

Shrewsbury

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Shrewsbury when compared to any previous May.
- April 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Shrewsbury when compared to any previous April.

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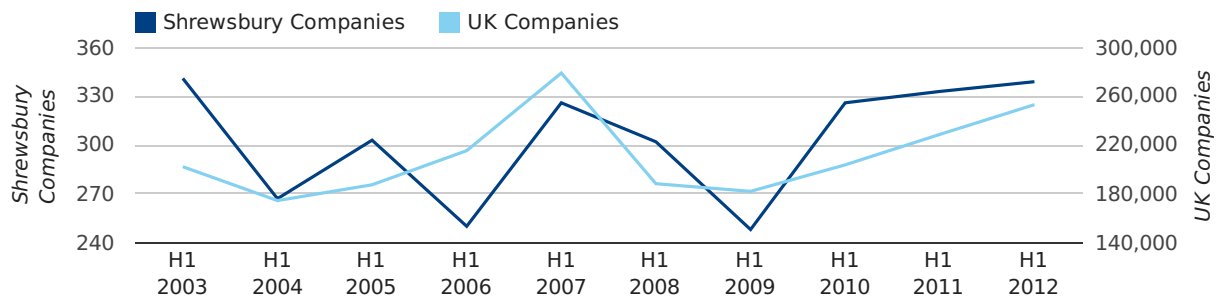
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 339 companies were formed in Shrewsbury. This figure is 1.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Shrewsbury occurred in 2003 when a total of 341 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SHREWSBURY	UK
2012	339	253,150
2011	333	228,735
% CHANGE	1.8%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (341)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



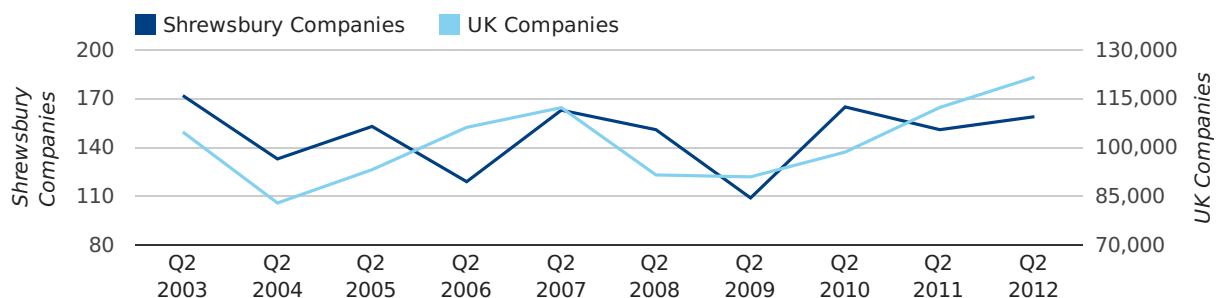
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 159 companies were registered in Shrewsbury during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 5.3% 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)	SHREWSBURY	UK
2012	159	121,659
2011	151	112,344
% CHANGE	5.3%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (172)	2012 (121,659)

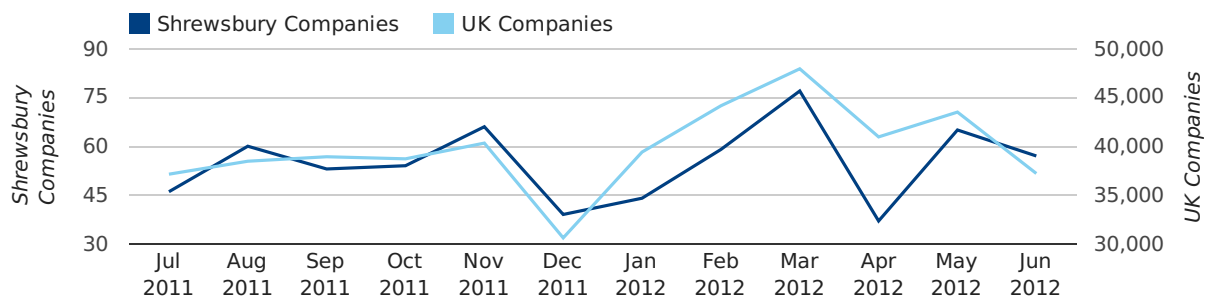
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	37	65	57
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	52	56	43
% CHANGE	-28.8%	16.1%	32.6%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (67)	2012 (65)	2012 (57)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 172 companies were dissolved in Shrewsbury. This figure is 3.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Shrewsbury occurred in 2009 when a total of 259 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SHREWSBURY	UK
2012	172	147,793
2011	167	162,310
% CHANGE	3.0%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (259)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



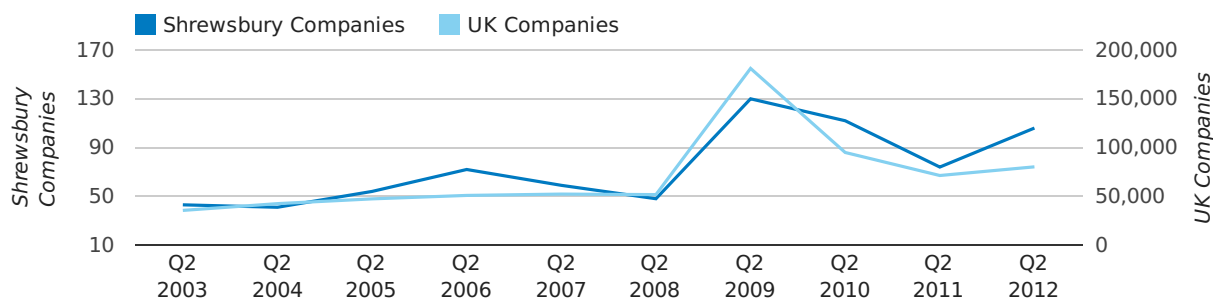
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 106 companies were dissolved in Shrewsbury during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 43.2% 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)	SHREWSBURY	UK
2012	106	80,217
2011	74	71,324
% CHANGE	43.2%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (130)	2009 (181,176)

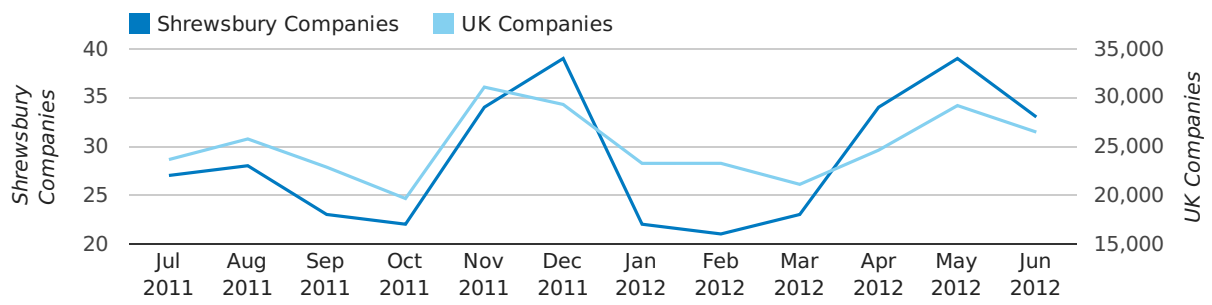
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

April 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Shrewsbury when compared to any previous April.

dissolved companies by month



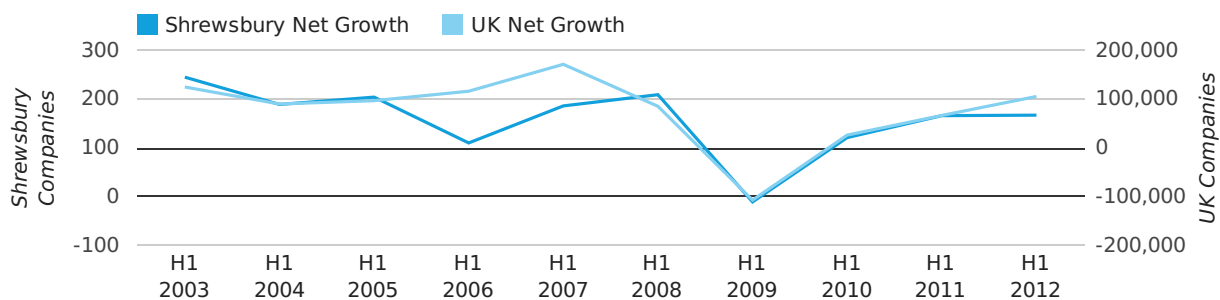
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	34	39	33
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	18	36	20
% CHANGE	88.9%	8.3%	65%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (34)	2009 (65)	2009 (44)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Shrewsbury increased by 167 companies. This figure is 0.6% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SHREWSBURY	UK
2012	167	105,357
2011	166	66,425
% CHANGE	0.6%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (245)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



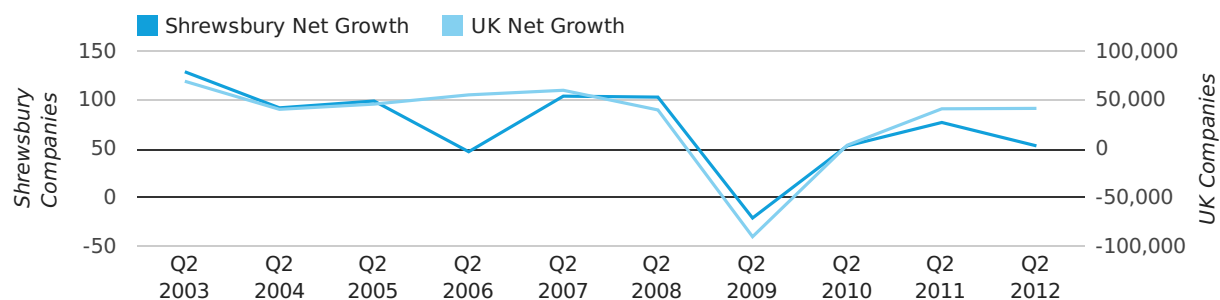
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Shrewsbury during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 53 companies.

This represents a decrease of 31.2% on the same period last year.

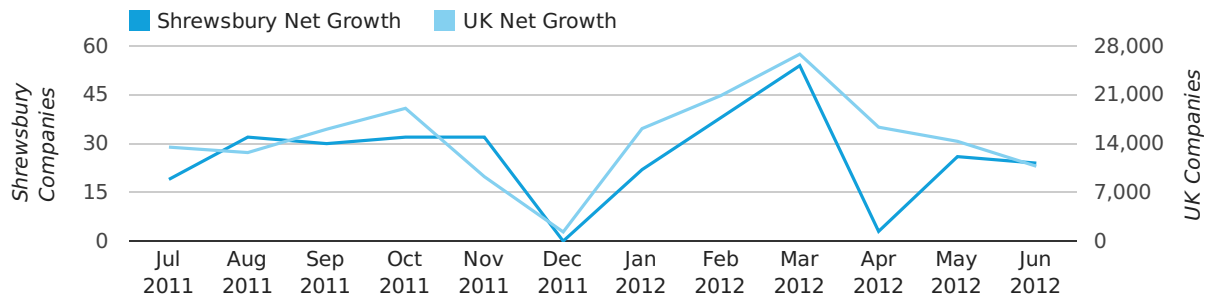
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SHREWSBURY	UK
2012	53	41,442
2011	77	41,020
% CHANGE	-31.2%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (129)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



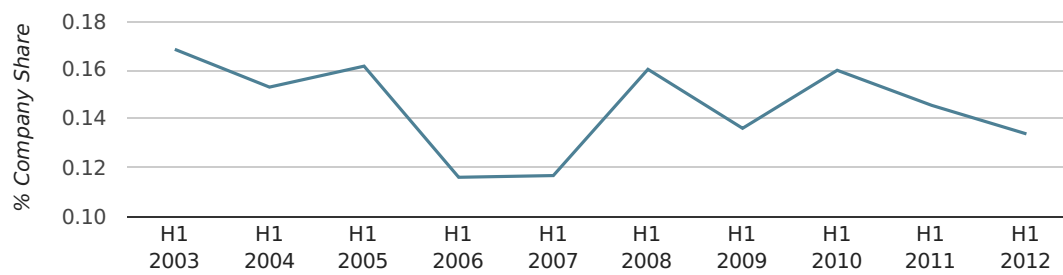
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	3	26	24
NET GROWTH IN 2011	34	20	23
% CHANGE	-91.2%	30.0%	4.3%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (39)	2003 (56)	2003 (42)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Shrewsbury formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SHREWSBURY
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1963 (0.2%)

company share by half year

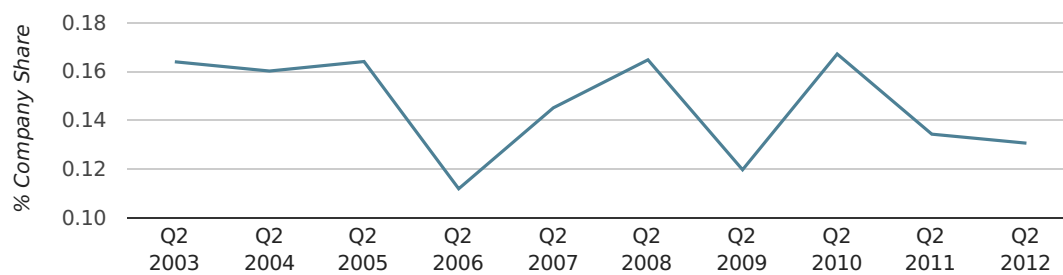


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Shrewsbury formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

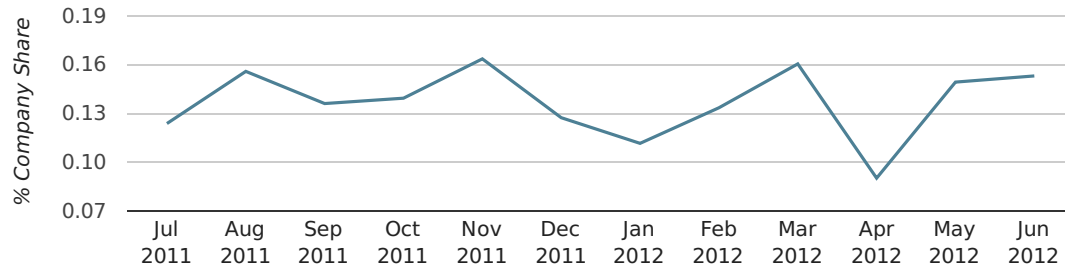
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SHREWSBURY
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1963 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-40.1%	1.7%	41.6%
RECORD YEAR	1963 (0.6%)	1968 (0.5%)	1969 (0.8%)

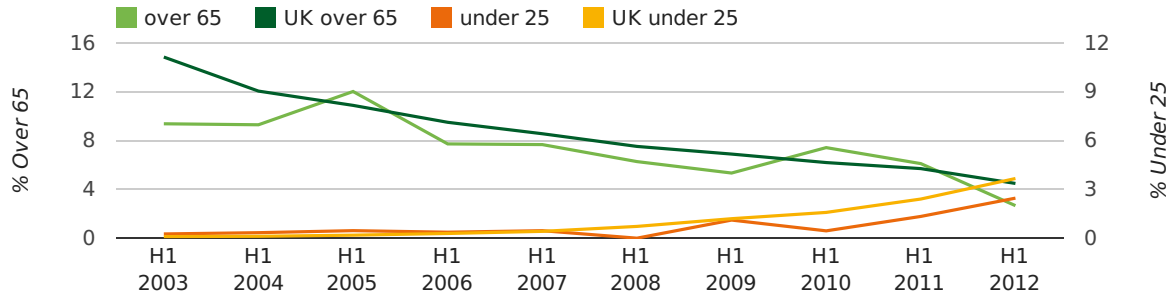
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 45.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



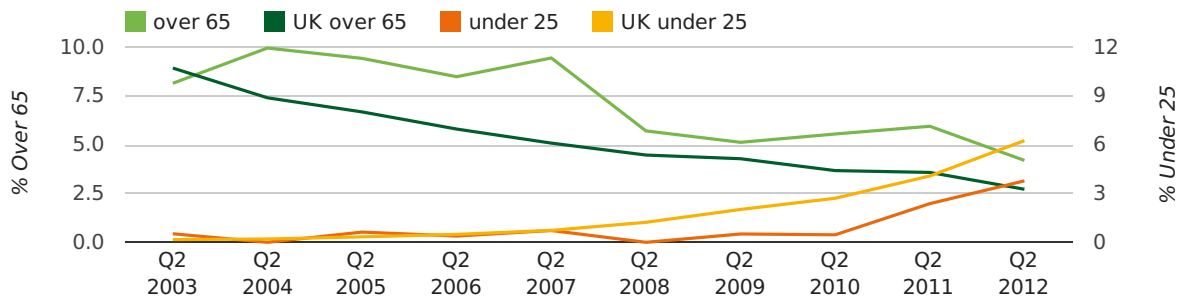
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 45.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

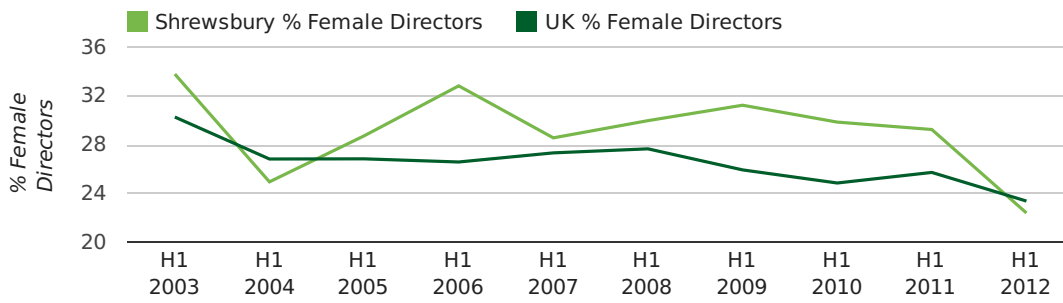


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

22.4% of all director appointments in Shrewsbury 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

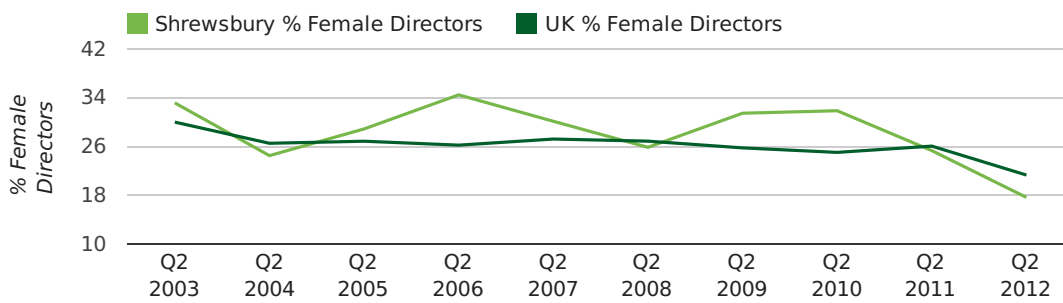


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

17.7% of all director appointments in Shrewsbury 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
MANAGEMENT	1.79%	CONSULTING	5.07%
SHROPSHIRE	1.70%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
PROPERTY	1.25%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
(SHREWSBURY)	1.16%	PROPERTY	2.35%
CONSULTING	1.16%	TRADING	2.10%
SHREWSBURY	1.08%	DESIGN	1.89%
ASSOCIATES	0.99%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
CONSULTANCY	0.90%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
J	0.81%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
HOME	0.72%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
SOCIAL	0.63%	BUSINESS	1.70%
C	0.63%	MEDIA	1.69%
R	0.63%	LONDON	1.68%
DESIGN	0.63%	J	1.57%
HEATING	0.54%	GLOBAL	1.51%
CO	0.54%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
FINANCIAL	0.54%	IT	1.42%
MARKETING	0.54%	CARE	1.31%
IN	0.54%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CIC	0.45%	M	1.26%
ELECTRICAL	0.45%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
INVESTMENTS	0.45%	BUILDING	1.23%
S	0.45%	SECURITY	1.19%
(SHROPSHIRE)	0.45%	S	1.18%
TRANSPORT	0.45%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	218	244,457
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	48	20,390
99999 - Dormant Company	41	26,088
7487 - Other business activities	36	47,029
9999 - Dormant Company	30	16,469
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	28	35,447
74990 - Non-trading company	25	9,706
7260 - Other computer related activities	25	6,456
62090 - Other information technology service activities	22	8,258
7414 - Business & management consultancy	22	10,978
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	22	10,271
98000 - Residents property management	19	3,001
69102 - Solicitors	19	1,431
7499 - Non-trading company	16	8,023
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	12	15,280
41100 - Development of building projects	12	5,149
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	12	3,241
43210 - Electrical installation	12	3,557
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	11	14,220
86900 - Other human health activities	11	5,222