

County Durham

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

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- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in County Durham when compared to any previous May.

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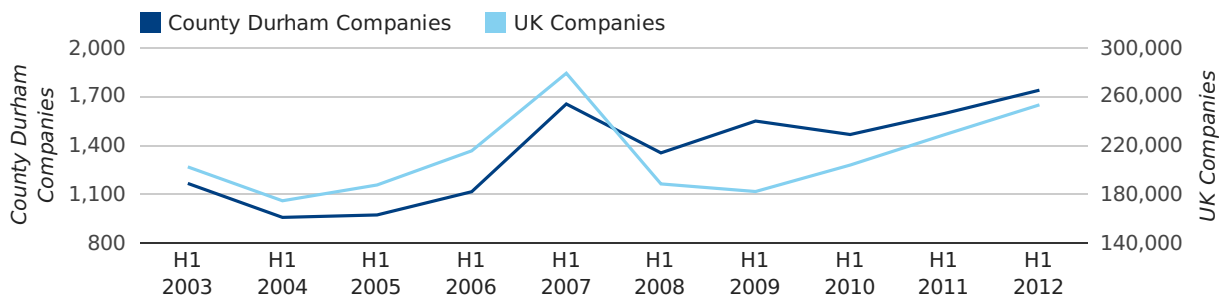
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in County Durham when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,739 companies were formed in County Durham. This figure is 9.0% higher than last year, which compares equally to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in County Durham occurred in 2012 when a total of 1,739 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	COUNTY DURHAM	UK
2012	1,739	253,150
2011	1,596	228,735
% CHANGE	9.0%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (1,739)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



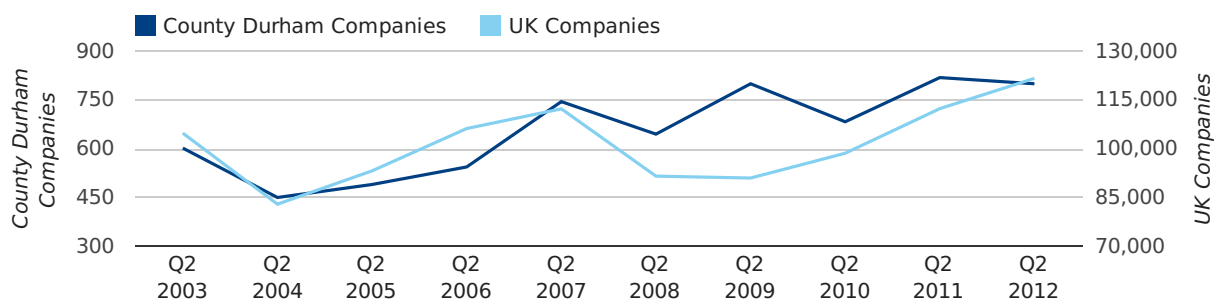
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 800 companies were registered in County Durham during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 2.3% 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)	COUNTY DURHAM	UK
2012	800	121,659
2011	819	112,344
% CHANGE	-2.3%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (819)	2012 (121,659)

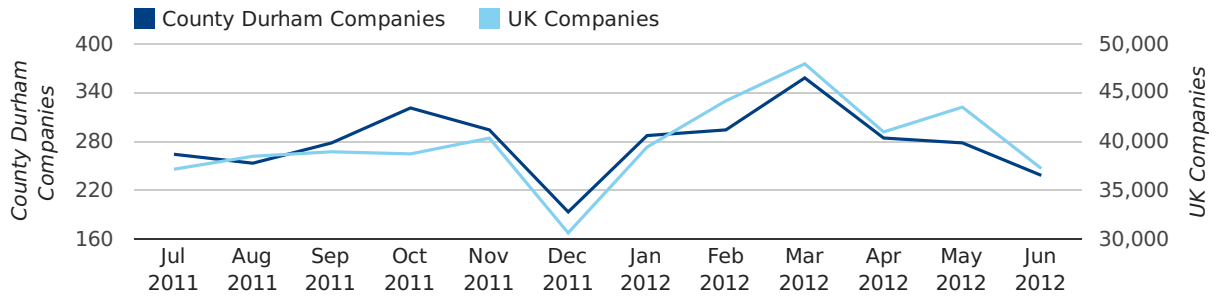
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	284	278	238
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	258	231	330
% CHANGE	10.1%	20.3%	-27.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (286)	2012 (278)	2011 (330)

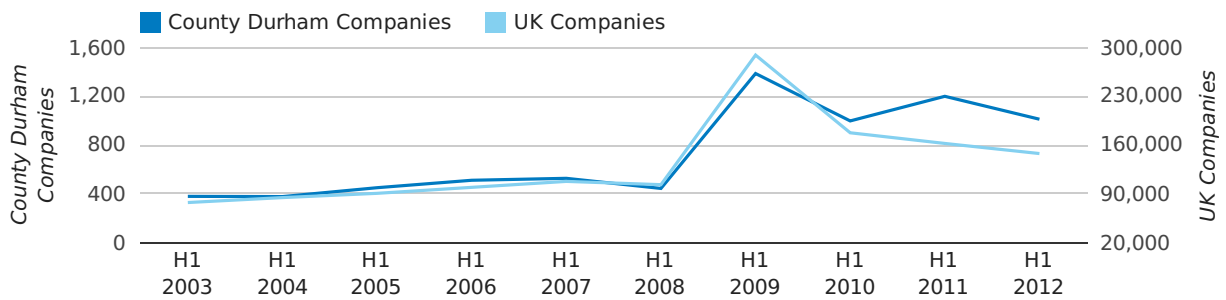
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,012 companies were dissolved in County Durham. This figure is 15.7% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in County Durham occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,387 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	COUNTY DURHAM	UK
2012	1,012	147,793
2011	1,200	162,310
% CHANGE	-15.7%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,387)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



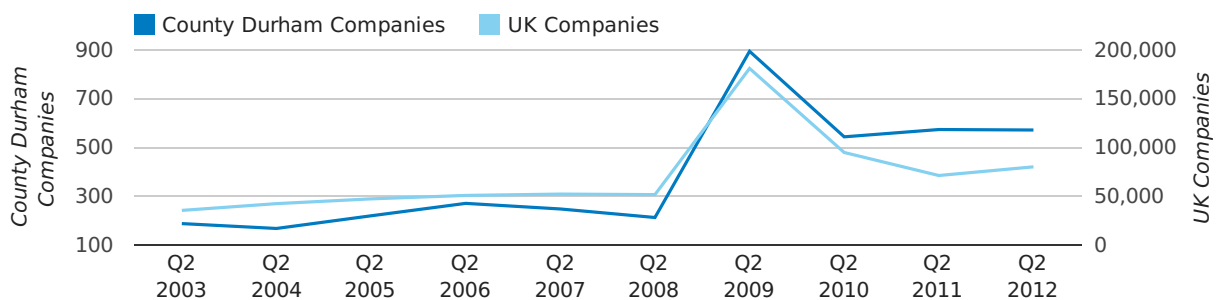
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 572 companies were dissolved in County Durham during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 0.3% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

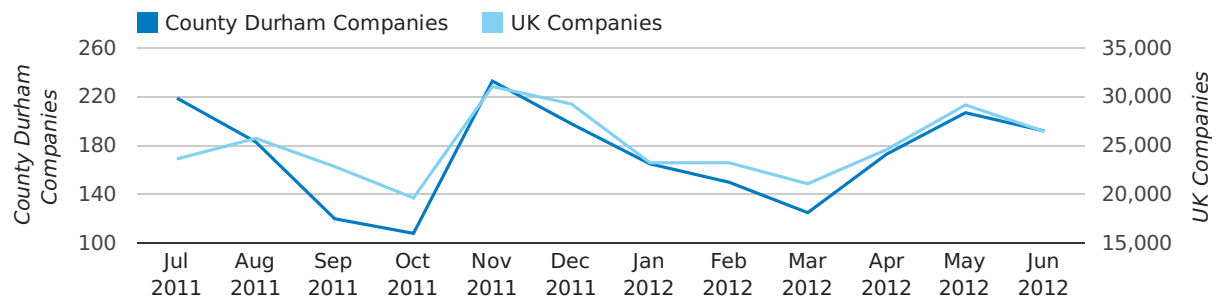
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	COUNTY DURHAM	UK
2012	572	80,217
2011	574	71,324
% CHANGE	-0.3%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (895)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



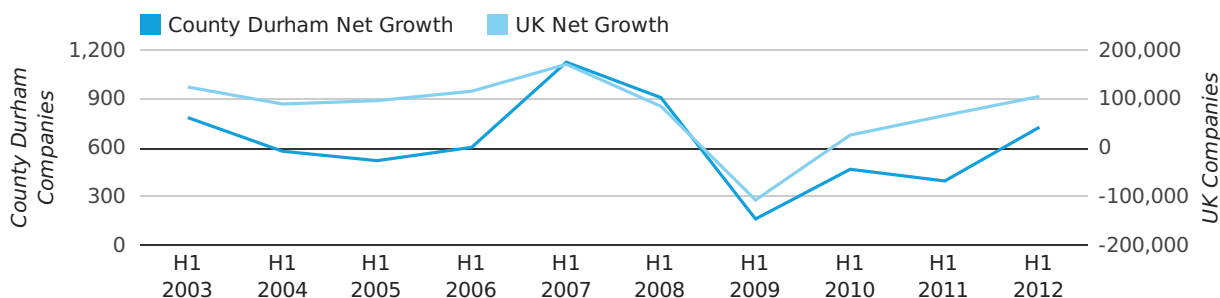
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	173	207	192
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	166	276	132
% CHANGE	4.2%	-25.0%	45%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (225)	2009 (385)	2009 (285)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for County Durham increased by 727 companies. This figure is 83.6% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	COUNTY DURHAM	UK
2012	727	105,357
2011	396	66,425
% CHANGE	83.6%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,127)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



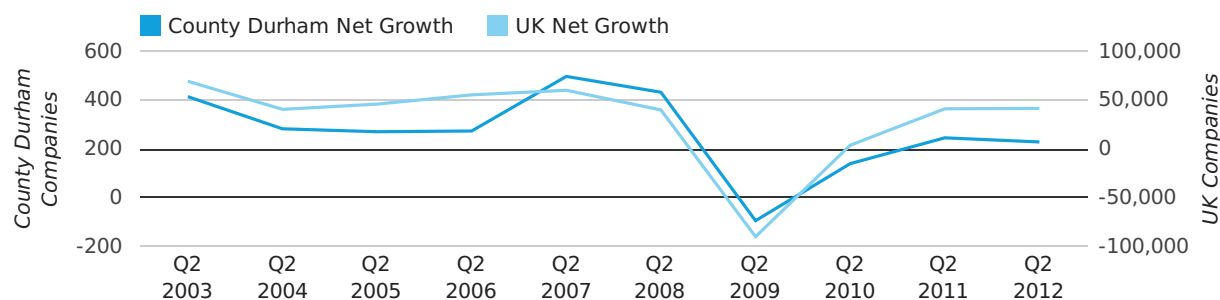
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for County Durham during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 228 companies.

This represents a decrease of 6.9% on the same period last year.

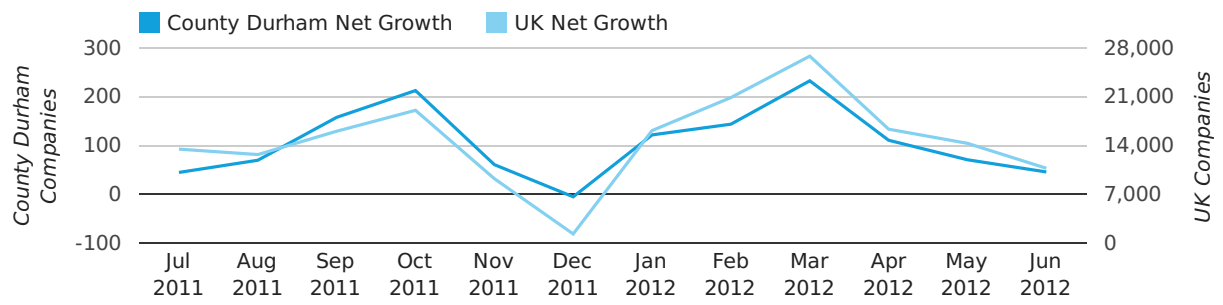
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	COUNTY DURHAM	UK
2012	228	41,442
2011	245	41,020
% CHANGE	-6.9%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (497)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



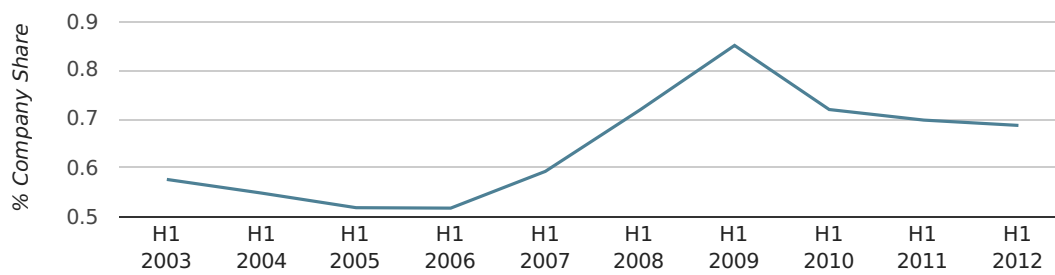
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	111	71	46
NET GROWTH IN 2011	92	-45	198
% CHANGE	20.7%	-257.8%	-76.8%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (229)	2003 (165)	2011 (198)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 County Durham formed 0.7% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.7%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	COUNTY DURHAM
2012	0.7%
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.9%
2008	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2009 (0.9%)

company share by half year

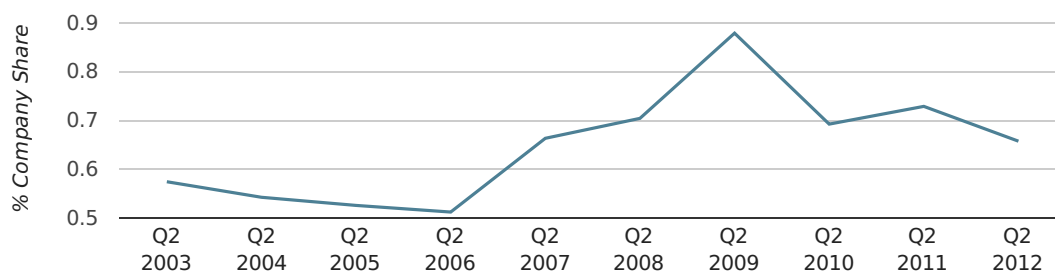


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, County Durham formed 0.7% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	COUNTY DURHAM
2012	0.7%
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.9%
2008	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2009 (0.9%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.7%	0.6%	0.8%
% CHANGE	-7.3%	5.5%	-23.0%
RECORD YEAR	1962 (1.1%)	1967 (1.0%)	1969 (1.1%)

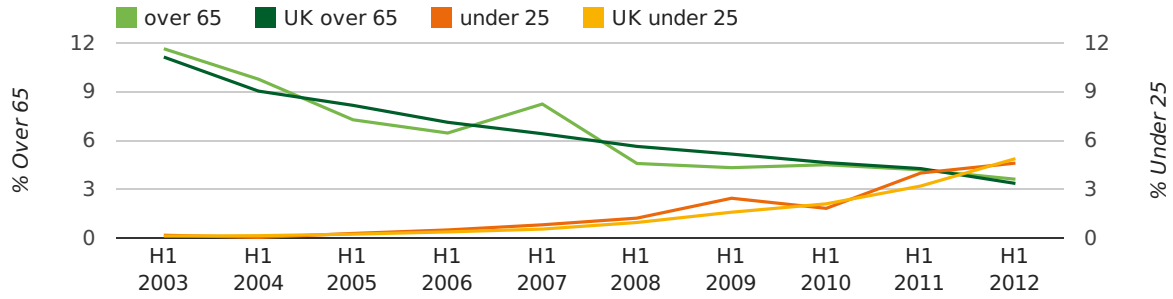
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 43.7.

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 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



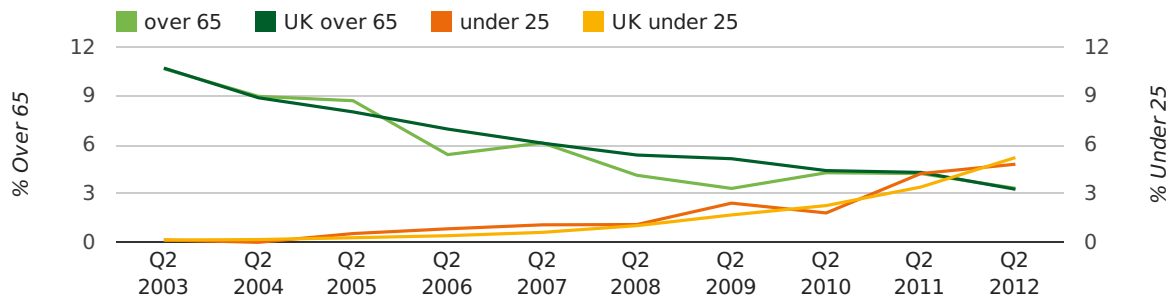
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 43.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

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

director age by quarter

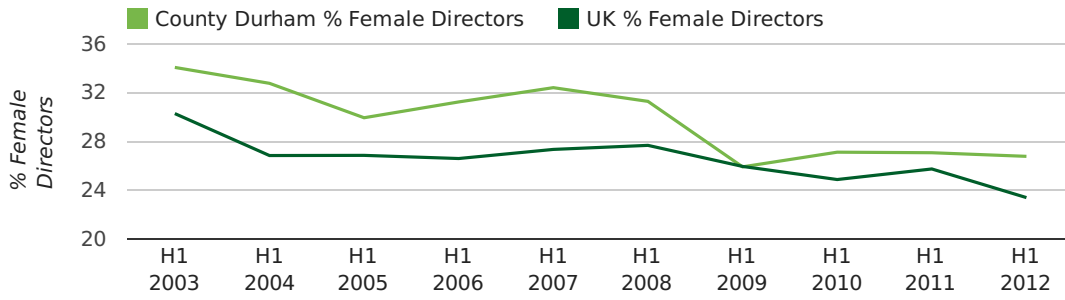


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

26.8% of all director appointments in County Durham 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



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
MANAGEMENT	1.75%	CONSULTING	5.07%
ENGINEERING	1.48%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
NORTH	1.48%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
EAST	1.39%	PROPERTY	2.35%
CONSULTANCY	1.17%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTING	1.10%	DESIGN	1.89%
DURHAM	1.08%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
PROPERTY	1.03%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
J	1.03%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
TRAINING	0.98%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
DESIGN	0.89%	BUSINESS	1.70%
(NE)	0.89%	MEDIA	1.69%
ELECTRICAL	0.86%	LONDON	1.68%
MAINTENANCE	0.86%	J	1.57%
CONSTRUCTION	0.79%	GLOBAL	1.51%
COMMUNITY	0.77%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
INSPECTION	0.74%	IT	1.42%
(NORTH	0.72%	CARE	1.31%
ENERGY	0.72%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ASSOCIATES	0.69%	M	1.26%
EAST)	0.69%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
D	0.69%	BUILDING	1.23%
M	0.65%	SECURITY	1.19%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.62%	S	1.18%
CARE	0.62%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,344	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	705	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	274	35,447
99999 - Dormant Company	140	26,088
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	139	20,390
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	97	10,271
9999 - Dormant Company	95	16,469
7414 - Business & management consultancy	82	10,978
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	74	14,220
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	68	4,091
74990 - Non-trading company	60	9,706
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	57	15,280
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	56	3,818
9305 - Other service activities	53	7,926
86900 - Other human health activities	53	5,222
71129 - Other engineering activities	51	2,453
7499 - Non-trading company	42	8,023
62090 - Other information technology service activities	40	8,258
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	37	4,644
43210 - Electrical installation	36	3,557