

Darlington

2011 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Darlington when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Darlington when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Darlington when compared to any previous Q2.
- June 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Darlington when compared to any previous June.

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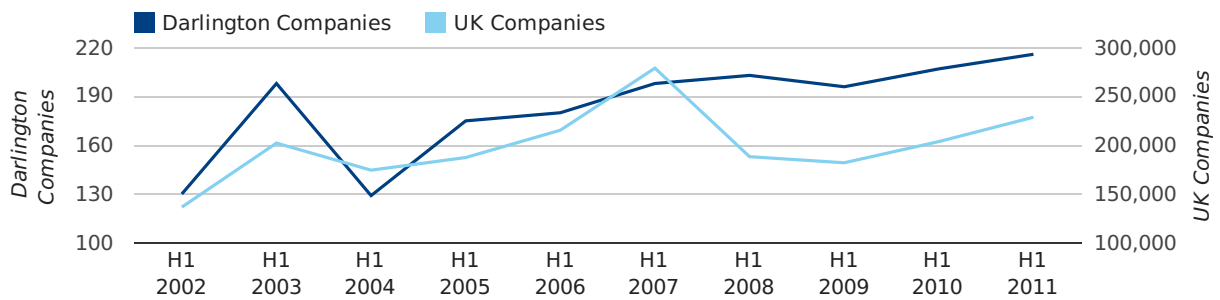
The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Darlington when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2011 a total of 216 companies were formed in Darlington. This figure is 4.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Darlington occurred in 2011 when a total of 216 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DARLINGTON	UK
2011	216	228,735
2010	207	203,749
% CHANGE	4.3%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (216)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

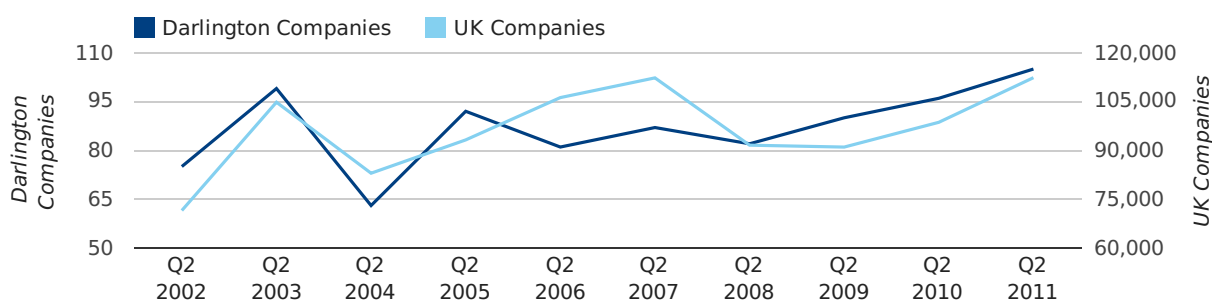
Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Darlington when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 105 companies were registered in Darlington during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 9.4% 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)	DARLINGTON	UK
2011	105	112,344
2010	96	98,612
% CHANGE	9.4%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (105)	2011 (112,344)

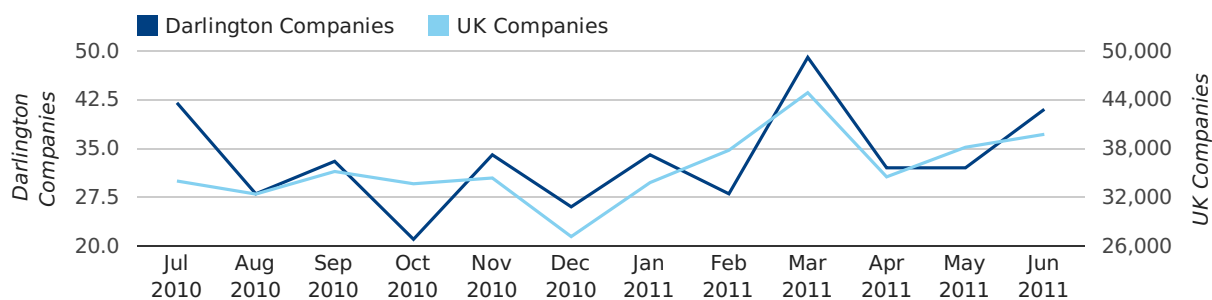
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	32	32	41
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	42	29	25
% CHANGE	-23.8%	10.3%	64.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (42)	2003 (46)	2011 (41)

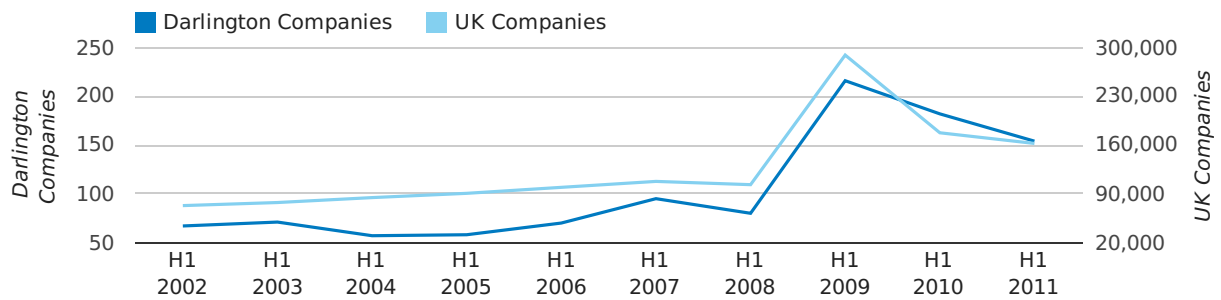
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 154 companies were dissolved in Darlington. This figure is 15.4% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Darlington occurred in 2009 when a total of 216 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DARLINGTON	UK
2011	154	162,310
2010	182	177,631
% CHANGE	-15.4%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (216)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



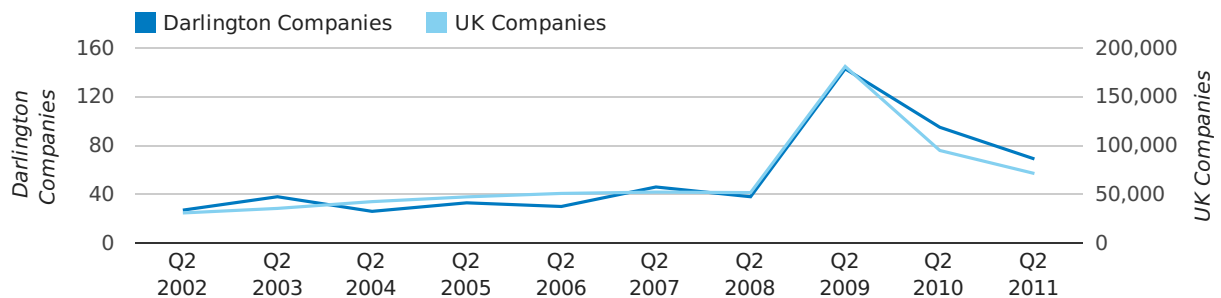
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 69 companies were dissolved in Darlington during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 27.4% 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.

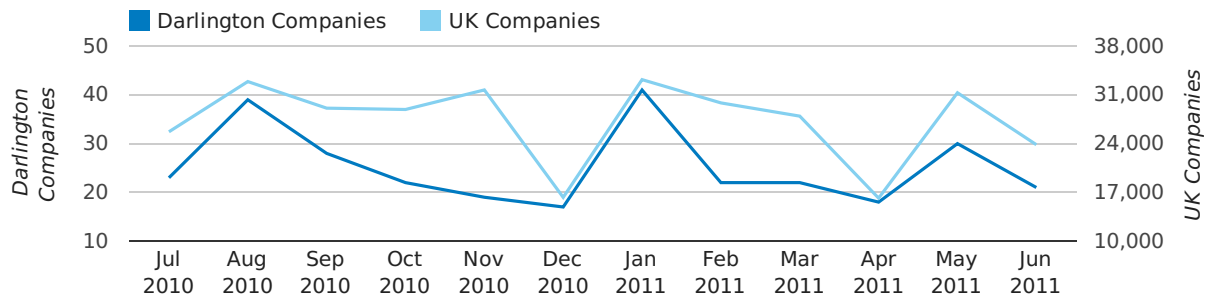
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	DARLINGTON	UK
2011	69	71,324
2010	95	94,954
% CHANGE	-27.4%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (143)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



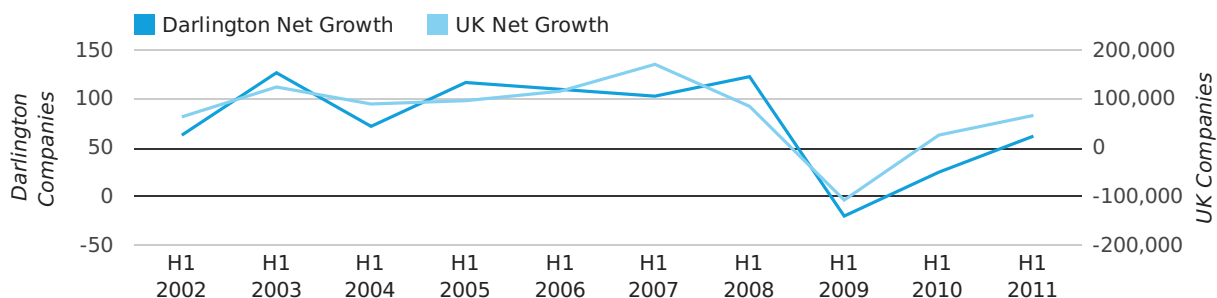
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	18	30	21
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	21	27	47
% CHANGE	-14.3%	11.1%	-55%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (38)	2009 (51)	2009 (54)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Darlington increased by 62 companies. This figure is 148.0% higher than last year, which compares equally to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DARLINGTON	UK
2011	62	66,425
2010	25	26,118
% CHANGE	148.0%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (127)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



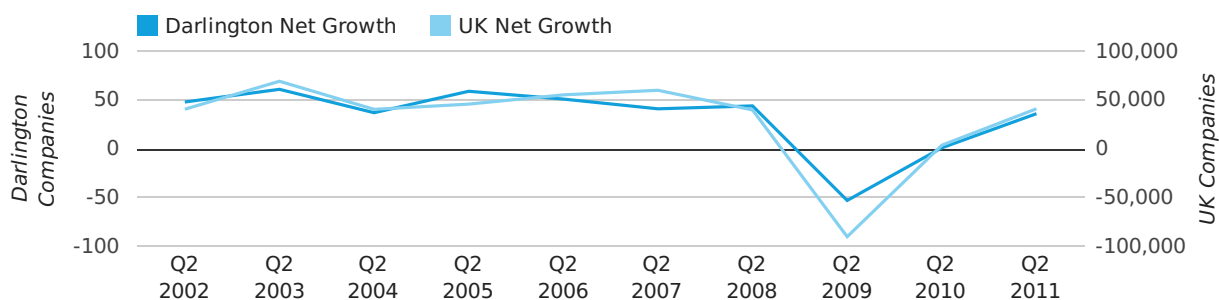
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Darlington during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 36 companies.

This represents an increase of 3,500.0% on the same period last year.

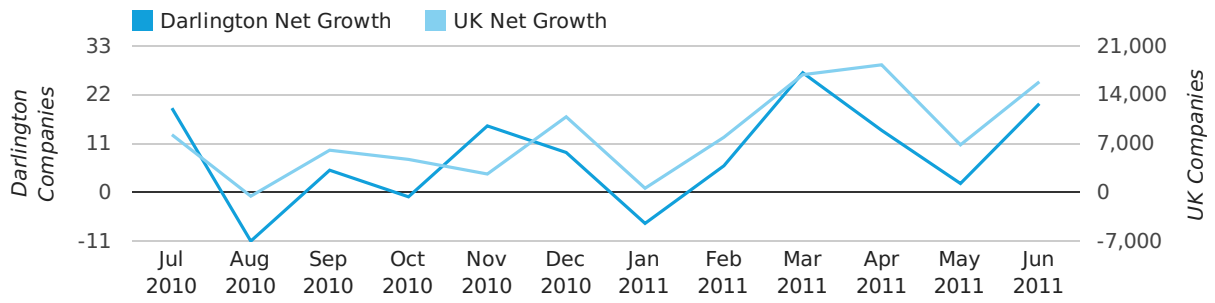
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	DARLINGTON	UK
2011	36	41,020
2010	1	3,658
% CHANGE	3,500.0%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (61)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



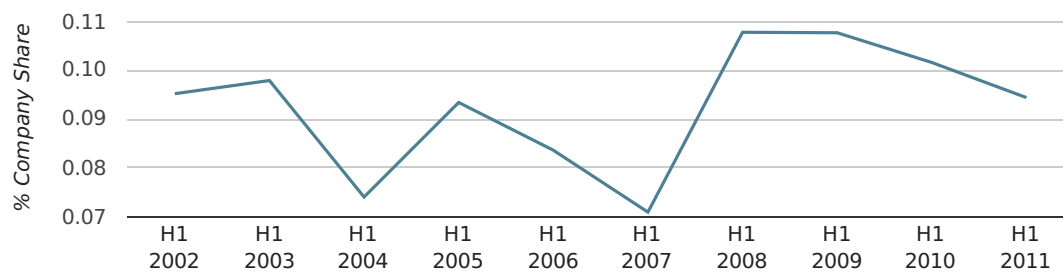
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	14	2	20
NET GROWTH IN 2010	21	2	-22
% CHANGE	-33.3%	0.0%	-190.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (29)	2003 (37)	2008 (28)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Darlington formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DARLINGTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1971 (0.2%)

company share by half year

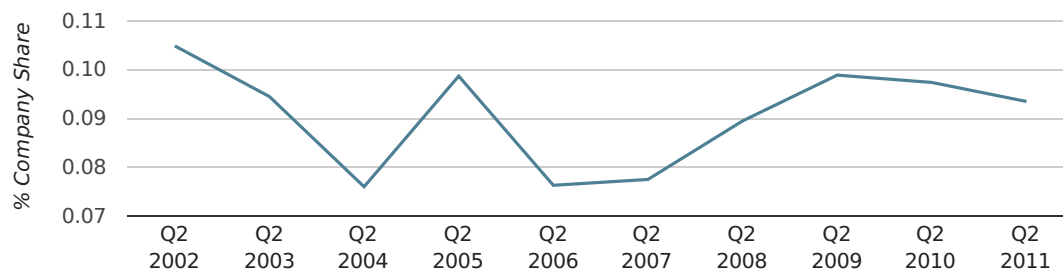


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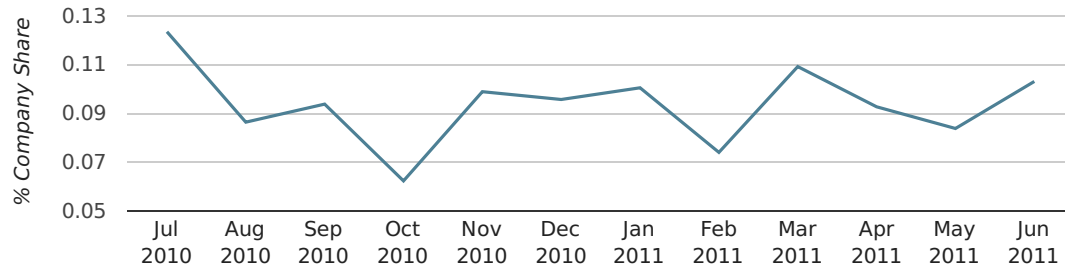
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RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1971 (0.2%)

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	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-26.2%	-13.1%	45.4%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.4%)	1971 (0.5%)	1969 (0.4%)

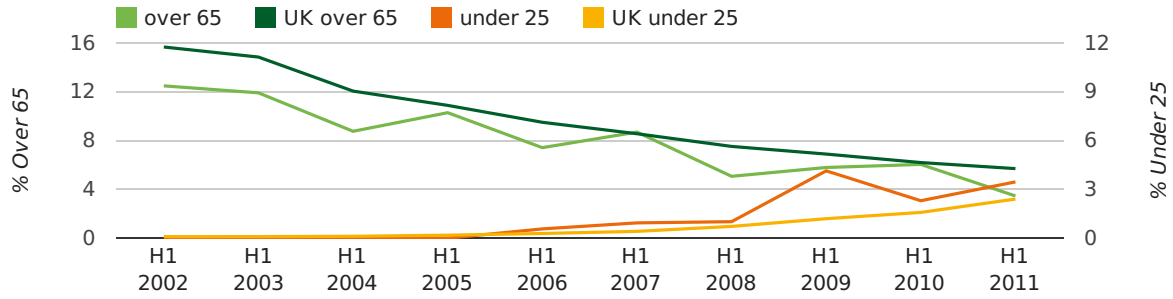
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 45.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



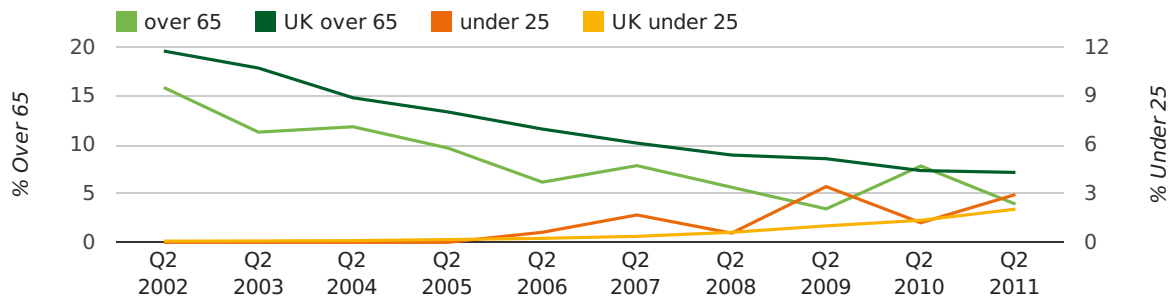
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

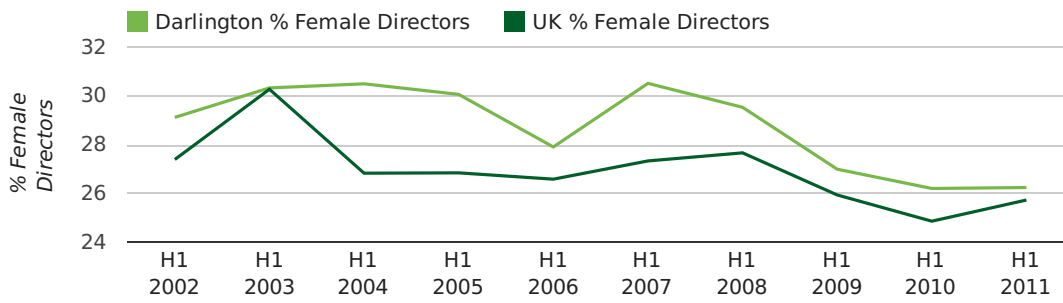


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

26.2% of all director appointments in Darlington 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

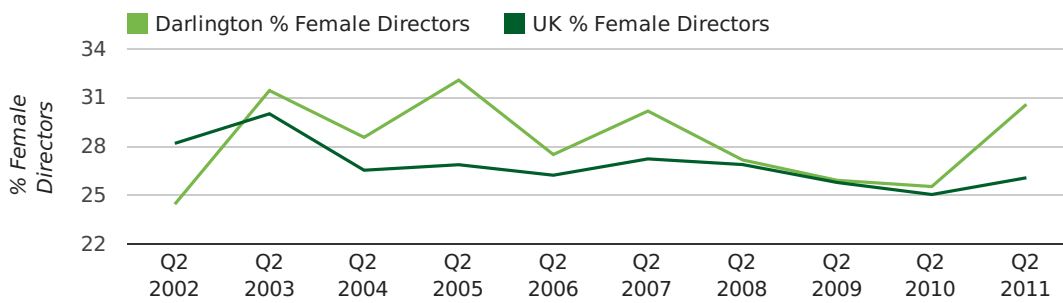


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

30.6% of all director appointments in Darlington 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
NORTH	1.34%	CONSULTING	5.09%
MANAGEMENT	1.20%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
FITNESS	0.80%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
(DARLINGTON)	0.80%	PROPERTY	2.43%
DARLINGTON	0.80%	TRADING	2.05%
CONSULTANCY	0.80%	DESIGN	1.94%
J	0.80%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
CONSULTING	0.67%	BUSINESS	1.87%
ASSOCIATES	0.67%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
EAST	0.67%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
BUSINESS	0.53%	MEDIA	1.73%
ONLINE	0.53%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
R	0.53%	LONDON	1.60%
(NE)	0.53%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CONSULTANTS	0.53%	J	1.44%
CARE	0.53%	CARE	1.44%
TRAINING	0.53%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
TRADING	0.53%	IT	1.39%
BUILDING	0.53%	BUILDING	1.32%
NEW	0.53%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
RTM	0.53%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
PROPERTY	0.53%	M	1.27%
CONSTRUCTION	0.53%	S	1.23%
BLACK	0.40%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
PLANT	0.40%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	149	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	62	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	22	30,647
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	19	16,419
99999 - Dormant Company	19	18,918
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	12	10,322
9999 - Dormant Company	12	20,111
7414 - Business & management consultancy	12	13,053
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	10	10,545
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	8	7,835
9305 - Other service activities	7	9,063
7499 - Non-trading company	7	10,955
5530 - Restaurants	7	5,086
86900 - Other human health activities	7	4,154
43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation	6	2,223
5248 - Other retail specialised stores	6	2,037
74990 - Non-trading company	6	8,481
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	6	5,928
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	6	7,143
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	6	2,257