

Benfleet

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

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

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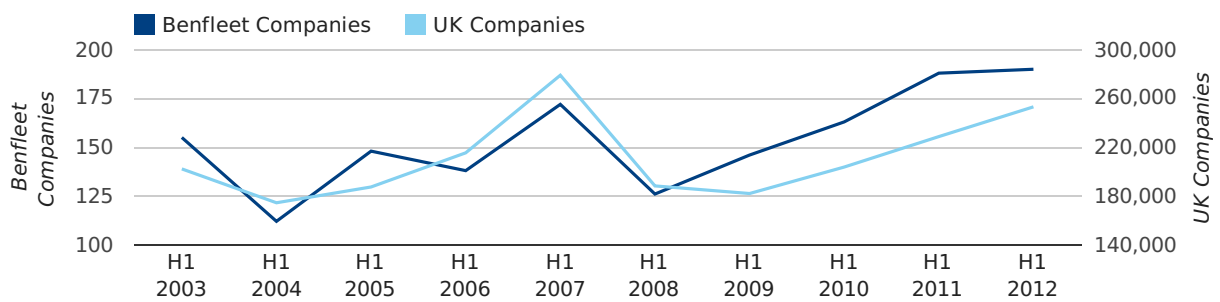
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Benfleet when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 190 companies were formed in Benfleet. This figure is 1.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Benfleet occurred in 2012 when a total of 190 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BENFLEET	UK
2012	190	253,150
2011	188	228,735
% CHANGE	1.1%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (190)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

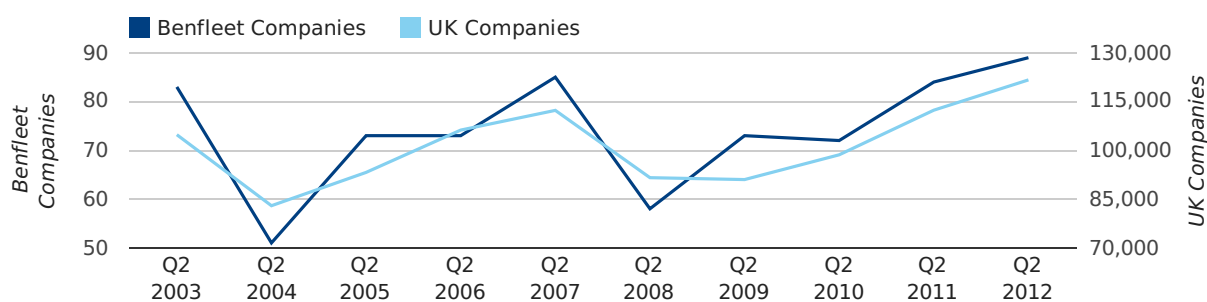
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Benfleet when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 89 companies were registered in Benfleet during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 6.0% 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)	BENFLEET	UK
2012	89	121,659
2011	84	112,344
% CHANGE	6.0%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (89)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	31	32	26
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	23	26	35
% CHANGE	34.8%	23.1%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (40)	2012 (32)	2003 (36)

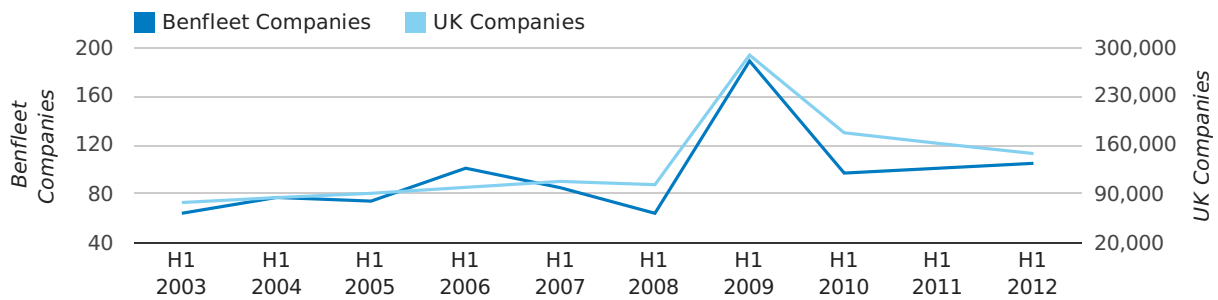
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 105 companies were dissolved in Benfleet. This figure is 4.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Benfleet occurred in 2009 when a total of 189 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BENFLEET	UK
2012	105	147,793
2011	101	162,310
% CHANGE	4.0%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (189)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



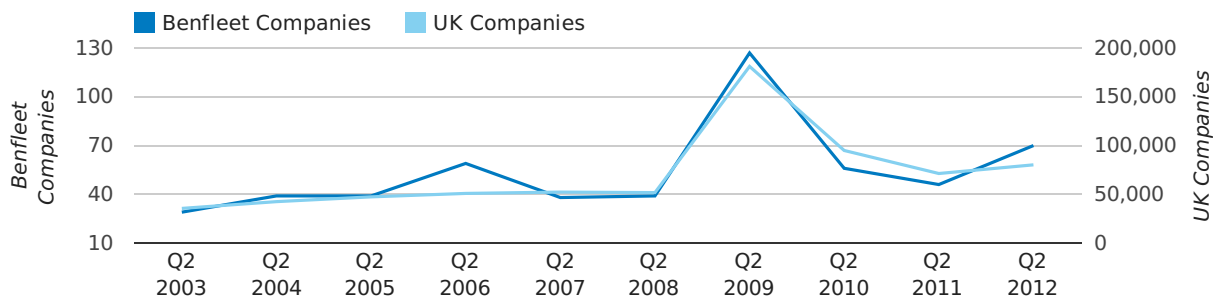
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 70 companies were dissolved in Benfleet during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 52.2% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares poorly 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)	BENFLEET	UK
2012	70	80,217
2011	46	71,324
% CHANGE	52.2%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (127)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



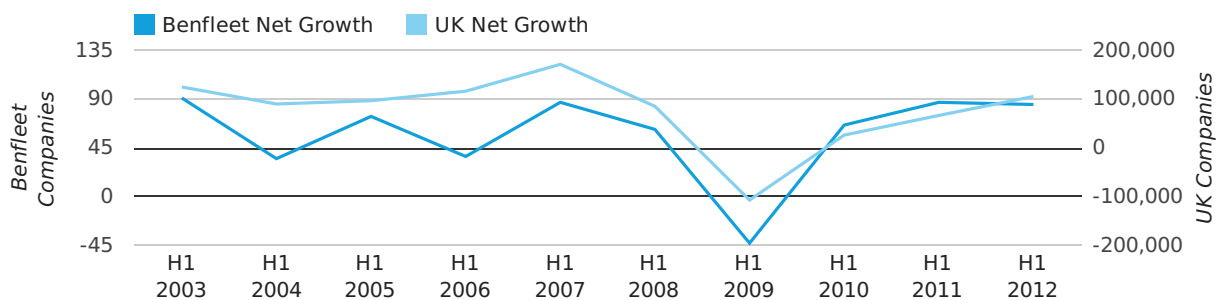
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	22	26	22
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	7	23	16
% CHANGE	214.3%	13.0%	38%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (28)	2009 (58)	2009 (41)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Benfleet increased by 85 companies. This figure is 2.3% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BENFLEET	UK
2012	85	105,357
2011	87	66,425
% CHANGE	-2.3%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (91)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



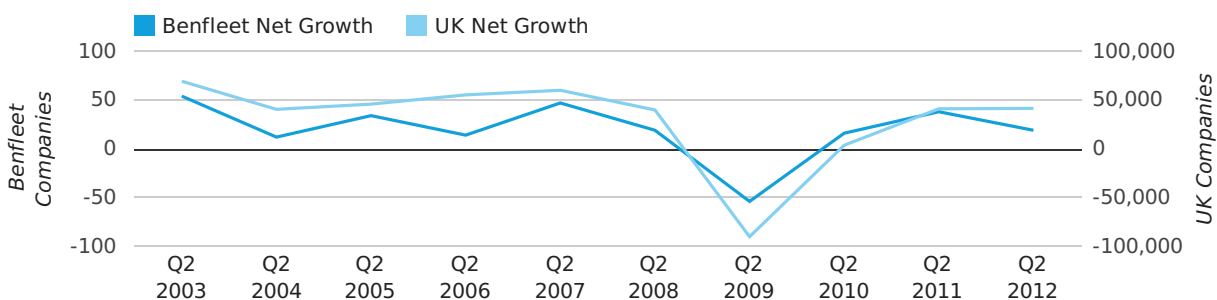
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Benfleet during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 19 companies.

This represents a decrease of 50.0% on the same period last year.

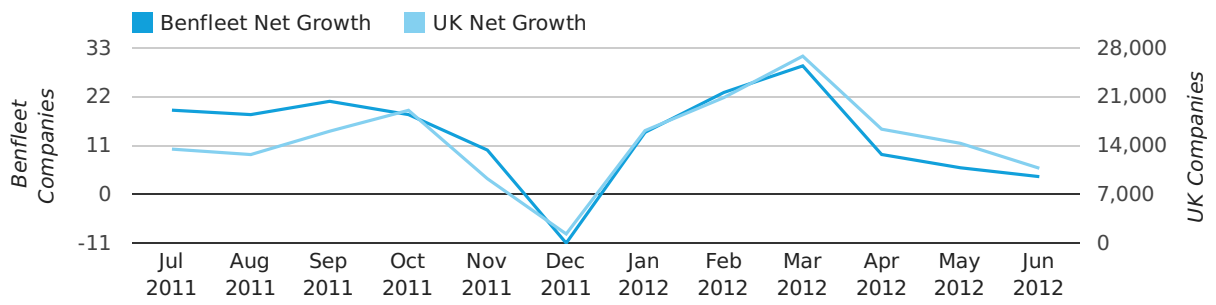
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BENFLEET	UK
2012	19	41,442
2011	38	41,020
% CHANGE	-50.0%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (54)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



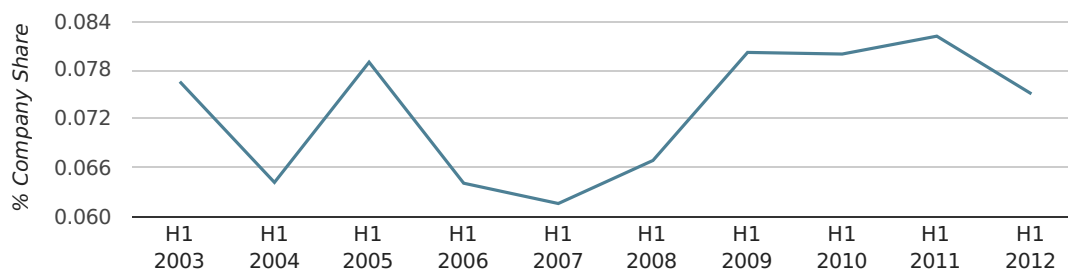
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	9	6	4
NET GROWTH IN 2011	16	3	19
% CHANGE	-43.8%	100.0%	-78.9%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (37)	2006 (17)	2003 (31)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Benfleet formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BENFLEET
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (0.2%)

company share by half year

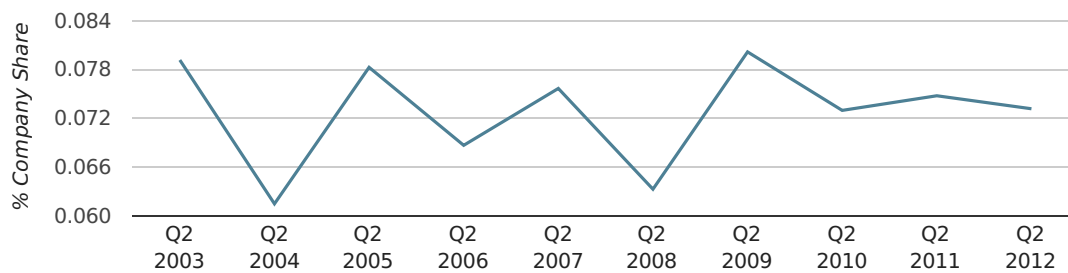


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Benfleet formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

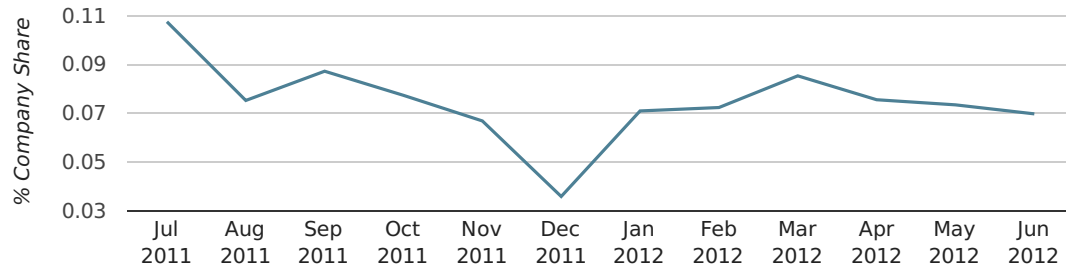
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BENFLEET
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	13.5%	7.9%	-20.7%
RECORD YEAR	1963 (0.2%)	1960 (0.3%)	1966 (0.4%)

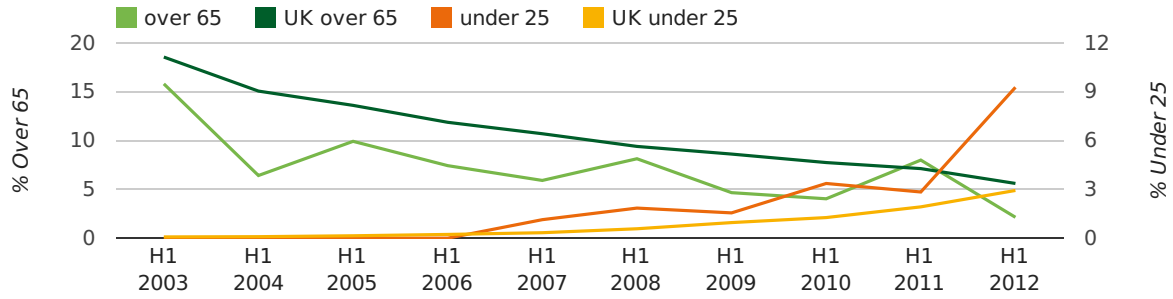
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 41.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 9.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



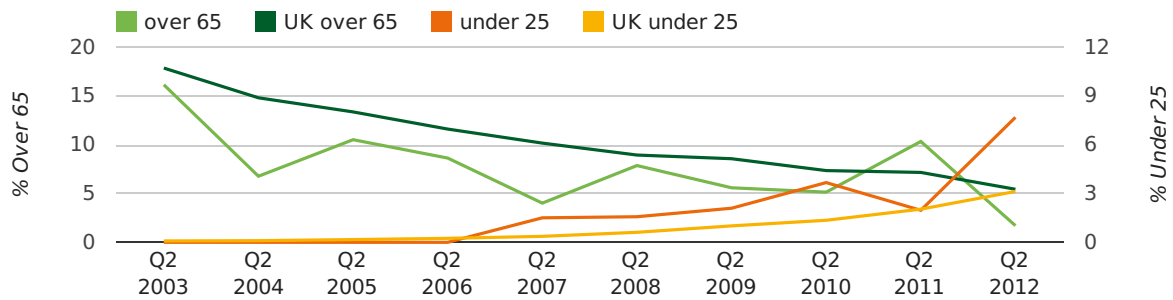
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 42.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 7.7% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

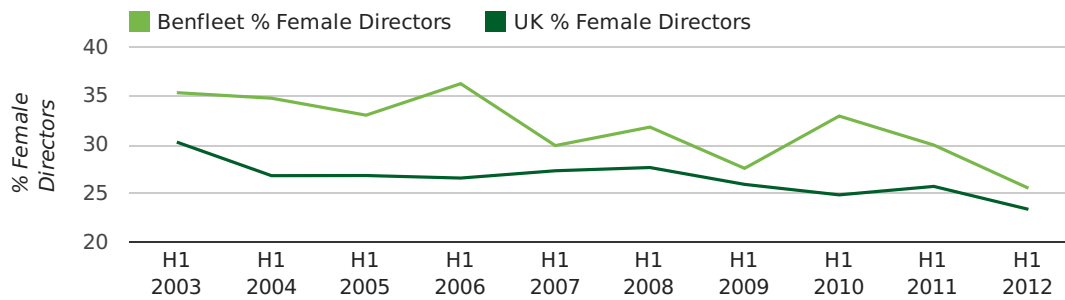


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

25.6% of all director appointments in Benfleet 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

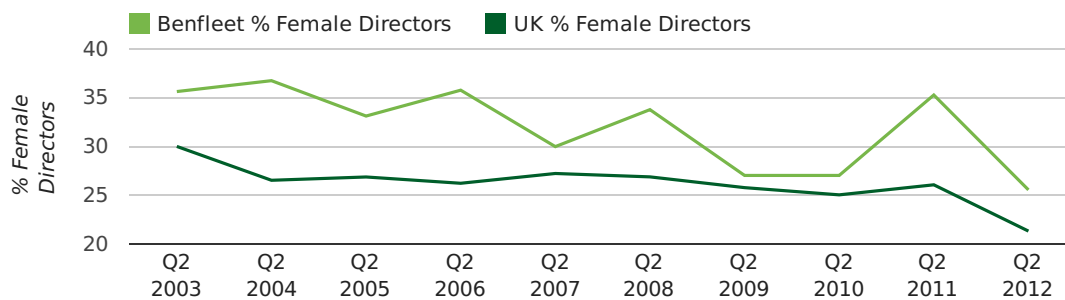


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

25.6% of all director appointments in Benfleet 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, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
PROPERTY	1.56%	CONSULTING	5.07%
ELECTRICAL	1.40%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
ESSEX	1.40%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
MANAGEMENT	1.25%	PROPERTY	2.35%
M	1.25%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSTRUCTION	1.09%	DESIGN	1.89%
D	1.09%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
T	0.94%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
(ESSEX)	0.94%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
J	0.94%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
BUSINESS	0.78%	BUSINESS	1.70%
ENGINEERING	0.78%	MEDIA	1.69%
CATERING	0.78%	LONDON	1.68%
CONSULTING	0.78%	J	1.57%
S	0.78%	GLOBAL	1.51%
SOLAR	0.62%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
ENTERPRISES	0.62%	IT	1.42%
MAINTENANCE	0.62%	CARE	1.31%
IN	0.62%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
SCHOOL	0.62%	M	1.26%
LONDON	0.62%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
ASSOCIATES	0.62%	BUILDING	1.23%
CONTRACTS	0.62%	SECURITY	1.19%
VEHICLE	0.47%	S	1.18%
PROPERTIES	0.47%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	144	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	55	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	28	26,088
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	27	14,220
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	27	20,390
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	21	35,447
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	16	3,241
7260 - Other computer related activities	11	6,456
7414 - Business & management consultancy	11	10,978
41202 - Construction of domestic buildings	10	3,185
4545 - Other building completion	9	1,943
9999 - Dormant Company	9	16,469
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	9	10,271
5530 - Restaurants	8	4,037
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	8	4,091
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	7	4,644
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	7	15,280
64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified	7	3,151
43210 - Electrical installation	7	3,557
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	6	2,880