

Northampton

2011 half year business confidence report



headlines

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

contents

new company registrations

closed companies (dissolved)

net company growth

uk company share

director age

director gender

naming trends

sic data

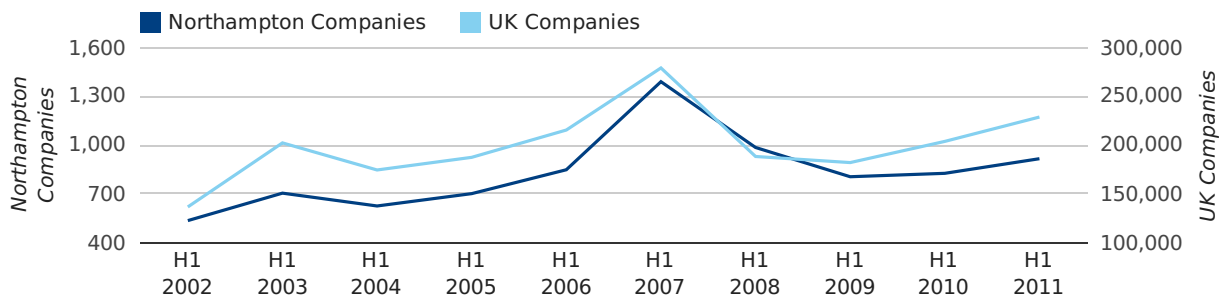
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 916 companies were formed in Northampton. This figure is 10.9% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Northampton occurred in 2007 when a total of 1,390 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORTHAMPTON	UK
2011	916	228,735
2010	826	203,749
% CHANGE	10.9%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,390)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



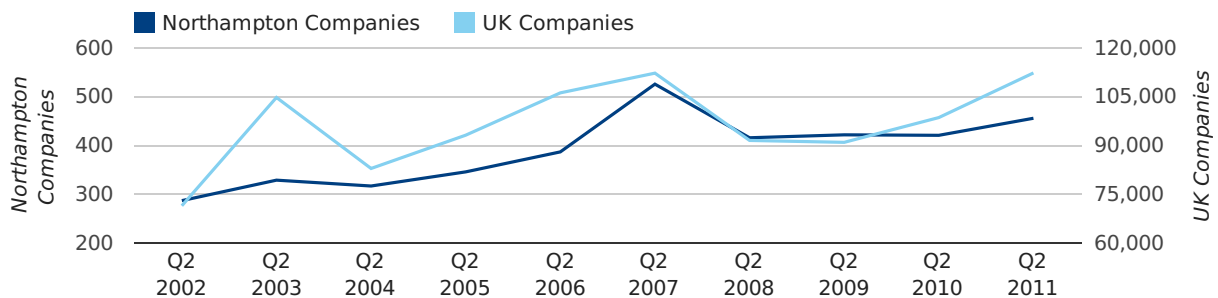
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 456 companies were registered in Northampton during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 8.3% 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)	NORTHAMPTON	UK
2011	456	112,344
2010	421	98,612
% CHANGE	8.3%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (526)	2011 (112,344)

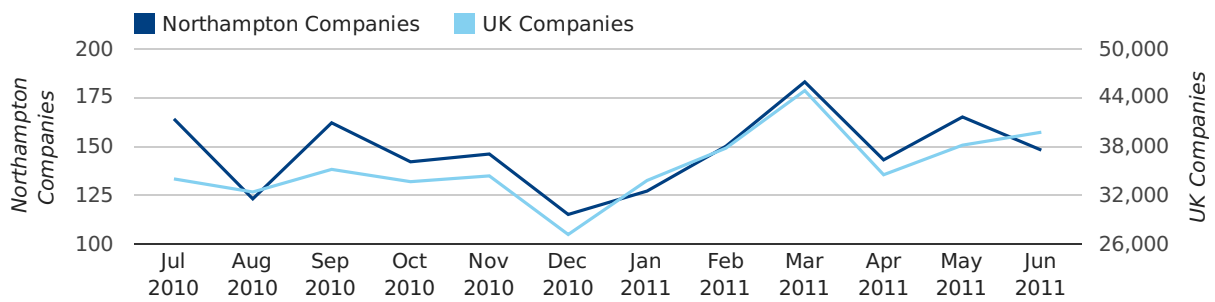
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	143	165	148
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	127	129	165
% CHANGE	12.6%	27.9%	-10.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (242)	2011 (165)	2010 (165)

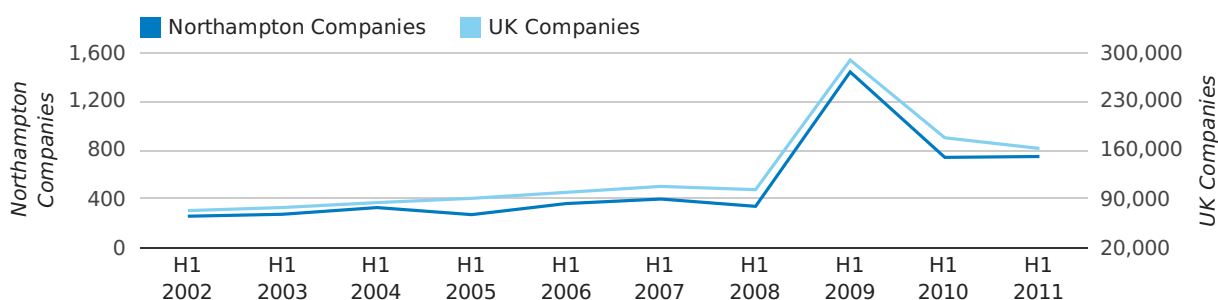
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 747 companies were dissolved in Northampton. This figure is 0.9% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Northampton occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,441 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORTHAMPTON	UK
2011	747	162,310
2010	740	177,631
% CHANGE	0.9%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,441)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



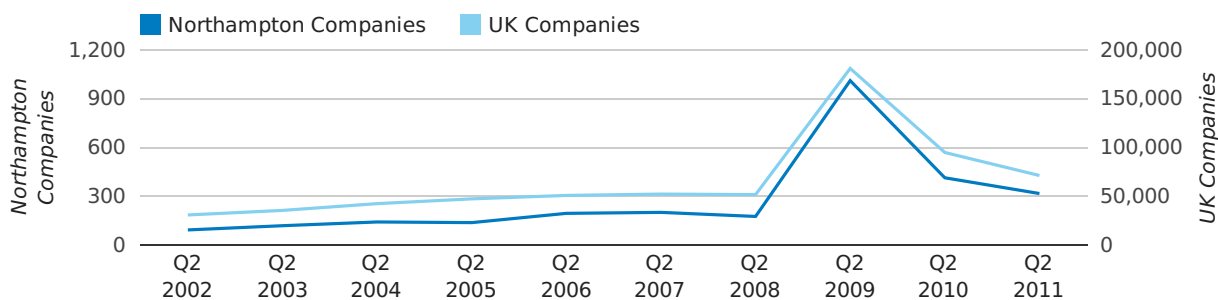
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 317 companies were dissolved in Northampton during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 23.4% 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.

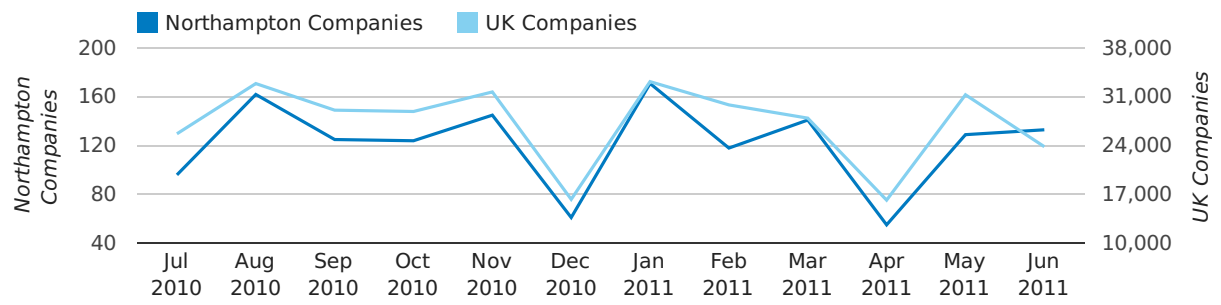
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	NORTHAMPTON	UK
2011	317	71,324
2010	414	94,954
% CHANGE	-23.4%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,012)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



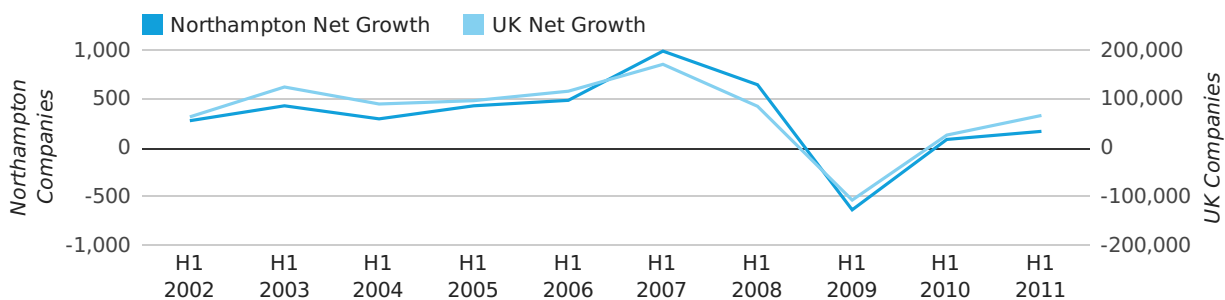
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	55	129	133
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	86	120	208
% CHANGE	-36.0%	7.5%	-36%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (177)	2009 (604)	2009 (231)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Northampton increased by 169 companies. This figure is 96.5% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORTHAMPTON	UK
2011	169	66,425
2010	86	26,118
% CHANGE	96.5%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (992)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



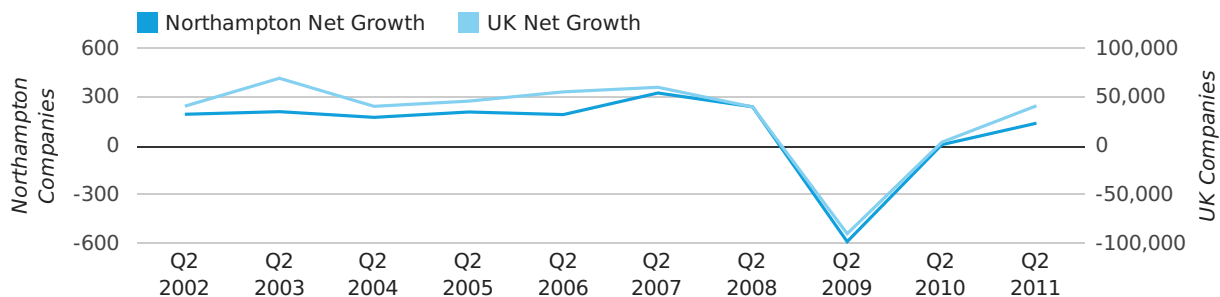
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Northampton during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 139 companies.

This represents an increase of 1,885.7% on the same period last year.

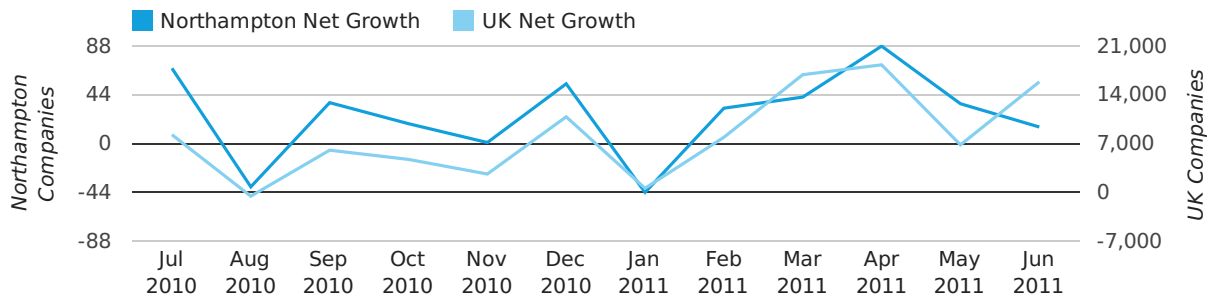
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	NORTHAMPTON	UK
2011	139	41,020
2010	7	3,658
% CHANGE	1,885.7%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (325)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



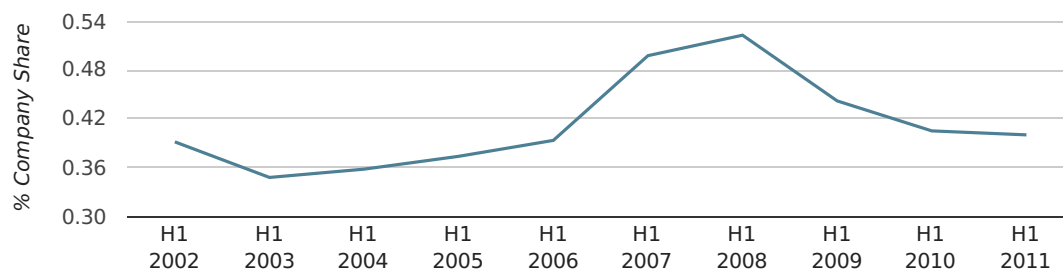
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	88	36	15
NET GROWTH IN 2010	41	9	-43
% CHANGE	114.6%	300.0%	-134.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (190)	2005 (81)	2008 (107)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Northampton formed 0.4% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.4%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORTHAMPTON
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.5%
2007	0.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.6%)

company share by half year

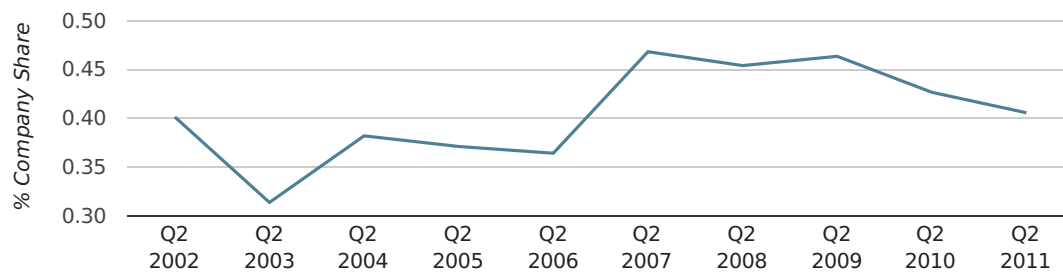


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

In the second quarter of 2011, Northampton formed 0.4% of all UK companies.

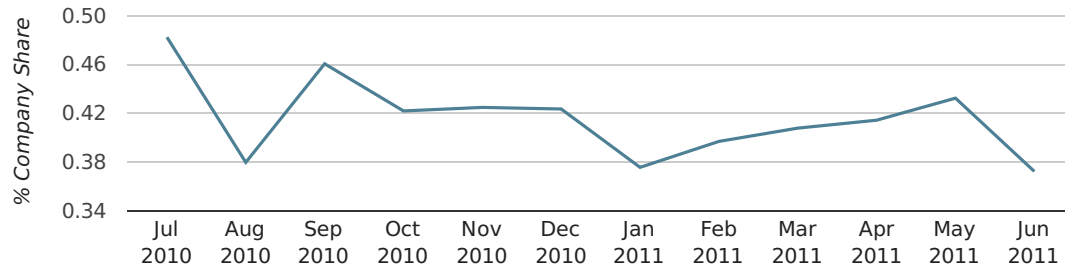
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	NORTHAMPTON
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.5%
2008	0.5%
2007	0.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.7%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
% CHANGE	9.0%	0.7%	-20.5%
RECORD YEAR	1978 (0.8%)	1975 (0.8%)	1965 (1.4%)

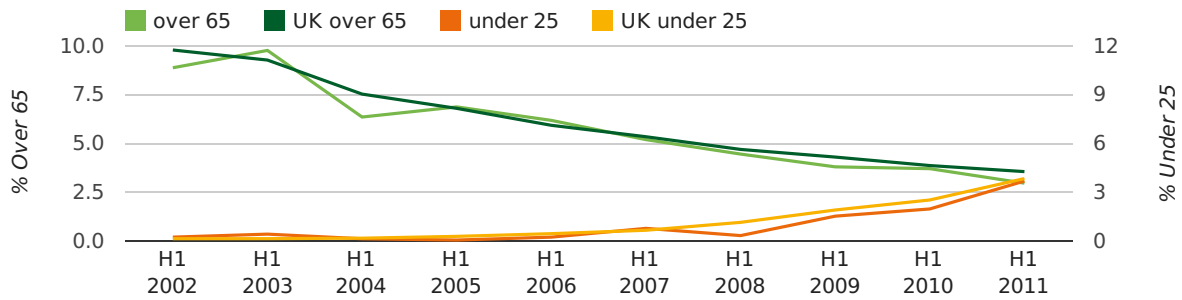
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 43.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



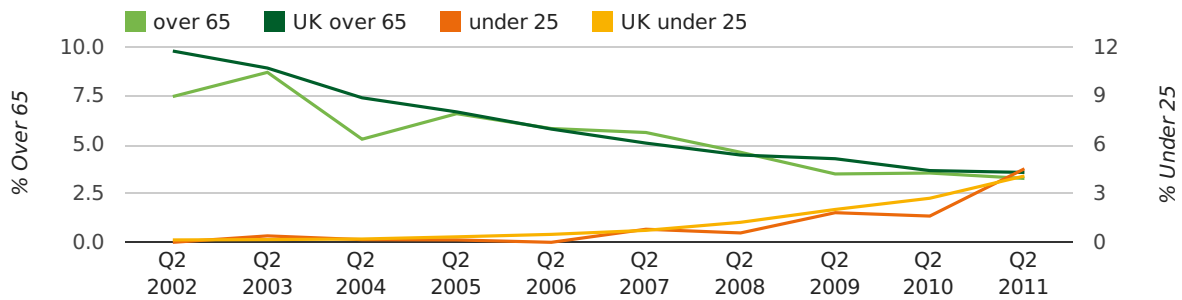
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 43.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

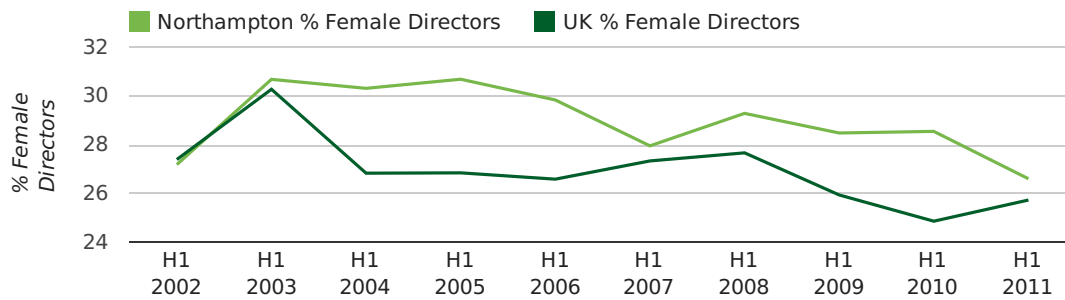


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

26.6% of all director appointments in Northampton 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

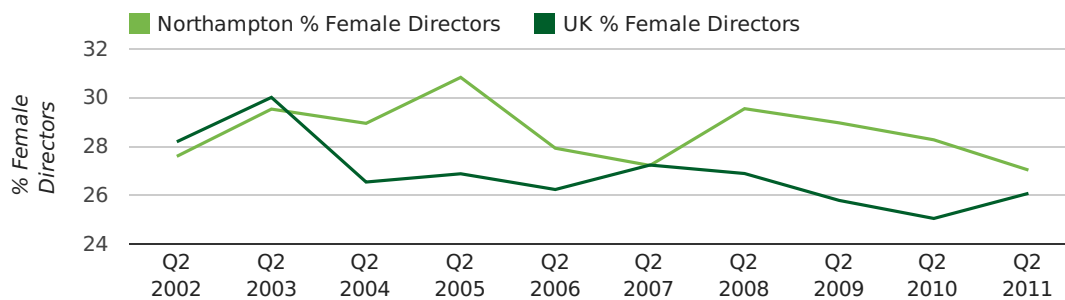


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

27.0% of all director appointments in Northampton 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	1.53%	CONSULTING	5.09%
CONSULTING	1.14%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
CONSULTANCY	1.10%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
PROPERTY	1.06%	PROPERTY	2.43%
NORTHAMPTON	1.02%	TRADING	2.05%
(NORTHAMPTON)	0.70%	DESIGN	1.94%
TRANSPORT	0.70%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
SECURITY	0.67%	BUSINESS	1.87%
ELECTRICAL	0.63%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
IT	0.63%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
J	0.59%	MEDIA	1.73%
ASSOCIATES	0.59%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
SCHOOL	0.59%	LONDON	1.60%
CONSULTANTS	0.55%	GLOBAL	1.46%
LOGISTICS	0.51%	J	1.44%
PROPERTIES	0.47%	CARE	1.44%
MEDIA	0.47%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
CONSTRUCTION	0.43%	IT	1.39%
SYSTEMS	0.43%	BUILDING	1.32%
SUPPORT	0.43%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
G	0.39%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
CARE	0.39%	M	1.27%
DESIGN	0.39%	S	1.23%
COMMUNITY	0.39%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.39%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	890	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	236	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	116	30,647
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	100	16,419
9999 - Dormant Company	85	20,111
7414 - Business & management consultancy	71	13,053
7499 - Non-trading company	69	10,955
99999 - Dormant Company	58	18,918
6024 - Freight transport by road	44	2,316
7260 - Other computer related activities	39	7,849
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	38	10,322
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	35	10,545
74990 - Non-trading company	35	8,481
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	35	7,143
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	29	7,835
9305 - Other service activities	28	9,063
49410 - Freight transport by road	27	2,142
86900 - Other human health activities	27	4,154
62090 - Other information technology service activities	27	7,095
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	23	5,928