

Gravesend

2011 half year business confidence report



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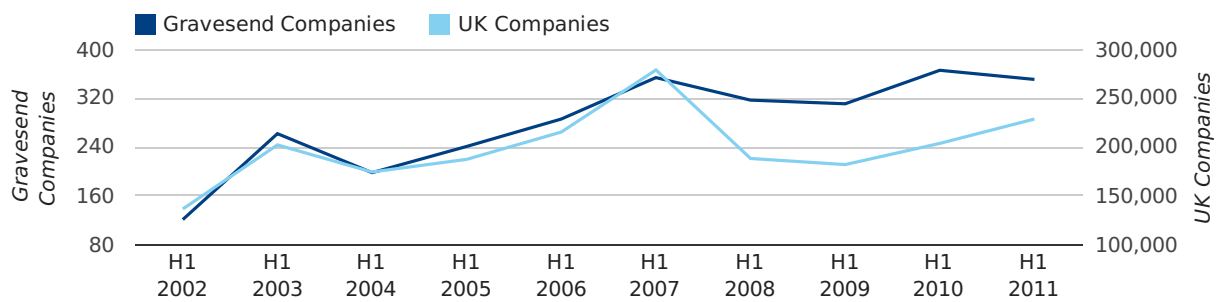
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 351 companies were formed in Gravesend. This figure is 4.1% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Gravesend occurred in 2010 when a total of 366 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	GRAVESEND	UK
2011	351	228,735
2010	366	203,749
% CHANGE	-4.1%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (366)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



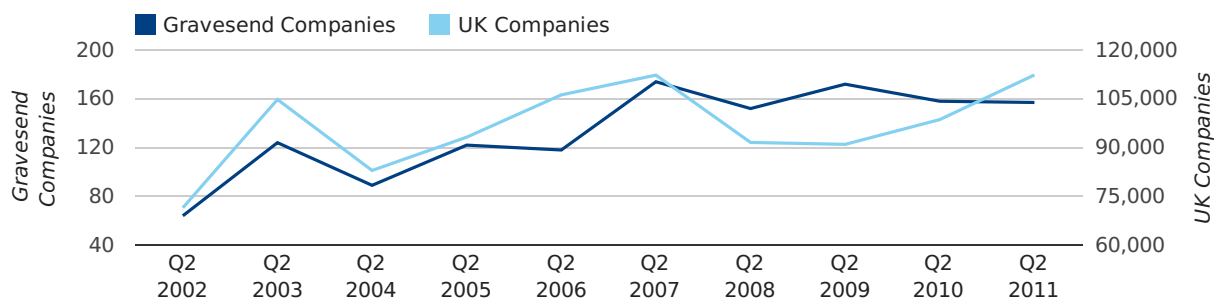
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 157 companies were registered in Gravesend during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 0.6% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

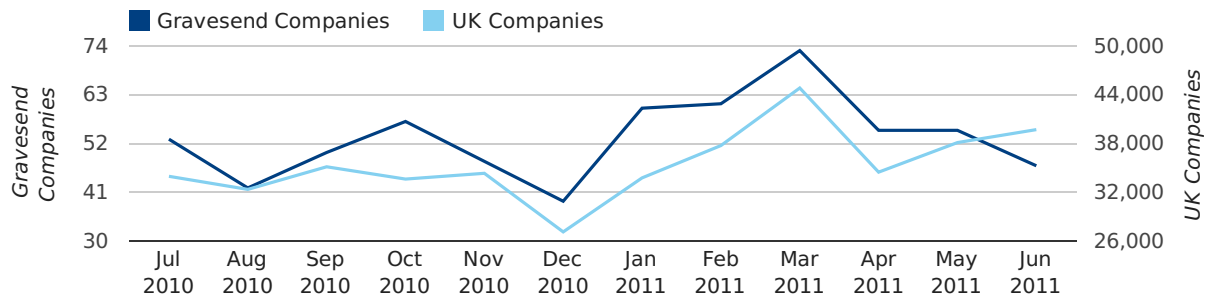
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	GRAVESEND	UK
2011	157	112,344
2010	158	98,612
% CHANGE	-0.6%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (174)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	55	55	47
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	36	56	66
% CHANGE	52.8%	-1.8%	-28.8%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (57)	2009 (66)	2010 (66)

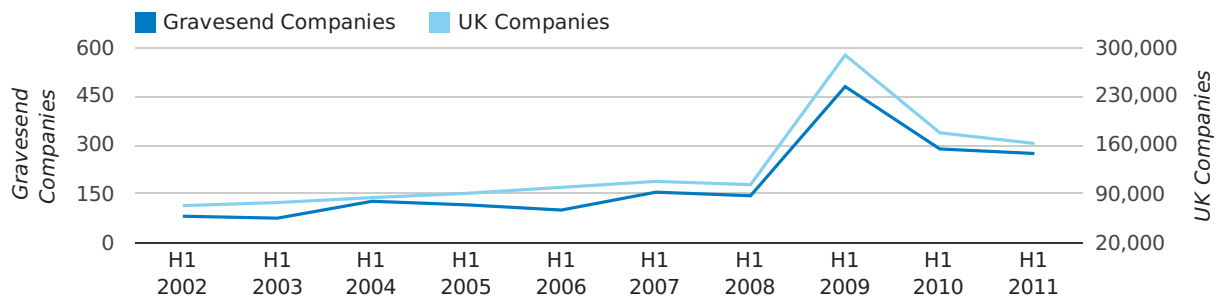
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 274 companies were dissolved in Gravesend. This figure is 4.9% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Gravesend occurred in 2009 when a total of 480 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	GRAVESEND	UK
2011	274	162,310
2010	288	177,631
% CHANGE	-4.9%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (480)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



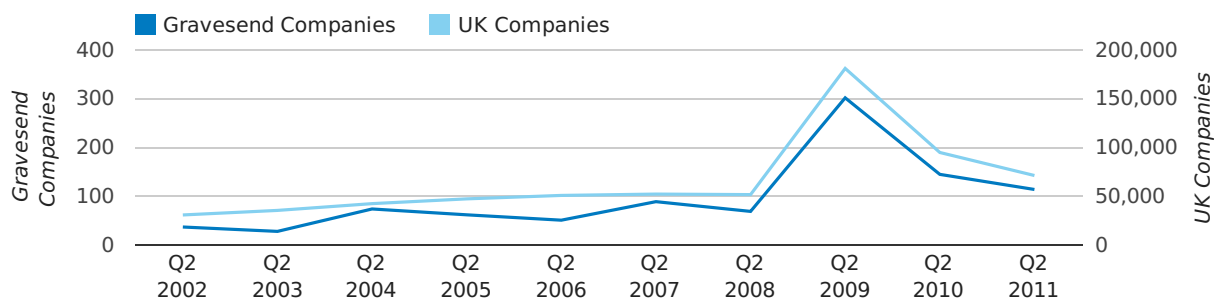
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 114 companies were dissolved in Gravesend during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 21.4% 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.

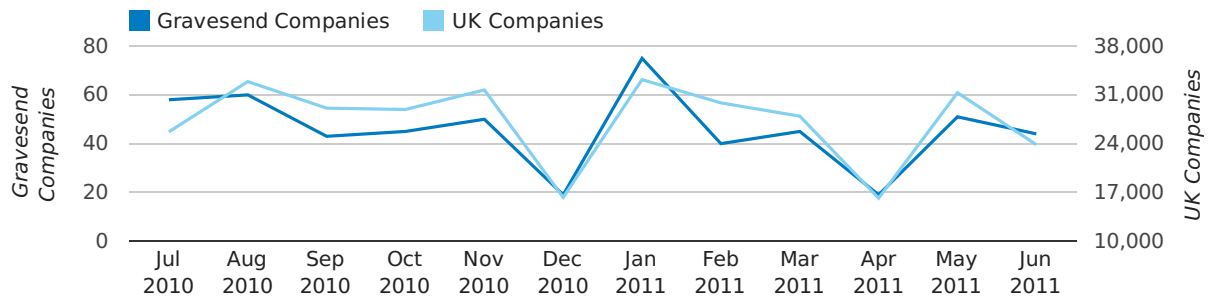
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	GRAVESEND	UK
2011	114	71,324
2010	145	94,954
% CHANGE	-21.4%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (302)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



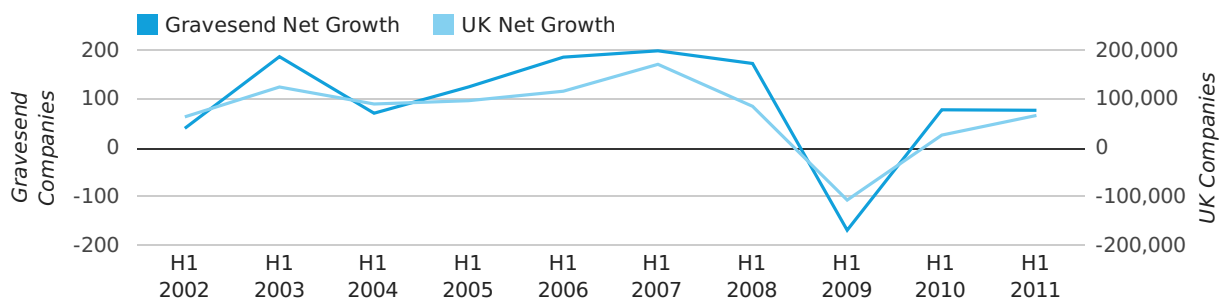
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	19	51	44
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	43	48	54
% CHANGE	-55.8%	6.3%	-19%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (113)	2009 (122)	2009 (67)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Gravesend increased by 77 companies. This figure is 1.3% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	GRAVESEND	UK
2011	77	66,425
2010	78	26,118
% CHANGE	-1.3%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (199)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



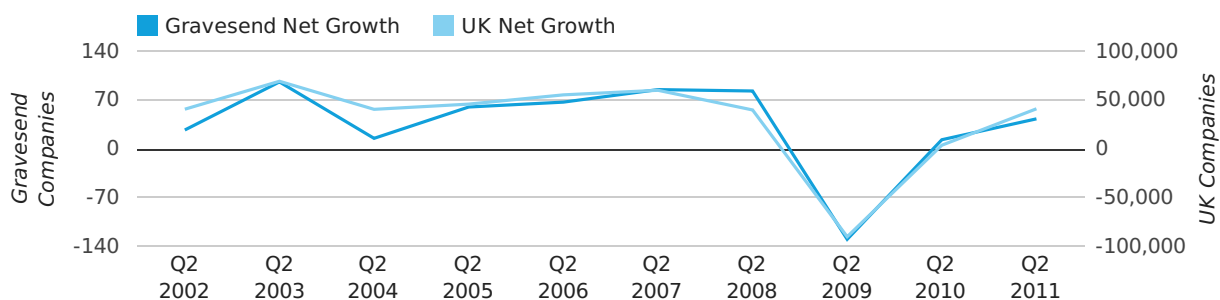
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Gravesend during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 43 companies.

This represents an increase of 230.8% on the same period last year.

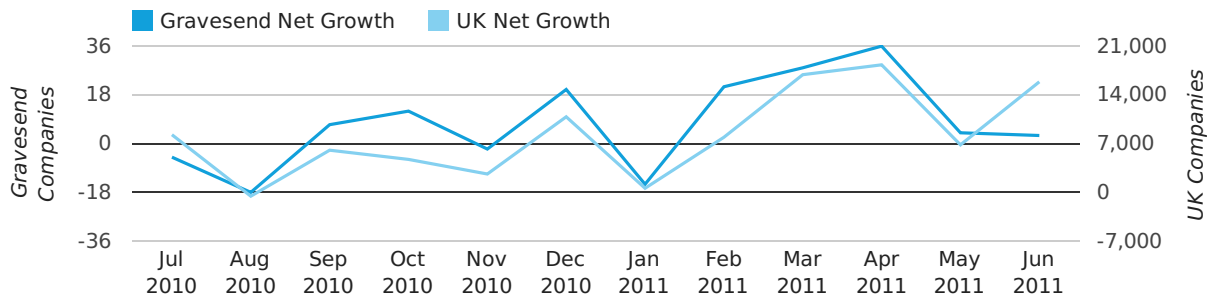
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	GRAVESEND	UK
2011	43	41,020
2010	13	3,658
% CHANGE	230.8%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (96)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



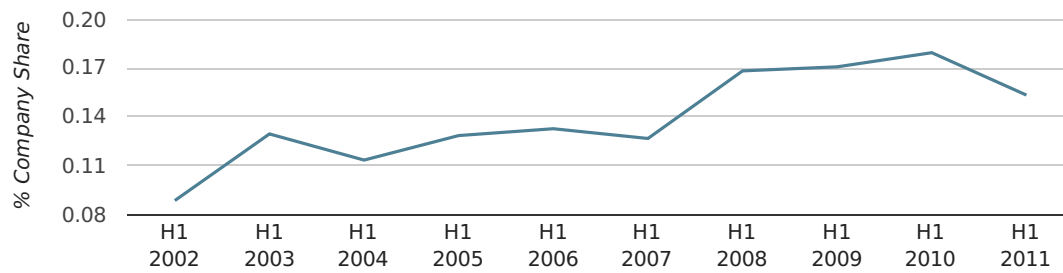
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	36	4	3
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-7	8	12
% CHANGE	-614.3%	-50.0%	-75.0%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (38)	2003 (31)	2008 (44)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Gravesend formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.2%.

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

company share by half year

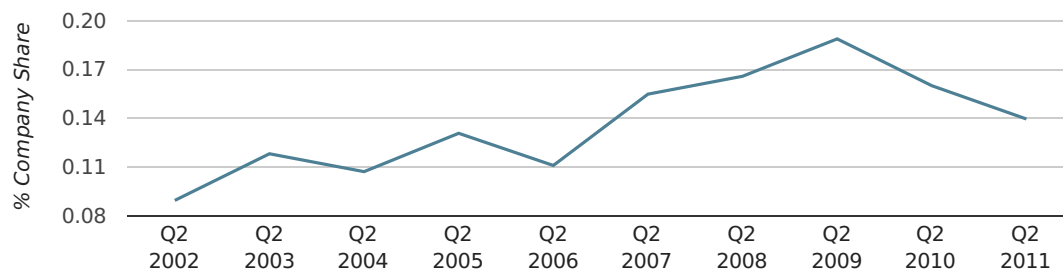


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

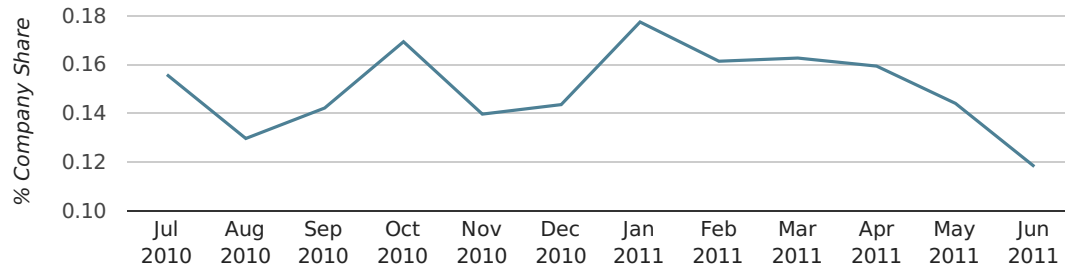
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	GRAVESEND
2011	0.1%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	48.0%	-22.7%	-36.9%
RECORD YEAR	1970 (0.3%)	1965 (0.3%)	1969 (0.2%)

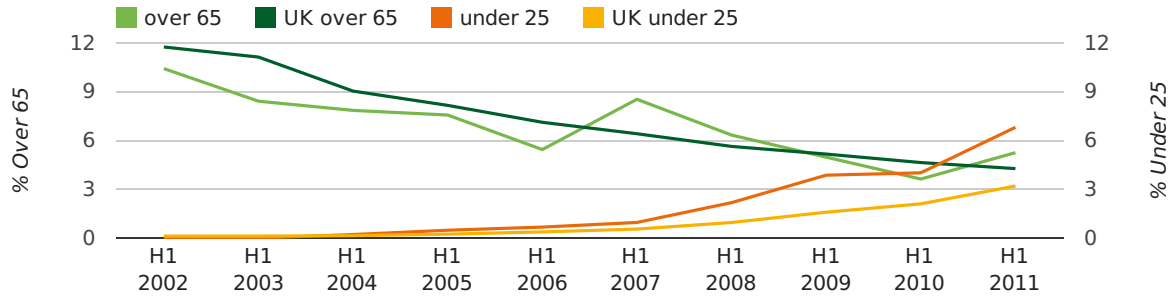
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 42.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



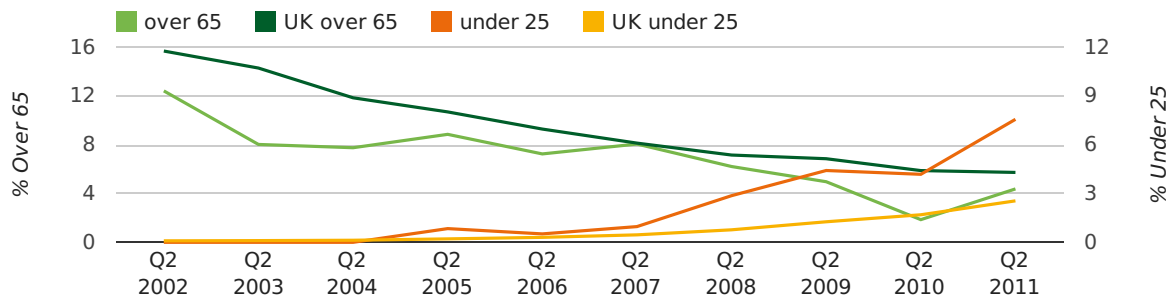
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 42.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 7.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

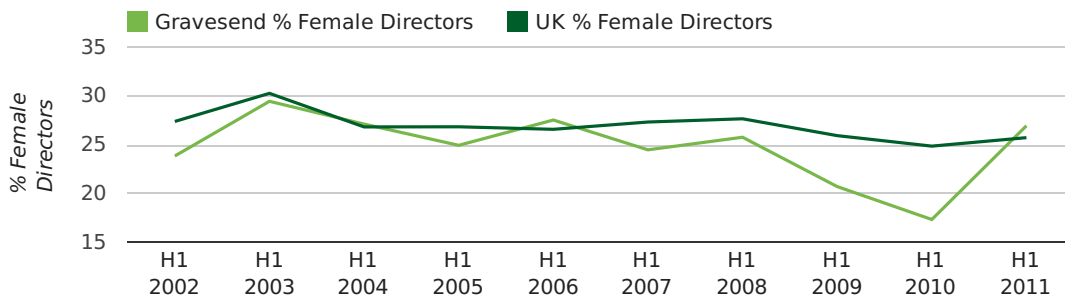


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

27.0% of all director appointments in Gravesend 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

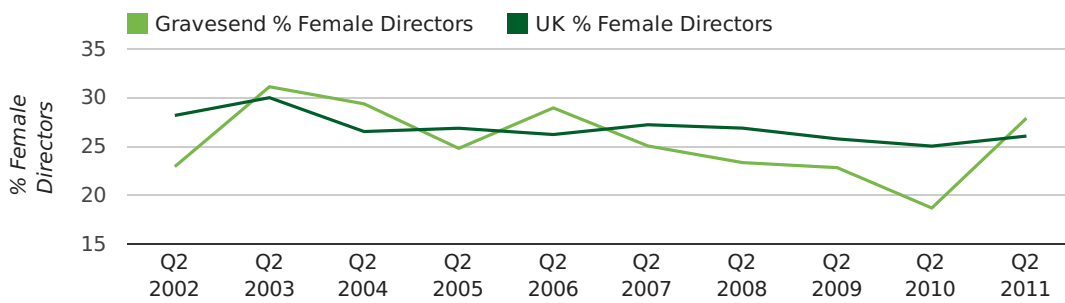


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

27.9% of all director appointments in Gravesend 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
CONSTRUCTION	1.38%	CONSULTING	5.09%
CONSULTANCY	0.83%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
PROPERTY	0.83%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
MANAGEMENT	0.83%	PROPERTY	2.43%
KENT	0.83%	TRADING	2.05%
CONSULTING	0.83%	DESIGN	1.94%
ELECTRICAL	0.73%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
CONSULTANTS	0.64%	BUSINESS	1.87%
SECURITY	0.64%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
MEDIA	0.64%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CONTRACTORS	0.64%	MEDIA	1.73%
EAST)	0.55%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
SOUTH	0.55%	LONDON	1.60%
GLOBAL	0.55%	GLOBAL	1.46%
SERVICE	0.55%	J	1.44%
CENTRE	0.55%	CARE	1.44%
SYSTEMS	0.46%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
BUSINESS	0.46%	IT	1.39%
GRAVESEND	0.46%	BUILDING	1.32%
TRADING	0.46%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
(LONDON)	0.46%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
FOOD	0.46%	M	1.27%
ENTERPRISES	0.46%	S	1.23%
M	0.46%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
EAST	0.46%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	533	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	74	60,758
9999 - Dormant Company	60	20,111
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	42	30,647
99999 - Dormant Company	30	18,918
7414 - Business & management consultancy	23	13,053
86101 - Hospital activities	15	1,077
7260 - Other computer related activities	13	7,849
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	12	10,545
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	12	5,928
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	12	16,419
9305 - Other service activities	11	9,063
42990 - Construction of other civil engineering projects not elsewhere classified	10	1,431
7499 - Non-trading company	8	10,955
4545 - Other building completion	8	2,456
86900 - Other human health activities	7	4,154
8511 - Hospital activities	7	864
74990 - Non-trading company	7	8,481
4531 - Installation electrical wiring etc.	7	2,037
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	6	2,641