

# Leighton Buzzard

2011 half year business confidence report



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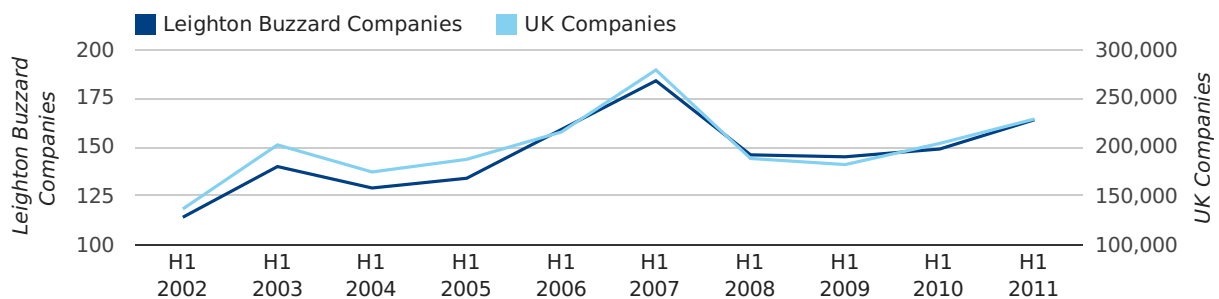
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 164 companies were formed in Leighton Buzzard. This figure is 10.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Leighton Buzzard occurred in 2007 when a total of 184 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	UK
2011	164	228,735
2010	149	203,749
% CHANGE	10.1%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (184)	2007 (279,097)

### new companies by half year



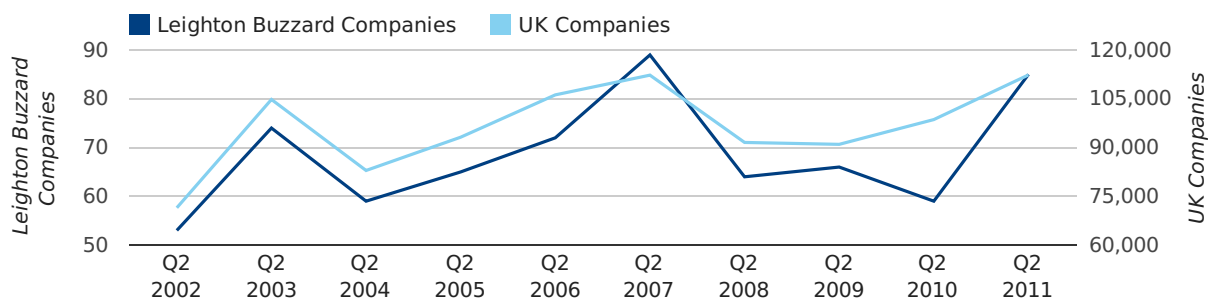
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 85 companies were registered in Leighton Buzzard during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 44.1% 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)	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	UK
2011	85	112,344
2010	59	98,612
% CHANGE	44.1%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (89)	2011 (112,344)

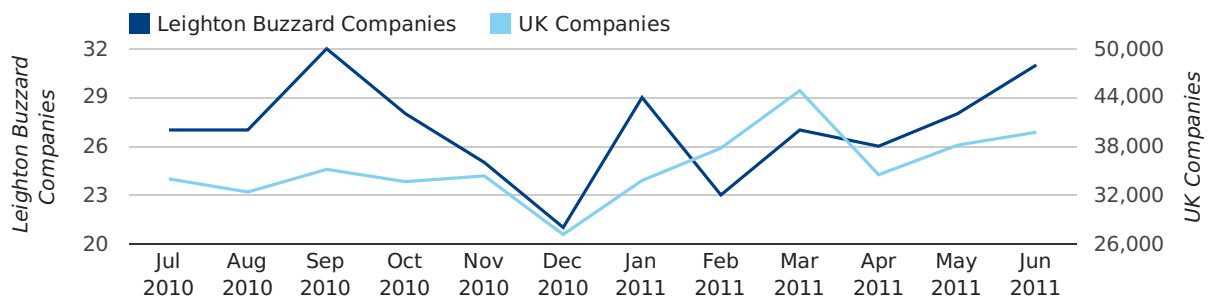
### new companies by quarter



## Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Leighton Buzzard when compared to any previous May.

### new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	26	28	31
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	18	17	24
% CHANGE	44.4%	64.7%	29.2%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (34)	2011 (28)	2003 (35)

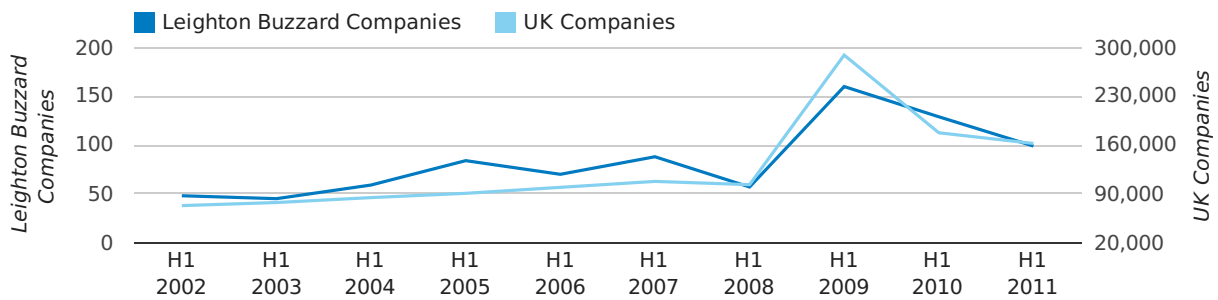
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 99 companies were dissolved in Leighton Buzzard. This figure is 23.3% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Leighton Buzzard occurred in 2009 when a total of 160 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	UK
2011	99	162,310
2010	129	177,631
% CHANGE	-23.3%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (160)	2009 (289,236)

### dissolved companies by half year



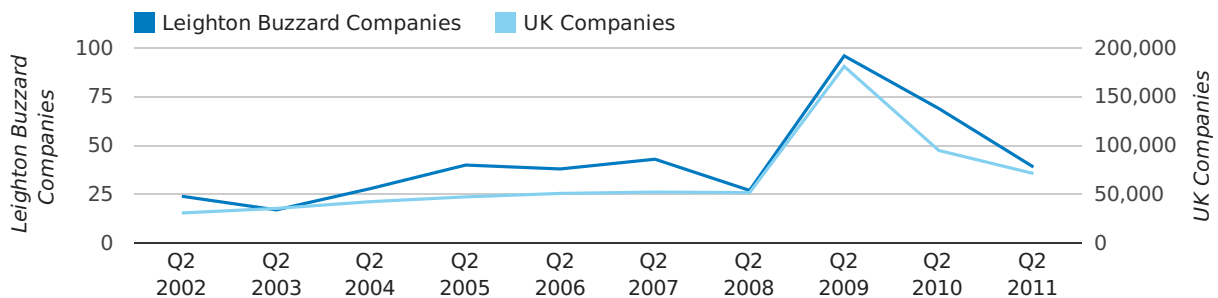
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 39 companies were dissolved in Leighton Buzzard during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 43.5% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

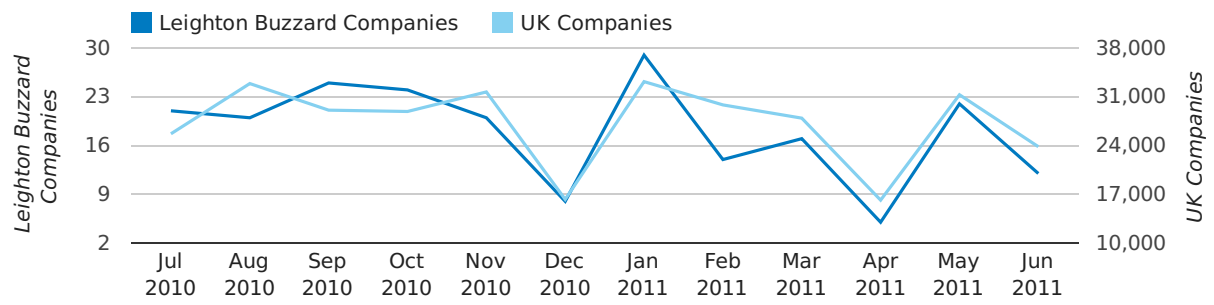
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	UK
2011	39	71,324
2010	69	94,954
% CHANGE	-43.5%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (96)	2009 (181,176)

### dissolved companies by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

## dissolved companies by month



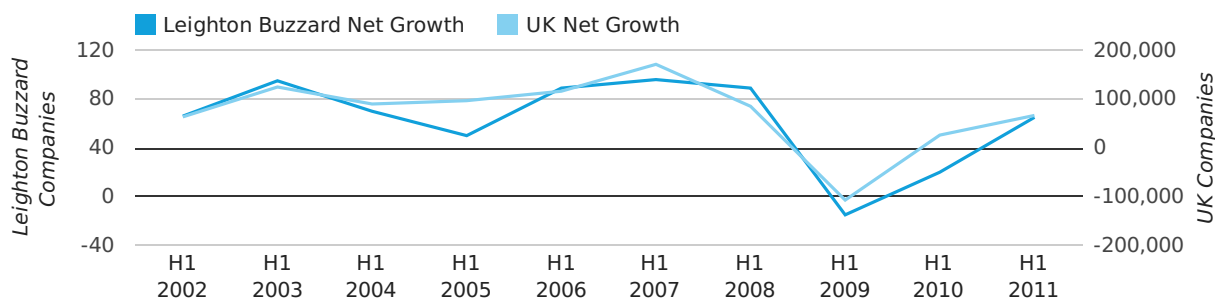
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	5	22	12
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	29	21	19
% CHANGE	-82.8%	4.8%	-37%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (29)	2009 (43)	2009 (34)

### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Leighton Buzzard increased by 65 companies. This figure is 225.0% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	UK
2011	65	66,425
2010	20	26,118
% CHANGE	225.0%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (96)	2007 (171,296)

### net growth by half year



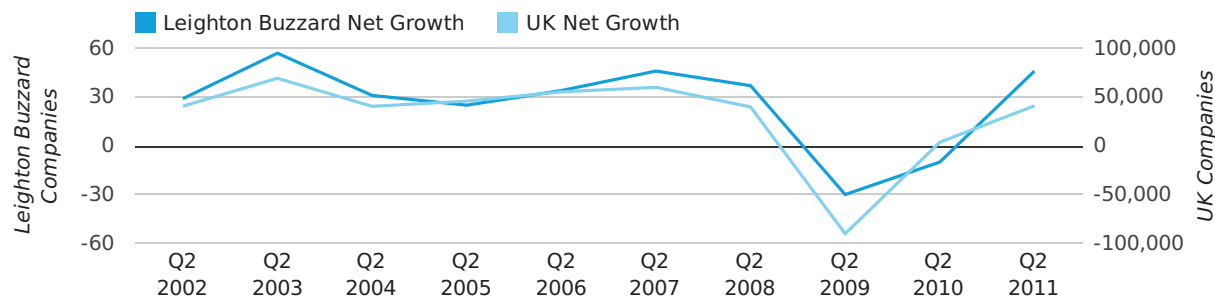
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Leighton Buzzard during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 46 companies.

This represents an increase of 560.0% on the same period last year.

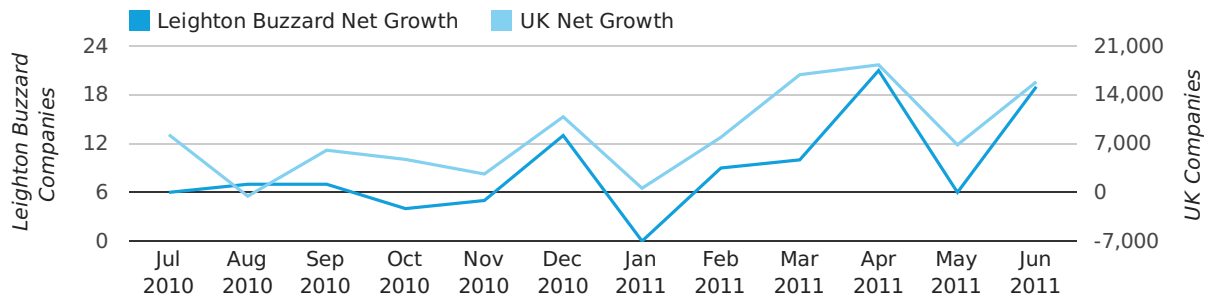
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	LEIGHTON BUZZARD	UK
2011	46	41,020
2010	-10	3,658
% CHANGE	-560.0%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (57)	2003 (69,274)

### net growth by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

## net growth by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	21	6	19
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-11	-4	5
% CHANGE	-290.9%	-250.0%	280.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (28)	2006 (17)	2003 (30)

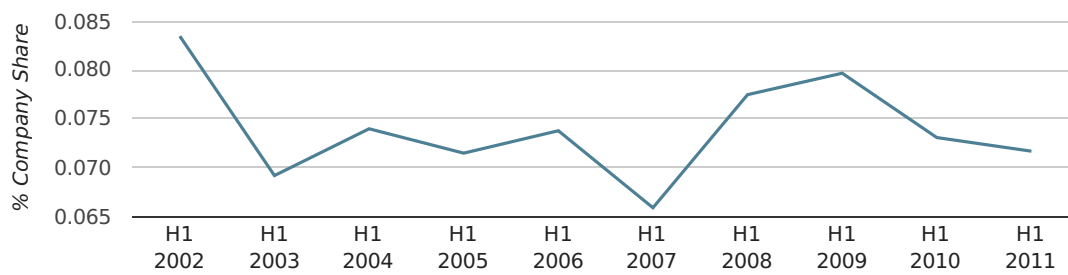


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEIGHTON BUZZARD
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1979 (0.2%)

#### company share by half year

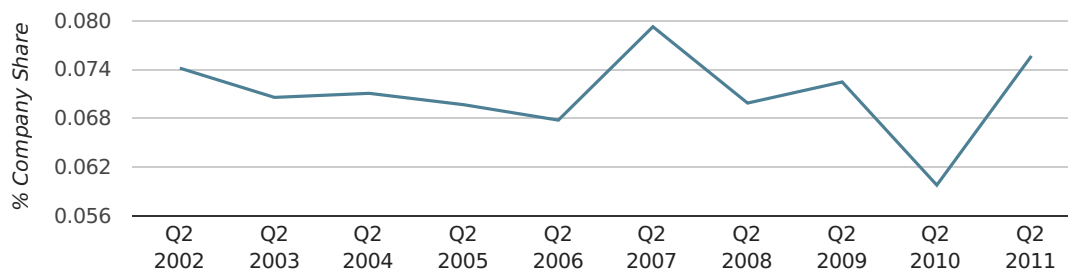


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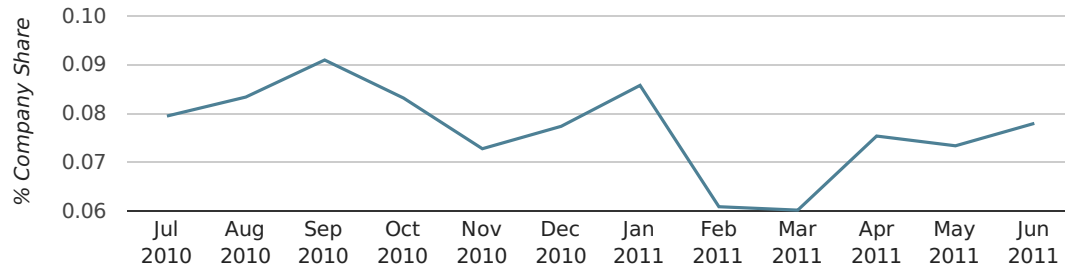
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2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1970 (0.2%)

#### 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%	0.1%
% CHANGE	39.9%	29.7%	14.4%
RECORD YEAR	1978 (0.3%)	1961 (0.5%)	1975 (0.2%)

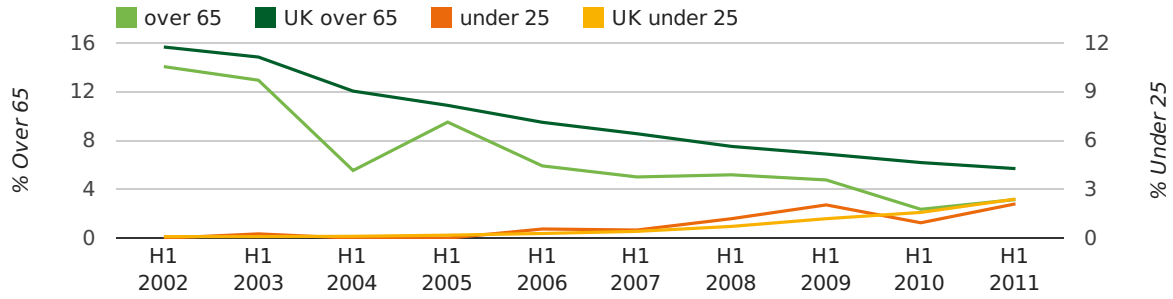
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 44.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

#### director age by half year



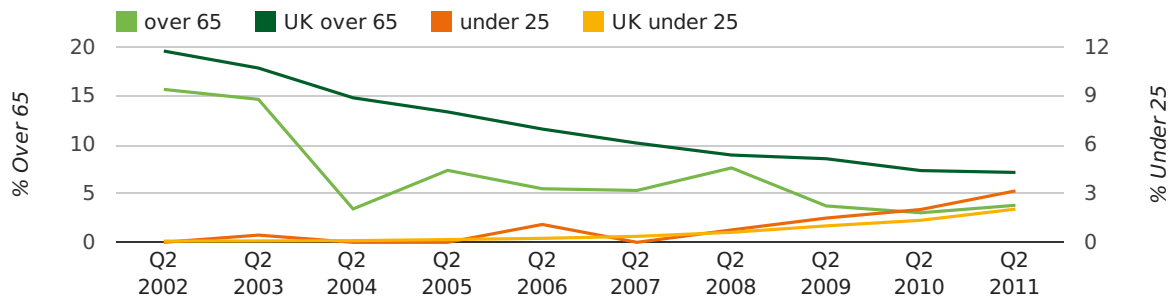
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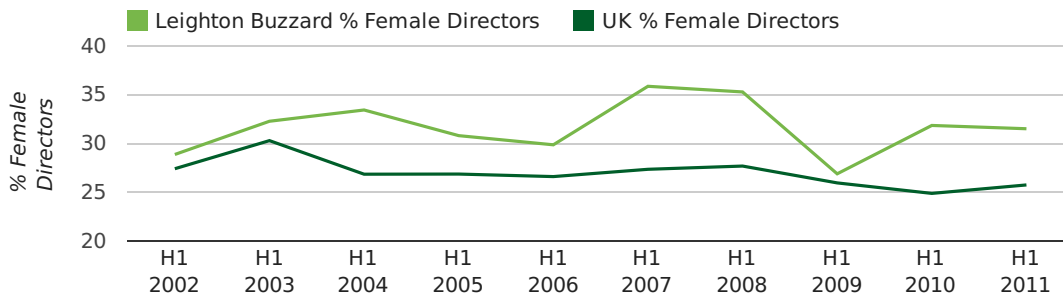


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

31.5% of all director appointments in Leighton Buzzard 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

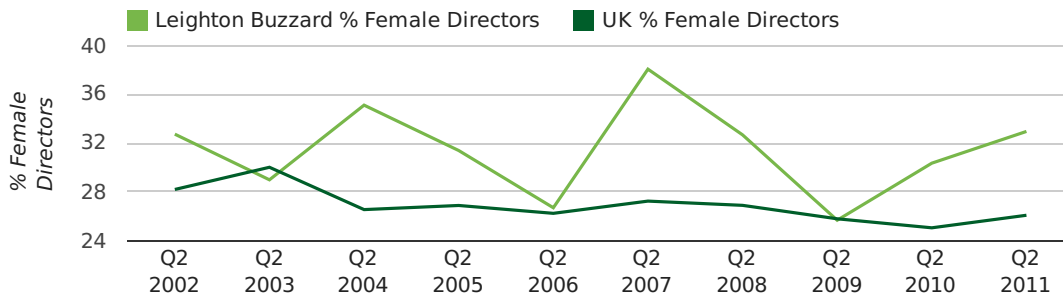


### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

33.0% of all director appointments in Leighton Buzzard 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
CONSULTING	1.18%	CONSULTING	5.09%
ASSOCIATES	1.01%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
CONSTRUCTION	1.01%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
LEIGHTON	0.84%	PROPERTY	2.43%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.84%	TRADING	2.05%
BUZZARD	0.84%	DESIGN	1.94%
ENGINEERING	0.67%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
IT	0.67%	BUSINESS	1.87%
HEALTH	0.67%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
HOMES	0.67%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CARE	0.67%	MEDIA	1.73%
DIRECT	0.67%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
CONSULTANTS	0.67%	LONDON	1.60%
SUPPLIES	0.67%	GLOBAL	1.46%
ELECTRICAL	0.51%	J	1.44%
SELF	0.51%	CARE	1.44%
CREATIVE	0.51%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
TRANSPORT	0.51%	IT	1.39%
FOR	0.51%	BUILDING	1.32%
DEFENCE	0.51%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
WHITE	0.51%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
BEAUTY	0.51%	M	1.27%
EDUCATION	0.51%	S	1.23%
LITTLE	0.51%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
T	0.51%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

## Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	127	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	26	60,758
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	21	16,419
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	19	30,647
7414 - Business & management consultancy	18	13,053
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	16	10,545
99999 - Dormant Company	16	18,918
9999 - Dormant Company	12	20,111
9231 - Artistic & literary creation	11	1,036
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	10	10,322
74990 - Non-trading company	10	8,481
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	9	5,928
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	9	7,143
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	7	3,095
62090 - Other information technology service activities	7	7,095
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	7	7,835
4525 - Other special trades construction	6	1,676
9305 - Other service activities	6	9,063
49410 - Freight transport by road	5	2,142
9262 - Other sporting activities	5	1,642