

# Aberdeen

2012 half year business confidence report



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- April 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Aberdeen when compared to any previous April.

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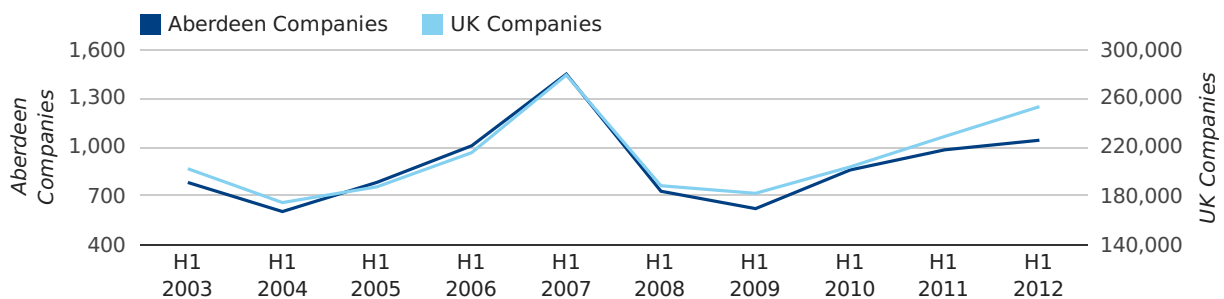
## Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,042 companies were formed in Aberdeen. This figure is 6.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

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
2012	1,042	253,150
2011	983	228,735
% CHANGE	6.0%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,449)	2007 (279,097)

### new companies by half year



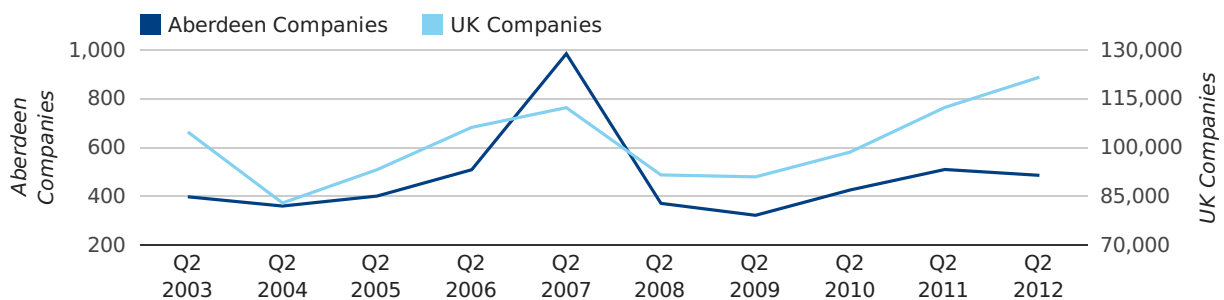
## Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 486 companies were registered in Aberdeen during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 4.7% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

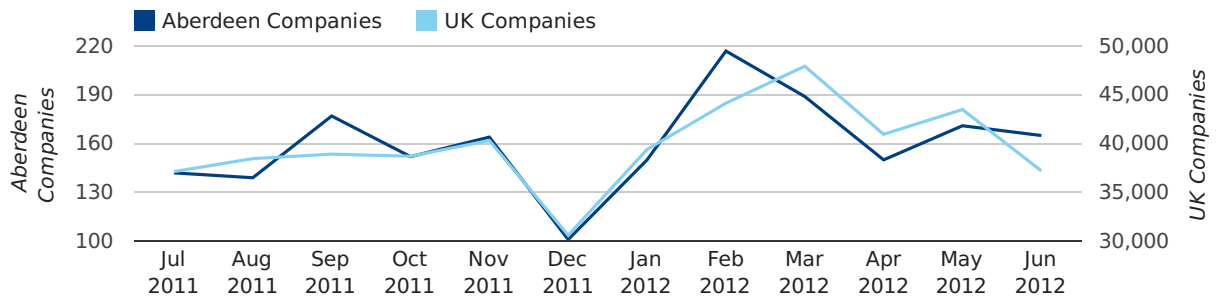
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ABERDEEN	UK
2012	486	121,659
2011	510	112,344
% CHANGE	-4.7%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (985)	2012 (121,659)

### new companies by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

## new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	150	171	165
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	149	178	183
% CHANGE	0.7%	-3.9%	-9.8%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (320)	2007 (344)	2007 (321)

### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 863 companies were dissolved in Aberdeen. This figure is 35.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

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
2012	863	147,793
2011	639	162,310
% CHANGE	35.1%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (893)	2009 (289,236)

### dissolved companies by half year



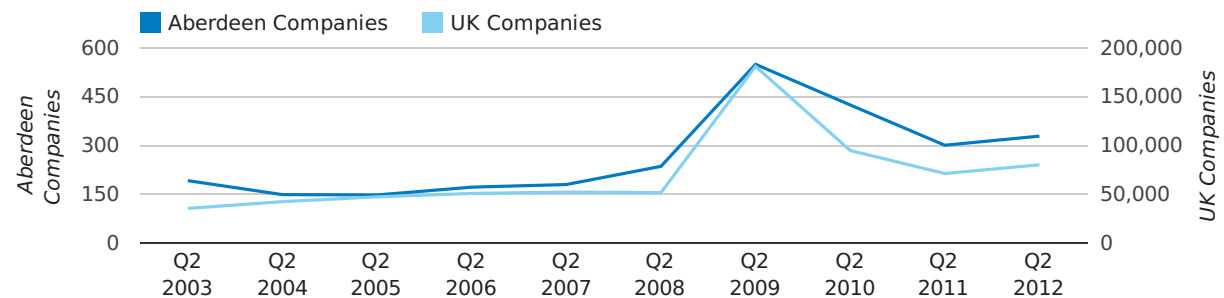
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 329 companies were dissolved in Aberdeen during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 9.3% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ABERDEEN	UK
2012	329	80,217
2011	301	71,324
% CHANGE	9.3%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (550)	2009 (181,176)

### dissolved companies by quarter



## Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

April 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Aberdeen when compared to any previous April.

### dissolved companies by month



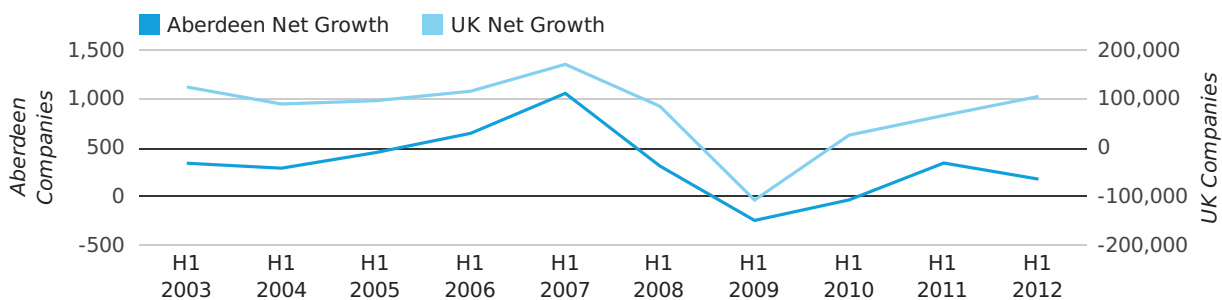
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	81	115	133
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	74	146	81
% CHANGE	9.5%	-21.2%	64%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (81)	2009 (373)	2009 (165)

### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Aberdeen increased by 179 companies. This figure is 48.0% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ABERDEEN	UK
2012	179	105,357
2011	344	66,425
% CHANGE	-48.0%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,059)	2007 (171,296)

### net growth by half year



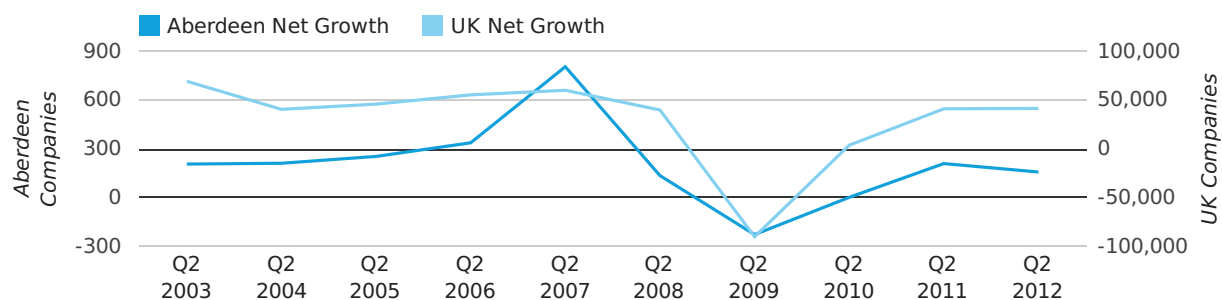
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Aberdeen during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 157 companies.

This represents a decrease of 24.9% on the same period last year.

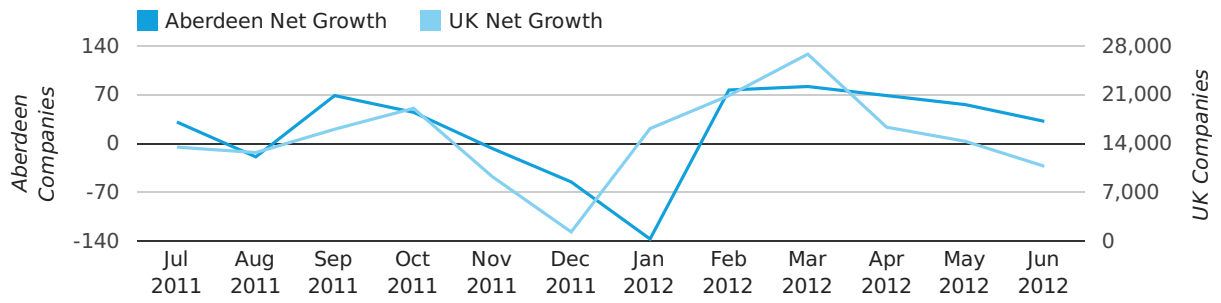
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ABERDEEN	UK
2012	157	41,442
2011	209	41,020
% CHANGE	-24.9%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (805)	2003 (69,274)

### net growth by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

## net growth by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	69	56	32
NET GROWTH IN 2011	75	32	102
% CHANGE	-8.0%	75.0%	-68.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (285)	2007 (285)	2007 (235)

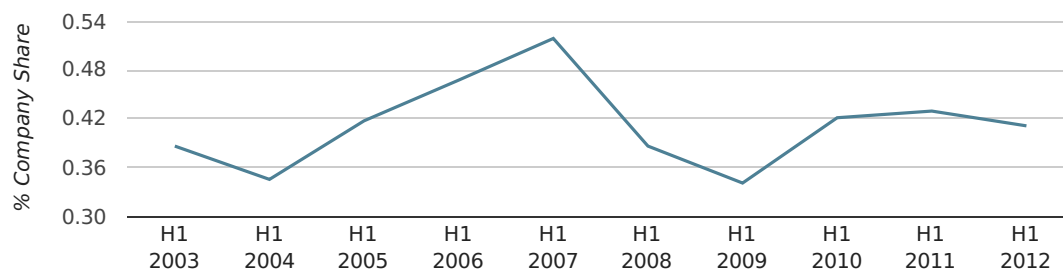


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Aberdeen formed 0.4% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.4%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ABERDEEN
2012	0.4%
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1990 (0.9%)

#### company share by half year

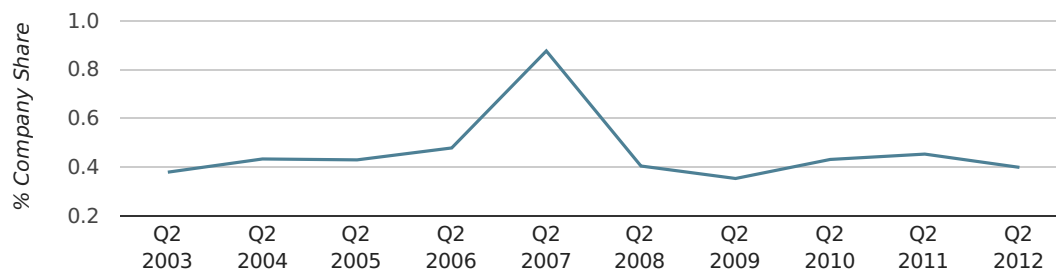


### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Aberdeen formed 0.4% of all UK companies.

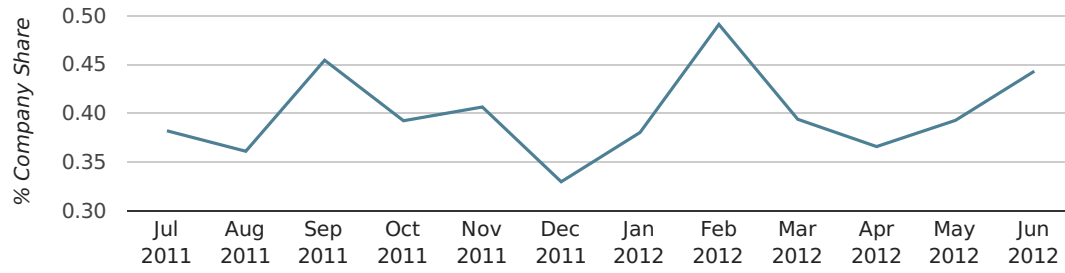
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ABERDEEN
2012	0.4%
2011	0.5%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1990 (1.0%)

#### company share by quarter



## Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.5%	0.5%
% CHANGE	-15.2%	-15.8%	-3.7%
RECORD YEAR	1979 (6.4%)	1981 (1.1%)	1990 (1.0%)

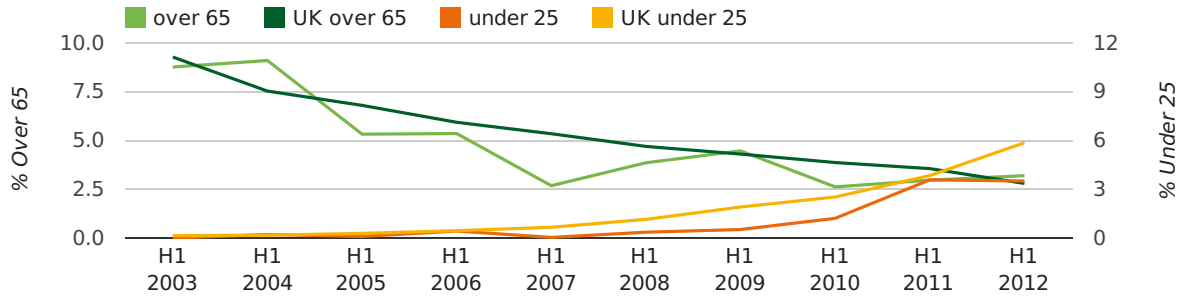
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 41.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

#### director age by half year



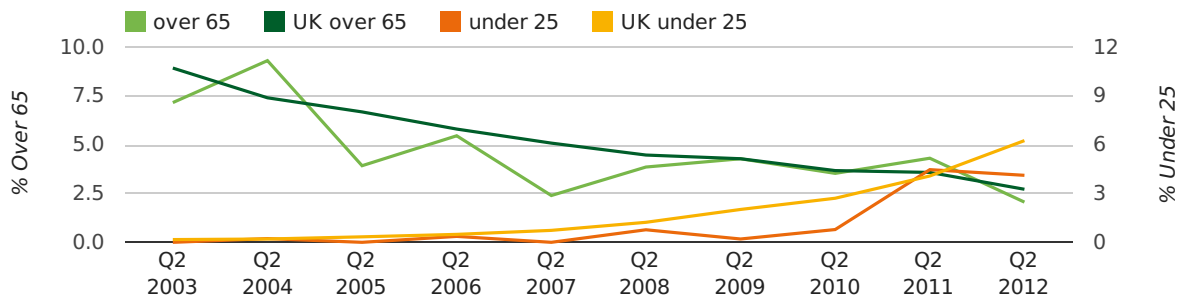
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 40.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

#### director age by quarter

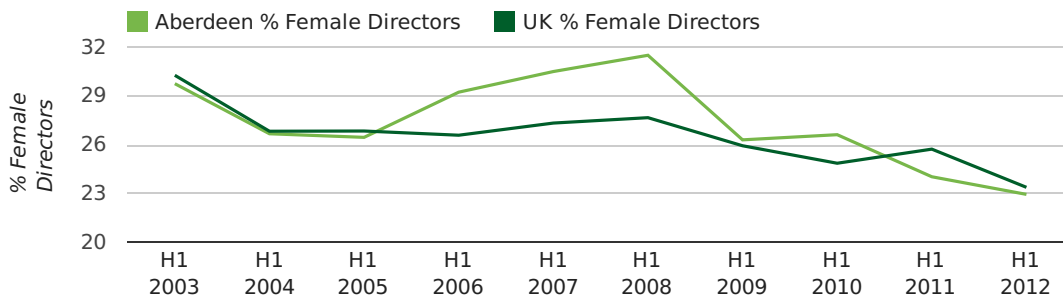


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

22.9% of all director appointments in Aberdeen in the first half of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 23.4% for the same period.

#### director gender by half year

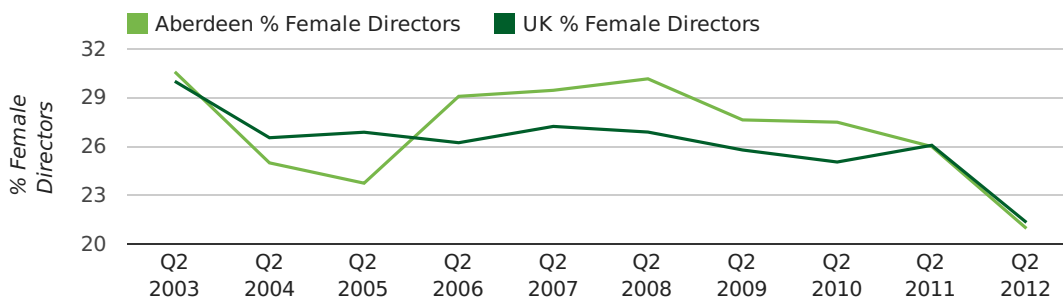


### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

21.0% of all director appointments in Aberdeen in the second quarter of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 21.3% for the same period.

#### director gender by quarter



## Previous 12 months (Jun 2011-Jun 2012)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
ENGINEERING	6.90%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	2.36%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
ABERDEEN	2.13%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTANCY	2.09%	PROPERTY	2.35%
DESIGN	1.85%	TRADING	2.10%
MANAGEMENT	1.77%	DESIGN	1.89%
ENERGY	1.58%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
CONSULTANTS	1.42%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
(ABERDEEN)	1.18%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
PROJECT	1.02%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
SUBSEA	1.02%	BUSINESS	1.70%
OFFSHORE	0.75%	MEDIA	1.69%
OIL	0.67%	LONDON	1.68%
PROPERTY	0.67%	J	1.57%
WELL	0.63%	GLOBAL	1.51%
PROPERTIES	0.63%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
(SCOTLAND)	0.59%	IT	1.42%
ASSOCIATES	0.59%	CARE	1.31%
DRILLING	0.59%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
PACIFIC	0.55%	M	1.26%
SAFETY	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
SHELF	0.55%	BUILDING	1.23%
TECHNICAL	0.51%	SECURITY	1.19%
MARINE	0.47%	S	1.18%
J	0.47%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

## Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	690	244,457
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	397	35,447
7487 - Other business activities	274	47,029
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	240	10,271
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	128	14,220
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	104	20,390
71129 - Other engineering activities	99	2,453
09100 - Support activities for petroleum and natural gas extraction	60	292
7414 - Business & management consultancy	48	10,978
74990 - Non-trading company	44	9,706
99999 - Dormant Company	41	26,088
71122 - Engineering related scientific and technical consulting activities	38	1,179
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	36	15,280
9999 - Dormant Company	31	16,469
71121 - Engineering design activities for industrial process and production	26	569
1120 - Services to oil and gas extraction	25	168
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	22	4,535
5530 - Restaurants	21	4,037
9305 - Other service activities	19	7,926
56101 - Licensed restaurants	19	1,551