

Hamilton

2011 half year business confidence report



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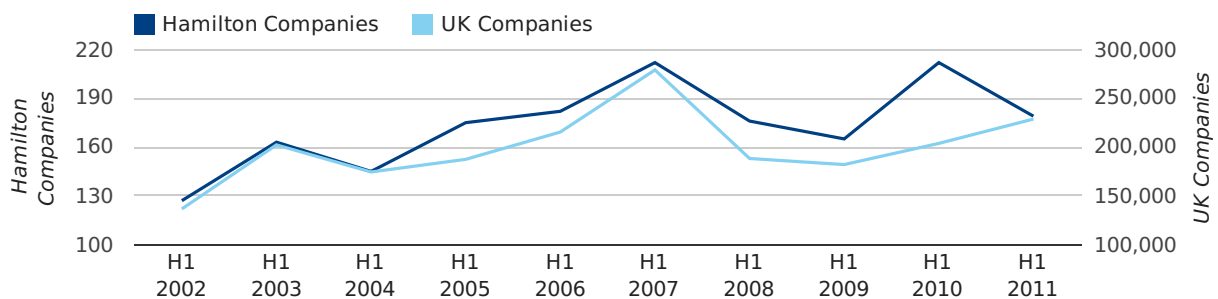
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 179 companies were formed in Hamilton. This figure is 15.6% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Hamilton occurred in 2010 when a total of 212 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HAMILTON	UK
2011	179	228,735
2010	212	203,749
% CHANGE	-15.6%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (212)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



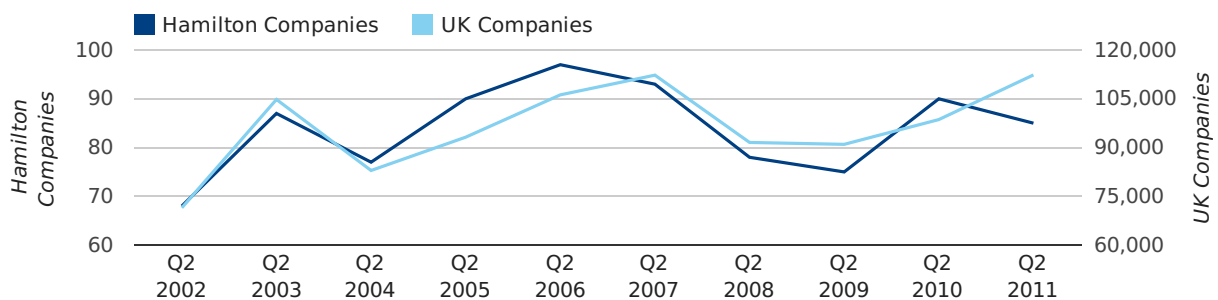
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 85 companies were registered in Hamilton during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 5.6% 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)	HAMILTON	UK
2011	85	112,344
2010	90	98,612
% CHANGE	-5.6%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (97)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Hamilton when compared to any previous May.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	17	36	32
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	25	30	35
% CHANGE	-32.0%	20.0%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (38)	2011 (36)	2009 (37)

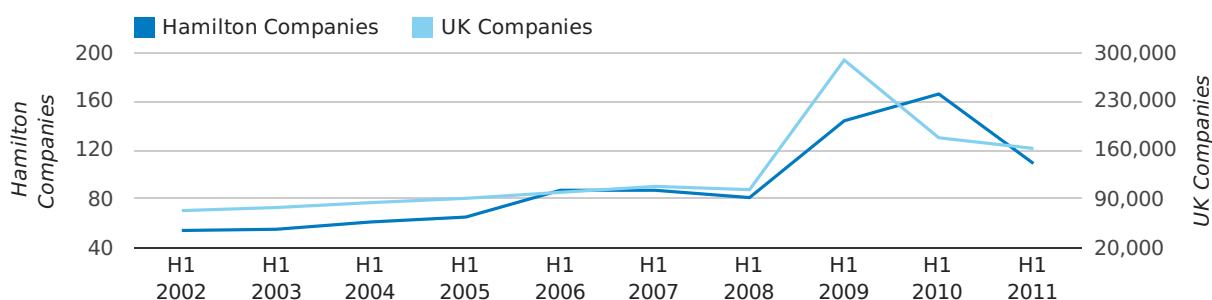
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 109 companies were dissolved in Hamilton. This figure is 34.3% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Hamilton occurred in 2010 when a total of 166 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HAMILTON	UK
2011	109	162,310
2010	166	177,631
% CHANGE	-34.3%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (166)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



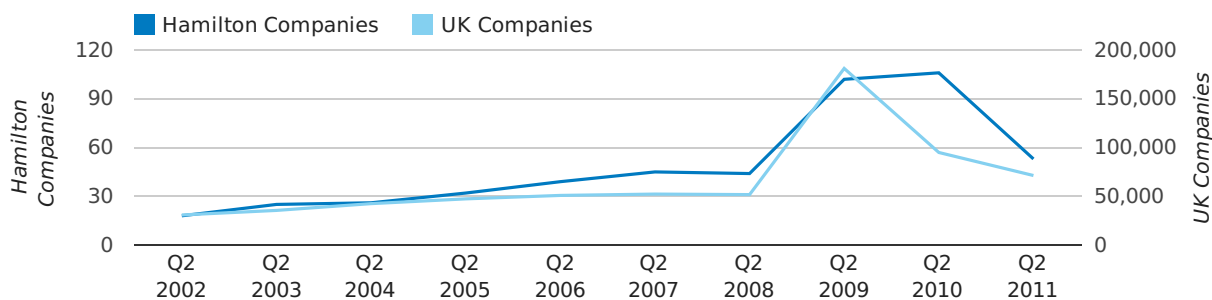
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 53 companies were dissolved in Hamilton during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 50.0% 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.

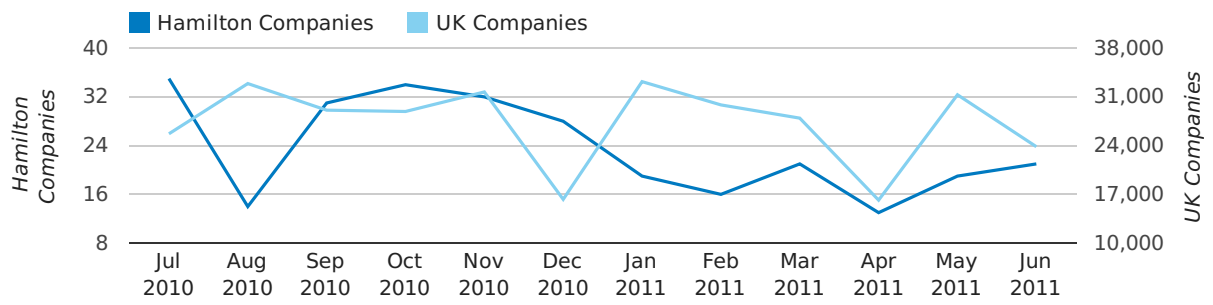
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	HAMILTON	UK
2011	53	71,324
2010	106	94,954
% CHANGE	-50.0%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (106)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



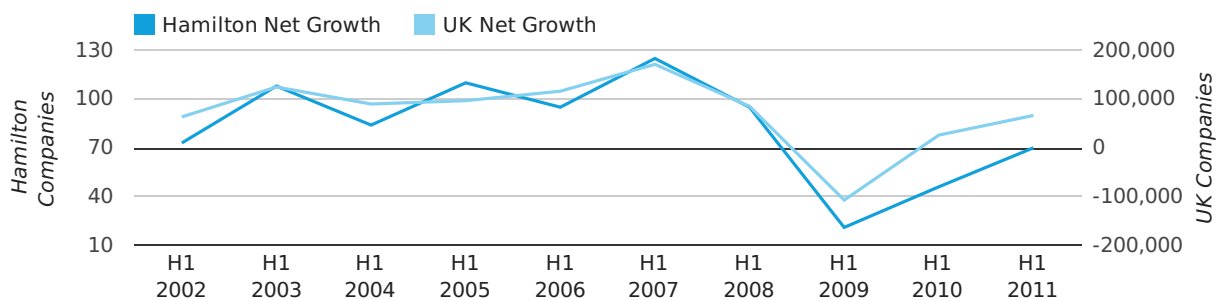
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	13	19	21
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	16	62	28
% CHANGE	-18.8%	-69.4%	-25%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (16)	2010 (62)	2009 (39)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Hamilton increased by 70 companies. This figure is 52.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HAMILTON	UK
2011	70	66,425
2010	46	26,118
% CHANGE	52.2%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (125)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



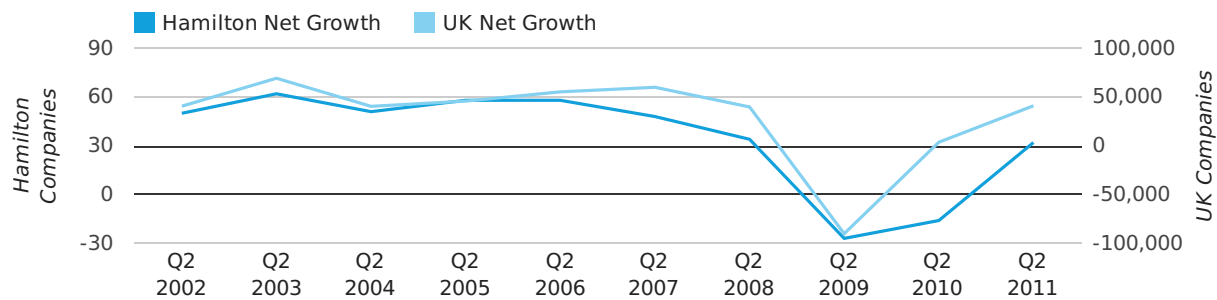
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Hamilton during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 32 companies.

This represents an increase of 300.0% on the same period last year.

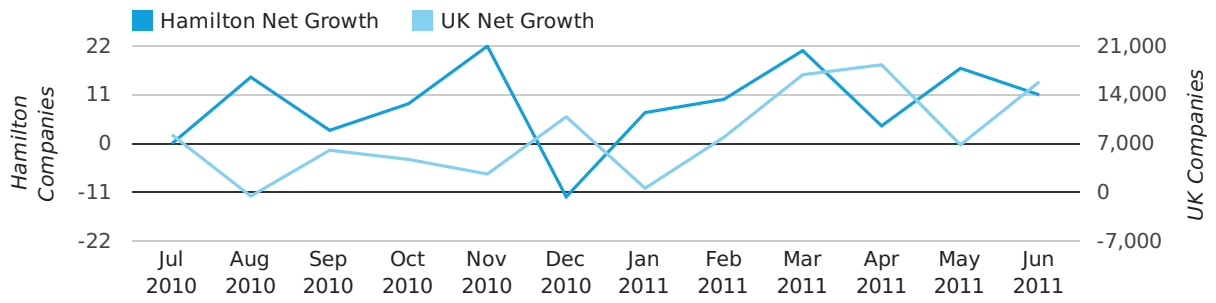
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	HAMILTON	UK
2011	32	41,020
2010	-16	3,658
% CHANGE	-300.0%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (62)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



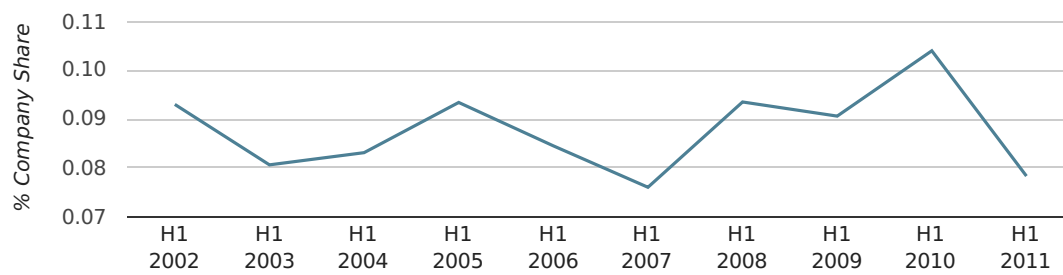
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	4	17	11
NET GROWTH IN 2010	9	-32	7
% CHANGE	-55.6%	-153.1%	57.1%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (32)	2006 (22)	2003 (24)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HAMILTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2001 (0.1%)

company share by half year

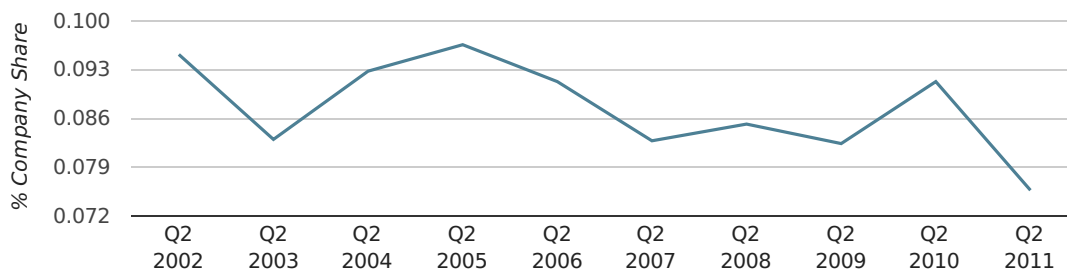


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

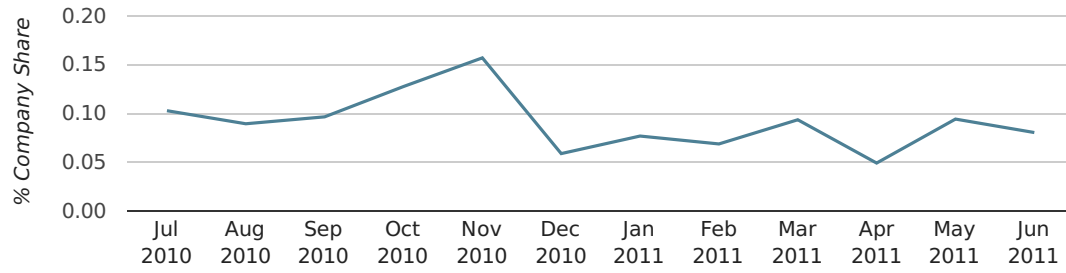
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	HAMILTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1964 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-34.2%	-5.5%	-18.9%
RECORD YEAR	1979 (1.1%)	1981 (0.2%)	1969 (0.2%)

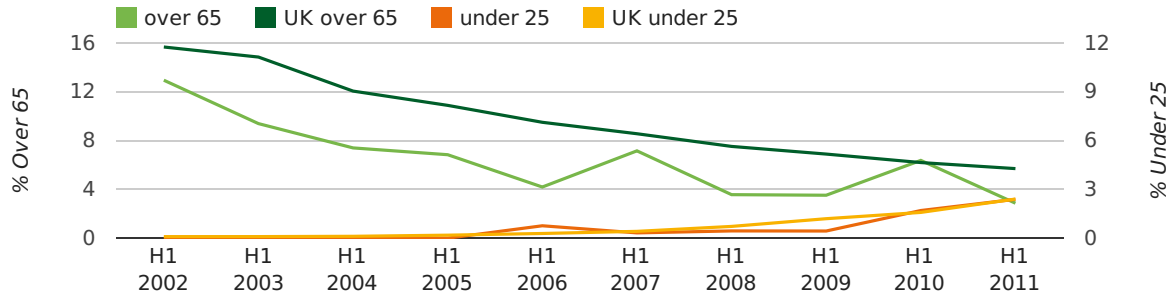
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 43.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



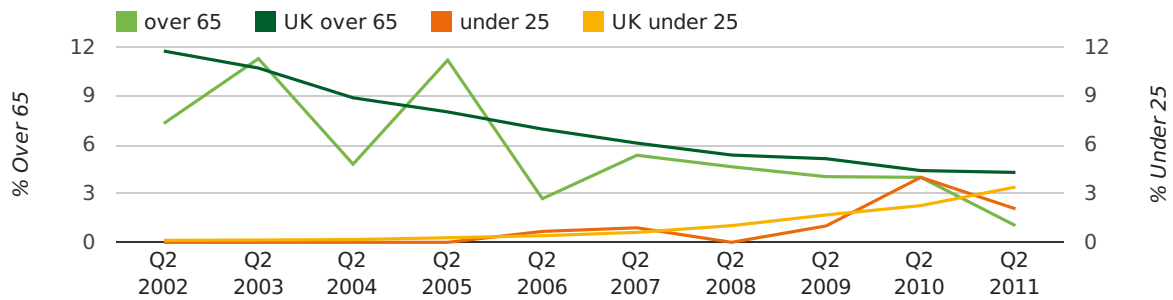
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 41.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

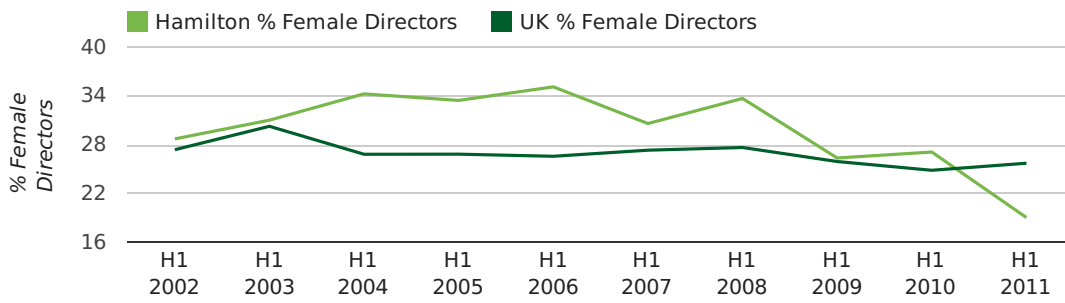


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

19.0% of all director appointments in Hamilton 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

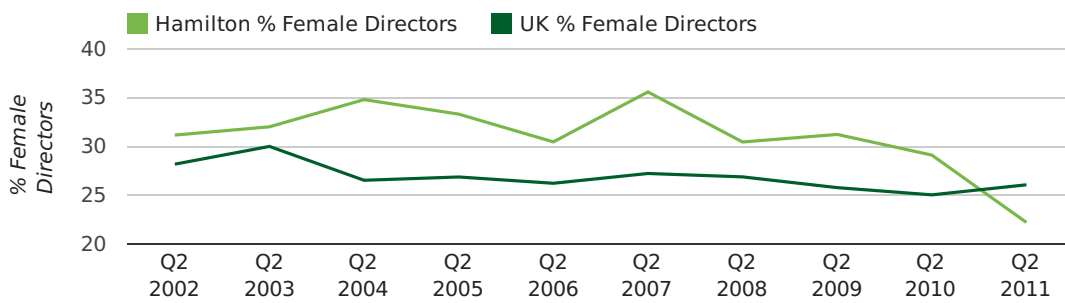


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

22.2% of all director appointments in Hamilton 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
HOUSE	3.55%	CONSULTING	5.09%
HERITAGE	3.25%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
(SCOTLAND)	3.10%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
PROPERTY	1.03%	PROPERTY	2.43%
CONSTRUCTION	1.03%	TRADING	2.05%
MANAGEMENT	1.03%	DESIGN	1.94%
ELECTRICAL	1.03%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
S	0.89%	BUSINESS	1.87%
SCOTLAND	0.74%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
CONTRACTS	0.74%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
P	0.74%	MEDIA	1.73%
CONSULTING	0.74%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
ENGINEERING	0.59%	LONDON	1.60%
J	0.59%	GLOBAL	1.46%
SYSTEMS	0.59%	J	1.44%
PROPERTIES	0.59%	CARE	1.44%
SAFETY	0.59%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
SOLAR	0.59%	IT	1.39%
ENERGY	0.59%	BUILDING	1.32%
CONSULTANCY	0.59%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ENTERPRISES	0.59%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
PROJECT	0.59%	M	1.27%
RECYCLING	0.59%	S	1.23%
DESIGNS	0.44%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
INSPECTION	0.44%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	140	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	68	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	19	30,647
74990 - Non-trading company	19	8,481
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	17	7,835
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	16	16,419
9999 - Dormant Company	14	20,111
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	11	3,050
7499 - Non-trading company	10	10,955
99999 - Dormant Company	10	18,918
5530 - Restaurants	10	5,086
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	9	3,790
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	8	5,928
86230 - Dental practice activities	8	1,407
4525 - Other special trades construction	8	1,676
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	7	10,322
49410 - Freight transport by road	7	2,142
7414 - Business & management consultancy	6	13,053
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	6	2,641
62090 - Other information technology service activities	6	7,095