

Darlington

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Darlington when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Darlington when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Darlington when compared to any previous Q2.
- April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Darlington when compared to any previous April.
- April 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Darlington when compared to any previous April.

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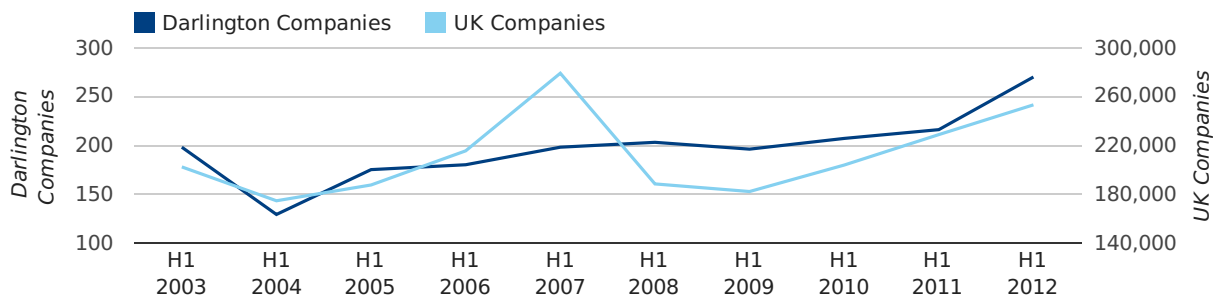
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Darlington when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 270 companies were formed in Darlington. This figure is 25.0% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Darlington occurred in 2012 when a total of 270 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DARLINGTON	UK
2012	270	253,150
2011	216	228,735
% CHANGE	25.0%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (270)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

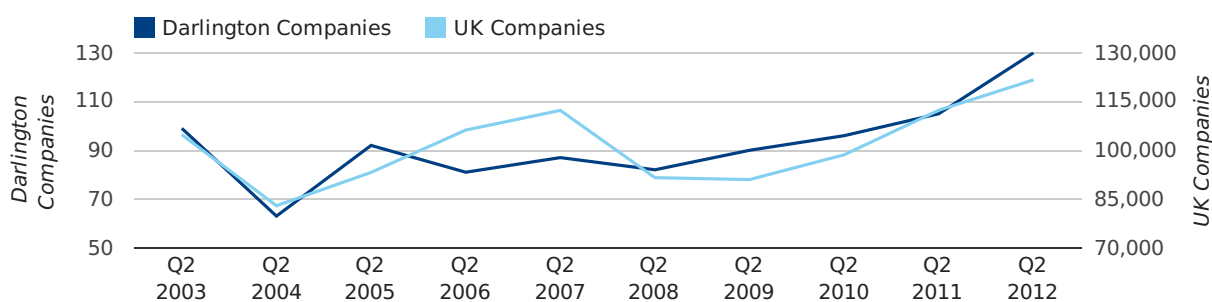
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Darlington when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 130 companies were registered in Darlington during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 23.8% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well 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)	DARLINGTON	UK
2012	130	121,659
2011	105	112,344
% CHANGE	23.8%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (130)	2012 (121,659)

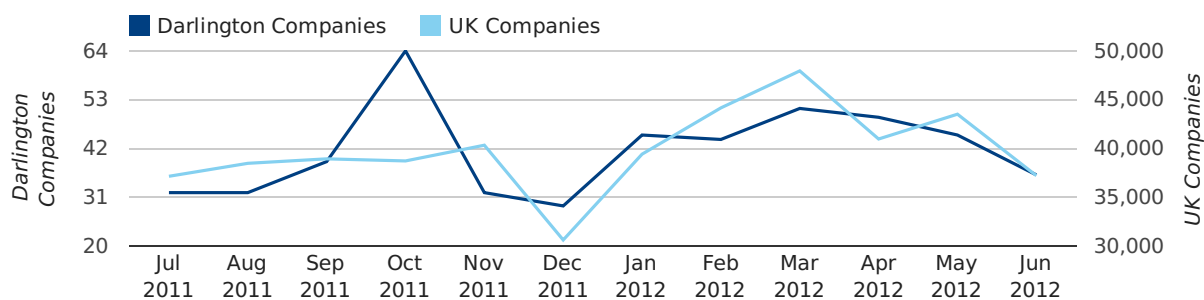
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Darlington when compared to any previous April.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	49	45	36
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	32	32	41
% CHANGE	53.1%	40.6%	-12.2%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (49)	2003 (46)	2011 (41)

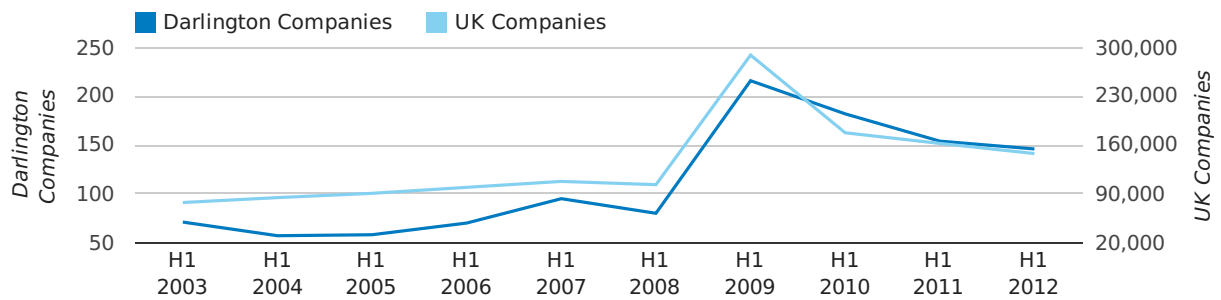
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 146 companies were dissolved in Darlington. This figure is 5.2% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

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
2012	146	147,793
2011	154	162,310
% CHANGE	-5.2%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (216)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 70 companies were dissolved in Darlington during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 1.4% 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.

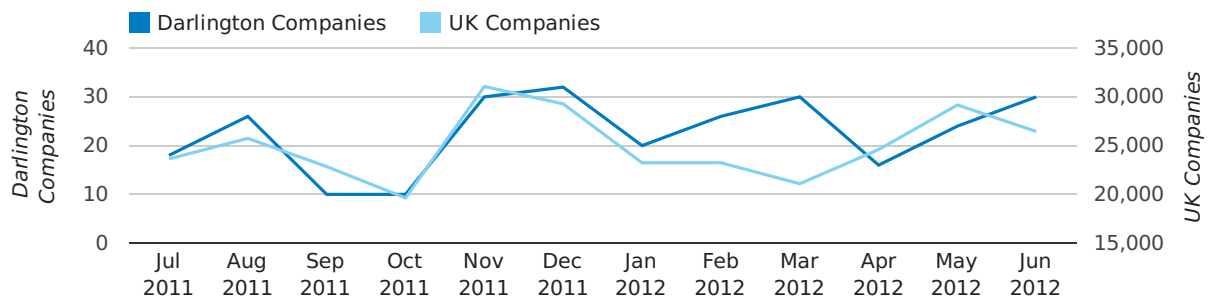
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	DARLINGTON	UK
2012	70	80,217
2011	69	71,324
% CHANGE	1.4%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (143)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



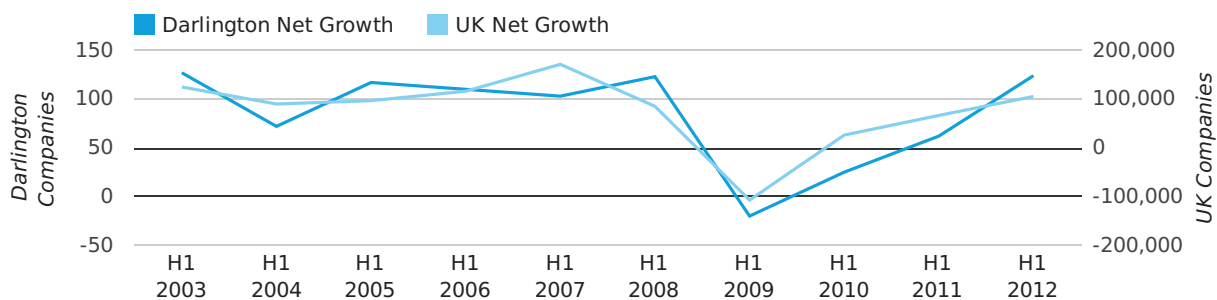
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	16	24	30
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	18	30	21
% CHANGE	-11.1%	-20.0%	43%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (38)	2009 (51)	2009 (54)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Darlington increased by 124 companies. This figure is 100.0% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DARLINGTON	UK
2012	124	105,357
2011	62	66,425
% CHANGE	100.0%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (127)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



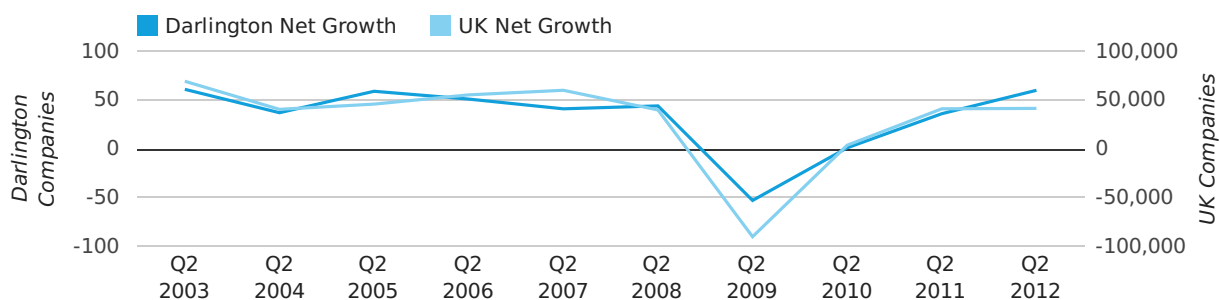
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Darlington during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 60 companies.

This represents an increase of 66.7% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	DARLINGTON	UK
2012	60	41,442
2011	36	41,020
% CHANGE	66.7%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (61)	2003 (69,274)

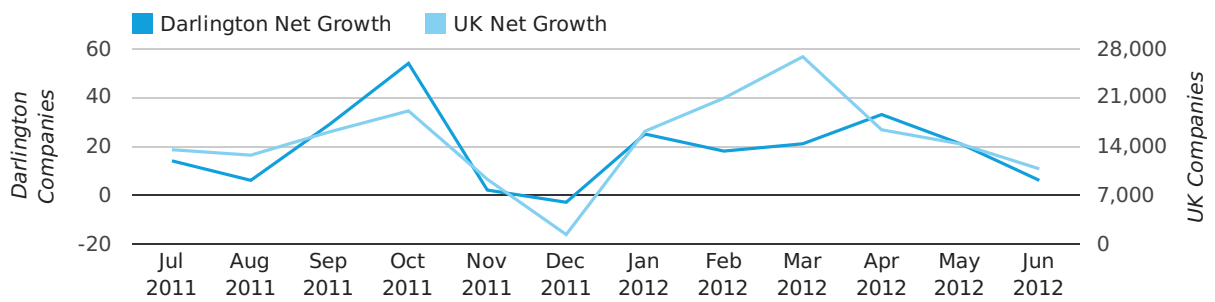
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

April 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Darlington when compared to any previous April.

net growth by month



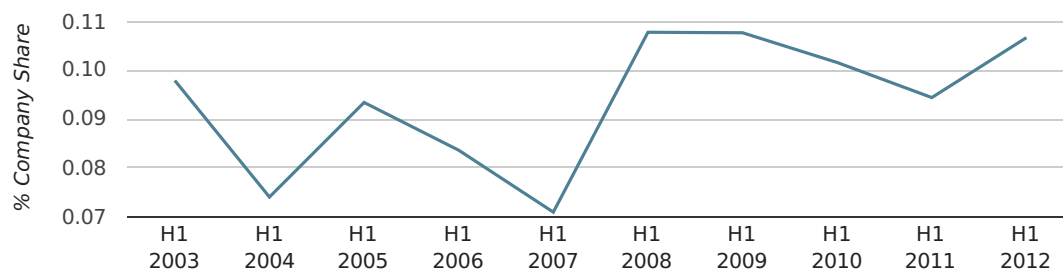
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	33	21	6
NET GROWTH IN 2011	14	2	20
% CHANGE	135.7%	950.0%	-70.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (33)	2003 (37)	2008 (28)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Darlington formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DARLINGTON
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1971 (0.2%)

company share by half year

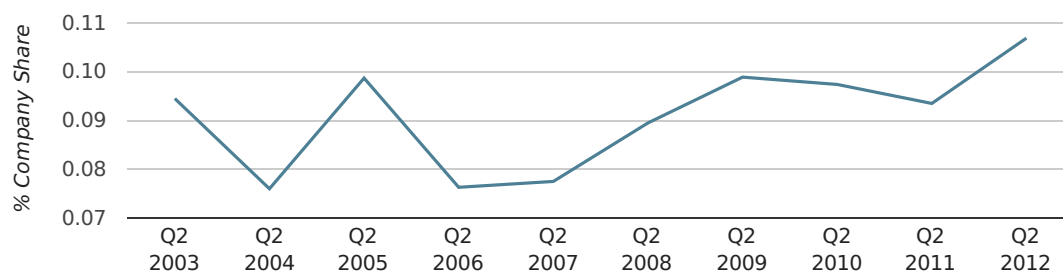


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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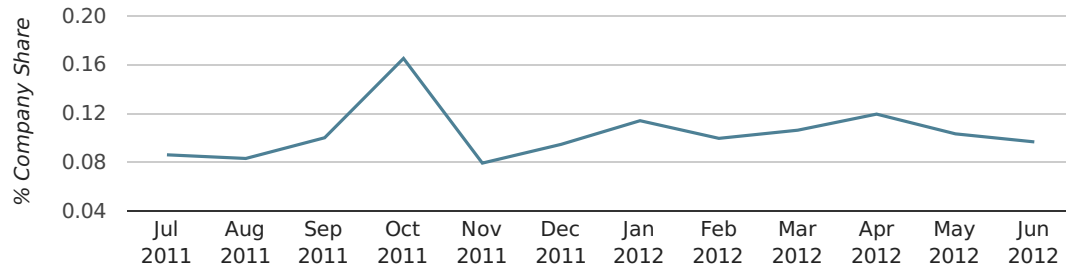
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company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	28.9%	23.2%	-6.2%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.4%)	1971 (0.5%)	1969 (0.4%)

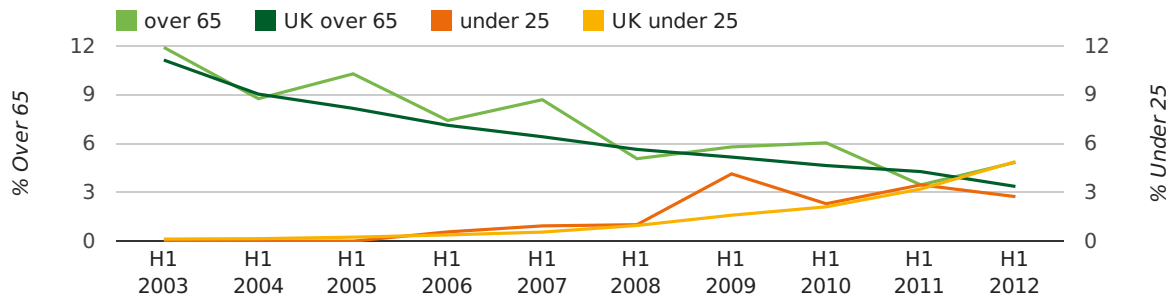
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 45.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



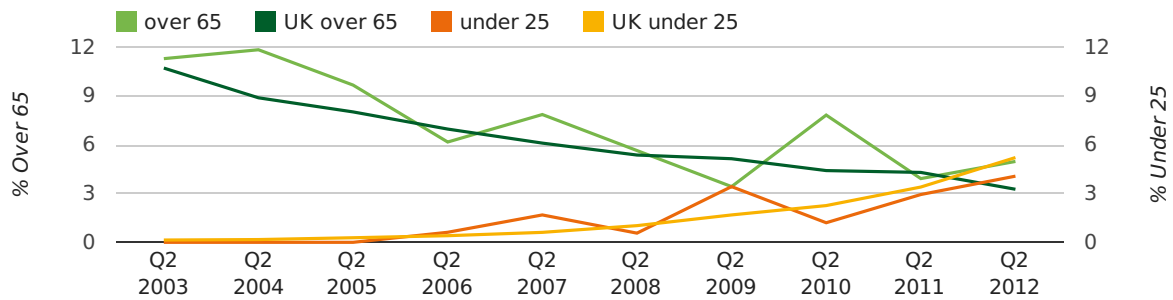
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 44.6.

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 5.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

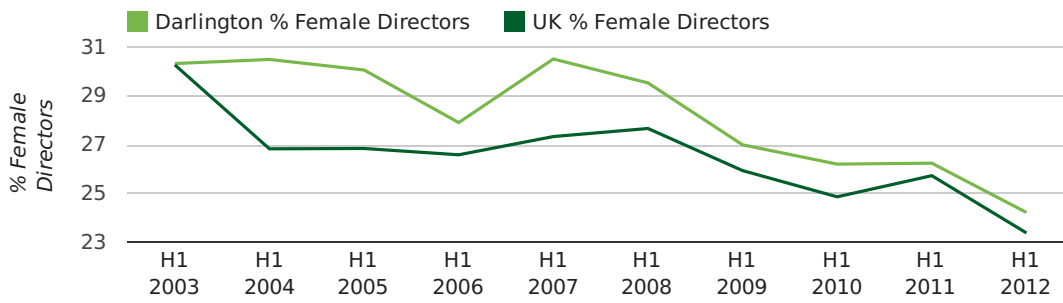


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

24.2% of all director appointments in Darlington 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

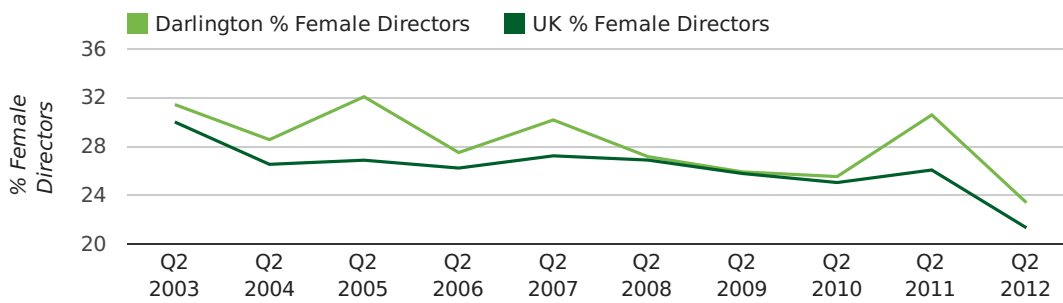


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

23.4% of all director appointments in Darlington 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
MAINTENANCE	1.91%	CONSULTING	5.07%
TALBOT	1.80%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
DARLINGTON	1.35%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
(DARLINGTON)	1.24%	PROPERTY	2.35%
NORTH	1.24%	TRADING	2.10%
EAST	0.90%	DESIGN	1.89%
ACADEMY	0.90%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
ASSOCIATES	0.79%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
DESIGN	0.79%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
RUBIX	0.79%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
MANAGEMENT	0.79%	BUSINESS	1.70%
J	0.68%	MEDIA	1.69%
TRAINING	0.68%	LONDON	1.68%
CONSULTING	0.68%	J	1.57%
COMMUNITY	0.68%	GLOBAL	1.51%
SCHOOL	0.68%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
ENGINEERING	0.56%	IT	1.42%
BUILDING	0.56%	CARE	1.31%
4	0.56%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
DEVELOPMENT	0.56%	M	1.26%
ENERGY	0.56%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
RTM	0.56%	BUILDING	1.23%
CONTRACTORS	0.56%	SECURITY	1.19%
S	0.56%	S	1.18%
TRUST	0.56%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	194	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	54	47,029
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	26	20,390
99999 - Dormant Company	21	26,088
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	21	35,447
9999 - Dormant Company	16	16,469
7414 - Business & management consultancy	11	10,978
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	10	3,818
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	9	10,271
7260 - Other computer related activities	9	6,456
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	8	2,880
74990 - Non-trading company	8	9,706
7499 - Non-trading company	7	8,023
86210 - General medical practice activities	7	2,657
9305 - Other service activities	7	7,926
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	7	15,280
5530 - Restaurants	6	4,037
85590 - Other education not elsewhere classified	6	2,921
96020 - Hairdressing and other beauty treatment	6	2,993
5248 - Other retail specialised stores	6	1,641