

Ashton-under-Lyne

2011 half year business confidence report



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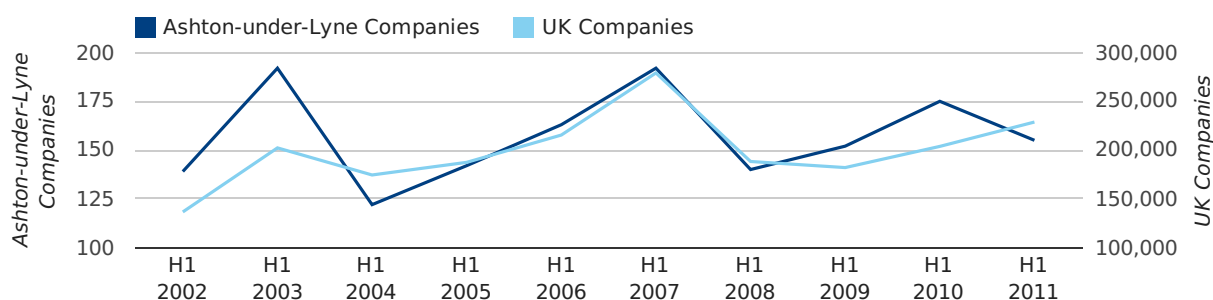
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 155 companies were formed in Ashton-under-Lyne. This figure is 11.4% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Ashton-under-Lyne occurred in 2003 when a total of 192 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2011	155	228,735
2010	175	203,749
% CHANGE	-11.4%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (192)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



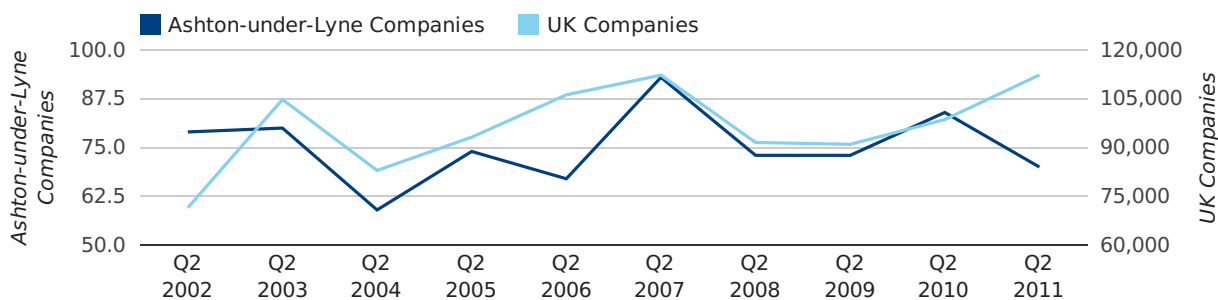
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 70 companies were registered in Ashton-under-Lyne during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 16.7% 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.

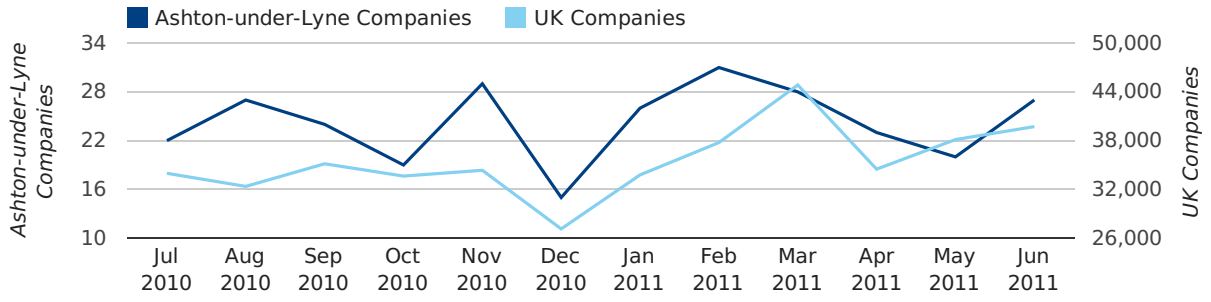
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2011	70	112,344
2010	84	98,612
% CHANGE	-16.7%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (93)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	23	20	27
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	33	26	25
% CHANGE	-30.3%	-23.1%	8.0%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (33)	2002 (40)	2007 (31)

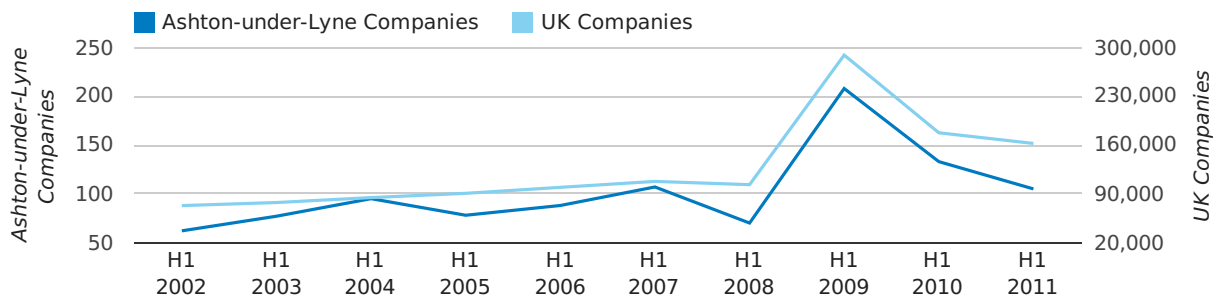
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 105 companies were dissolved in Ashton-under-Lyne. This figure is 21.1% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Ashton-under-Lyne occurred in 2009 when a total of 208 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2011	105	162,310
2010	133	177,631
% CHANGE	-21.1%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (208)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



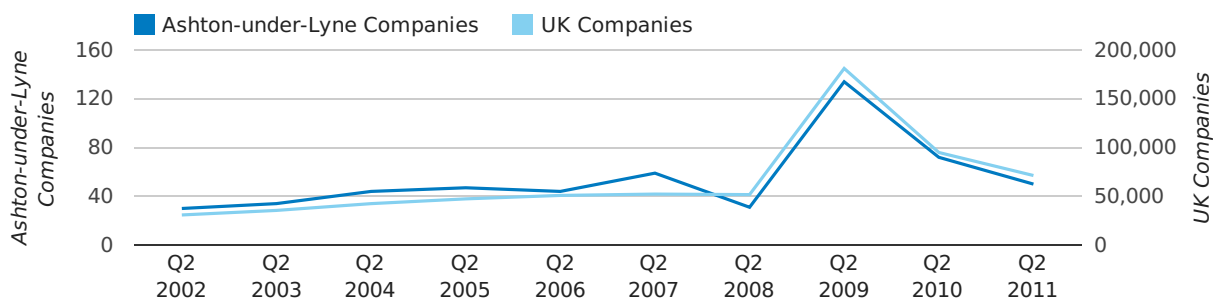
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 50 companies were dissolved in Ashton-under-Lyne during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 30.6% 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.

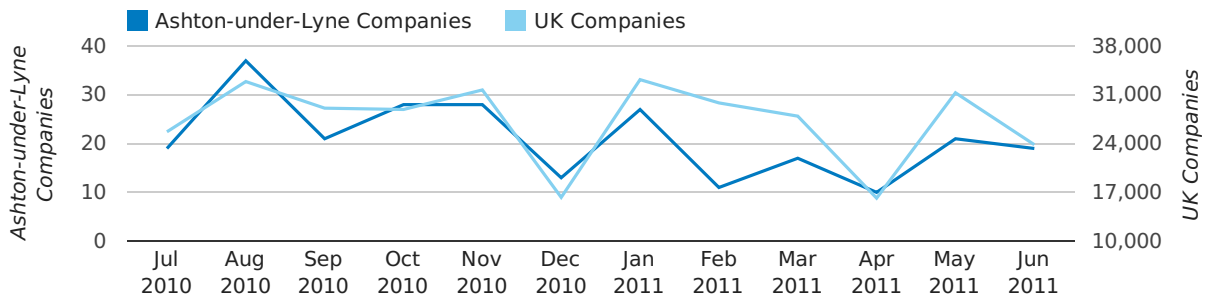
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2011	50	71,324
2010	72	94,954
% CHANGE	-30.6%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (134)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



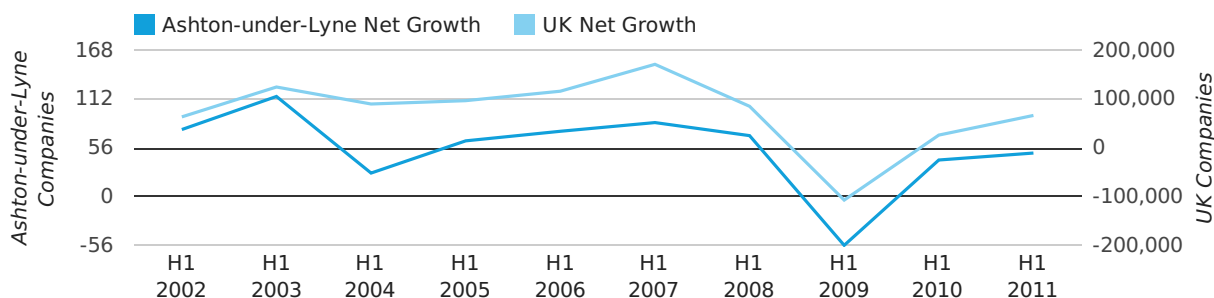
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	10	21	19
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	19	24	29
% CHANGE	-47.4%	-12.5%	-34%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (40)	2009 (53)	2009 (41)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Ashton-under-Lyne increased by 50 companies. This figure is 19.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2011	50	66,425
2010	42	26,118
% CHANGE	19.0%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (115)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



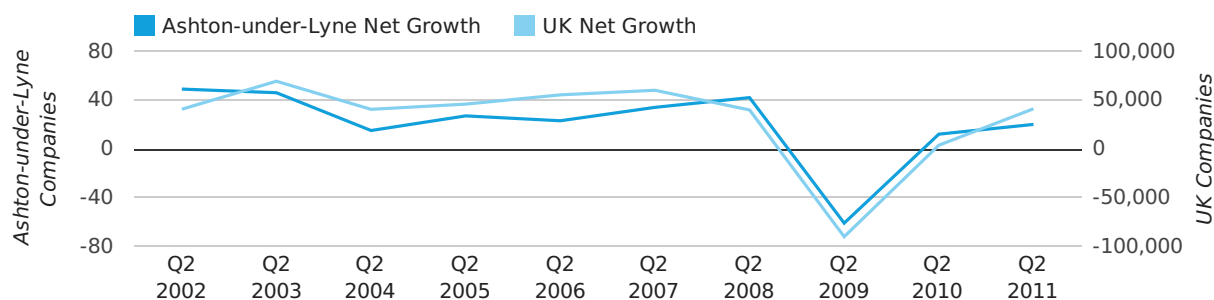
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Ashton-under-Lyne during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 20 companies.

This represents an increase of 66.7% on the same period last year.

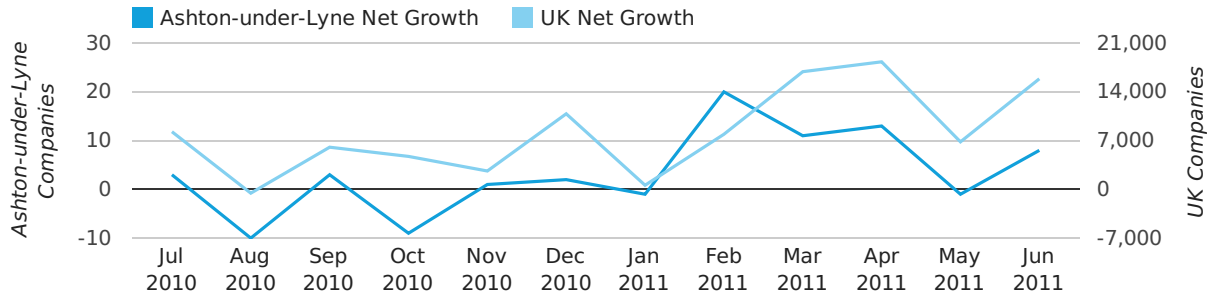
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2011	20	41,020
2010	12	3,658
% CHANGE	66.7%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (49)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



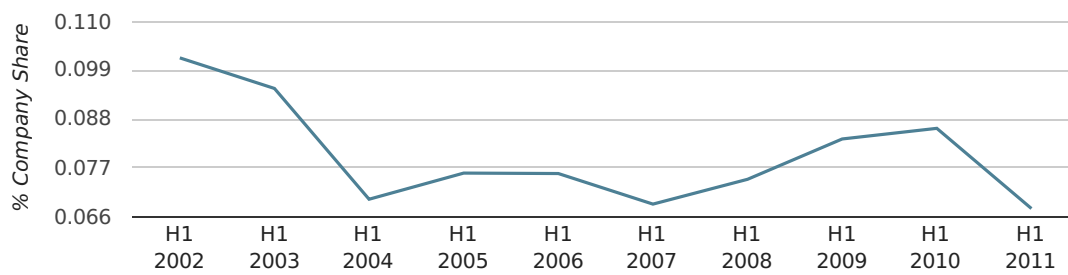
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	13	-1	8
NET GROWTH IN 2010	14	2	-4
% CHANGE	-7.1%	-150.0%	-300.0%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (19)	2002 (24)	2008 (19)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Ashton-under-Lyne formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.1%)

company share by half year

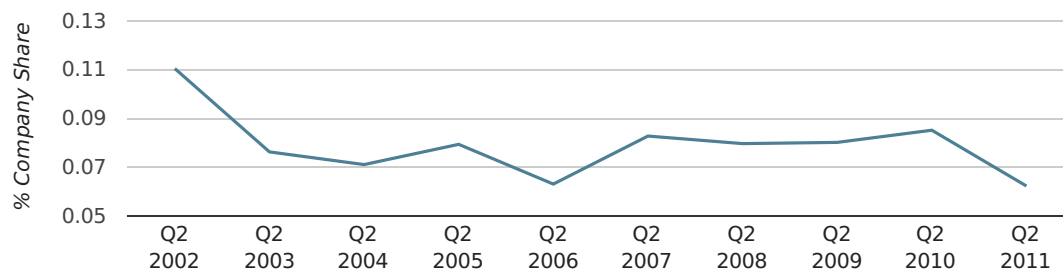


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

In the second quarter of 2011, Ashton-under-Lyne formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

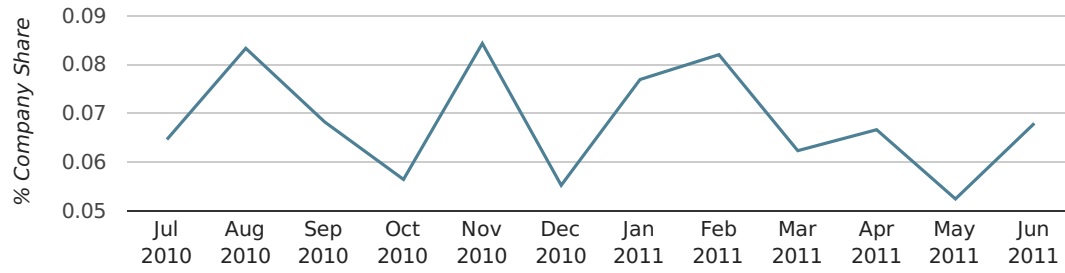
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-32.6%	-39.4%	-4.2%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (0.5%)	1974 (0.2%)	1963 (0.4%)

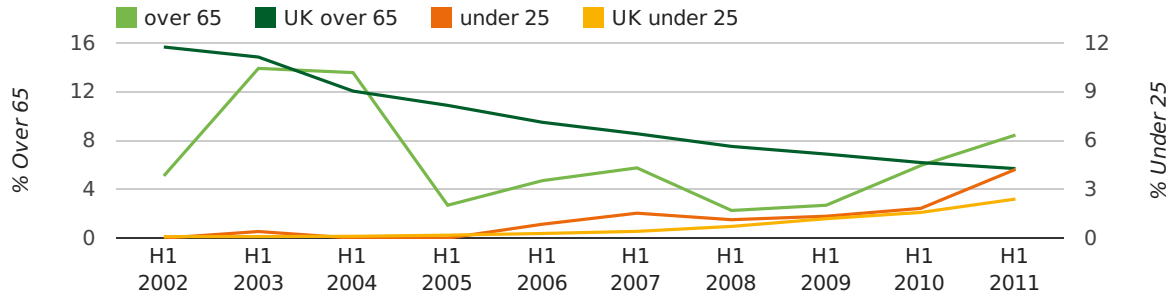
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 45.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 8.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



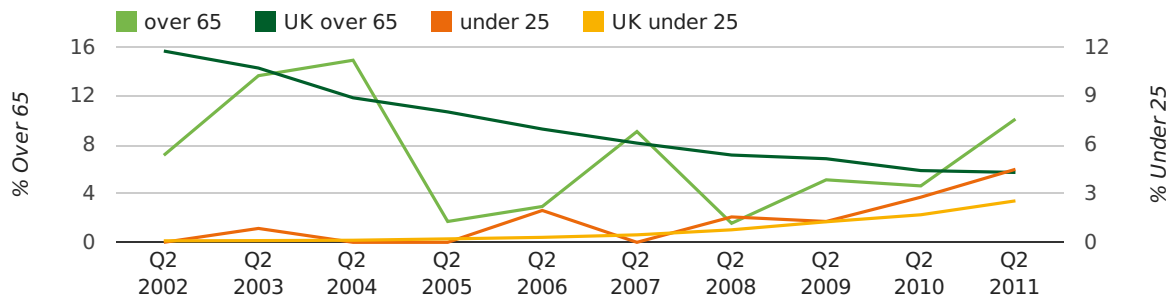
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 44.1.

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 10.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

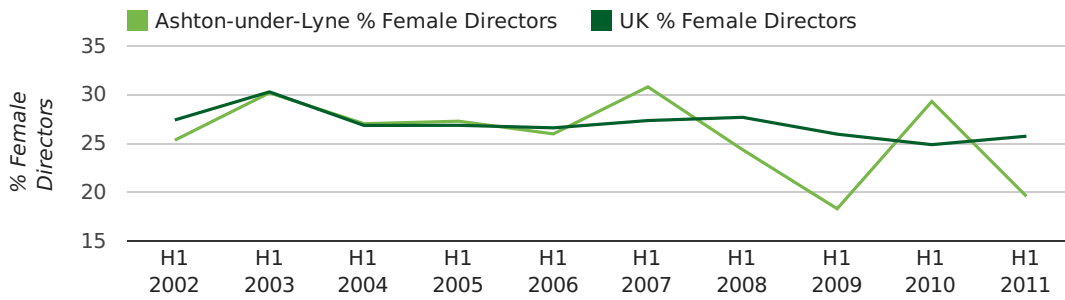


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The record first half year for female directors in Ashton-under-Lyne was 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

19.6% of all director appointments in Ashton-under-Lyne 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

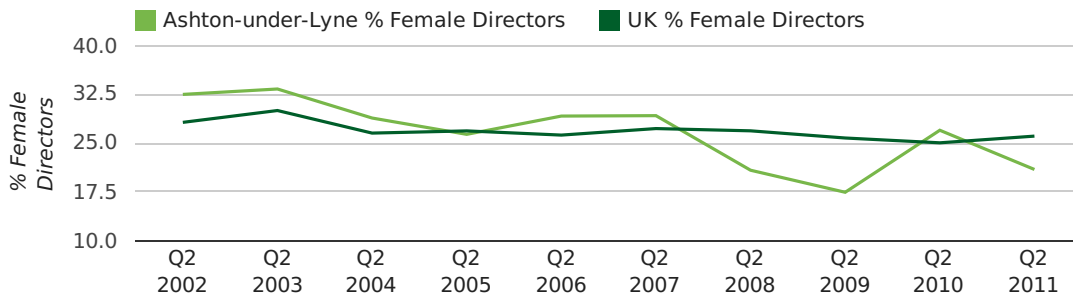


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The record second quarter for female directors in Ashton-under-Lyne was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

21.0% of all director appointments in Ashton-under-Lyne 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
MANAGEMENT	1.55%	CONSULTING	5.09%
RTM	1.03%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
BLOCK	0.86%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
TO	0.86%	PROPERTY	2.43%
C	0.86%	TRADING	2.05%
CONSULTANCY	0.86%	DESIGN	1.94%
TRADING	0.86%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
WEST	0.86%	BUSINESS	1.87%
NORTH	0.86%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
GROUP	0.69%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
MEDIA	0.69%	MEDIA	1.73%
(Nw)	0.69%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
S	0.69%	LONDON	1.60%
BUILDING	0.69%	GLOBAL	1.46%
ACCESS	0.69%	J	1.44%
ASHTON	0.69%	CARE	1.44%
P	0.69%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
MANCHESTER	0.69%	IT	1.39%
BUSINESS	0.69%	BUILDING	1.32%
STREET	0.69%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
MARKETING	0.52%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
DESIGN	0.52%	M	1.27%
ELECTRICAL	0.52%	S	1.23%
M	0.52%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
TRAINING	0.52%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	120	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	56	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	29	30,647
99999 - Dormant Company	13	18,918
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	10	10,322
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	10	7,835
9999 - Dormant Company	10	20,111
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	7	16,419
7499 - Non-trading company	7	10,955
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	6	2,641
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	6	3,790
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	6	2,324
9305 - Other service activities	5	9,063
43210 - Electrical installation	5	3,085
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	5	5,928
47110 - Retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating	5	1,214
7414 - Business & management consultancy	5	13,053
7260 - Other computer related activities	4	7,849
5530 - Restaurants	4	5,086
56103 - Take-away food shops and mobile food stands	4	1,826