# MEANING 

## STATE OF THE MARKET FOR EACH STATE INSIDE!

## This is the Benchmark "State Of The Market" Report for Quarter 1 of 2022.

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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## SMALL BUSINESS SALES

## WHAT'S HOT? WHAT'S NOT? QUARTER 12022

Each Quarter we review the past three months of business sales, buyer enquiry and 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 dropped 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 March 2022 there were approximately 18,000 businesses listed for sale.

## y <br> 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.

- Home improvement
- Service Stations
- Supermarkets
- Cleaning companies
- Construction and Home Improvement
- Labour hire
- Transport
- Online retail
- Vegetation management
- Medical



## WHAT'S NOT

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


## (S) 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:

## 3 INCREASED

- Home improvement
- Service stations
- Supermarkets
- Rent Rolls
- Labour hire
- Transport
- Online retail
- Facilities Management

Some sectors have suffered a loss in value.

## 3 ReDUCED

- Cafes
- Gymnasiums
- Professions
- Retail
- Hospitality
- Hair \& Beauty
- Print
- Motels

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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| ACCOMMODATION | Aged Care | 1 | － | 9\％to 12\％ |  | Equipment Hire | $\square$ | － | 20\％to 33\％ |
|  | Caravan Parks Freehold | ＝ | ＝ | 9\％to 15\％ |  | Labour Hire | ＝ | ＝ | 25\％to 33\％ |
|  | Caravan Parks Leasehold | ＝ | ＝ | 17\％to 25\％ |  | Printing | $\square$ | $\underline{\underline{=}}$ | 50\％to 100\％ |
|  | Hotels Leasehold | 5 | $\theta$ | 18\％to 30\％ | SERVICES | Professions | $\nabla$ | ב | 50\％to 100\％ |
|  | Motels | 7 | ＝ | 18\％to 33\％ |  | Real Estate／Property Management | － | $\square$ | 25\％to 33\％ |
| AUTOMOTIVE | Automotive Dealership | 8 | $\Sigma$ | 17\％to 25\％ |  | Security |  | 1 | 20\％to 33\％ |
|  | Car Rental | $=$ | ＝ | 22\％to 30\％ |  | Serviced Office |  | $\square$ | 33\％to 60\％ |
|  | Caravan／Motorcycle／Marine Dealership | － | 二 | 20\％to 35\％ |  | Clothing Retail | － | － | 50\％to 200\％ |
|  | Mechanical Workshops | $\square$ | 5 | 28\％to 60\％ |  | Discount \＆Variety | 8 | $\square$ | 50\％to 100\％ |
|  | Service Stations |  | 1 | 33\％to 45\％ |  | Gifts \＆Florists |  | $\nabla$ | 50\％to 100\％ |
| DOMESTIC SERVICES | Cleaning Companies | 1 |  | 22\％to 33\％ |  | Homeware \＆Furniture |  |  | 50\％to 100\％ |
|  | Maintenance | － | 1 | 25\％to 37\％ | RETAIL | Online Retail |  | 1 | 20\％to 40\％ |
| EDUCATION \＆ TRAINING | Childcare Centre | － | ＝ | 16\％to 20\％ |  | Pet Services \＆Products |  | － | 25\％to 30\％ |
|  | RTO \＆Training |  | － | 25\％to 50\％ |  | Post Office \＆Newsagencies | ＝ | $\bar{\square}$ | 33\％to 100\％ |
| HAIR \＆ BEAUTY | Cosmetic Salons | $\underline{\square}$ | － | 25\％to 40\％ |  | Supermarket（Large） |  | $\uparrow$ | 25\％to 38\％ |
|  | Hair \＆Beauty Salons |  | 二 | 45\％to 100\％ |  | Supermarket（Small） | － | ＝ | 50\％to 100\％ |
| HOSPITALITY | Bakeries | 7 | $\nabla$ | 50\％to 100\％ | SPORTS \＆ RECREATION | Adventure | $\checkmark$ | 7 | 25\％to 50\％ |
|  | Bars \＆Clubs |  | － | 33\％to 100\％ |  | Gymnasiums |  | 1 | 33\％to 50\％ |
|  | Café／Coffee Lounge |  | ＝ | 50\％to 100\％ | Storace | Storage Complexes |  |  | 16\％to $23 \%$ |
|  | Catering \＆Events | $\square$ | ＝ | 33\％to 100\％ | TRADES | Air Conditioning | ＝ | － | 25\％to 50\％ |
|  | Food Franchise | 7 | 8 | 50\％to 100\％ |  | Electrical \＆Plumbing | ＝ | － | 33\％to 55\％ |
|  | Takeaway \＆Casual Dining |  | ＝ | 50\％to 100\％ |  | Home Improvement |  |  | 25\％to 100\％ |
|  | Vending | － | ＝ | 22\％to 35\％ |  | Pool Servicing | ＝ | ＝ | 33\％to 100\％ |
| ENGINEERING \＆ MANUFACTURING | Construction |  | － | 25\％to 38\％ | TRAVEL \＆TRANSPORT | Courier |  | ב | 50\％to 100\％ |
|  | Engineering | ＝ | 三 | 24\％to 33\％ |  | Road Transport |  | ＝ | 25\％to 50\％ |
|  | Manufacturing | ＝ | ＝ | 25\％to 50\％ |  | Logistics |  | － | 25\％to 38\％ |
| MEDIA \＆ COMMUNICATION | Entertainment |  | 1 | 50\％to 100\％ | UTILITIES \＆ INFRASTRUCTURE | Vegetation Management |  |  | 22\％to 40\％ |
|  | Internet |  | 1 | 20\％to 33\％ |  | Power Supply \＆Solar |  | － | 22\％to 33\％ |
|  | IT \＆Communications | － | － | 25\％to 40\％ |  | Waste |  | － | 16\％to 33\％ |
|  | Marketing |  | ＝ | 40\％to 100\％ |  | Water Treatment |  |  | 16\％to 25\％ |
| SERVICES | Accounting Practices | $戸$ | 三 | 25\％to 33\％ | WHOLESALE | Equipment Wholesale |  | ＝ | 25\％to 33\％ |
|  | Dental \＆Medical | 1 | ＝ | 18\％to $33 \%$ |  | Food Wholesale |  | ＝ | 25\％to 30\％ |
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