

Harrogate

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

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- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Harrogate when compared to any half year in history.
- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Harrogate when compared to any previous May.

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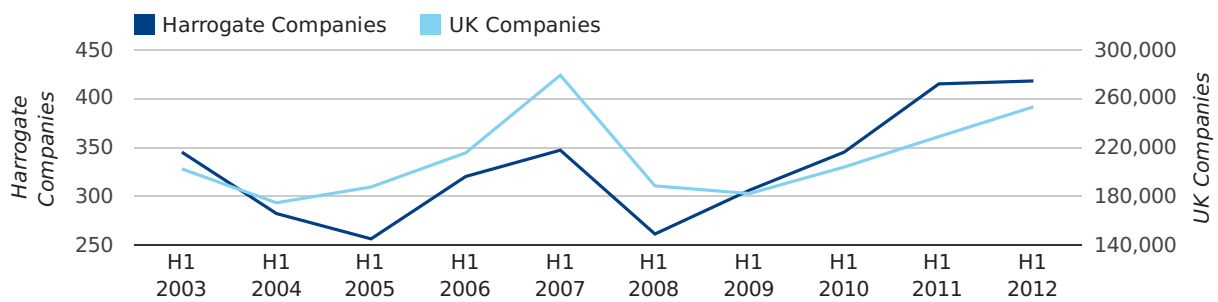
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Harrogate when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 418 companies were formed in Harrogate. This figure is 0.7% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Harrogate occurred in 2012 when a total of 418 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HARROGATE	UK
2012	418	253,150
2011	415	228,735
% CHANGE	0.7%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (418)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



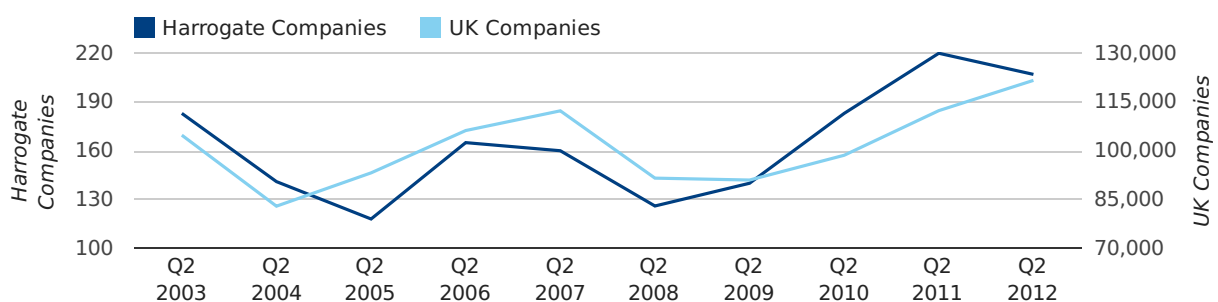
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 207 companies were registered in Harrogate during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 5.9% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares badly 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)	HARROGATE	UK
2012	207	121,659
2011	220	112,344
% CHANGE	-5.9%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (220)	2012 (121,659)

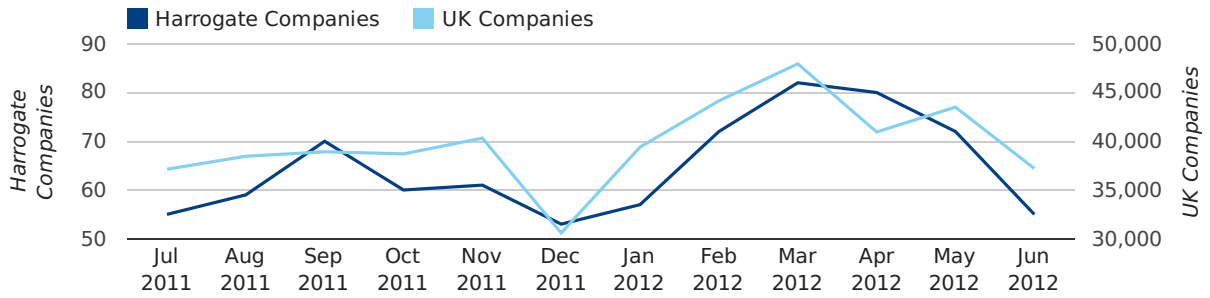
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	80	72	55
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	89	52	79
% CHANGE	-10.1%	38.5%	-30.4%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (89)	2012 (72)	2011 (79)

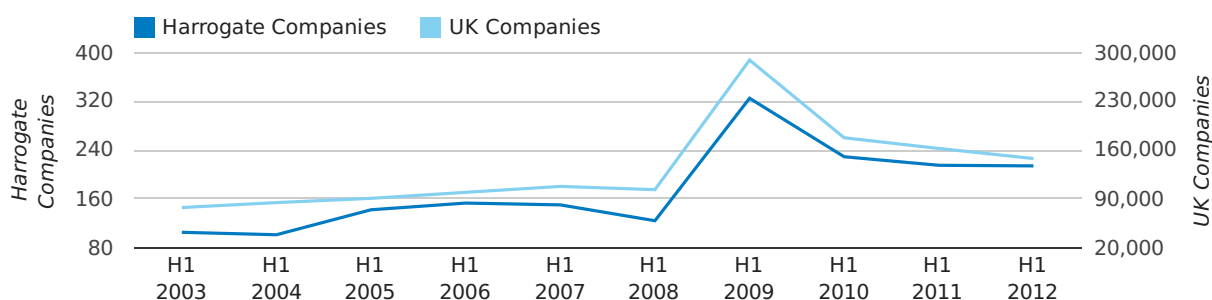
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 214 companies were dissolved in Harrogate. This figure is 0.5% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Harrogate occurred in 2009 when a total of 325 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HARROGATE	UK
2012	214	147,793
2011	215	162,310
% CHANGE	-0.5%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (325)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



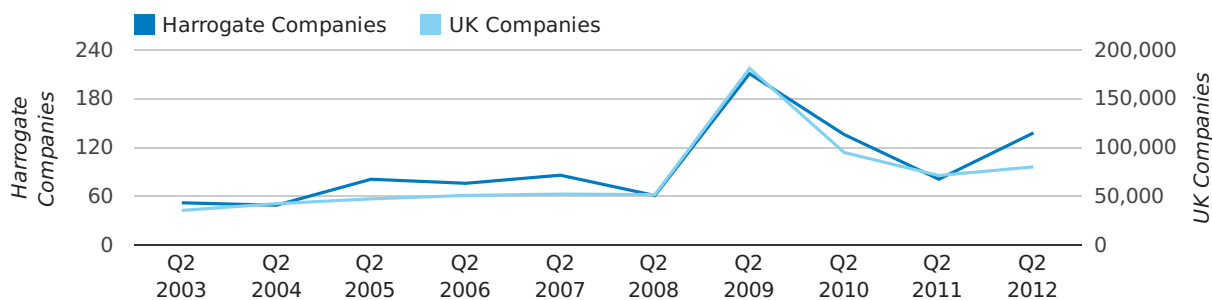
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 138 companies were dissolved in Harrogate during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 70.4% 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)	HARROGATE	UK
2012	138	80,217
2011	81	71,324
% CHANGE	70.4%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (211)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



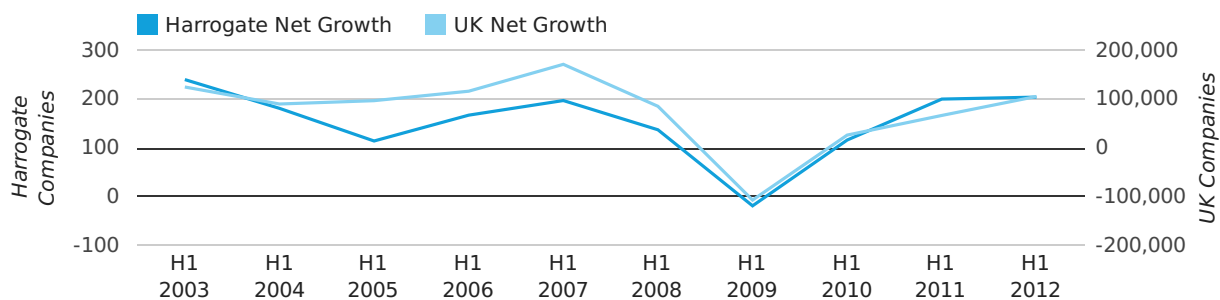
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	52	42	44
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	21	30	30
% CHANGE	147.6%	40.0%	47%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (55)	2009 (95)	2009 (61)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Harrogate increased by 204 companies. This figure is 2.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HARROGATE	UK
2012	204	105,357
2011	200	66,425
% CHANGE	2.0%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (240)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



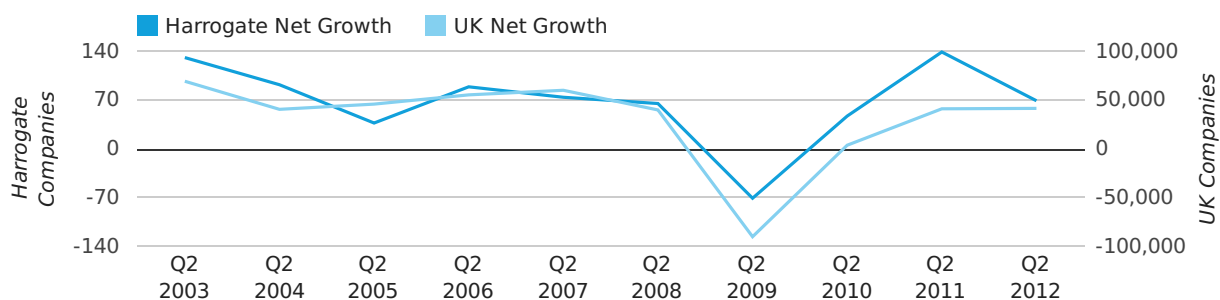
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Harrogate during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 69 companies.

This represents a decrease of 50.4% on the same period last year.

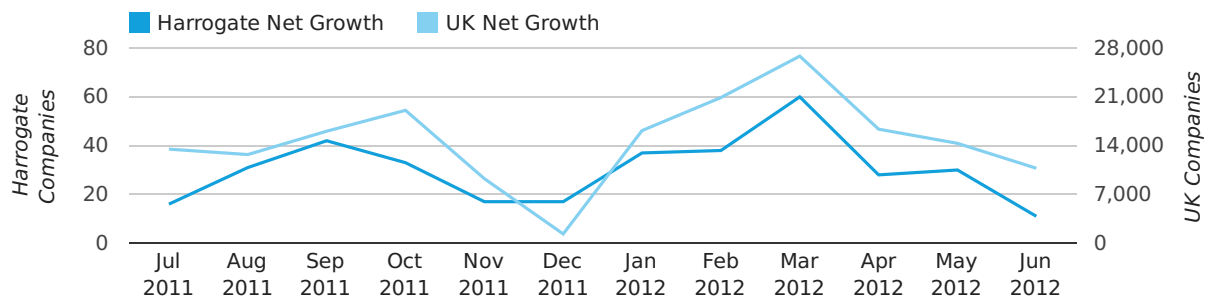
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	HARROGATE	UK
2012	69	41,442
2011	139	41,020
% CHANGE	-50.4%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (139)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



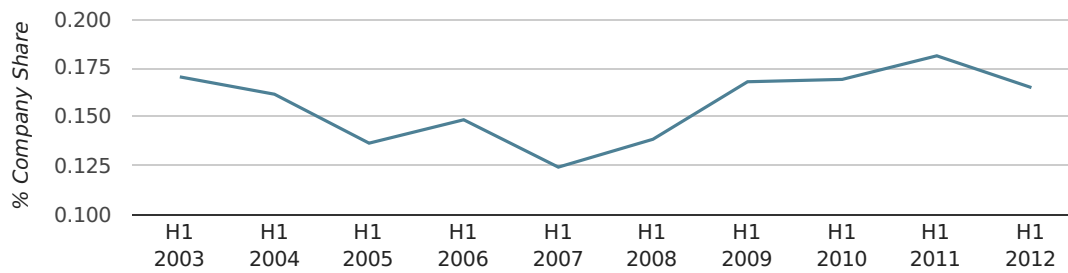
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	28	30	11
NET GROWTH IN 2011	68	22	49
% CHANGE	-58.8%	36.4%	-77.6%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (68)	2003 (50)	2011 (49)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HARROGATE
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (0.3%)

company share by half year

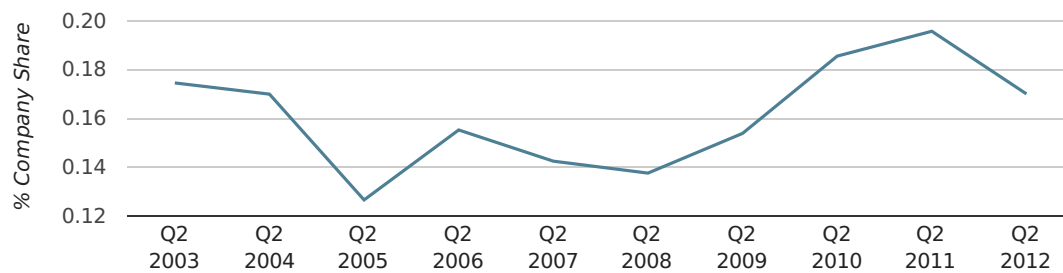


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	HARROGATE
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (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%	0.2%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.1%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-24.3%	21.3%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.6%)	1965 (0.5%)	1965 (0.6%)

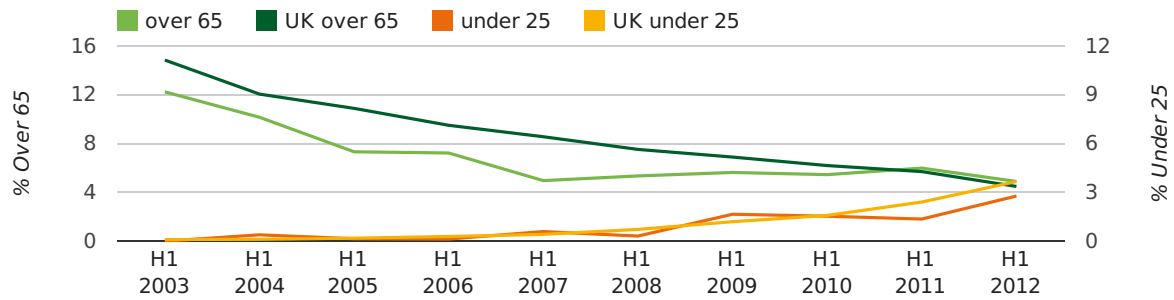
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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 2.8% 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



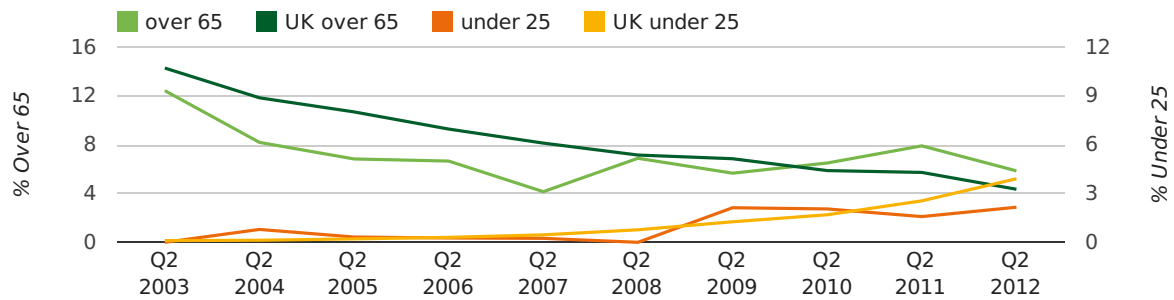
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The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 45.8.

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director age by quarter

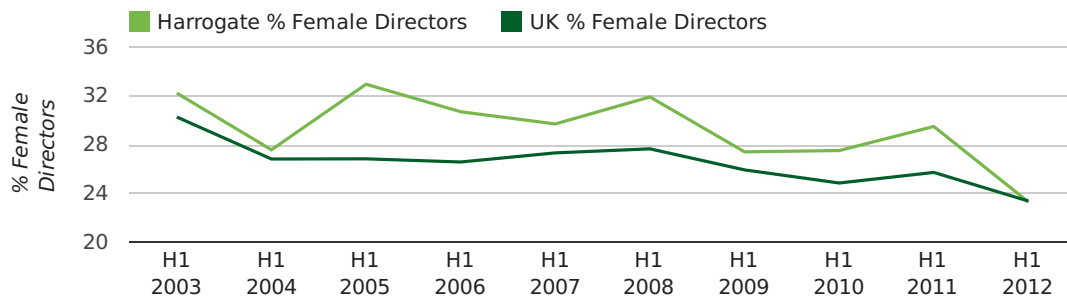


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

23.3% of all director appointments in Harrogate 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

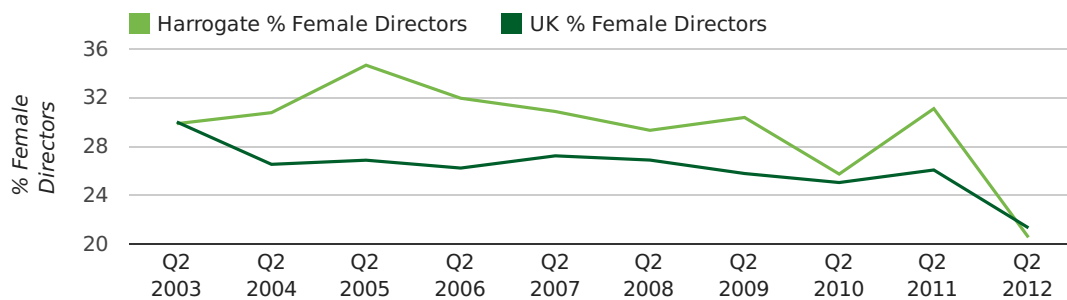


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

20.6% of all director appointments in Harrogate 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
HARROGATE	3.34%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.71%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.71%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
(HARROGATE)	1.01%	PROPERTY	2.35%
ASSOCIATES	0.93%	TRADING	2.10%
YORKSHIRE	0.78%	DESIGN	1.89%
CONSULTANCY	0.70%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
CONSULTANTS	0.62%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
DEVELOPMENT	0.62%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
INVESTMENTS	0.62%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
FINANCIAL	0.54%	BUSINESS	1.70%
BUSINESS	0.54%	MEDIA	1.69%
(YORKSHIRE)	0.54%	LONDON	1.68%
PROPERTY	0.47%	J	1.57%
NEWCO	0.47%	GLOBAL	1.51%
J	0.47%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
WEALTH	0.47%	IT	1.42%
GH	0.39%	CARE	1.31%
PARTNERS	0.39%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CREATIVE	0.39%	M	1.26%
COW	0.39%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
FINANCE	0.39%	BUILDING	1.23%
DIRECT	0.39%	SECURITY	1.19%
ELECTRICAL	0.39%	S	1.18%
GREEN	0.39%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	344	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	69	47,029
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	53	20,390
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	49	35,447
99999 - Dormant Company	37	26,088
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	31	10,271
74990 - Non-trading company	23	9,706
7414 - Business & management consultancy	22	10,978
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	20	15,280
9999 - Dormant Company	19	16,469
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	16	3,818
9305 - Other service activities	13	7,926
70100 - Activities of head offices	13	2,678
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	13	14,220
62090 - Other information technology service activities	13	8,258
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	13	4,295
62012 - Business and domestic software development	13	4,742
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	11	6,356
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	11	3,365
86900 - Other human health activities	11	5,222