

Portsmouth

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

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- Q2 2012 saw a new record in UK company share in Portsmouth when compared to any previous Q2.

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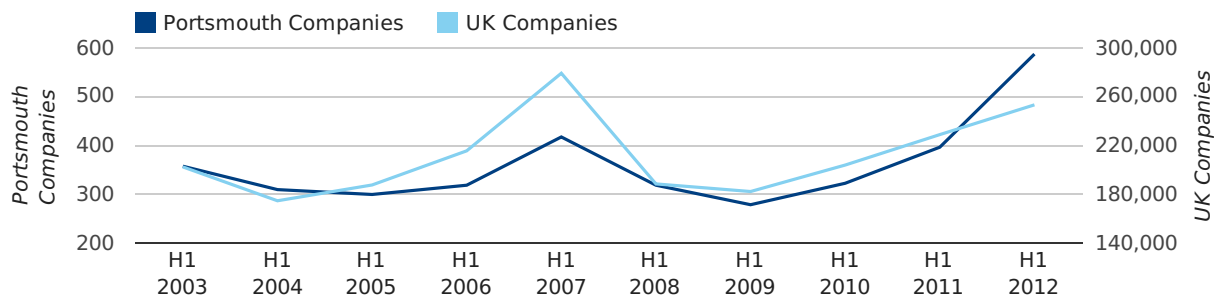
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Portsmouth when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 587 companies were formed in Portsmouth. This figure is 48.2% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Portsmouth occurred in 2012 when a total of 587 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	PORTSMOUTH	UK
2012	587	253,150
2011	396	228,735
% CHANGE	48.2%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (587)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

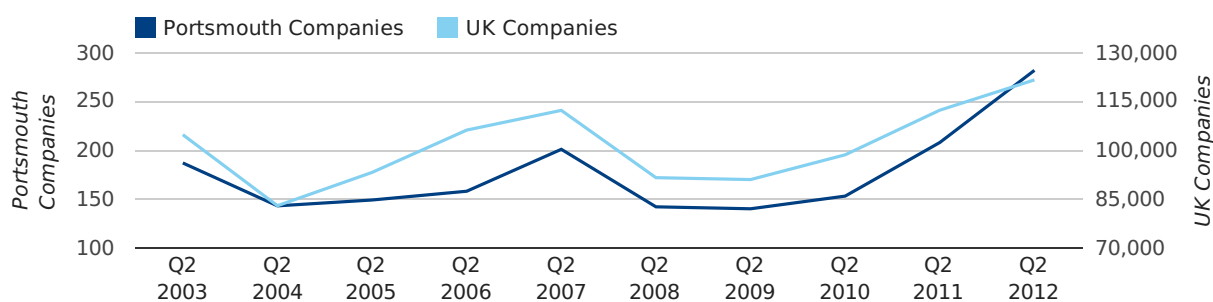
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Portsmouth when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 282 companies were registered in Portsmouth during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 35.6% 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)	PORTSMOUTH	UK
2012	282	121,659
2011	208	112,344
% CHANGE	35.6%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (282)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



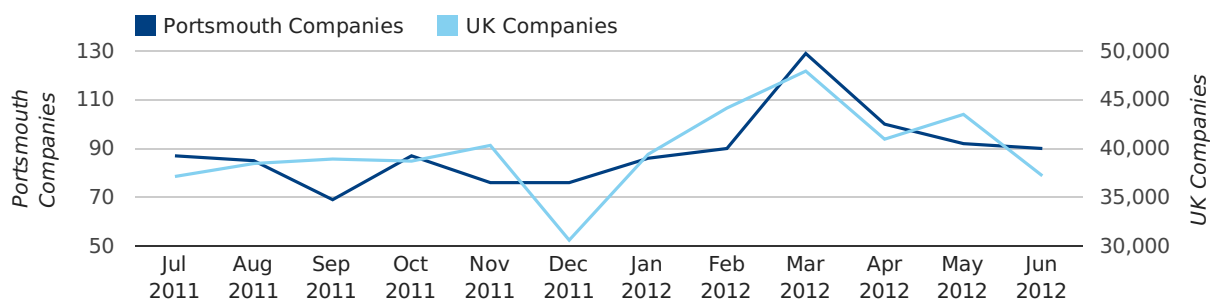
Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

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

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	100	92	90
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	64	63	81
% CHANGE	56.3%	46.0%	11.1%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (100)	2012 (92)	2012 (90)

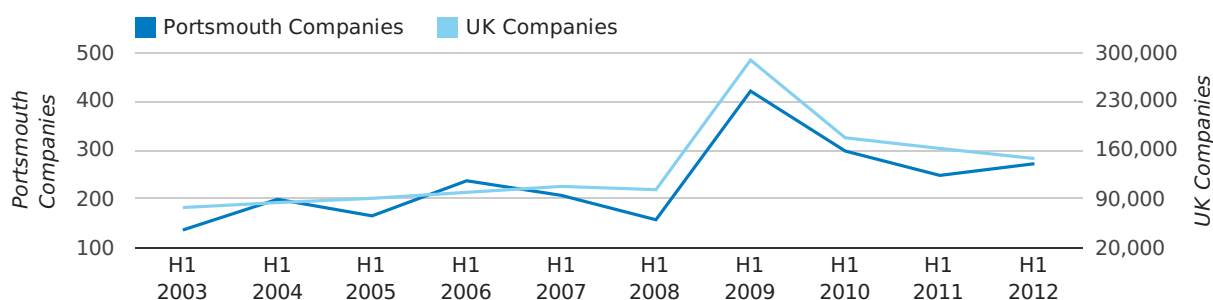
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 272 companies were dissolved in Portsmouth. This figure is 9.7% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Portsmouth occurred in 2009 when a total of 421 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	PORTSMOUTH	UK
2012	272	147,793
2011	248	162,310
% CHANGE	9.7%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (421)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 139 companies were dissolved in Portsmouth during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 17.8% 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.

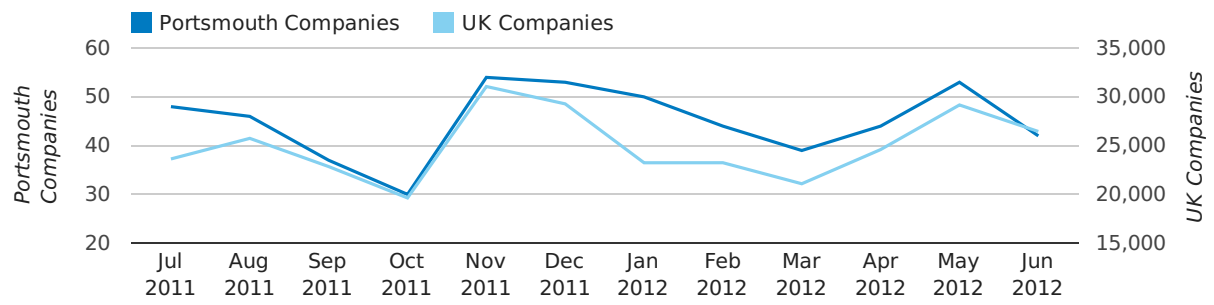
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	PORTSMOUTH	UK
2012	139	80,217
2011	118	71,324
% CHANGE	17.8%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (245)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	44	53	42
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	19	55	44
% CHANGE	131.6%	-3.6%	-5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (70)	2009 (99)	2009 (76)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

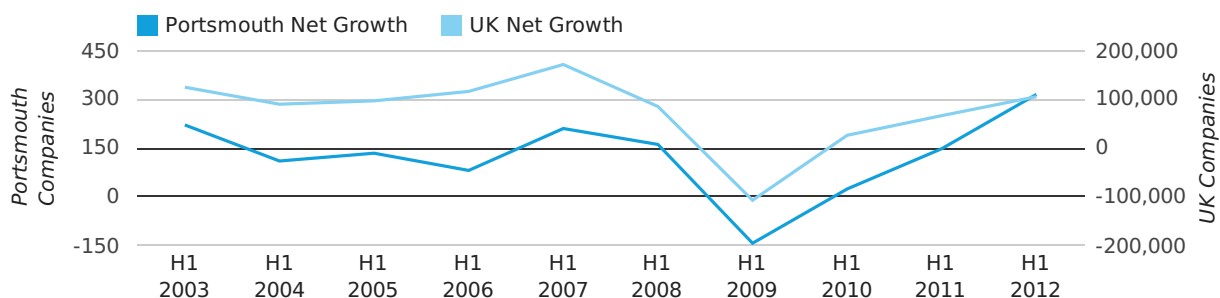
The first half of 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Portsmouth when compared to any previous first half year.

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

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Portsmouth increased by 315 companies. This figure is 112.8% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	PORTSMOUTH	UK
2012	315	105,357
2011	148	66,425
% CHANGE	112.8%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (315)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

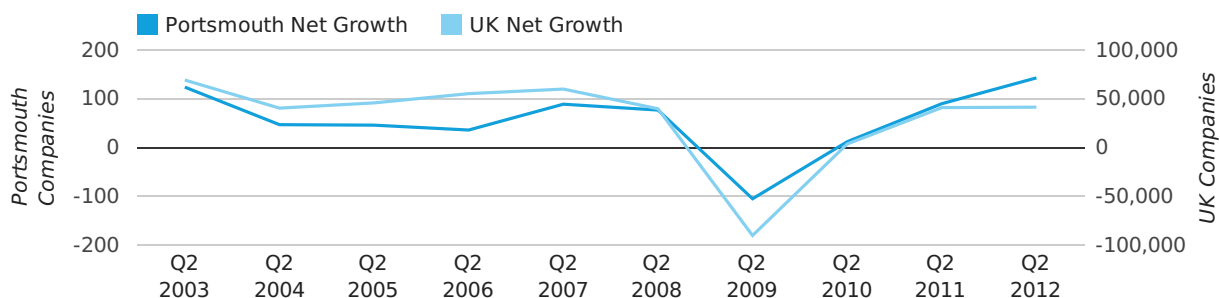
Q2 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Portsmouth when compared to any previous Q2.

Net company growth for Portsmouth during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 143 companies.

This represents an increase of 58.9% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	PORTSMOUTH	UK
2012	143	41,442
2011	90	41,020
% CHANGE	58.9%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (143)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter

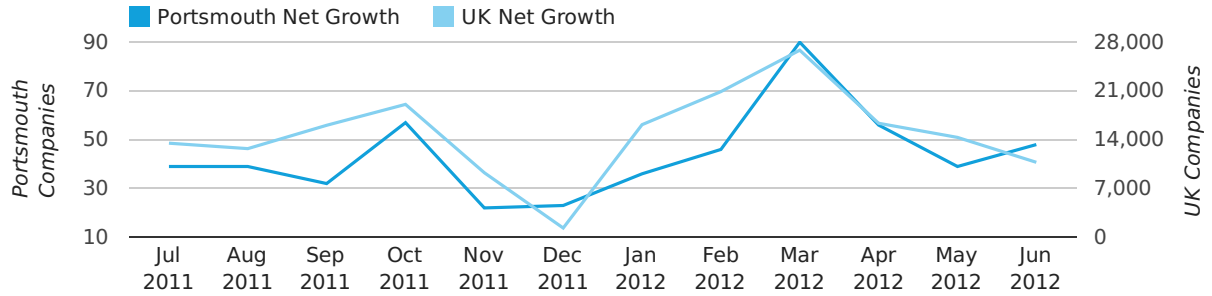


Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

June 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Portsmouth when compared to any previous June.

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

net growth by month



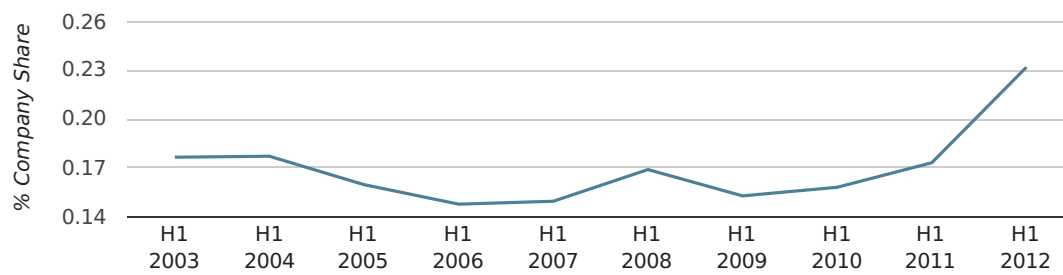
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	56	39	48
NET GROWTH IN 2011	45	8	37
% CHANGE	24.4%	387.5%	29.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (56)	2003 (48)	2012 (48)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	PORTSMOUTH
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (0.2%)

company share by half year

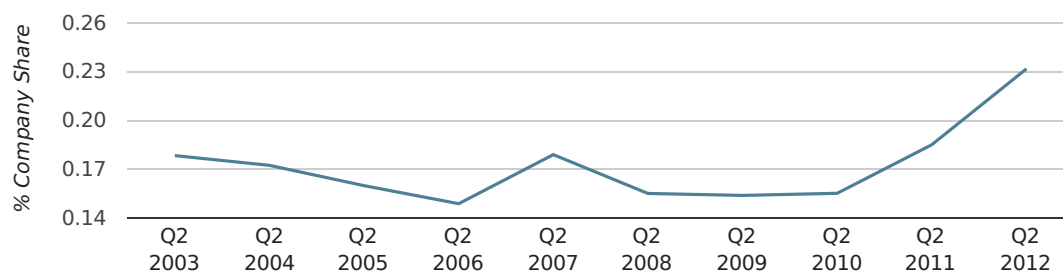


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RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2012 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Q2 2012 saw a new record in UK company share in Portsmouth when compared to any previous Q2.

Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	31.6%	28.0%	18.6%
RECORD YEAR	1969 (0.4%)	1962 (0.3%)	1965 (0.4%)

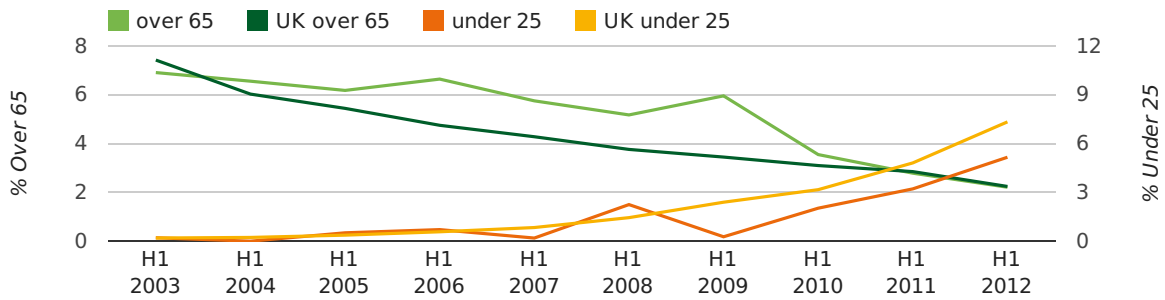
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 41.6.

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 2.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



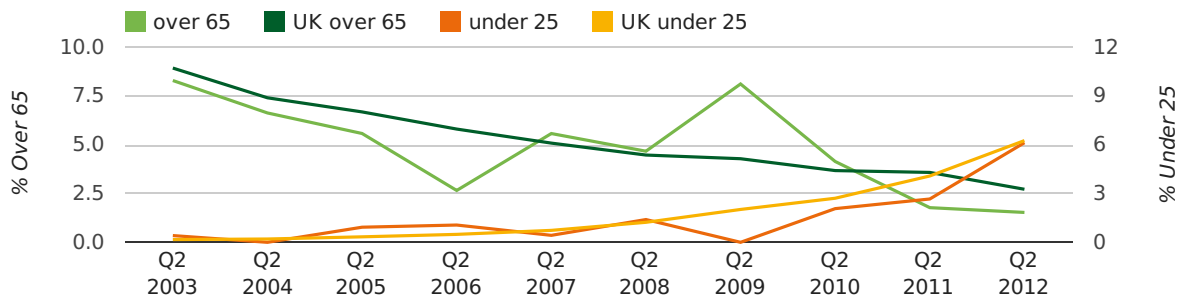
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director age by quarter

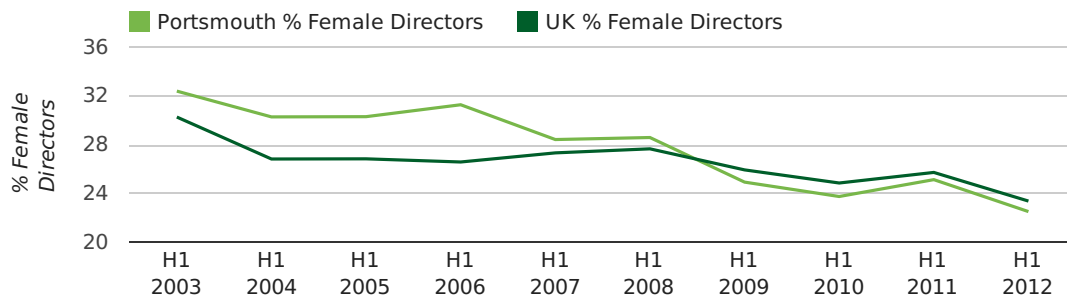


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

22.5% of all director appointments in Portsmouth 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

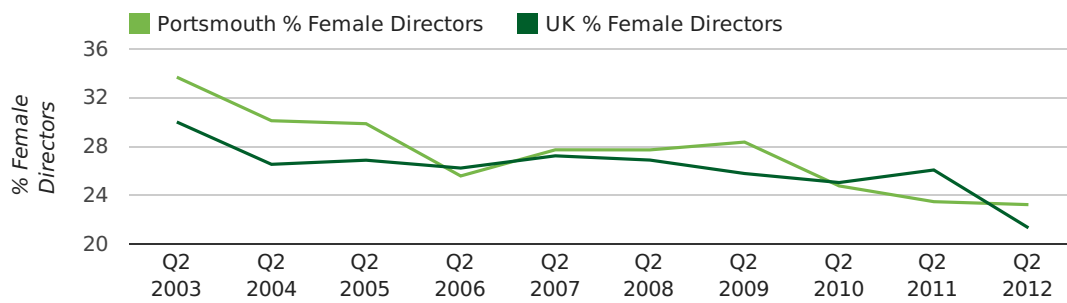


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

23.2% of all director appointments in Portsmouth 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
CONSULTING	2.87%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTANCY	2.20%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
SOCIAL	1.89%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
MANAGEMENT	1.59%	PROPERTY	2.35%
ENGINEERING	1.34%	TRADING	2.10%
CARE	1.22%	DESIGN	1.89%
IT	1.16%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
CONSULTANTS	1.16%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
ASSOCIATES	0.98%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
CONSTRUCTION	0.86%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
PORTSMOUTH	0.86%	BUSINESS	1.70%
SOUTHERN	0.79%	MEDIA	1.69%
ELECTRICAL	0.79%	LONDON	1.68%
WORK	0.73%	J	1.57%
DESIGN	0.67%	GLOBAL	1.51%
PROPERTY	0.67%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
(SOUTHERN)	0.61%	IT	1.42%
M	0.61%	CARE	1.31%
S	0.55%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
HEALTHCARE	0.49%	M	1.26%
GROUP	0.49%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
PROJECT	0.49%	BUILDING	1.23%
D	0.49%	SECURITY	1.19%
PROPERTIES	0.49%	S	1.18%
COMMUNICATIONS	0.49%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	391	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	88	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	62	35,447
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	35	15,280
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	31	20,390
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	27	14,220
99999 - Dormant Company	27	26,088
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	22	4,091
98000 - Residents property management	18	3,001
7260 - Other computer related activities	16	6,456
9999 - Dormant Company	16	16,469
88990 - Other social work activities without accommodation not elsewhere classified	13	1,828
62090 - Other information technology service activities	13	8,258
71129 - Other engineering activities	11	2,453
86900 - Other human health activities	11	5,222
62012 - Business and domestic software development	11	4,742
9305 - Other service activities	11	7,926
41202 - Construction of domestic buildings	10	3,185
7499 - Non-trading company	10	8,023
78109 - Other activities of employment placement agencies	9	2,039