

Hemel Hempstead

2012 half year business confidence report



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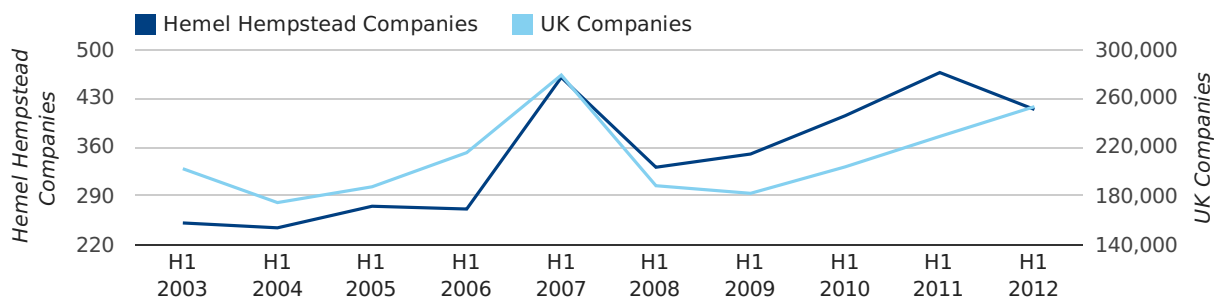
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 414 companies were formed in Hemel Hempstead. This figure is 11.3% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Hemel Hempstead occurred in 2011 when a total of 467 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	UK
2012	414	253,150
2011	467	228,735
% CHANGE	-11.3%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (467)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



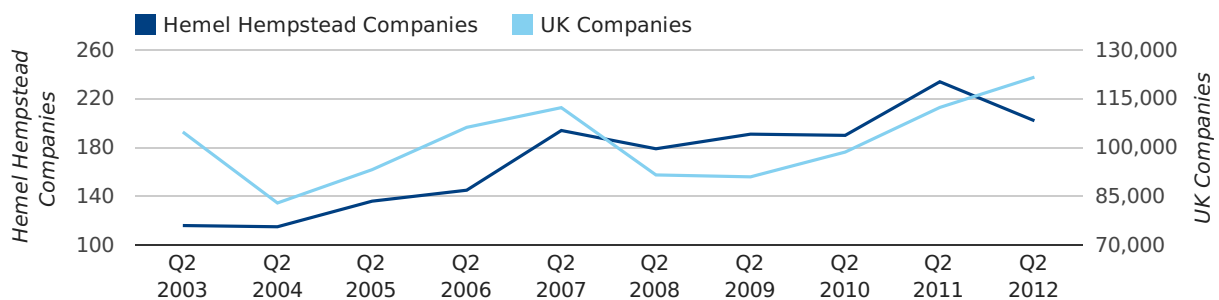
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 202 companies were registered in Hemel Hempstead during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 13.7% 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.

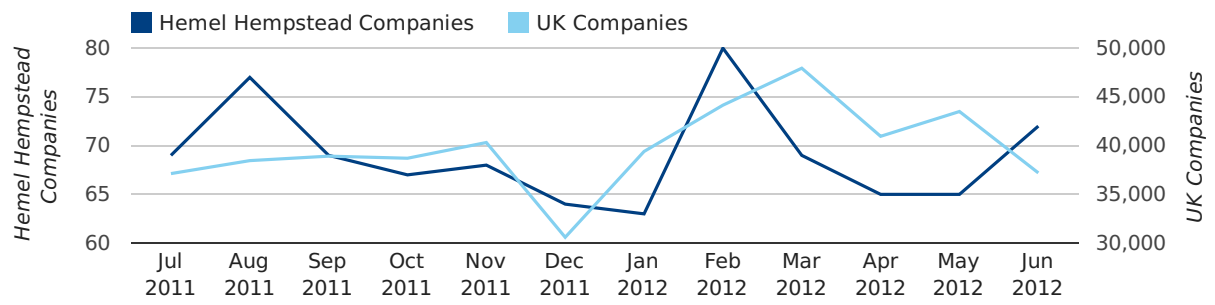
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	UK
2012	202	121,659
2011	234	112,344
% CHANGE	-13.7%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (234)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	65	65	72
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	80	72	82
% CHANGE	-18.8%	-9.7%	-12.2%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (80)	2011 (72)	2011 (82)

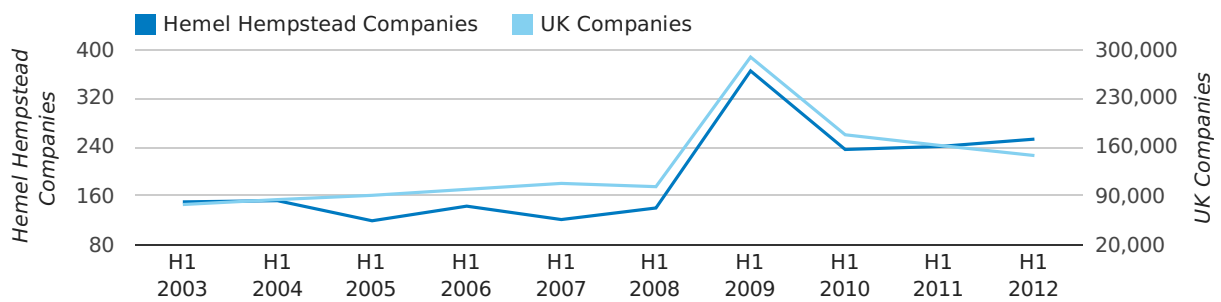
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 253 companies were dissolved in Hemel Hempstead. This figure is 5.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Hemel Hempstead occurred in 2009 when a total of 365 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	UK
2012	253	147,793
2011	241	162,310
% CHANGE	5.0%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (365)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



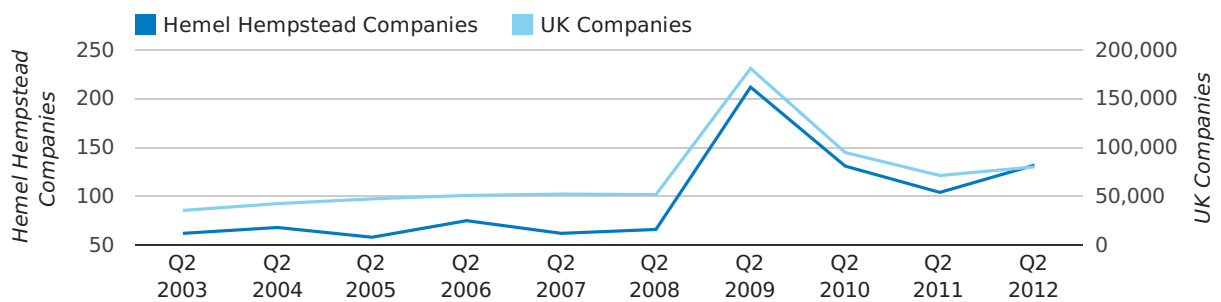
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 132 companies were dissolved in Hemel Hempstead during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 26.9% 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.

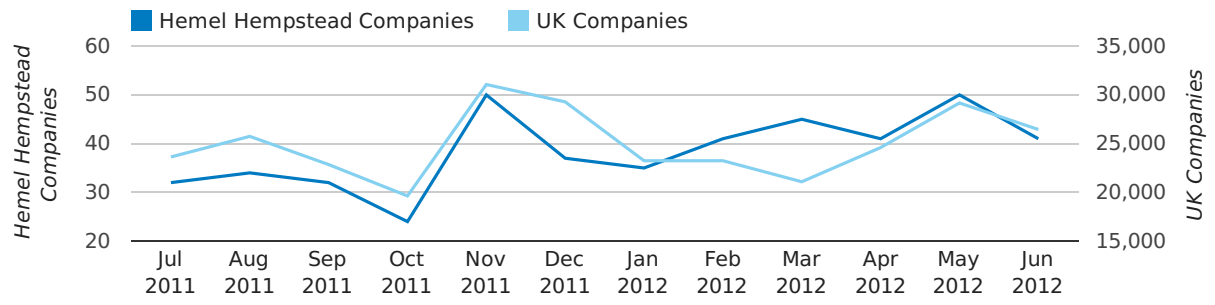
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	UK
2012	132	80,217
2011	104	71,324
% CHANGE	26.9%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (212)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



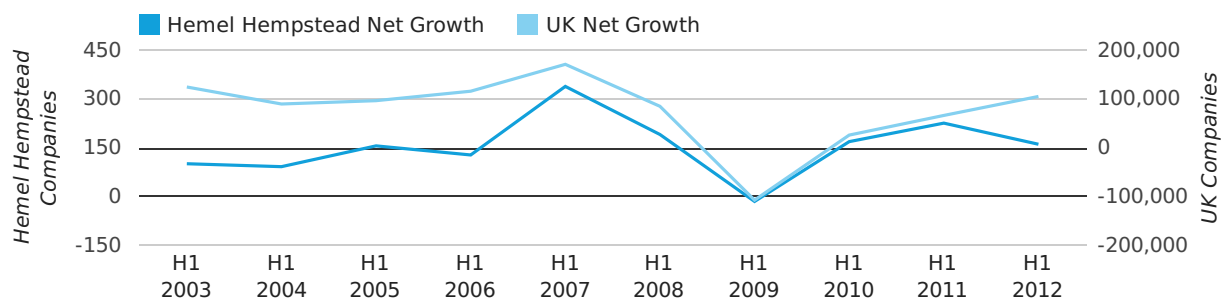
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	41	50	41
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	13	51	40
% CHANGE	215.4%	-2.0%	3%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (73)	2009 (94)	2010 (52)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Hemel Hempstead increased by 161 companies. This figure is 28.8% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	UK
2012	161	105,357
2011	226	66,425
% CHANGE	-28.8%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (339)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



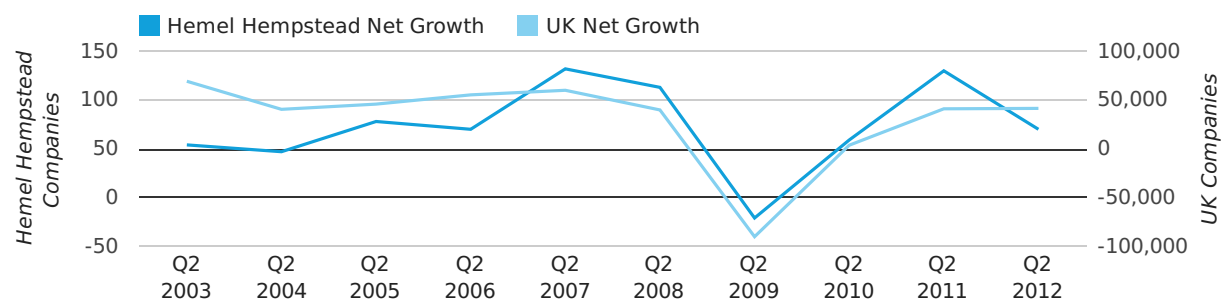
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Hemel Hempstead during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 70 companies.

This represents a decrease of 46.2% on the same period last year.

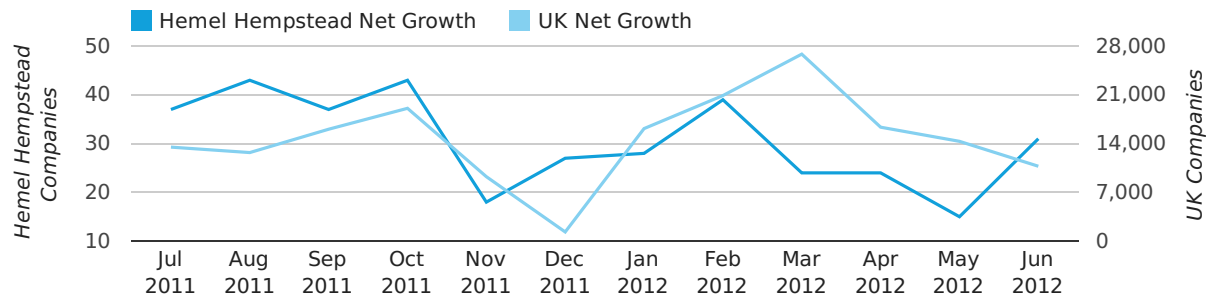
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	UK
2012	70	41,442
2011	130	41,020
% CHANGE	-46.2%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (132)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



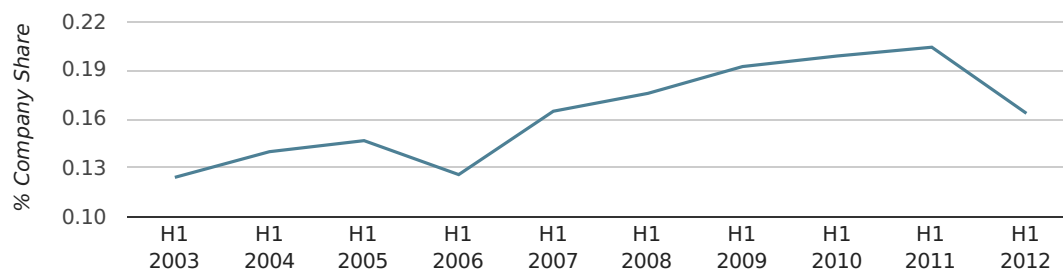
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	24	15	31
NET GROWTH IN 2011	67	21	42
% CHANGE	-64.2%	-28.6%	-26.2%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (67)	2006 (33)	2008 (56)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1974 (0.3%)

company share by half year

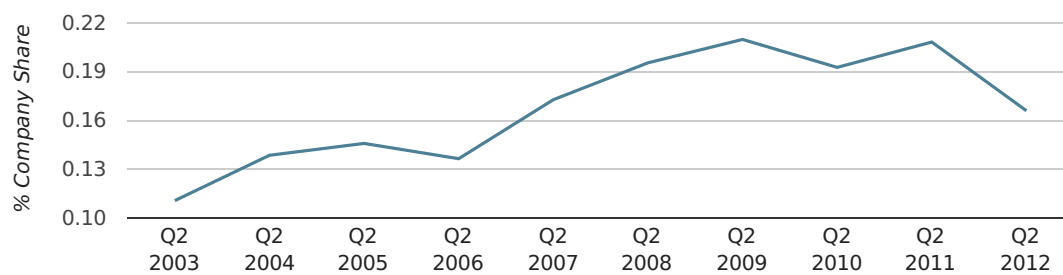


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (0.5%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-31.6%	-20.9%	-6.3%
RECORD YEAR	1969 (1.2%)	1964 (0.6%)	1970 (0.5%)

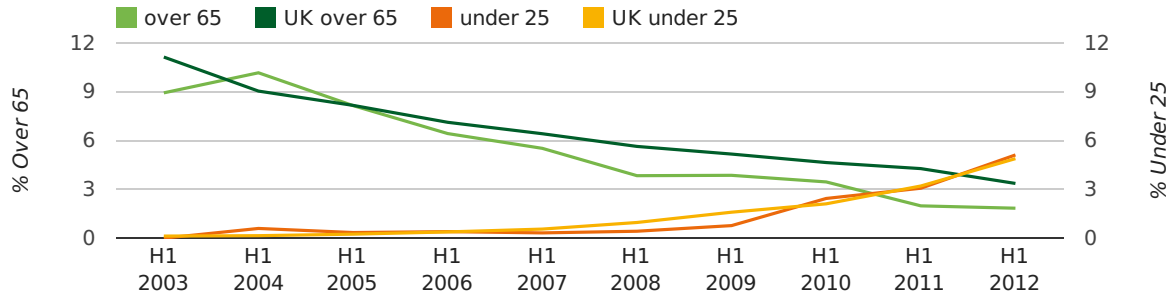
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 41.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



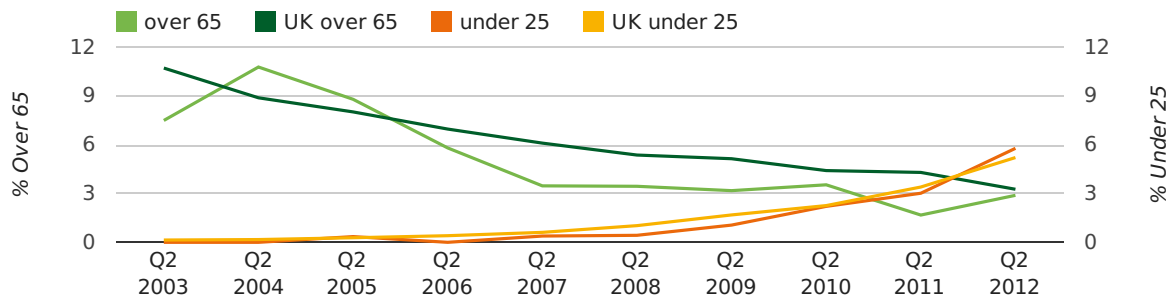
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The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 41.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.8% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

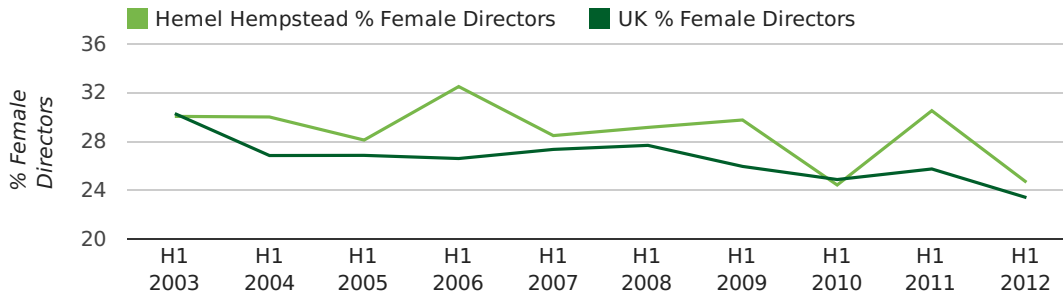


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

24.6% of all director appointments in Hemel Hempstead 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

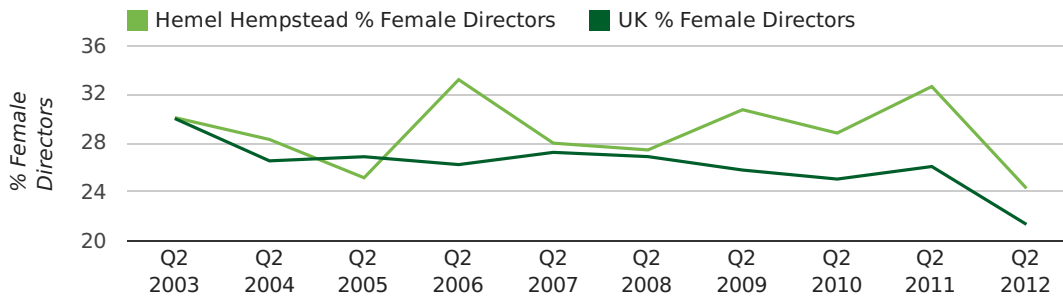


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

24.3% of all director appointments in Hemel Hempstead 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
CONSULTING	3.35%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTANCY	1.87%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.17%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
IT	1.01%	PROPERTY	2.35%
CONSULTANTS	0.93%	TRADING	2.10%
ASSOCIATES	0.86%	DESIGN	1.89%
PROPERTY	0.86%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
CONSTRUCTION	0.78%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
J	0.70%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
HEMEL	0.70%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
MEDIA	0.62%	BUSINESS	1.70%
ENGINEERING	0.62%	MEDIA	1.69%
R	0.54%	LONDON	1.68%
TRAINING	0.54%	J	1.57%
DESIGN	0.54%	GLOBAL	1.51%
GLOBAL	0.54%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
SYSTEMS	0.54%	IT	1.42%
TECHNOLOGIES	0.54%	CARE	1.31%
M	0.54%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ENTERPRISES	0.47%	M	1.26%
SECURITY	0.47%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
CLEANING	0.47%	BUILDING	1.23%
S	0.39%	SECURITY	1.19%
TECHNOLOGY	0.39%	S	1.18%
INVESTMENTS	0.39%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	395	244,457
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	166	15,280
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	73	20,390
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	71	6,356
7487 - Other business activities	69	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	53	35,447
99999 - Dormant Company	38	26,088
7414 - Business & management consultancy	37	10,978
9999 - Dormant Company	30	16,469
62012 - Business and domestic software development	24	4,742
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	23	10,271
62090 - Other information technology service activities	21	8,258
7260 - Other computer related activities	17	6,456
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	17	14,220
9305 - Other service activities	16	7,926
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	14	4,644
62011 - Ready-made interactive leisure and entertainment software development	12	800
98000 - Residents property management	11	3,001
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	11	4,295
74990 - Non-trading company	10	9,706