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Management Capability Survey, 2015-16

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Australia's first official Management Capability Survey

Management and Organisational Capabilities of Australian Businesses, 2015–16

On 25 August, the ABS released the **first official survey** data on management capability in Australia.

The data presents statistics on a selection of topics including:

- Performance monitoring
- Use of data in decision making
- Strategic plans
- Skills
- Supply chain
- Environment management
- Principal Manager characteristics

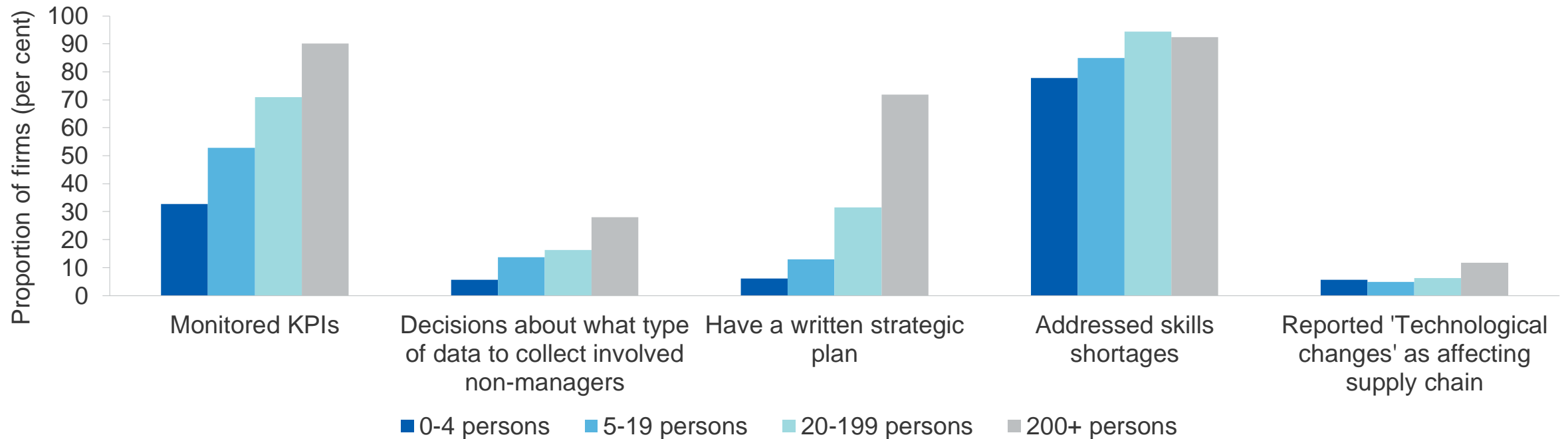


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Small firms are lagging in management and organisational capability

Management capabilities by firm size



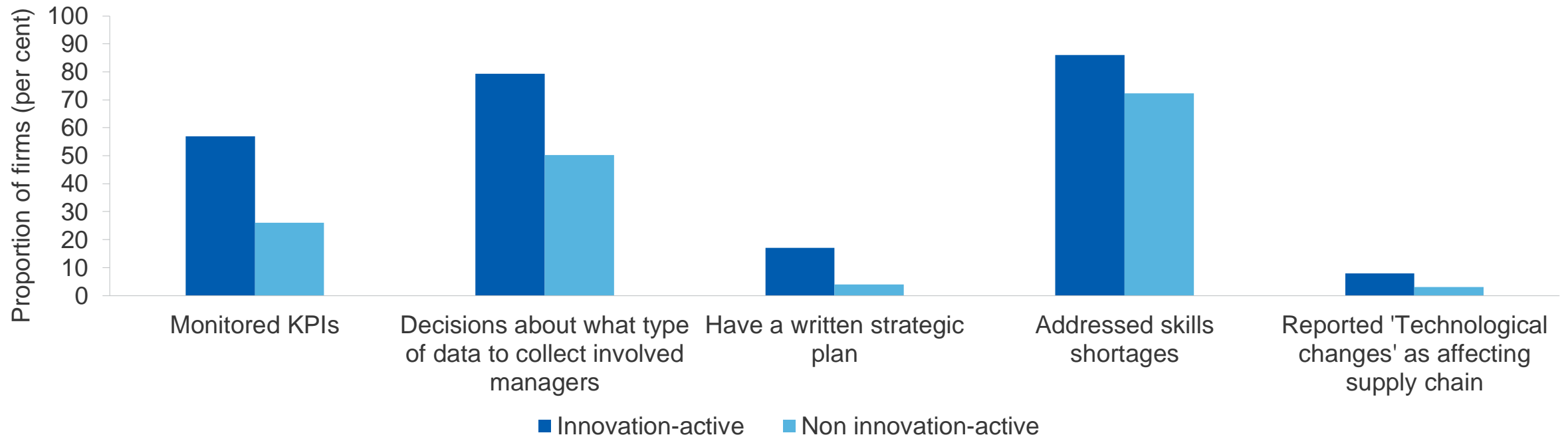
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Innovation-active firms reported higher levels of management capability

Management capability by innovation status



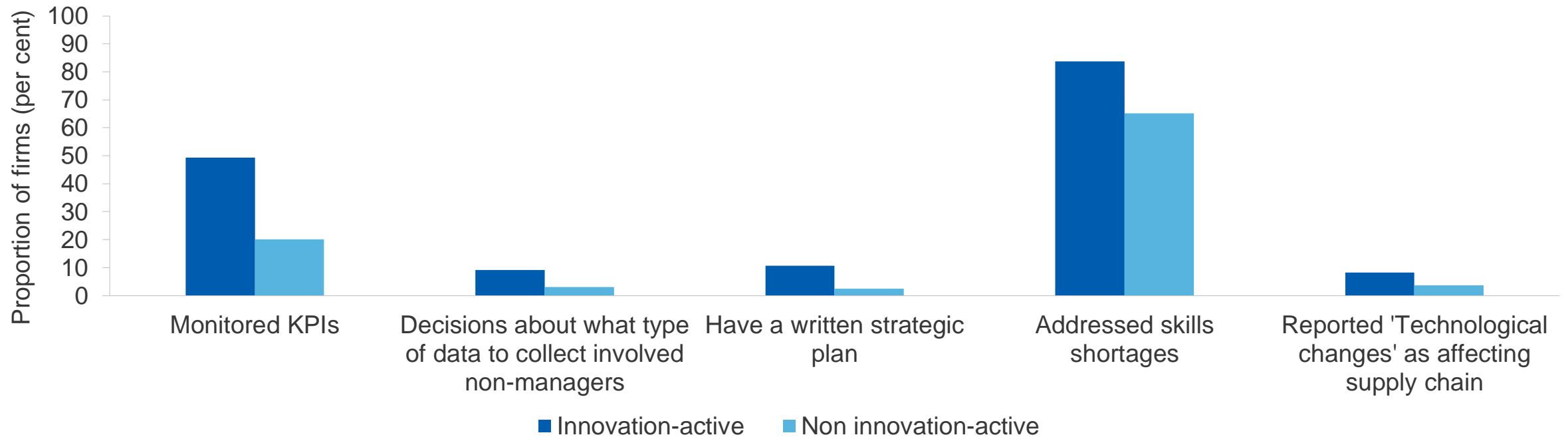
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The positive association between innovation and management isn't just about firm size

Management capability by innovation status in micro firms (0–4 employees)



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Next steps



Access to microdata including additional data sets

For example the Entrepreneurs programme data



Linking data to BLADE

Linking MCS data to BLADE alongside the latest ATO data for the reference period (2015–16)



Research agenda

Developing a research agenda and project plans. The research outputs will inform policy development