

Smethwick

2011 half year business confidence report



headlines

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- June 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Smethwick when compared to any previous June.

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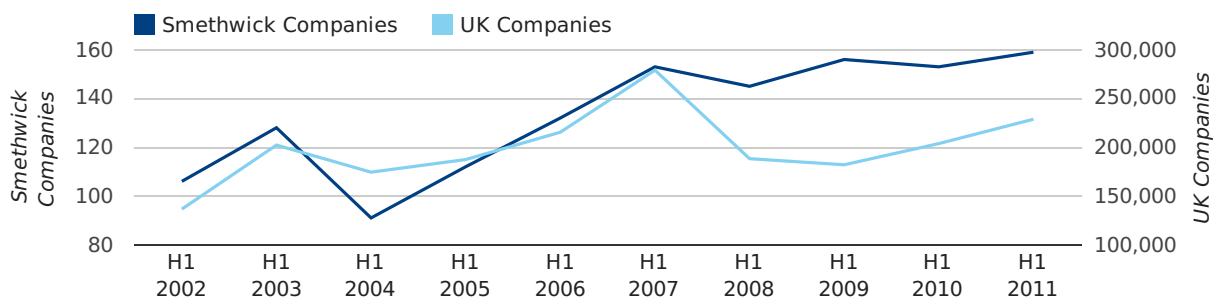
The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Smethwick when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2011 a total of 159 companies were formed in Smethwick. This figure is 3.9% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Smethwick occurred in 2011 when a total of 159 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SMETHWICK	UK
2011	159	228,735
2010	153	203,749
% CHANGE	3.9%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (159)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



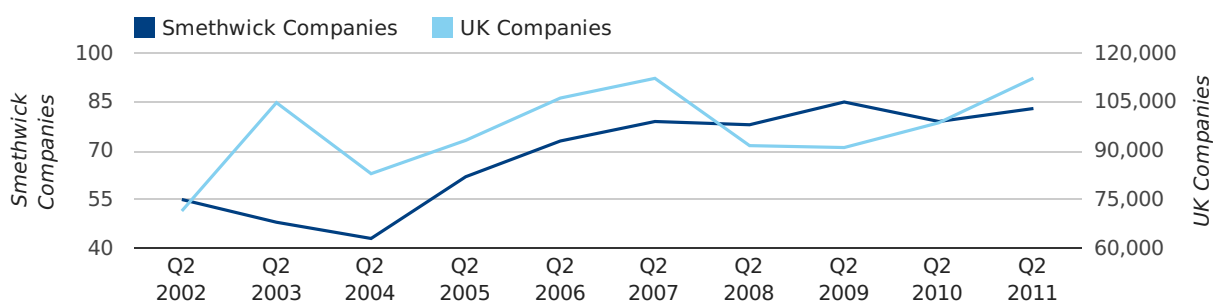
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 83 companies were registered in Smethwick during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 5.1% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares equally 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)	SMETHWICK	UK
2011	83	112,344
2010	79	98,612
% CHANGE	5.1%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (85)	2011 (112,344)

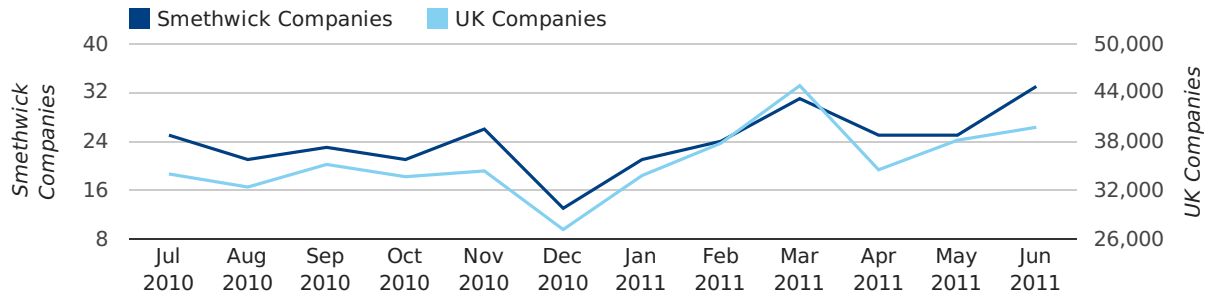
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

June 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Smethwick when compared to any previous June.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	25	25	33
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	25	29	25
% CHANGE	0.0%	-13.8%	32.0%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (37)	2006 (31)	2011 (33)

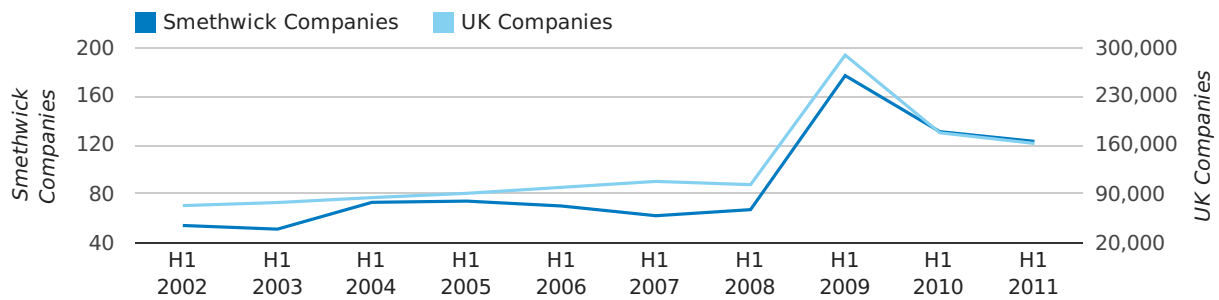
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 123 companies were dissolved in Smethwick. This figure is 6.1% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Smethwick occurred in 2009 when a total of 177 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SMETHWICK	UK
2011	123	162,310
2010	131	177,631
% CHANGE	-6.1%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (177)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



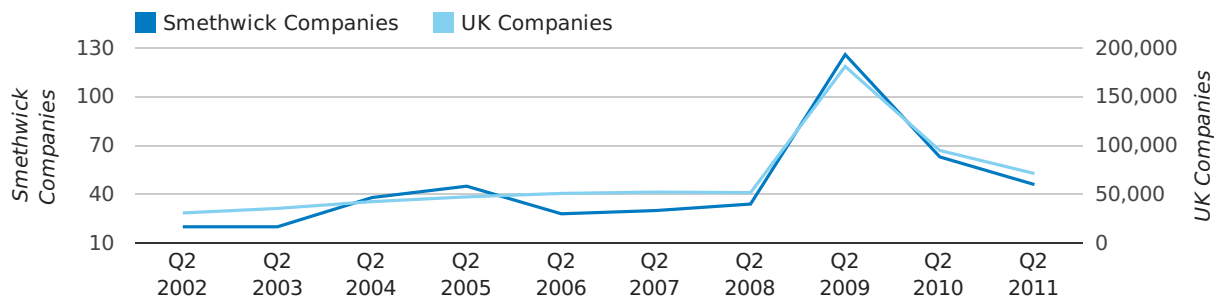
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 46 companies were dissolved in Smethwick during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 27.0% 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.

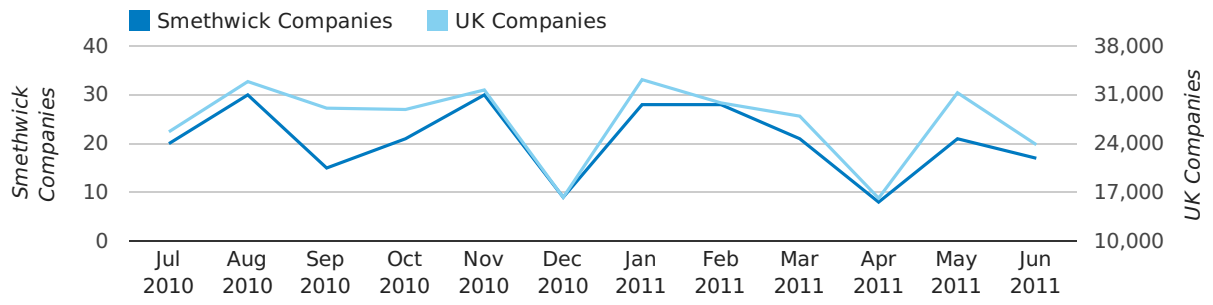
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	SMETHWICK	UK
2011	46	71,324
2010	63	94,954
% CHANGE	-27.0%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (126)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



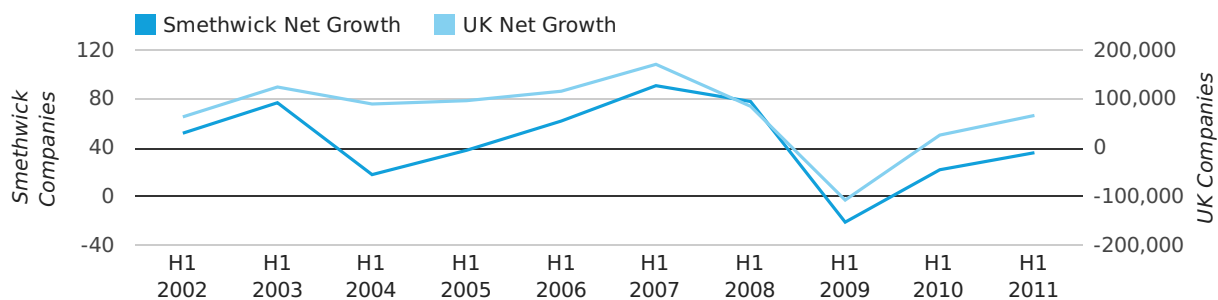
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	8	21	17
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	17	28	18
% CHANGE	-52.9%	-25.0%	-6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (44)	2009 (61)	2009 (21)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Smethwick increased by 36 companies. This figure is 63.6% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SMETHWICK	UK
2011	36	66,425
2010	22	26,118
% CHANGE	63.6%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (91)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



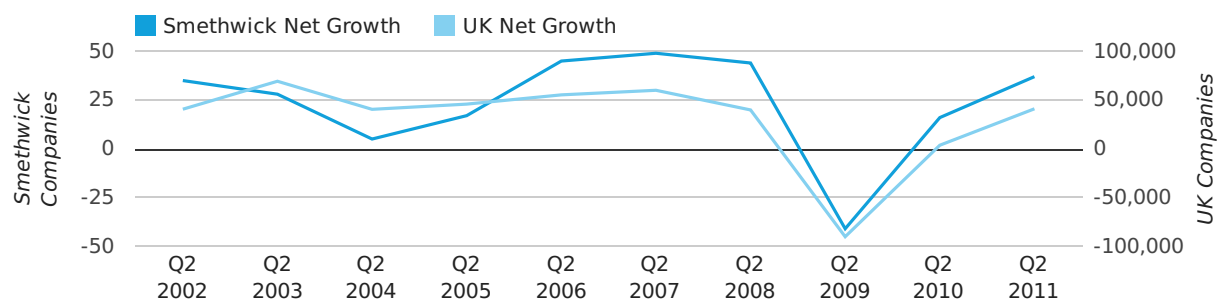
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Smethwick during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 37 companies.

This represents an increase of 131.3% on the same period last year.

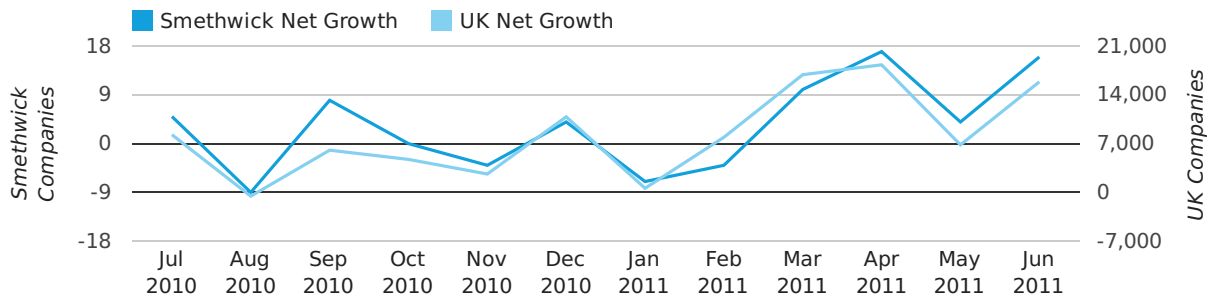
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	SMETHWICK	UK
2011	37	41,020
2010	16	3,658
% CHANGE	131.3%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (49)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



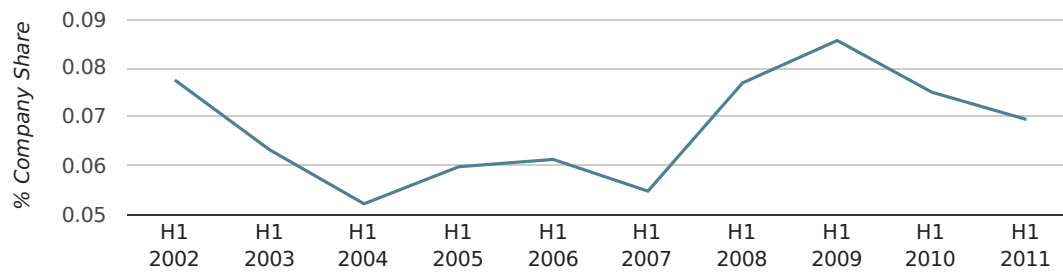
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	17	4	16
NET GROWTH IN 2010	8	1	7
% CHANGE	112.5%	300.0%	128.6%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (21)	2006 (23)	2007 (18)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Smethwick formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SMETHWICK
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1982 (0.1%)

company share by half year

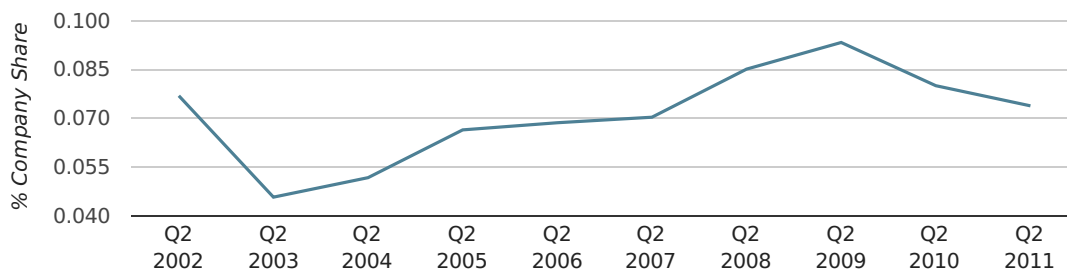


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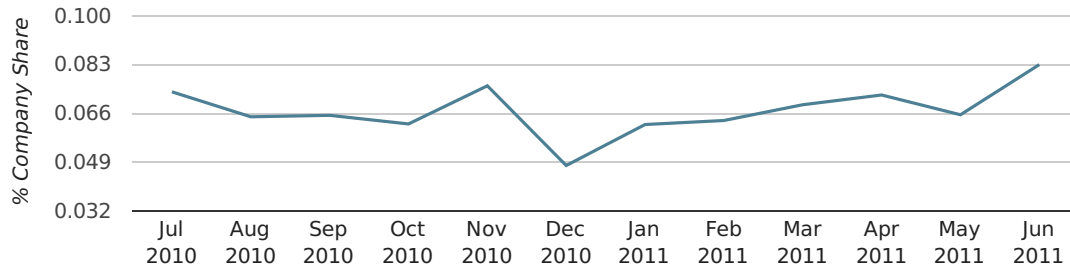
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	SMETHWICK
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1970 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-3.2%	-32.1%	17.0%
RECORD YEAR	1969 (0.2%)	1966 (0.2%)	1970 (0.5%)

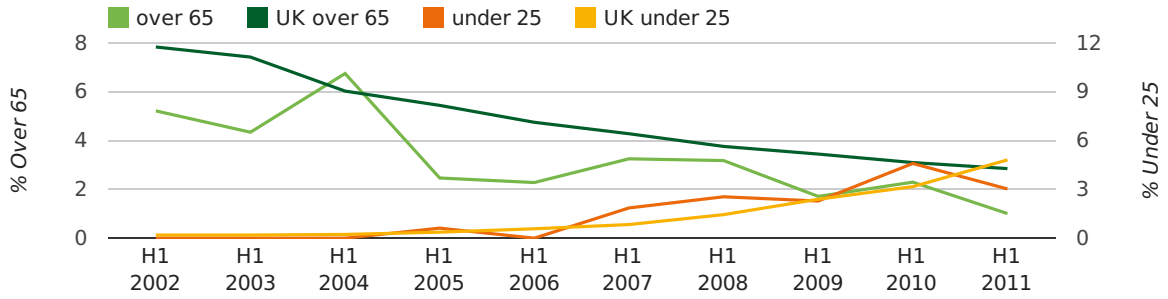
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 39.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



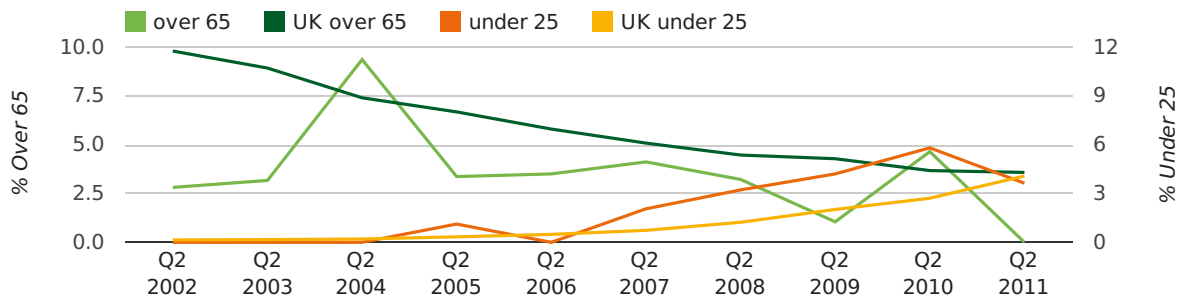
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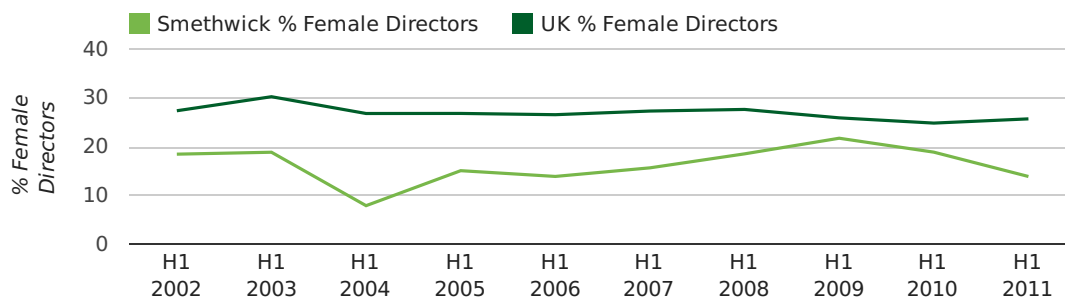


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

13.9% of all director appointments in Smethwick 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

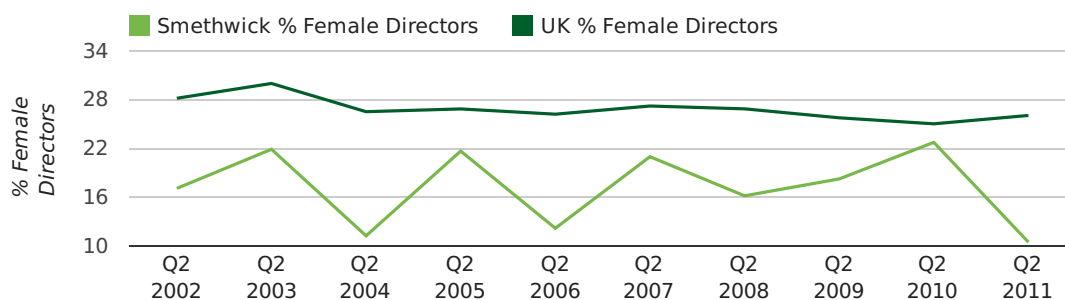


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

10.5% of all director appointments in Smethwick 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
TRAINING	1.13%	CONSULTING	5.09%
PROPERTY	1.13%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
CONSTRUCTION	0.94%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
D	0.94%	PROPERTY	2.43%
CO	0.94%	TRADING	2.05%
STORES	0.75%	DESIGN	1.94%
CARE	0.75%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
CONSULTANCY	0.75%	BUSINESS	1.87%
TRADING	0.75%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
2	0.75%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
TRAVEL	0.75%	MEDIA	1.73%
TRANSPORT	0.75%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
WINDOWS	0.56%	LONDON	1.60%
CAR	0.56%	GLOBAL	1.46%
PLC	0.56%	J	1.44%
FINANCIAL	0.56%	CARE	1.44%
EDUCATION	0.56%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
ESTATES	0.56%	IT	1.39%
CONSULTING	0.56%	BUILDING	1.32%
AUTO	0.56%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
GENERAL	0.56%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
MANAGEMENT	0.56%	M	1.27%
HOUSE	0.56%	S	1.23%
ASSOCIATES	0.56%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
(MIDLANDS)	0.56%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	251	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	31	60,758
5530 - Restaurants	13	5,086
9999 - Dormant Company	12	20,111
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	9	30,647
86900 - Other human health activities	7	4,154
7414 - Business & management consultancy	6	13,053
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	6	10,322
7260 - Other computer related activities	5	7,849
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	5	7,143
49410 - Freight transport by road	5	2,142
7499 - Non-trading company	5	10,955
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	5	3,790
5212 - Other retail non-specialised stores	5	1,046
5540 - Bars	4	2,141
7032 - Manage real estate, fee or contract	4	2,208
70100 - Activities of head offices	4	2,632
99999 - Dormant Company	4	18,918
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	4	16,419
5211 - Retail in non-specialised stores holding an alcohol licence, with food, beverages or tobacco predominating, not elsewhere classified	3	759