

Aberdeen

2011 half year business confidence report



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- April 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Aberdeen when compared to any previous April.

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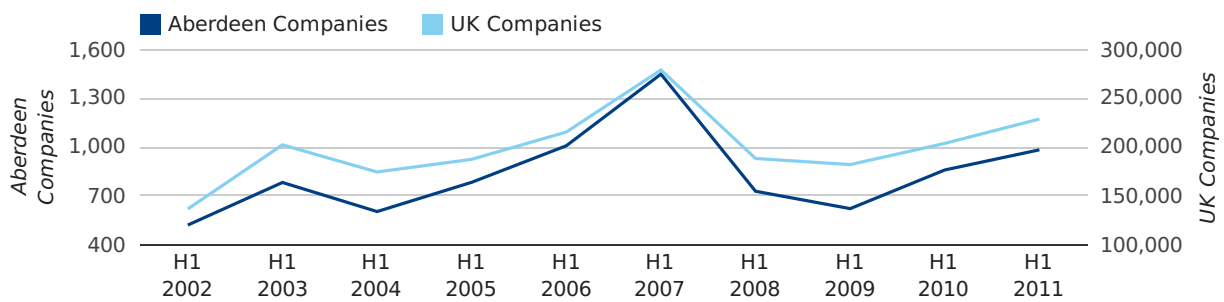
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 983 companies were formed in Aberdeen. This figure is 14.4% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Aberdeen occurred in 2007 when a total of 1,449 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ABERDEEN	UK
2011	983	228,735
2010	859	203,749
% CHANGE	14.4%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,449)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



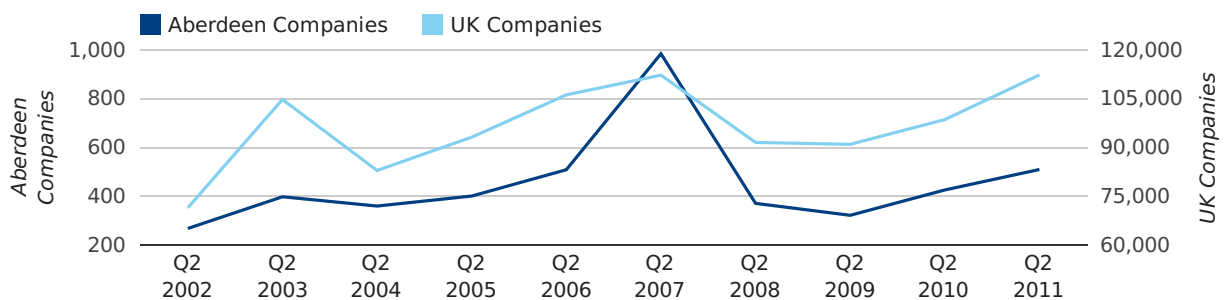
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 510 companies were registered in Aberdeen during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 19.7% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	ABERDEEN	UK
2011	510	112,344
2010	426	98,612
% CHANGE	19.7%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (985)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	149	178	183
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	136	149	141
% CHANGE	9.6%	19.5%	29.8%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (320)	2007 (344)	2007 (321)

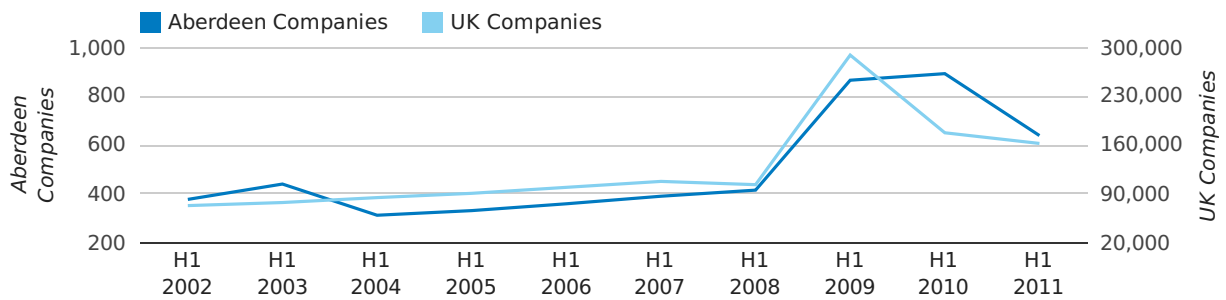
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 639 companies were dissolved in Aberdeen. This figure is 28.4% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Aberdeen occurred in 2010 when a total of 893 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ABERDEEN	UK
2011	639	162,310
2010	893	177,631
% CHANGE	-28.4%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (893)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



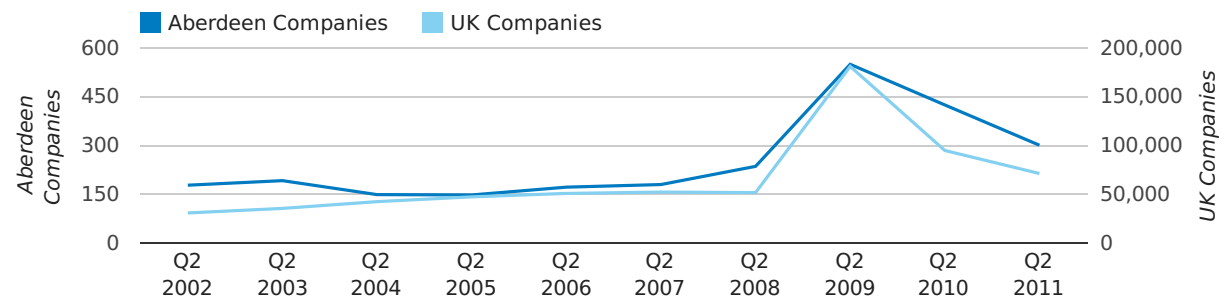
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 301 companies were dissolved in Aberdeen during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 29.2% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	ABERDEEN	UK
2011	301	71,324
2010	425	94,954
% CHANGE	-29.2%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (550)	2009 (181,176)

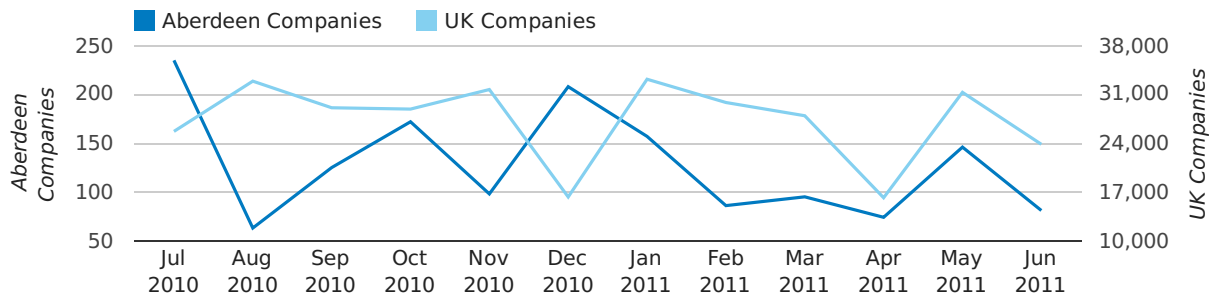
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

April 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Aberdeen when compared to any previous April.

dissolved companies by month



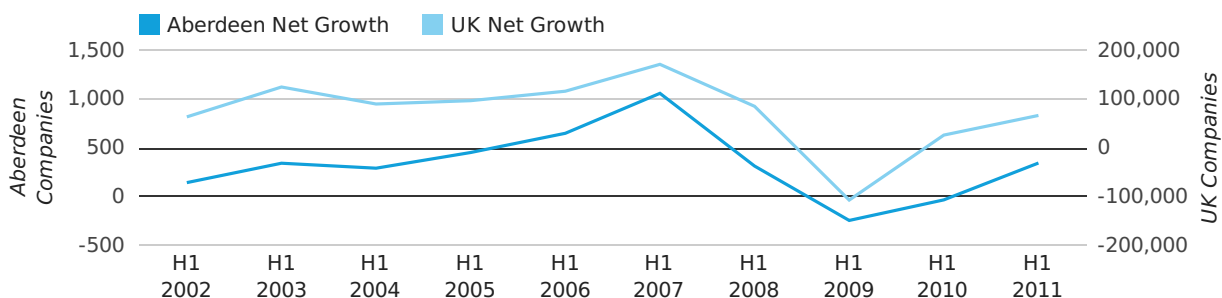
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	74	146	81
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	60	249	116
% CHANGE	23.3%	-41.4%	-30%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (74)	2009 (373)	2009 (165)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Aberdeen increased by 344 companies. This figure is 1,111.8% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ABERDEEN	UK
2011	344	66,425
2010	-34	26,118
% CHANGE	-1,111.8%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,059)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



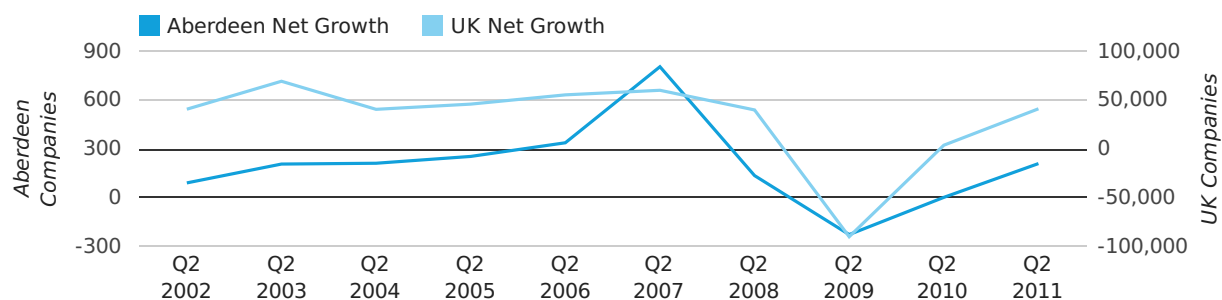
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Aberdeen during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 209 companies.

This represents an increase of 20,800.0% on the same period last year.

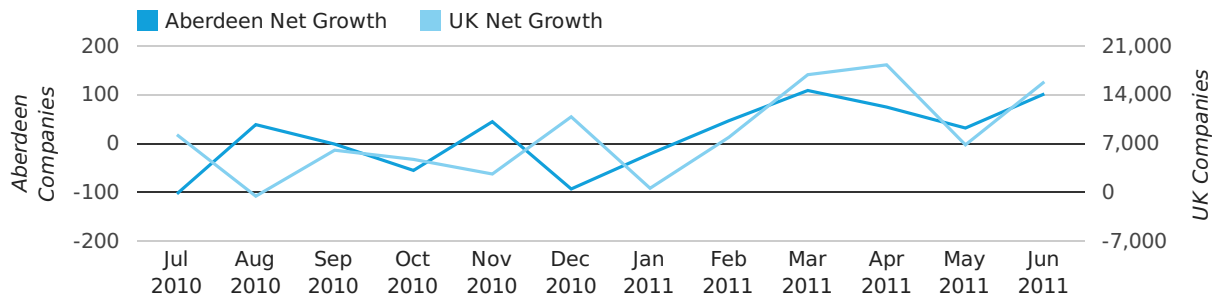
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	ABERDEEN	UK
2011	209	41,020
2010	1	3,658
% CHANGE	20,800.0%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (805)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



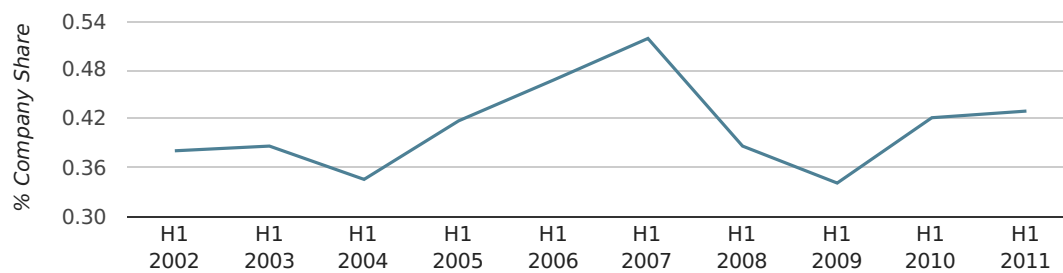
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	75	32	102
NET GROWTH IN 2010	76	-100	25
% CHANGE	-1.3%	-132.0%	308.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (285)	2007 (285)	2007 (235)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Aberdeen formed 0.4% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.4%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ABERDEEN
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.4%
2007	0.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1990 (0.9%)

company share by half year

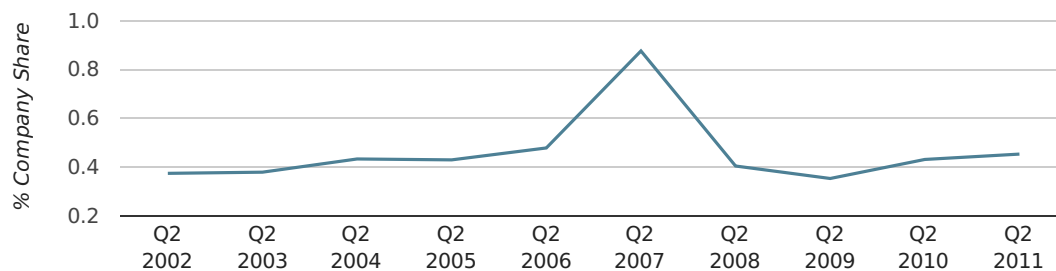


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

In the second quarter of 2011, Aberdeen formed 0.5% of all UK companies.

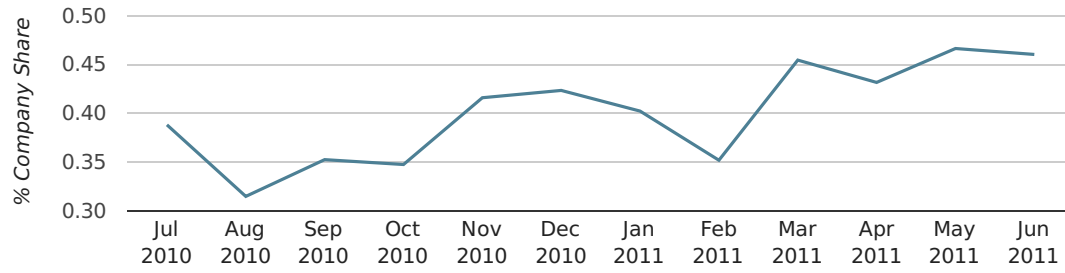
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	ABERDEEN
2011	0.5%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
2007	0.9%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1990 (1.0%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%
% CHANGE	6.0%	-5.9%	15.0%
RECORD YEAR	1979 (6.4%)	1981 (1.1%)	1990 (1.0%)

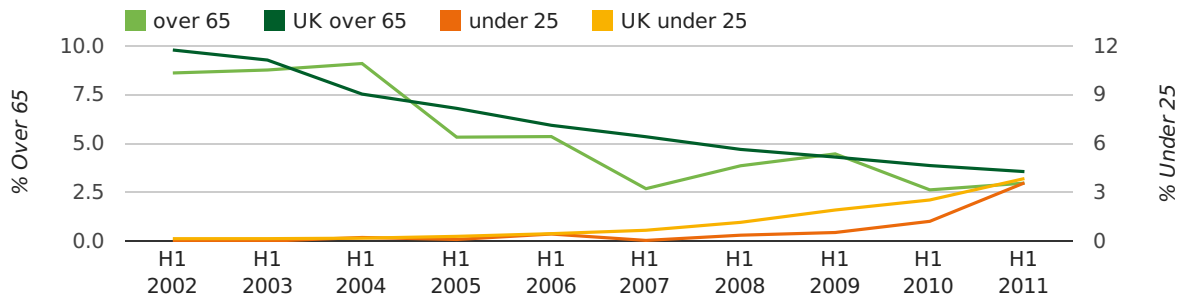
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 42.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



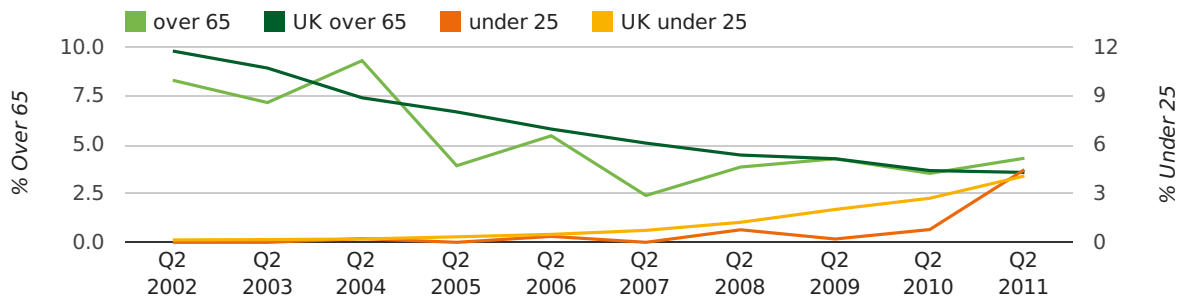
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 42.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

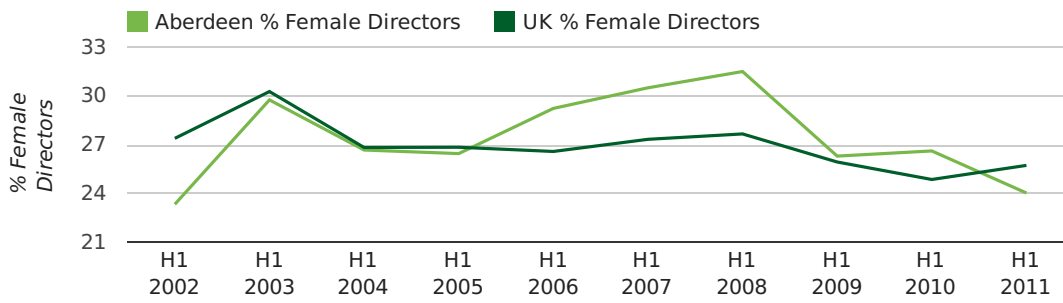


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The record first half year for female directors in Aberdeen was 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

24.0% of all director appointments in Aberdeen in the first half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

director gender by half year

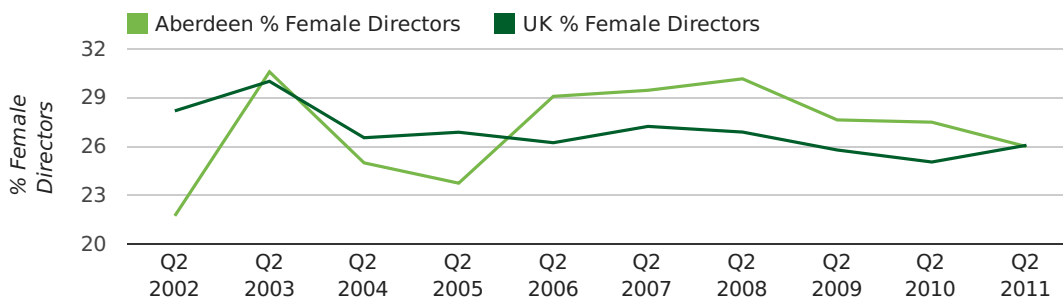


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The record second quarter for female directors in Aberdeen was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

26.0% of all director appointments in Aberdeen in the second quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.1% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Jun 2010-Jun 2011)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
ENGINEERING	5.66%	CONSULTING	5.09%
ABERDEEN	2.87%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
CONSULTING	2.00%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
SUBSEA	1.83%	PROPERTY	2.43%
(ABERDEEN)	1.78%	TRADING	2.05%
CONSULTANCY	1.78%	DESIGN	1.94%
DESIGN	1.70%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
ENERGY	1.70%	BUSINESS	1.87%
CONSULTANTS	1.48%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
MANAGEMENT	1.35%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
OFFSHORE	1.04%	MEDIA	1.73%
OIL	0.74%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
GLOBAL	0.74%	LONDON	1.60%
PROJECT	0.70%	GLOBAL	1.46%
SCOTLAND	0.70%	J	1.44%
DRILLING	0.61%	CARE	1.44%
INSPECTION	0.61%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
GAS	0.61%	IT	1.39%
S	0.57%	BUILDING	1.32%
PLANNING	0.57%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
MARINE	0.57%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
TECHNOLOGY	0.57%	M	1.27%
M	0.57%	S	1.23%
INTEGRITY	0.57%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
MOUNTWEST	0.52%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	598	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	339	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	302	30,647
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	164	7,835
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	72	16,419
7414 - Business & management consultancy	67	13,053
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	62	10,322
71129 - Other engineering activities	55	1,629
09100 - Support activities for petroleum and natural gas extraction	51	293
1120 - Services to oil and gas extraction	41	251
9305 - Other service activities	35	9,063
9999 - Dormant Company	32	20,111
5530 - Restaurants	31	5,086
74990 - Non-trading company	31	8,481
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	23	10,545
7499 - Non-trading company	23	10,955
99999 - Dormant Company	23	18,918
71122 - Engineering related scientific and technical consulting activities	21	704
06100 - Extraction of crude petroleum	17	177
62090 - Other information technology service activities	16	7,095