

Ashford

2011 half year business confidence report



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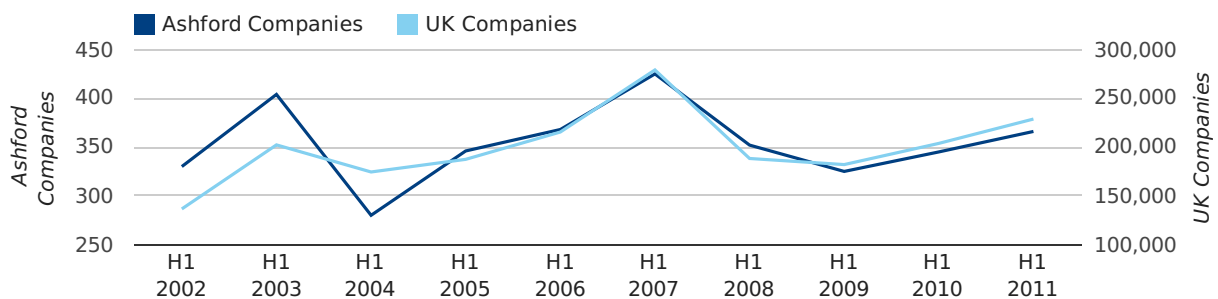
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 366 companies were formed in Ashford. This figure is 6.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Ashford occurred in 2007 when a total of 425 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ASHFORD	UK
2011	366	228,735
2010	345	203,749
% CHANGE	6.1%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (425)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



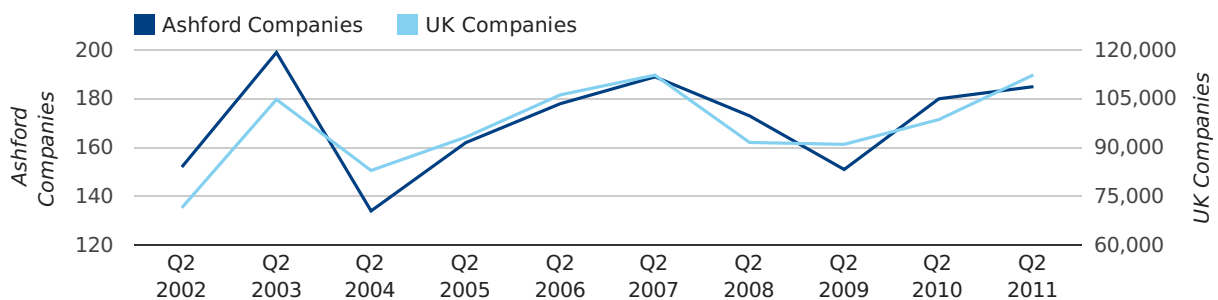
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 185 companies were registered in Ashford during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 2.8% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares badly 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)	ASHFORD	UK
2011	185	112,344
2010	180	98,612
% CHANGE	2.8%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (199)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	60	63	62
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	57	60	63
% CHANGE	5.3%	5.0%	-1.6%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (75)	2002 (67)	2003 (73)

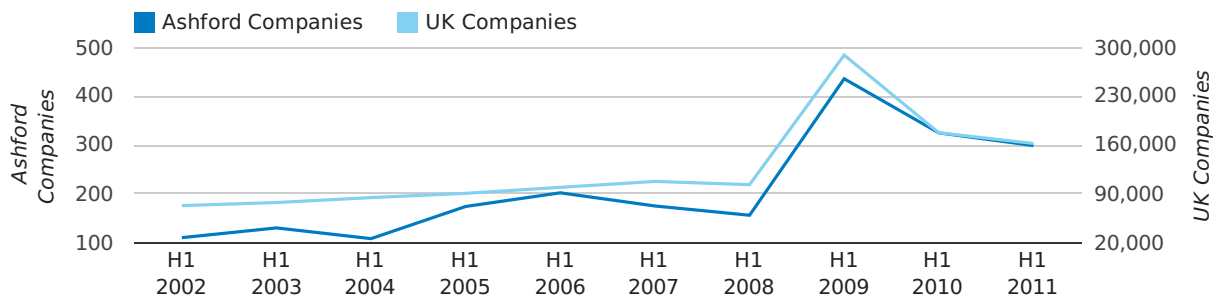
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 299 companies were dissolved in Ashford. This figure is 8.0% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Ashford occurred in 2009 when a total of 436 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ASHFORD	UK
2011	299	162,310
2010	325	177,631
% CHANGE	-8.0%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (436)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



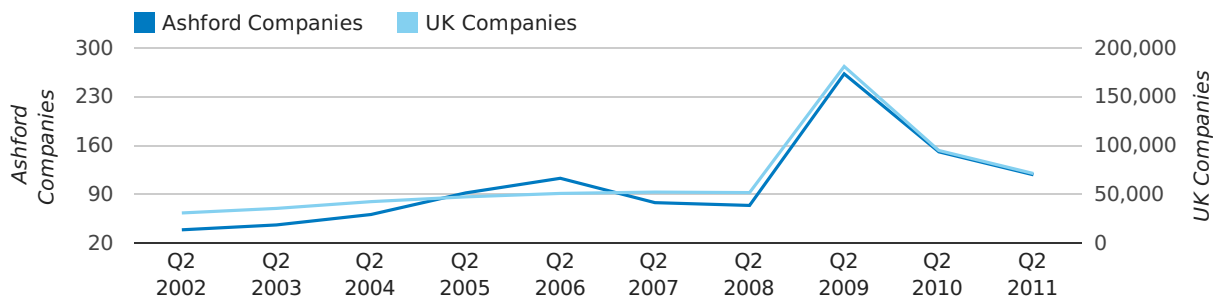
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 118 companies were dissolved in Ashford during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 21.9% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

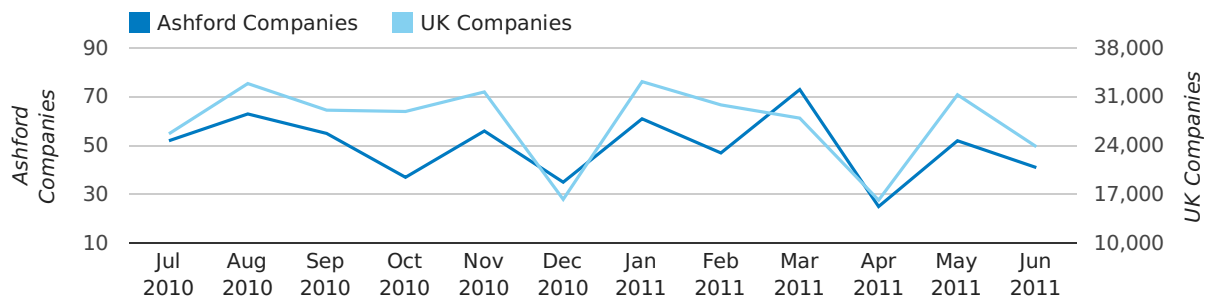
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	ASHFORD	UK
2011	118	71,324
2010	151	94,954
% CHANGE	-21.9%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (263)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



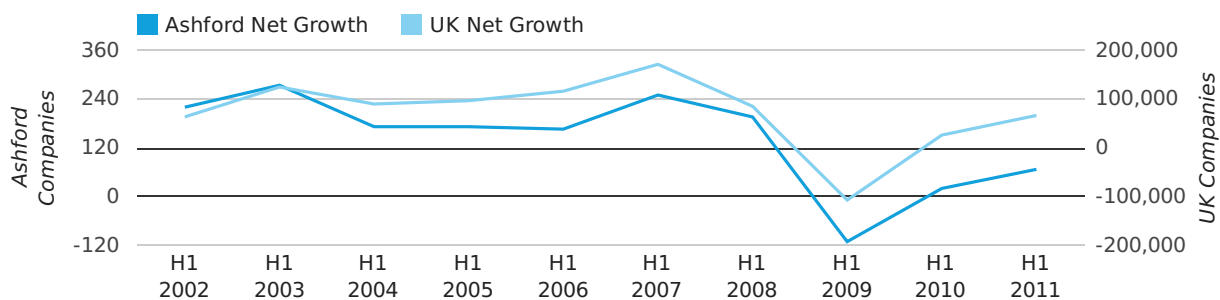
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	25	52	41
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	37	60	54
% CHANGE	-32.4%	-13.3%	-24%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (82)	2009 (109)	2009 (72)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Ashford increased by 67 companies. This figure is 235.0% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ASHFORD	UK
2011	67	66,425
2010	20	26,118
% CHANGE	235.0%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (274)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



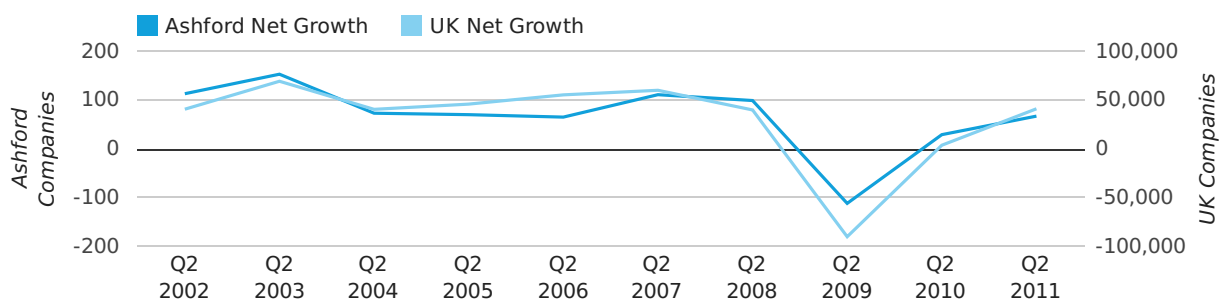
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Ashford during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 67 companies.

This represents an increase of 131.0% on the same period last year.

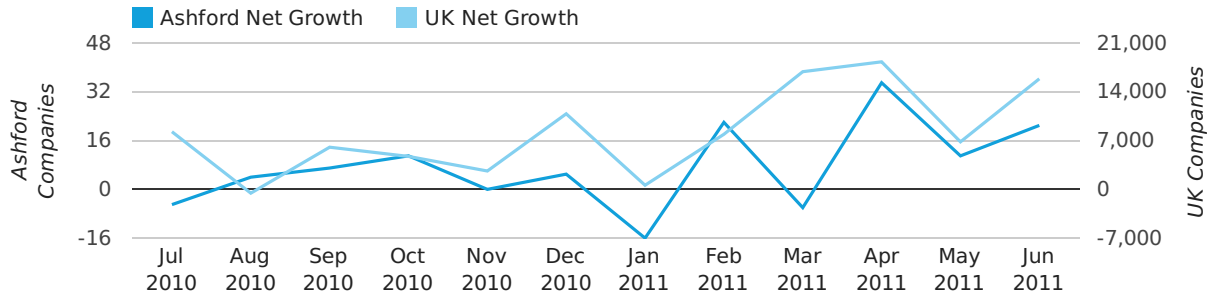
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	ASHFORD	UK
2011	67	41,020
2010	29	3,658
% CHANGE	131.0%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (153)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



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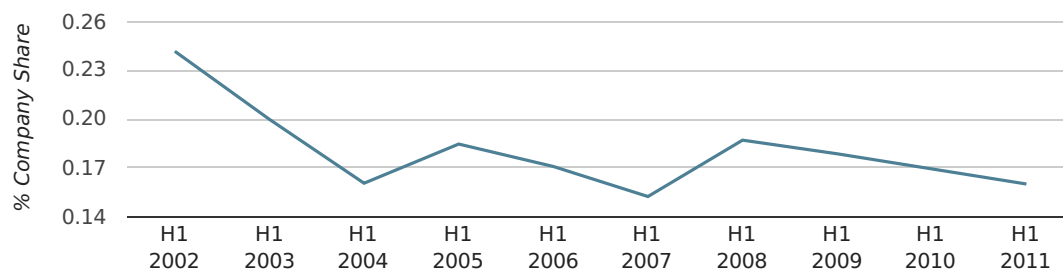
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	35	11	21
NET GROWTH IN 2010	20	0	9
% CHANGE	75.0%	0.0%	133.3%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (69)	2003 (51)	2003 (55)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Ashford formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.2%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ASHFORD
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1971 (0.3%)

company share by half year

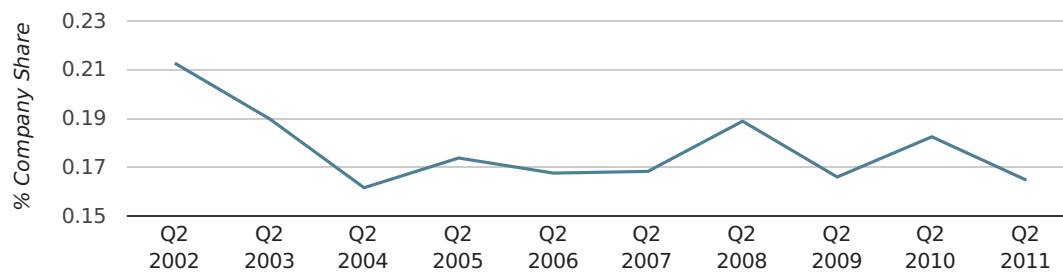


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

In the second quarter of 2011, Ashford formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

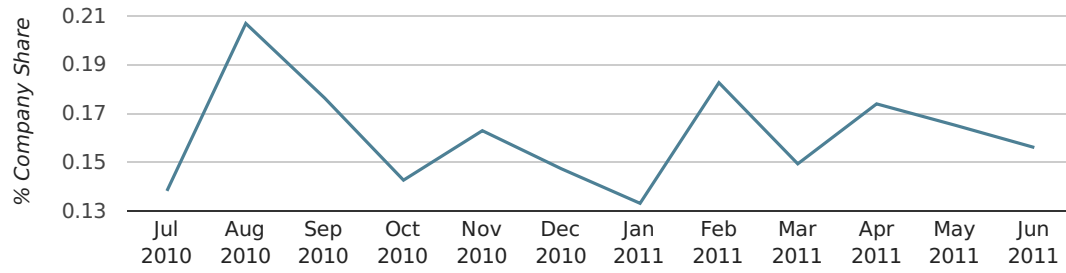
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	ASHFORD
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	1.9%	-17.3%	-12.8%
RECORD YEAR	1969 (0.4%)	1967 (0.6%)	1972 (0.5%)

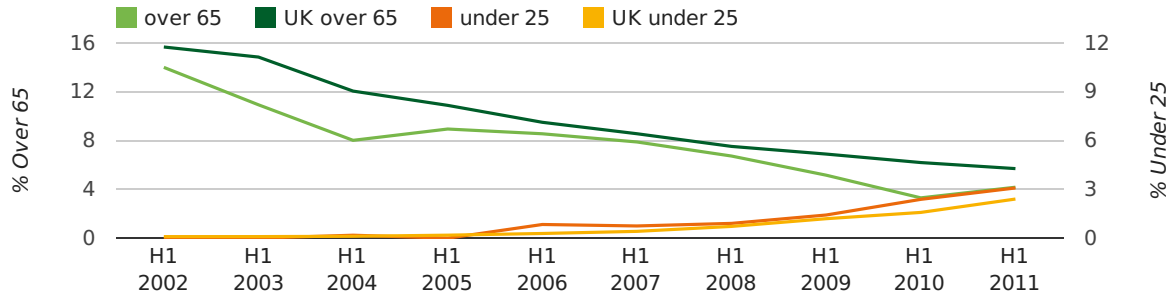
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 45.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



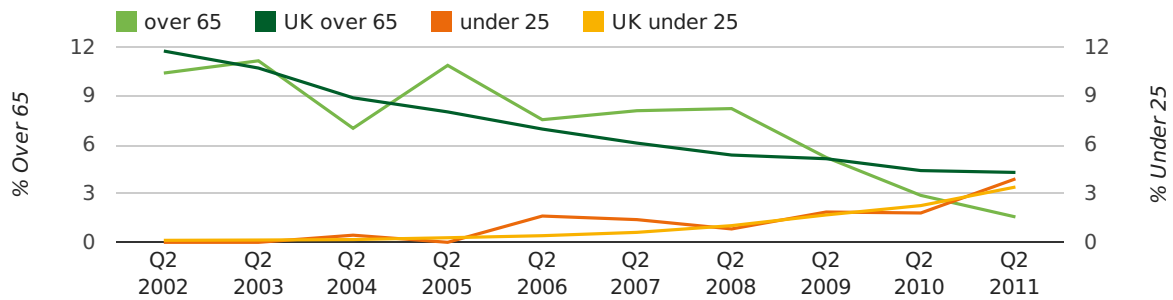
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 44.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

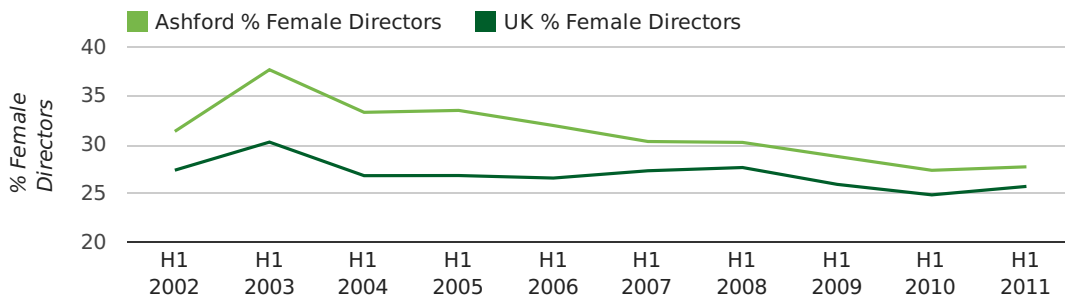


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

27.7% of all director appointments in Ashford 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

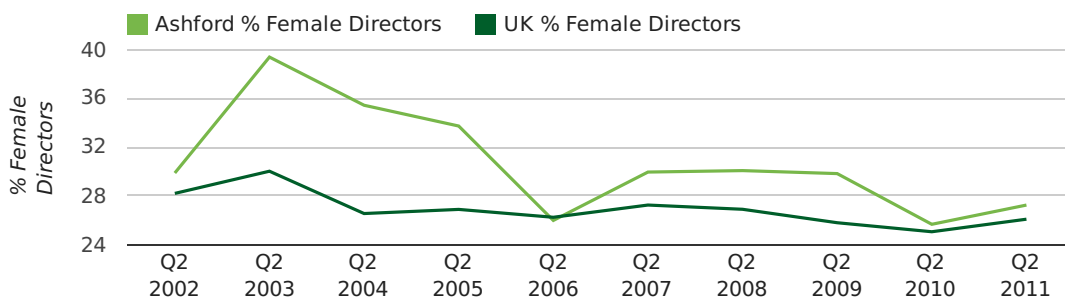


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

27.2% of all director appointments in Ashford 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
FOODS	1.72%	CONSULTING	5.09%
CONSULTING	1.29%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
J	1.03%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
MANAGEMENT	0.86%	PROPERTY	2.43%
CONSULTANCY	0.86%	TRADING	2.05%
ASHFORD	0.77%	DESIGN	1.94%
(KENT)	0.77%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
PROPERTY	0.77%	BUSINESS	1.87%
TRAINING	0.69%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
NORMAS	0.60%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ELECTRICAL	0.60%	MEDIA	1.73%
CONTRACTORS	0.60%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
CONSULTANTS	0.60%	LONDON	1.60%
(ASHFORD)	0.60%	GLOBAL	1.46%
DESIGN	0.52%	J	1.44%
HOLDINGS	0.52%	CARE	1.44%
CONSTRUCTION	0.52%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
KENT	0.52%	IT	1.39%
SOUTH	0.52%	BUILDING	1.32%
GRACE	0.52%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ASSOCIATES	0.52%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
GREEN	0.52%	M	1.27%
EAST	0.52%	S	1.23%
INTERNATIONAL	0.43%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
PROPERTIES	0.43%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	244	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	126	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	55	30,647
9999 - Dormant Company	35	20,111
7414 - Business & management consultancy	33	13,053
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	31	16,419
99999 - Dormant Company	29	18,918
5132 - Wholesale of meat and meat products	26	202
9305 - Other service activities	19	9,063
46320 - Wholesale of meat and meat products	18	157
7499 - Non-trading company	18	10,955
74990 - Non-trading company	17	8,481
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	17	10,545
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	17	10,322
32990 - Other manufacturing not elsewhere classified	15	1,427
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	14	7,835
62090 - Other information technology service activities	13	7,095
7260 - Other computer related activities	12	7,849
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	12	5,928
73110 - Advertising agencies	11	1,633