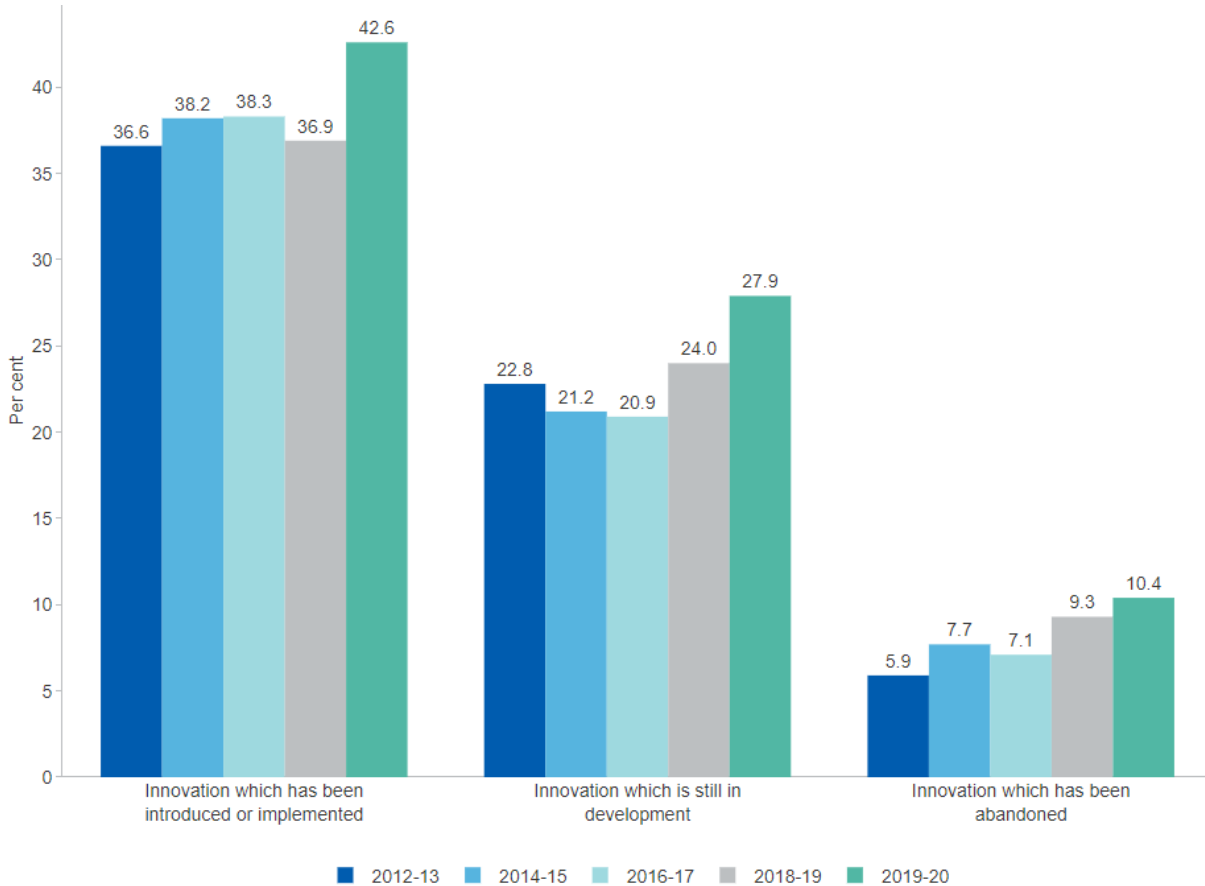


1.1.2 Innovation activity by innovation stage

Survey data published by the Australian Bureau of Statistics (ABS) cover three stages of innovation (introduced, still in development, and abandoned). In 2019–20, 50.7 per cent of Australian businesses were innovation-active, which means they were involved in at least one of these stages of innovation over the last 12 months. As a share of all businesses, two in five (42.6 per cent) had *introduced or implemented their innovation*, 27.9 per cent were *still developing their innovation* and 10.4 per cent had *abandoned some innovative ideas*. These proportions have remained relatively stable since 2011–12, however recent data also shows a rise in *Innovation which is still in development* and *Innovation which has been abandoned*.¹

Figure: Innovation-active businesses, share of all businesses, by innovation stage, per cent, latest 2019–20



¹ ABS, *Characteristics of Australian Business*, Cat. No. 8129.0, Cat. No. 8158.0, Cat. No. 8166.0, Cat. No. 8167.0 and ABS.Stat (<https://www.abs.gov.au/>)