

Maidstone

2011 half year business confidence report



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

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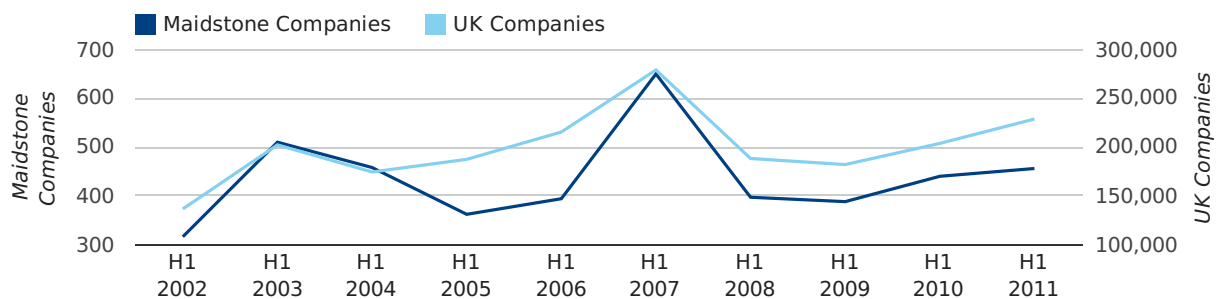
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 456 companies were formed in Maidstone. This figure is 3.6% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Maidstone occurred in 2007 when a total of 650 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	MAIDSTONE	UK
2011	456	228,735
2010	440	203,749
% CHANGE	3.6%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (650)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



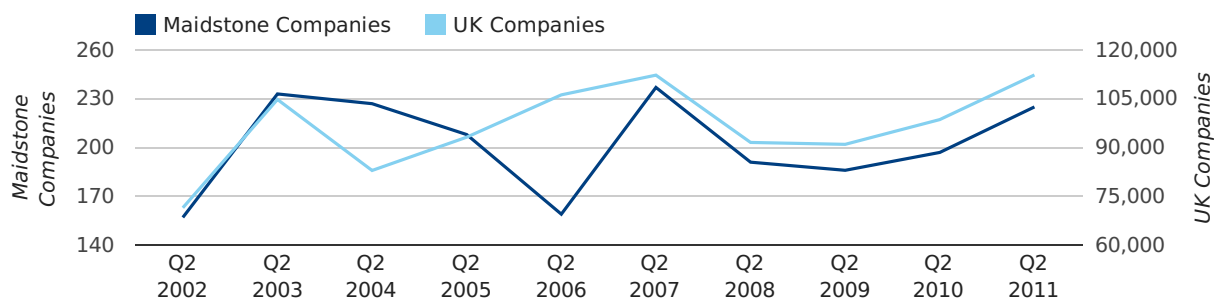
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 225 companies were registered in Maidstone during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 14.2% 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)	MAIDSTONE	UK
2011	225	112,344
2010	197	98,612
% CHANGE	14.2%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (237)	2011 (112,344)

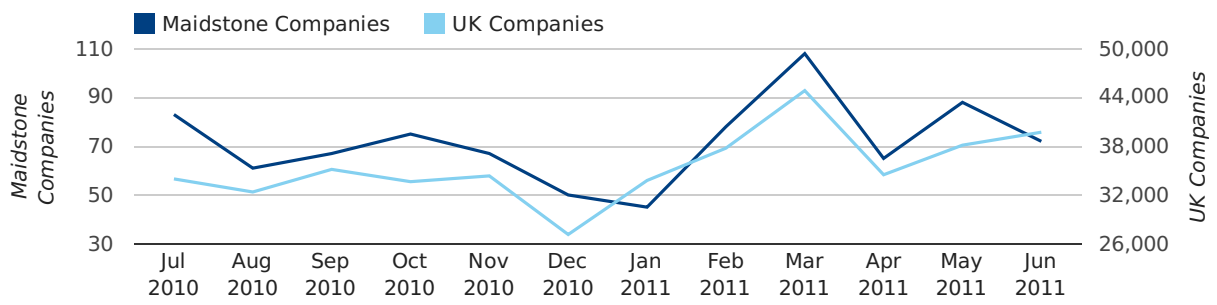
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	65	88	72
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	77	59	61
% CHANGE	-15.6%	49.2%	18.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (86)	2011 (88)	2004 (97)

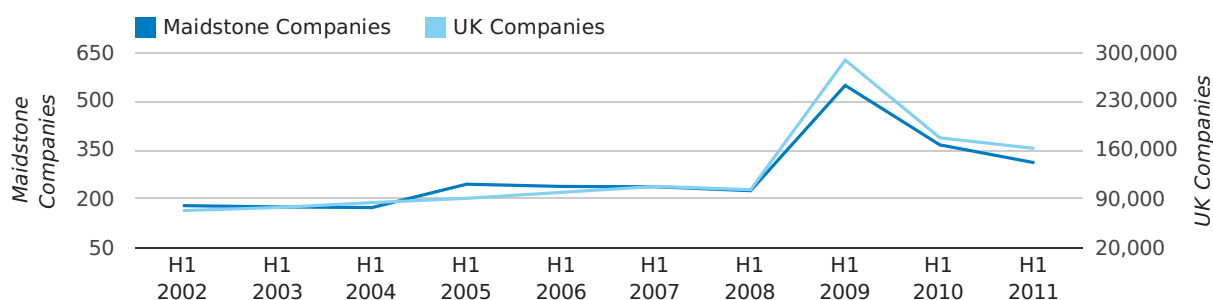
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 311 companies were dissolved in Maidstone. This figure is 15.0% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Maidstone occurred in 2009 when a total of 549 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	MAIDSTONE	UK
2011	311	162,310
2010	366	177,631
% CHANGE	-15.0%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (549)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



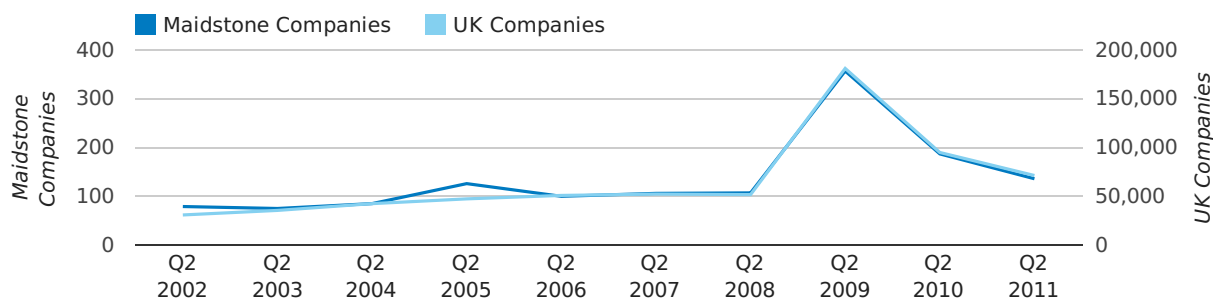
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 136 companies were dissolved in Maidstone during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 27.3% 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.

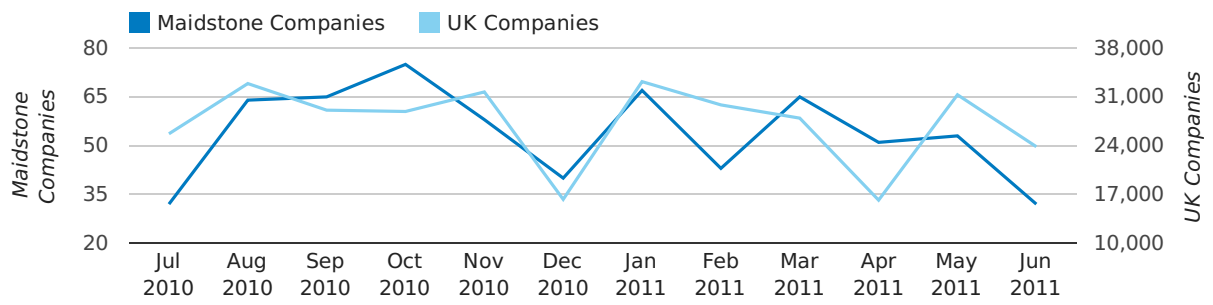
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	MAIDSTONE	UK
2011	136	71,324
2010	187	94,954
% CHANGE	-27.3%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (357)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



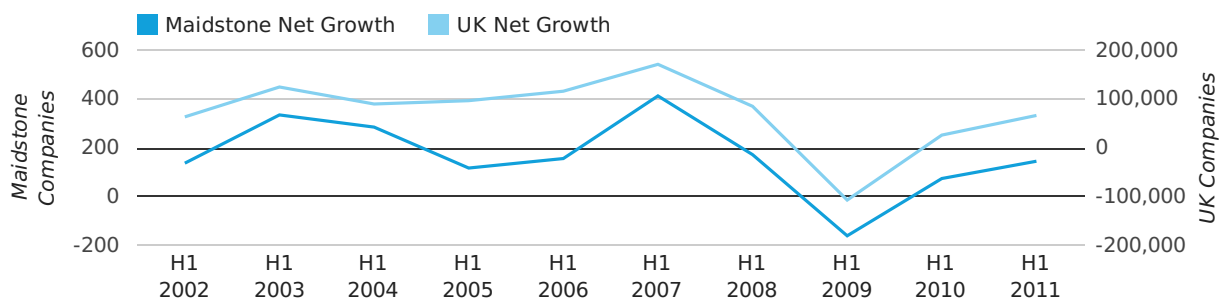
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	51	53	32
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	35	71	81
% CHANGE	45.7%	-25.4%	-60%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (112)	2009 (179)	2010 (81)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Maidstone increased by 145 companies. This figure is 95.9% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	MAIDSTONE	UK
2011	145	66,425
2010	74	26,118
% CHANGE	95.9%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (413)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



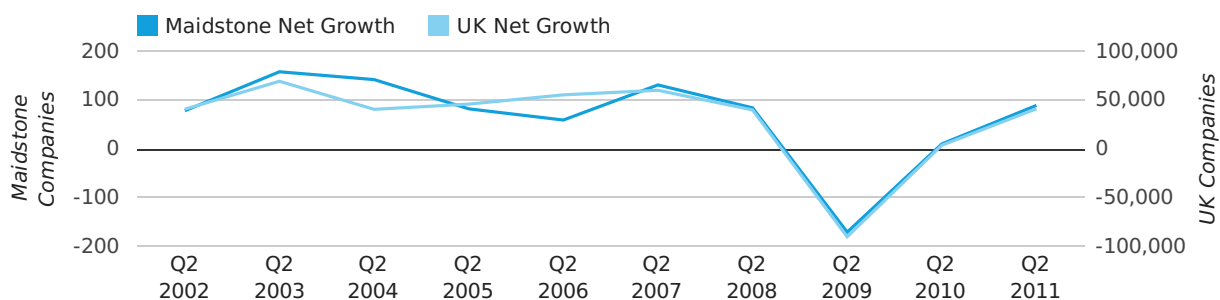
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Maidstone during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 89 companies.

This represents an increase of 790.0% on the same period last year.

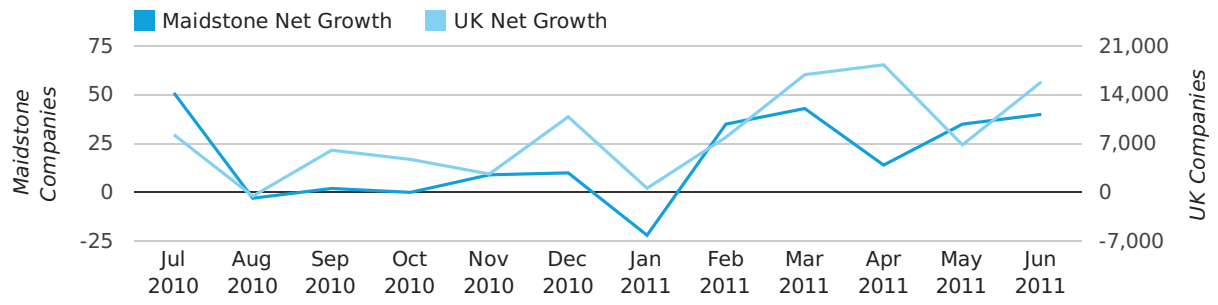
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	MAIDSTONE	UK
2011	89	41,020
2010	10	3,658
% CHANGE	790.0%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (158)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



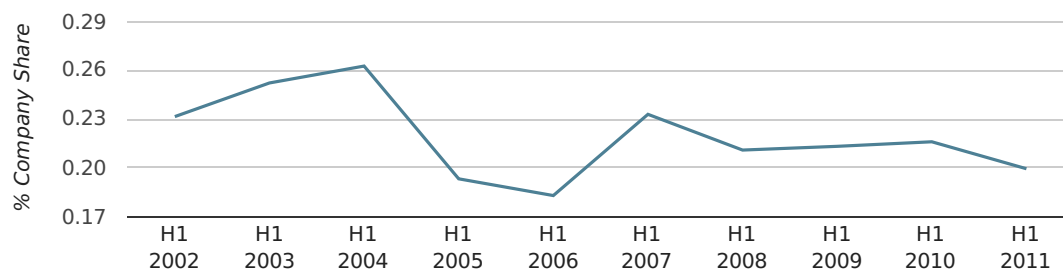
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	14	35	40
NET GROWTH IN 2010	42	-12	-20
% CHANGE	-66.7%	-391.7%	-300.0%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (74)	2003 (54)	2004 (62)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Maidstone formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.2%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	MAIDSTONE
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.4%)

company share by half year

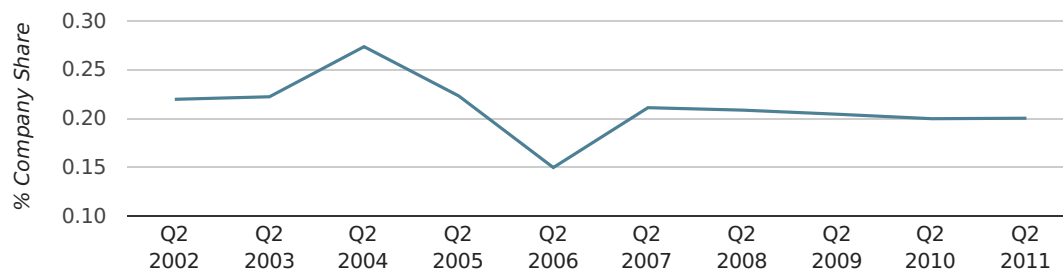


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

In the second quarter of 2011, Maidstone formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

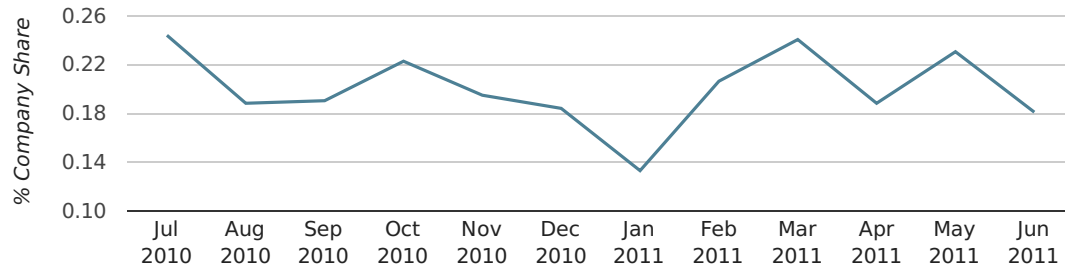
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company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-18.3%	17.5%	4.6%
RECORD YEAR	1978 (0.6%)	1982 (0.5%)	1966 (0.9%)

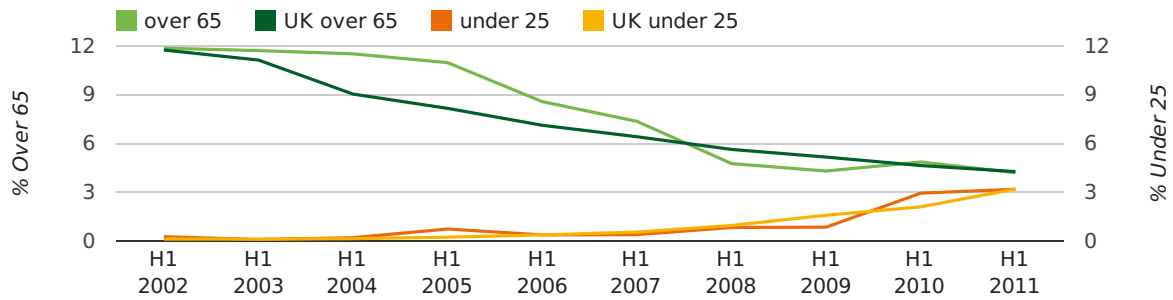
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 44.1.

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

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

director age by half year



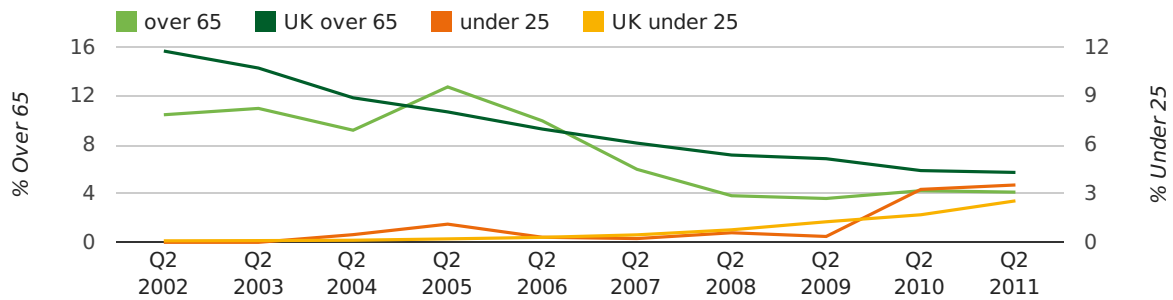
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 43.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

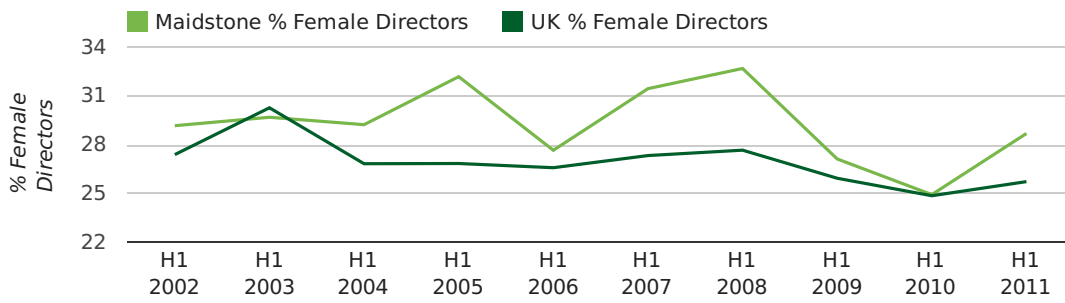


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

28.7% of all director appointments in Maidstone 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

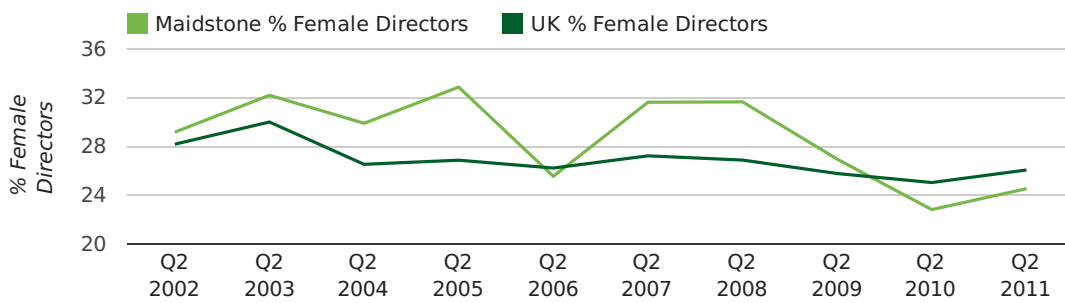


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

24.5% of all director appointments in Maidstone 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	1.77%	CONSULTING	5.09%
ASSOCIATES	1.28%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
CONSULTANCY	1.13%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
TRAINING	0.99%	PROPERTY	2.43%
KENT	0.99%	TRADING	2.05%
CLEANING	0.85%	DESIGN	1.94%
CONSULTING	0.85%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
MEDIA	0.71%	BUSINESS	1.87%
BUSINESS	0.71%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
PROPERTY	0.64%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ENTERPRISES	0.64%	MEDIA	1.73%
CONSTRUCTION	0.57%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
CONTRACTORS	0.57%	LONDON	1.60%
HOME	0.57%	GLOBAL	1.46%
TRADING	0.57%	J	1.44%
HOLDINGS	0.50%	CARE	1.44%
DESIGN	0.50%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
ENGINEERING	0.50%	IT	1.39%
GAS	0.43%	BUILDING	1.32%
ENERGY	0.43%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CENTRE	0.43%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
PROPERTIES	0.43%	M	1.27%
HOUSE	0.43%	S	1.23%
C	0.43%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
EVENTS	0.43%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	339	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	127	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	90	30,647
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	41	10,322
99999 - Dormant Company	40	18,918
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	38	16,419
7414 - Business & management consultancy	23	13,053
9999 - Dormant Company	21	20,111
7499 - Non-trading company	20	10,955
9305 - Other service activities	17	9,063
41100 - Development of building projects	16	3,852
74990 - Non-trading company	15	8,481
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	14	7,835
62090 - Other information technology service activities	14	7,095
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	14	5,928
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	14	10,545
86900 - Other human health activities	14	4,154
5552 - Catering	13	2,138
43210 - Electrical installation	13	3,085
7260 - Other computer related activities	12	7,849