

Hartlepool

2012 half year business confidence report



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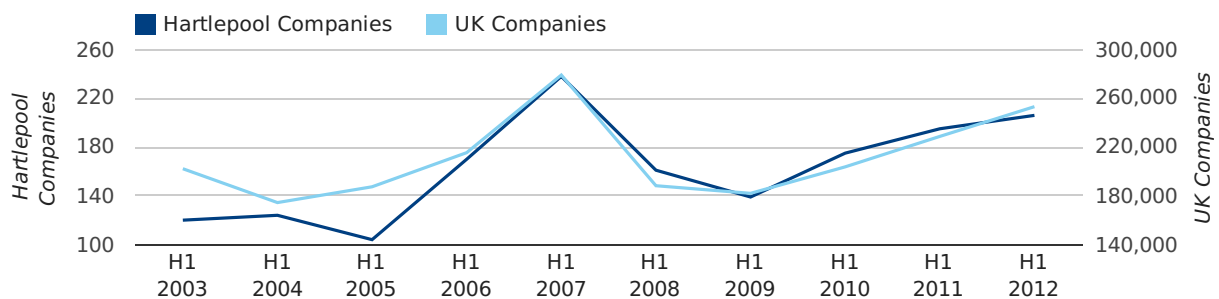
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 206 companies were formed in Hartlepool. This figure is 5.6% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

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
2012	206	253,150
2011	195	228,735
% CHANGE	5.6%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (238)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



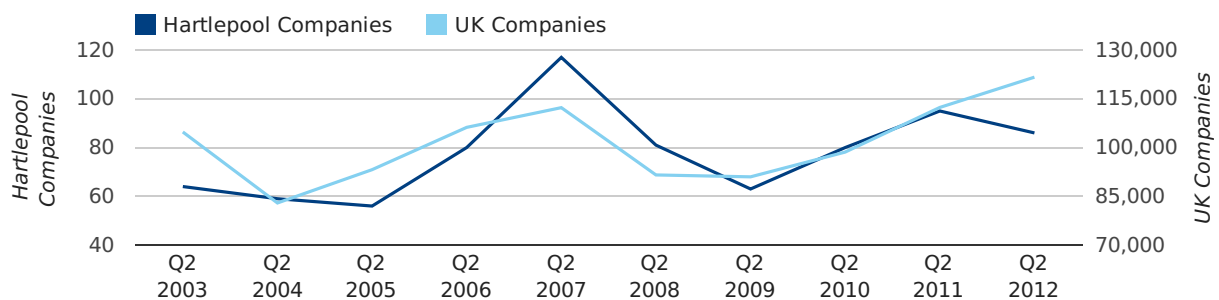
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 86 companies were registered in Hartlepool during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 9.5% 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.

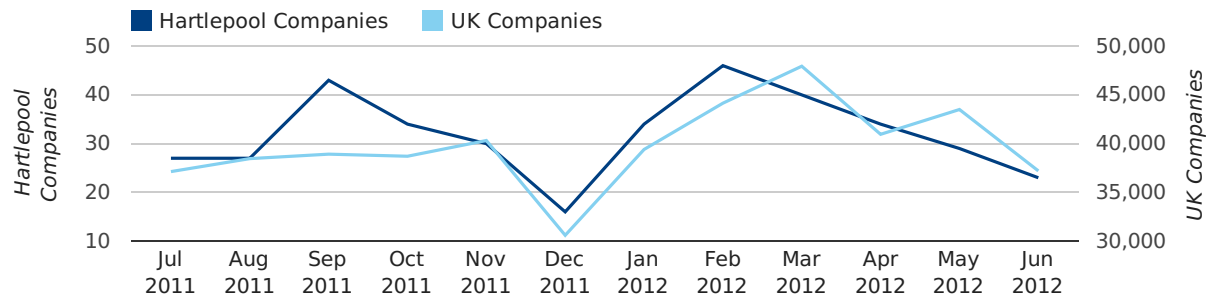
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	HARTLEPOOL	UK
2012	86	121,659
2011	95	112,344
% CHANGE	-9.5%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (117)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	34	29	23
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	24	27	44
% CHANGE	41.7%	7.4%	-47.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (48)	2010 (38)	2011 (44)

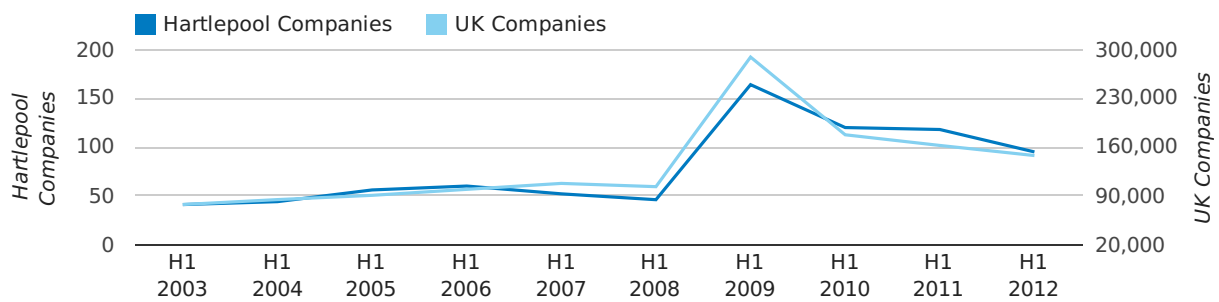
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 95 companies were dissolved in Hartlepool. This figure is 19.5% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

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
2012	95	147,793
2011	118	162,310
% CHANGE	-19.5%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (164)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



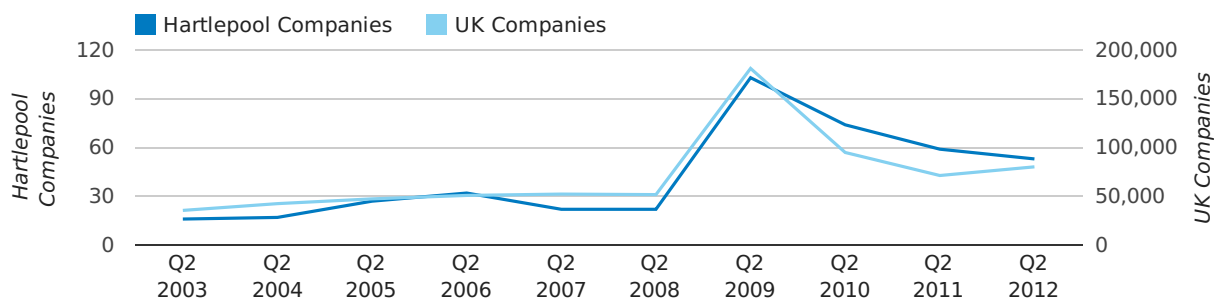
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 53 companies were dissolved in Hartlepool during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 10.2% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

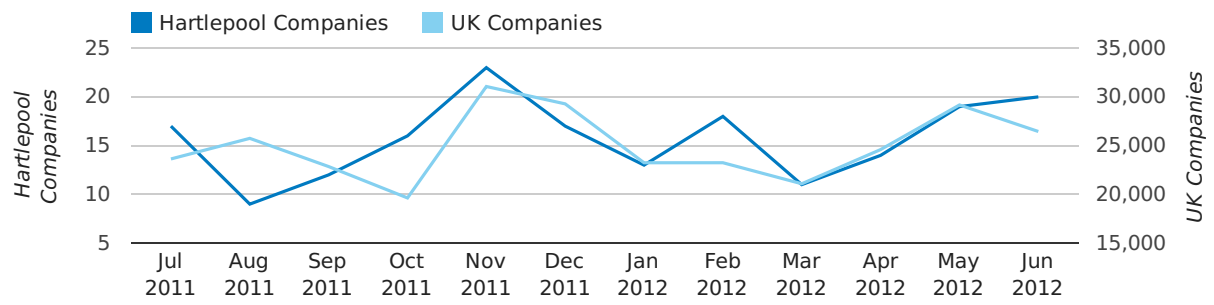
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	HARTLEPOOL	UK
2012	53	80,217
2011	59	71,324
% CHANGE	-10.2%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (103)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



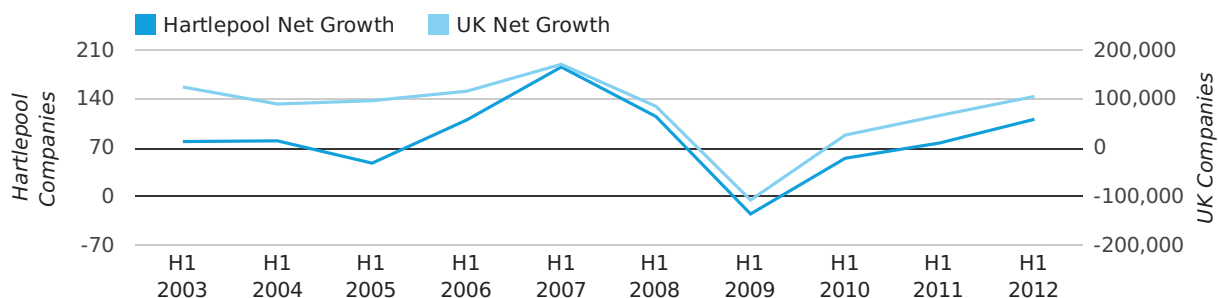
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	14	19	20
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	11	30	18
% CHANGE	27.3%	-36.7%	11%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (24)	2009 (41)	2009 (38)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Hartlepool increased by 111 companies. This figure is 44.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HARTLEPOOL	UK
2012	111	105,357
2011	77	66,425
% CHANGE	44.2%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (186)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



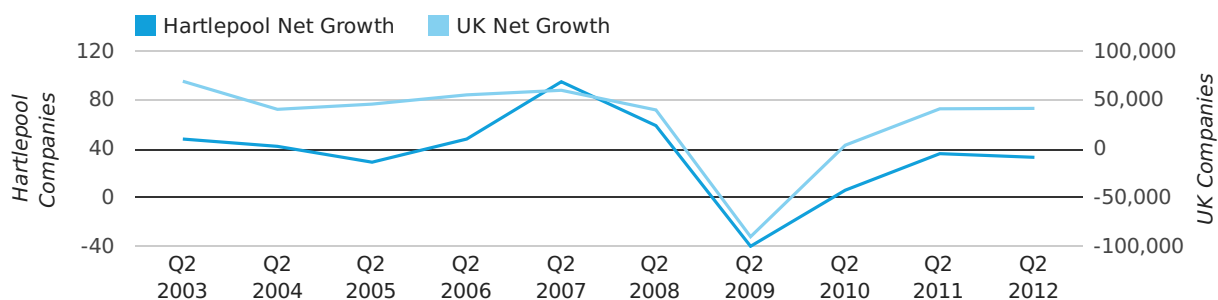
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Hartlepool during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 33 companies.

This represents a decrease of 8.3% on the same period last year.

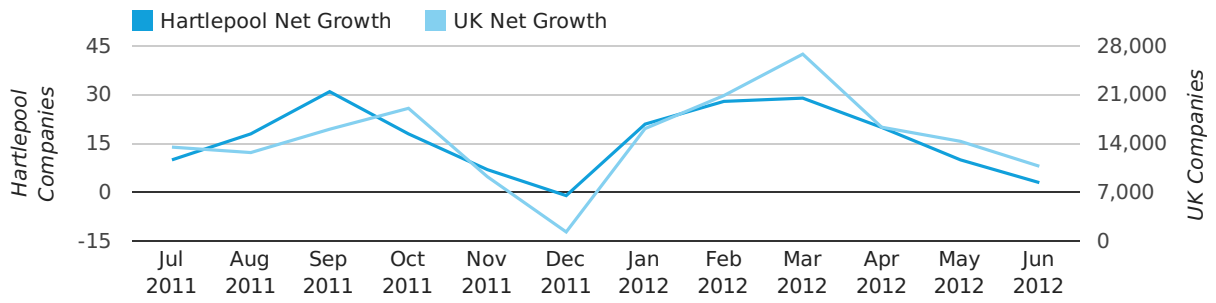
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	HARTLEPOOL	UK
2012	33	41,442
2011	36	41,020
% CHANGE	-8.3%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (95)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



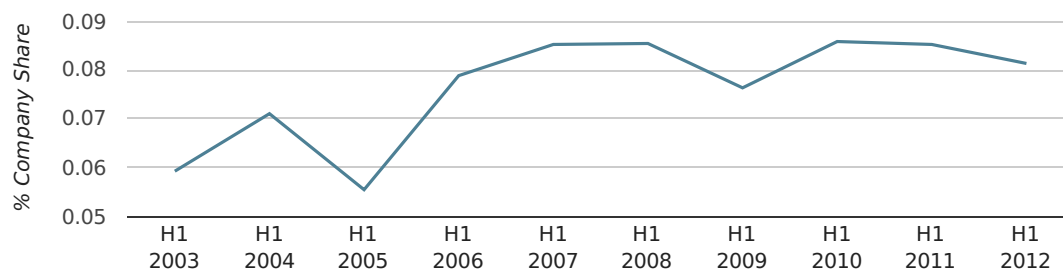
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	20	10	3
NET GROWTH IN 2011	13	-3	26
% CHANGE	53.8%	-433.3%	-88.5%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (39)	2007 (26)	2007 (30)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HARTLEPOOL
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1985 (0.1%)

company share by half year

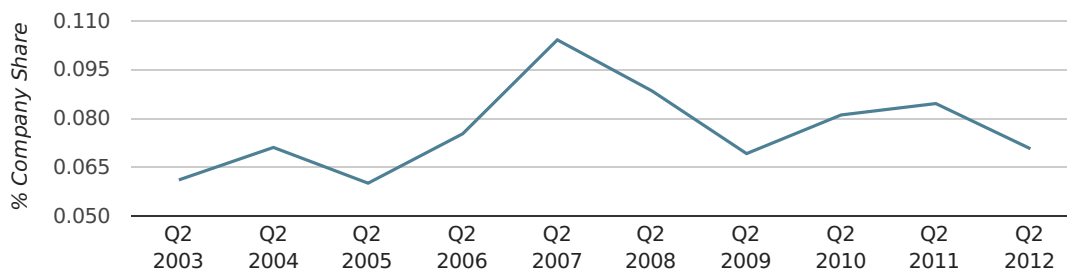


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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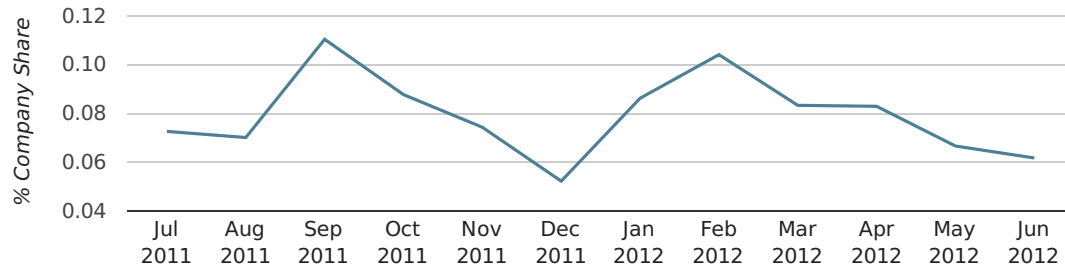
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	HARTLEPOOL
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	19.3%	-5.8%	-44.2%
RECORD YEAR	1963 (0.2%)	1966 (0.2%)	1972 (0.4%)

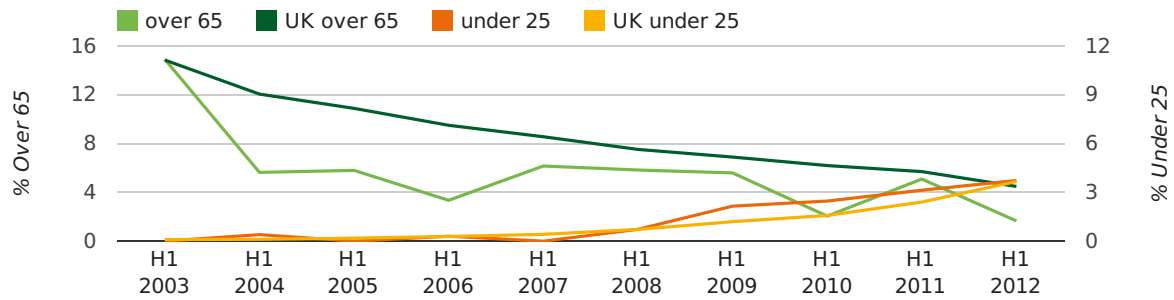
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 41.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



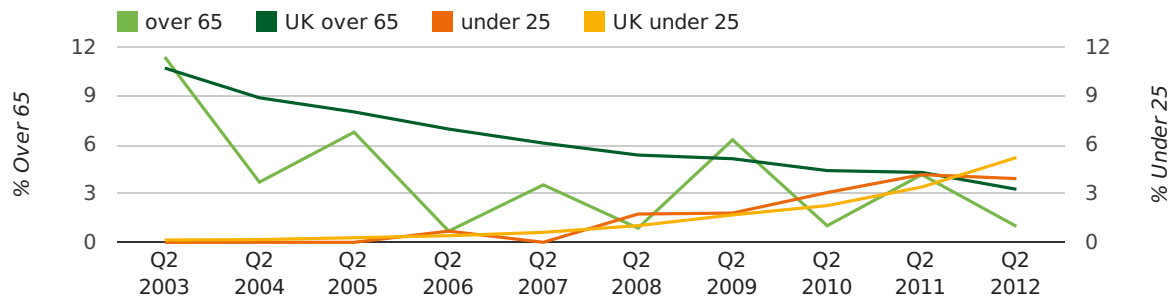
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The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 41.1.

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director age by quarter

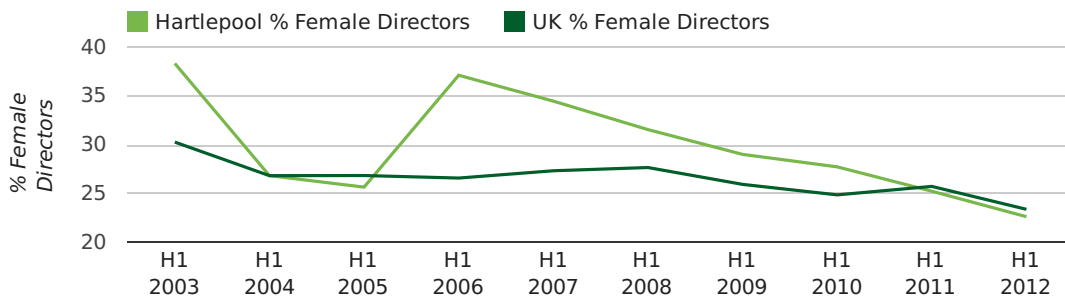


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

22.6% of all director appointments in Hartlepool 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

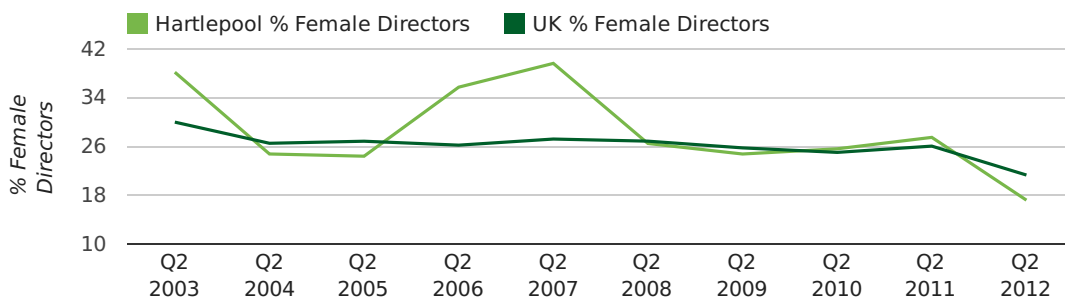


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

17.2% of all director appointments in Hartlepool 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
ENGINEERING	1.92%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTANCY	1.63%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
(NE)	1.48%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
INSPECTION	1.18%	PROPERTY	2.35%
(HARTLEPOOL)	1.04%	TRADING	2.10%
TECHNICAL	1.04%	DESIGN	1.89%
EAST	1.04%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
NORTH	0.89%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
PROPERTY	0.89%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
ELECTRICAL	0.89%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
COMMUNITY	0.89%	BUSINESS	1.70%
HARTLEPOOL	0.89%	MEDIA	1.69%
MANAGEMENT	0.74%	LONDON	1.68%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.74%	J	1.57%
LEISURE	0.74%	GLOBAL	1.51%
TRAINING	0.74%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
MEDICAL	0.74%	IT	1.42%
(NORTH	0.74%	CARE	1.31%
MEDIA	0.59%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
EAST)	0.59%	M	1.26%
4	0.59%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
CONSULTING	0.59%	BUILDING	1.23%
SAFETY	0.59%	SECURITY	1.19%
G	0.59%	S	1.18%
J	0.59%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	159	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	48	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	21	35,447
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	20	14,220
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	17	20,390
71129 - Other engineering activities	17	2,453
99999 - Dormant Company	16	26,088
86900 - Other human health activities	15	5,222
9999 - Dormant Company	14	16,469
71200 - Technical testing and analysis	14	496
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	12	10,271
43210 - Electrical installation	10	3,557
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	9	4,091
4531 - Installation electrical wiring etc.	9	1,631
7414 - Business & management consultancy	6	10,978
43290 - Other construction installation	6	1,796
93290 - Other amusement and recreation activities not elsewhere classified	6	1,751
5530 - Restaurants	6	4,037
7430 - Technical testing and analysis	6	417
8514 - Other human health activities	5	2,277