

Chester Le Street

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Chester Le Street when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Chester Le Street when compared to any half year in history.
- June 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Chester Le Street when compared to any previous June.
- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Chester Le Street when compared to any previous first half year.
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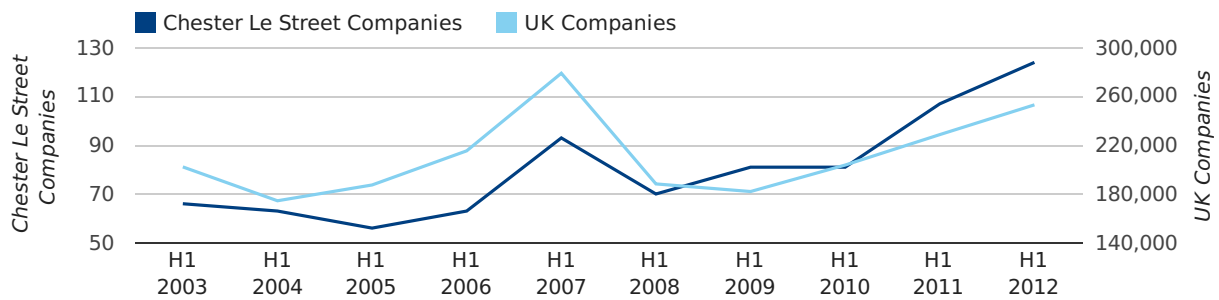
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Chester Le Street when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 124 companies were formed in Chester Le Street. This figure is 15.9% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Chester Le Street occurred in 2012 when a total of 124 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2012	124	253,150
2011	107	228,735
% CHANGE	15.9%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (124)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



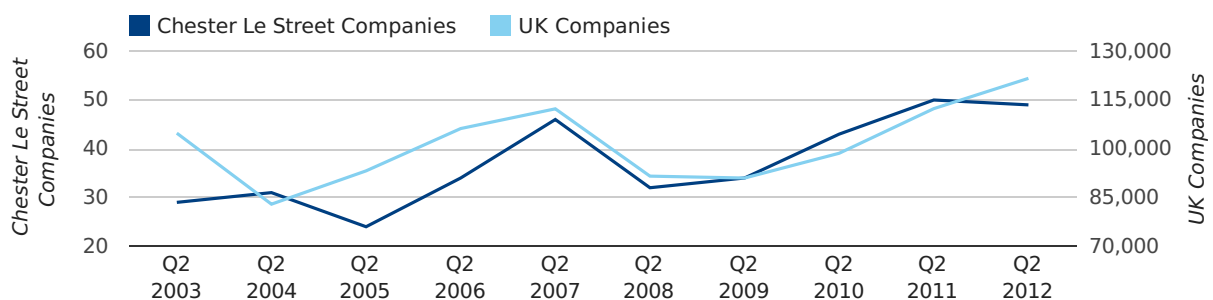
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 49 companies were registered in Chester Le Street during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 2.0% 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)	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2012	49	121,659
2011	50	112,344
% CHANGE	-2.0%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (50)	2012 (121,659)

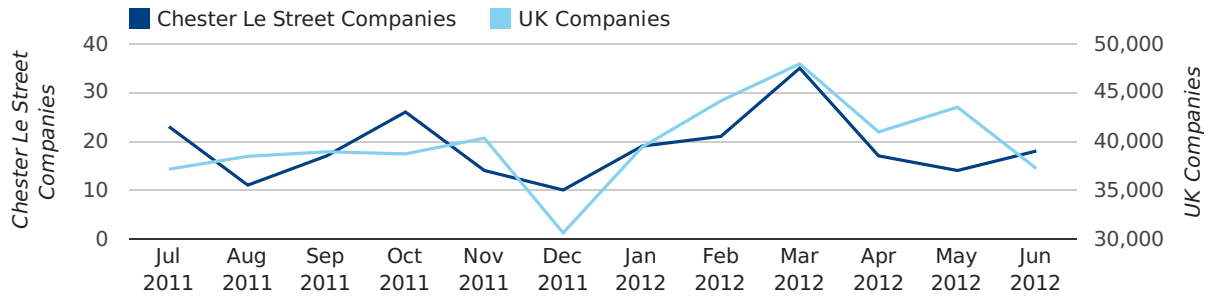
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

June 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Chester Le Street when compared to any previous June.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	17	14	18
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	27	10	13
% CHANGE	-37.0%	40.0%	38.5%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (27)	2002 (17)	2012 (18)

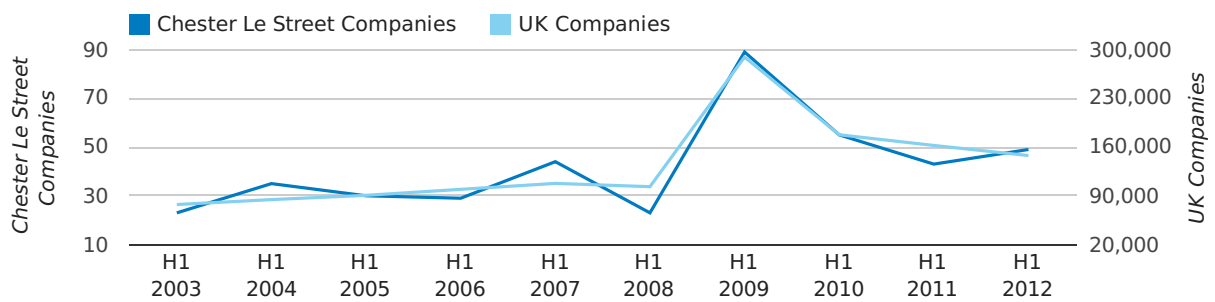
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 49 companies were dissolved in Chester Le Street. This figure is 14.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2012	49	147,793
2011	43	162,310
% CHANGE	14.0%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (89)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 22 companies were dissolved in Chester Le Street during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 29.4% 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)	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2012	22	80,217
2011	17	71,324
% CHANGE	29.4%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (54)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	7	5	10
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	5	3	9
% CHANGE	40.0%	66.7%	11%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (15)	2009 (26)	2009 (13)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

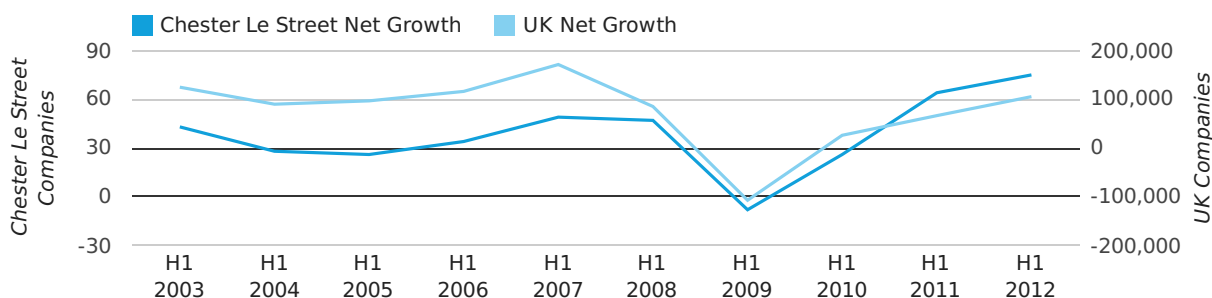
The first half of 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Chester Le Street when compared to any previous first half year.

The first half of 2012 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 2012 the company register for Chester Le Street increased by 75 companies. This figure is 17.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2012	75	105,357
2011	64	66,425
% CHANGE	17.2%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (75)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



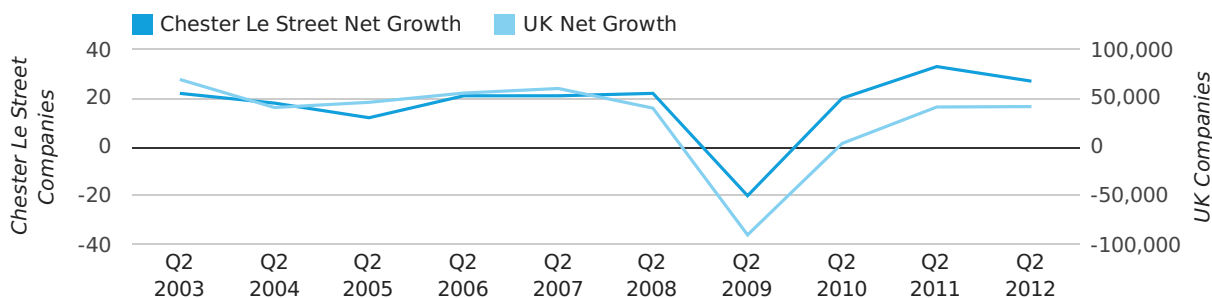
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Chester Le Street during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 27 companies.

This represents a decrease of 18.2% on the same period last year.

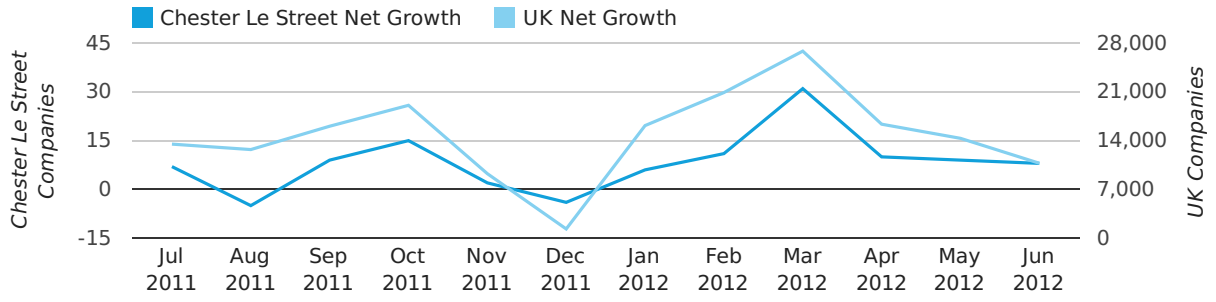
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2012	27	41,442
2011	33	41,020
% CHANGE	-18.2%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (33)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



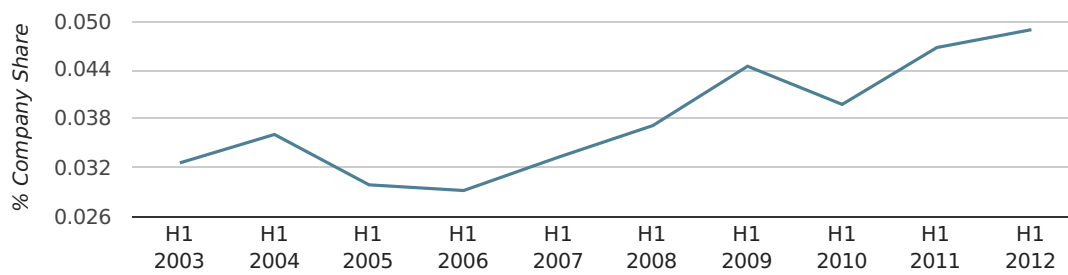
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	10	9	8
NET GROWTH IN 2011	22	7	4
% CHANGE	-54.5%	28.6%	100.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (22)	2002 (11)	1999 (14)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Chester Le Street formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.0%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CHESTER LE STREET
2012	0.0%
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.1%)

company share by half year

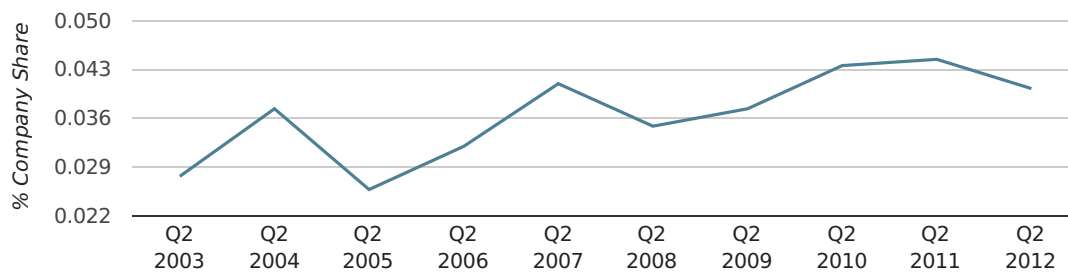


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Chester Le Street formed 0.0% of all UK companies.

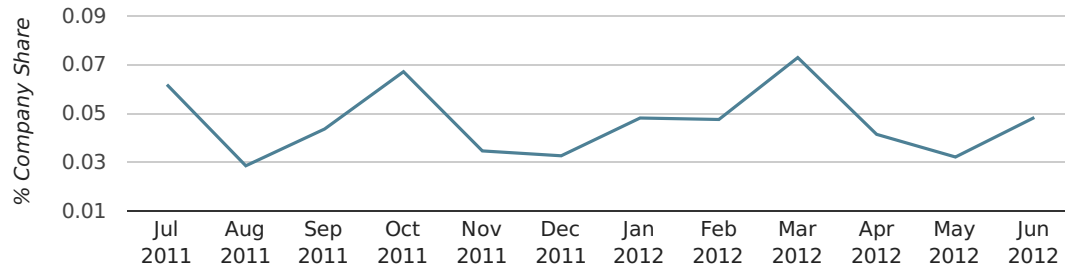
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2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1986 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	-47.0%	22.9%	48.0%
RECORD YEAR	1986 (0.1%)	1964 (0.3%)	1967 (0.2%)

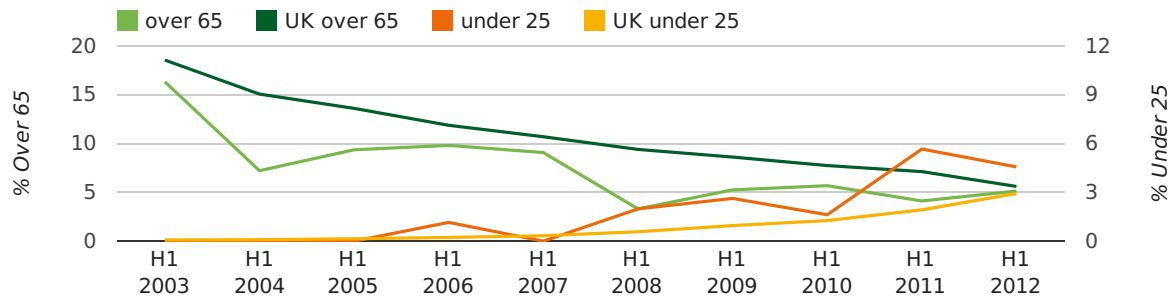
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 44.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



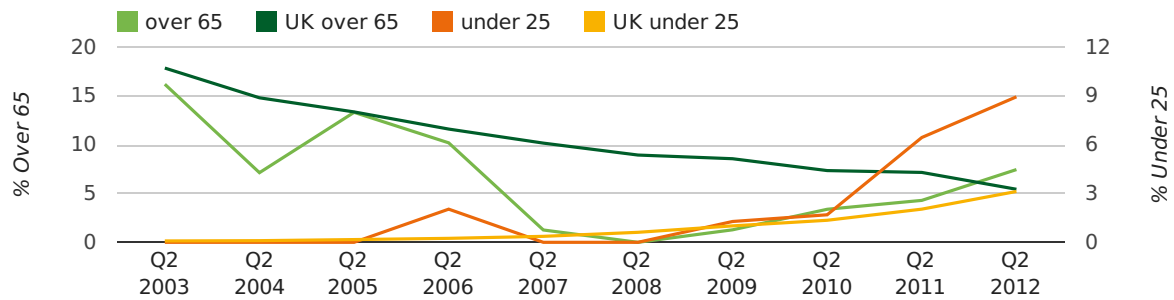
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 44.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 9.0% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 7.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

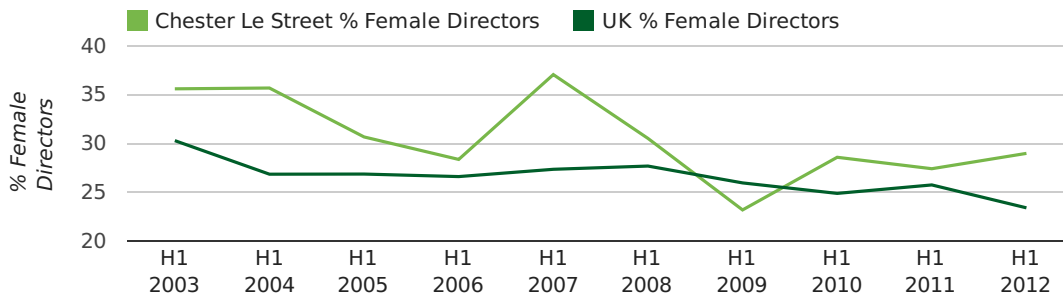


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

29.0% of all director appointments in Chester Le Street 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

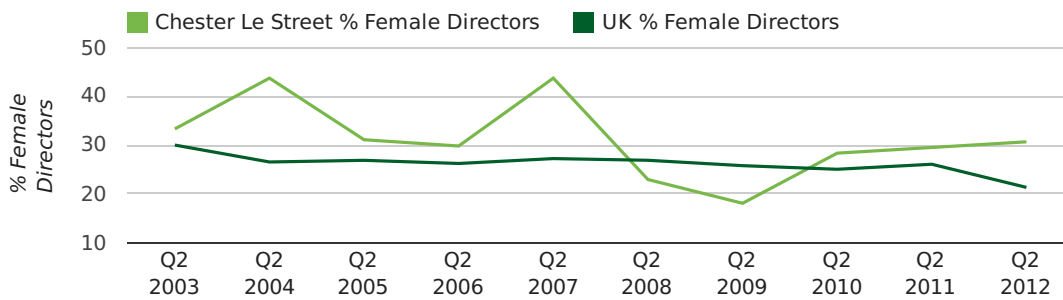


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

30.7% of all director appointments in Chester Le Street 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
J	1.52%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.30%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
DURHAM	1.08%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTANCY	0.87%	PROPERTY	2.35%
(NE)	0.87%	TRADING	2.10%
ENGINEERING	0.87%	DESIGN	1.89%
ACADEMY	0.87%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
EAST	0.65%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CATERING	0.65%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
BEAMISH	0.65%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
ENTERPRISES	0.65%	BUSINESS	1.70%
NORTH	0.65%	MEDIA	1.69%
CONSULTING	0.65%	LONDON	1.68%
HOME	0.65%	J	1.57%
G	0.65%	GLOBAL	1.51%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.65%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
GREEN	0.65%	IT	1.42%
CIC	0.65%	CARE	1.31%
CLUB	0.65%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
DEAL	0.65%	M	1.26%
C	0.65%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
SUPPORT	0.65%	BUILDING	1.23%
MAINTENANCE	0.65%	SECURITY	1.19%
EVENTS	0.65%	S	1.18%
M	0.65%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	77	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	14	47,029
74990 - Non-trading company	11	9,706
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	10	35,447
99999 - Dormant Company	10	26,088
7499 - Non-trading company	8	8,023
56302 - Public houses and bars	7	2,913
7414 - Business & management consultancy	7	10,978
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	7	4,091
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	7	14,220
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	5	3,365
9305 - Other service activities	5	7,926
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	5	3,818
62090 - Other information technology service activities	5	8,258
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	5	10,271
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	4	20,390
43290 - Other construction installation	4	1,796
7020 - Letting of own property	4	1,458
86210 - General medical practice activities	4	2,657
43210 - Electrical installation	4	3,557