

Plymouth

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

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

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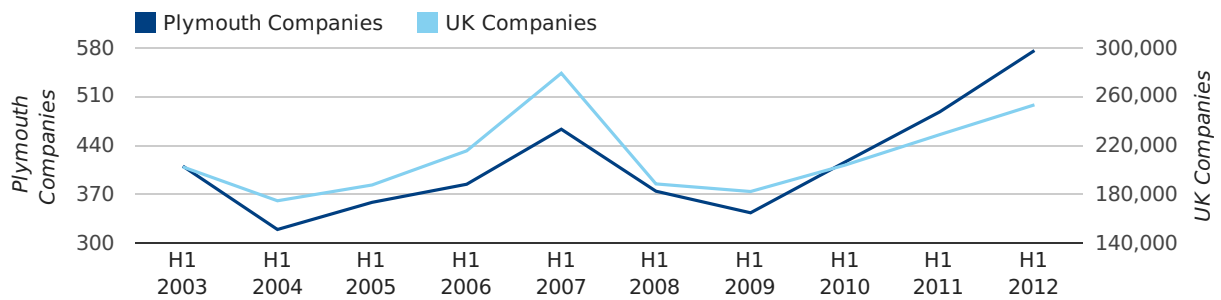
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Plymouth when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 576 companies were formed in Plymouth. This figure is 18.0% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Plymouth occurred in 2012 when a total of 576 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	PLYMOUTH	UK
2012	576	253,150
2011	488	228,735
% CHANGE	18.0%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (576)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

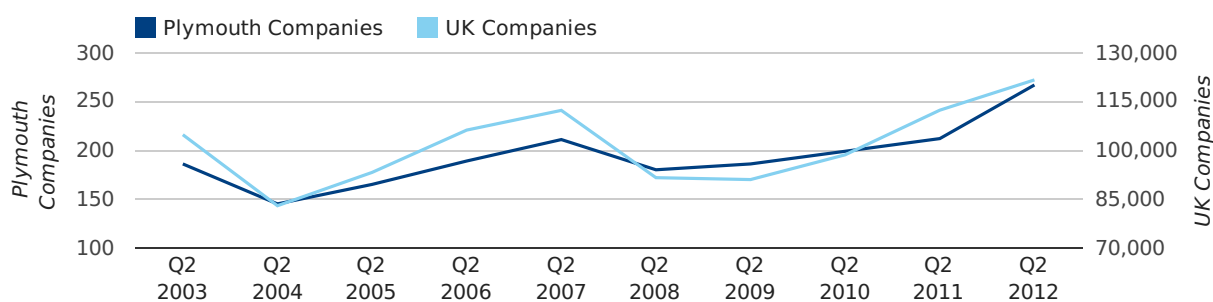
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Plymouth when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 267 companies were registered in Plymouth during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 25.9% 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)	PLYMOUTH	UK
2012	267	121,659
2011	212	112,344
% CHANGE	25.9%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (267)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter

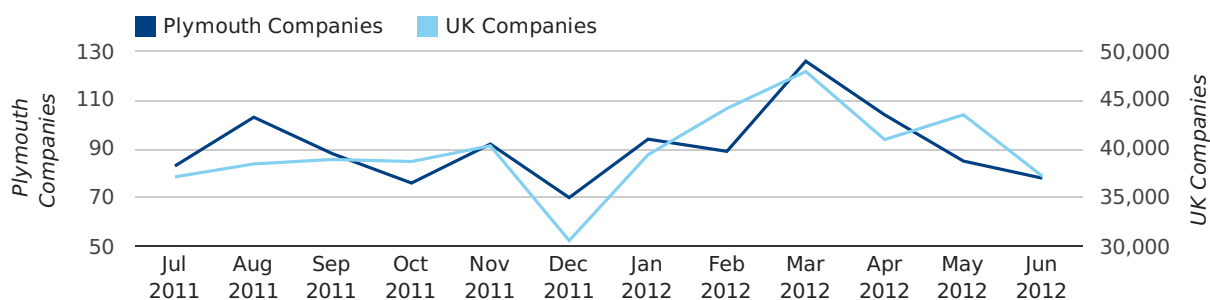


Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	104	85	78
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	46	97	69
% CHANGE	126.1%	-12.4%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (104)	2011 (97)	2012 (78)

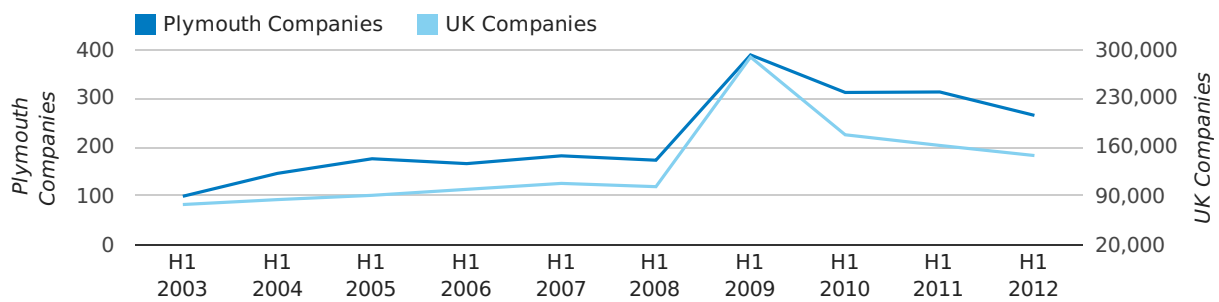
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 265 companies were dissolved in Plymouth. This figure is 15.3% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Plymouth occurred in 2009 when a total of 389 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	PLYMOUTH	UK
2012	265	147,793
2011	313	162,310
% CHANGE	-15.3%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (389)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



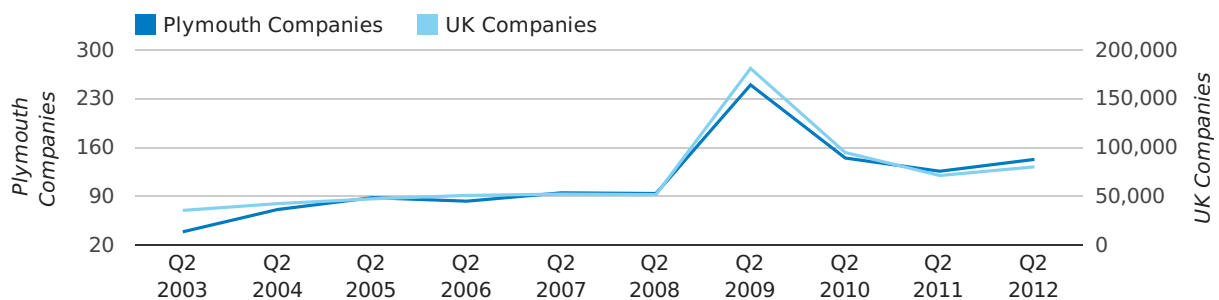
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 143 companies were dissolved in Plymouth during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 13.5% 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)	PLYMOUTH	UK
2012	143	80,217
2011	126	71,324
% CHANGE	13.5%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (250)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	49	43	51
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	29	55	42
% CHANGE	69.0%	-21.8%	21%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (59)	2009 (126)	2009 (65)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

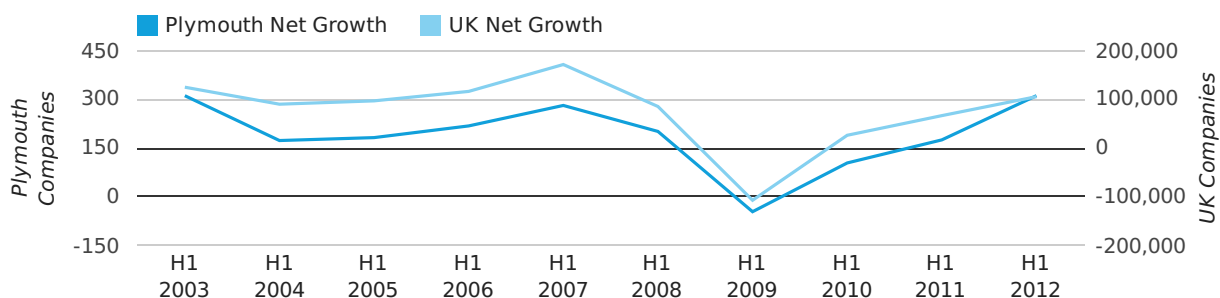
The first half of 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Plymouth when compared to any previous first half year.

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

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Plymouth increased by 311 companies. This figure is 77.7% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	PLYMOUTH	UK
2012	311	105,357
2011	175	66,425
% CHANGE	77.7%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (311)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



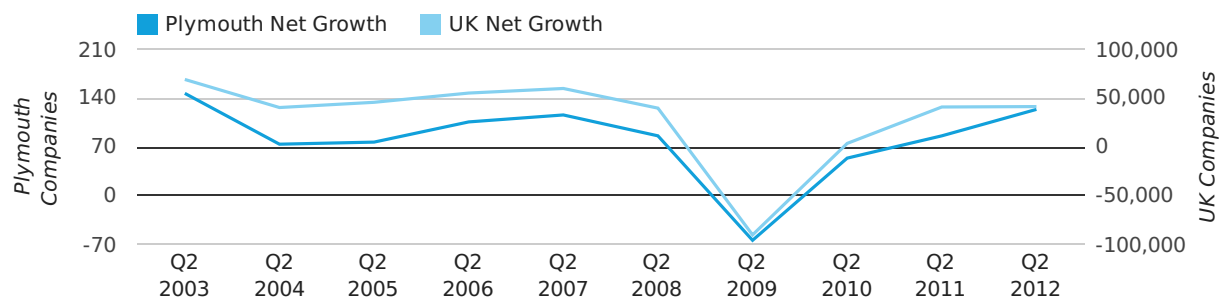
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Plymouth during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 124 companies.

This represents an increase of 44.2% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	PLYMOUTH	UK
2012	124	41,442
2011	86	41,020
% CHANGE	44.2%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (147)	2003 (69,274)

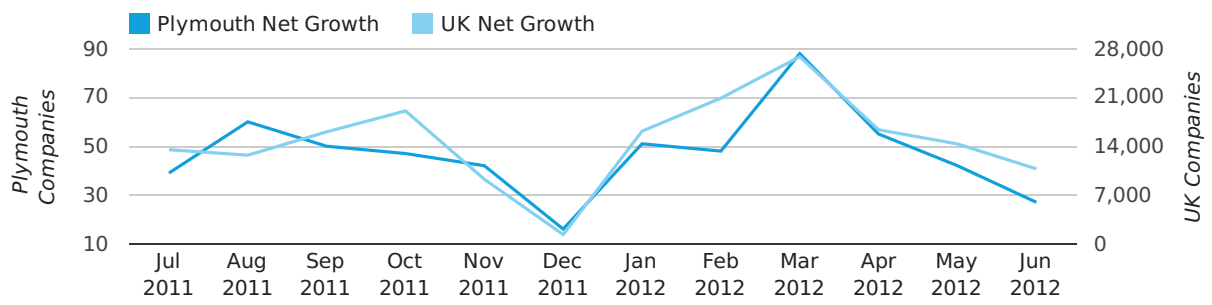
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

April 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Plymouth when compared to any previous April.

net growth by month



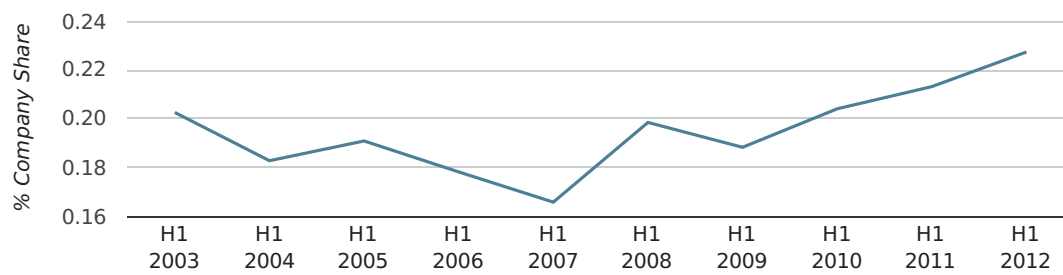
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	55	42	27
NET GROWTH IN 2011	17	42	27
% CHANGE	223.5%	0.0%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (55)	2003 (53)	2003 (52)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Plymouth formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.2%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	PLYMOUTH
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.5%)

company share by half year

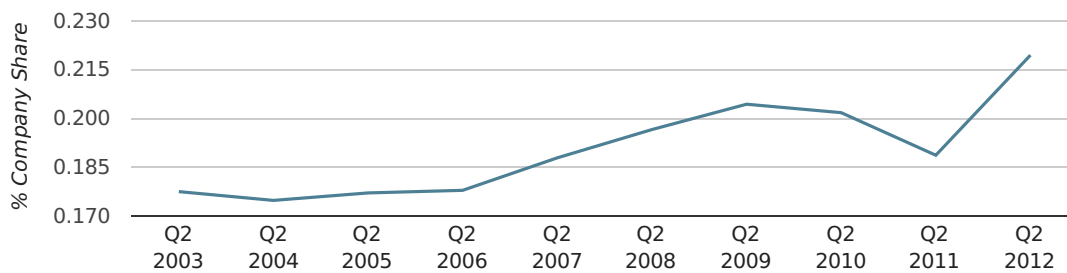


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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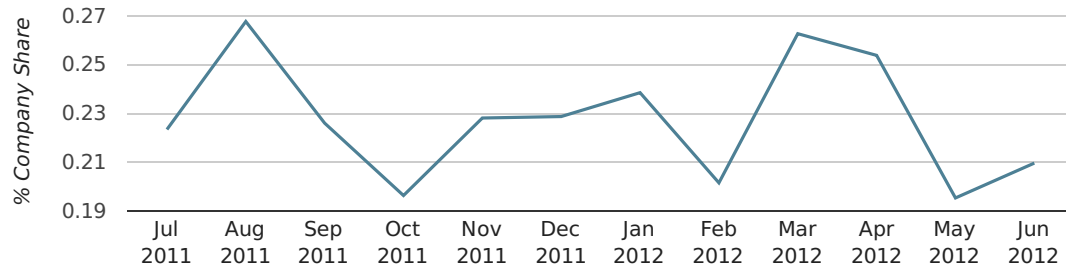
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RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.7%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.3%	0.2%
% CHANGE	90.3%	-23.2%	20.7%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (1.0%)	1968 (0.7%)	1962 (0.8%)

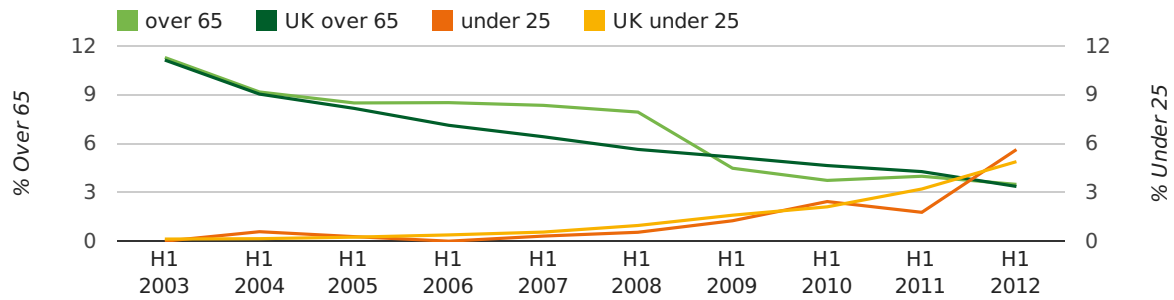
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 42.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



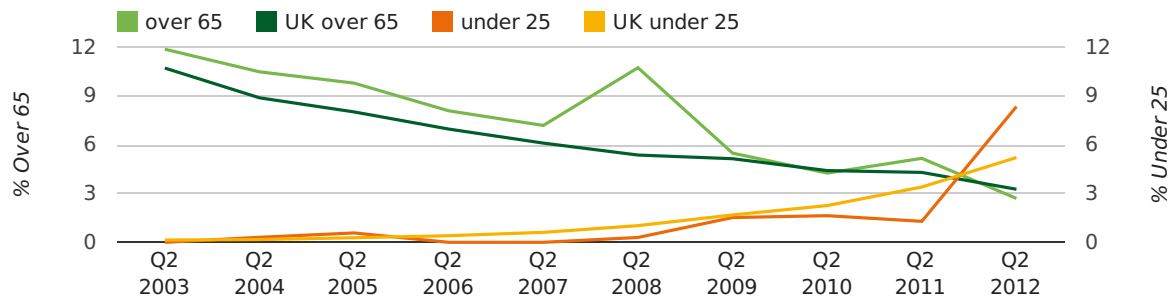
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 41.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 8.4% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

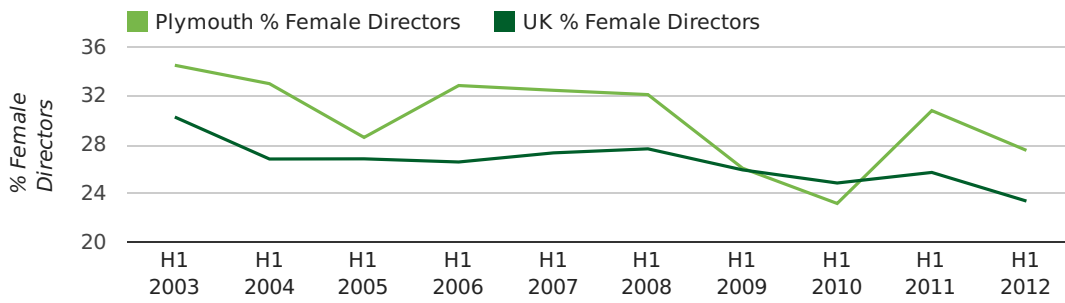


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

27.5% of all director appointments in Plymouth 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

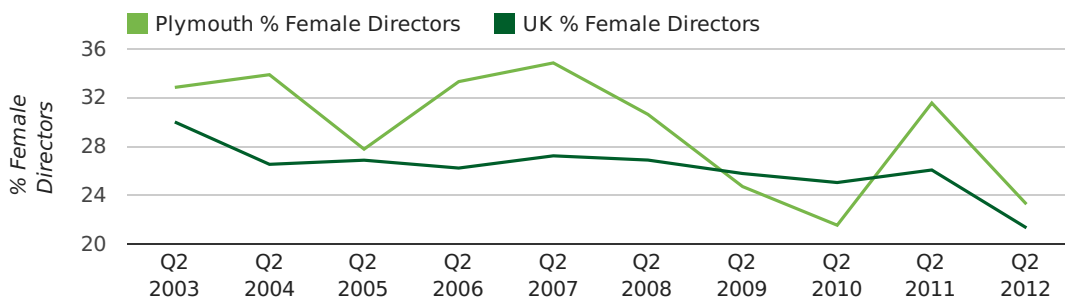


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

23.3% of all director appointments in Plymouth 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
PLYMOUTH	2.73%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.69%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
(SW)	1.51%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
(PLYMOUTH)	1.22%	PROPERTY	2.35%
WEST	1.11%	TRADING	2.10%
SOUTH	1.05%	DESIGN	1.89%
CONSULTANCY	0.93%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
BUILDING	0.81%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
PLUMBING	0.76%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
SECURITY	0.76%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
TRAINING	0.76%	BUSINESS	1.70%
CONSULTING	0.70%	MEDIA	1.69%
PROPERTIES	0.70%	LONDON	1.68%
TRADING	0.70%	J	1.57%
MEDIA	0.70%	GLOBAL	1.51%
PROPERTY	0.64%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
HEATING	0.64%	IT	1.42%
ELECTRICAL	0.64%	CARE	1.31%
CONSTRUCTION	0.58%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CIC	0.58%	M	1.26%
ENGINEERING	0.58%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
R	0.52%	BUILDING	1.23%
M	0.52%	SECURITY	1.19%
MARITIME	0.47%	S	1.18%
HOUSE	0.47%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	453	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	81	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	61	26,088
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	43	35,447
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	37	20,390
9999 - Dormant Company	33	16,469
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	26	14,220
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	25	10,271
43210 - Electrical installation	24	3,557
41100 - Development of building projects	20	5,149
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	16	3,241
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	16	4,535
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	15	3,365
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	15	4,644
43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation	15	2,716
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	13	15,280
7499 - Non-trading company	13	8,023
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	13	4,295
5540 - Bars	13	1,709
62090 - Other information technology service activities	12	8,258