

Hamilton

2012 half year business confidence report



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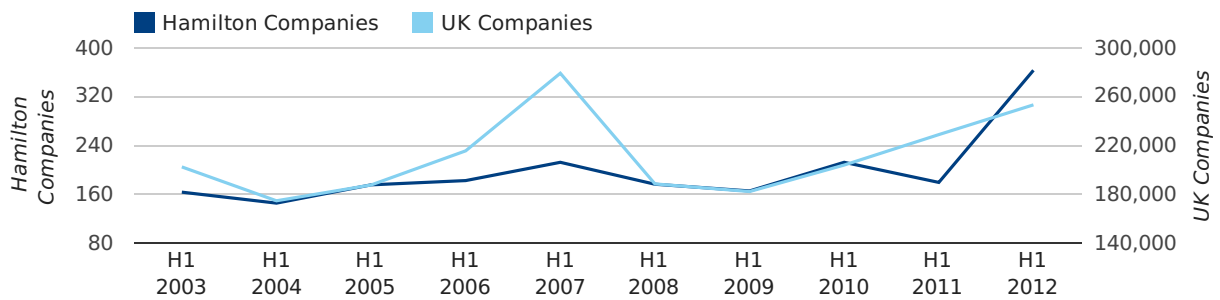
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Hamilton when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 363 companies were formed in Hamilton. This figure is 102.8% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Hamilton occurred in 2012 when a total of 363 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HAMILTON	UK
2012	363	253,150
2011	179	228,735
% CHANGE	102.8%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (363)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

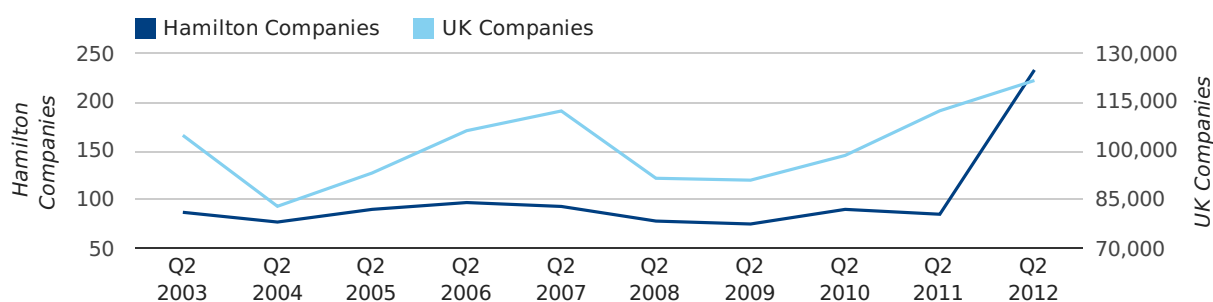
Q2 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Hamilton when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 233 companies were registered in Hamilton during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 174.1% 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)	HAMILTON	UK
2012	233	121,659
2011	85	112,344
% CHANGE	174.1%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (233)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



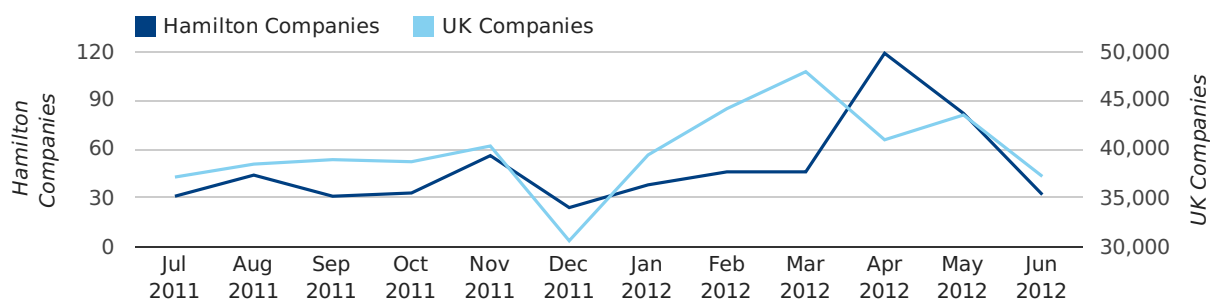
Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Hamilton when compared to any previous May.

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

April 2012 was a record month for company registrations in Hamilton when compared to any month in history.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	119	82	32
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	17	36	32
% CHANGE	600.0%	127.8%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (119)	2012 (82)	2009 (37)

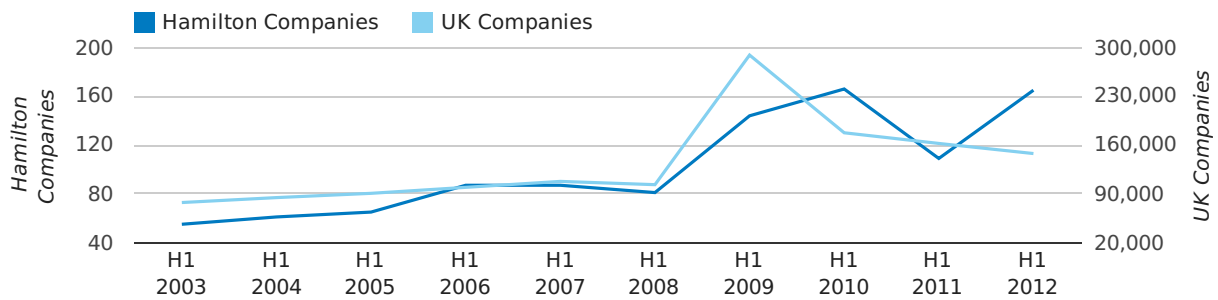
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 165 companies were dissolved in Hamilton. This figure is 51.4% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

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
2012	165	147,793
2011	109	162,310
% CHANGE	51.4%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (166)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 73 companies were dissolved in Hamilton during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 37.7% 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)	HAMILTON	UK
2012	73	80,217
2011	53	71,324
% CHANGE	37.7%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (106)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

April 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Hamilton when compared to any previous April.

dissolved companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	20	28	25
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	13	19	21
% CHANGE	53.8%	47.4%	19%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (20)	2010 (62)	2009 (39)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

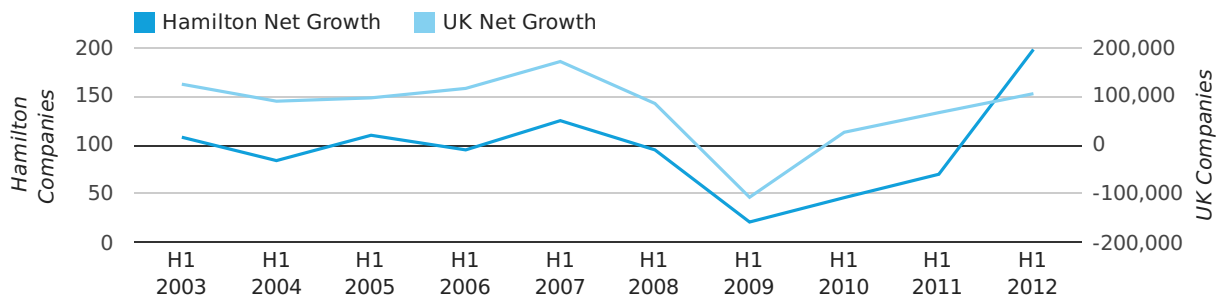
The first half of 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Hamilton when compared to any previous first half year.

The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for net growth in Hamilton when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Hamilton increased by 198 companies. This figure is 182.9% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HAMILTON	UK
2012	198	105,357
2011	70	66,425
% CHANGE	182.9%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (198)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Q2 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Hamilton when compared to any previous Q2.

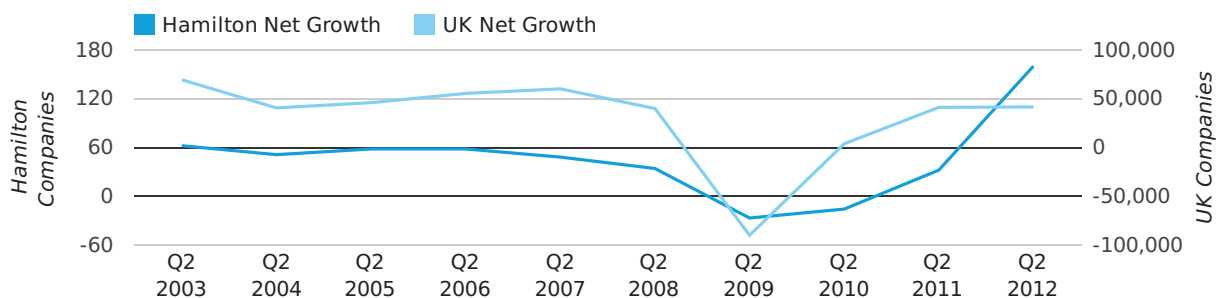
Q2 2012 was a record quarter for net growth in Hamilton when compared to any quarter in history.

Net company growth for Hamilton during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 160 companies.

This represents an increase of 400.0% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	HAMILTON	UK
2012	160	41,442
2011	32	41,020
% CHANGE	400.0%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (160)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



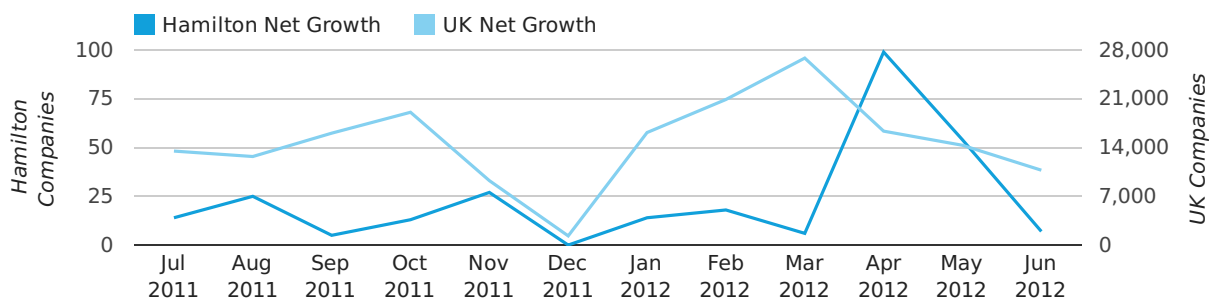
Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

May 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Hamilton when compared to any previous May.

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

April 2012 was a record month for net growth in Hamilton when compared to any month in history.

net growth by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	99	54	7
NET GROWTH IN 2011	4	17	11
% CHANGE	2,375.0%	217.6%	-36.4%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (99)	2012 (54)	2003 (24)

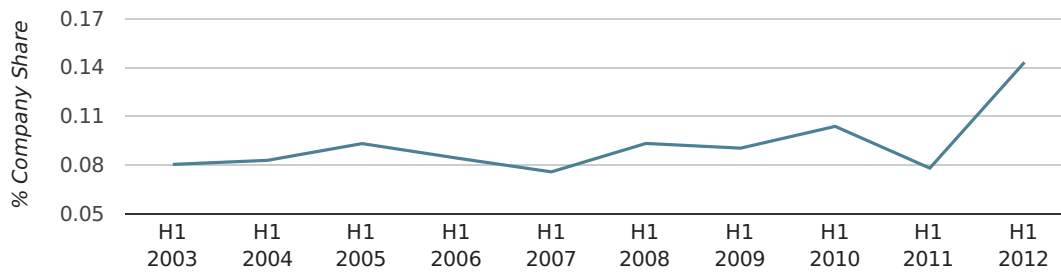
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The first half of 2012 saw a new record in UK company share in Hamilton when compared to any previous first half year.

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

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

company share by half year

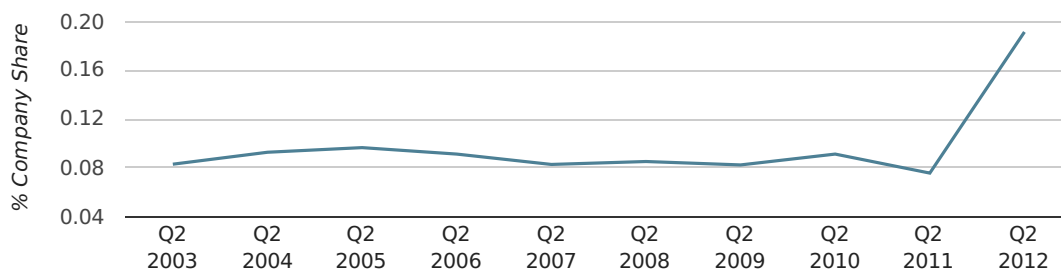


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Hamilton formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	HAMILTON
2012	0.2%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2012 (0.2%)

company share by quarter

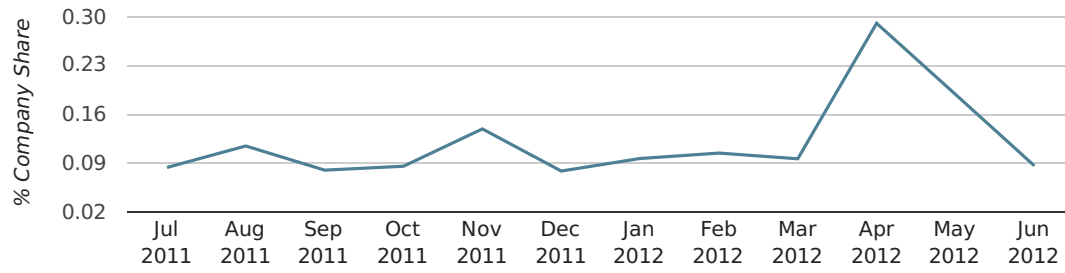


Q2 2012 saw a new record in UK company share in Hamilton when compared to any previous Q2.

Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

May 2012 saw a new record in UK company share in Hamilton when compared to any previous May.

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.3%	0.2%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	489.5%	99.7%	6.7%
RECORD YEAR	1979 (1.1%)	2012 (0.2%)	1969 (0.2%)

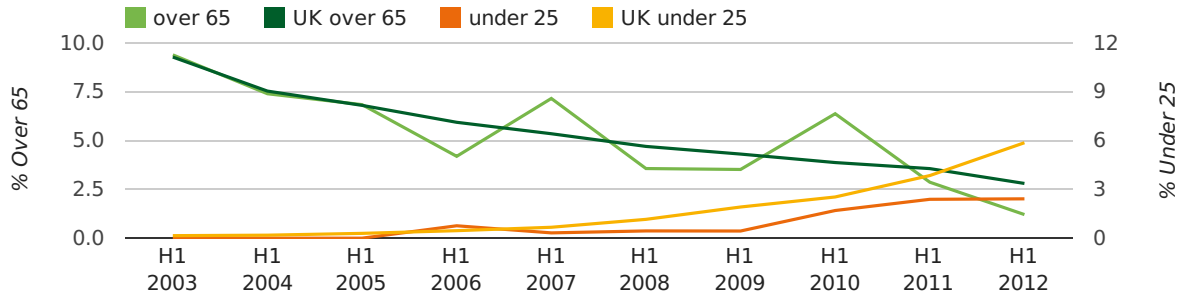
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 40.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



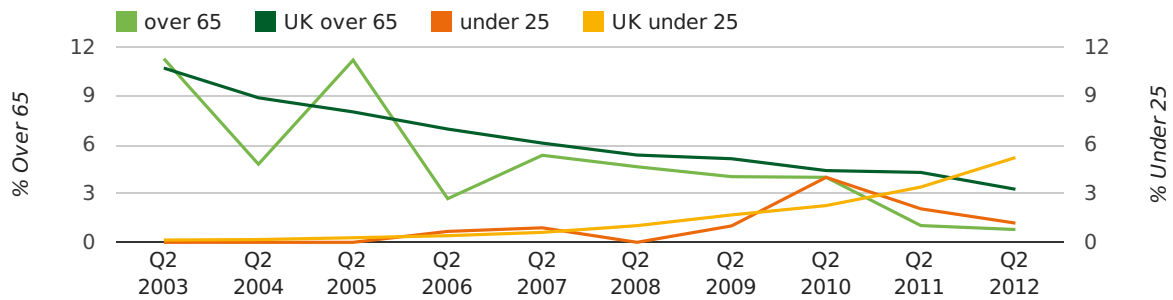
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 40.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.2% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 0.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

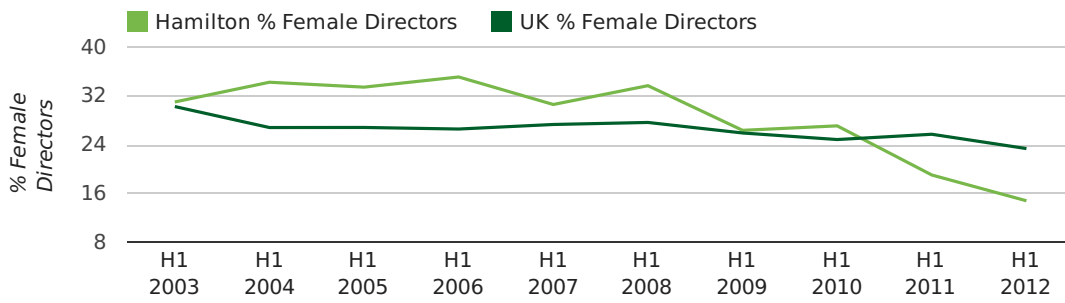


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

14.8% of all director appointments in Hamilton 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

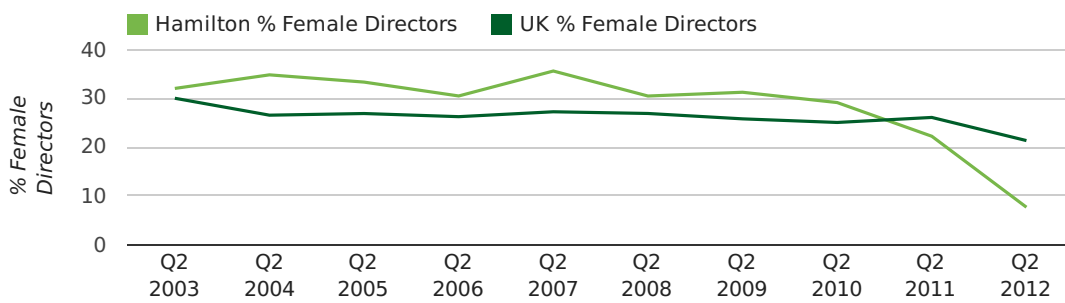


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

7.7% of all director appointments in Hamilton 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
ILI	20.78%	CONSULTING	5.07%
(SCOTLAND)	2.29%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
FARM)	1.09%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
D	0.98%	PROPERTY	2.35%
PROPERTY	0.98%	TRADING	2.10%
LEISURE	0.87%	DESIGN	1.89%
LUMINATE	0.76%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
S	0.76%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CONSULTANCY	0.76%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
CONSTRUCTION	0.65%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
C	0.65%	BUSINESS	1.70%
TRAINING	0.65%	MEDIA	1.69%
(WEST	0.54%	LONDON	1.68%
PROPERTIES	0.54%	J	1.57%
MANAGEMENT	0.54%	GLOBAL	1.51%
B	0.54%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
FOOD	0.54%	IT	1.42%
ASSOCIATES	0.54%	CARE	1.31%
CLEANING	0.54%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
(SOUTH	0.54%	M	1.26%
CONSULTING	0.54%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
DESIGN	0.54%	BUILDING	1.23%
G	0.54%	SECURITY	1.19%
M	0.44%	S	1.18%
J	0.44%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	172	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	63	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	29	35,447
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	26	10,271
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	26	20,390
74990 - Non-trading company	20	9,706
99999 - Dormant Company	16	26,088
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	15	4,091
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	14	14,220
9999 - Dormant Company	12	16,469
49410 - Freight transport by road	9	2,912
7499 - Non-trading company	8	8,023
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	8	15,280
43320 - Joinery installation	8	1,274
86900 - Other human health activities	8	5,222
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	7	4,535
86230 - Dental practice activities	7	1,834
41100 - Development of building projects	6	5,149
5530 - Restaurants	6	4,037
9305 - Other service activities	5	7,926