

Chester Le Street

2011 half year business confidence report



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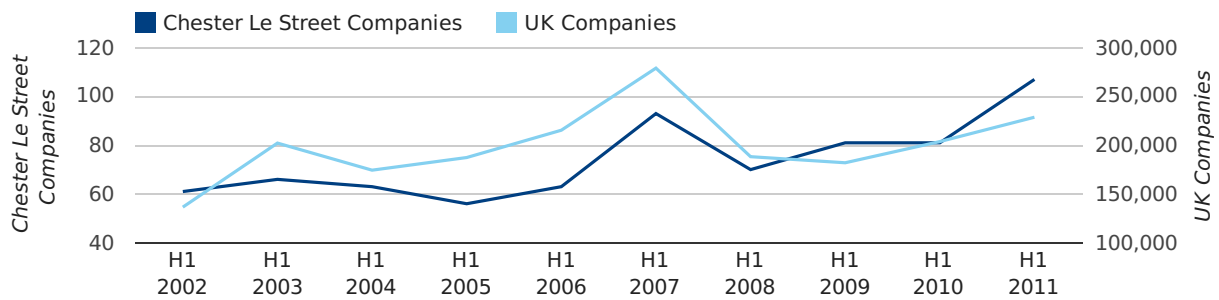
The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Chester Le Street when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2011 a total of 107 companies were formed in Chester Le Street. This figure is 32.1% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Chester Le Street occurred in 2011 when a total of 107 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2011	107	228,735
2010	81	203,749
% CHANGE	32.1%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (107)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

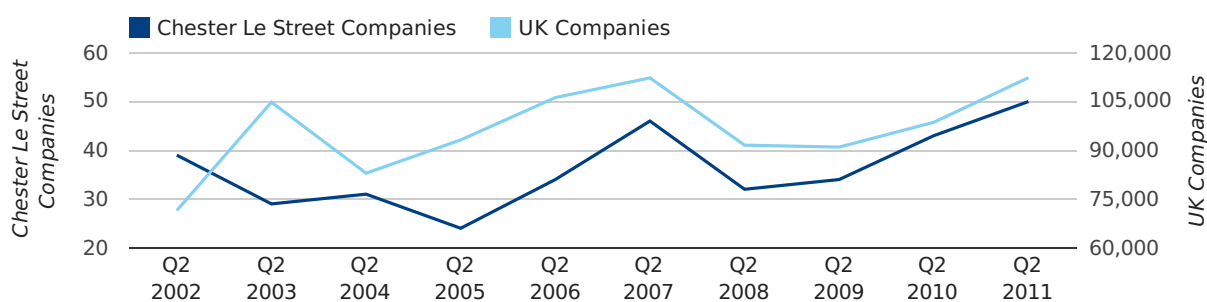
Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Chester Le Street when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 50 companies were registered in Chester Le Street during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 16.3% 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)	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2011	50	112,344
2010	43	98,612
% CHANGE	16.3%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (50)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter

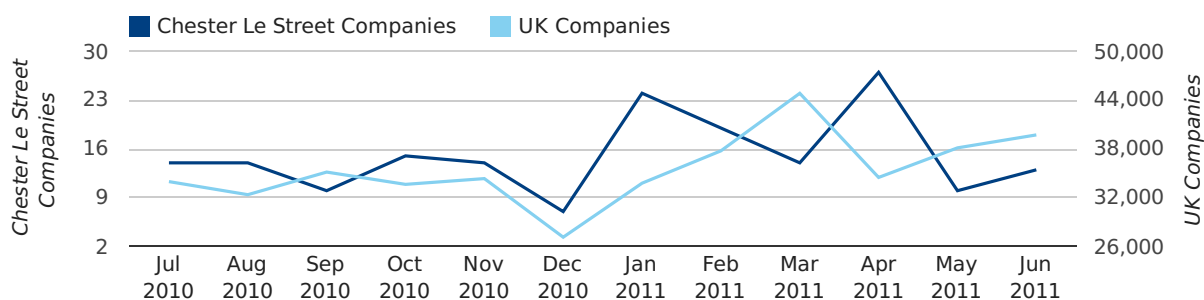


Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

April 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Chester Le Street when compared to any previous April.

April 2011 was a record month for company registrations in Chester Le Street when compared to any month in history.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	27	10	13
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	18	9	16
% CHANGE	50.0%	11.1%	-18.8%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (27)	2002 (17)	2010 (16)

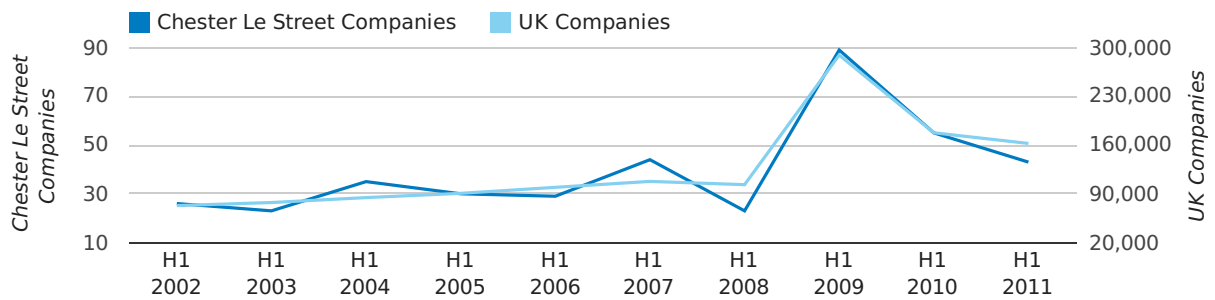
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 43 companies were dissolved in Chester Le Street. This figure is 21.8% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Chester Le Street occurred in 2009 when a total of 89 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2011	43	162,310
2010	55	177,631
% CHANGE	-21.8%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (89)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



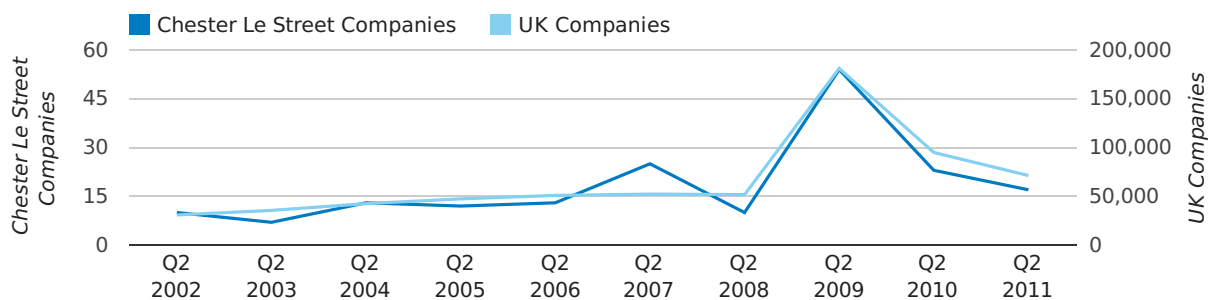
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 17 companies were dissolved in Chester Le Street during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 26.1% 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.

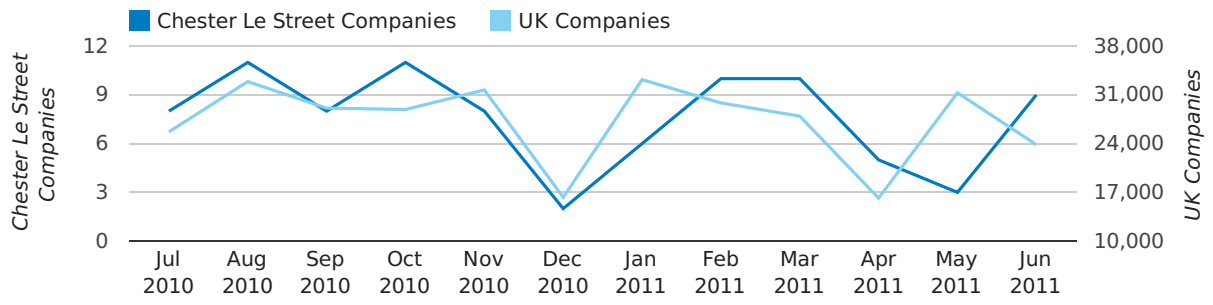
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2011	17	71,324
2010	23	94,954
% CHANGE	-26.1%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (54)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	5	3	9
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	7	10	6
% CHANGE	-28.6%	-70.0%	50%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (15)	2009 (26)	2009 (13)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

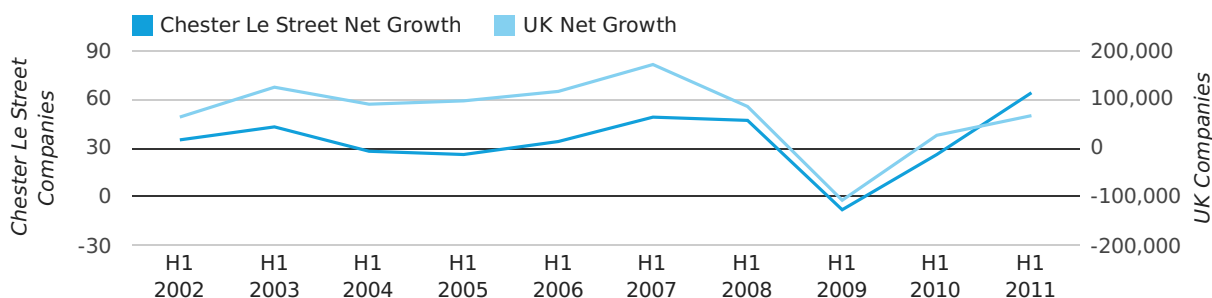
The first half of 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Chester Le Street when compared to any previous first half year.

The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for net growth in Chester Le Street when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Chester Le Street increased by 64 companies. This figure is 146.2% higher than last year, which compares equally to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2011	64	66,425
2010	26	26,118
% CHANGE	146.2%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (64)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

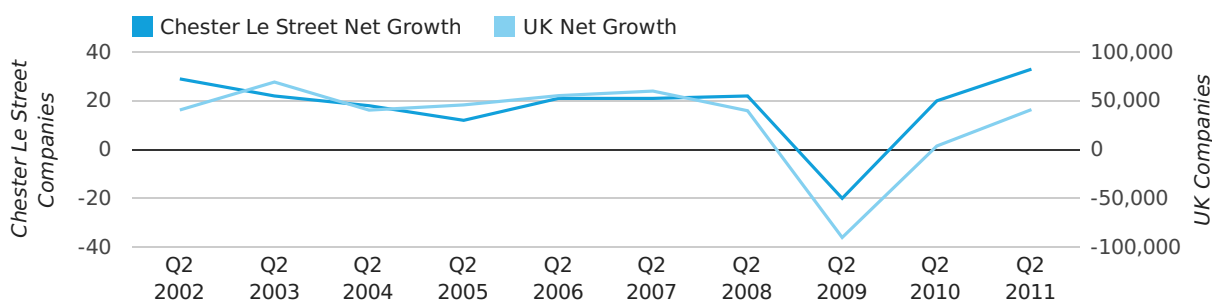
Q2 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Chester Le Street when compared to any previous Q2.

Net company growth for Chester Le Street during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 33 companies.

This represents an increase of 65.0% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2011	33	41,020
2010	20	3,658
% CHANGE	65.0%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (33)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter

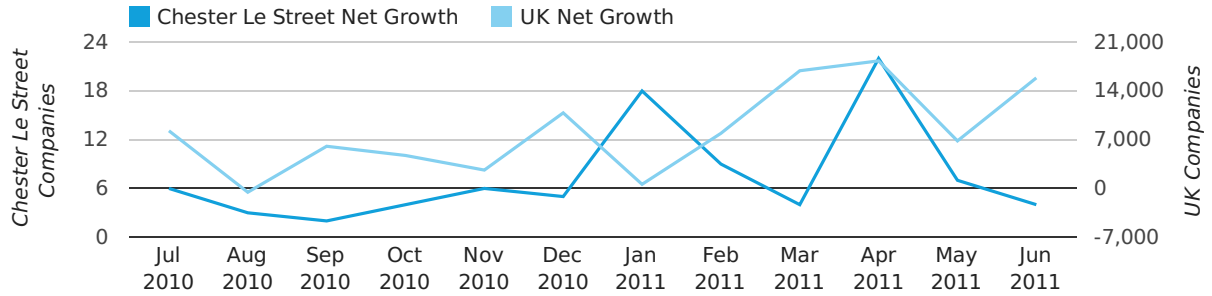


Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

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net growth by month



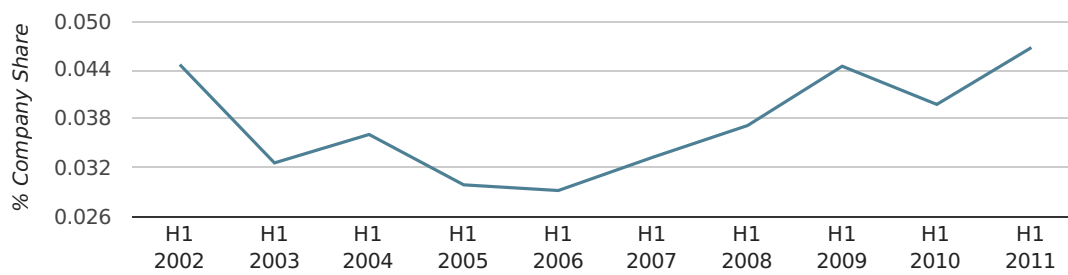
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	22	7	4
NET GROWTH IN 2010	11	-1	10
% CHANGE	100.0%	-800.0%	-60.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (22)	2002 (11)	1999 (14)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Chester Le Street formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.0%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CHESTER LE STREET
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.1%)

company share by half year

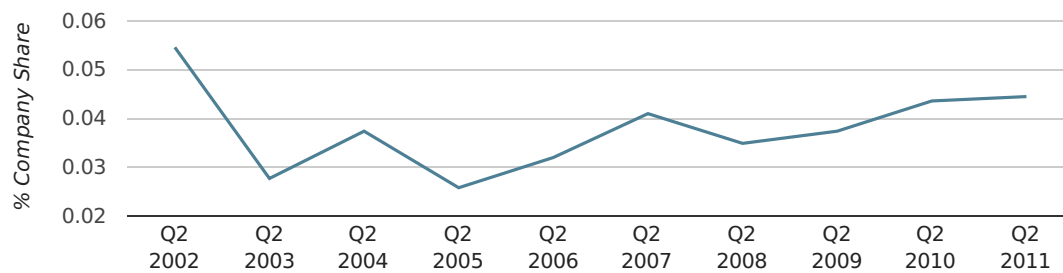


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

In the second quarter of 2011, Chester Le Street formed 0.0% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	CHESTER LE STREET
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1986 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	45.3%	-12.7%	-28.1%
RECORD YEAR	1986 (0.1%)	1964 (0.3%)	1967 (0.2%)

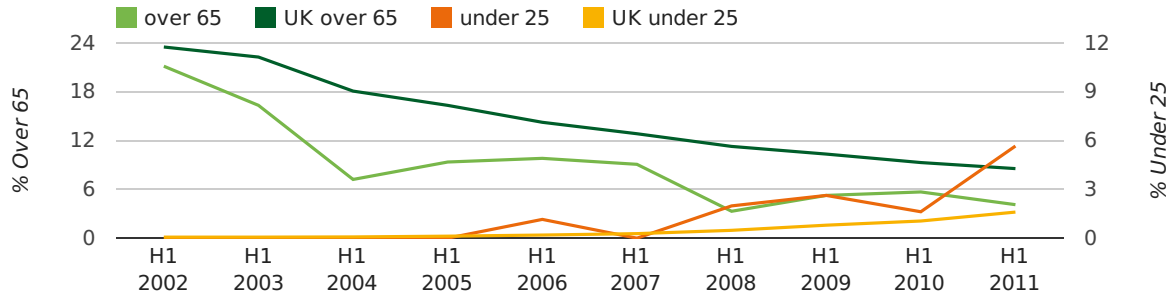
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 45.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



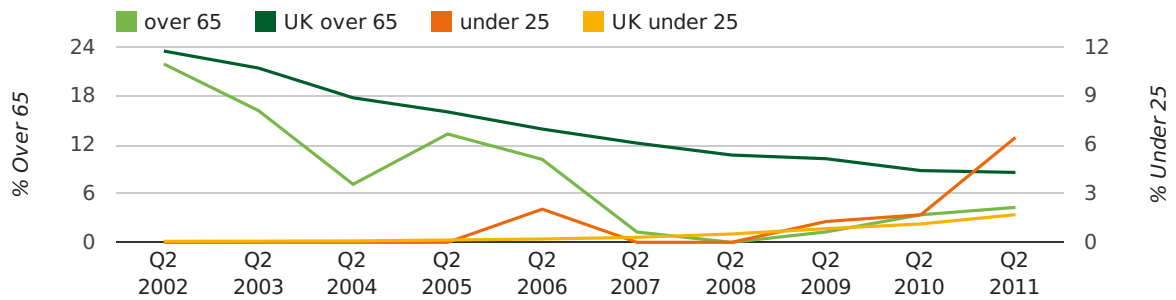
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 43.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

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

director age by quarter

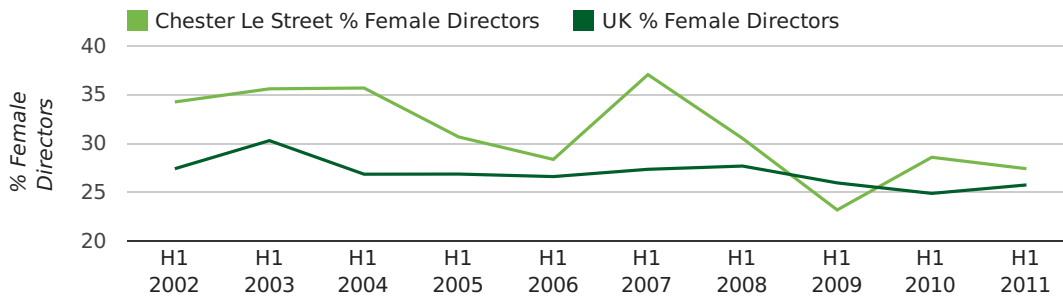


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

27.4% of all director appointments in Chester Le Street 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

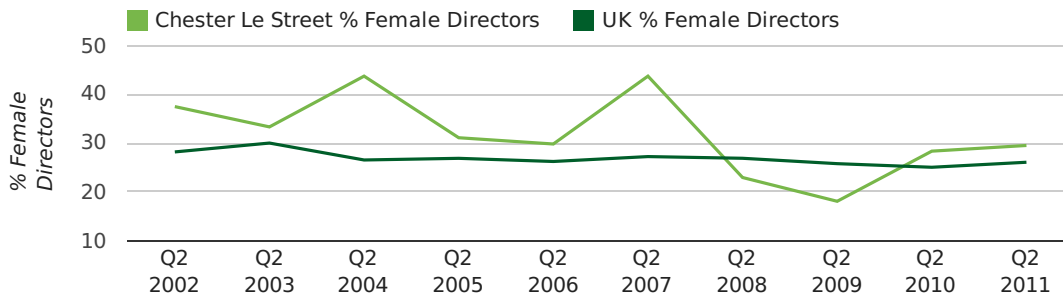


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

29.5% of all director appointments in Chester Le Street 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
MANAGEMENT	1.92%	CONSULTING	5.09%
(NE)	1.10%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
EAST	1.10%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
NORTH	1.10%	PROPERTY	2.43%
AERO	1.10%	TRADING	2.05%
CONSULTANCY	1.10%	DESIGN	1.94%
CONSULTANTS	1.10%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
CONSULTING	1.10%	BUSINESS	1.87%
TRAINING	1.10%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
DURHAM	1.10%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
PROPERTY	1.10%	MEDIA	1.73%
IMPERIAL	1.10%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
EAST)	0.82%	LONDON	1.60%
M	0.82%	GLOBAL	1.46%
DOW	0.82%	J	1.44%
CONCEPT	0.82%	CARE	1.44%
C	0.82%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
LEISURE	0.82%	IT	1.39%
(NORTH	0.82%	BUILDING	1.32%
TRADING	0.82%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CENTRE	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
FARM	0.55%	M	1.27%
CESTRIA	0.55%	S	1.23%
CERAMIC	0.55%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
SYCAMORE	0.55%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	58	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	20	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	11	30,647
99999 - Dormant Company	7	18,918
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70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	6	16,419
7499 - Non-trading company	5	10,955
7414 - Business & management consultancy	5	13,053
9305 - Other service activities	5	9,063
7020 - Letting of own property	5	1,495
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	4	7,835
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	4	3,095
6024 - Freight transport by road	4	2,316
5020 - Maintenance & repair of motors	4	1,432
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	4	10,322
9302 - Hairdressing & other beauty treatment	4	1,489
74990 - Non-trading company	4	8,481
5248 - Other retail specialised stores	4	2,037
5552 - Catering	3	2,138
43210 - Electrical installation	3	3,085