

# Belfast

2011 half year business confidence report



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- The first half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Belfast when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Belfast when compared to any half year in history.
- The first half of 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Belfast when compared to any previous first half year.
- June 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Belfast when compared to any previous June.
- April 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Belfast when compared to any previous April.

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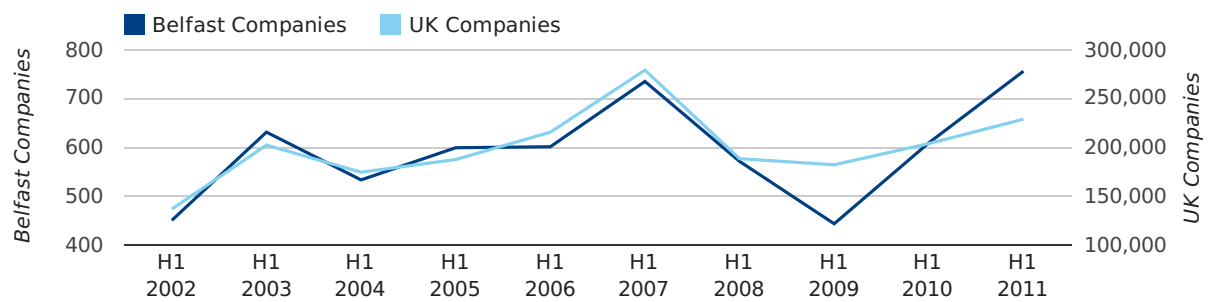
The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Belfast when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2011 a total of 756 companies were formed in Belfast. This figure is 24.1% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Belfast occurred in 2011 when a total of 756 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BELFAST	UK
2011	756	228,735
2010	609	203,749
% CHANGE	24.1%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (756)	2007 (279,097)

### new companies by half year



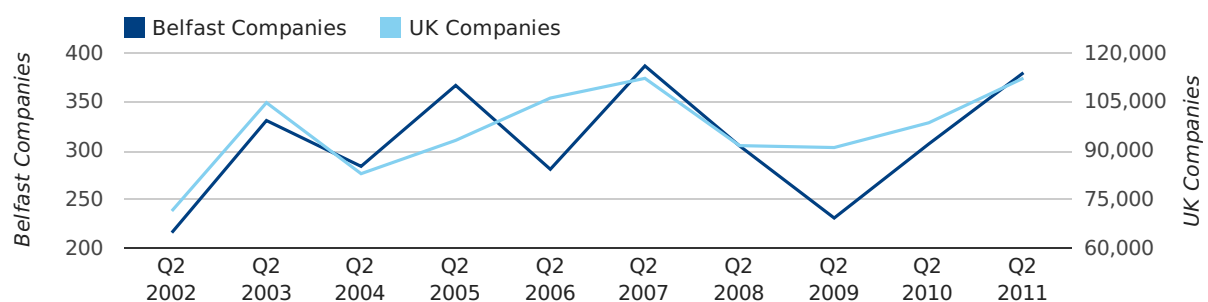
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 380 companies were registered in Belfast during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 23.8% 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.

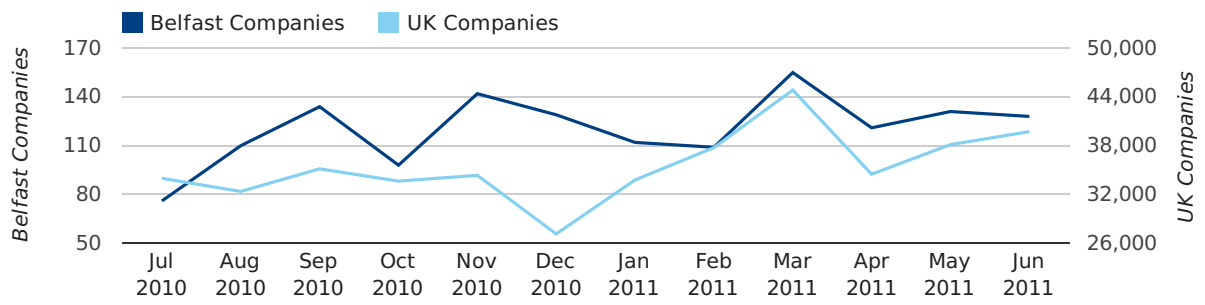
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	BELFAST	UK
2011	380	112,344
2010	307	98,612
% CHANGE	23.8%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (387)	2011 (112,344)

### new companies by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

## new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	121	131	128
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	83	108	116
% CHANGE	45.8%	21.3%	10.3%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (133)	2007 (154)	2007 (142)

### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

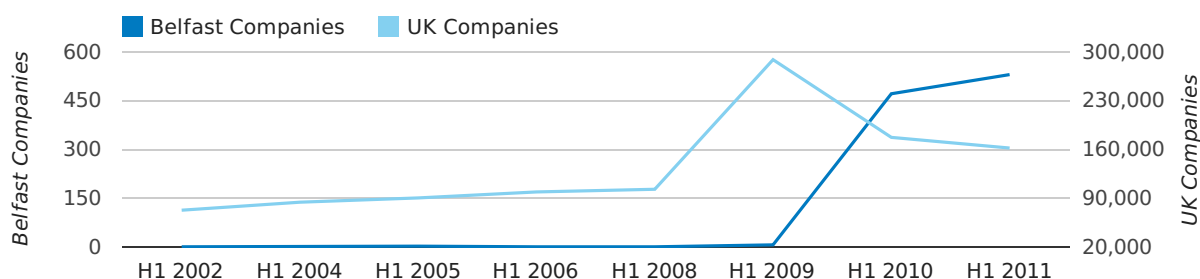
The first half of 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Belfast when compared to any previous first half year.

In the first half of 2011 a total of 531 companies were dissolved in Belfast. This figure is 12.5% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Belfast occurred in 2011 when a total of 531 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BELFAST	UK
2011	531	162,310
2010	472	177,631
% CHANGE	12.5%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (531)	2009 (289,236)

### dissolved companies by half year



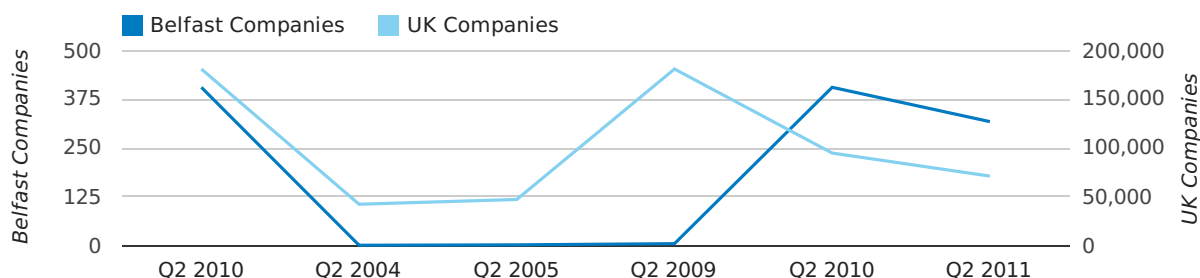
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 318 companies were dissolved in Belfast during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 21.7% 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)	BELFAST	UK
2011	318	71,324
2010	406	94,954
% CHANGE	-21.7%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (406)	2009 (181,176)

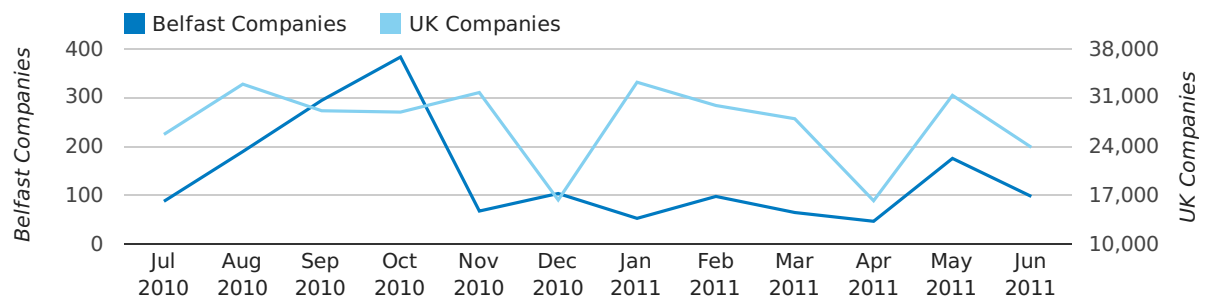
### dissolved companies by quarter



## Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

June 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Belfast when compared to any previous June.

### dissolved companies by month



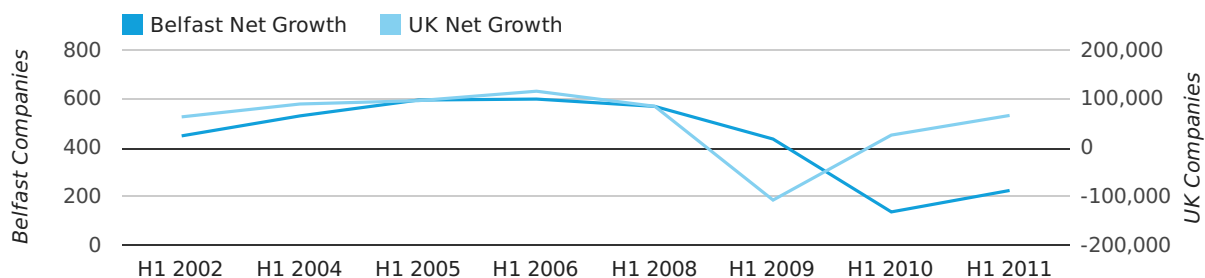
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	46	175	97
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	85	259	62
% CHANGE	-45.9%	-32.4%	56%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (85)	2010 (259)	2011 (97)

### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Belfast increased by 225 companies. This figure is 64.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BELFAST	UK
2011	225	66,425
2010	137	26,118
% CHANGE	64.2%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (600)	2007 (171,296)

#### net growth by half year



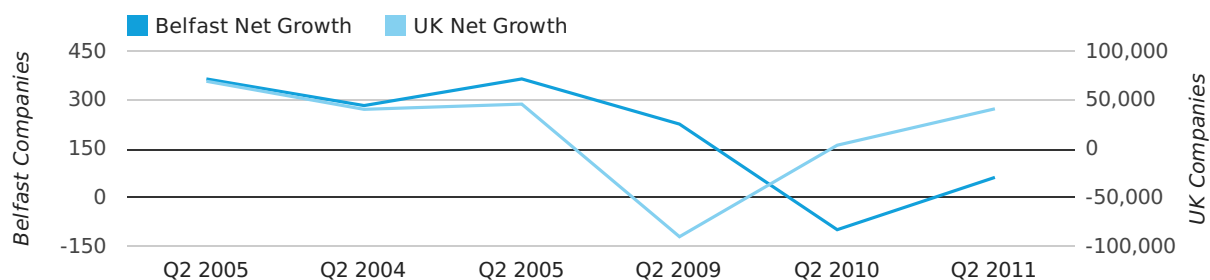
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Belfast during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 62 companies.

This represents an increase of 162.6% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	BELFAST	UK
2011	62	41,020
2010	-99	3,658
% CHANGE	-162.6%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (365)	2003 (69,274)

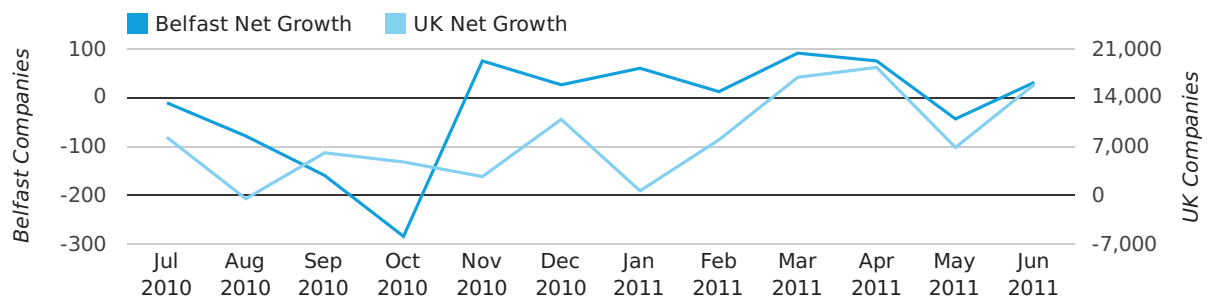
#### net growth by quarter



## Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

April 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Belfast when compared to any previous April.

### net growth by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	75	-44	31
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-2	-151	54
% CHANGE	-3,850.0%	-70.9%	-42.6%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (75)	2004 (115)	2000 (77)

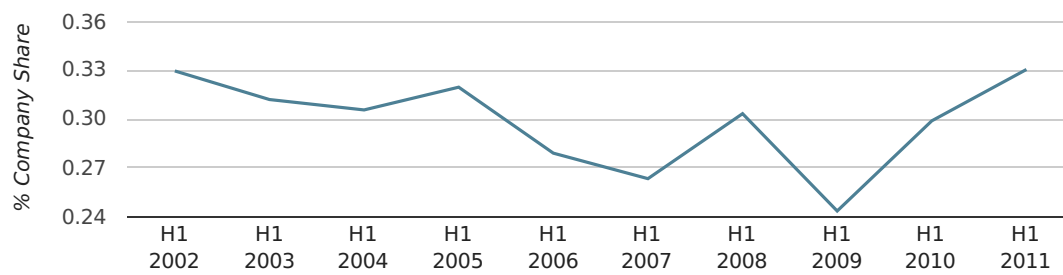


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Belfast formed 0.3% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BELFAST
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (1.3%)

#### company share by half year

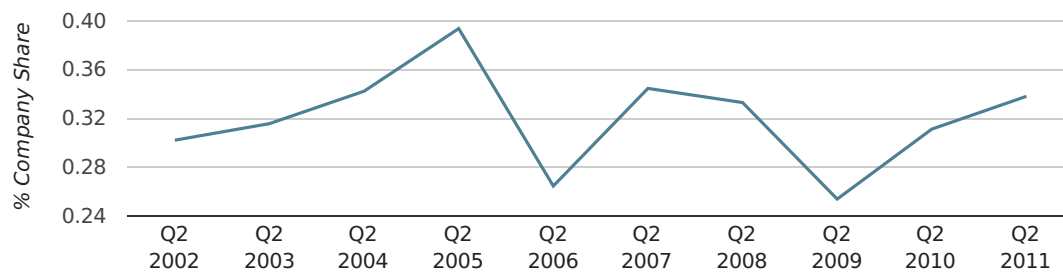


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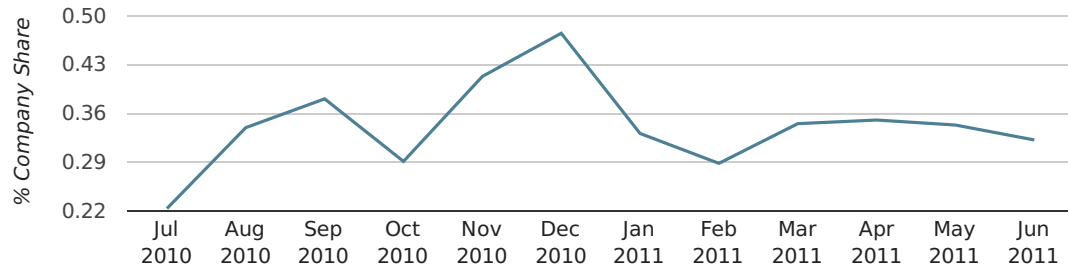
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RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (1.4%)

#### company share by quarter



## Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.4%	0.3%
% CHANGE	41.1%	-4.4%	-2.2%
RECORD YEAR	1979 (13.8%)	1968 (1.6%)	1960 (1.6%)

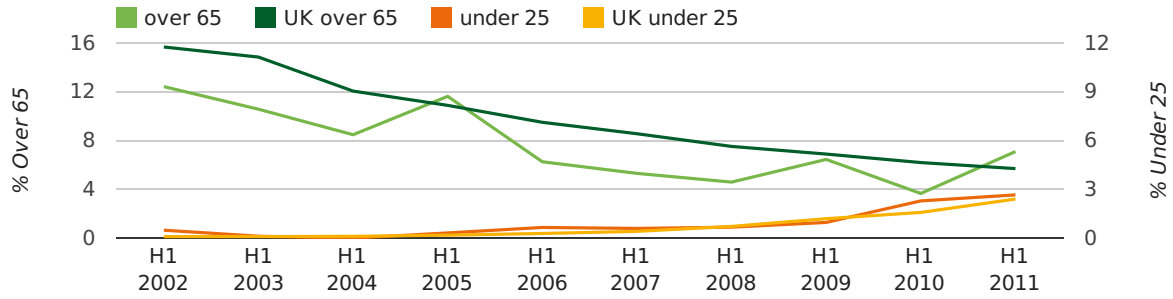
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 46.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 7.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

#### director age by half year



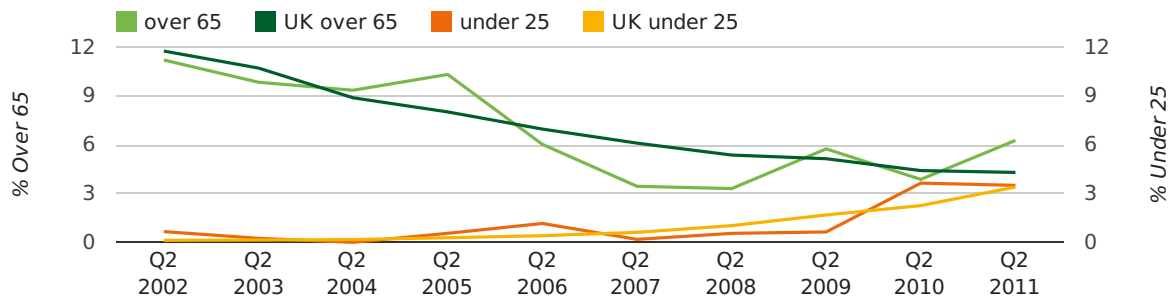
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The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 46.0.

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#### director age by quarter

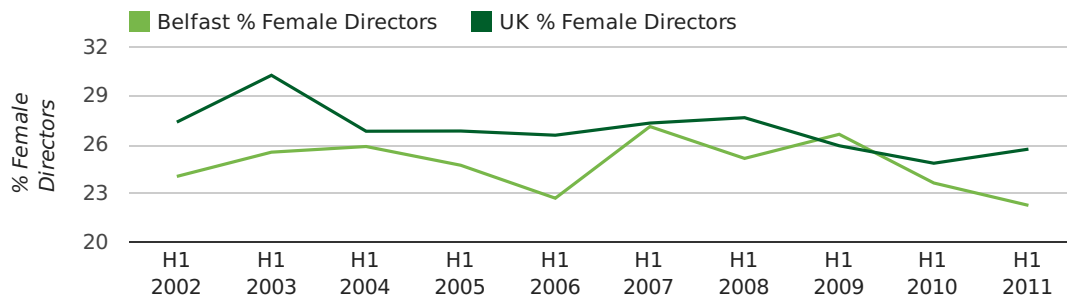


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

22.3% of all director appointments in Belfast 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

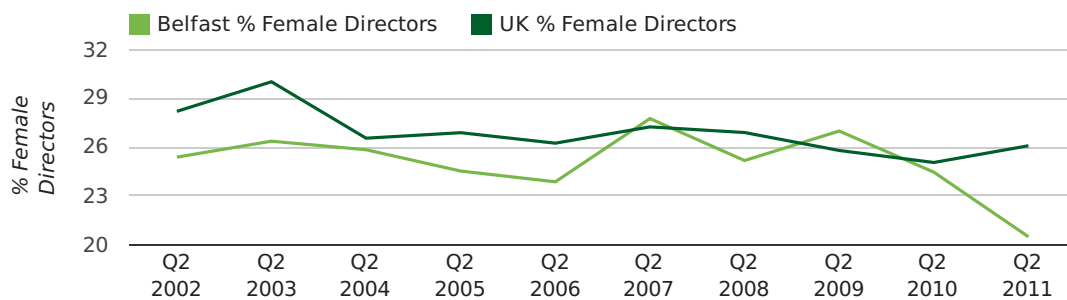


### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

20.5% of all director appointments in Belfast 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, &amp;, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
DR.	2.77%	CONSULTING	5.09%
(NI)	2.48%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
MANAGEMENT	2.44%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
TRADING	1.29%	PROPERTY	2.43%
LAGAN	1.24%	TRADING	2.05%
(N.I.)	1.05%	DESIGN	1.94%
NI	1.05%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
BELFAST	1.00%	BUSINESS	1.87%
CONSULTING	0.91%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
IRELAND	0.86%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ENTERPRISES	0.81%	MEDIA	1.73%
PROPERTY	0.76%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
M	0.76%	LONDON	1.60%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.72%	GLOBAL	1.46%
MR.	0.72%	J	1.44%
PROPERTIES	0.67%	CARE	1.44%
C.I.C.	0.62%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
PRODUCTIONS	0.62%	IT	1.39%
CO	0.62%	BUILDING	1.32%
DESIGN	0.57%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
GROUP	0.57%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
PROF.	0.57%	M	1.27%
MEDICAL	0.57%	S	1.23%
COMMUNITY	0.48%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
CONSTRUCTION	0.48%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	471	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	135	60,758
9999 - Dormant Company	82	20,111
99999 - Dormant Company	74	18,918
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	55	30,647
86210 - General medical practice activities	39	2,048
98000 - Residents property management	33	2,888
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	28	16,419
74990 - Non-trading company	28	8,481
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	26	10,322
41100 - Development of building projects	25	3,852
5530 - Restaurants	22	5,086
7414 - Business & management consultancy	21	13,053
56101 - Licensed restaurants	20	2,441
35110 - Production of electricity	20	528
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	20	7,143
8512 - Medical practice activities	19	1,866
7415 - Holding companies including head offices	19	1,771
62090 - Other information technology service activities	19	7,095
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	18	5,928