

Luton

2011 half year business confidence report



headlines

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- The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Luton when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Luton when compared to any previous Q2.
- May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Luton when compared to any previous May.

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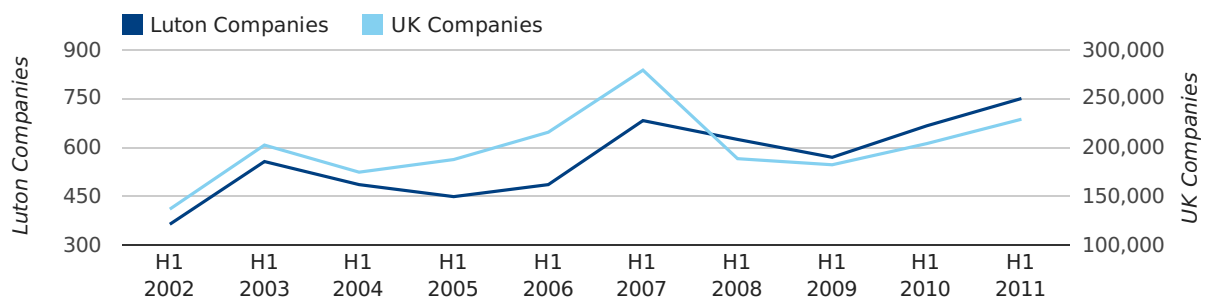
The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Luton when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2011 a total of 750 companies were formed in Luton. This figure is 12.6% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Luton occurred in 2011 when a total of 750 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LUTON	UK
2011	750	228,735
2010	666	203,749
% CHANGE	12.6%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (750)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

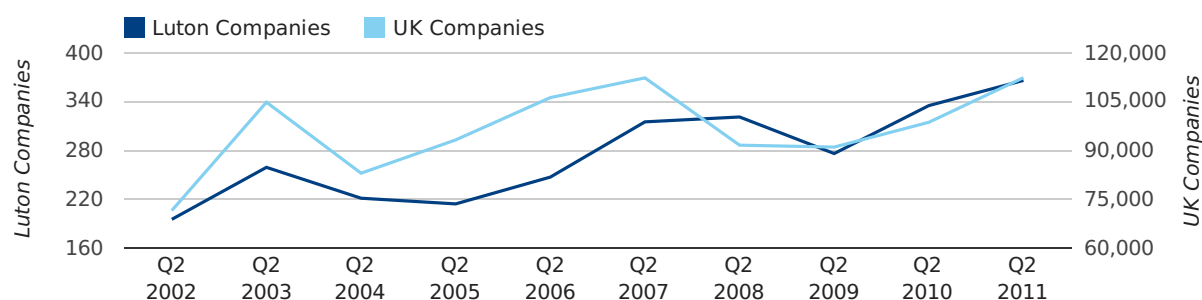
Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Luton when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 366 companies were registered in Luton during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 9.3% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares equally 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)	LUTON	UK
2011	366	112,344
2010	335	98,612
% CHANGE	9.3%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (366)	2011 (112,344)

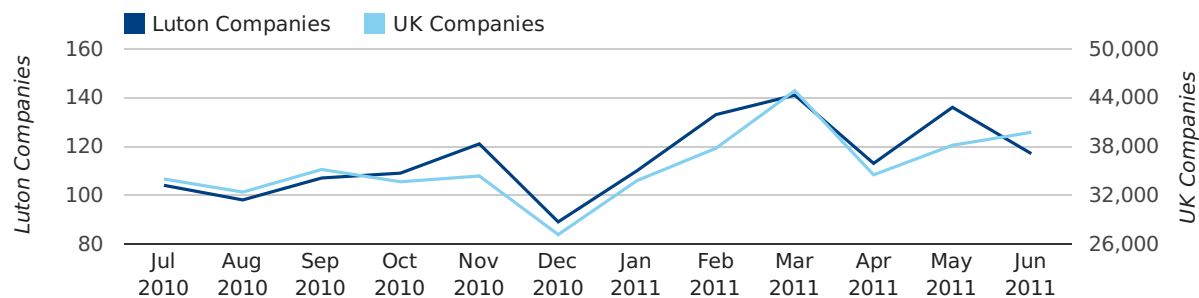
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	113	136	117
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	124	89	122
% CHANGE	-8.9%	52.8%	-4.1%
RECORD YEAR	1998 (124)	2011 (136)	1998 (130)

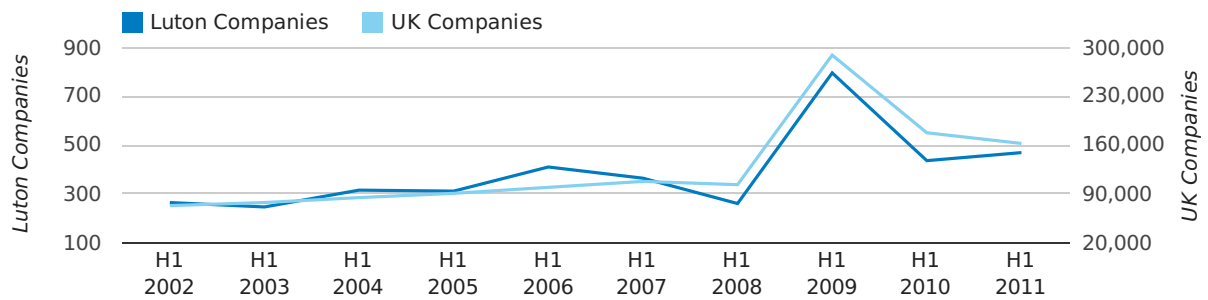
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 469 companies were dissolved in Luton. This figure is 7.6% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Luton occurred in 2009 when a total of 796 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LUTON	UK
2011	469	162,310
2010	436	177,631
% CHANGE	7.6%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (796)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



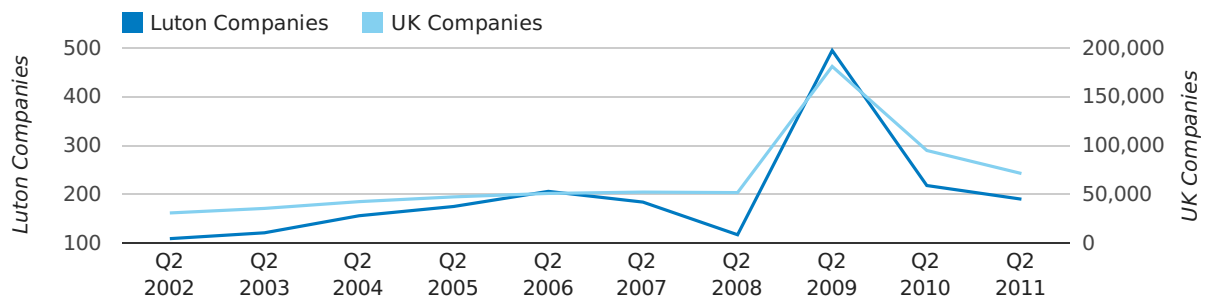
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 190 companies were dissolved in Luton during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 12.8% 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.

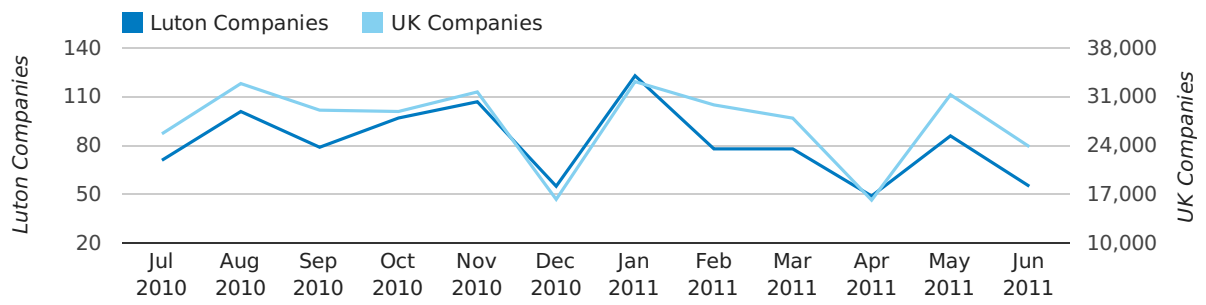
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	LUTON	UK
2011	190	71,324
2010	218	94,954
% CHANGE	-12.8%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (495)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



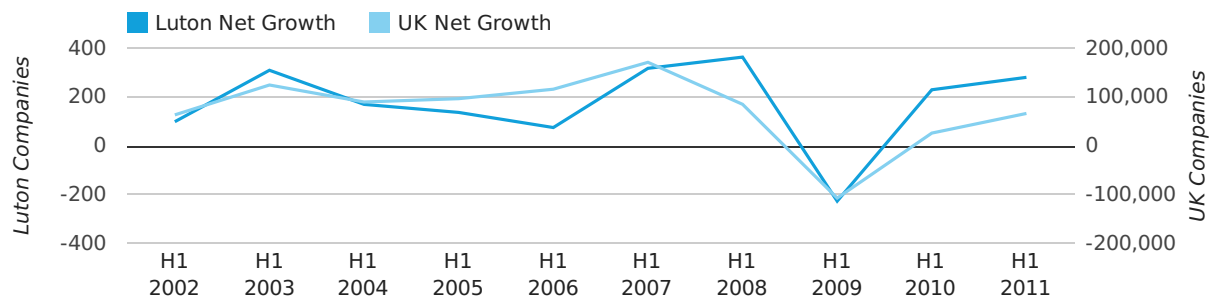
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	49	86	55
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	50	80	88
% CHANGE	-2.0%	7.5%	-38%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (158)	2009 (217)	2009 (120)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Luton increased by 281 companies. This figure is 22.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LUTON	UK
2011	281	66,425
2010	230	26,118
% CHANGE	22.2%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	1998 (544)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



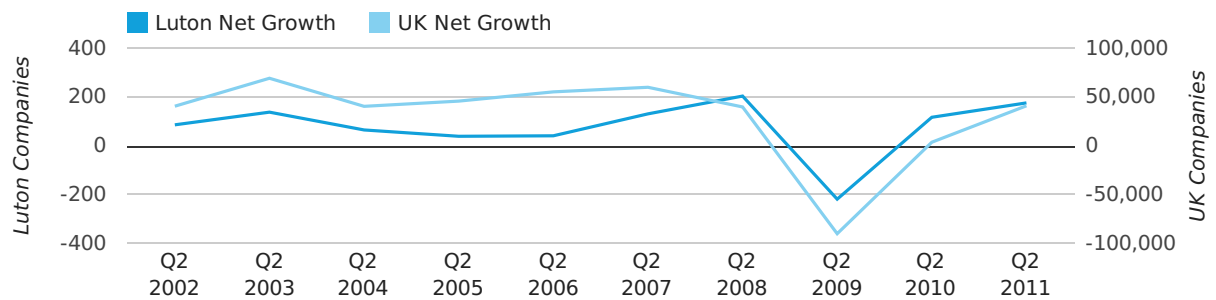
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Luton during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 176 companies.

This represents an increase of 50.4% on the same period last year.

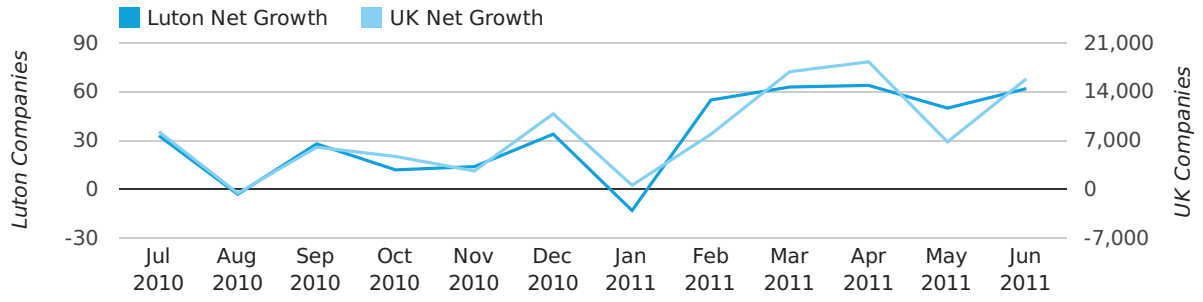
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	LUTON	UK
2011	176	41,020
2010	117	3,658
% CHANGE	50.4%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	1998 (296)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



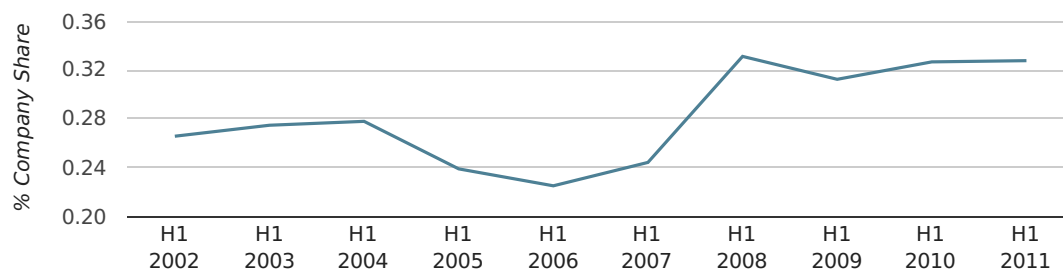
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	64	50	62
NET GROWTH IN 2010	74	9	34
% CHANGE	-13.5%	455.6%	82.4%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (113)	1998 (82)	2008 (117)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Luton formed 0.3% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LUTON
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1998 (0.6%)

company share by half year

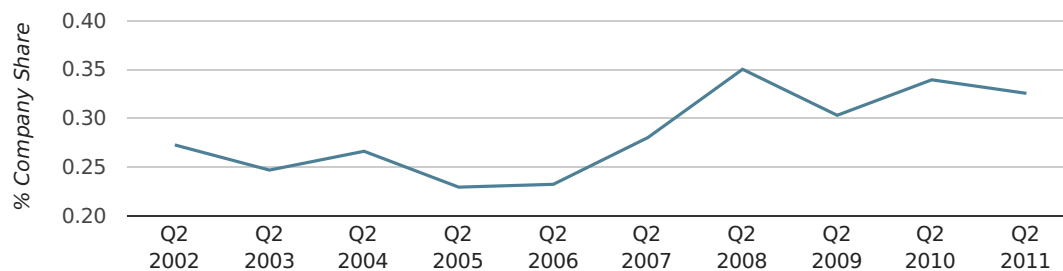


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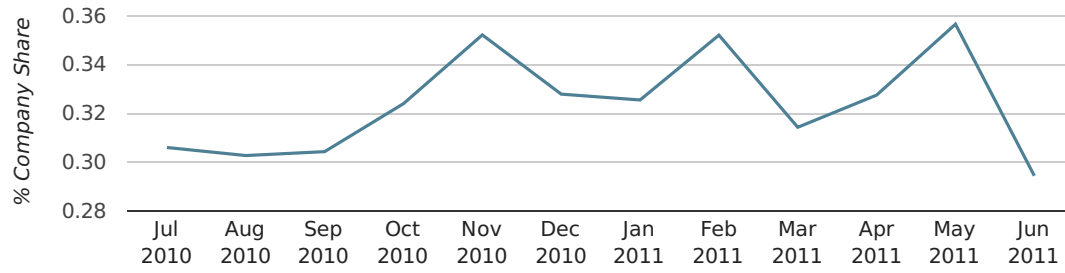
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2008	0.4%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1998 (0.6%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%
% CHANGE	-11.8%	20.3%	-15.0%
RECORD YEAR	1998 (0.7%)	1998 (0.6%)	1967 (0.8%)

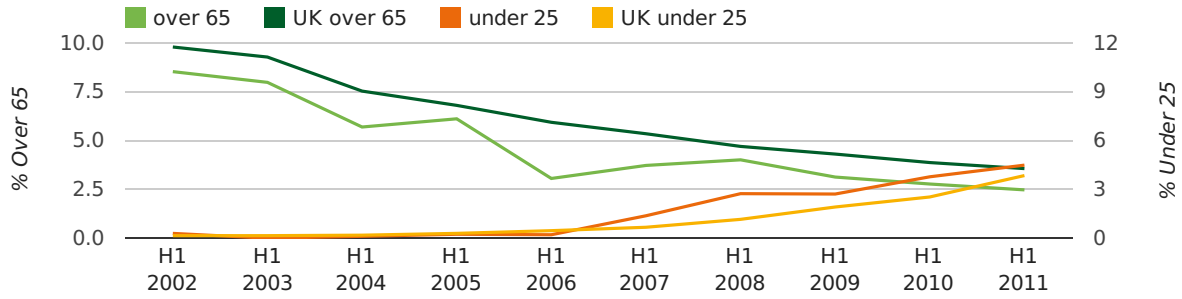
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 40.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



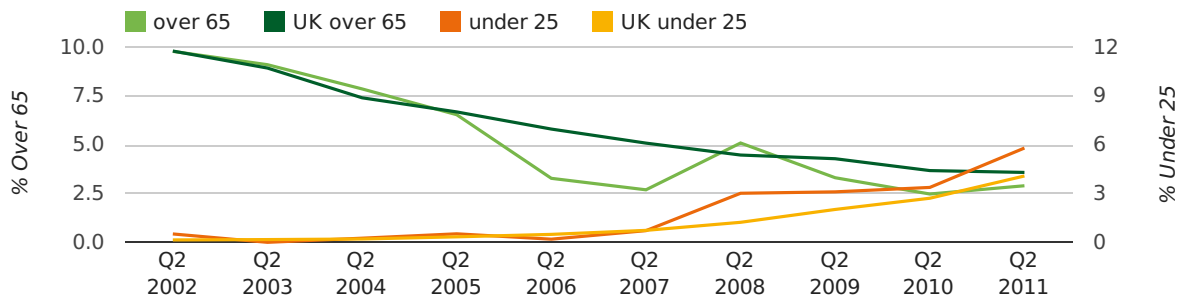
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director age by quarter

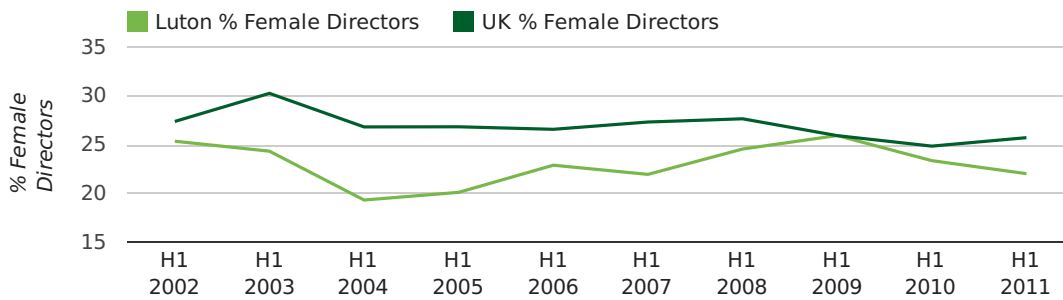


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

22.0% of all director appointments in Luton 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

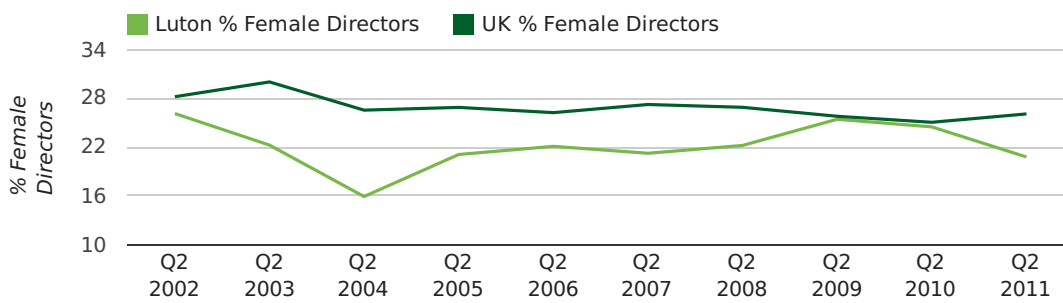


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

20.8% of all director appointments in Luton 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
MANAGEMENT	1.31%	CONSULTING	5.09%
CONSULTANCY	1.26%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
CONSULTING	1.21%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
LUTON	1.10%	PROPERTY	2.43%
CONSULTANTS	1.00%	TRADING	2.05%
CO	0.90%	DESIGN	1.94%
M	0.80%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
PROPERTY	0.75%	BUSINESS	1.87%
ASSOCIATES	0.75%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
CLAIMS	0.75%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
SECURITY	0.70%	MEDIA	1.73%
(LUTON)	0.70%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
HIRE	0.65%	LONDON	1.60%
GLOBAL	0.65%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CARS	0.65%	J	1.44%
CAR	0.65%	CARE	1.44%
CONSTRUCTION	0.65%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
IT	0.65%	IT	1.39%
S	0.60%	BUILDING	1.32%
BUSINESS	0.60%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
C	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
DESIGN	0.55%	M	1.27%
ENGINEERING	0.50%	S	1.23%
D	0.50%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
ENTERPRISES	0.45%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	786	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	141	60,758
9999 - Dormant Company	61	20,111
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	57	30,647
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	43	16,419
99999 - Dormant Company	41	18,918
5530 - Restaurants	36	5,086
7260 - Other computer related activities	36	7,849
9305 - Other service activities	33	9,063
7414 - Business & management consultancy	32	13,053
7499 - Non-trading company	32	10,955
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	31	10,322
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	30	10,545
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	25	7,143
62090 - Other information technology service activities	24	7,095
74990 - Non-trading company	23	8,481
56101 - Licensed restaurants	21	2,441
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	20	5,928
6024 - Freight transport by road	19	2,316
5552 - Catering	16	2,138