

Oxfordshire

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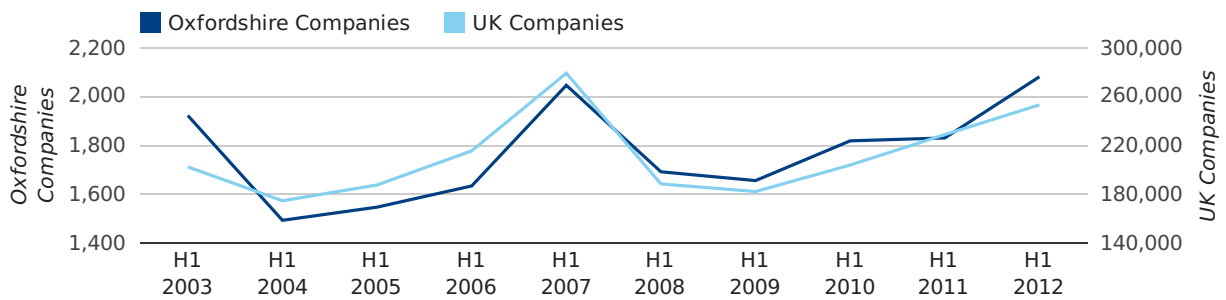
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Oxfordshire when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 2,081 companies were formed in Oxfordshire. This figure is 13.7% higher than last year, which compares equally to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Oxfordshire occurred in 2012 when a total of 2,081 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	OXFORDSHIRE	UK
2012	2,081	253,150
2011	1,830	228,735
% CHANGE	13.7%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (2,081)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

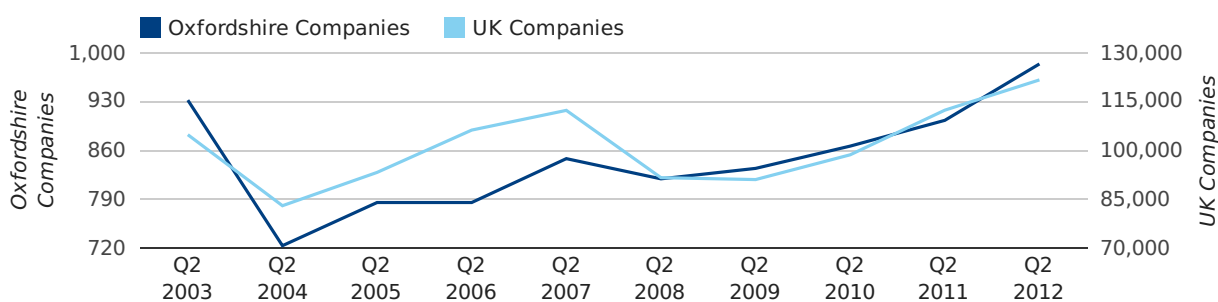
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Oxfordshire when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 984 companies were registered in Oxfordshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 9.0% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares equally 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)	OXFORDSHIRE	UK
2012	984	121,659
2011	903	112,344
% CHANGE	9.0%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (984)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter

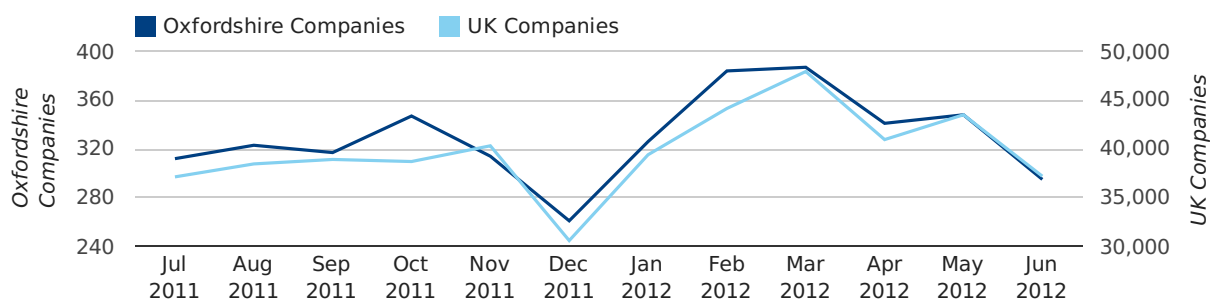


Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Oxfordshire when compared to any previous April.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	341	348	295
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	254	312	337
% CHANGE	34.3%	11.5%	-12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (341)	2012 (348)	2011 (337)

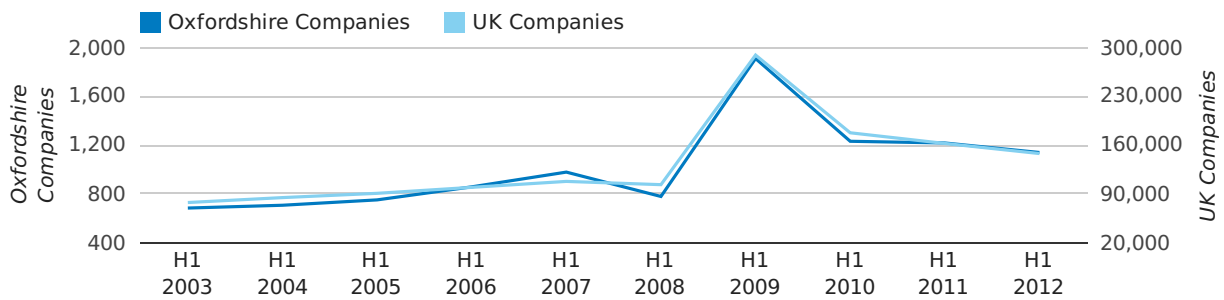
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,139 companies were dissolved in Oxfordshire. This figure is 6.4% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Oxfordshire occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,910 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	OXFORDSHIRE	UK
2012	1,139	147,793
2011	1,217	162,310
% CHANGE	-6.4%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,910)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



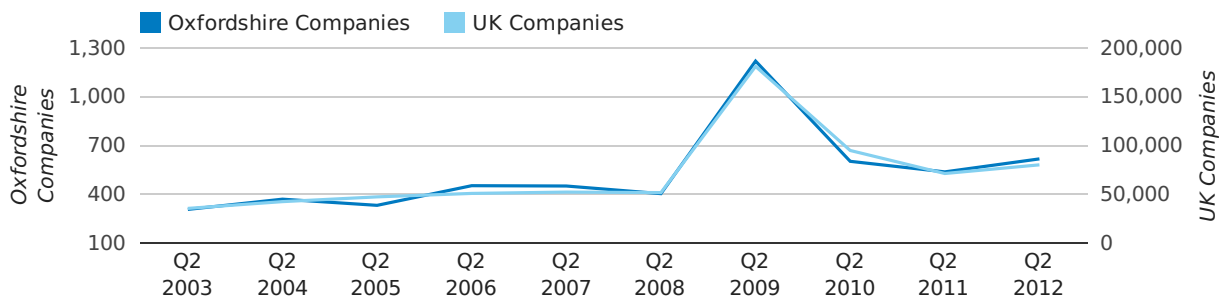
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 618 companies were dissolved in Oxfordshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 14.9% 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)	OXFORDSHIRE	UK
2012	618	80,217
2011	538	71,324
% CHANGE	14.9%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,220)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



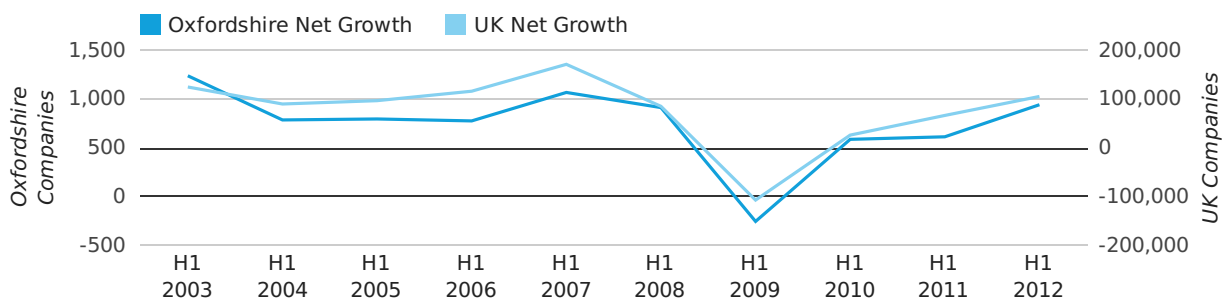
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	189	231	198
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	140	241	157
% CHANGE	35.0%	-4.1%	26%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (278)	2009 (553)	2009 (389)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Oxfordshire increased by 942 companies. This figure is 53.7% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	OXFORDSHIRE	UK
2012	942	105,357
2011	613	66,425
% CHANGE	53.7%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,239)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



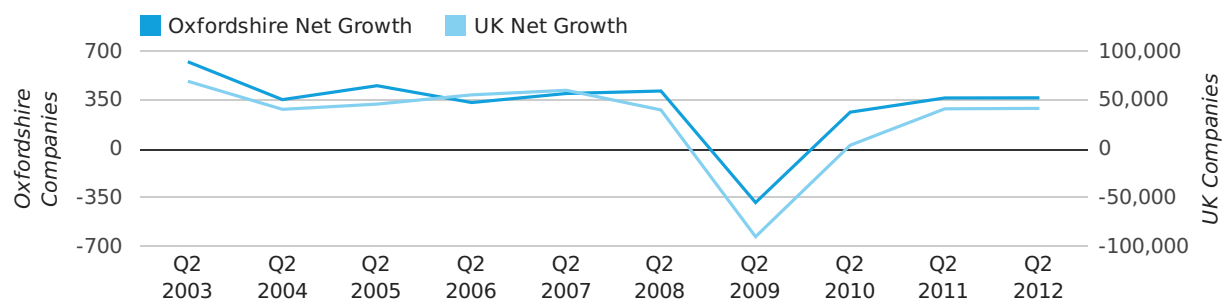
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Oxfordshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 366 companies.

This represents an increase of 0.3% on the same period last year.

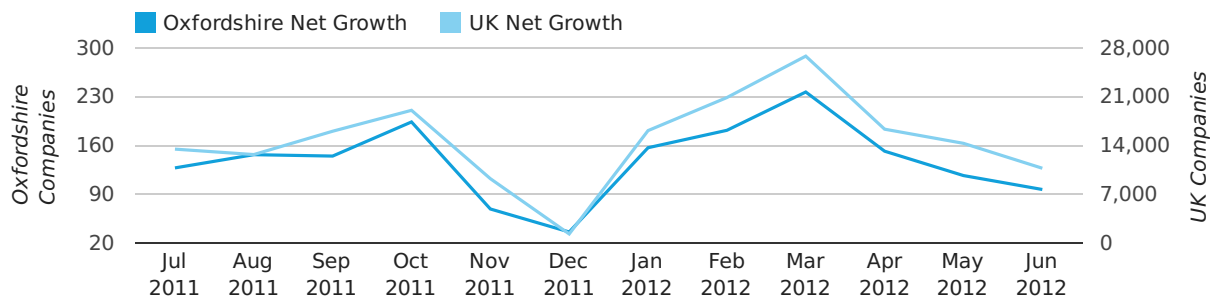
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	OXFORDSHIRE	UK
2012	366	41,442
2011	365	41,020
% CHANGE	0.3%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (625)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



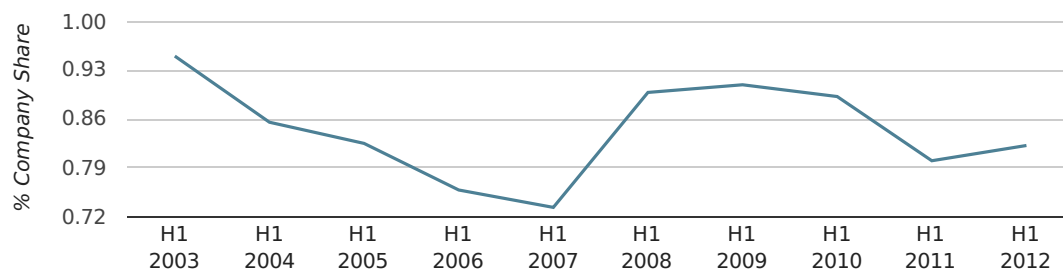
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	152	117	97
NET GROWTH IN 2011	114	71	180
% CHANGE	33.3%	64.8%	-46.1%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (231)	2003 (207)	2008 (219)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Oxfordshire formed 0.8% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.8%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	OXFORDSHIRE
2012	0.8%
2011	0.8%
2010	0.9%
2009	0.9%
2008	0.9%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (1.3%)

company share by half year

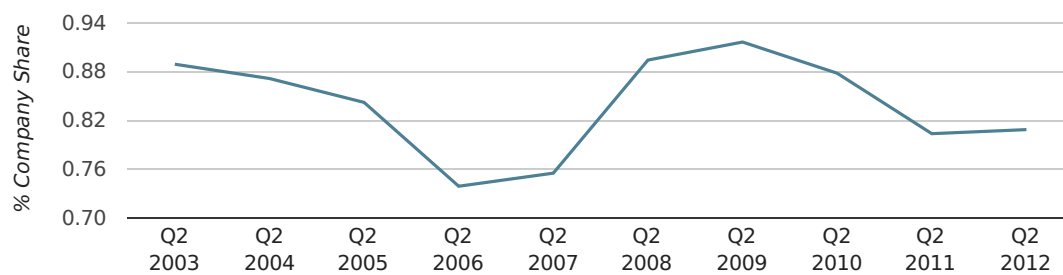


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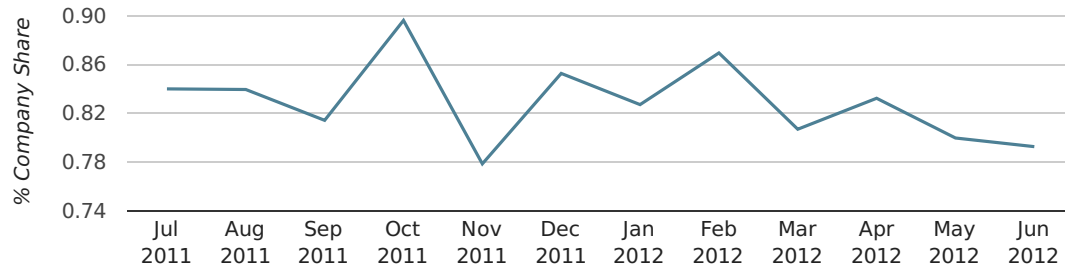
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2008	0.9%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (1.6%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%
% CHANGE	13.0%	-2.2%	-6.5%
RECORD YEAR	1972 (1.8%)	1963 (1.8%)	1965 (1.6%)

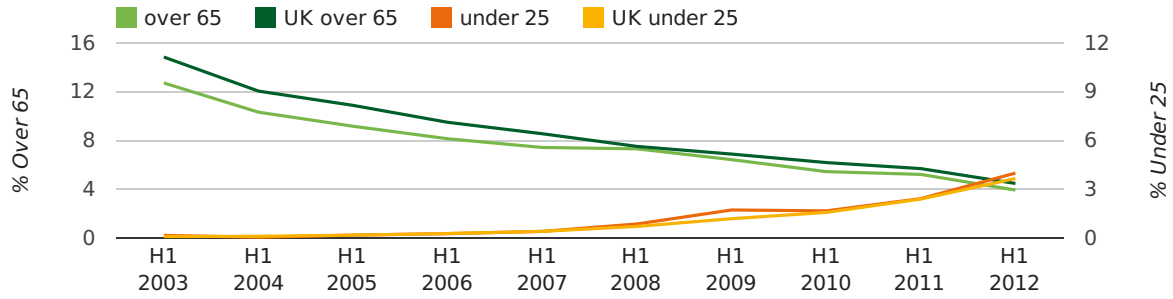
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 44.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



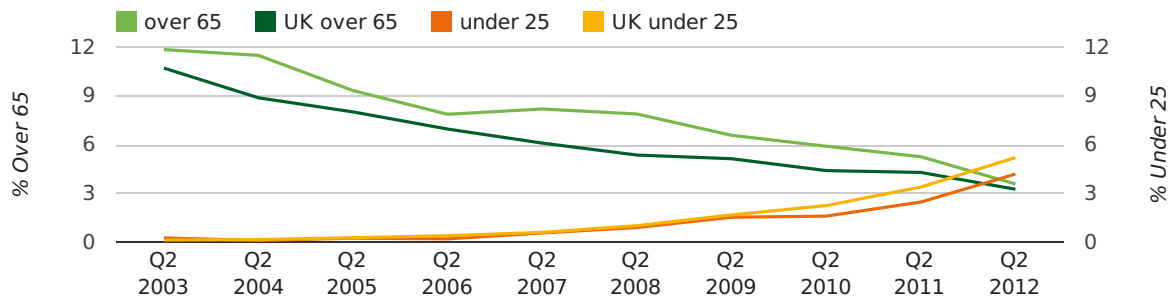
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 43.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

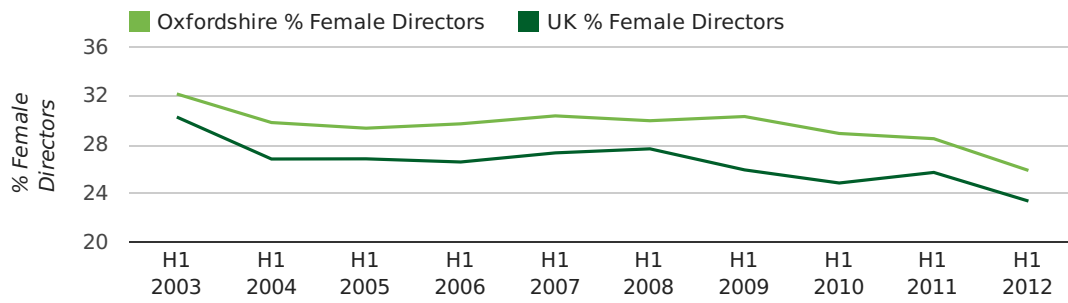


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

25.9% of all director appointments in Oxfordshire 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
OXFORD	3.17%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	2.40%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.57%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTANCY	1.29%	PROPERTY	2.35%
DESIGN	1.01%	TRADING	2.10%
ASSOCIATES	0.91%	DESIGN	1.89%
PROPERTY	0.81%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
ENGINEERING	0.79%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
BUSINESS	0.63%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
MEDIA	0.59%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
TRADING	0.54%	BUSINESS	1.70%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.54%	MEDIA	1.69%
CONSULTANTS	0.52%	LONDON	1.68%
MARKETING	0.52%	J	1.57%
FOR	0.52%	GLOBAL	1.51%
TRAINING	0.50%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
J	0.50%	IT	1.42%
CARE	0.48%	CARE	1.31%
SCHOOL	0.48%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
PRODUCTIONS	0.46%	M	1.26%
HOUSE	0.46%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
ENTERPRISES	0.46%	BUILDING	1.23%
DEVELOPMENT	0.46%	SECURITY	1.19%
CONSTRUCTION	0.44%	S	1.18%
PARTNERS	0.42%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,574	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	324	47,029
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	317	20,390
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	245	35,447
99999 - Dormant Company	184	26,088
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	175	15,280
7414 - Business & management consultancy	168	10,978
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	110	10,271
62090 - Other information technology service activities	102	8,258
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	95	14,220
9999 - Dormant Company	95	16,469
74990 - Non-trading company	90	9,706
7499 - Non-trading company	72	8,023
62012 - Business and domestic software development	70	4,742
9305 - Other service activities	64	7,926
86900 - Other human health activities	62	5,222
7260 - Other computer related activities	60	6,456
41100 - Development of building projects	55	5,149
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	53	6,356
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	51	4,295