

Corby

2011 half year business confidence report



headlines

- Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Corby when compared to any previous Q2.
- June 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Corby when compared to any previous June.
- May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Corby when compared to any previous May.

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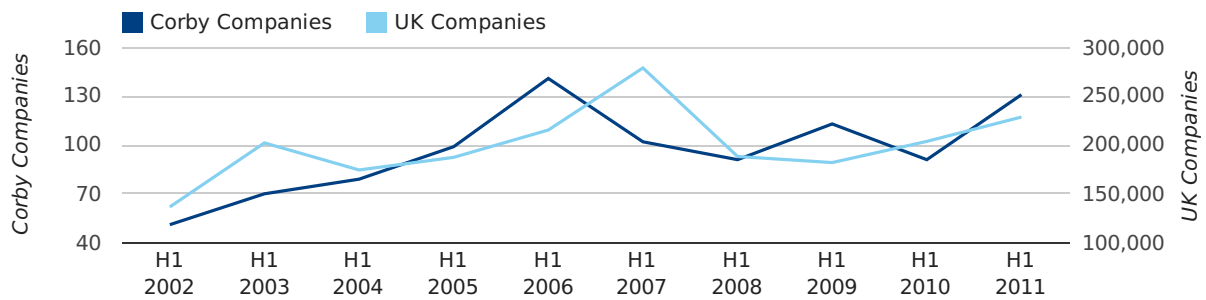
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 131 companies were formed in Corby. This figure is 44.0% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Corby occurred in 2006 when a total of 141 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | CORBY | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 131 | 228,735 |
| 2010 | 91 | 203,749 |
| % CHANGE | 44.0% | 12.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2006 (141) | 2007 (279,097) |

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

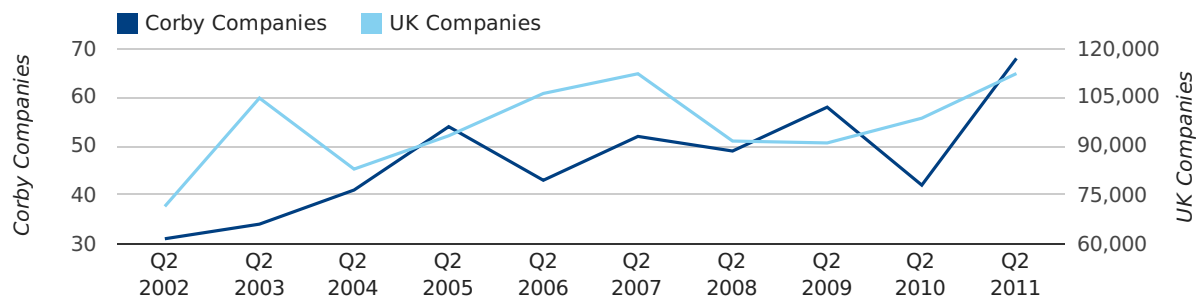
Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Corby when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 68 companies were registered in Corby during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 61.9% 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) | CORBY | UK |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 2011 | 68 | 112,344 |
| 2010 | 42 | 98,612 |
| % CHANGE | 61.9% | 13.9% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (68) | 2011 (112,344) |

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

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

May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Corby when compared to any previous May.

new companies by month



| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 20 | 28 | 20 |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2010 | 15 | 14 | 13 |
| % CHANGE | 33.3% | 100.0% | 53.8% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2005 (25) | 2011 (28) | 2011 (20) |

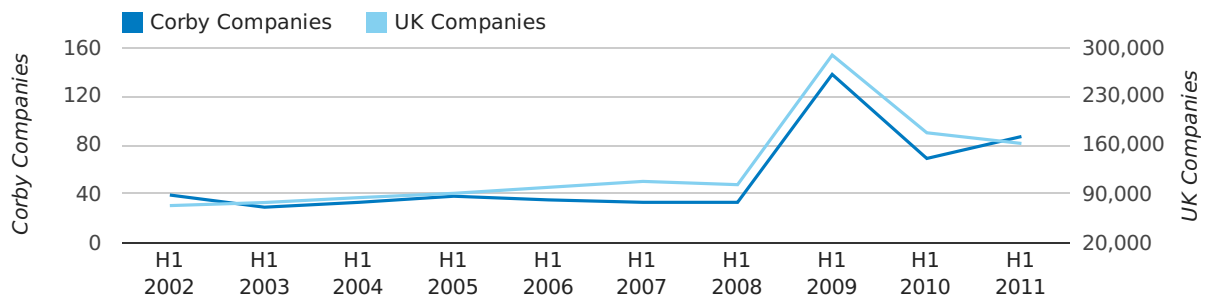
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 87 companies were dissolved in Corby. This figure is 26.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Corby occurred in 2009 when a total of 138 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | CORBYP | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 87 | 162,310 |
| 2010 | 69 | 177,631 |
| % CHANGE | 26.1% | -8.6% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (138) | 2009 (289,236) |

dissolved companies by half year



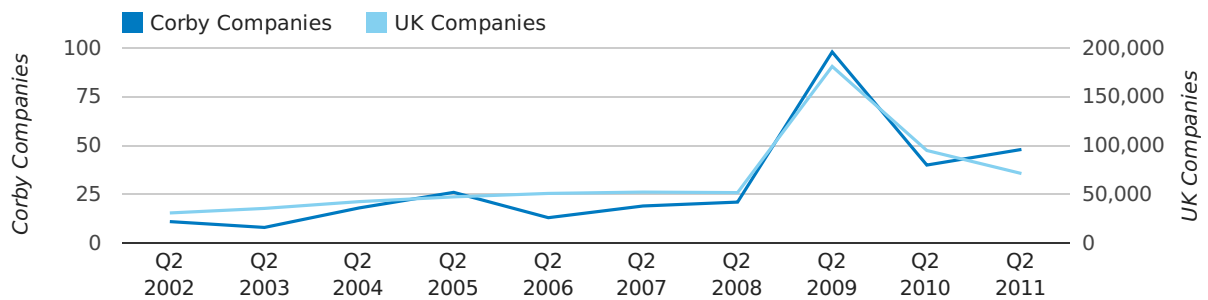
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 48 companies were dissolved in Corby during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 20.0% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares poorly 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) | CORBYP | UK |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 2011 | 48 | 71,324 |
| 2010 | 40 | 94,954 |
| % CHANGE | 20.0% | -24.9% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (98) | 2009 (181,176) |

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



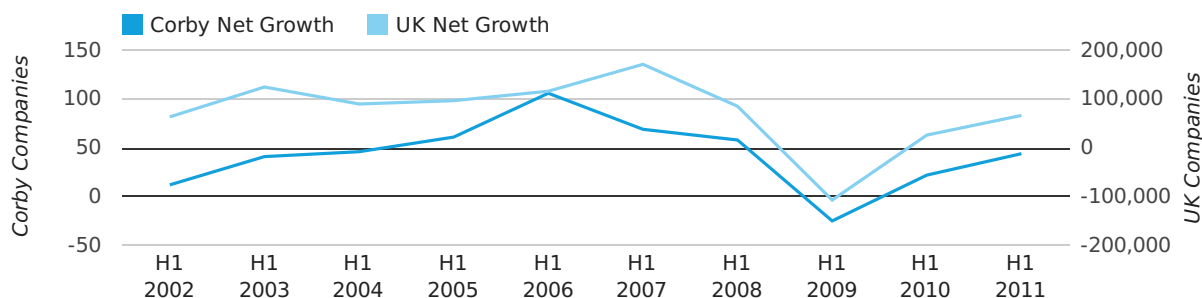
| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 9 | 20 | 19 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010 | 12 | 14 | 14 |
| % CHANGE | -25.0% | 42.9% | 36% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (23) | 2009 (40) | 2009 (35) |

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Corby increased by 44 companies. This figure is 100.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | CORBY | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 44 | 66,425 |
| 2010 | 22 | 26,118 |
| % CHANGE | 100.0% | 154.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2006 (106) | 2007 (171,296) |

net growth by half year



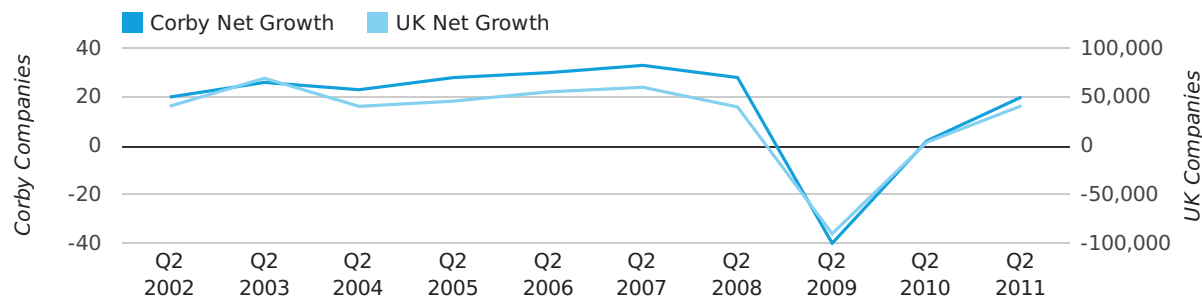
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Corby during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 20 companies.

This represents an increase of 900.0% on the same period last year.

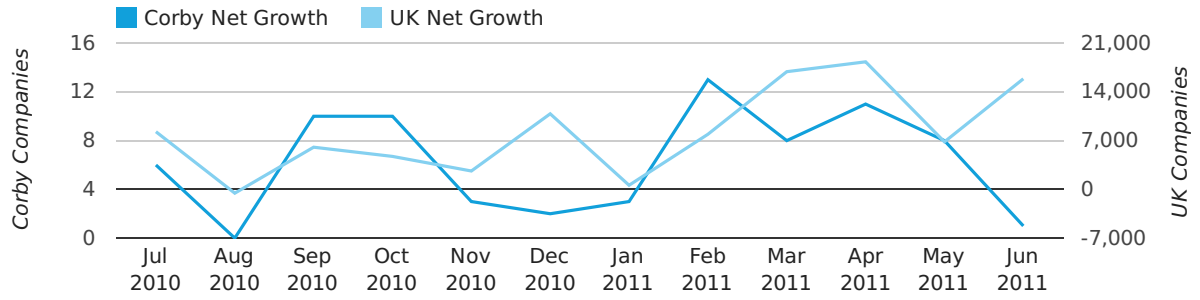
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | CORBY | UK |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| 2011 | 20 | 41,020 |
| 2010 | 2 | 3,658 |
| % CHANGE | 900.0% | 1,021.4% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2007 (33) | 2003 (69,274) |

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



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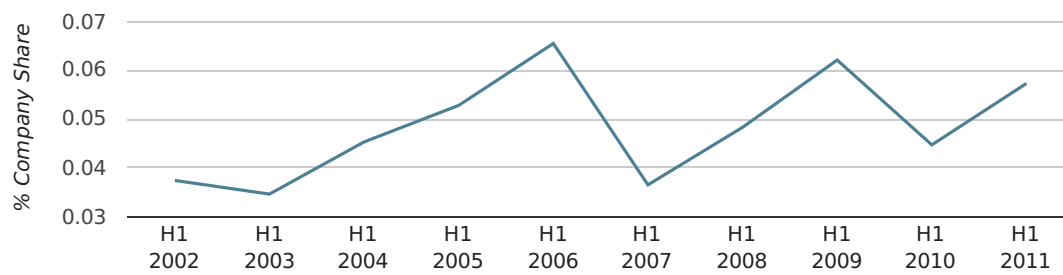
| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 11 | 8 | 1 |
| NET GROWTH IN 2010 | 3 | 0 | -1 |
| % CHANGE | 266.7% | 0.0% | -200.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2007 (18) | 2006 (16) | 2008 (12) |

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Corby formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is more than the 2010 figure of 0.0%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | CORBY |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.1% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.1% |
| 2008 | 0.0% |
| 2007 | 0.0% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1980 (0.1%) |

company share by half year

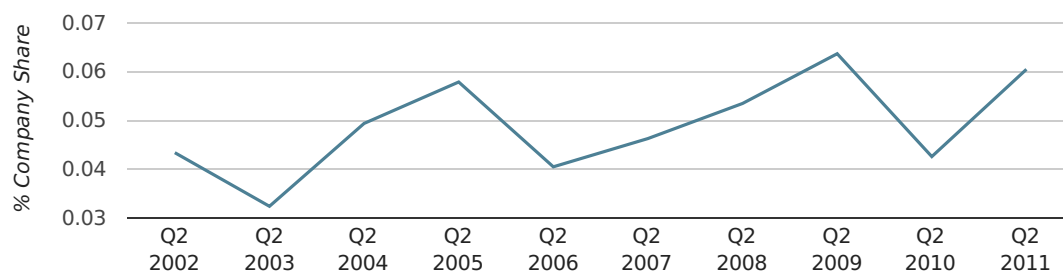


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

In the second quarter of 2011, Corby formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

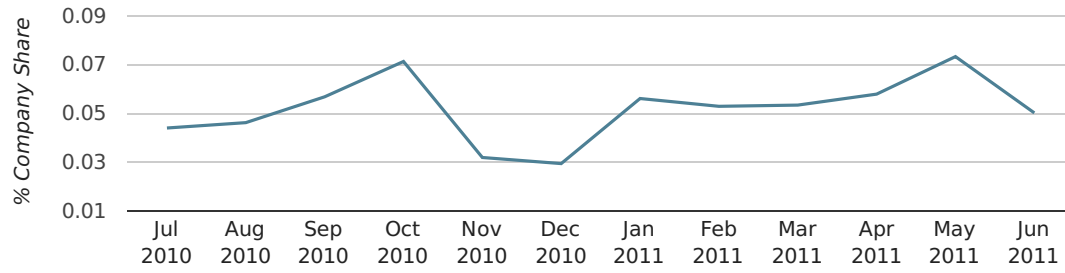
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | CORBY |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.1% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.1% |
| 2008 | 0.1% |
| 2007 | 0.0% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1970 (0.1%) |

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| % CHANGE | 29.2% | 57.5% | 36.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1980 (0.2%) | 1970 (0.2%) | 1970 (0.2%) |

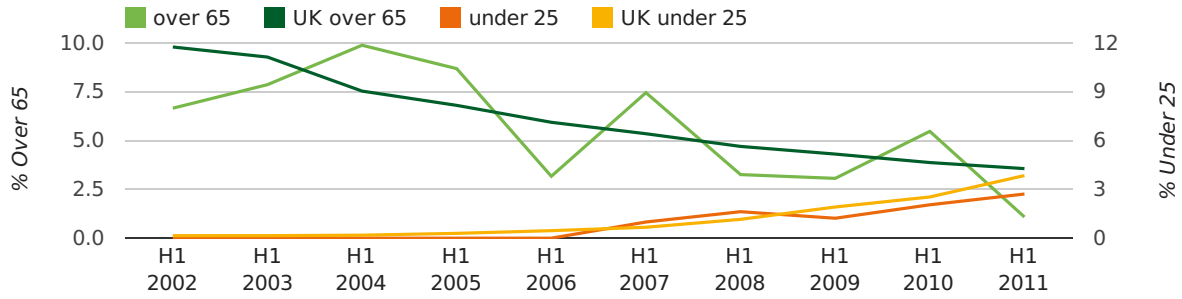
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 43.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



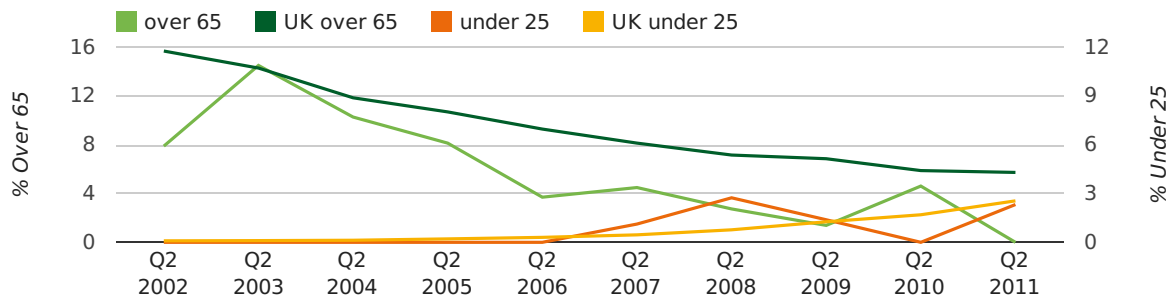
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 42.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 0.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

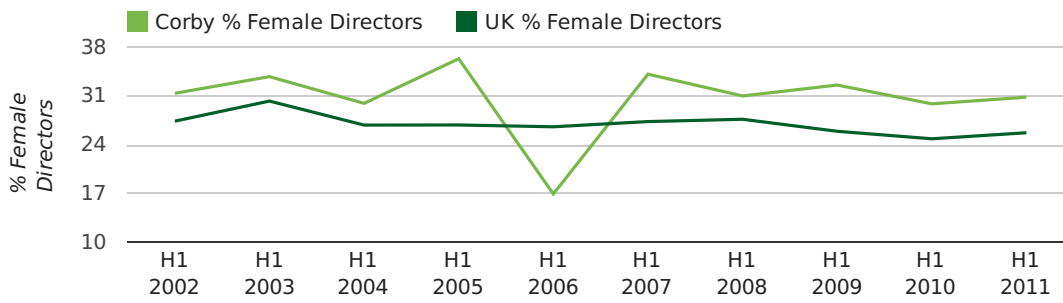


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

30.8% of all director appointments in Corby 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

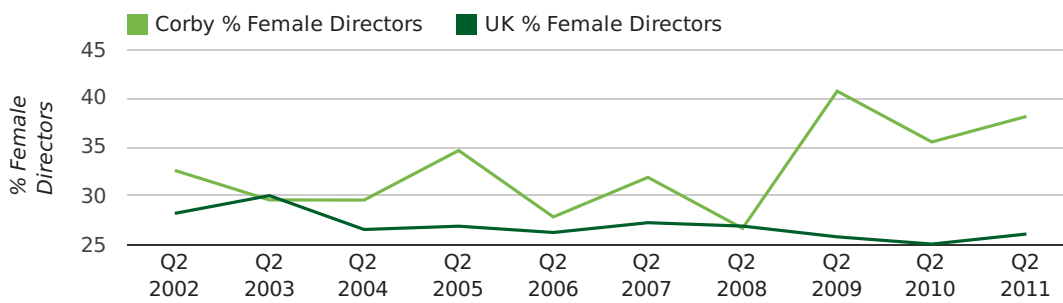


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

38.1% of all director appointments in Corby 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 |
|----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| CORBY | 1.39% | CONSULTING | 5.09% |
| PROPERTY | 1.16% | MANAGEMENT | 4.86% |
| M | 1.16% | CONSULTANCY | 3.17% |
| D | 0.93% | PROPERTY | 2.43% |
| BUSINESS | 0.93% | TRADING | 2.05% |
| TRANSPORT | 0.93% | DESIGN | 1.94% |
| PROFESSIONAL | 0.70% | ASSOCIATES | 1.92% |
| CONSULTING | 0.70% | BUSINESS | 1.87% |
| (CORBY) | 0.70% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.77% |
| HOLDINGS | 0.70% | CONSULTANTS | 1.76% |
| OAKLEY | 0.70% | MEDIA | 1.73% |
| LETTINGS | 0.70% | ENGINEERING | 1.67% |
| RECRUITMENT | 0.70% | LONDON | 1.60% |
| FOR | 0.70% | GLOBAL | 1.46% |
| ENGINEERING | 0.70% | J | 1.44% |
| SCAFFOLDING | 0.70% | CARE | 1.44% |
| MARINA | 0.46% | INVESTMENTS | 1.42% |
| HOME | 0.46% | IT | 1.39% |
| CLINIC | 0.46% | BUILDING | 1.32% |
| COMMUNICATIONS | 0.46% | PROPERTIES | 1.31% |
| MEDIA | 0.46% | ELECTRICAL | 1.30% |
| CORPORATE | 0.46% | M | 1.27% |
| REPAIRS | 0.46% | S | 1.23% |
| GALAXY | 0.46% | ENTERPRISES | 1.20% |
| CONTRACTORS | 0.46% | SYSTEMS | 1.20% |

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|---|---------------------|--------------|
| None Supplied | 117 | 202,072 |
| 7487 - Other business activities | 23 | 60,758 |
| 74990 - Non-trading company | 17 | 8,481 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 15 | 30,647 |
| 6024 - Freight transport by road | 9 | 2,316 |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities | 7 | 10,545 |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management | 7 | 16,419 |
| 49410 - Freight transport by road | 6 | 2,142 |
| 10890 - Manufacture of other food products not elsewhere classified | 5 | 157 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 5 | 20,111 |
| 99999 - Dormant Company | 5 | 18,918 |
| 43290 - Other construction installation | 4 | 1,421 |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified | 4 | 10,322 |
| 3210 - Manufacture of electronic components | 4 | 48 |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy | 4 | 13,053 |
| 62090 - Other information technology service activities | 3 | 7,095 |
| 43390 - Other building completion and finishing | 3 | 2,641 |
| 45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles | 3 | 2,257 |
| 47110 - Retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating | 3 | 1,214 |
| 5020 - Maintenance & repair of motors | 3 | 1,432 |