

North Shields

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

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- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in North Shields when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in North Shields when compared to any previous Q2.
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- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for net growth in North Shields when compared to any half year in history.

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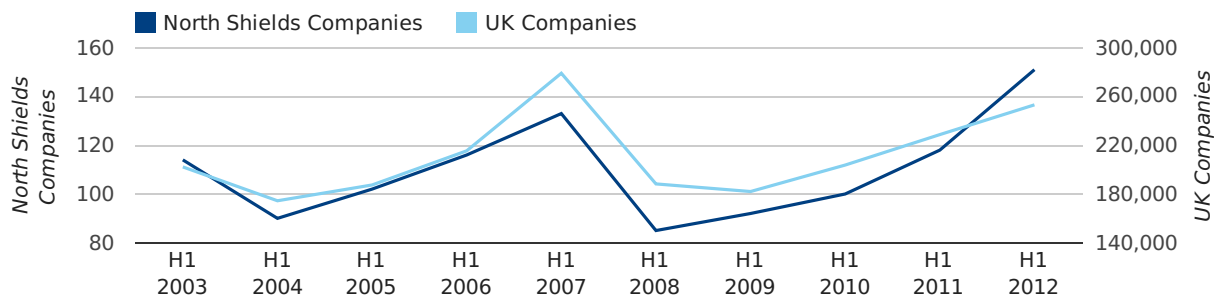
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in North Shields when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 151 companies were formed in North Shields. This figure is 28.0% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in North Shields occurred in 2012 when a total of 151 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | NORTH SHIELDS | UK |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 151 | 253,150 |
| 2011 | 118 | 228,735 |
| % CHANGE | 28.0% | 10.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2012 (151) | 2007 (279,097) |

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

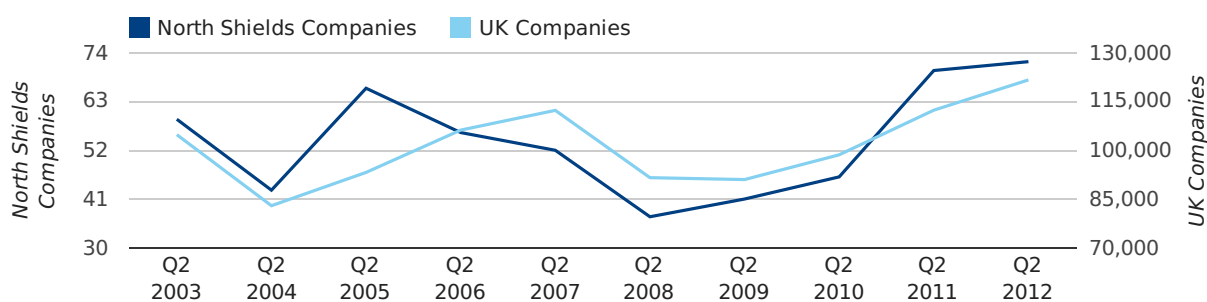
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in North Shields when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 72 companies were registered in North Shields during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 2.9% 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.

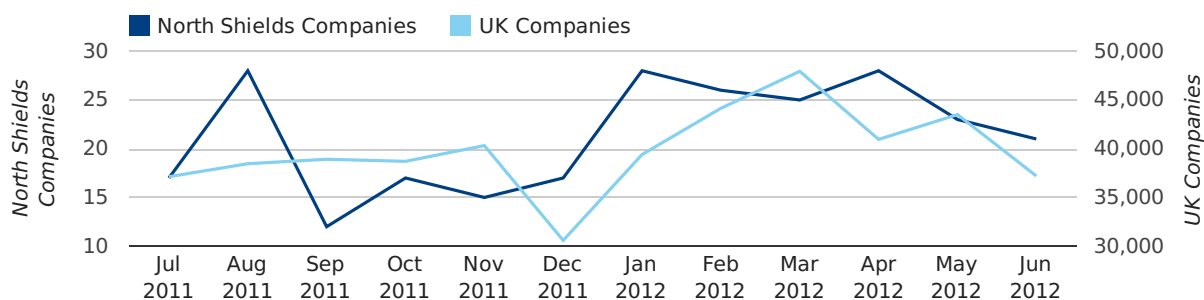
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | NORTH SHIELDS | UK |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 72 | 121,659 |
| 2011 | 70 | 112,344 |
| % CHANGE | 2.9% | 8.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2012 (72) | 2012 (121,659) |

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2012 | 28 | 23 | 21 |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 17 | 29 | 24 |
| % CHANGE | 64.7% | -20.7% | -12.5% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2000 (37) | 2011 (29) | 2003 (26) |

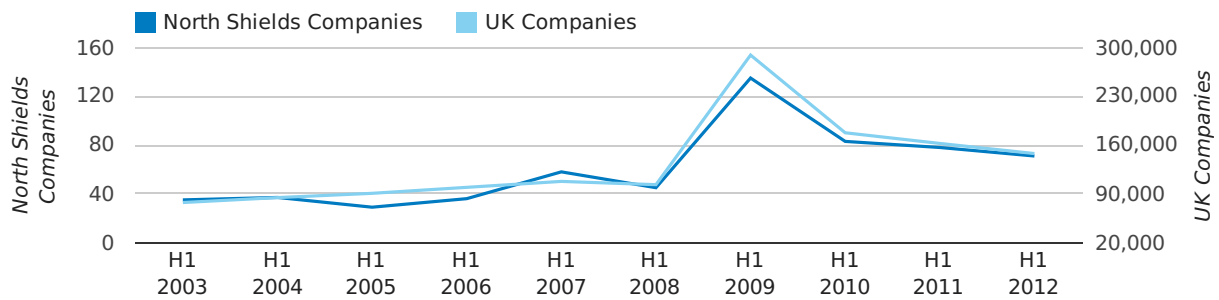
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 71 companies were dissolved in North Shields. This figure is 9.0% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in North Shields occurred in 2009 when a total of 135 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | NORTH SHIELDS | UK |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 71 | 147,793 |
| 2011 | 78 | 162,310 |
| % CHANGE | -9.0% | -8.9% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (135) | 2009 (289,236) |

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 33 companies were dissolved in North Shields during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 17.9% 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) | NORTH SHIELDS | UK |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 33 | 80,217 |
| 2011 | 28 | 71,324 |
| % CHANGE | 17.9% | 12.5% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (84) | 2009 (181,176) |

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012 | 9 | 10 | 14 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 6 | 11 | 11 |
| % CHANGE | 50.0% | -9.1% | 27% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (23) | 2009 (32) | 2009 (29) |

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

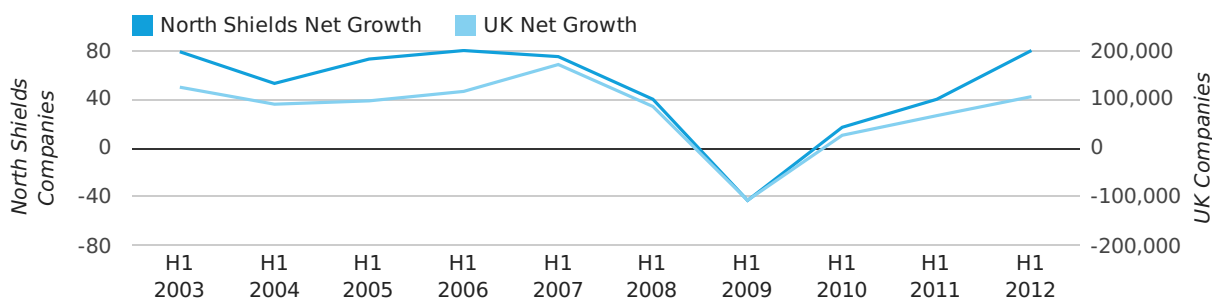
The first half of 2012 saw a new record in net growth in North Shields when compared to any previous first half year.

The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for net growth in North Shields when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 the company register for North Shields increased by 80 companies. This figure is 100.0% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | NORTH SHIELDS | UK |
|---------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 80 | 105,357 |
| 2011 | 40 | 66,425 |
| % CHANGE | 100.0% | 58.6% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2012 (80) | 2007 (171,296) |

net growth by half year



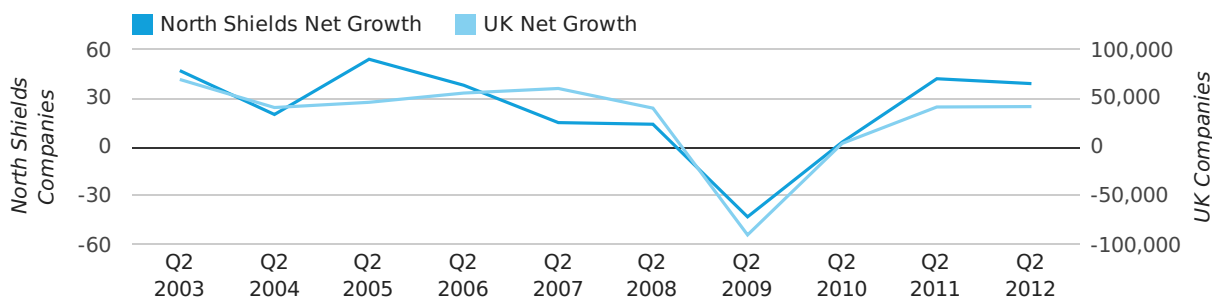
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for North Shields during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 39 companies.

This represents a decrease of 7.1% on the same period last year.

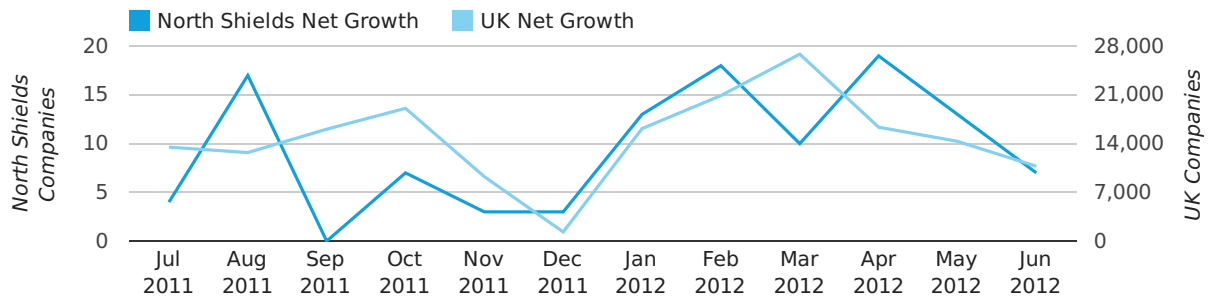
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | NORTH SHIELDS | UK |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2012 | 39 | 41,442 |
| 2011 | 42 | 41,020 |
| % CHANGE | -7.1% | 1.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2005 (54) | 2003 (69,274) |

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



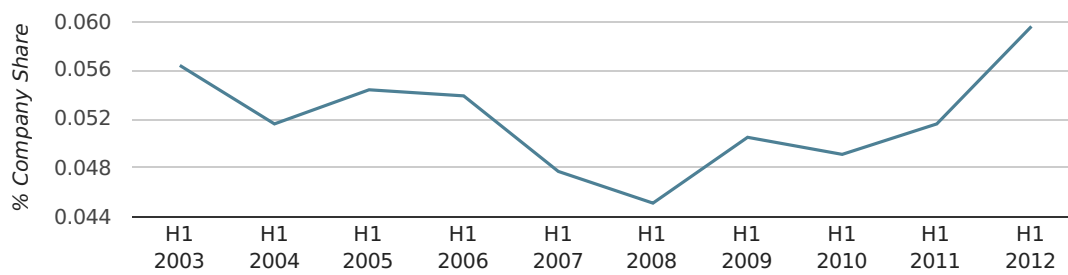
| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2012 | 19 | 13 | 7 |
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 11 | 18 | 13 |
| % CHANGE | 72.7% | -27.8% | -46.2% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2000 (34) | 2011 (18) | 2003 (22) |

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 North Shields formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.1%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | NORTH SHIELDS |
|--------------------------|---------------|
| 2012 | 0.1% |
| 2011 | 0.1% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.1% |
| 2008 | 0.0% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1963 (0.2%) |

company share by half year

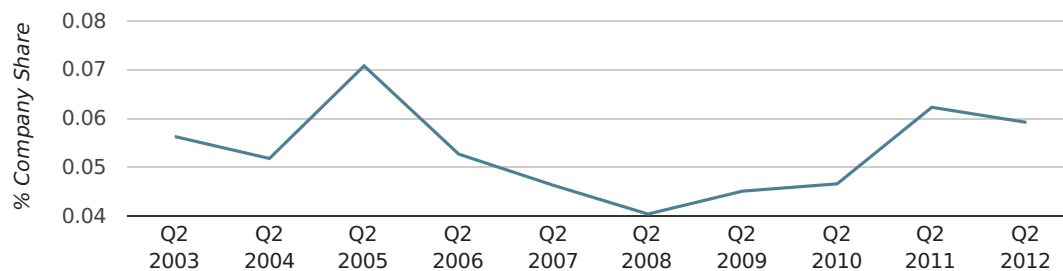


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, North Shields formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | NORTH SHIELDS |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|
| 2012 | 0.1% |
| 2011 | 0.1% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.0% |
| 2008 | 0.0% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1977 (0.2%) |

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.0% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| % CHANGE | 38.7% | -30.5% | -6.6% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1977 (0.3%) | 1977 (0.3%) | 1966 (0.2%) |

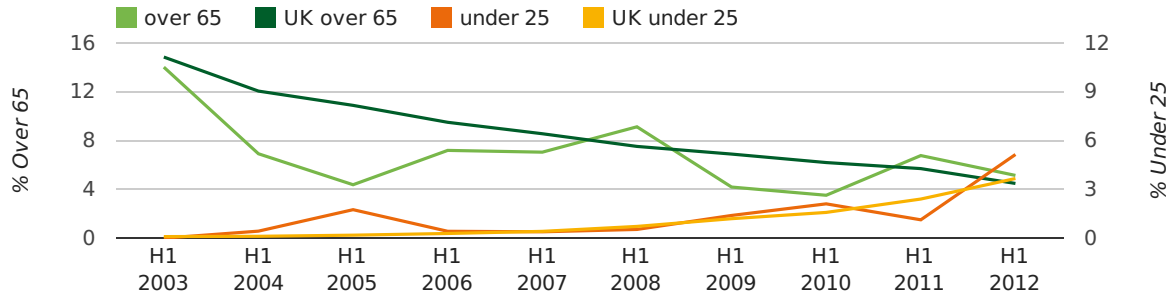
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 44.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



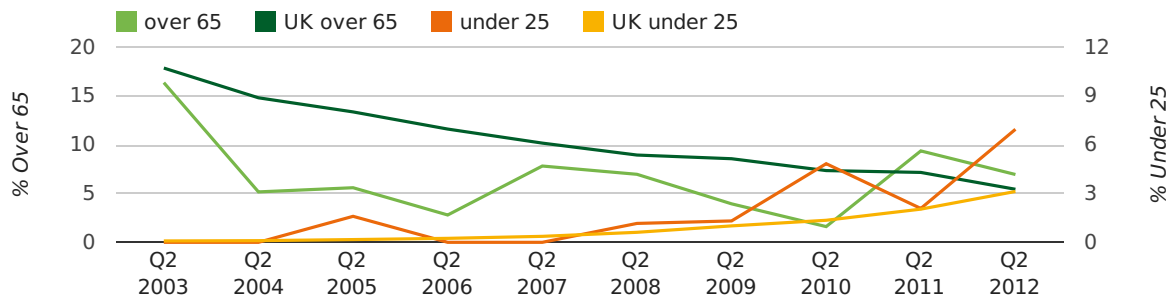
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 43.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 7.0% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 7.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

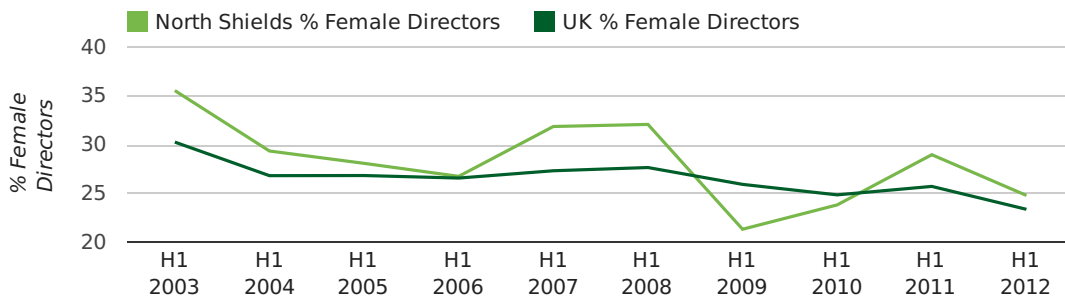


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

24.8% of all director appointments in North Shields 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

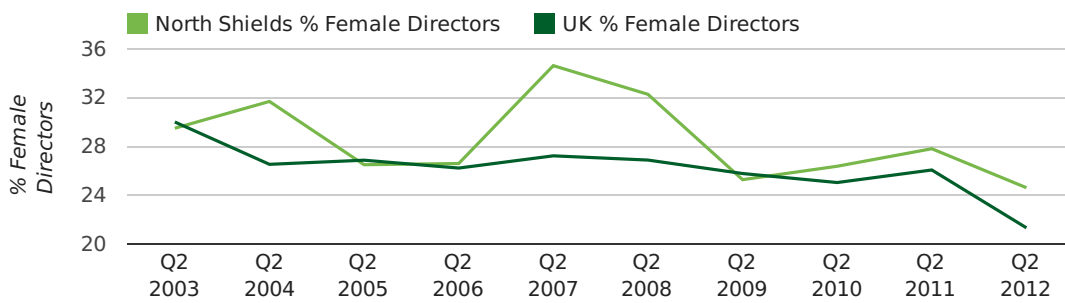


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

24.6% of all director appointments in North Shields 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 |
|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| NORTH | 1.99% | CONSULTING | 5.07% |
| EAST | 1.79% | MANAGEMENT | 4.74% |
| COMMUNITY | 1.20% | CONSULTANCY | 3.28% |
| ELECTRICAL | 1.00% | PROPERTY | 2.35% |
| DEVELOPMENTS | 1.00% | TRADING | 2.10% |
| MEDIA | 1.00% | DESIGN | 1.89% |
| DESIGN | 1.00% | ENGINEERING | 1.87% |
| NAILS | 0.80% | ASSOCIATES | 1.82% |
| ENGINEERING | 0.80% | CONSULTANTS | 1.78% |
| BUILDING | 0.80% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.71% |
| CO | 0.80% | BUSINESS | 1.70% |
| BEAUTY | 0.80% | MEDIA | 1.69% |
| SUPPORT | 0.80% | LONDON | 1.68% |
| CULLERCOATS | 0.80% | J | 1.57% |
| INTEREST | 0.80% | GLOBAL | 1.51% |
| MANAGEMENT | 0.60% | INVESTMENTS | 1.48% |
| NORTHERN | 0.60% | IT | 1.42% |
| CAR | 0.60% | CARE | 1.31% |
| (NORTH | 0.60% | PROPERTIES | 1.31% |
| BREWERY | 0.60% | M | 1.26% |
| ENTERTAINMENT | 0.60% | ELECTRICAL | 1.23% |
| CLEANING | 0.60% | BUILDING | 1.23% |
| D | 0.60% | SECURITY | 1.19% |
| R | 0.60% | S | 1.18% |
| JC | 0.60% | ENTERPRISES | 1.17% |

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| None Supplied | 107 | 244,457 |
| 7487 - Other business activities | 19 | 47,029 |
| 74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified | 11 | 10,271 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 11 | 35,447 |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified | 9 | 14,220 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 8 | 16,469 |
| 74990 - Non-trading company | 8 | 9,706 |
| 9305 - Other service activities | 8 | 7,926 |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management | 7 | 20,390 |
| 32990 - Other manufacturing not elsewhere classified | 6 | 1,870 |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy | 6 | 10,978 |
| 5530 - Restaurants | 6 | 4,037 |
| 68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate | 6 | 4,535 |
| 62090 - Other information technology service activities | 6 | 8,258 |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities | 5 | 15,280 |
| 43210 - Electrical installation | 5 | 3,557 |
| 85590 - Other education not elsewhere classified | 5 | 2,921 |
| 99999 - Dormant Company | 4 | 26,088 |
| 62012 - Business and domestic software development | 4 | 4,742 |
| 7260 - Other computer related activities | 4 | 6,456 |