

Bridgwater

2012 half year business confidence report



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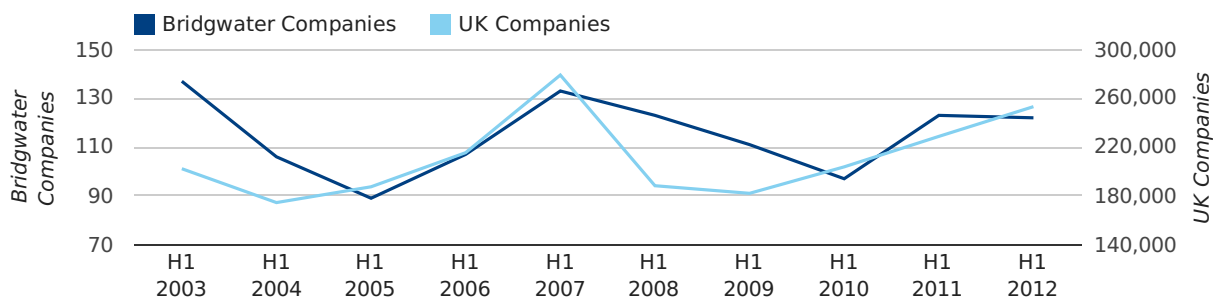
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 122 companies were formed in Bridgwater. This figure is 0.8% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Bridgwater occurred in 2003 when a total of 137 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BRIDGWATER	UK
2012	122	253,150
2011	123	228,735
% CHANGE	-0.8%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (137)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



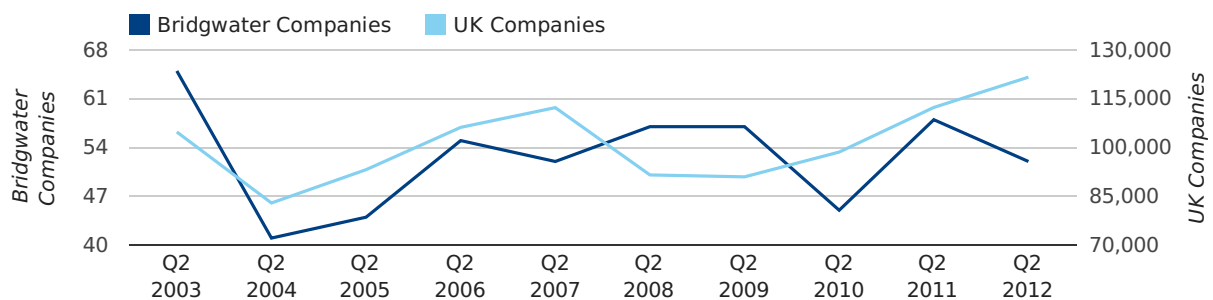
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 52 companies were registered in Bridgwater during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 10.3% 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.

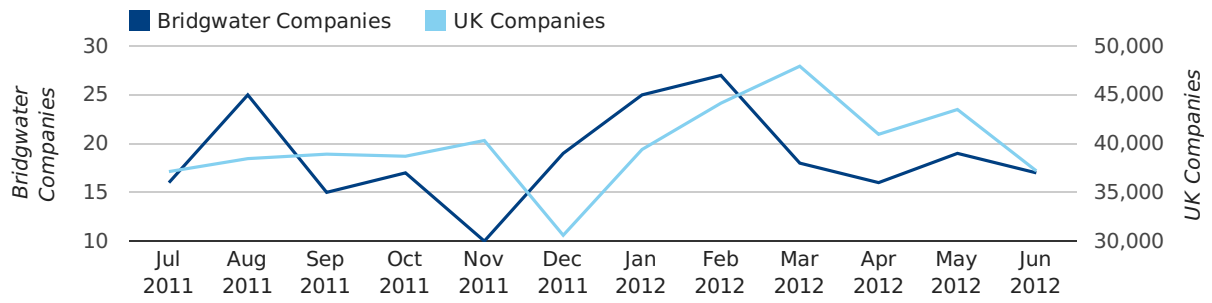
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BRIDGWATER	UK
2012	52	121,659
2011	58	112,344
% CHANGE	-10.3%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (65)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	16	19	17
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	21	14	23
% CHANGE	-23.8%	35.7%	-26.1%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (26)	2009 (28)	2011 (23)

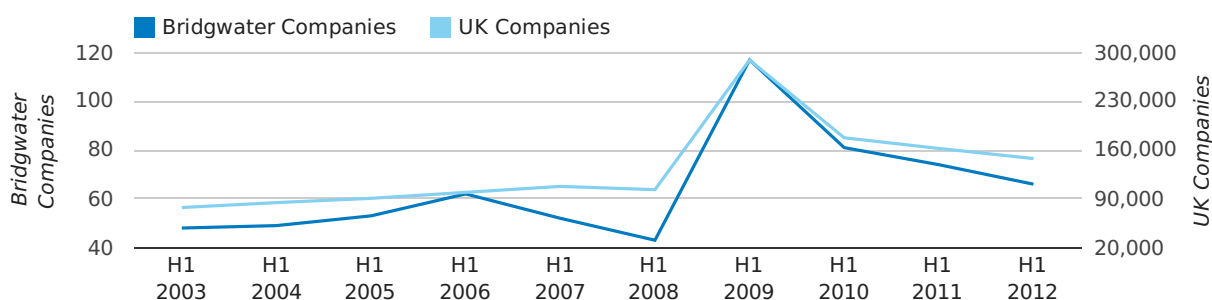
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 66 companies were dissolved in Bridgwater. This figure is 10.8% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Bridgwater occurred in 2009 when a total of 117 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BRIDGWATER	UK
2012	66	147,793
2011	74	162,310
% CHANGE	-10.8%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (117)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



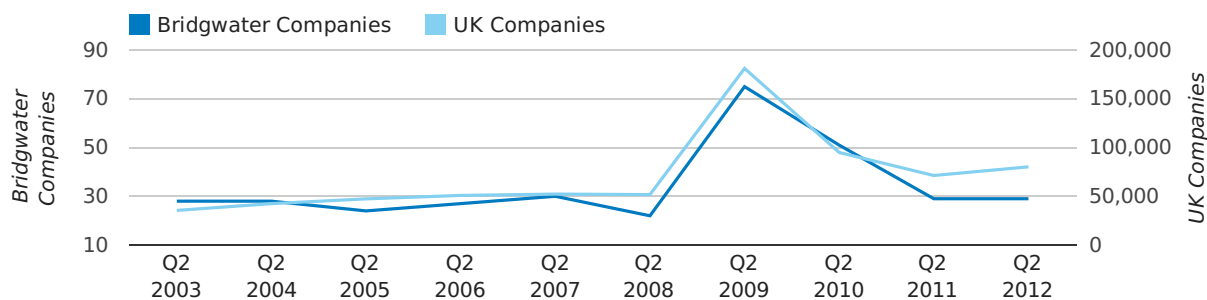
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 29 companies were dissolved in Bridgwater during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 0.0% 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)	BRIDGWATER	UK
2012	29	80,217
2011	29	71,324
% CHANGE	0.0%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (75)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



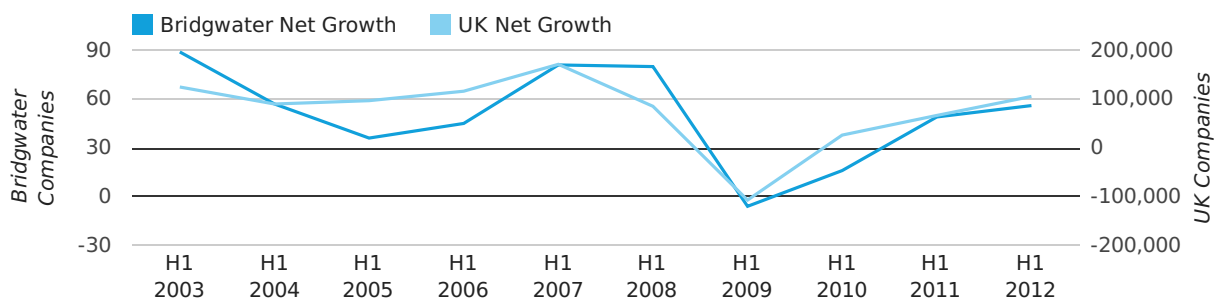
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	10	10	9
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	4	19	6
% CHANGE	150.0%	-47.4%	50%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (17)	2009 (32)	2009 (26)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Bridgwater increased by 56 companies. This figure is 14.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BRIDGWATER	UK
2012	56	105,357
2011	49	66,425
% CHANGE	14.3%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (89)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



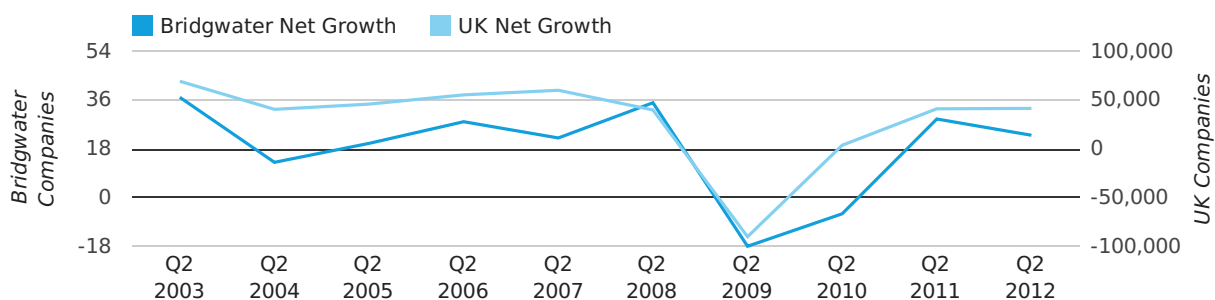
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Bridgwater during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 23 companies.

This represents a decrease of 20.7% on the same period last year.

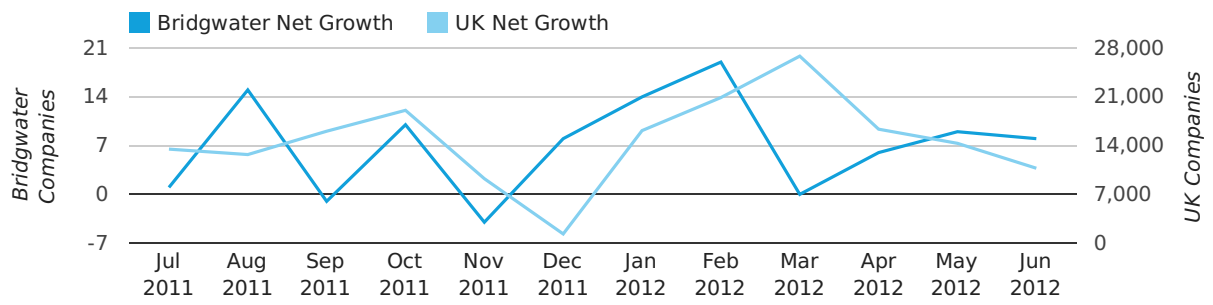
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BRIDGWATER	UK
2012	23	41,442
2011	29	41,020
% CHANGE	-20.7%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (37)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



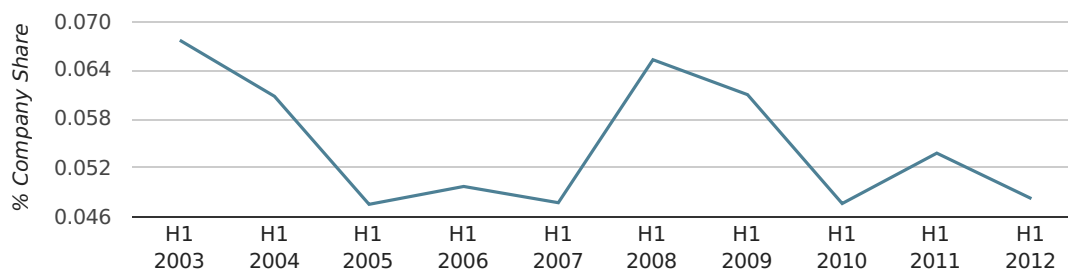
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	6	9	8
NET GROWTH IN 2011	17	-5	17
% CHANGE	-64.7%	-280.0%	-52.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (17)	2003 (17)	2011 (17)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Bridgwater formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is less than the 2011 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BRIDGWATER
2012	0.0%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.2%)

company share by half year

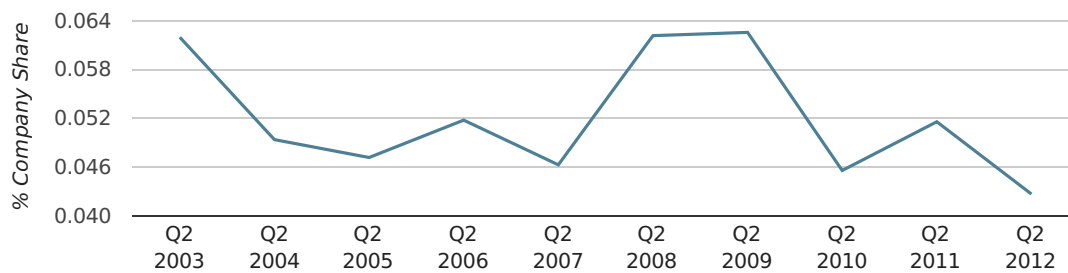


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Bridgwater formed 0.0% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BRIDGWATER
2012	0.0%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-35.8%	19.1%	-21.1%
RECORD YEAR	1974 (0.3%)	1968 (0.5%)	1977 (0.2%)

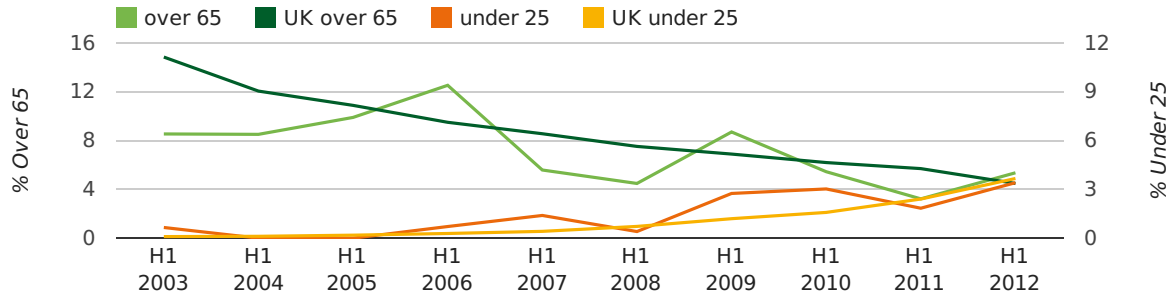
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 43.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



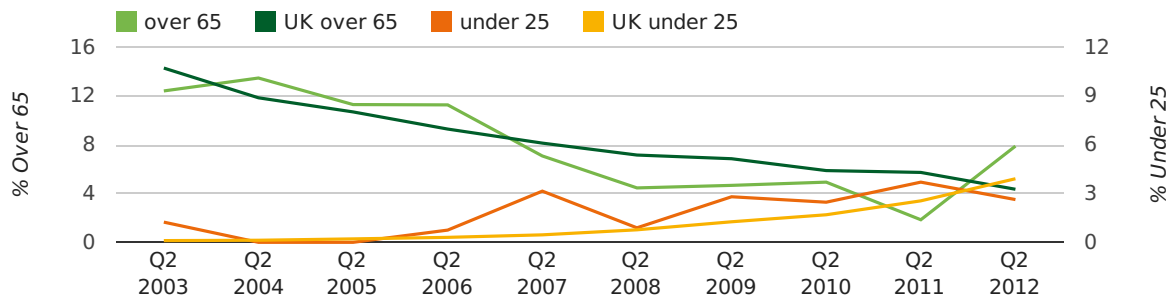
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 45.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 7.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

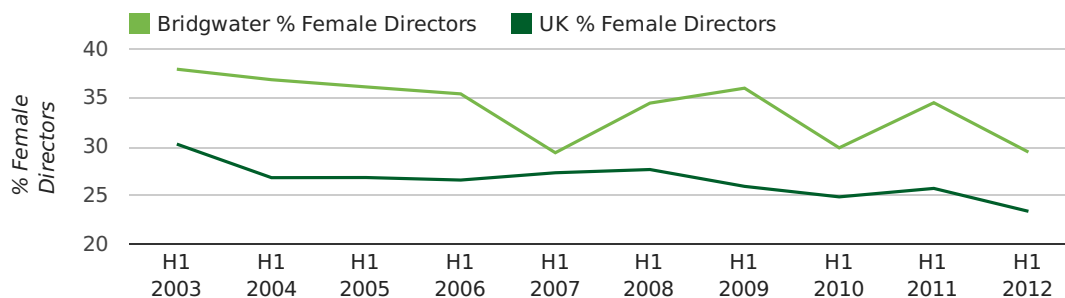


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

29.5% of all director appointments in Bridgwater 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

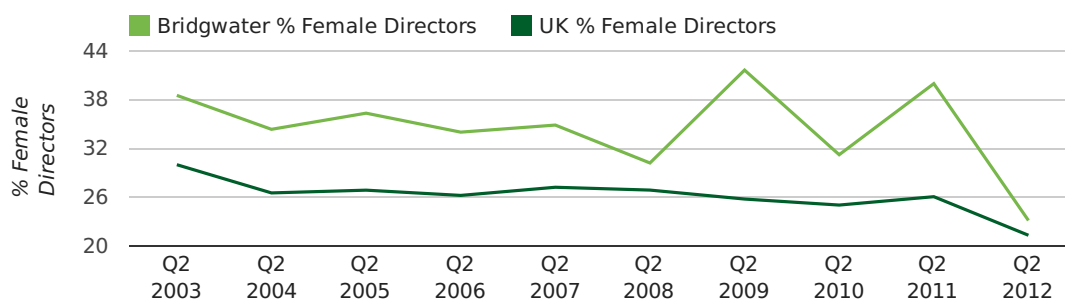


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

23.2% of all director appointments in Bridgwater 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	1.79%	CONSULTING	5.07%
SOMERSET	1.35%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
ENTERTAINMENT	0.67%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTANCY	0.67%	PROPERTY	2.35%
QUANTOCK	0.67%	TRADING	2.10%
WEST	0.67%	DESIGN	1.89%
BUSINESS	0.67%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
ENTERPRISES	0.67%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
J	0.67%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
ON	0.67%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
GREEN	0.67%	BUSINESS	1.70%
DESIGN	0.67%	MEDIA	1.69%
PROJECT	0.67%	LONDON	1.68%
W	0.45%	J	1.57%
S	0.45%	GLOBAL	1.51%
T	0.45%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
FARM	0.45%	IT	1.42%
SPA	0.45%	CARE	1.31%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.45%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ASPEN	0.45%	M	1.26%
REMOVALS	0.45%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
GTPS	0.45%	BUILDING	1.23%
BUILDING	0.45%	SECURITY	1.19%
ENGINEERING	0.45%	S	1.18%
EXMOUTH	0.45%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	102	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	32	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	27	35,447
9999 - Dormant Company	12	16,469
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	9	10,271
99999 - Dormant Company	9	26,088
41100 - Development of building projects	7	5,149
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	7	20,390
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	6	4,644
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	6	15,280
7499 - Non-trading company	6	8,023
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	5	3,241
9305 - Other service activities	5	7,926
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	4	4,295
62090 - Other information technology service activities	4	8,258
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	4	14,220
75000 - Veterinary activities	3	594
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	3	4,535
93199 - Other sports activities	3	2,095
7460 - Investigation & security	3	635