

Hartlepool

2011 half year business confidence report



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- June 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Hartlepool when compared to any previous June.

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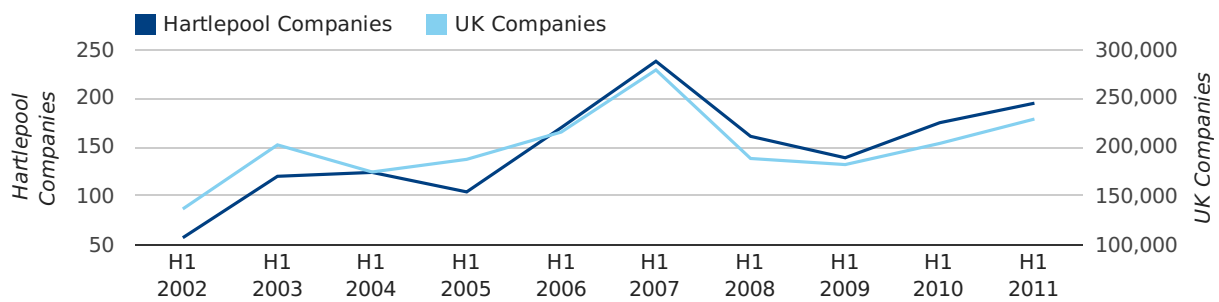
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 195 companies were formed in Hartlepool. This figure is 11.4% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Hartlepool occurred in 2007 when a total of 238 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HARTLEPOOL	UK
2011	195	228,735
2010	175	203,749
% CHANGE	11.4%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (238)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



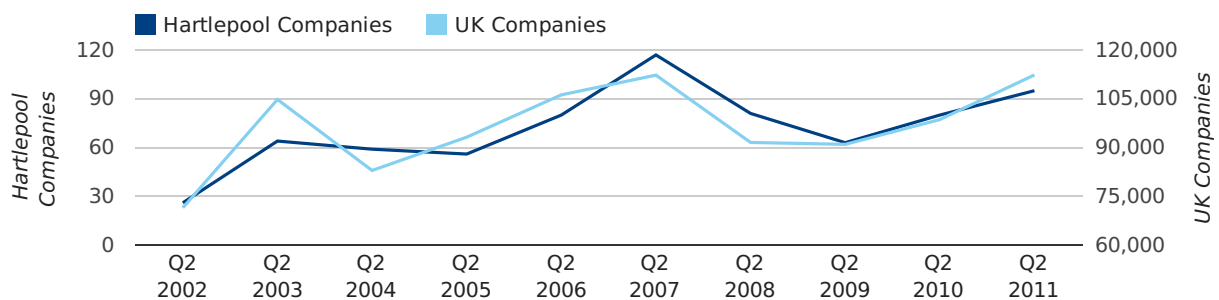
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 95 companies were registered in Hartlepool during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 18.8% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well 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)	HARTLEPOOL	UK
2011	95	112,344
2010	80	98,612
% CHANGE	18.8%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (117)	2011 (112,344)

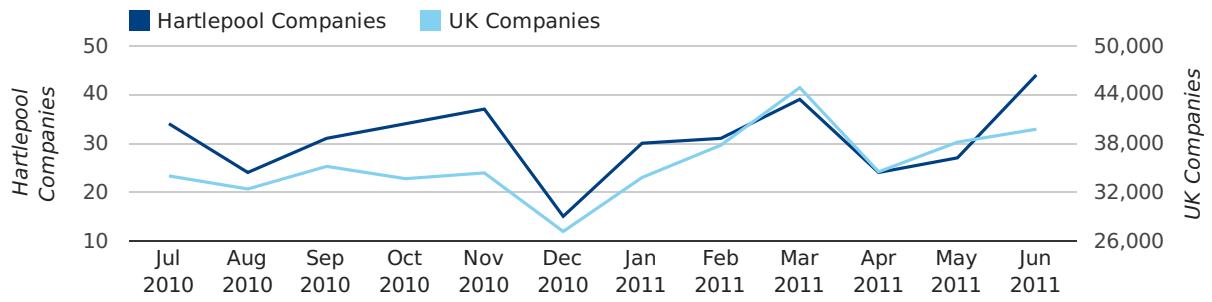
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

June 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Hartlepool when compared to any previous June.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	24	27	44
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	25	38	17
% CHANGE	-4.0%	-28.9%	158.8%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (48)	2010 (38)	2011 (44)

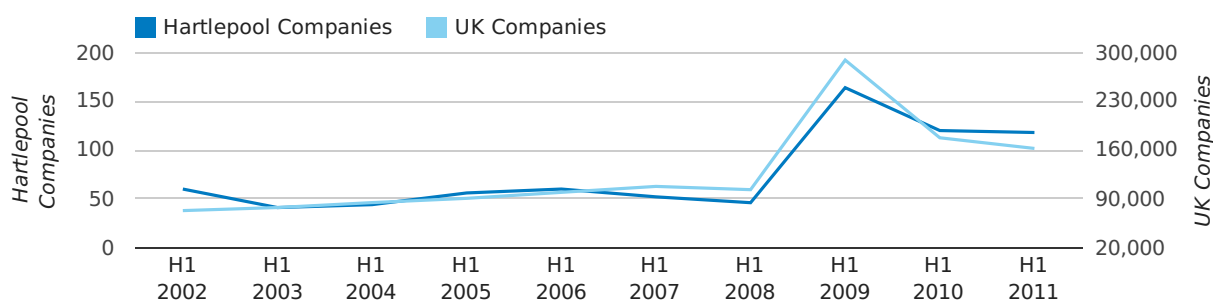
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 118 companies were dissolved in Hartlepool. This figure is 1.7% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Hartlepool occurred in 2009 when a total of 164 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HARTLEPOOL	UK
2011	118	162,310
2010	120	177,631
% CHANGE	-1.7%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (164)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



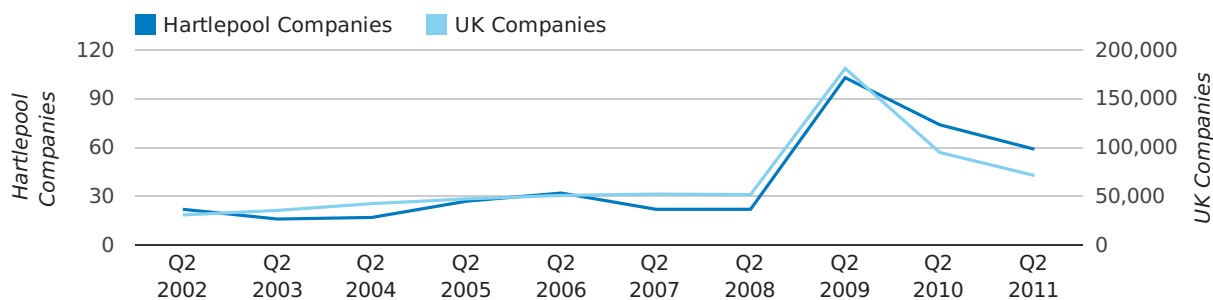
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 59 companies were dissolved in Hartlepool during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 20.3% 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.

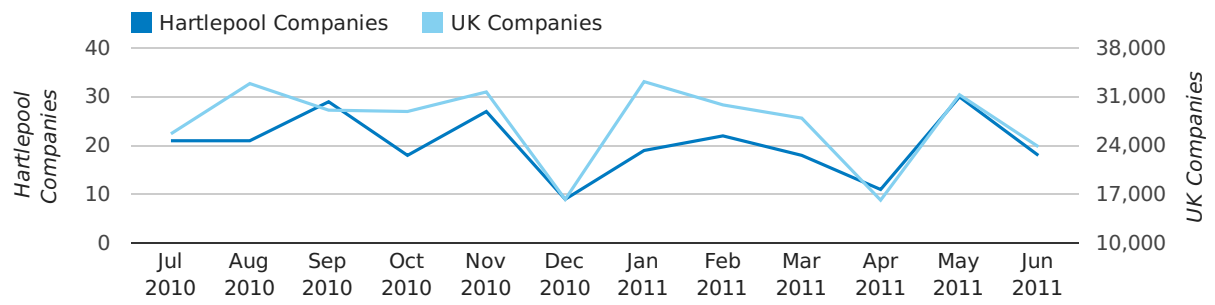
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	HARTLEPOOL	UK
2011	59	71,324
2010	74	94,954
% CHANGE	-20.3%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (103)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



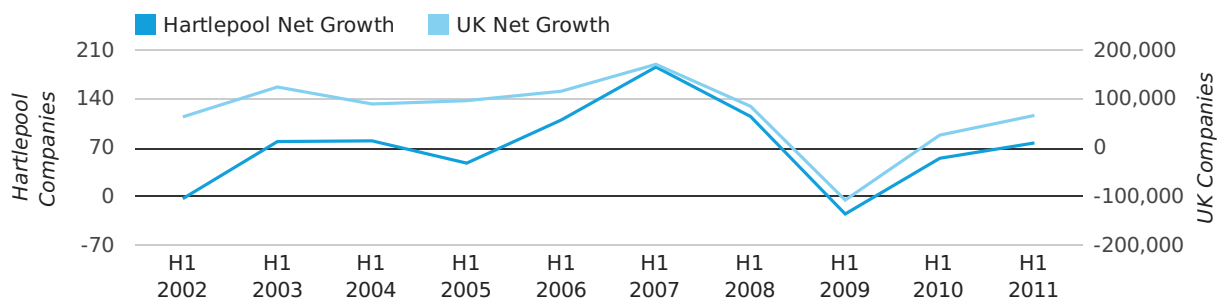
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	11	30	18
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	15	24	35
% CHANGE	-26.7%	25.0%	-49%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (24)	2009 (41)	2009 (38)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Hartlepool increased by 77 companies. This figure is 40.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HARTLEPOOL	UK
2011	77	66,425
2010	55	26,118
% CHANGE	40.0%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (186)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



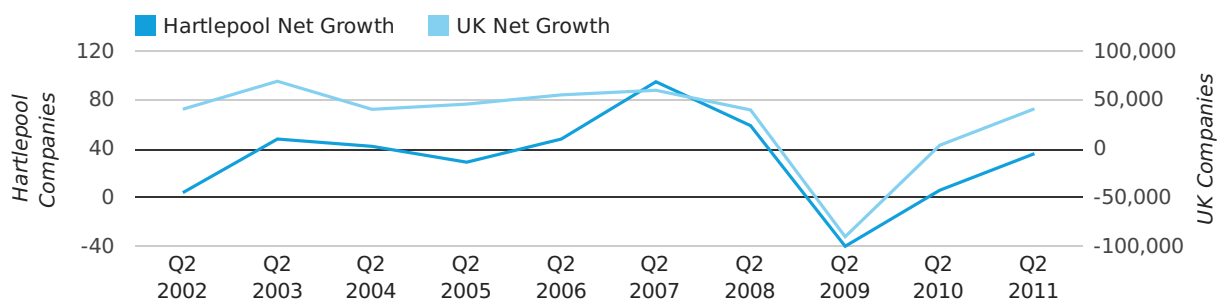
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Hartlepool during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 36 companies.

This represents an increase of 500.0% on the same period last year.

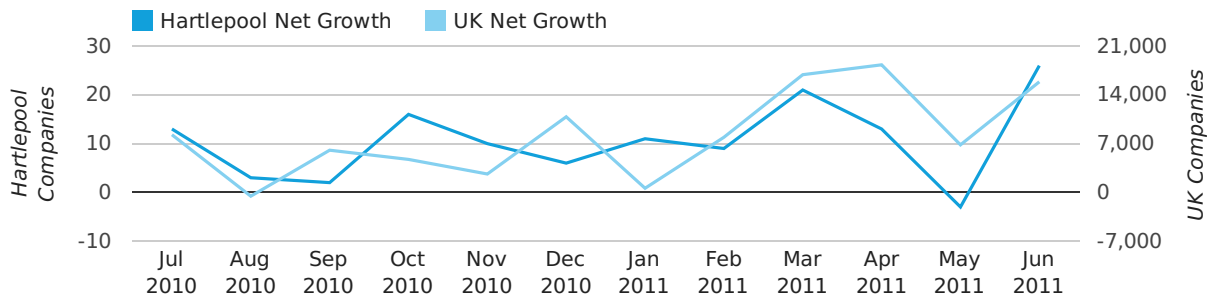
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	HARTLEPOOL	UK
2011	36	41,020
2010	6	3,658
% CHANGE	500.0%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (95)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



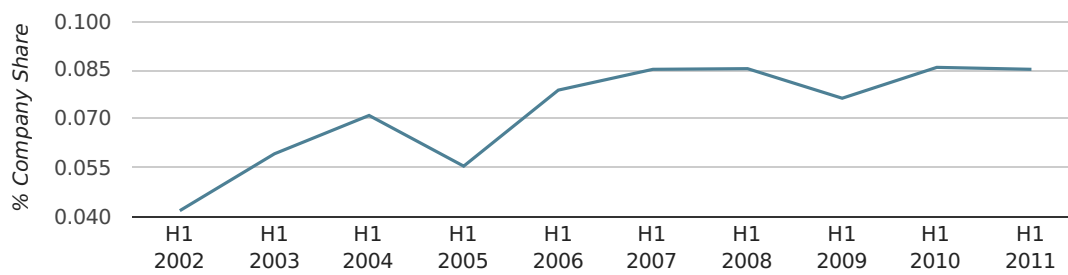
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	13	-3	26
NET GROWTH IN 2010	10	14	-18
% CHANGE	30.0%	-121.4%	-244.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (39)	2007 (26)	2007 (30)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HARTLEPOOL
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1985 (0.1%)

company share by half year

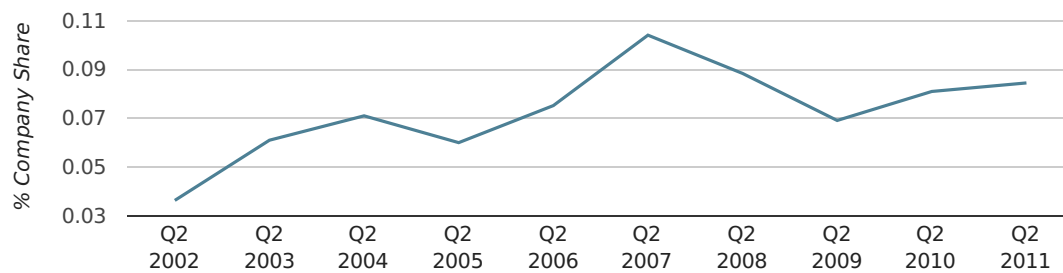


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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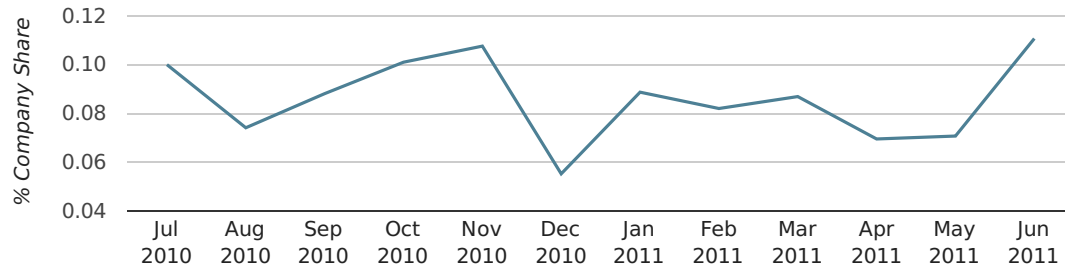
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	HARTLEPOOL
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
% CHANGE	-7.1%	-44.0%	129.4%
RECORD YEAR	1963 (0.2%)	1966 (0.2%)	1972 (0.4%)

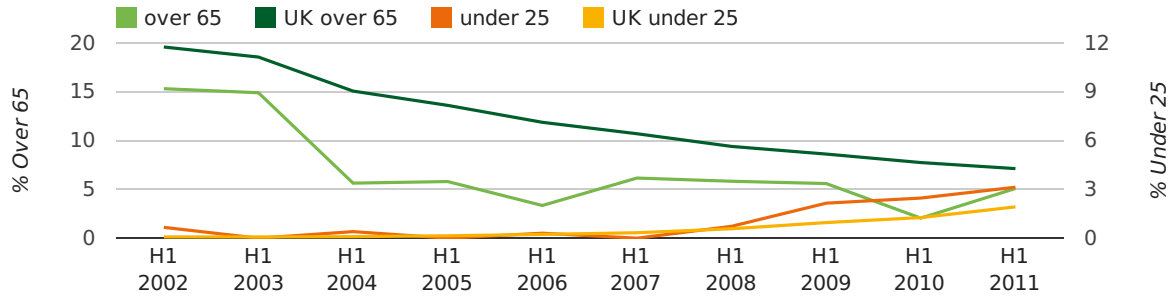
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 45.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



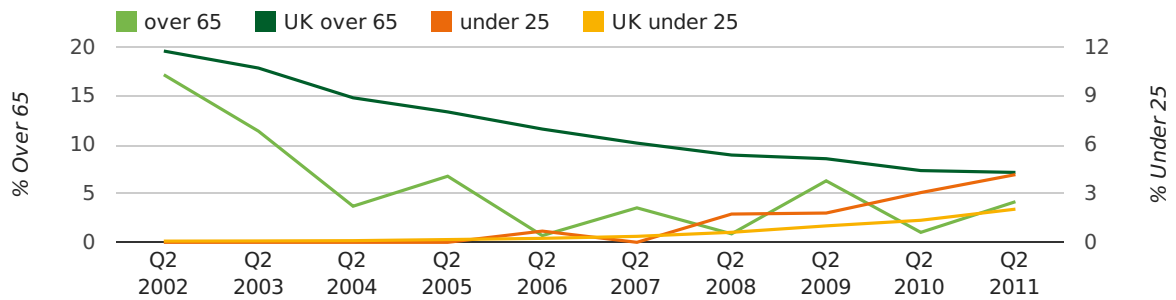
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 45.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

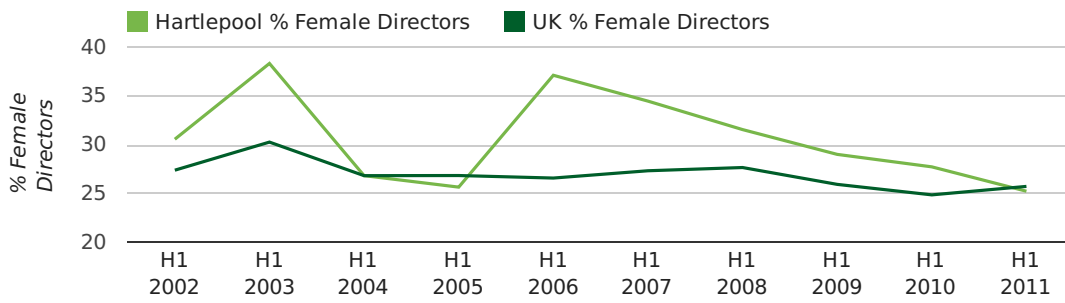


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

25.2% of all director appointments in Hartlepool 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

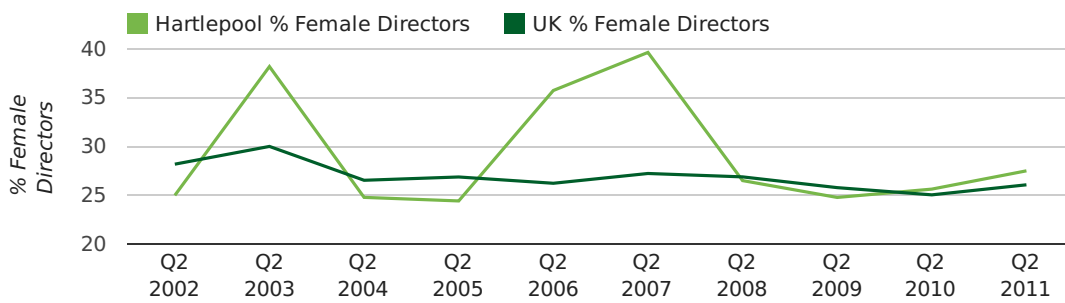


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

27.5% of all director appointments in Hartlepool 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
ENGINEERING	2.33%	CONSULTING	5.09%
INSPECTION	1.71%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
HARTLEPOOL	1.55%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
MANAGEMENT	1.40%	PROPERTY	2.43%
NORTH	1.24%	TRADING	2.05%
CONSTRUCTION	1.24%	DESIGN	1.94%
EAST	1.09%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
CONSULTANTS	1.09%	BUSINESS	1.87%
ELECTRICAL	1.09%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
CIC	1.09%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
PROPERTY	1.09%	MEDIA	1.73%
DESIGN	0.93%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
MEDICAL	0.93%	LONDON	1.60%
S	0.93%	GLOBAL	1.46%
J	0.93%	J	1.44%
M	0.78%	CARE	1.44%
C	0.78%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
BUILDING	0.78%	IT	1.39%
TRAINING	0.78%	BUILDING	1.32%
CONSULTANCY	0.78%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
LEISURE	0.78%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
SERVICE	0.62%	M	1.27%
P	0.62%	S	1.23%
SAFETY	0.62%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.62%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	116	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	67	60,758
9999 - Dormant Company	17	20,111
99999 - Dormant Company	16	18,918
43210 - Electrical installation	14	3,085
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	13	30,647
71200 - Technical testing and analysis	12	487
71129 - Other engineering activities	12	1,629
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	11	16,419
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	11	7,835
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	10	10,322
4531 - Installation electrical wiring etc.	10	2,037
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	9	5,928
5540 - Bars	8	2,141
8514 - Other human health activities	7	2,515
7260 - Other computer related activities	6	7,849
9305 - Other service activities	6	9,063
7430 - Technical testing and analysis	5	513
7414 - Business & management consultancy	5	13,053
5530 - Restaurants	5	5,086