

Dartford

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

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

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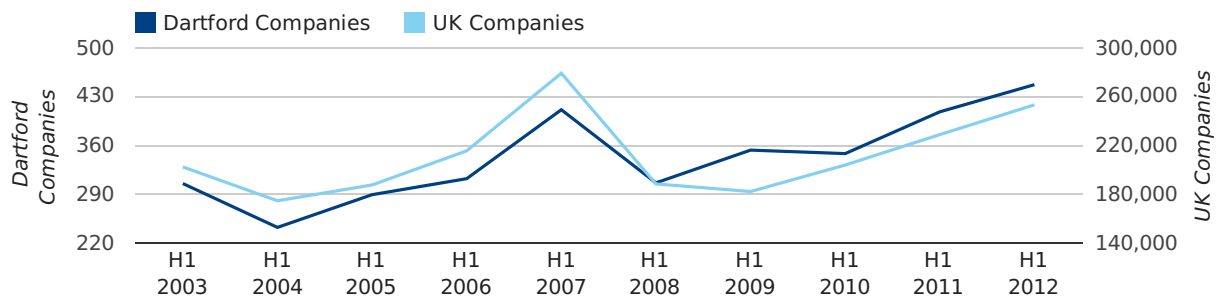
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Dartford when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 447 companies were formed in Dartford. This figure is 9.6% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Dartford occurred in 2012 when a total of 447 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DARTFORD	UK
2012	447	253,150
2011	408	228,735
% CHANGE	9.6%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (447)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

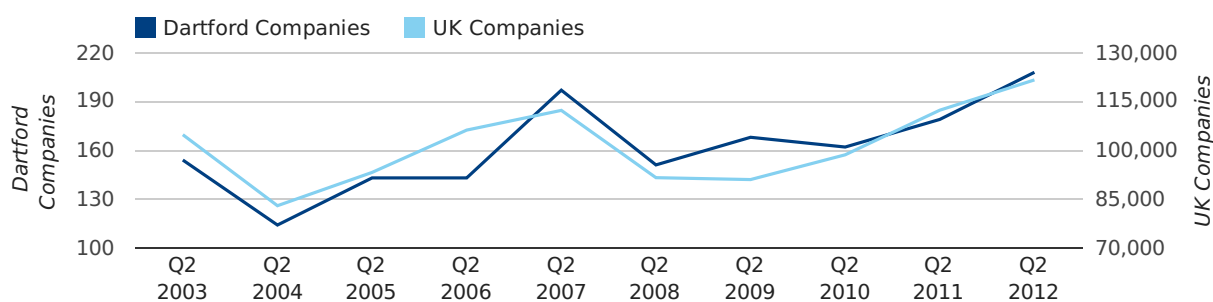
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Dartford when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 208 companies were registered in Dartford during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 16.2% 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)	DARTFORD	UK
2012	208	121,659
2011	179	112,344
% CHANGE	16.2%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (208)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

June 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Dartford when compared to any previous June.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	84	57	67
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	57	60	62
% CHANGE	47.4%	-5.0%	8.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (88)	2007 (72)	2012 (67)

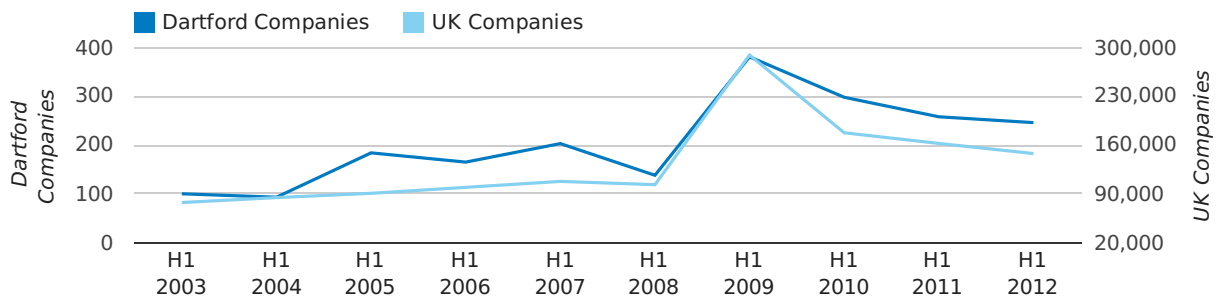
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 246 companies were dissolved in Dartford. This figure is 4.7% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Dartford occurred in 2009 when a total of 381 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DARTFORD	UK
2012	246	147,793
2011	258	162,310
% CHANGE	-4.7%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (381)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



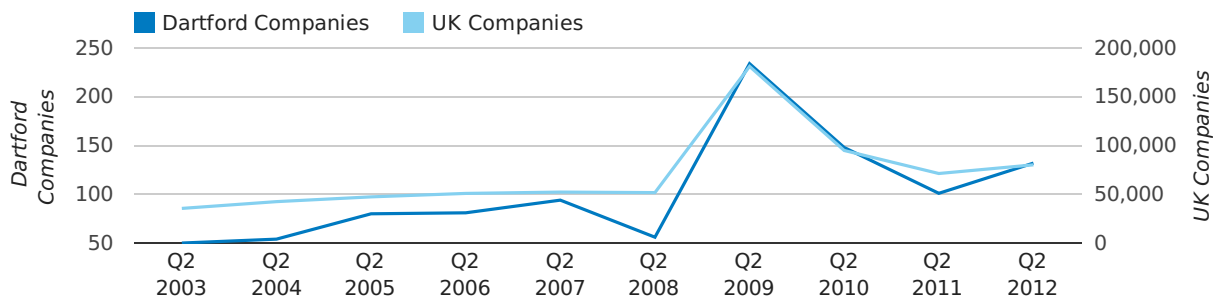
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 132 companies were dissolved in Dartford during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 30.7% 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)	DARTFORD	UK
2012	132	80,217
2011	101	71,324
% CHANGE	30.7%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (234)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

dissolved companies by month



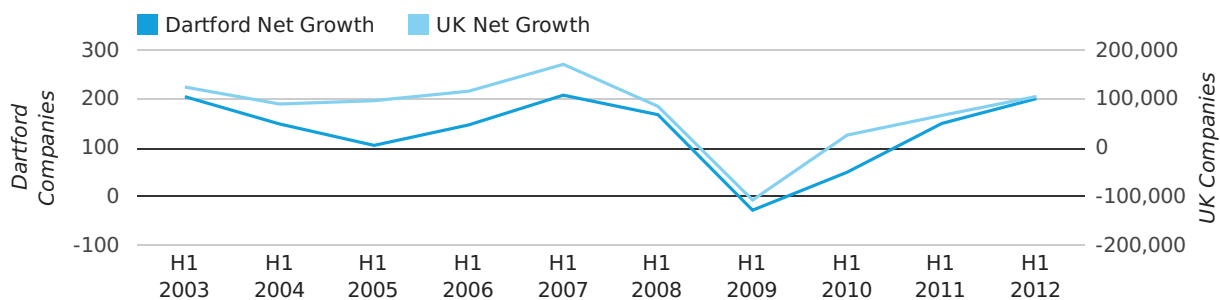
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	30	51	51
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	13	54	34
% CHANGE	130.8%	-5.6%	50%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (89)	2009 (98)	2012 (51)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Dartford increased by 201 companies. This figure is 34.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DARTFORD	UK
2012	201	105,357
2011	150	66,425
% CHANGE	34.0%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (208)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



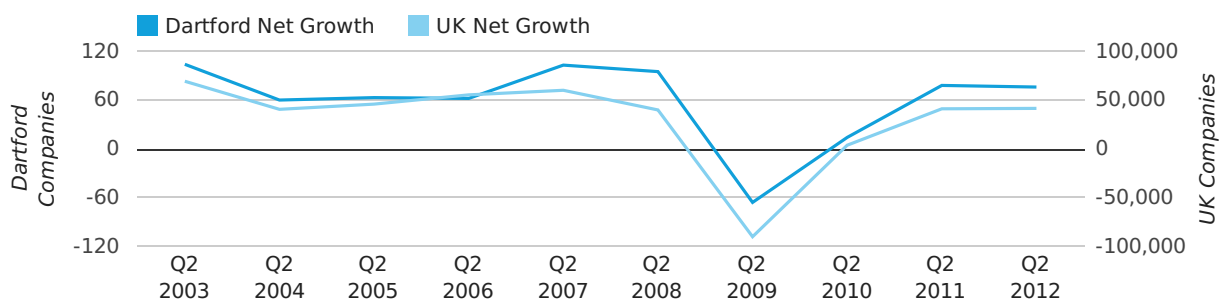
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Dartford during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 76 companies.

This represents a decrease of 2.6% on the same period last year.

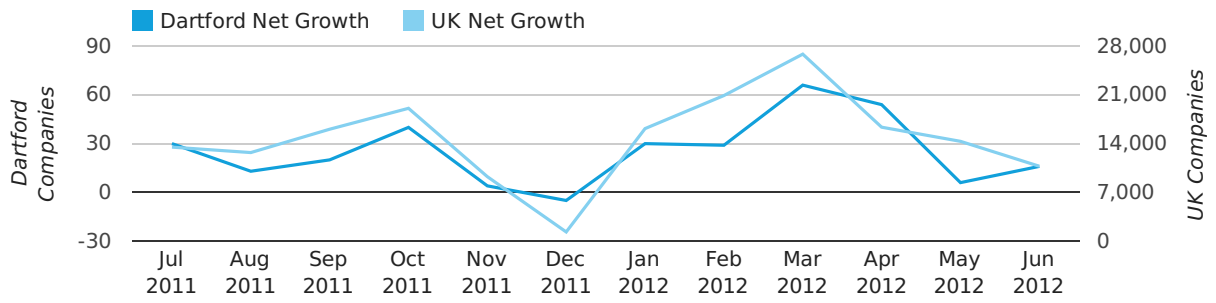
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	DARTFORD	UK
2012	76	41,442
2011	78	41,020
% CHANGE	-2.6%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (104)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



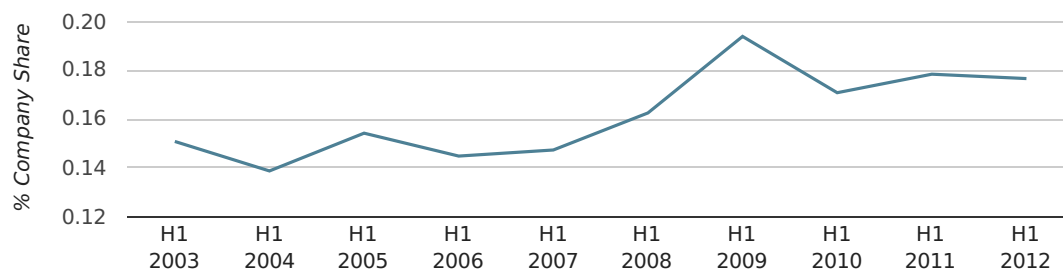
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	54	6	16
NET GROWTH IN 2011	44	6	28
% CHANGE	22.7%	0.0%	-42.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (65)	2007 (36)	2008 (54)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Dartford formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.2%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DARTFORD
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (0.3%)

company share by half year

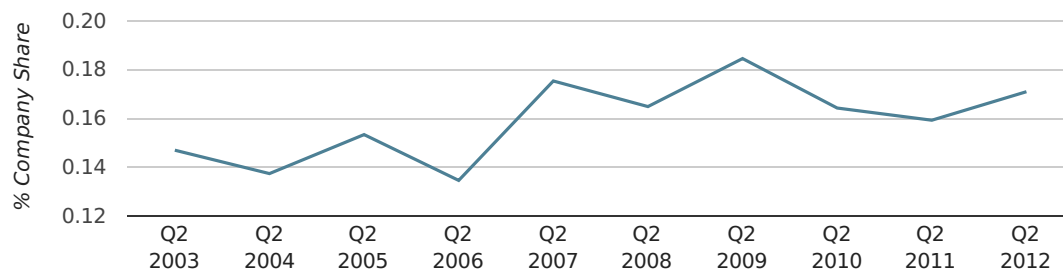


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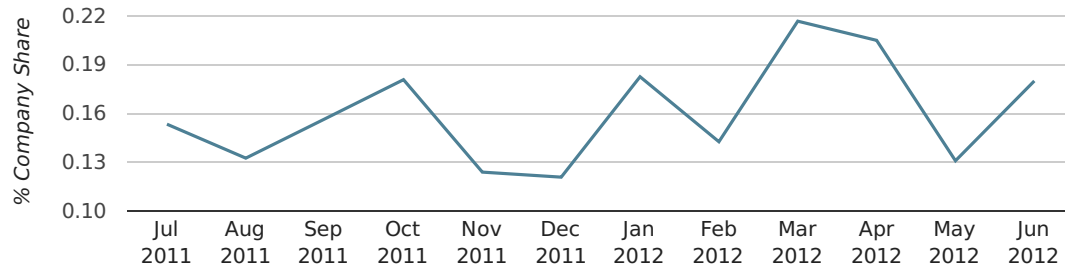
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	DARTFORD
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	24.1%	-16.8%	15.4%
RECORD YEAR	1960 (0.3%)	1967 (0.6%)	1966 (0.2%)

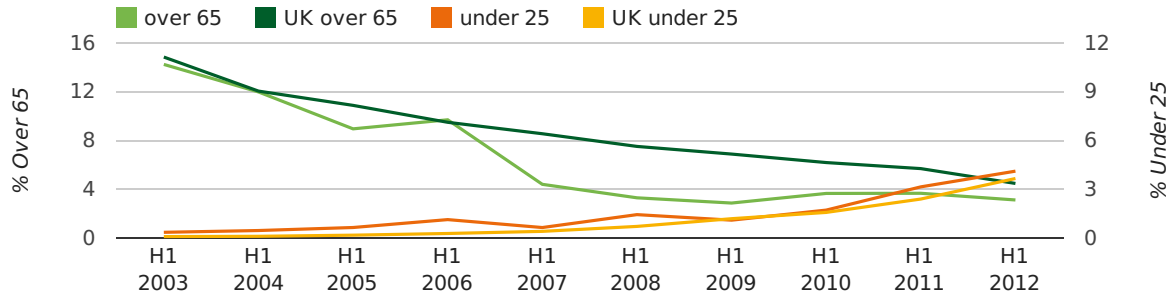
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 41.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



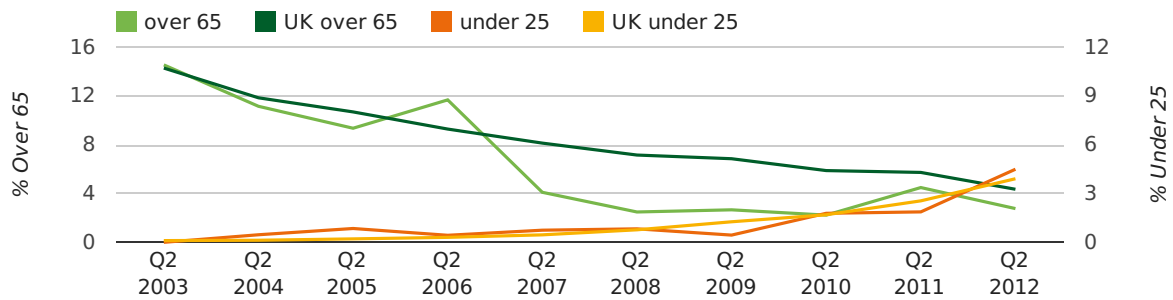
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 42.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

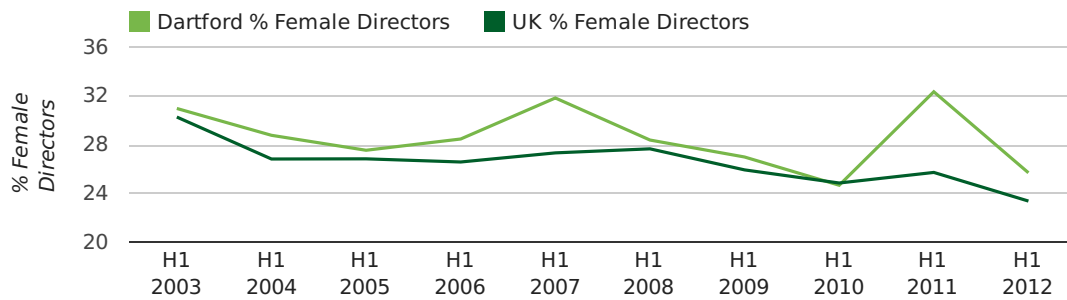


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

25.7% of all director appointments in Dartford 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

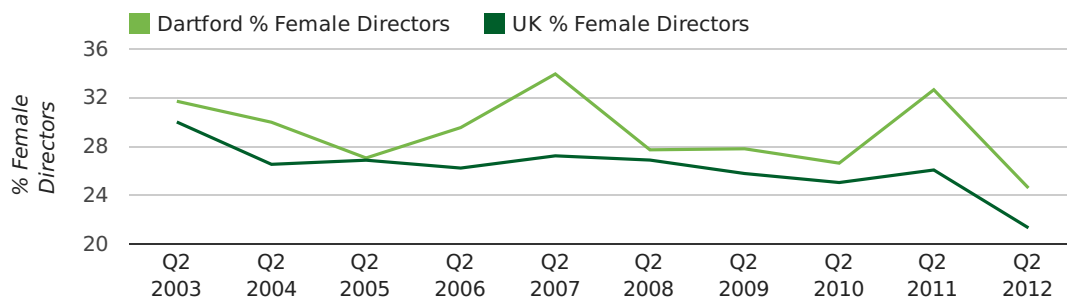


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

24.6% of all director appointments in Dartford 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	1.12%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTANCY	1.04%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.04%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSTRUCTION	0.96%	PROPERTY	2.35%
ASSOCIATES	0.88%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTANTS	0.80%	DESIGN	1.89%
BUSINESS	0.72%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
S	0.64%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
LONDON	0.64%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
TRADING	0.64%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
CO	0.64%	BUSINESS	1.70%
MAINTENANCE	0.56%	MEDIA	1.69%
IT	0.56%	LONDON	1.68%
MEDIA	0.56%	J	1.57%
KENT	0.56%	GLOBAL	1.51%
ELECTRICAL	0.48%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
DESIGN	0.48%	IT	1.42%
GLOBAL	0.48%	CARE	1.31%
PENSIONS	0.48%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ENERGY	0.48%	M	1.26%
SYSTEMS	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
M	0.48%	BUILDING	1.23%
J	0.48%	SECURITY	1.19%
PROPERTY	0.48%	S	1.18%
SALES	0.48%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	484	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	57	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	28	26,088
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	27	14,220
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	27	35,447
9305 - Other service activities	26	7,926
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	25	15,280
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	22	4,091
9999 - Dormant Company	20	16,469
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	20	4,644
7414 - Business & management consultancy	19	10,978
41100 - Development of building projects	18	5,149
43210 - Electrical installation	17	3,557
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	17	20,390
86900 - Other human health activities	15	5,222
7499 - Non-trading company	15	8,023
62090 - Other information technology service activities	14	8,258
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	14	3,241
74990 - Non-trading company	12	9,706
6024 - Freight transport by road	11	1,933