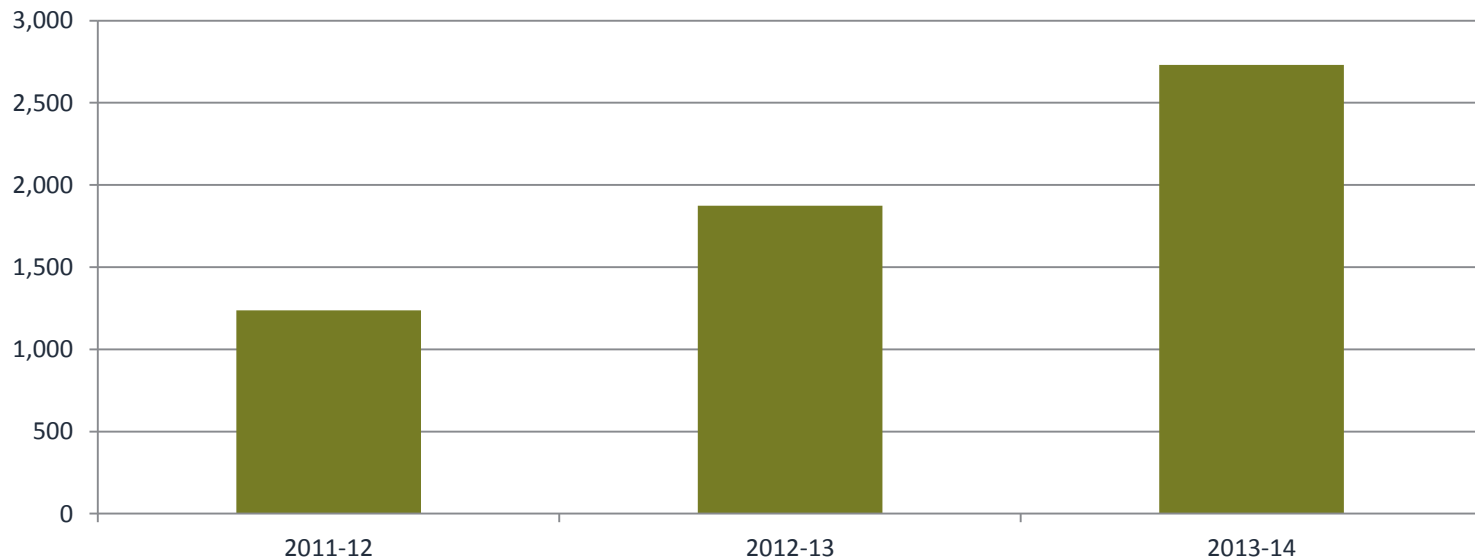


Non-public data

- The ABR provides all levels of government access to business information to assist with:
 - economic development
 - infrastructure investment
 - service delivery planning, and
 - disaster response and recovery strategies.
- Our goal for government is to provide quality data to government agencies and support/encourage its use.

Agency access to non-public data

- There are currently 462 federal, state/territory and local government agencies with access to ABR data.
- The number of data extracts provided to government agencies during 2013-14 increased to just over 2,700.



Improving the flexibility of the Register



Business information now available to agencies include:

- Australian Business Number (ABN)
- ABN status
- Entity name
- Entity type
- GST status
- Main business location
- Registered business name(s)
- Tax concessions for charities and funds
- Deductible gift recipient (DGR) status
- ACN/ARBN/ARSN
- Dates of effect
- Replacement ABN

In December 2013 we added:

- Geocoding
- Branching information
- Associates details

Geocoding the Register



Geocoding functionality was introduced in the Register in December 2013:

- Each new business premises will be geocoded by latitude and longitude.
- We have successfully geocoded 83% of addresses.
- Includes Mesh Block (providing agencies with the ability to map ABS statistical areas and local government areas etc).

Improving ABR quality

Addresses - the addition of an auto complete address selection tool ensures accurate capture and validation of addresses.



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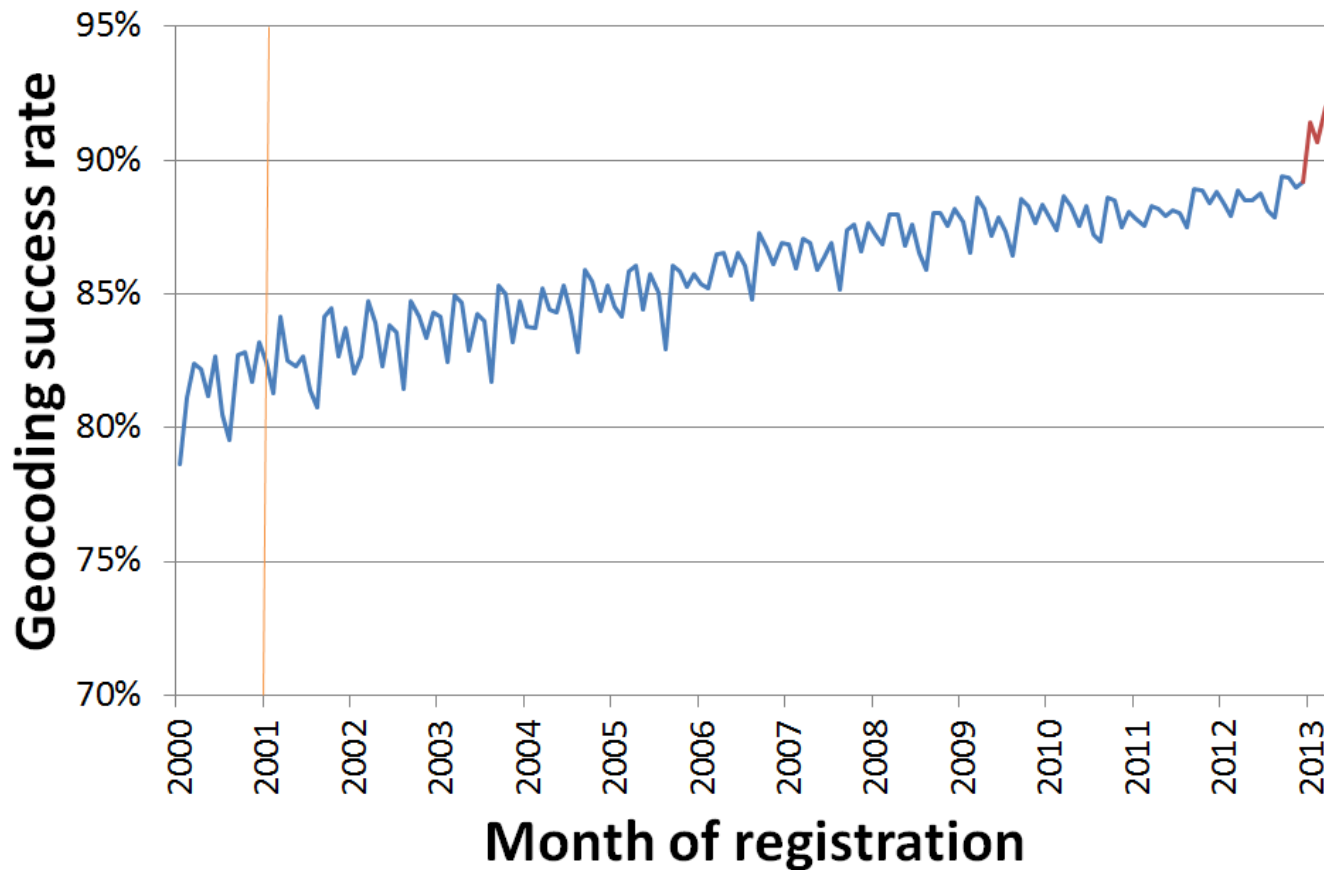
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- 10 Reynolds Road, INNISFAIL ESTATE QLD, 4860
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Register geocoding rates



GNAF licensing arrangements

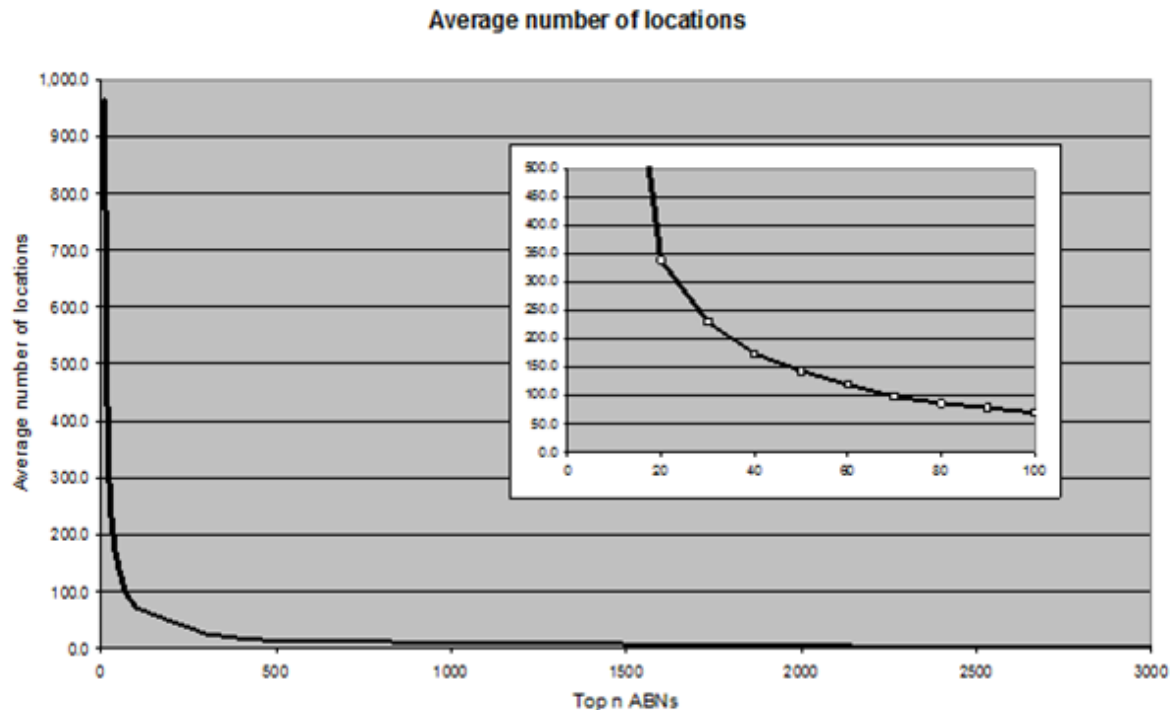


Geocoding has been done by referencing the Geocoded – National Address File (G-NAF) owned by the Public Sector Mapping Authority (PSMA).

- Agencies accessing geocoded data require a G-NAF licence.
- The Registrar of the ABR has purchased a G-NAF licence. This allows geocoding and full sharing of geocoded ABR data with agencies.
- The ABR has access to the licence until December 2016.

Branching information

- The Register now captures the location for each business premises, including branch office sites.
- We estimate that we have 99.6% of business locations captured in the ABR.



Associate details

From December 2013 the improved registration process captures details with proof of identity for additional associates including:

- Company directors
- Company secretaries
- Top 20 shareholders for unlisted companies, and
- Beneficiaries for closely held trusts.

Improving ABR quality

We have also improved quality of industry information in the ABR:

- Previously approximately 50% of applications were ANZSIC coded now 100% of new online ABN applications are coded. This occurs through the new ANZSIC coder co-developed with the ABS.

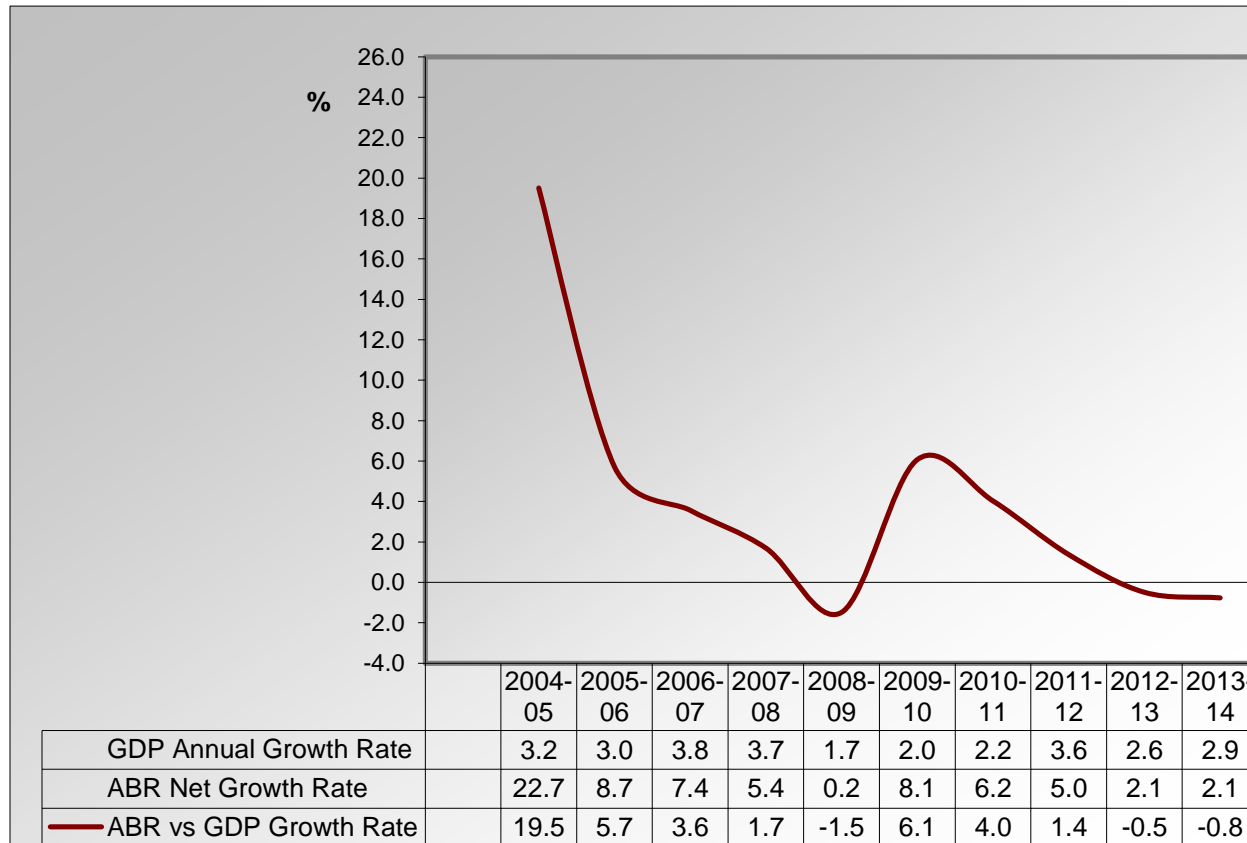
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**every 45
seconds
we issue a
business registration**

**every 58 seconds
we cancel a business registration**

ABR growth V GDP



We are also investigating comparisons with labour force statistics.

Future ABR enhancements



Further enhancements scheduled in December 2014 will contribute to improving the integrity of the ABR registration process. Including:

- Applicants can check their entitlement before applying for an ABN.
- Improving immediate feedback about the accuracy and integrity of identity information provided during registration.
- Validation of email and Australian mobile phone numbers.

Improving the ABR



Integrity of the ABR is vital for national and state planning and delivery as well as business confidence. Annually we undertake:

- Audit reviews
- Cancellation programs where ABNs that are no longer entitled are cancelled, and
- Encourage ABN holders to update their ABN details.

In 2013-14 we reviewed the accuracy of over 843,000 ABNs.

How we measure and monitor?

- We conduct an annual survey to measure:
 - the extent to which ABN holders still use their ABN
 - the currency and accuracy of key data fields, and
 - the understanding and attitudes of ABN holders in relation to keeping their information up to date.
- Our survey told us that 28% (or 2.1 million) of ABN holders no longer require their ABN.
 - this closely aligns with the ABS estimate of active businesses in Australia.
- This year we plan to remove 1 million unused ABNs from the Register.

How to access ABR data

- Agencies require a current terms and conditions agreement to access non-public data.
- Agencies can access data via:
 - ABN Lookup
 - a secure facility that enables agencies to download non-public data.

Working together



What can you do to help us to help you?





More Information

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