

Newcastle

2011 half year business confidence report



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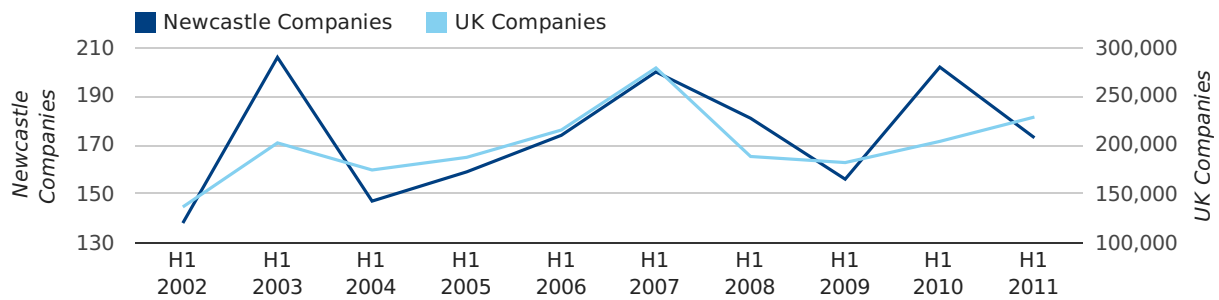
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 173 companies were formed in Newcastle. This figure is 14.4% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Newcastle occurred in 2003 when a total of 206 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NEWCASTLE	UK
2011	173	228,735
2010	202	203,749
% CHANGE	-14.4%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (206)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



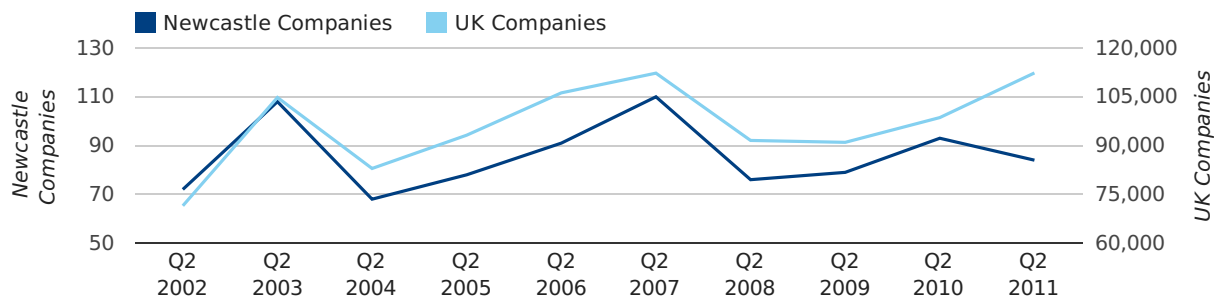
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 84 companies were registered in Newcastle during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 9.7% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

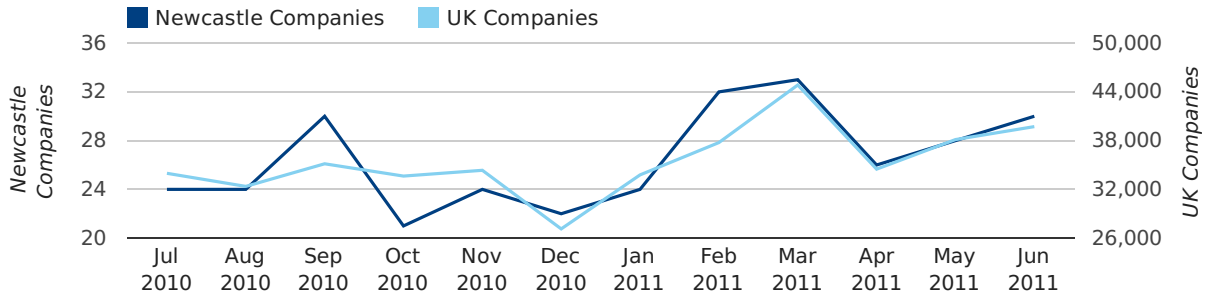
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	NEWCASTLE	UK
2011	84	112,344
2010	93	98,612
% CHANGE	-9.7%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (110)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	26	28	30
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	34	28	31
% CHANGE	-23.5%	0.0%	-3.2%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (46)	2006 (41)	2008 (35)

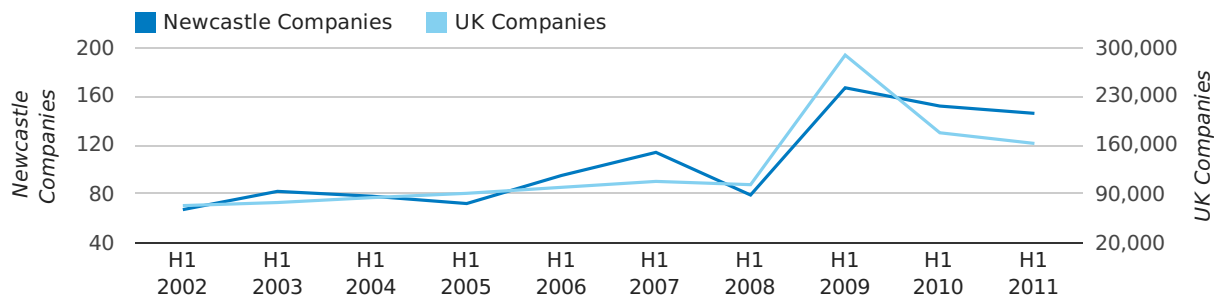
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 146 companies were dissolved in Newcastle. This figure is 3.9% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Newcastle occurred in 2009 when a total of 167 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NEWCASTLE	UK
2011	146	162,310
2010	152	177,631
% CHANGE	-3.9%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (167)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



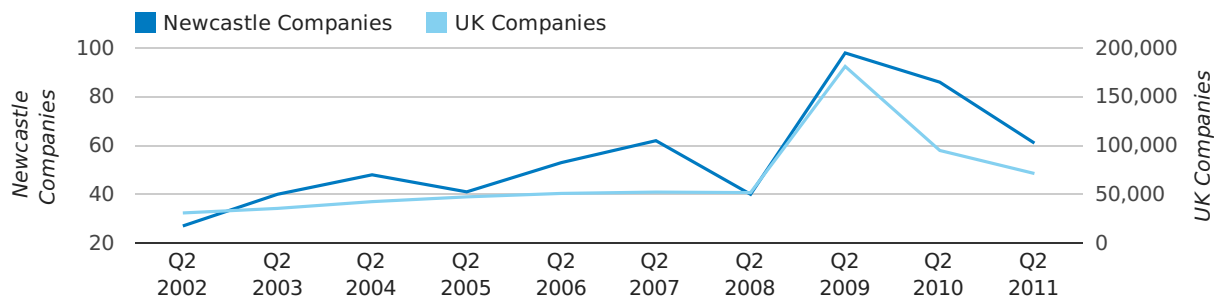
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 61 companies were dissolved in Newcastle during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 29.1% 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.

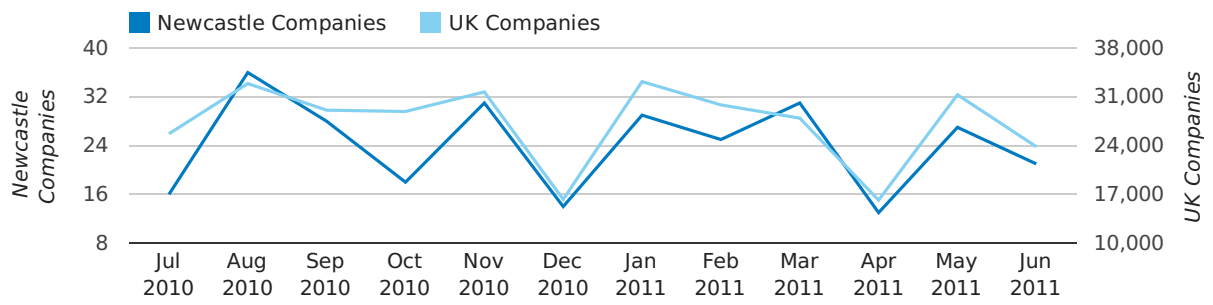
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	NEWCASTLE	UK
2011	61	71,324
2010	86	94,954
% CHANGE	-29.1%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (98)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



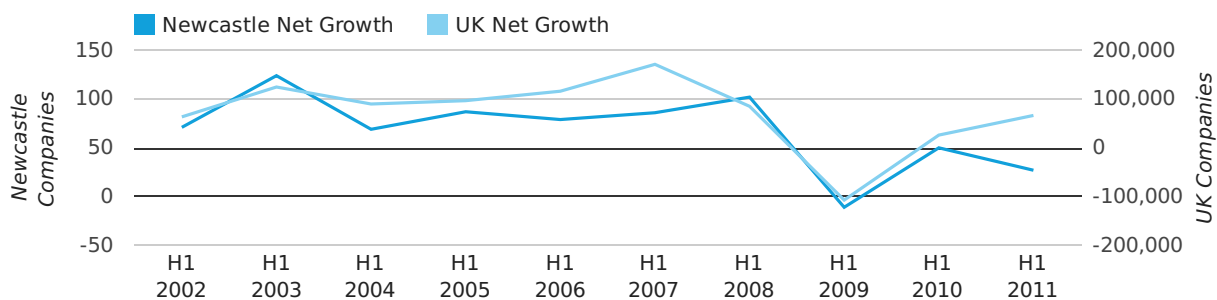
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	13	27	21
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	15	38	33
% CHANGE	-13.3%	-28.9%	-36%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (24)	2009 (42)	2010 (33)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Newcastle increased by 27 companies. This figure is 46.0% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NEWCASTLE	UK
2011	27	66,425
2010	50	26,118
% CHANGE	-46.0%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (124)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



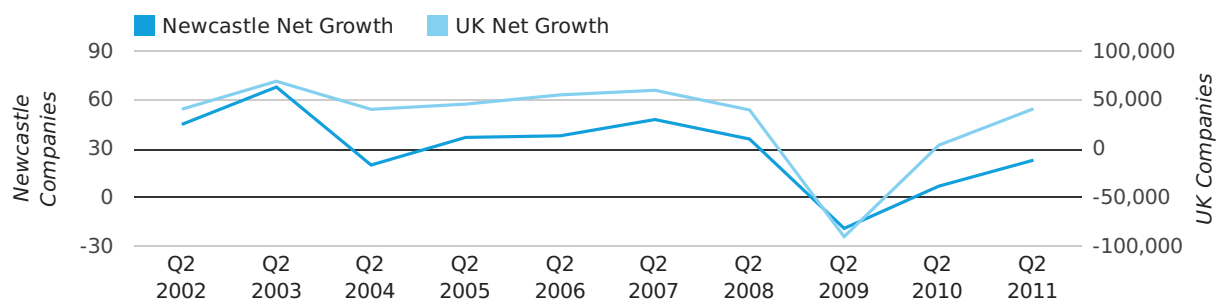
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Newcastle during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 23 companies.

This represents an increase of 228.6% on the same period last year.

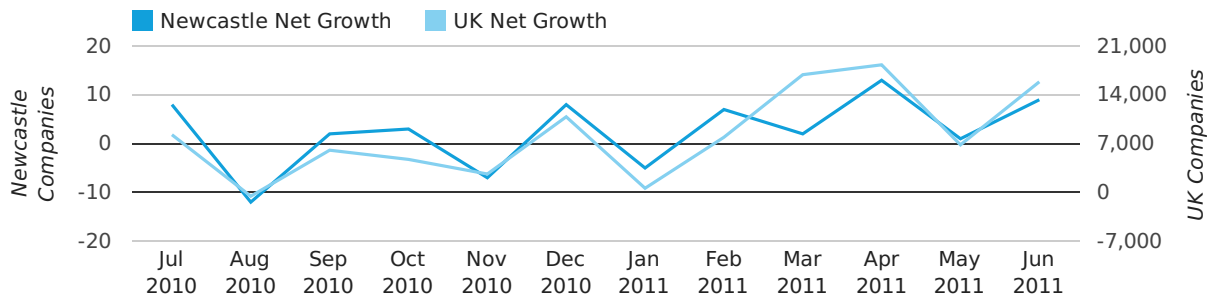
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	NEWCASTLE	UK
2011	23	41,020
2010	7	3,658
% CHANGE	228.6%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (68)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



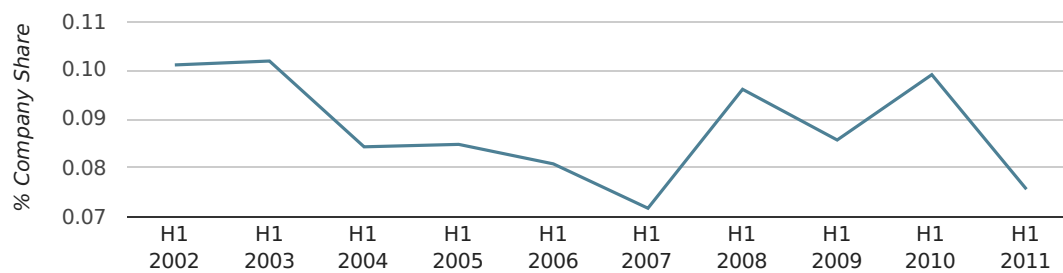
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	13	1	9
NET GROWTH IN 2010	19	-10	-2
% CHANGE	-31.6%	-110.0%	-550.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (27)	2003 (27)	2008 (32)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NEWCASTLE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.2%)

company share by half year

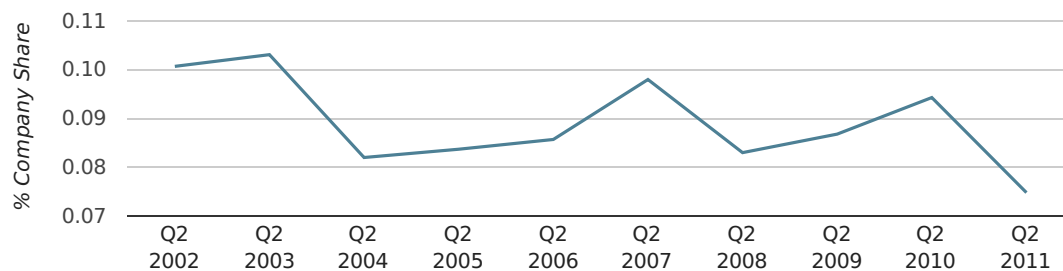


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

In the second quarter of 2011, Newcastle formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

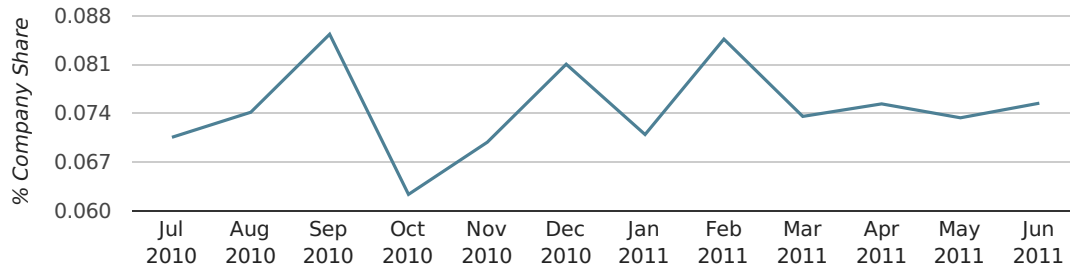
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	NEWCASTLE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.4%)

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	-25.9%	-21.2%	-14.3%
RECORD YEAR	1960 (0.3%)	1966 (0.4%)	1960 (0.5%)

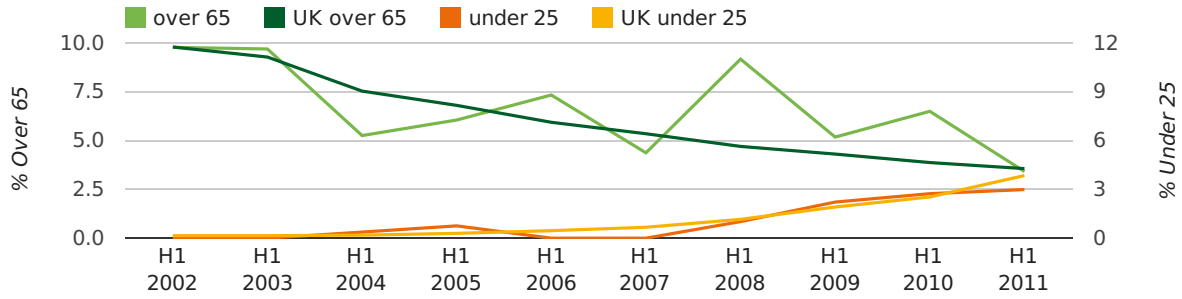
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



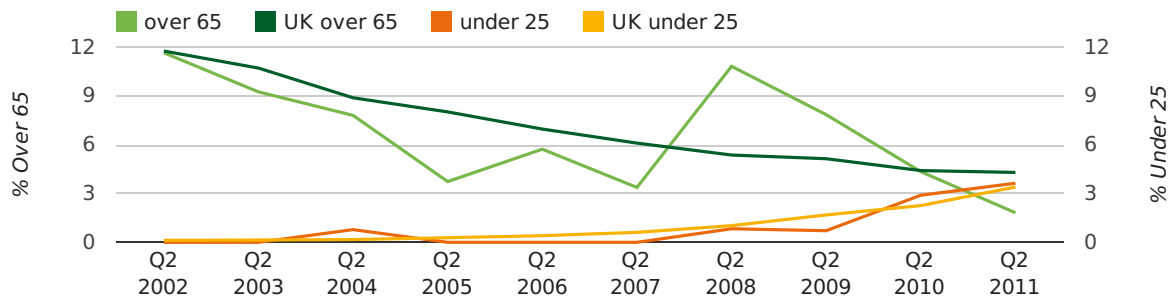
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 42.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

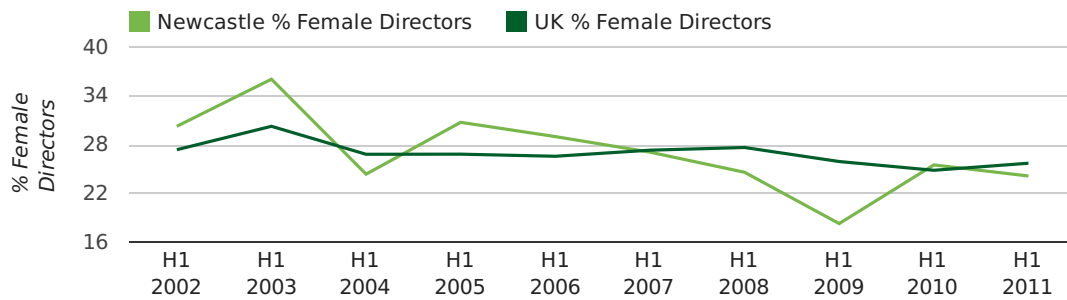


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

24.2% of all director appointments in Newcastle 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

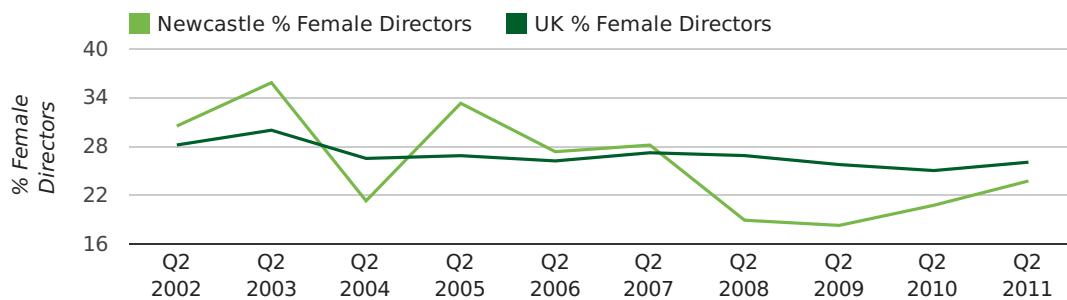


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

23.8% of all director appointments in Newcastle 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
CARE	1.13%	CONSULTING	5.09%
J	0.97%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
MANAGEMENT	0.97%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
LEISURE	0.81%	PROPERTY	2.43%
M	0.65%	TRADING	2.05%
MEDIA	0.65%	DESIGN	1.94%
WESTLAND	0.65%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
SUPPLIES	0.65%	BUSINESS	1.87%
STAMFORD	0.65%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
S	0.65%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
RUNWAY	0.48%	MEDIA	1.73%
BAR	0.48%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
CONSULTANTS	0.48%	LONDON	1.60%
MUSIC	0.48%	GLOBAL	1.46%
ELECTRICAL	0.48%	J	1.44%
MECHANICAL	0.48%	CARE	1.44%
ASSOCIATES	0.48%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
BUSINESS	0.48%	IT	1.39%
R	0.48%	BUILDING	1.32%
CLUB	0.48%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
(NEWCASTLE)	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
HOLDINGS	0.48%	M	1.27%
P	0.48%	S	1.23%
SYSTEMS	0.48%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
FINANCIAL	0.48%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	161	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	50	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	24	30,647
9999 - Dormant Company	20	20,111
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	19	16,419
99999 - Dormant Company	19	18,918
7499 - Non-trading company	14	10,955
74990 - Non-trading company	12	8,481
7414 - Business & management consultancy	10	13,053
7260 - Other computer related activities	8	7,849
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	7	2,257
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	6	10,322
6523 - Other financial intermediation	6	2,022
62090 - Other information technology service activities	6	7,095
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	6	3,790
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	6	10,545
64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified	6	2,739
70100 - Activities of head offices	6	2,632
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	5	7,835
7032 - Manage real estate, fee or contract	5	2,208