

# Colchester

2012 half year business confidence report



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- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Colchester when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Colchester when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Colchester when compared to any previous Q2.
- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Colchester when compared to any previous May.
- June 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Colchester when compared to any previous June.

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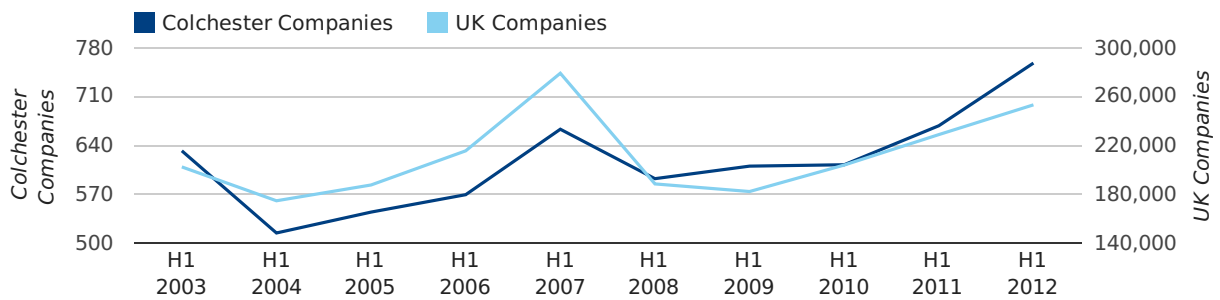
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Colchester when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 758 companies were formed in Colchester. This figure is 13.5% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Colchester occurred in 2012 when a total of 758 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	COLCHESTER	UK
2012	758	253,150
2011	668	228,735
% CHANGE	13.5%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (758)	2007 (279,097)

### new companies by half year



## Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

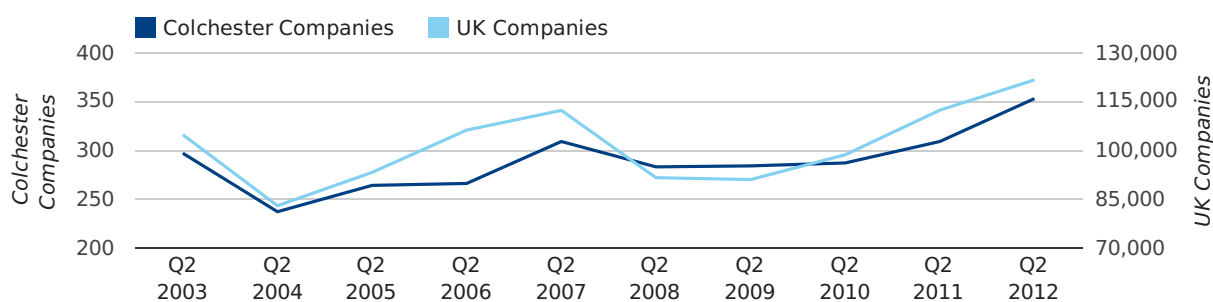
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Colchester when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 353 companies were registered in Colchester during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 14.2% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares equally 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)	COLCHESTER	UK
2012	353	121,659
2011	309	112,344
% CHANGE	14.2%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (353)	2012 (121,659)

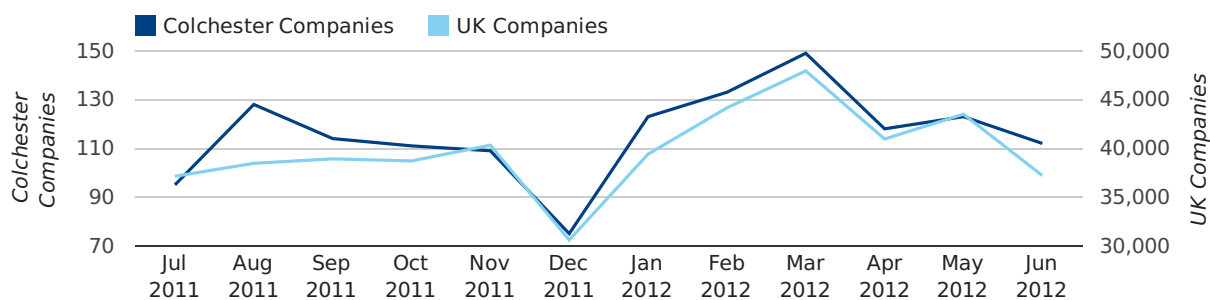
### new companies by quarter



## Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Colchester when compared to any previous May.

### new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	118	123	112
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	83	87	139
% CHANGE	42.2%	41.4%	-19.4%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (123)	2012 (123)	2011 (139)

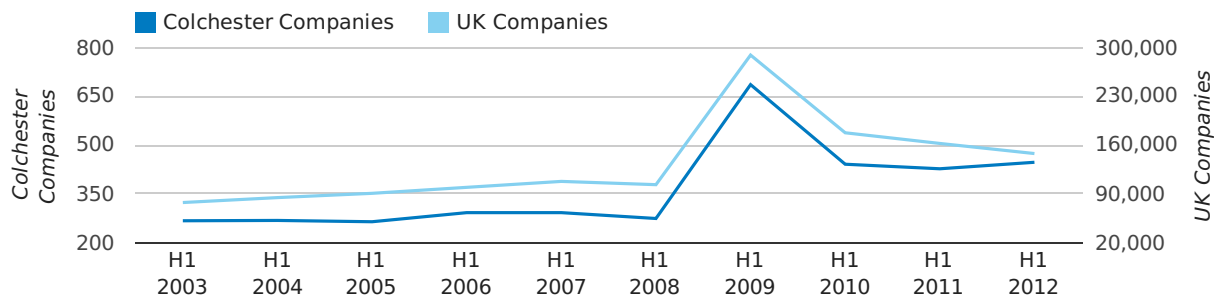
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 447 companies were dissolved in Colchester. This figure is 4.7% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

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
2012	447	147,793
2011	427	162,310
% CHANGE	4.7%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (686)	2009 (289,236)

### dissolved companies by half year



### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 259 companies were dissolved in Colchester during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 44.7% 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)	COLCHESTER	UK
2012	259	80,217
2011	179	71,324
% CHANGE	44.7%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (395)	2009 (181,176)

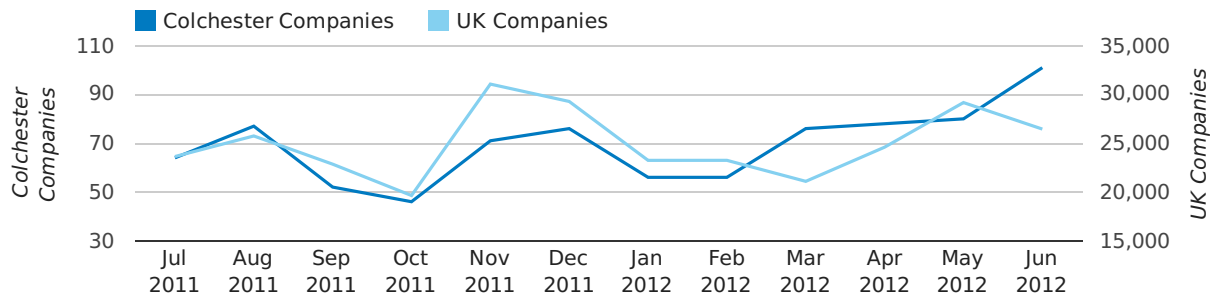
### dissolved companies by quarter



## Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

June 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Colchester when compared to any previous June.

### dissolved companies by month



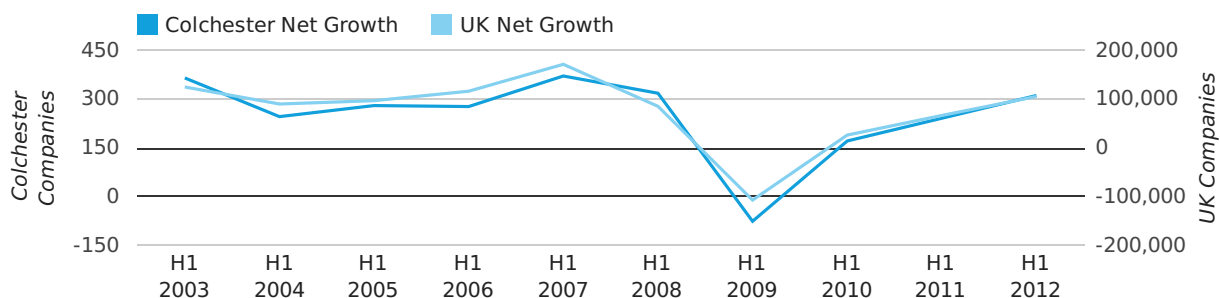
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	78	80	101
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	31	72	76
% CHANGE	151.6%	11.1%	33%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (97)	2009 (213)	2012 (101)

### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Colchester increased by 311 companies. This figure is 29.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	COLCHESTER	UK
2012	311	105,357
2011	241	66,425
% CHANGE	29.0%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (371)	2007 (171,296)

### net growth by half year



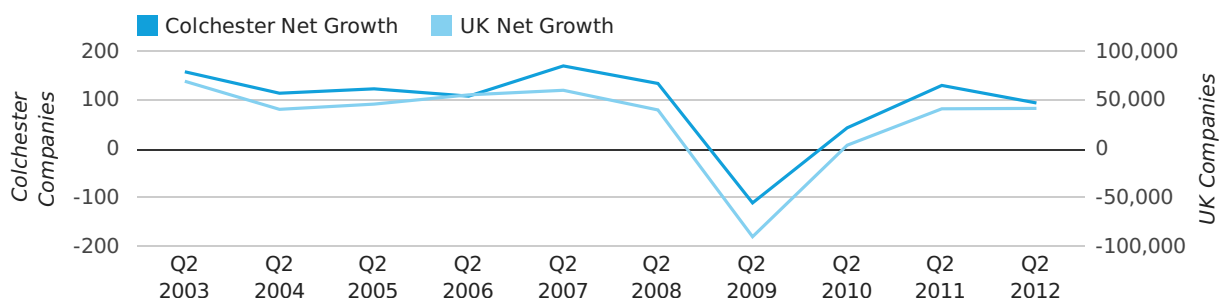
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Colchester during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 94 companies.

This represents a decrease of 27.7% on the same period last year.

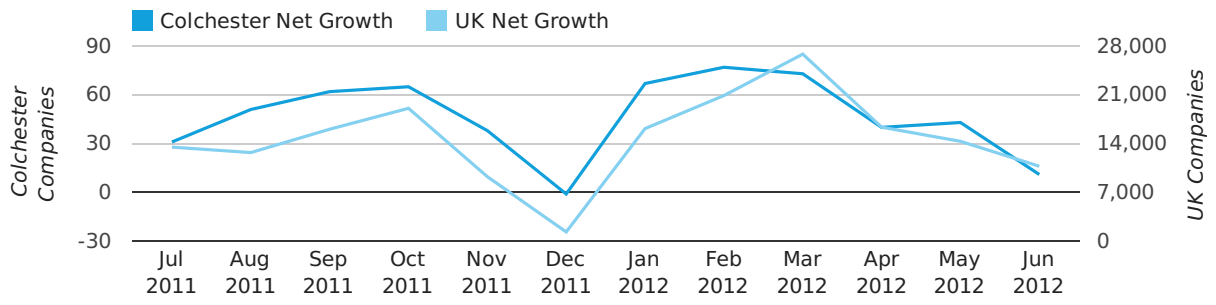
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	COLCHESTER	UK
2012	94	41,442
2011	130	41,020
% CHANGE	-27.7%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (213)	2003 (69,274)

### net growth by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

## net growth by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	40	43	11
NET GROWTH IN 2011	52	15	63
% CHANGE	-23.1%	186.7%	-82.5%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (117)	2006 (60)	2008 (74)

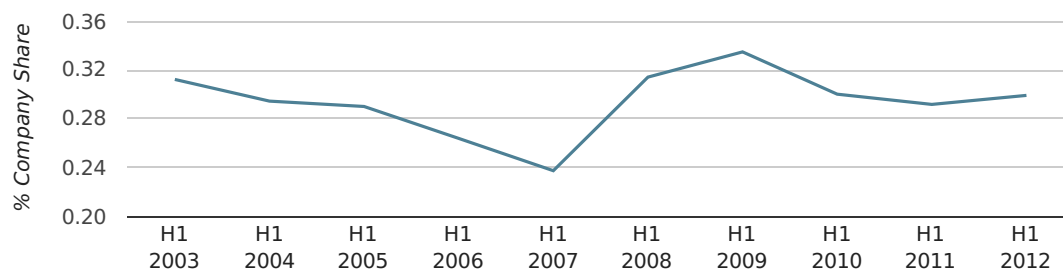


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Colchester formed 0.3% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	COLCHESTER
2012	0.3%
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1997 (0.4%)

#### company share by half year

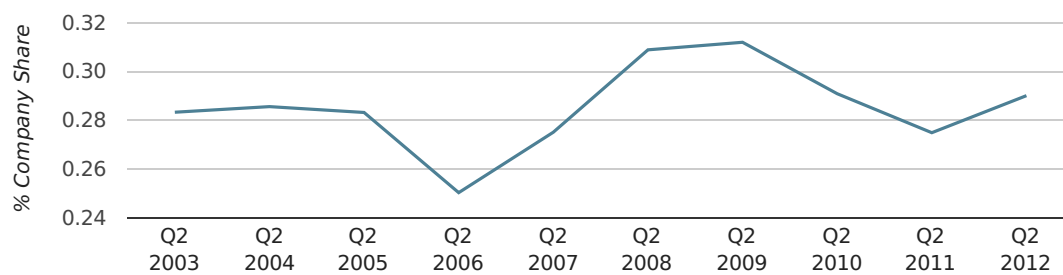


### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Colchester formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	COLCHESTER
2012	0.3%
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.5%)

#### company share by quarter



## Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

### company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
% CHANGE	19.7%	23.9%	-13.9%
RECORD YEAR	1967 (0.7%)	1976 (0.6%)	1966 (0.9%)

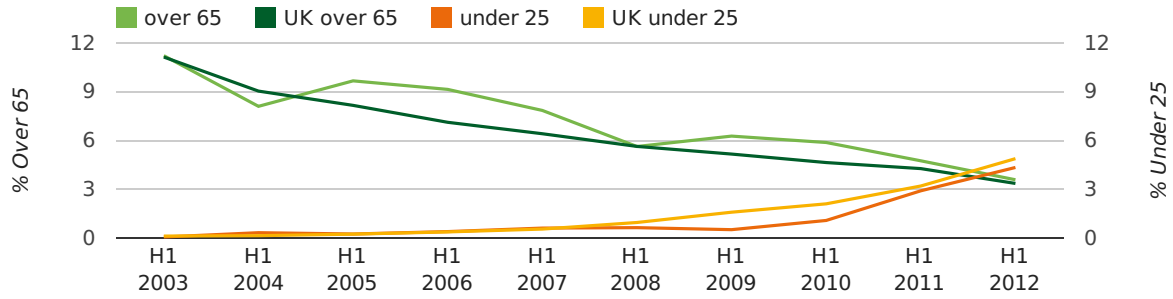
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 43.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

#### director age by half year



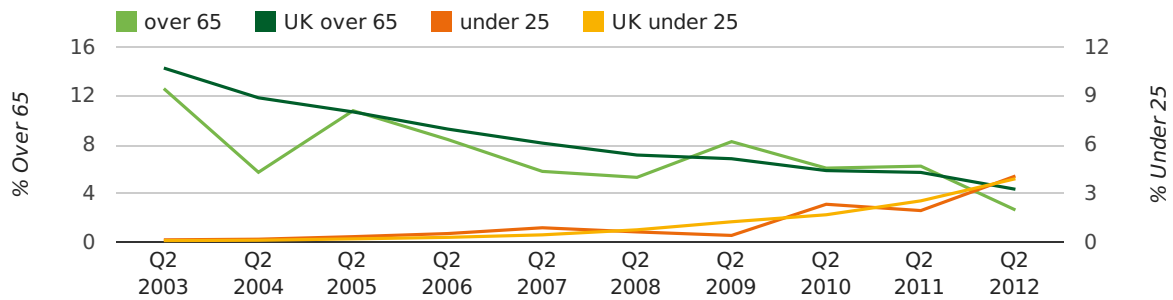
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 43.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

#### director age by quarter

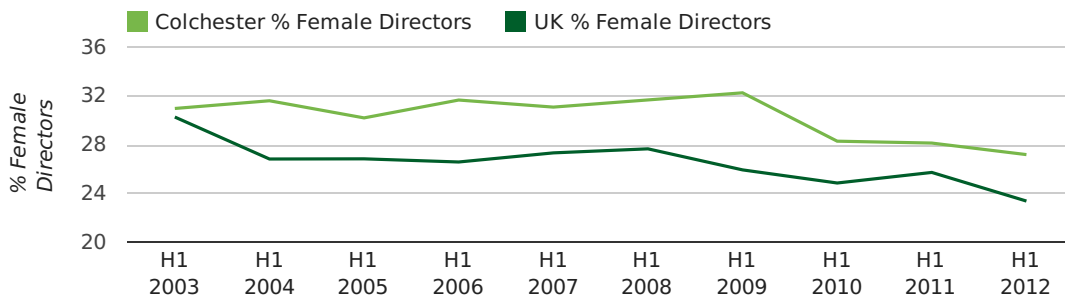


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

27.2% of all director appointments in Colchester 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

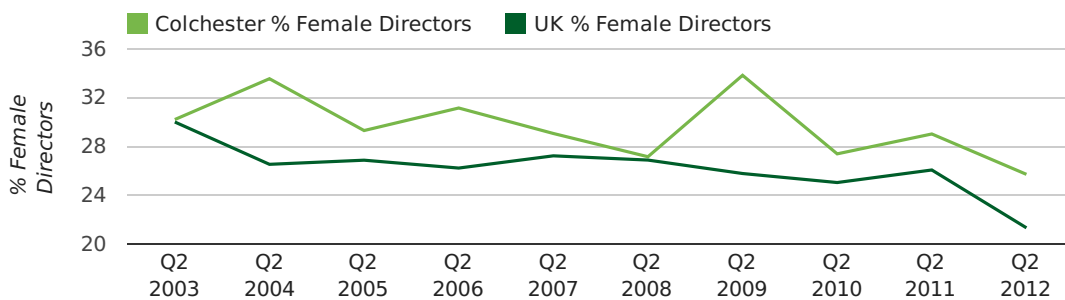


### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

25.7% of all director appointments in Colchester 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
CONSULTING	1.73%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.73%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
ESSEX	1.11%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTANCY	1.06%	PROPERTY	2.35%
PROPERTY	1.01%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSTRUCTION	0.96%	DESIGN	1.89%
MEDIA	0.77%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
(COLCHESTER)	0.77%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CARE	0.77%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
DESIGN	0.72%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
COLCHESTER	0.58%	BUSINESS	1.70%
G	0.58%	MEDIA	1.69%
ENTERPRISES	0.58%	LONDON	1.68%
M	0.53%	J	1.57%
R	0.53%	GLOBAL	1.51%
SCHOOL	0.53%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
GREEN	0.48%	IT	1.42%
S	0.48%	CARE	1.31%
P	0.48%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ELECTRICAL	0.48%	M	1.26%
ASSOCIATES	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
RTM	0.48%	BUILDING	1.23%
MARINE	0.43%	SECURITY	1.19%
J	0.43%	S	1.18%
CONSULTANTS	0.43%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

## Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	558	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	116	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	116	35,447
99999 - Dormant Company	88	26,088
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	78	20,390
9999 - Dormant Company	63	16,469
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	49	14,220
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	47	15,280
62090 - Other information technology service activities	33	8,258
7414 - Business & management consultancy	31	10,978
93199 - Other sports activities	27	2,095
9305 - Other service activities	27	7,926
7499 - Non-trading company	26	8,023
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	22	3,241
74990 - Non-trading company	21	9,706
41100 - Development of building projects	20	5,149
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	19	4,091
7260 - Other computer related activities	19	6,456
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	18	4,295
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	18	10,271