

Blackpool

2011 half year business confidence report



headlines

- Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackpool when compared to any previous Q2.
- June 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackpool when compared to any previous June.
- June 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Blackpool when compared to any previous June.

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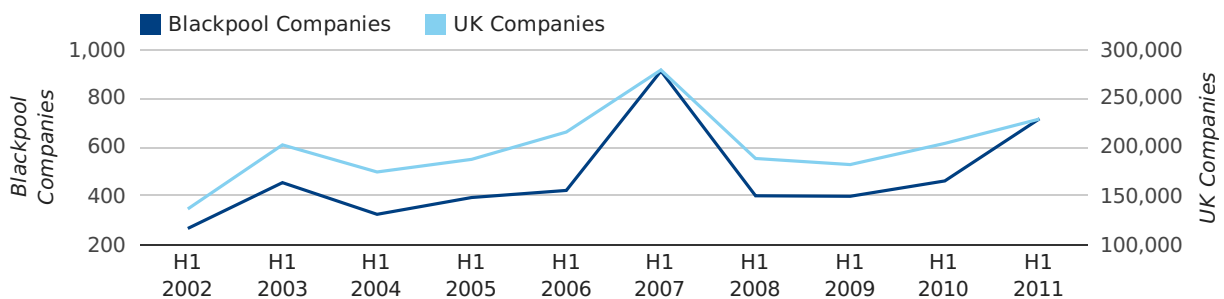
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 716 companies were formed in Blackpool. This figure is 55.3% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Blackpool occurred in 2007 when a total of 912 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BLACKPOOL	UK
2011	716	228,735
2010	461	203,749
% CHANGE	55.3%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (912)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

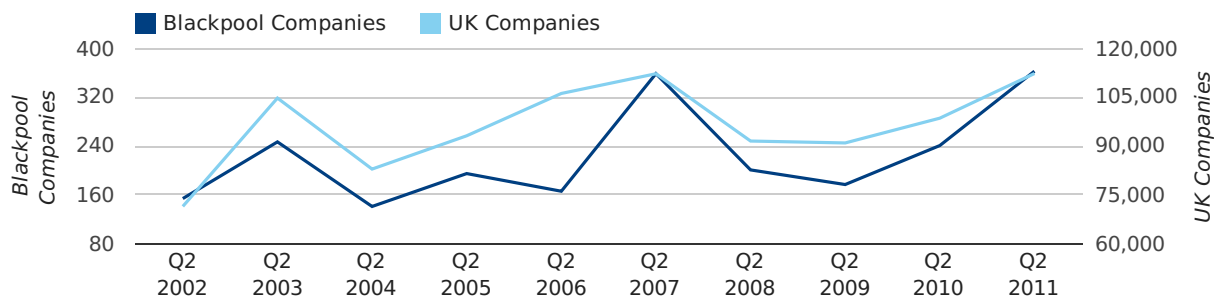
Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackpool when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 363 companies were registered in Blackpool during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 50.6% 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)	BLACKPOOL	UK
2011	363	112,344
2010	241	98,612
% CHANGE	50.6%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (363)	2011 (112,344)

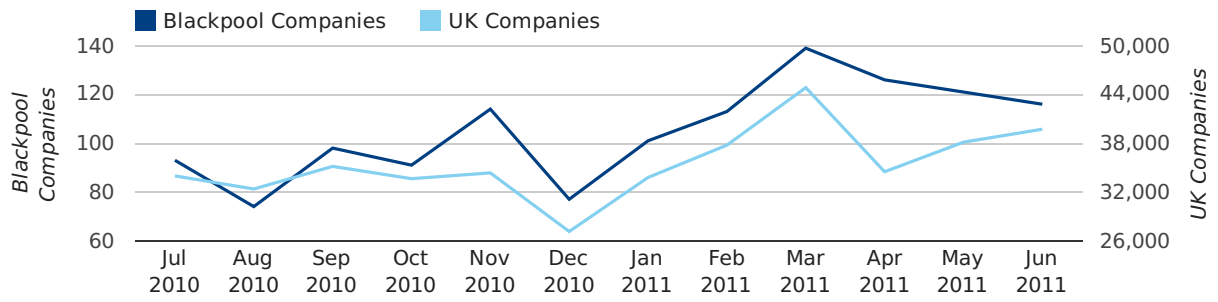
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

June 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackpool when compared to any previous June.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	126	121	116
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	80	61	100
% CHANGE	57.5%	98.4%	16.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (148)	2007 (130)	2011 (116)

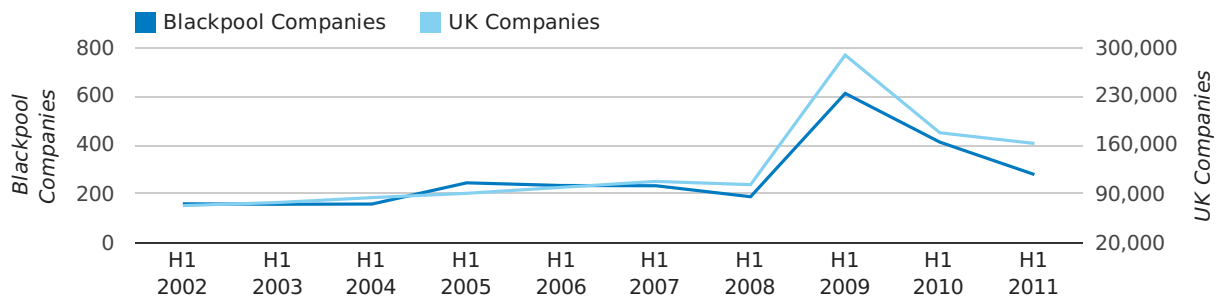
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 279 companies were dissolved in Blackpool. This figure is 32.3% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Blackpool occurred in 2009 when a total of 612 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BLACKPOOL	UK
2011	279	162,310
2010	412	177,631
% CHANGE	-32.3%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (612)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



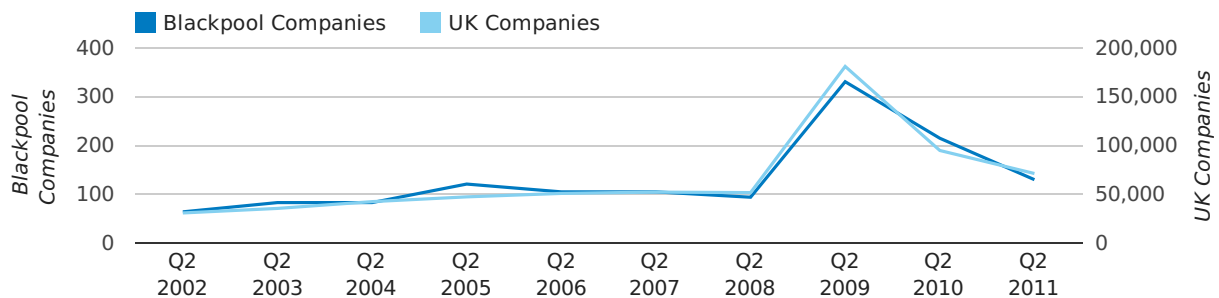
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 130 companies were dissolved in Blackpool during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 39.5% 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.

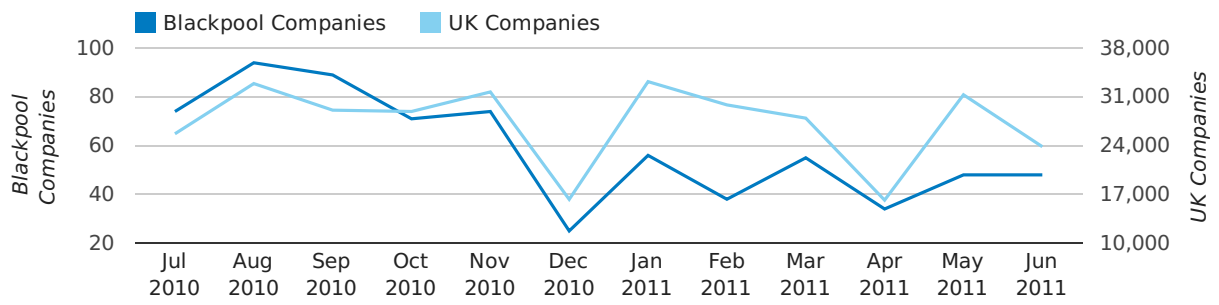
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	BLACKPOOL	UK
2011	130	71,324
2010	215	94,954
% CHANGE	-39.5%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (331)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



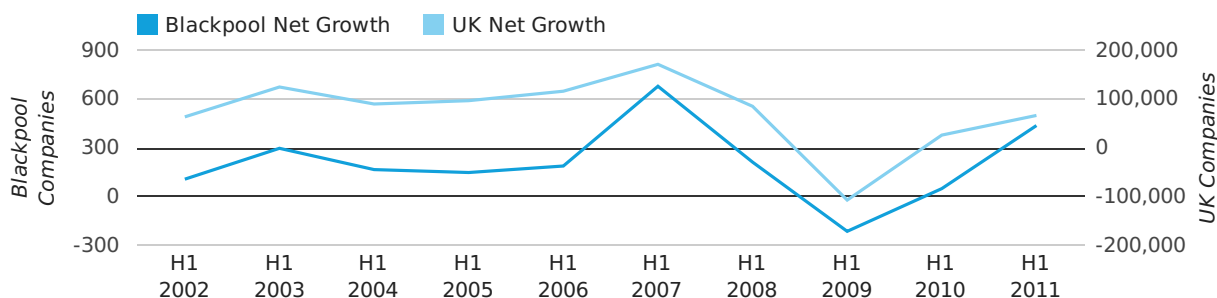
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	34	48	48
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	52	68	95
% CHANGE	-34.6%	-29.4%	-49%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (91)	2009 (121)	2009 (119)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Blackpool increased by 437 companies. This figure is 791.8% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BLACKPOOL	UK
2011	437	66,425
2010	49	26,118
% CHANGE	791.8%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (679)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



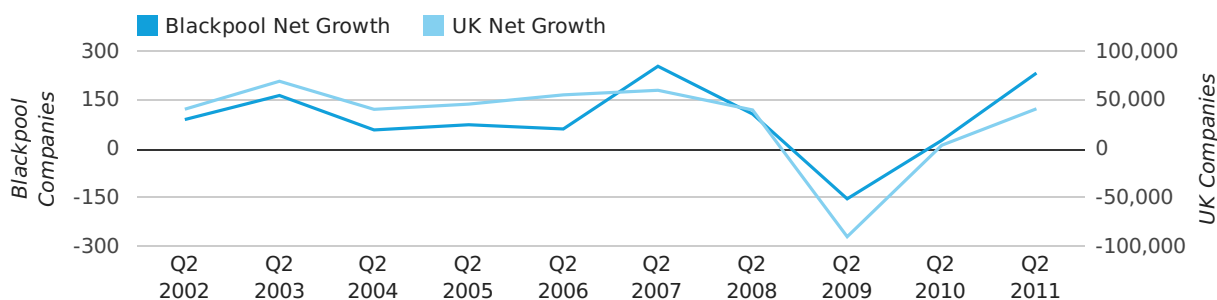
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Blackpool during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 233 companies.

This represents an increase of 796.2% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	BLACKPOOL	UK
2011	233	41,020
2010	26	3,658
% CHANGE	796.2%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (254)	2003 (69,274)

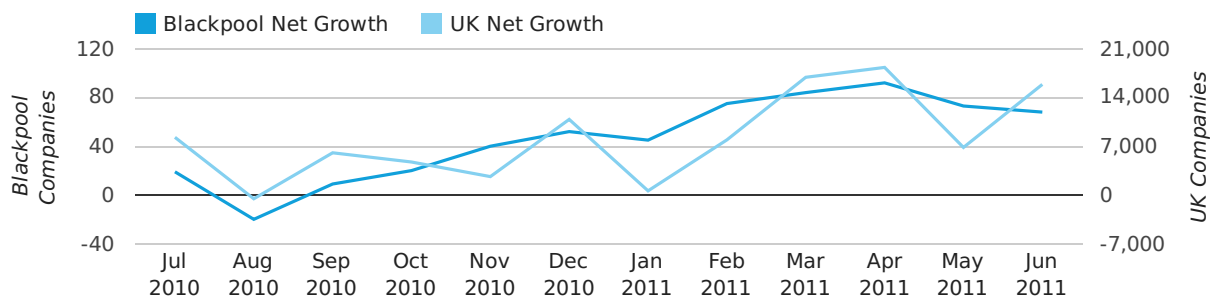
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

June 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Blackpool when compared to any previous June.

net growth by month



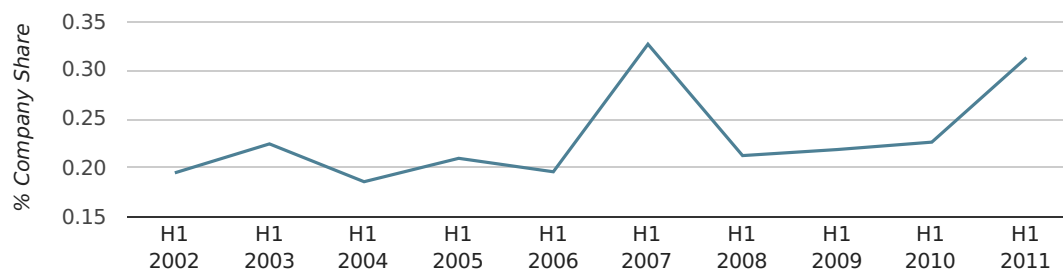
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	92	73	68
NET GROWTH IN 2010	28	-7	5
% CHANGE	228.6%	-1,142.9%	1,260.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (120)	2007 (90)	2011 (68)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Blackpool formed 0.3% of all UK companies. This is more than the 2010 figure of 0.2%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BLACKPOOL
2011	0.3%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.3%)

company share by half year

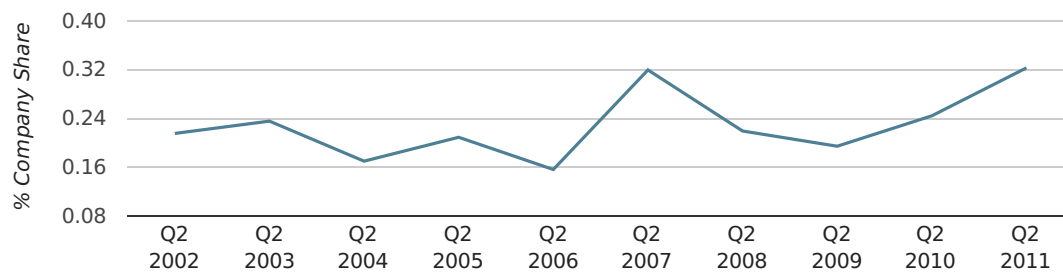


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

In the second quarter of 2011, Blackpool formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

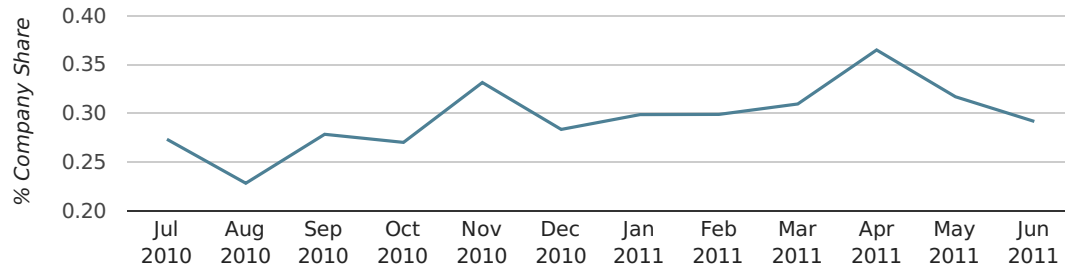
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	BLACKPOOL
2011	0.3%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.4%)

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%	0.2%	0.3%
% CHANGE	52.5%	56.2%	2.8%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.6%)	1967 (0.6%)	1965 (0.8%)

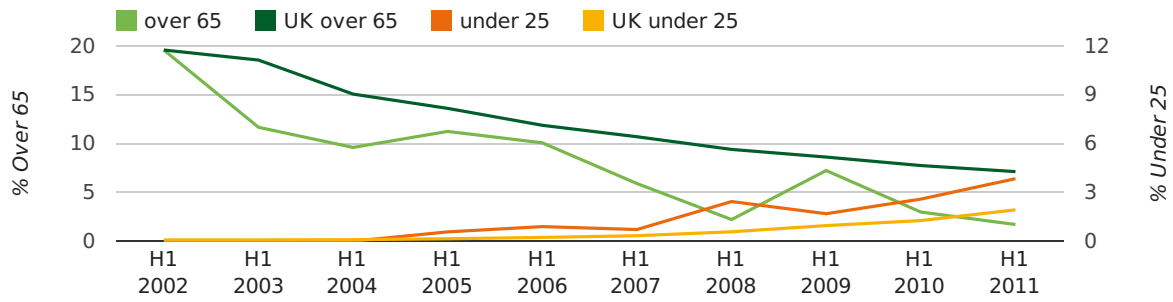
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 42.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



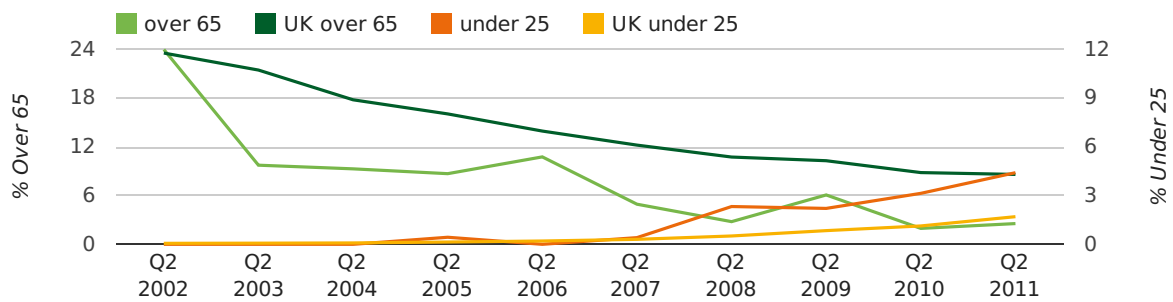
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 42.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

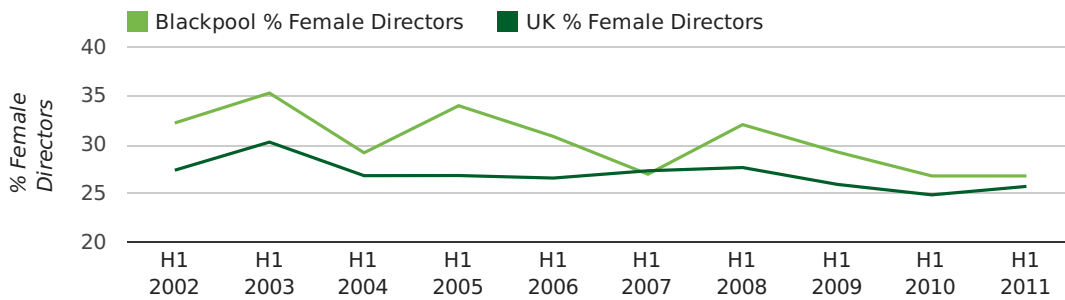


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

26.8% of all director appointments in Blackpool 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

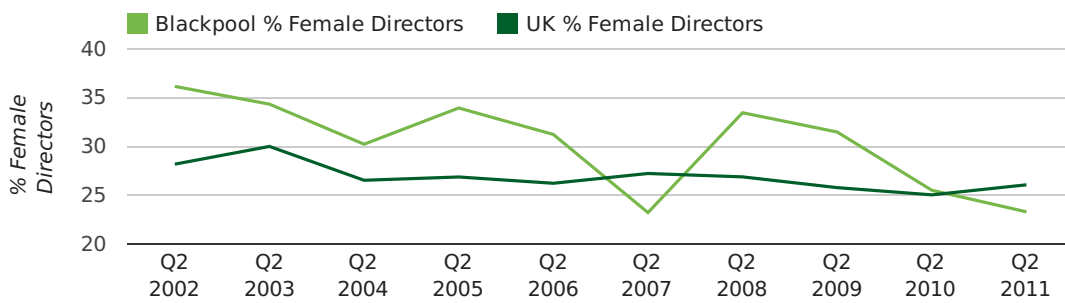


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

23.3% of all director appointments in Blackpool 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
CONSULTING	3.64%	CONSULTING	5.09%
ENGINEERING	1.79%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
METERS	1.74%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
CONSULTANCY	1.30%	PROPERTY	2.43%
MANAGEMENT	1.25%	TRADING	2.05%
IT	1.25%	DESIGN	1.94%
DESIGN	0.98%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
BLACKPOOL	0.98%	BUSINESS	1.87%
METER	0.98%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
METERING	0.81%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
PROPERTY	0.81%	MEDIA	1.73%
BUSINESS	0.71%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
DATA	0.65%	LONDON	1.60%
C	0.60%	GLOBAL	1.46%
ELECTRICAL	0.54%	J	1.44%
D	0.54%	CARE	1.44%
CONSULTANTS	0.54%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
MEDICAL	0.54%	IT	1.39%
ENERGY	0.54%	BUILDING	1.32%
ACTUARIAL	0.54%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ENTERPRISES	0.54%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
PROPERTIES	0.49%	M	1.27%
NORTH	0.43%	S	1.23%
WEST	0.43%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
PROJECT	0.43%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	399	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	235	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	124	30,647
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	50	10,545
9999 - Dormant Company	40	20,111
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	35	7,835
99999 - Dormant Company	31	18,918
7499 - Non-trading company	23	10,955
7260 - Other computer related activities	22	7,849
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	19	7,143
7414 - Business & management consultancy	18	13,053
74990 - Non-trading company	16	8,481
9305 - Other service activities	14	9,063
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	14	16,419
62090 - Other information technology service activities	13	7,095
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	12	3,394
5510 - Hotels and Motels with (or without) restaurant	12	676
86900 - Other human health activities	11	4,154
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	11	10,322
5530 - Restaurants	10	5,086