

Preston

2011 half year business confidence report



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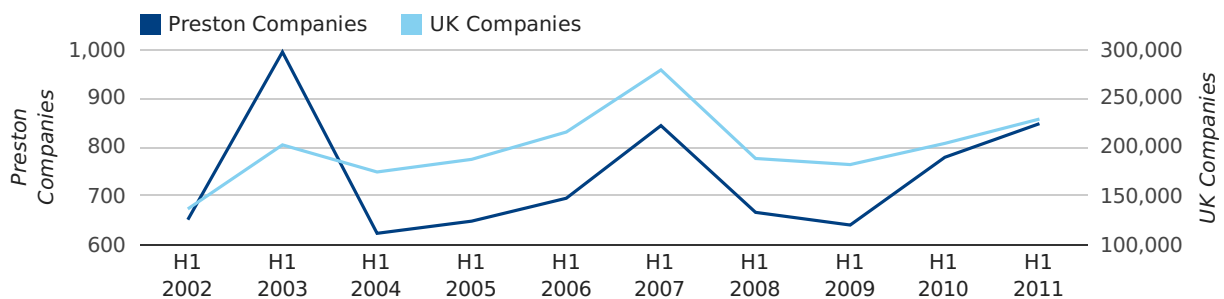
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 848 companies were formed in Preston. This figure is 8.9% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Preston occurred in 2003 when a total of 995 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	PRESTON	UK
2011	848	228,735
2010	779	203,749
% CHANGE	8.9%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (995)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



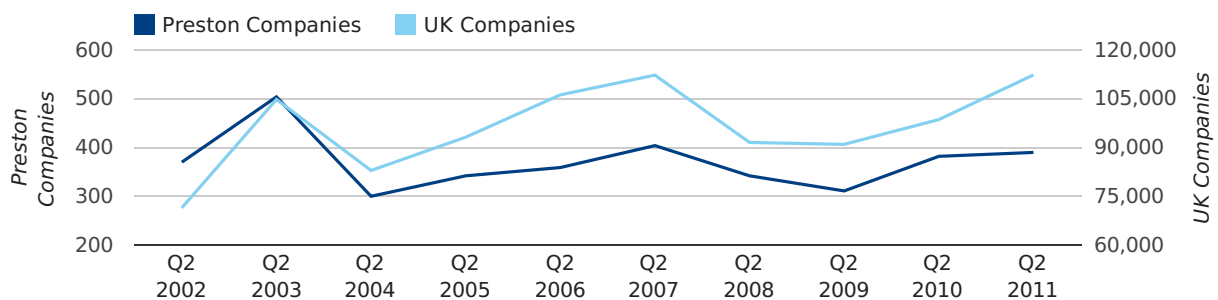
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 390 companies were registered in Preston during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 2.1% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares badly 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)	PRESTON	UK
2011	390	112,344
2010	382	98,612
% CHANGE	2.1%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (504)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	119	133	138
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	130	116	136
% CHANGE	-8.5%	14.7%	1.5%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (177)	2003 (156)	2003 (171)

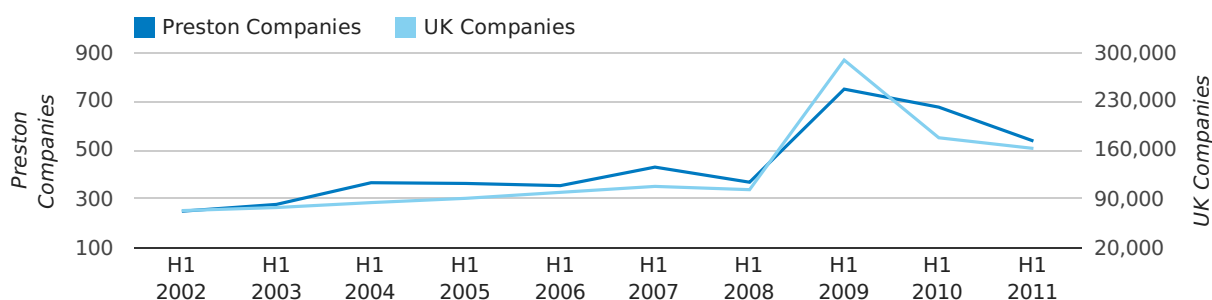
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 537 companies were dissolved in Preston. This figure is 20.6% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Preston occurred in 2009 when a total of 750 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	PRESTON	UK
2011	537	162,310
2010	676	177,631
% CHANGE	-20.6%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (750)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



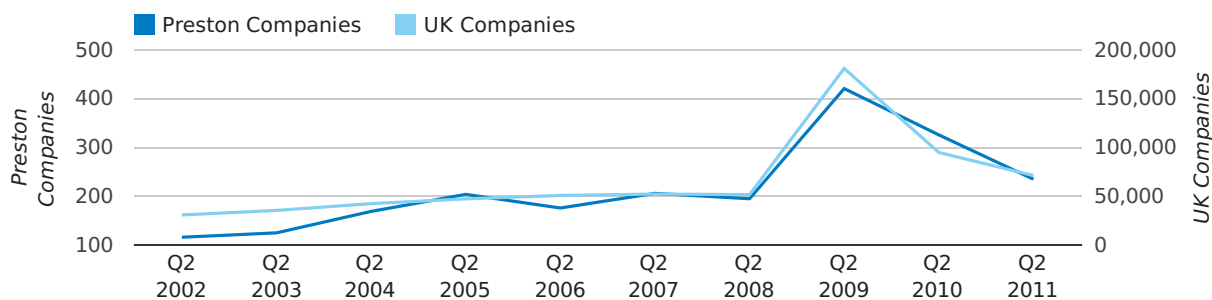
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 235 companies were dissolved in Preston during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 27.9% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

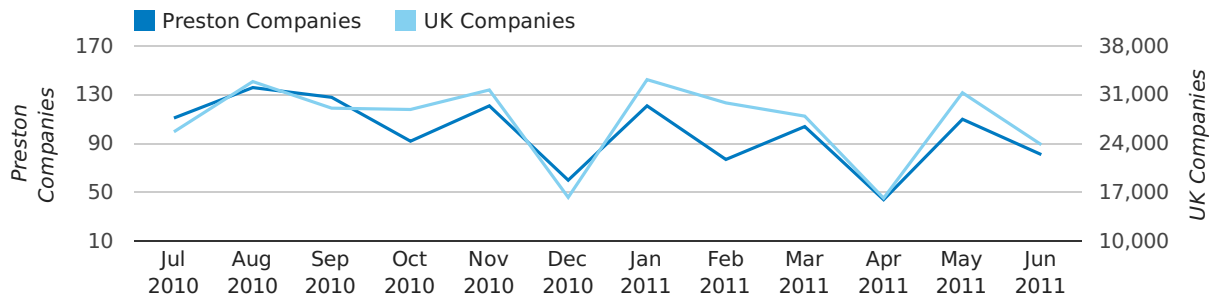
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	PRESTON	UK
2011	235	71,324
2010	326	94,954
% CHANGE	-27.9%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (421)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



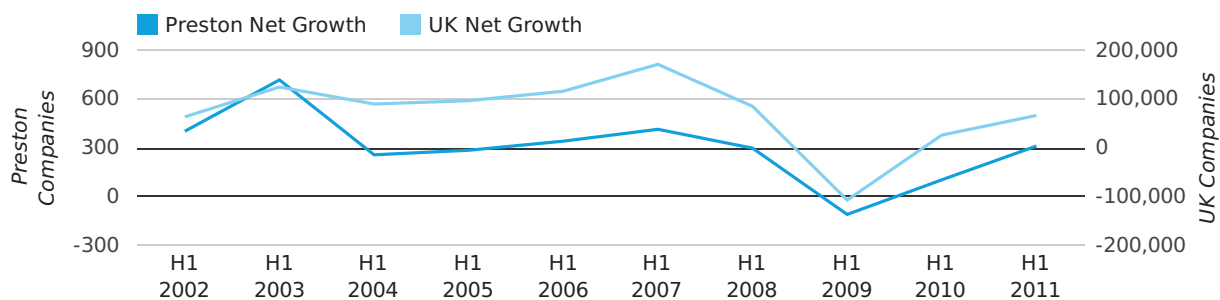
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	44	110	81
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	74	105	147
% CHANGE	-40.5%	4.8%	-45%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (93)	2009 (178)	2009 (156)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Preston increased by 311 companies. This figure is 201.9% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	PRESTON	UK
2011	311	66,425
2010	103	26,118
% CHANGE	201.9%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (718)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



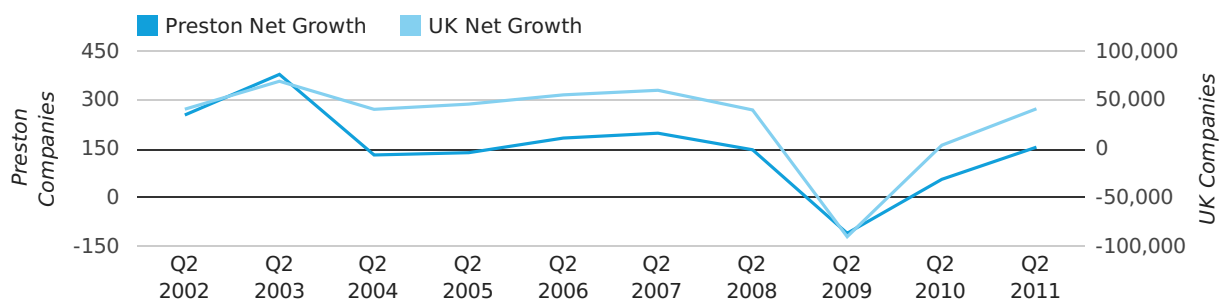
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Preston during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 155 companies.

This represents an increase of 176.8% on the same period last year.

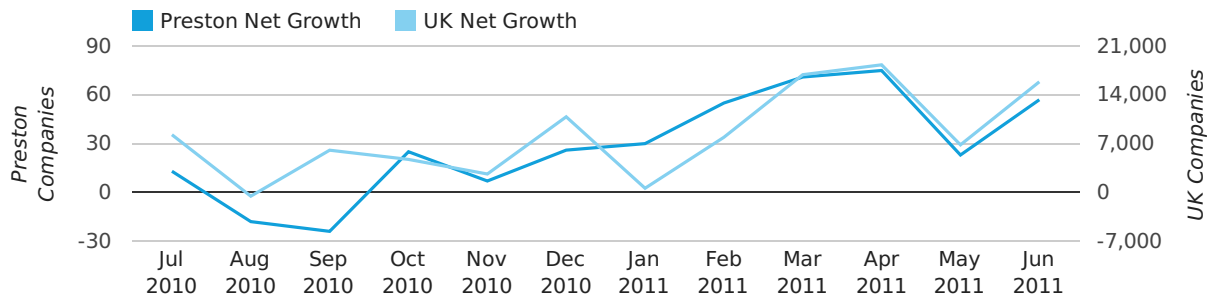
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	PRESTON	UK
2011	155	41,020
2010	56	3,658
% CHANGE	176.8%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (379)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



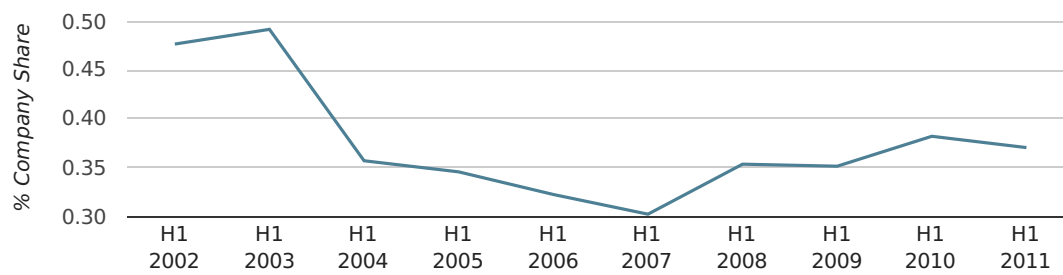
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	75	23	57
NET GROWTH IN 2010	56	11	-11
% CHANGE	33.9%	109.1%	-618.2%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (127)	2003 (130)	2003 (122)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	PRESTON
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1974 (0.6%)

company share by half year

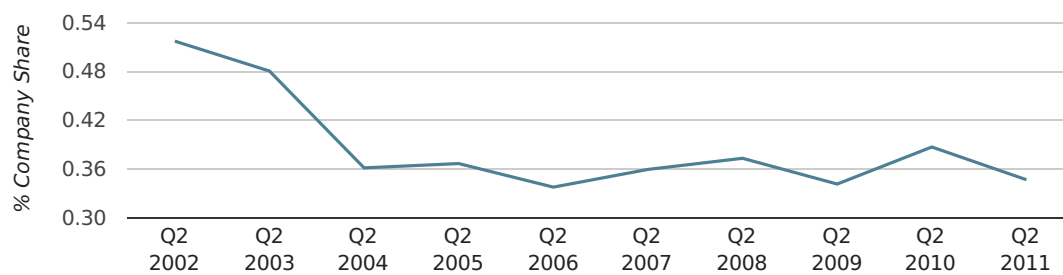


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

In the second quarter of 2011, Preston formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	PRESTON
2011	0.3%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.4%
2007	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (0.6%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
% CHANGE	-11.4%	-9.7%	-10.1%
RECORD YEAR	1972 (0.8%)	1968 (0.7%)	2002 (0.6%)

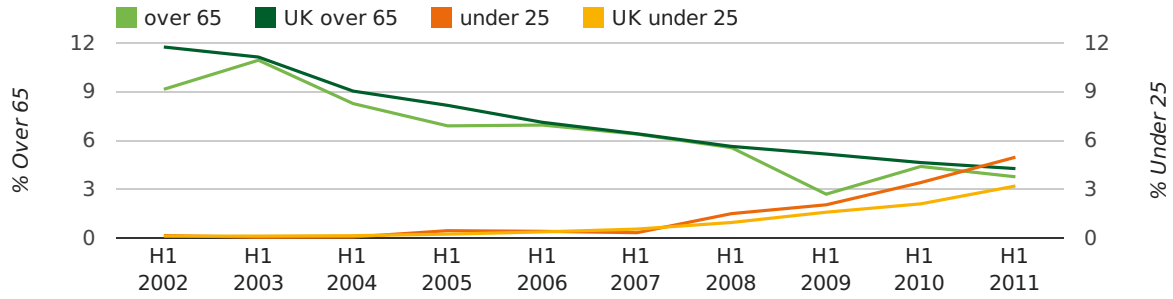
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 43.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



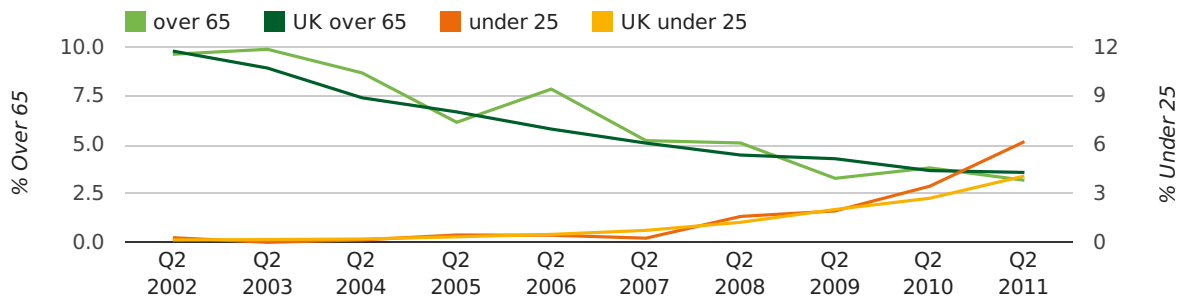
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 42.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

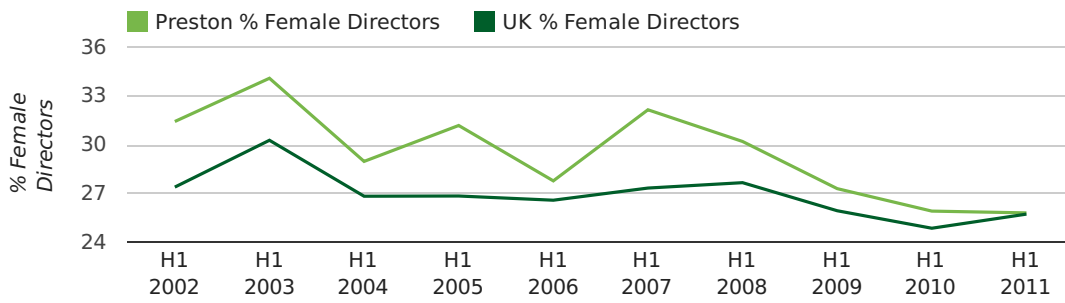


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

25.8% of all director appointments in Preston 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

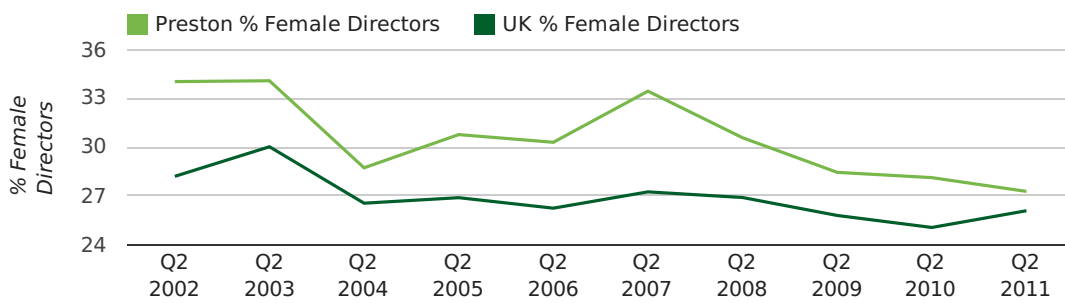


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

27.3% of all director appointments in Preston 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	1.60%	CONSULTING	5.09%
PRESTON	1.19%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
(NW)	1.10%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
LANCASHIRE	0.96%	PROPERTY	2.43%
CONSULTANTS	0.87%	TRADING	2.05%
(PRESTON)	0.87%	DESIGN	1.94%
CONSULTANCY	0.87%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
ELECTRICAL	0.82%	BUSINESS	1.87%
CONSULTING	0.82%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
PROPERTY	0.78%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CONSTRUCTION	0.69%	MEDIA	1.73%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.69%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
ENGINEERING	0.69%	LONDON	1.60%
M	0.69%	GLOBAL	1.46%
BUSINESS	0.69%	J	1.44%
TRADING	0.59%	CARE	1.44%
SYSTEMS	0.55%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
CARE	0.55%	IT	1.39%
CO	0.55%	BUILDING	1.32%
TRAINING	0.55%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
S	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
CENTRE	0.55%	M	1.27%
LEISURE	0.55%	S	1.23%
G	0.50%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
J	0.50%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	677	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	209	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	113	30,647
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	60	10,322
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	56	16,419
99999 - Dormant Company	53	18,918
9999 - Dormant Company	46	20,111
7499 - Non-trading company	43	10,955
7414 - Business & management consultancy	37	13,053
74990 - Non-trading company	29	8,481
43210 - Electrical installation	28	3,085
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	27	10,545
9305 - Other service activities	27	9,063
86900 - Other human health activities	22	4,154
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	21	5,928
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	21	2,257
62090 - Other information technology service activities	20	7,095
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	20	7,835
7260 - Other computer related activities	19	7,849
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	18	7,143