

Blackburn

2012 half year business confidence report



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- April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any previous April.
- Q2 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Blackburn when compared to any previous Q2.

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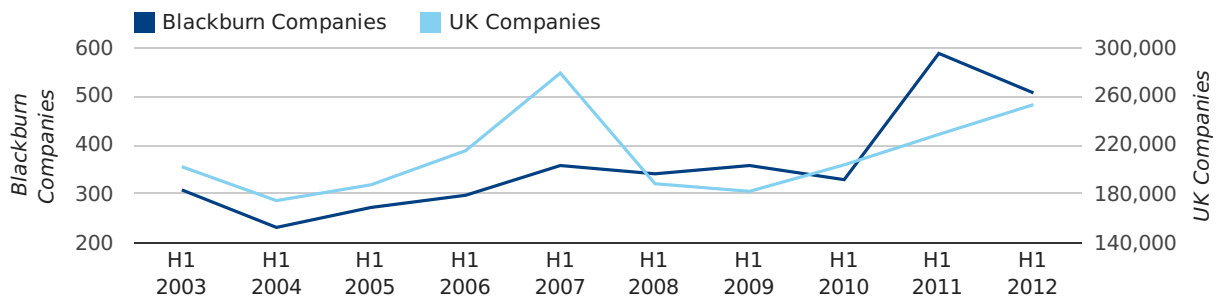
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 507 companies were formed in Blackburn. This figure is 13.8% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Blackburn occurred in 2011 when a total of 588 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BLACKBURN	UK
2012	507	253,150
2011	588	228,735
% CHANGE	-13.8%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (588)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



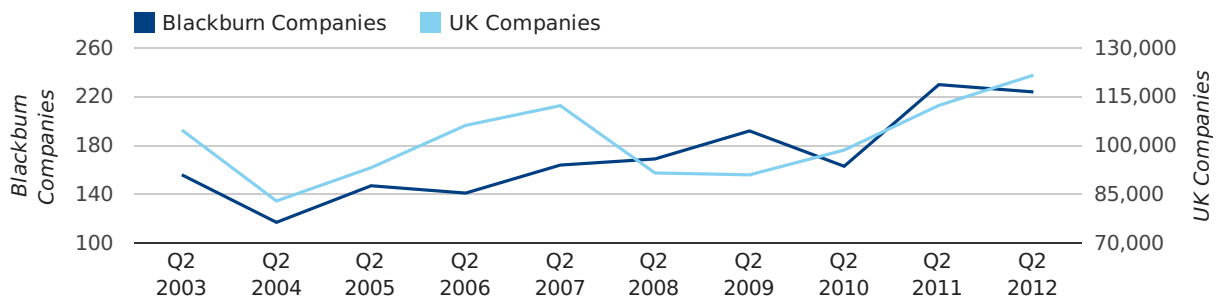
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 224 companies were registered in Blackburn during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 2.6% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares badly 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)	BLACKBURN	UK
2012	224	121,659
2011	230	112,344
% CHANGE	-2.6%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (230)	2012 (121,659)

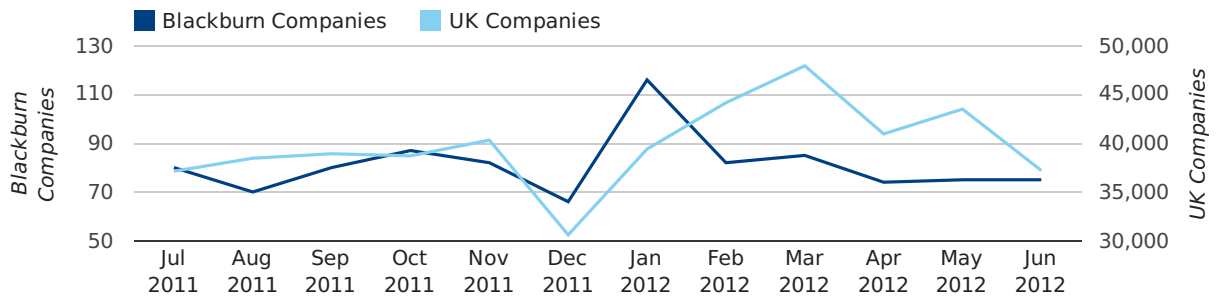
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	74	75	75
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	68	80	82
% CHANGE	8.8%	-6.3%	-8.5%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (74)	2011 (80)	2010 (83)

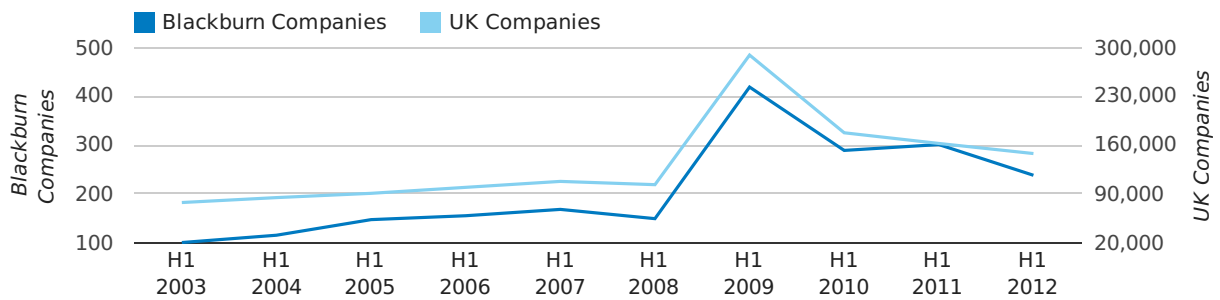
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 238 companies were dissolved in Blackburn. This figure is 20.9% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Blackburn occurred in 2009 when a total of 419 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BLACKBURN	UK
2012	238	147,793
2011	301	162,310
% CHANGE	-20.9%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (419)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



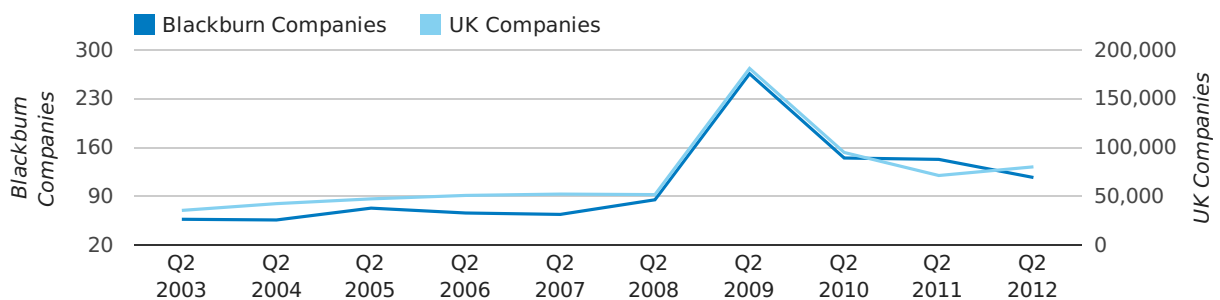
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 117 companies were dissolved in Blackburn during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 18.2% 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.

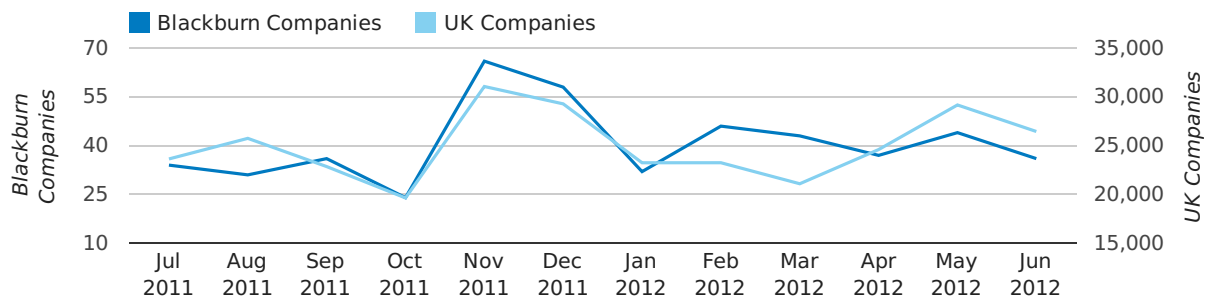
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BLACKBURN	UK
2012	117	80,217
2011	143	71,324
% CHANGE	-18.2%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (266)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



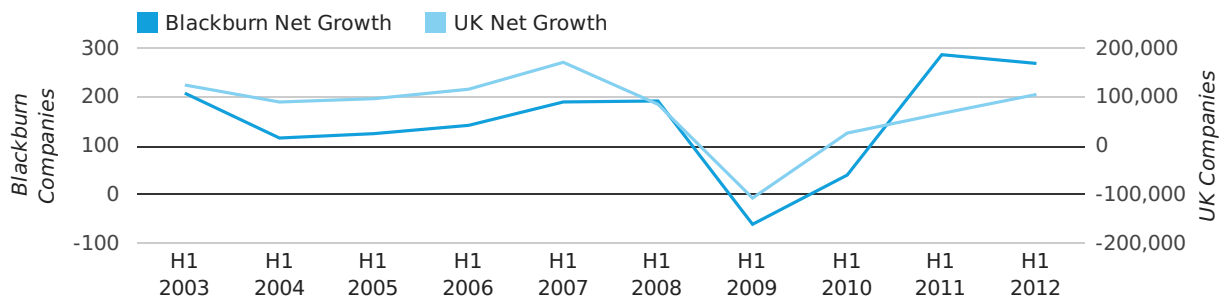
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	37	44	36
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	38	62	43
% CHANGE	-2.6%	-29.0%	-16%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (75)	2009 (129)	2009 (62)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Blackburn increased by 269 companies. This figure is 6.3% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BLACKBURN	UK
2012	269	105,357
2011	287	66,425
% CHANGE	-6.3%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (287)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

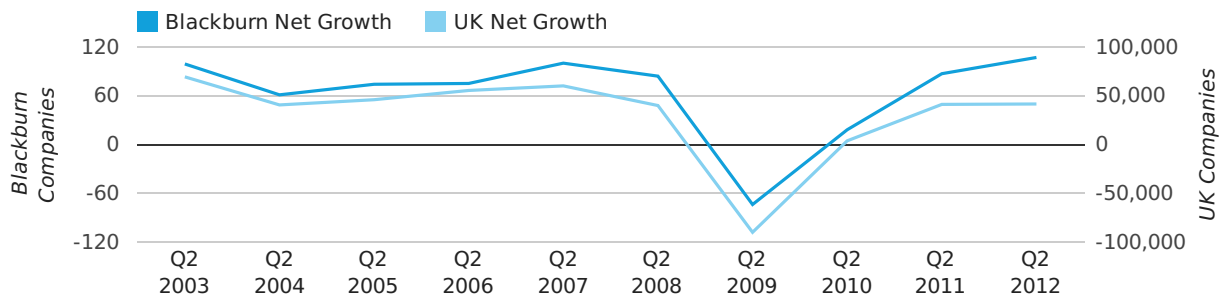
Q2 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Blackburn when compared to any previous Q2.

Net company growth for Blackburn during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 107 companies.

This represents an increase of 23.0% on the same period last year.

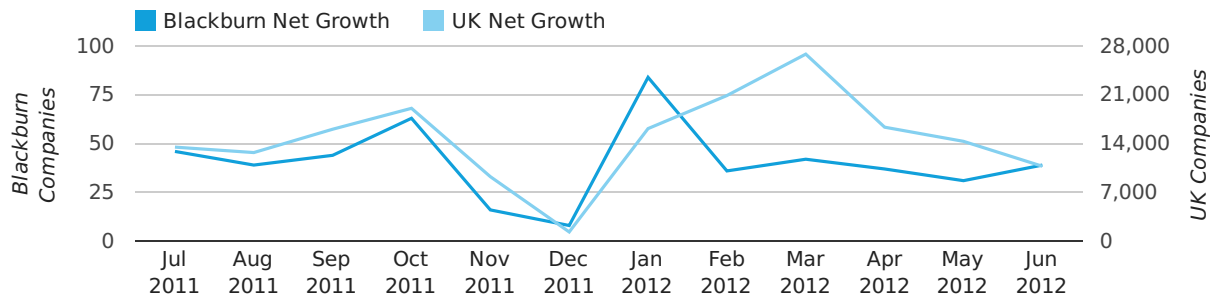
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BLACKBURN	UK
2012	107	41,442
2011	87	41,020
% CHANGE	23.0%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (107)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



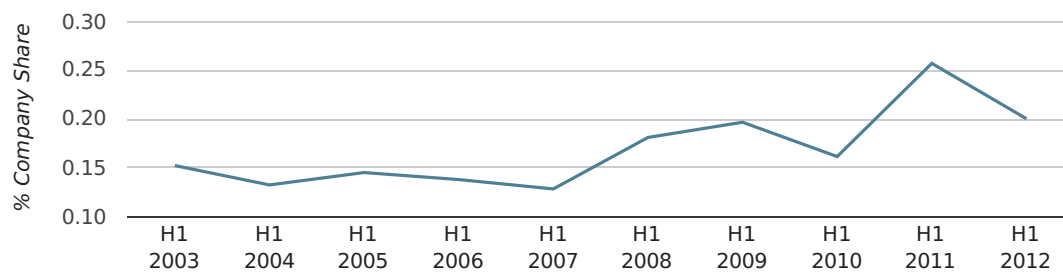
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	37	31	39
NET GROWTH IN 2011	30	18	39
% CHANGE	23.3%	72.2%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (40)	2003 (37)	2008 (40)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Blackburn formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is less than the 2011 figure of 0.3%.

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

company share by half year

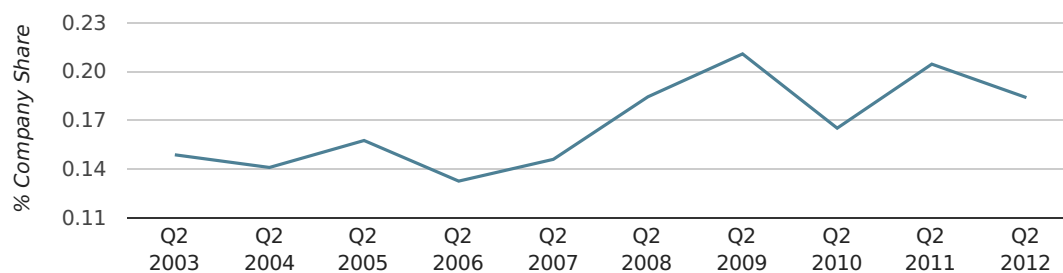


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Blackburn formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BLACKBURN
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1976 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-8.4%	-17.8%	-2.3%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.4%)	1976 (0.4%)	1971 (0.4%)

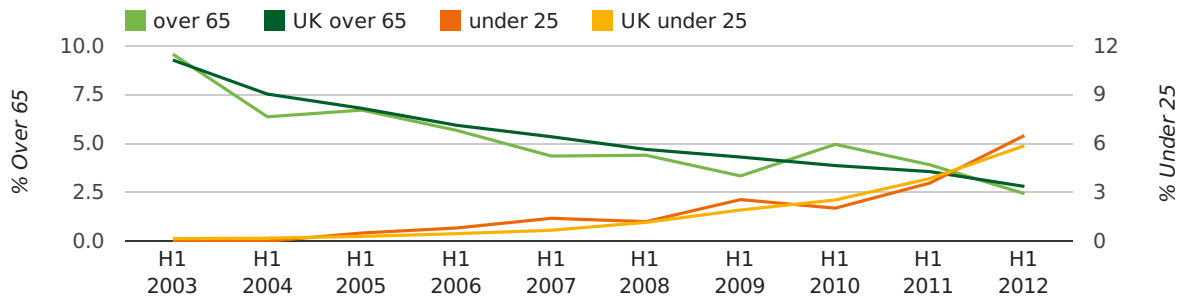
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 40.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



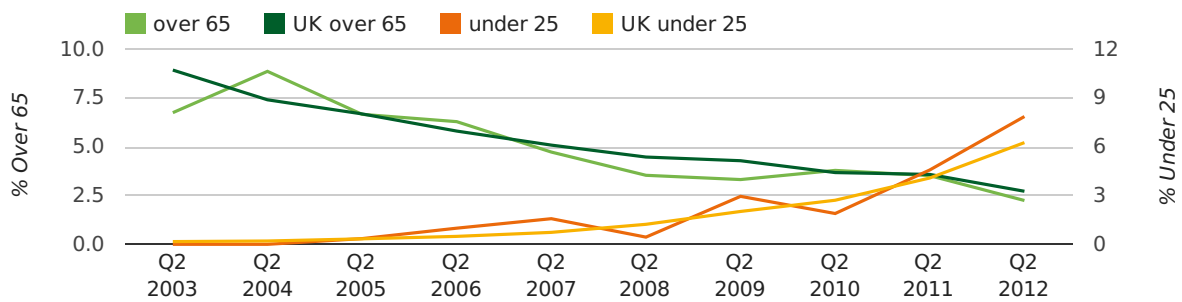
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 39.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 7.9% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

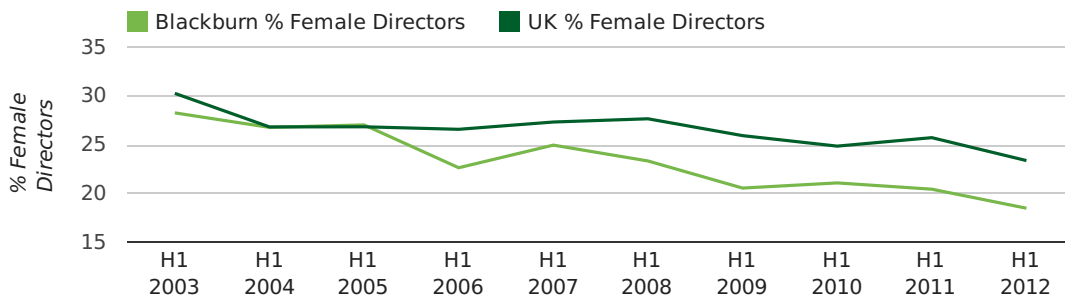


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

18.5% of all director appointments in Blackburn 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

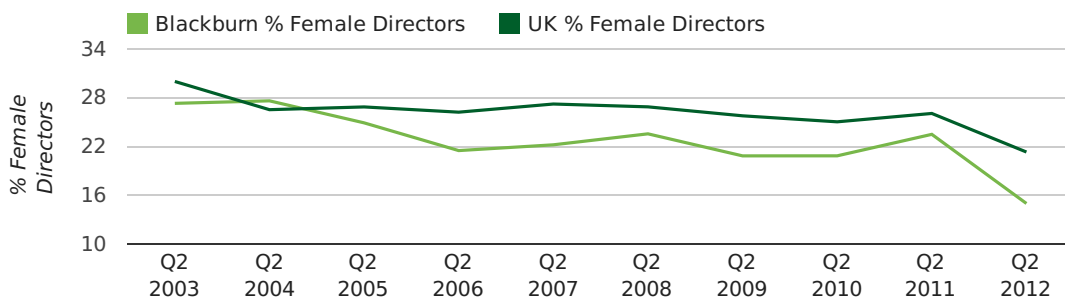


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

15.0% of all director appointments in Blackburn 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
MANAGEMENT	1.38%	CONSULTING	5.07%
BLACKBURN	1.00%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
SUPPORT	0.69%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
R	0.69%	PROPERTY	2.35%
SECURITY	0.63%	TRADING	2.10%
LANCASHIRE	0.63%	DESIGN	1.89%
(BLACKBURN)	0.63%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
BUSINESS	0.63%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
ASSOCIATES	0.63%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
CONSULTANCY	0.56%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
CARE	0.56%	BUSINESS	1.70%
ENGINEERING	0.56%	MEDIA	1.69%
ENERGY	0.56%	LONDON	1.68%
S	0.56%	J	1.57%
MEDIA	0.50%	GLOBAL	1.51%
CAR	0.50%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CENTRE	0.50%	IT	1.42%
TRADE	0.50%	CARE	1.31%
TRADING	0.50%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
HEALTHCARE	0.50%	M	1.26%
SERVICE	0.44%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
MARKETING	0.44%	BUILDING	1.23%
PC	0.44%	SECURITY	1.19%
MEDICAL	0.44%	S	1.18%
DESIGN	0.38%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	673	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	70	47,029
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	42	14,220
99999 - Dormant Company	35	26,088
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	34	35,447
9999 - Dormant Company	23	16,469
9305 - Other service activities	20	7,926
70100 - Activities of head offices	19	2,678
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	18	20,390
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	17	4,535
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	16	10,271
74990 - Non-trading company	16	9,706
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	14	15,280
86210 - General medical practice activities	13	2,657
86900 - Other human health activities	12	5,222
32990 - Other manufacturing not elsewhere classified	11	1,870
62090 - Other information technology service activities	11	8,258
7260 - Other computer related activities	11	6,456
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	10	4,295
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	10	2,880