

# Belfast

2012 half year business confidence report



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- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Belfast when compared to any previous Q2.
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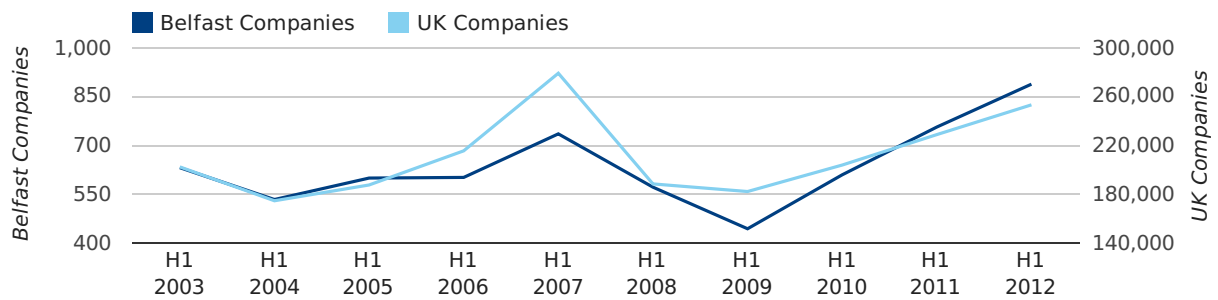
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Belfast when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 888 companies were formed in Belfast. This figure is 17.5% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Belfast occurred in 2012 when a total of 888 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BELFAST	UK
2012	888	253,150
2011	756	228,735
% CHANGE	17.5%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (888)	2007 (279,097)

## new companies by half year



## Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

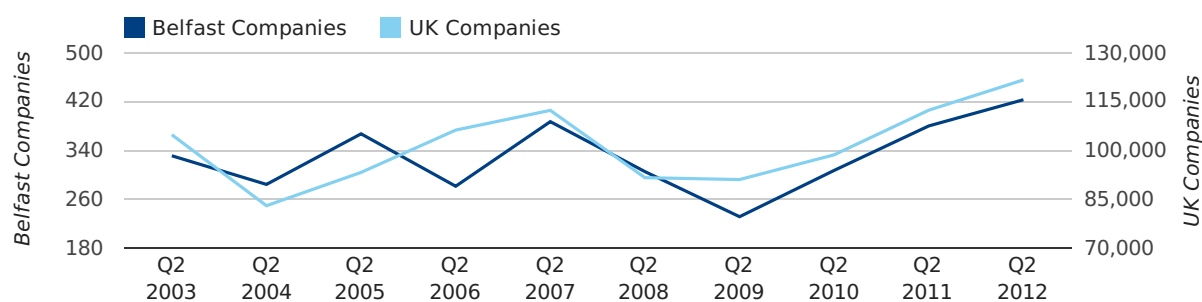
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Belfast when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 423 companies were registered in Belfast during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 11.3% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares equally 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)	BELFAST	UK
2012	423	121,659
2011	380	112,344
% CHANGE	11.3%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (423)	2012 (121,659)

### new companies by quarter

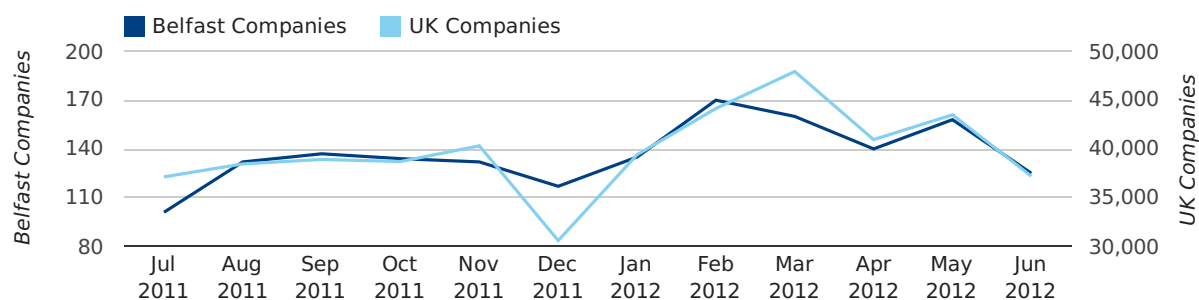


## Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Belfast when compared to any previous May.

April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Belfast when compared to any previous April.

### new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	140	158	125
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	121	131	128
% CHANGE	15.7%	20.6%	-2.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (140)	2012 (158)	2007 (142)

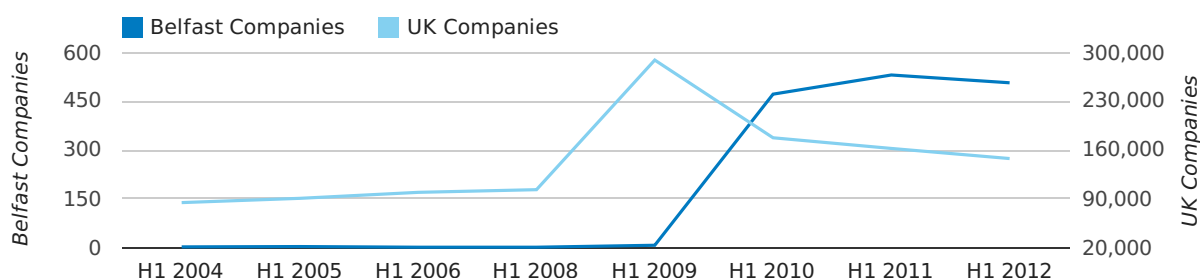
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 507 companies were dissolved in Belfast. This figure is 4.5% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

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
2012	507	147,793
2011	531	162,310
% CHANGE	-4.5%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (531)	2009 (289,236)

### dissolved companies by half year



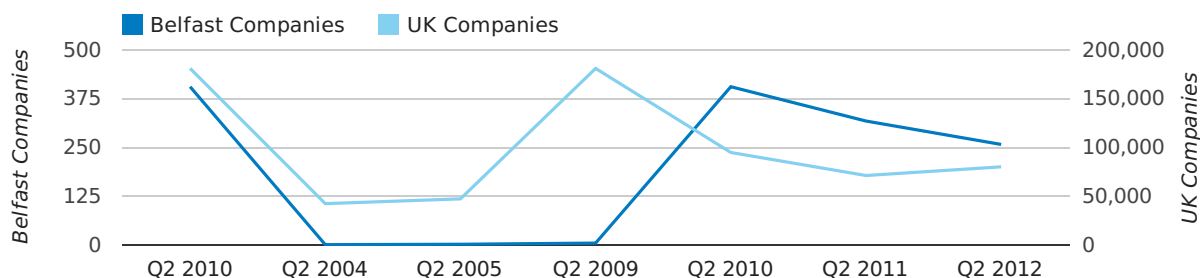
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 258 companies were dissolved in Belfast during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 18.9% 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)	BELFAST	UK
2012	258	80,217
2011	318	71,324
% CHANGE	-18.9%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (406)	2009 (181,176)

### dissolved companies by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

## dissolved companies by month



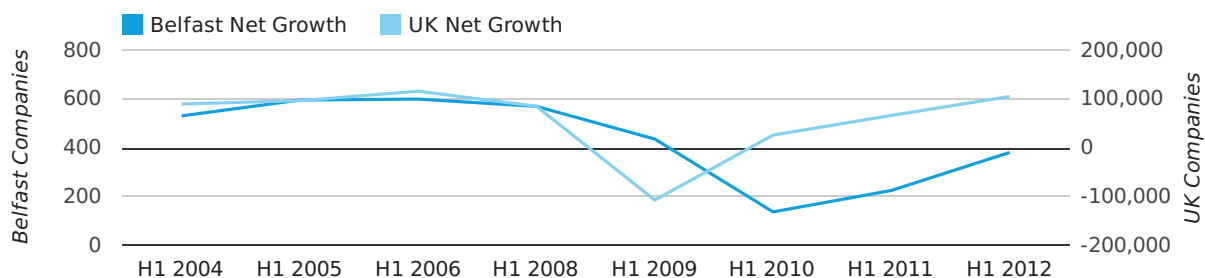
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	71	98	89
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	46	175	97
% CHANGE	54.3%	-44.0%	-8%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (85)	2010 (259)	2011 (97)

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

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Belfast increased by 381 companies. This figure is 69.3% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BELFAST	UK
2012	381	105,357
2011	225	66,425
% CHANGE	69.3%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (600)	2007 (171,296)

### net growth by half year



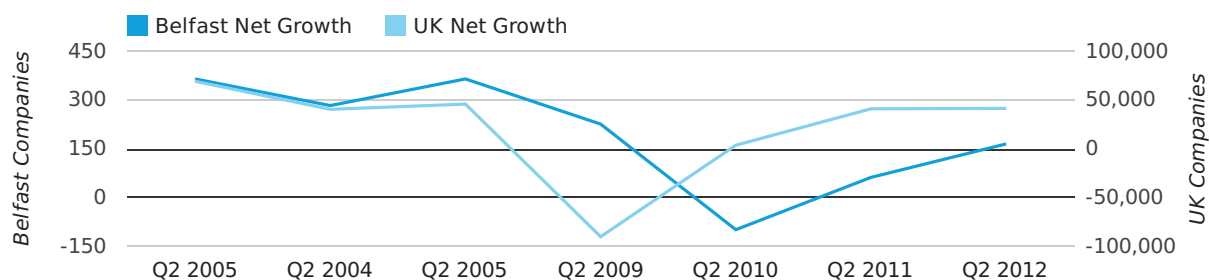
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Belfast during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 165 companies.

This represents an increase of 166.1% on the same period last year.

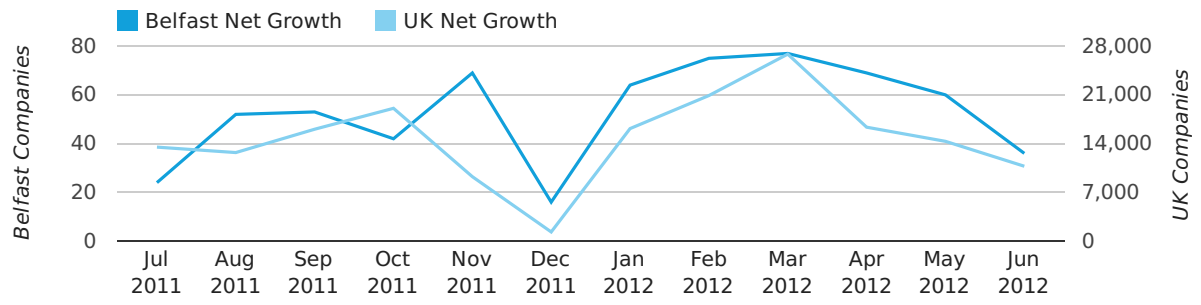
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BELFAST	UK
2012	165	41,442
2011	62	41,020
% CHANGE	166.1%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (365)	2003 (69,274)

### net growth by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

## net growth by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	69	60	36
NET GROWTH IN 2011	75	-44	31
% CHANGE	-8.0%	-236.4%	16.1%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (75)	2004 (115)	2000 (77)

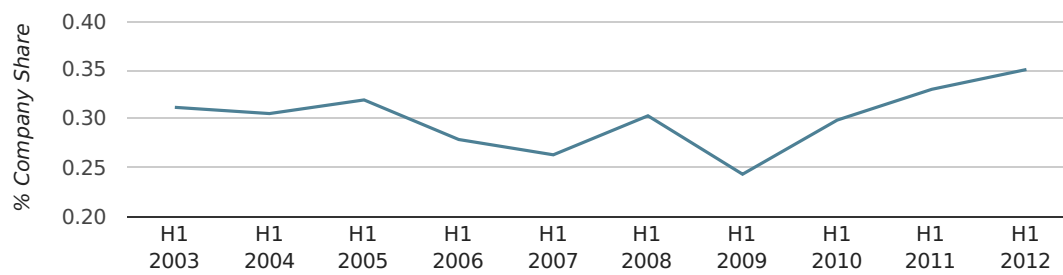


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Belfast formed 0.4% of all UK companies. This is more than the 2011 figure of 0.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BELFAST
2012	0.4%
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (1.3%)

#### company share by half year

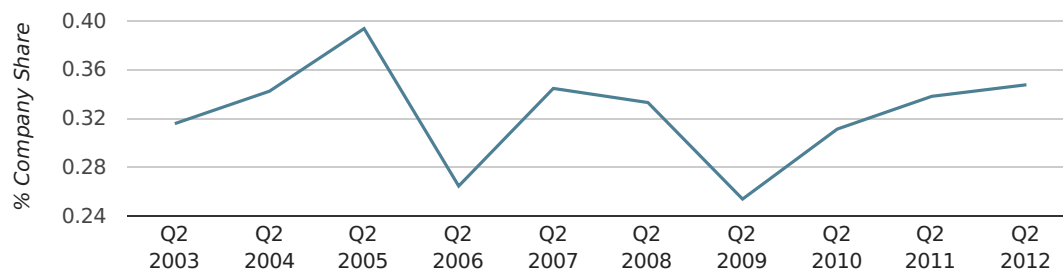


### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Belfast formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

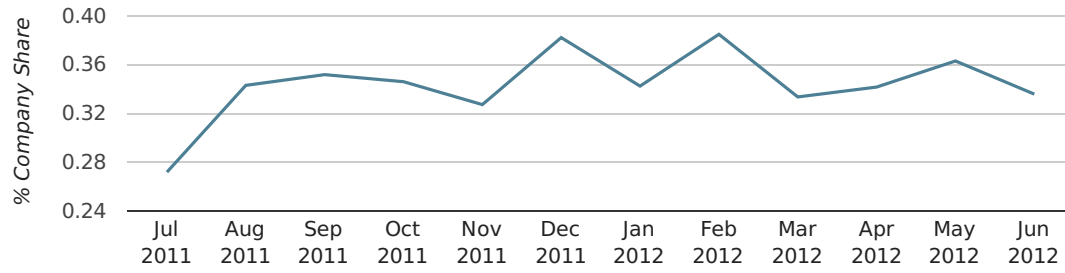
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BELFAST
2012	0.3%
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (1.4%)

#### company share by quarter



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

### company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%
% CHANGE	-2.6%	5.7%	4.3%
RECORD YEAR	1979 (13.8%)	1968 (1.6%)	1960 (1.6%)

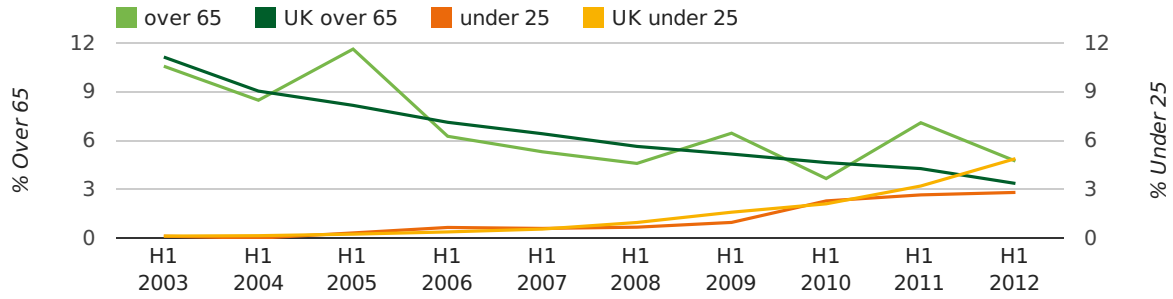
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 44.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

#### director age by half year



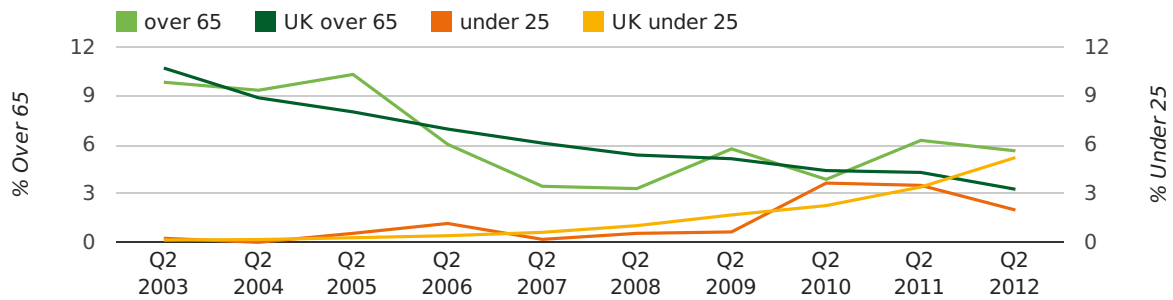
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 45.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.0% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

#### director age by quarter

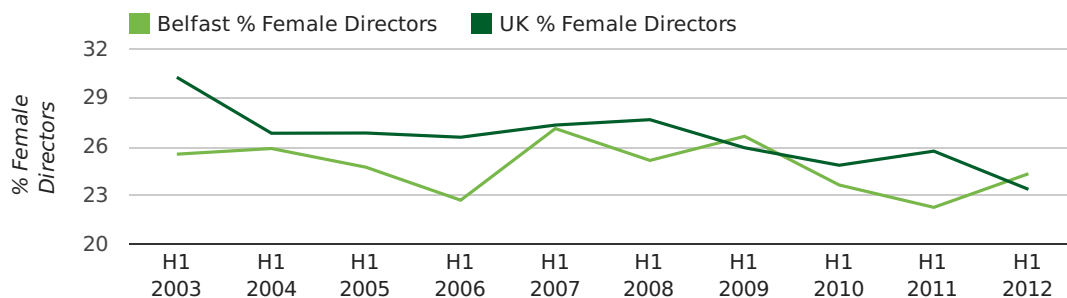


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

24.3% of all director appointments in Belfast 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

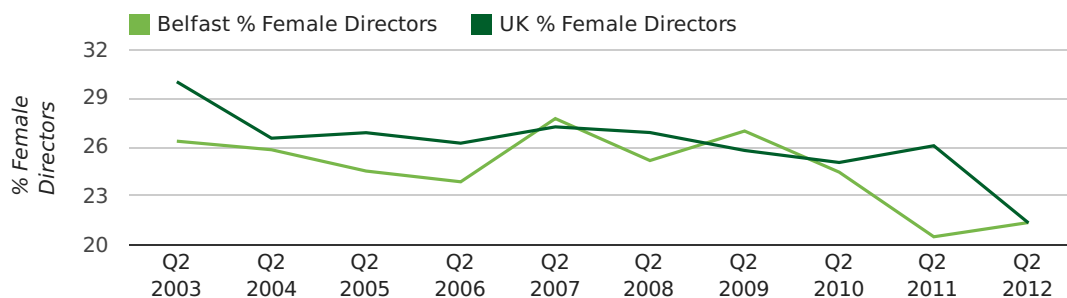


### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

21.4% of all director appointments in Belfast 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
(NI)	3.08%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	2.65%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
BELFAST	2.14%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
IRELAND	1.03%	PROPERTY	2.35%
(N.I.)	0.98%	TRADING	2.10%
DR.	0.94%	DESIGN	1.89%
MEDICAL	0.94%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
CONSULTING	0.94%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
ENTERPRISES	0.94%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
TRADING	0.90%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
PROPERTY	0.90%	BUSINESS	1.70%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.90%	MEDIA	1.69%
PROPERTIES	0.77%	LONDON	1.68%
CONSULTANCY	0.77%	J	1.57%
JCA	0.77%	GLOBAL	1.51%
LAGAN	0.73%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
NI	0.64%	IT	1.42%
SHELF	0.64%	CARE	1.31%
CONSTRUCTION	0.64%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
MAINTENANCE	0.64%	M	1.26%
CENTRE	0.60%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
ENERGY	0.60%	BUILDING	1.23%
(NO.	0.60%	SECURITY	1.19%
TECHNOLOGIES	0.51%	S	1.18%
CO	0.51%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	542	244,457
86210 - General medical practice activities	126	2,657
99999 - Dormant Company	113	26,088
7487 - Other business activities	107	47,029
9999 - Dormant Company	67	16,469
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	50	14,220
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	49	35,447
74990 - Non-trading company	46	9,706
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	34	10,271
41100 - Development of building projects	33	5,149
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	30	15,280
98000 - Residents property management	29	3,001
86900 - Other human health activities	28	5,222
35110 - Production of electricity	27	940
7415 - Holding companies including head offices	26	1,481
8512 - Medical practice activities	26	1,960
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	25	20,390
5530 - Restaurants	24	4,037
7499 - Non-trading company	23	8,023
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	21	3,365