

Northamptonshire

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Northamptonshire when compared to any previous Q2.
- June 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Northamptonshire when compared to any previous June.
- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Northamptonshire when compared to any previous May.

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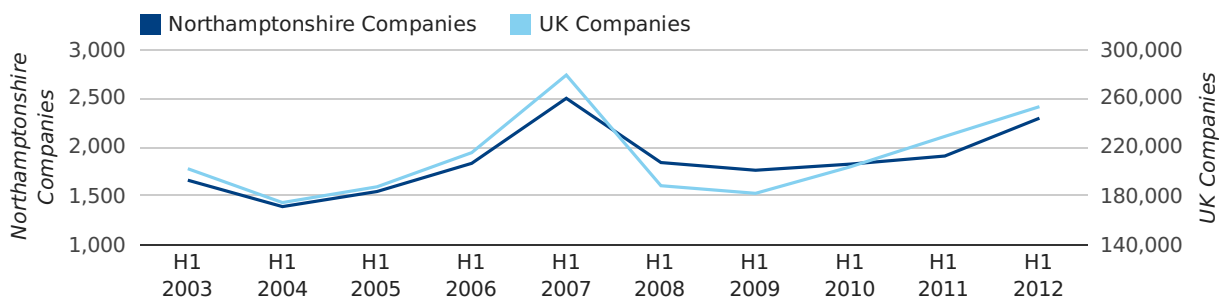
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 2,296 companies were formed in Northamptonshire. This figure is 20.3% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Northamptonshire occurred in 2007 when a total of 2,500 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	UK
2012	2,296	253,150
2011	1,908	228,735
% CHANGE	20.3%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (2,500)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

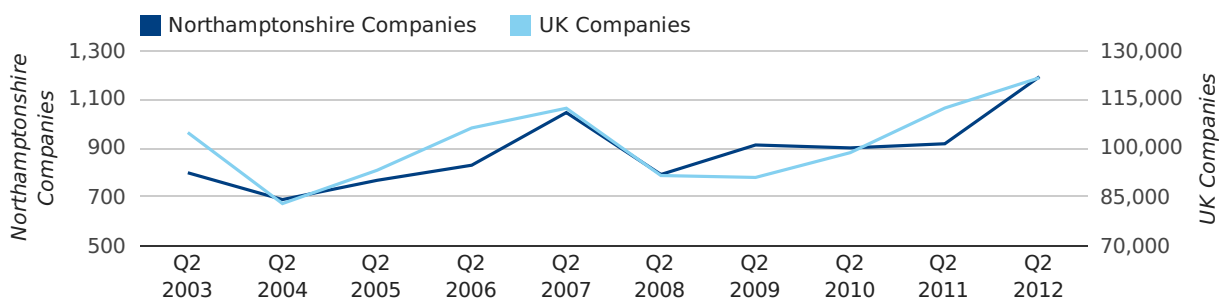
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Northamptonshire when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 1,193 companies were registered in Northamptonshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 30.0% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well 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)	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	UK
2012	1,193	121,659
2011	918	112,344
% CHANGE	30.0%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (1,193)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter

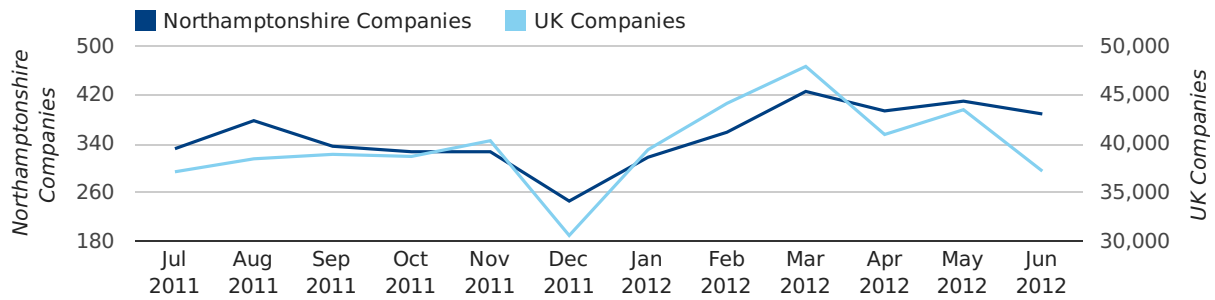


Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

June 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Northamptonshire when compared to any previous June.

May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Northamptonshire when compared to any previous May.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	394	410	389
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	292	331	295
% CHANGE	34.9%	23.9%	31.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (429)	2012 (410)	2012 (389)

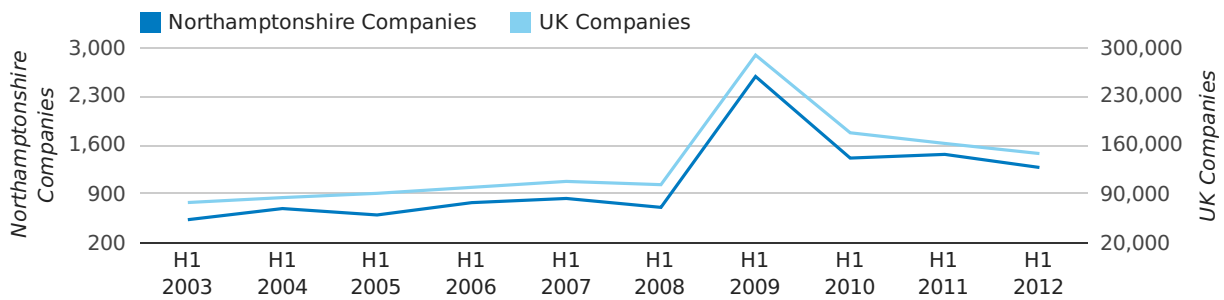
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,278 companies were dissolved in Northamptonshire. This figure is 12.8% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Northamptonshire occurred in 2009 when a total of 2,585 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	UK
2012	1,278	147,793
2011	1,466	162,310
% CHANGE	-12.8%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (2,585)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



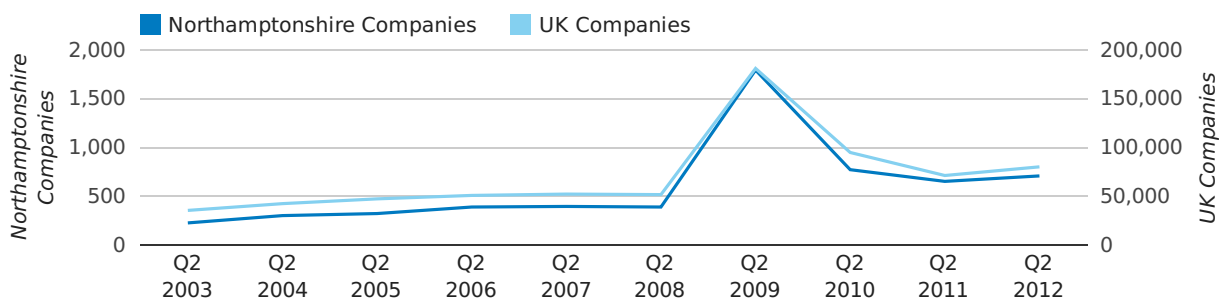
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 709 companies were dissolved in Northamptonshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 8.6% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

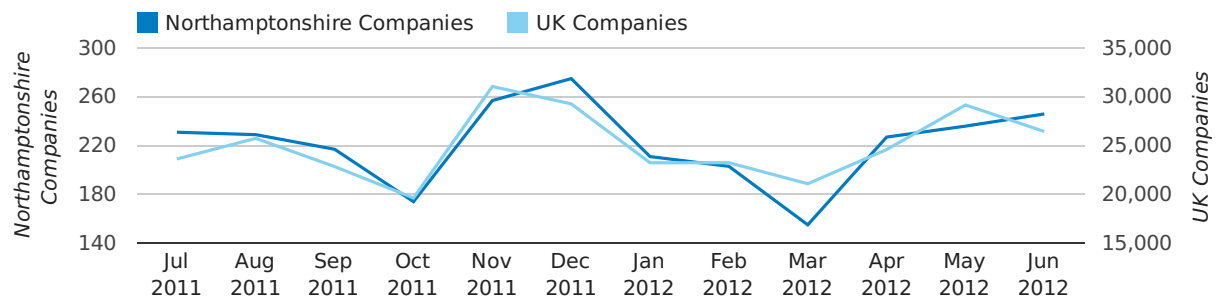
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	UK
2012	709	80,217
2011	653	71,324
% CHANGE	8.6%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,795)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



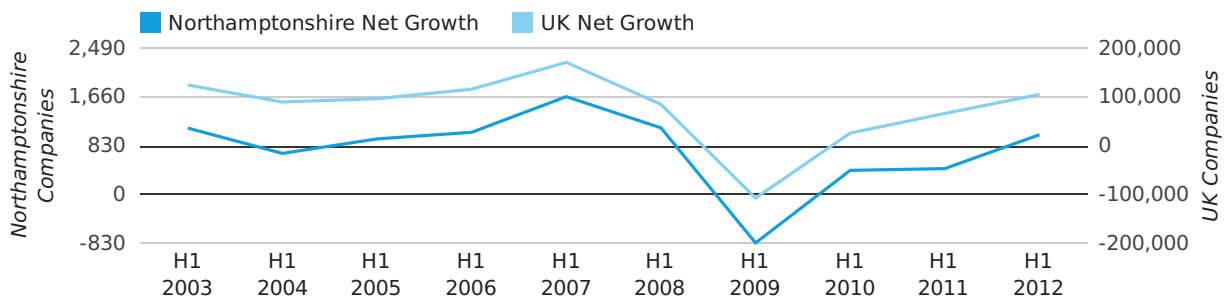
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	227	236	246
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	113	298	242
% CHANGE	100.9%	-20.8%	2%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (330)	2009 (1,006)	2009 (459)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Northamptonshire increased by 1,018 companies. This figure is 130.3% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	UK
2012	1,018	105,357
2011	442	66,425
% CHANGE	130.3%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,667)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



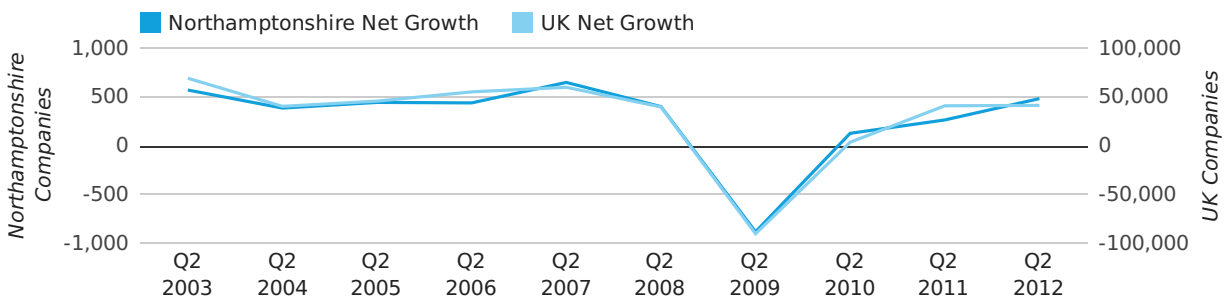
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Northamptonshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 484 companies.

This represents an increase of 82.6% on the same period last year.

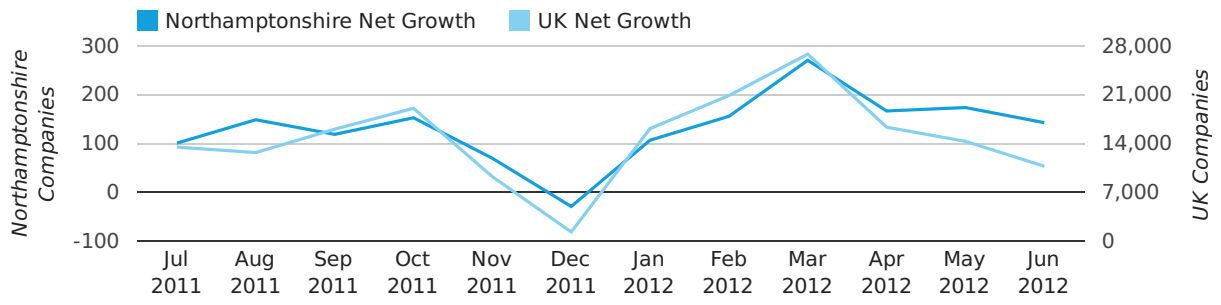
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	UK
2012	484	41,442
2011	265	41,020
% CHANGE	82.6%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (650)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



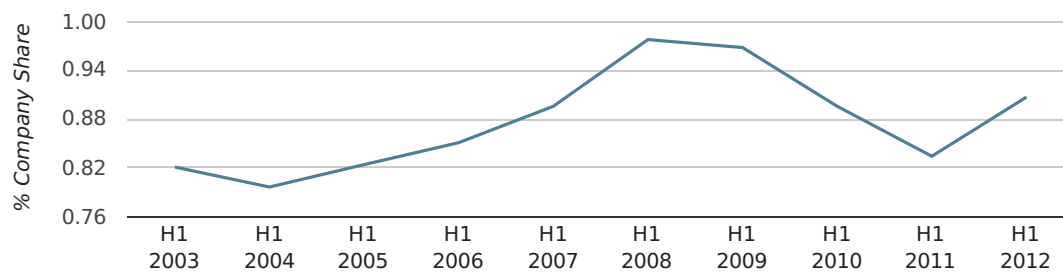
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	167	174	143
NET GROWTH IN 2011	179	33	53
% CHANGE	-6.7%	427.3%	169.8%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (337)	2003 (219)	2003 (199)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Northamptonshire formed 0.9% of all UK companies. This is more than the 2011 figure of 0.8%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
2012	0.9%
2011	0.8%
2010	0.9%
2009	1.0%
2008	1.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1975 (1.2%)

company share by half year

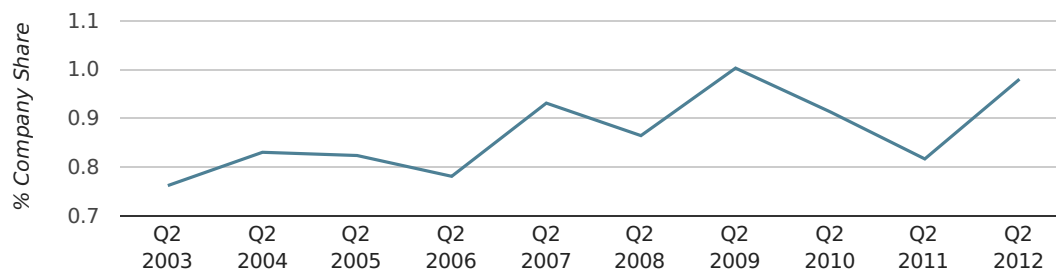


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Northamptonshire formed 1.0% of all UK companies.

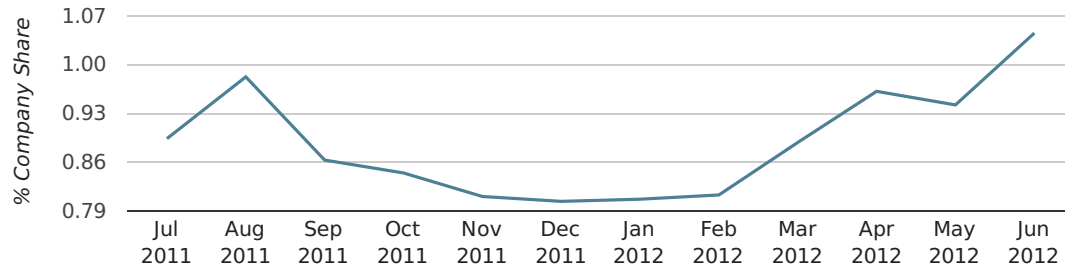
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
2012	1.0%
2011	0.8%
2010	0.9%
2009	1.0%
2008	0.9%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (1.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	1.0%	0.9%	1.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.8%	0.9%	0.7%
% CHANGE	13.6%	8.6%	40.8%
RECORD YEAR	1982 (1.6%)	1962 (1.4%)	1965 (1.8%)

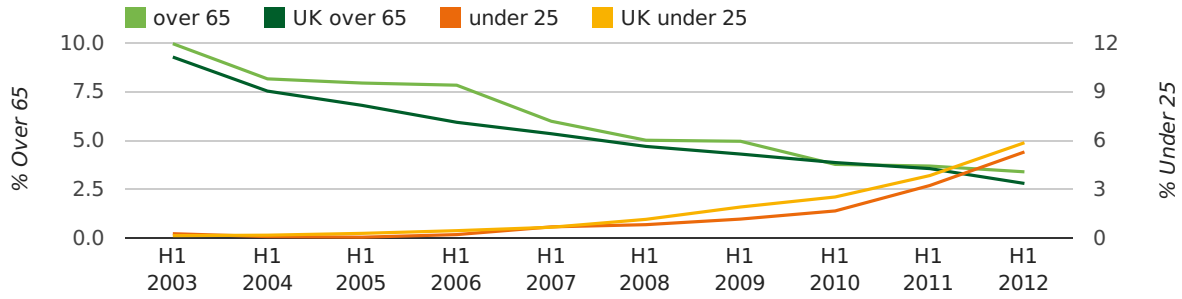
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 42.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

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

director age by half year



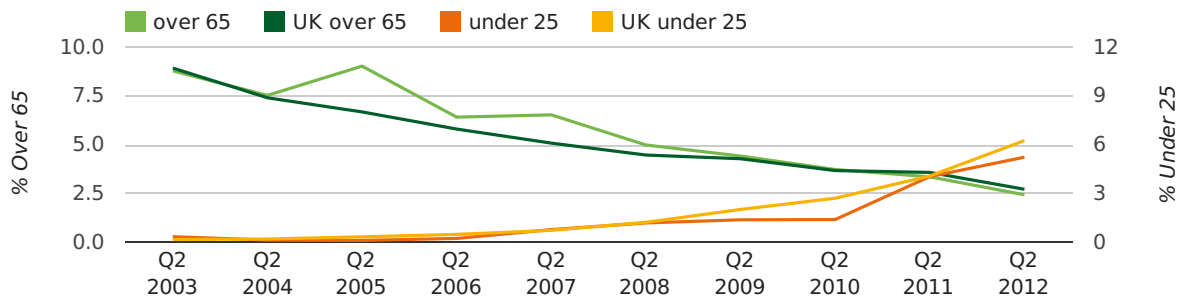
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 42.1.

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

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

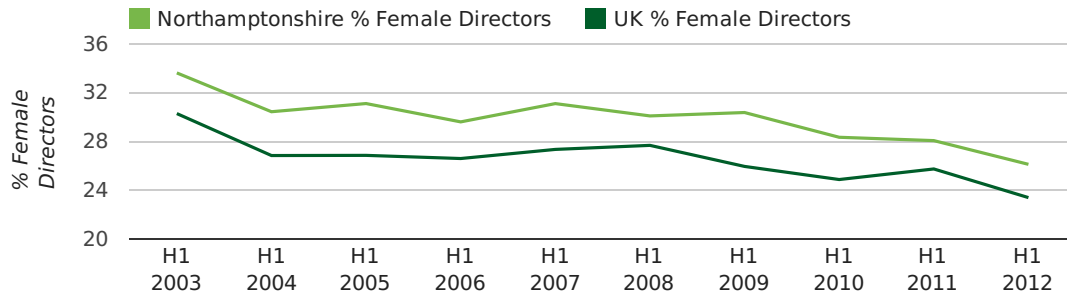


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The record first half year for female directors in Northamptonshire was 1857 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

26.1% of all director appointments in Northamptonshire 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



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
CONSULTING	1.70%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.53%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CO.,	1.34%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTANCY	1.12%	PROPERTY	2.35%
TRANSPORT	1.04%	TRADING	2.10%
TRADING	0.95%	DESIGN	1.89%
INTERNATIONAL	0.86%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
ENGINEERING	0.84%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
PROPERTY	0.80%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
CARE	0.71%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
ASSOCIATES	0.67%	BUSINESS	1.70%
TECHNOLOGY	0.67%	MEDIA	1.69%
BUSINESS	0.67%	LONDON	1.68%
CONSULTANTS	0.63%	J	1.57%
DESIGN	0.60%	GLOBAL	1.51%
MEDIA	0.58%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
ELECTRICAL	0.58%	IT	1.42%
IT	0.56%	CARE	1.31%
J	0.52%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
TRAINING	0.52%	M	1.26%
LOGISTICS	0.52%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
GROUP	0.50%	BUILDING	1.23%
CONSTRUCTION	0.47%	SECURITY	1.19%
GLOBAL	0.47%	S	1.18%
PLUMBING	0.45%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,862	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	372	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	292	35,447
74990 - Non-trading company	273	9,706
99999 - Dormant Company	252	26,088
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	215	20,390
7499 - Non-trading company	172	8,023
9999 - Dormant Company	169	16,469
7414 - Business & management consultancy	126	10,978
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	110	15,280
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	106	14,220
49410 - Freight transport by road	104	2,912
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	86	10,271
62090 - Other information technology service activities	72	8,258
6024 - Freight transport by road	69	1,933
9305 - Other service activities	61	7,926
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	59	6,356
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	55	2,880
7260 - Other computer related activities	53	6,456
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	46	3,818