

Shropshire

2012 half year business confidence report



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

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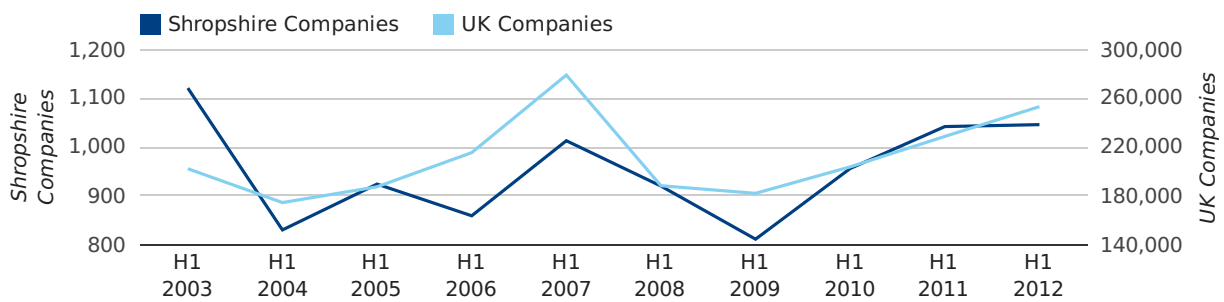
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,046 companies were formed in Shropshire. This figure is 0.4% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Shropshire occurred in 2003 when a total of 1,121 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SHROPSHIRE	UK
2012	1,046	253,150
2011	1,042	228,735
% CHANGE	0.4%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,121)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



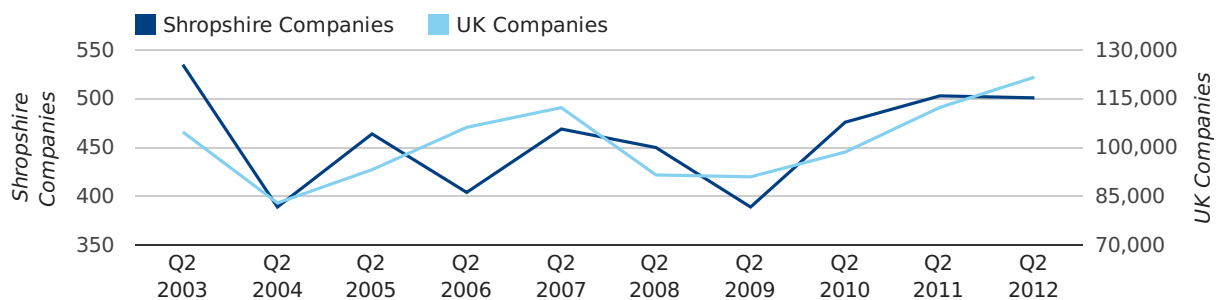
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 501 companies were registered in Shropshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 0.4% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares badly 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)	SHROPSHIRE	UK
2012	501	121,659
2011	503	112,344
% CHANGE	-0.4%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (535)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	163	187	151
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	153	171	179
% CHANGE	6.5%	9.4%	-15.6%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (186)	2012 (187)	2011 (179)

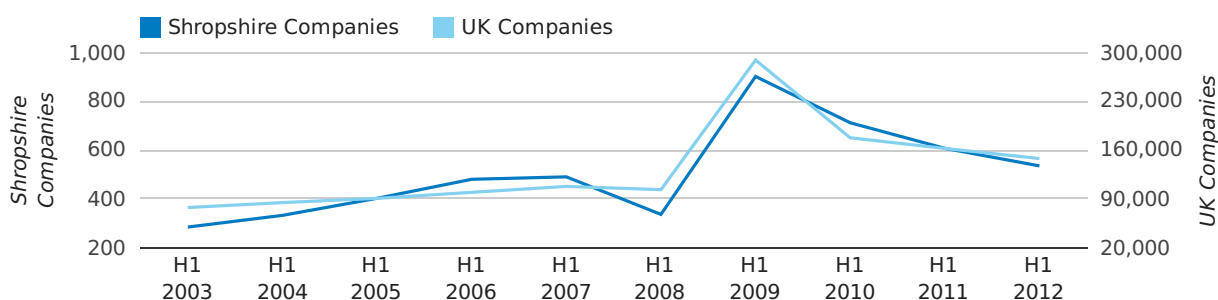
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 535 companies were dissolved in Shropshire. This figure is 11.9% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Shropshire occurred in 2009 when a total of 902 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SHROPSHIRE	UK
2012	535	147,793
2011	607	162,310
% CHANGE	-11.9%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (902)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



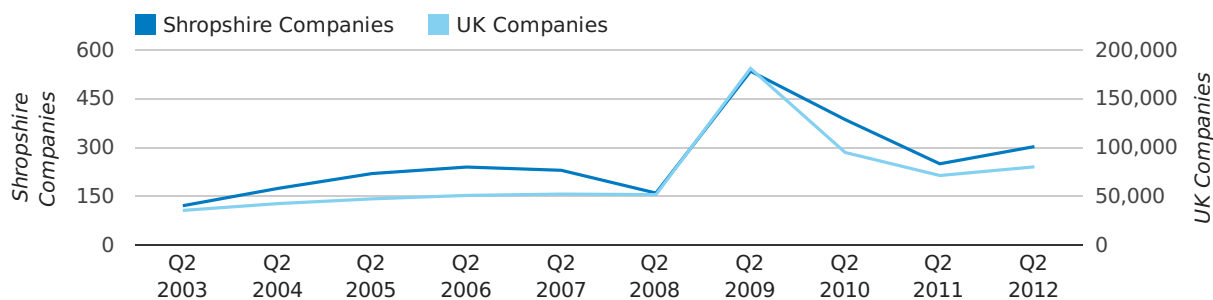
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 303 companies were dissolved in Shropshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 21.2% 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.

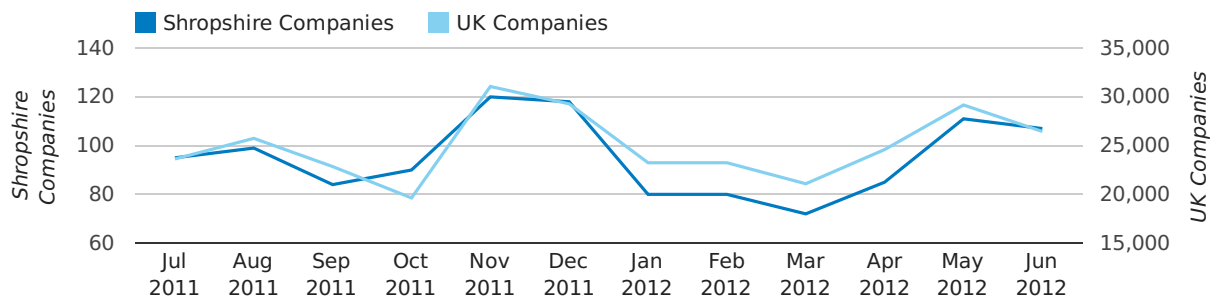
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SHROPSHIRE	UK
2012	303	80,217
2011	250	71,324
% CHANGE	21.2%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (535)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



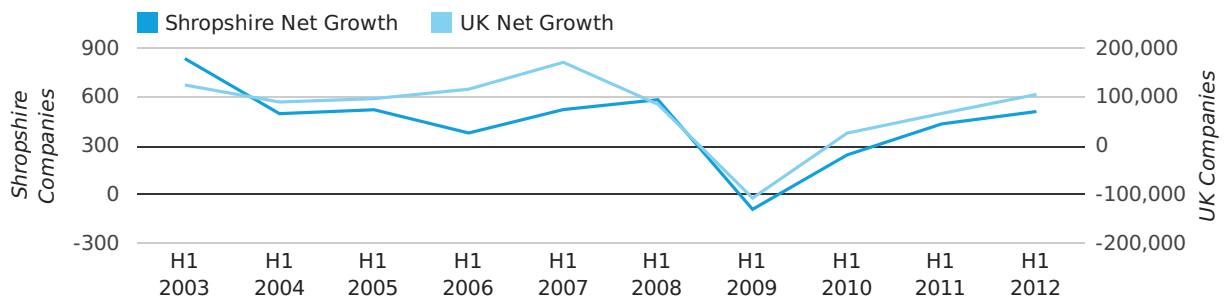
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	85	111	107
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	42	134	74
% CHANGE	102.4%	-17.2%	45%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (127)	2009 (262)	2010 (150)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Shropshire increased by 511 companies. This figure is 17.5% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SHROPSHIRE	UK
2012	511	105,357
2011	435	66,425
% CHANGE	17.5%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (837)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



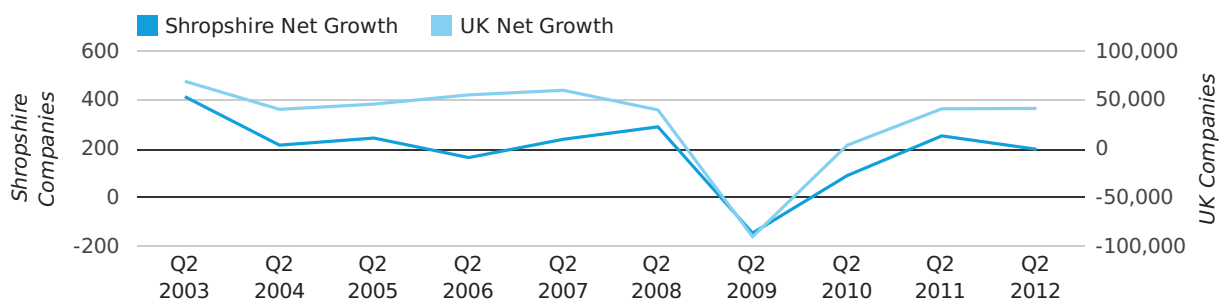
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Shropshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 198 companies.

This represents a decrease of 21.7% on the same period last year.

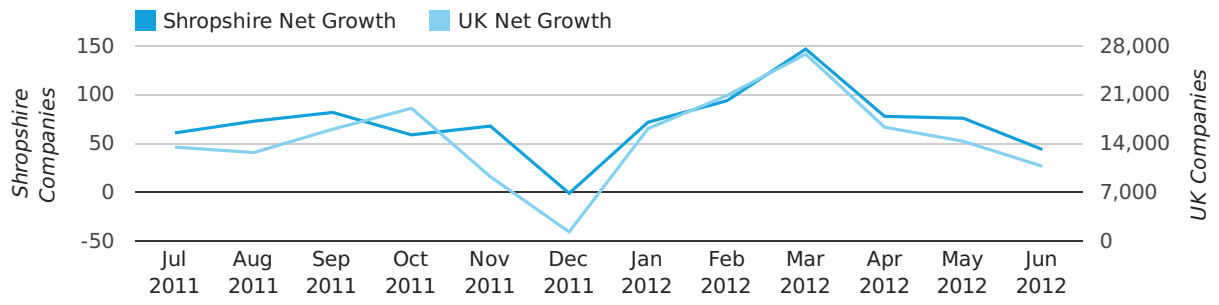
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SHROPSHIRE	UK
2012	198	41,442
2011	253	41,020
% CHANGE	-21.7%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (414)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



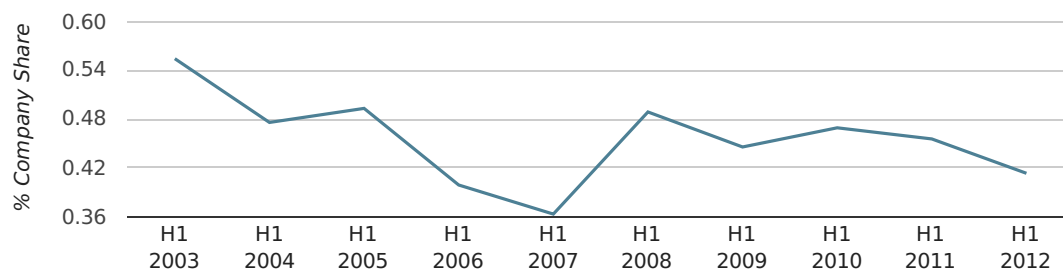
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	78	76	44
NET GROWTH IN 2011	111	37	105
% CHANGE	-29.7%	105.4%	-58.1%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (137)	2003 (141)	2003 (136)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Shropshire formed 0.4% of all UK companies. This is less than the 2011 figure of 0.5%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SHROPSHIRE
2012	0.4%
2011	0.5%
2010	0.5%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1963 (0.6%)

company share by half year

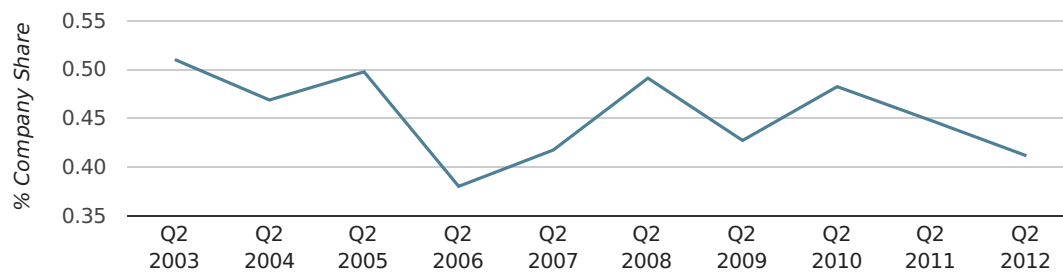


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Shropshire formed 0.4% of all UK companies.

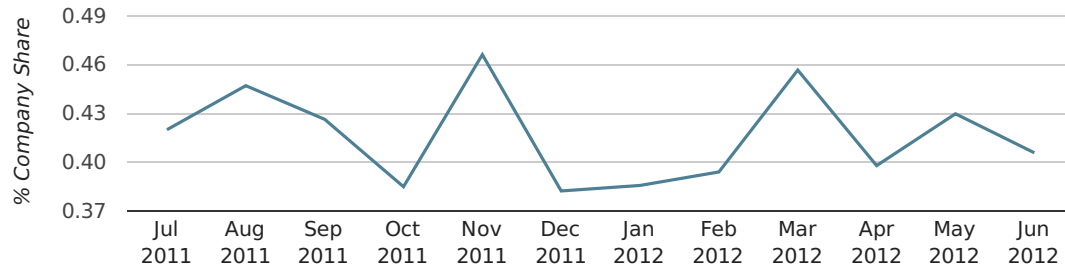
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SHROPSHIRE
2012	0.4%
2011	0.4%
2010	0.5%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1964 (0.8%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
% CHANGE	-10.3%	-4.1%	-9.9%
RECORD YEAR	1964 (0.9%)	1974 (0.8%)	1969 (1.3%)

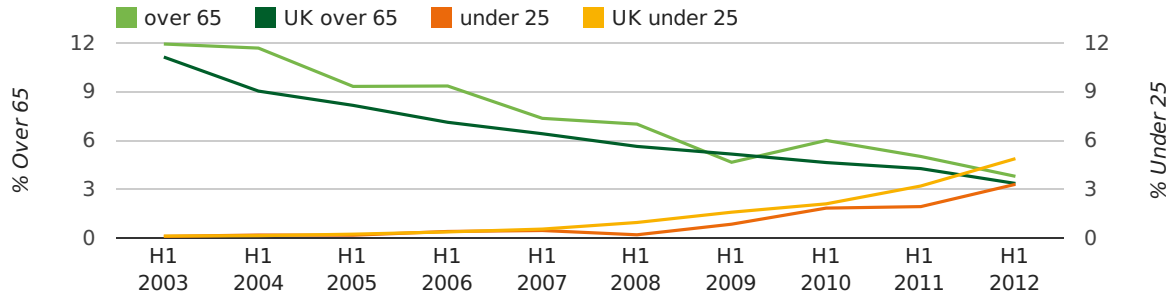
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 45.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



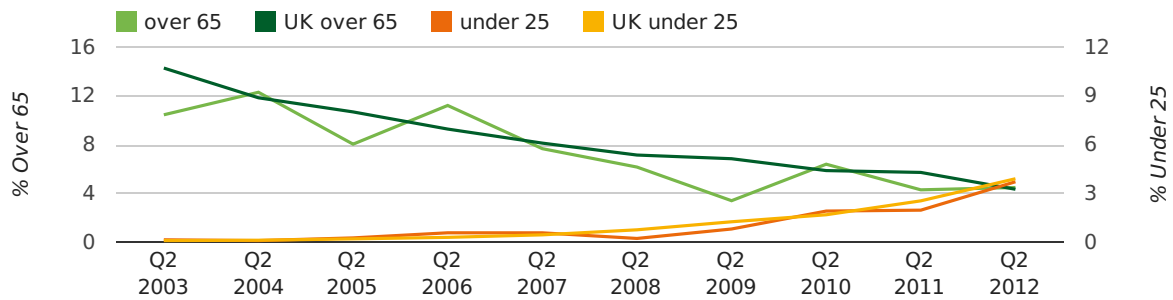
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 45.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

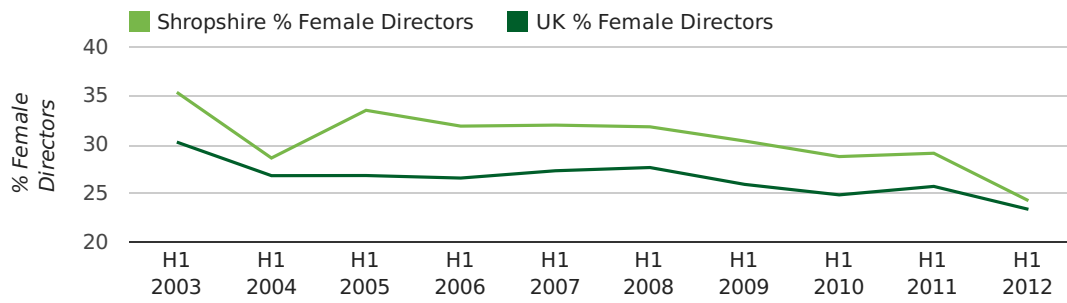


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

24.3% of all director appointments in Shropshire 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
SHROPSHIRE	1.50%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.46%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.39%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTANCY	1.14%	PROPERTY	2.35%
DESIGN	0.96%	TRADING	2.10%
PROPERTY	0.93%	DESIGN	1.89%
ASSOCIATES	0.71%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
TELFORD	0.64%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
J	0.61%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
FINANCIAL	0.61%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
INVESTMENTS	0.57%	BUSINESS	1.70%
D	0.57%	MEDIA	1.69%
R	0.54%	LONDON	1.68%
HOME	0.54%	J	1.57%
BUSINESS	0.54%	GLOBAL	1.51%
C	0.54%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.54%	IT	1.42%
S	0.54%	CARE	1.31%
MEDIA	0.54%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
SHREWSBURY	0.46%	M	1.26%
IT	0.46%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
ENGINEERING	0.46%	BUILDING	1.23%
MARKETING	0.46%	SECURITY	1.19%
(SHREWSBURY)	0.46%	S	1.18%
BUILDING	0.46%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	795	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	149	47,029
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	119	20,390
99999 - Dormant Company	116	26,088
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	113	35,447
9999 - Dormant Company	101	16,469
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	65	15,280
74990 - Non-trading company	63	9,706
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	53	10,271
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	53	14,220
7414 - Business & management consultancy	53	10,978
7260 - Other computer related activities	48	6,456
62090 - Other information technology service activities	48	8,258
7499 - Non-trading company	42	8,023
69102 - Solicitors	36	1,431
86900 - Other human health activities	36	5,222
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	30	6,356
9305 - Other service activities	29	7,926
56302 - Public houses and bars	29	2,913
43210 - Electrical installation	29	3,557