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TOPIC: Manufacturing Businesses

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QUESTION No.: AI-146

What percentage of current Australian manufacturing businesses are SMEs?

ANSWER

Based on the latest available data from the Australian Bureau of Statistics, as at June 2009 around 99.2 per cent of manufacturing businesses were small to medium sized enterprises¹. Small to medium sized enterprises are defined as businesses which employ 199 people or less.

¹ ABS cat. no. 8165.0