

Colchester

2011 half year business confidence report



headlines

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

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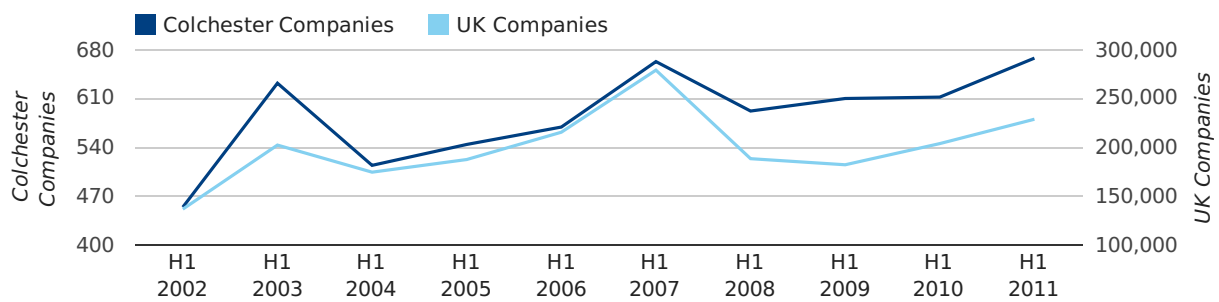
The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Colchester when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2011 a total of 668 companies were formed in Colchester. This figure is 9.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Colchester occurred in 2011 when a total of 668 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	COLCHESTER	UK
2011	668	228,735
2010	612	203,749
% CHANGE	9.2%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (668)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



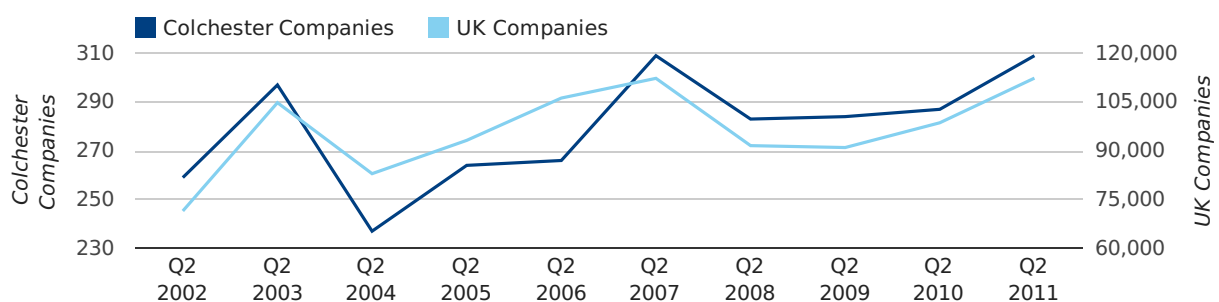
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 309 companies were registered in Colchester during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 7.7% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares equally 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)	COLCHESTER	UK
2011	309	112,344
2010	287	98,612
% CHANGE	7.7%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (309)	2011 (112,344)

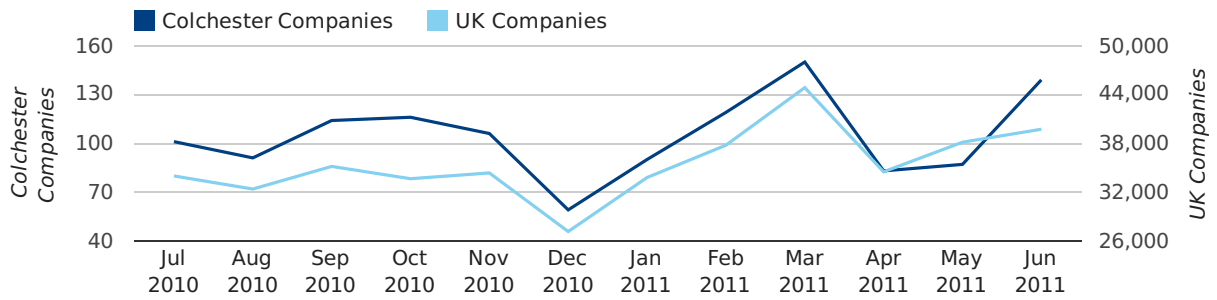
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	83	87	139
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	91	83	113
% CHANGE	-8.8%	4.8%	23.0%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (123)	2006 (101)	2011 (139)

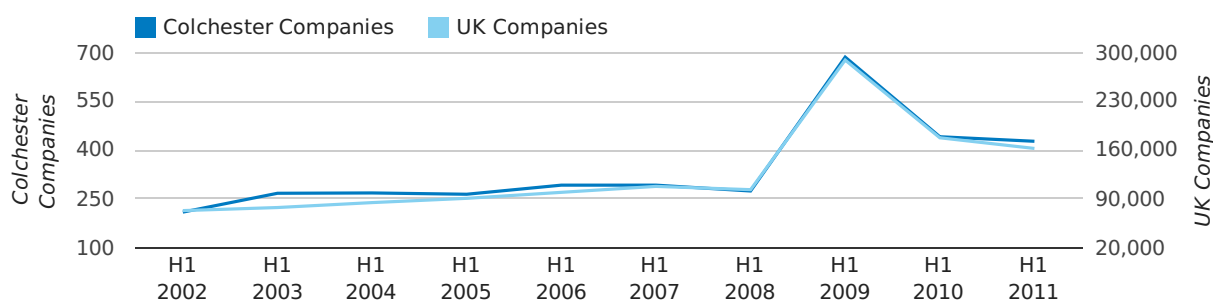
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 427 companies were dissolved in Colchester. This figure is 3.2% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Colchester occurred in 2009 when a total of 686 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	COLCHESTER	UK
2011	427	162,310
2010	441	177,631
% CHANGE	-3.2%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (686)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



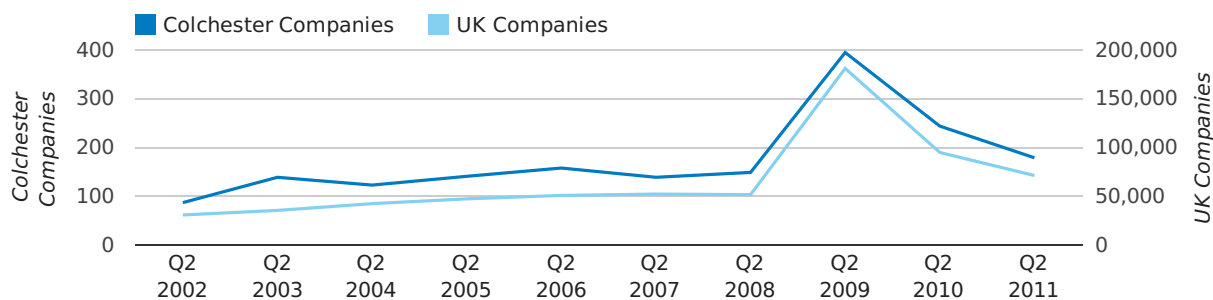
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 179 companies were dissolved in Colchester during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 26.6% 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)	COLCHESTER	UK
2011	179	71,324
2010	244	94,954
% CHANGE	-26.6%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (395)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



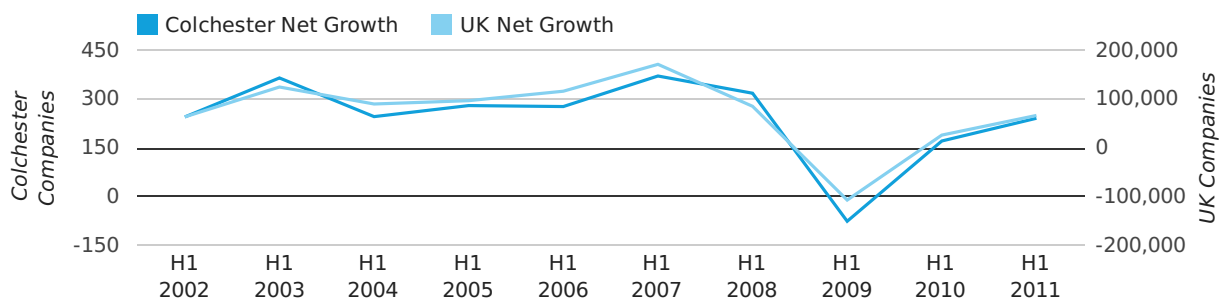
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	31	72	76
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	50	100	94
% CHANGE	-38.0%	-28.0%	-19%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (97)	2009 (213)	2010 (94)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Colchester increased by 241 companies. This figure is 40.9% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	COLCHESTER	UK
2011	241	66,425
2010	171	26,118
% CHANGE	40.9%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (371)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



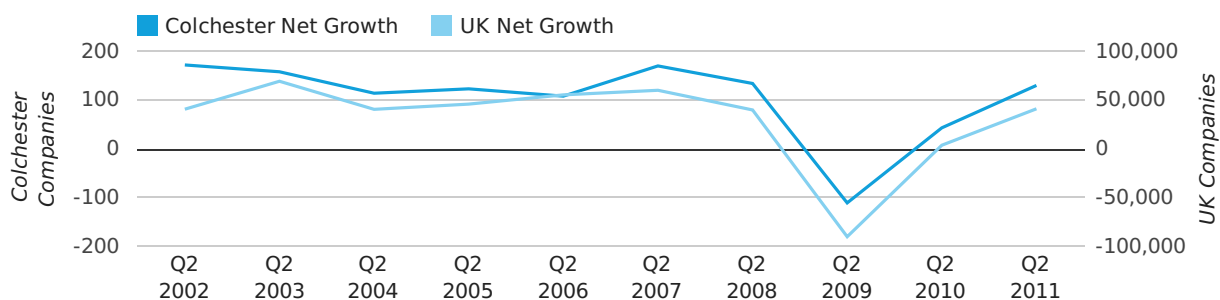
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Colchester during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 130 companies.

This represents an increase of 202.3% on the same period last year.

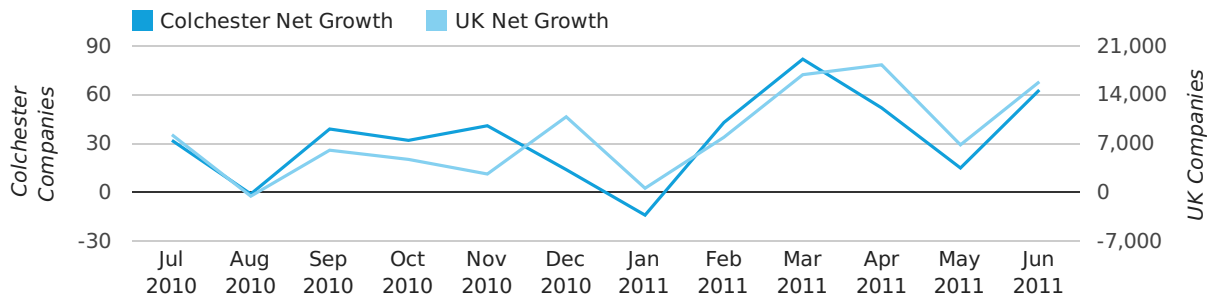
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	COLCHESTER	UK
2011	130	41,020
2010	43	3,658
% CHANGE	202.3%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (213)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



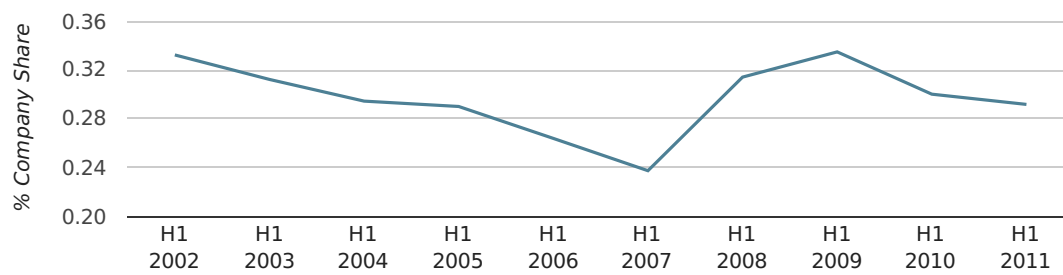
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	52	15	63
NET GROWTH IN 2010	41	-17	19
% CHANGE	26.8%	-188.2%	231.6%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (117)	2006 (60)	2008 (74)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Colchester formed 0.3% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	COLCHESTER
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1997 (0.4%)

company share by half year

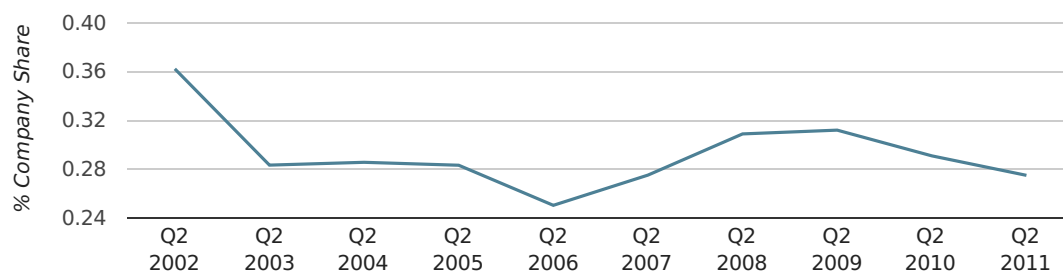


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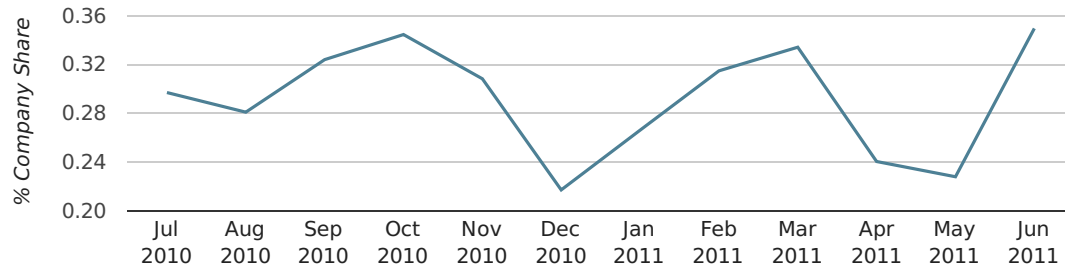
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	COLCHESTER
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.5%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
% CHANGE	-11.7%	-17.4%	9.0%
RECORD YEAR	1967 (0.7%)	1976 (0.6%)	1966 (0.9%)

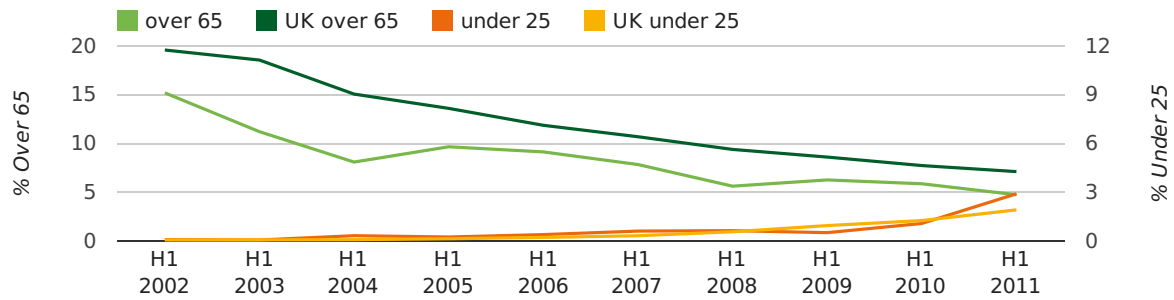
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 44.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



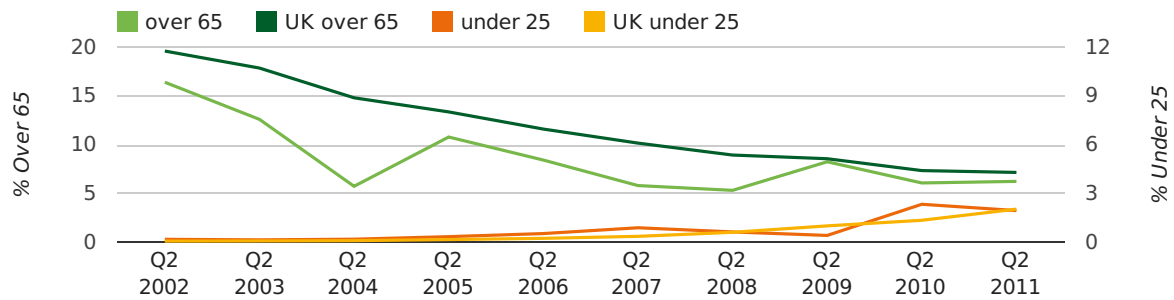
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The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 44.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

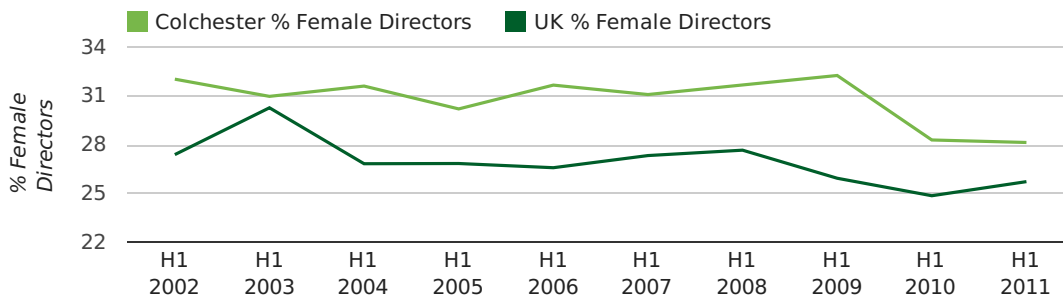


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The record first half year for female directors in Colchester was 1857 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

28.1% of all director appointments in Colchester 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

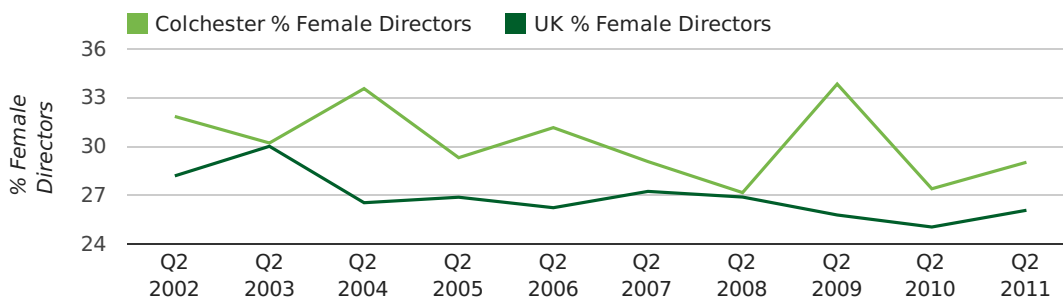


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

29.0% of all director appointments in Colchester 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	1.76%	CONSULTING	5.09%
CONSULTING	1.71%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
CONSULTANCY	1.34%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
DESIGN	1.03%	PROPERTY	2.43%
PROPERTY	0.98%	TRADING	2.05%
COLCHESTER	0.93%	DESIGN	1.94%
MEDIA	0.83%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
CARE	0.78%	BUSINESS	1.87%
ESSEX	0.72%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
TRAINING	0.67%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ASSOCIATES	0.67%	MEDIA	1.73%
CONSULTANTS	0.62%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
(COLCHESTER)	0.62%	LONDON	1.60%
TRADING	0.57%	GLOBAL	1.46%
ENGINEERING	0.52%	J	1.44%
T	0.52%	CARE	1.44%
C	0.47%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
PROPERTIES	0.47%	IT	1.39%
CONSTRUCTION	0.47%	BUILDING	1.32%
HOLDINGS	0.47%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ANTHONY	0.41%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
J	0.41%	M	1.27%
MAINTENANCE	0.41%	S	1.23%
ELECTRICAL	0.41%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
TRANSPORT	0.41%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	447	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	153	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	137	30,647
99999 - Dormant Company	78	18,918
9999 - Dormant Company	76	20,111
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	70	16,419
7414 - Business & management consultancy	41	13,053
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	39	10,545
7499 - Non-trading company	33	10,955
7260 - Other computer related activities	32	7,849
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	29	10,322
62090 - Other information technology service activities	29	7,095
9305 - Other service activities	27	9,063
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	23	7,143
74990 - Non-trading company	21	8,481
43210 - Electrical installation	19	3,085
93199 - Other sports activities	19	1,558
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	18	5,928
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	16	7,835
41100 - Development of building projects	16	3,852