

Smethwick

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

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- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Smethwick when compared to any half year in history.
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- Q2 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Smethwick when compared to any quarter in history.
- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Smethwick when compared to any previous May.
- April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Smethwick when compared to any previous April.
- April 2012 was a record month for company registrations in Smethwick when compared to any month in history.
- June 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Smethwick when compared to any previous June.
- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Smethwick when compared to any previous first half year.
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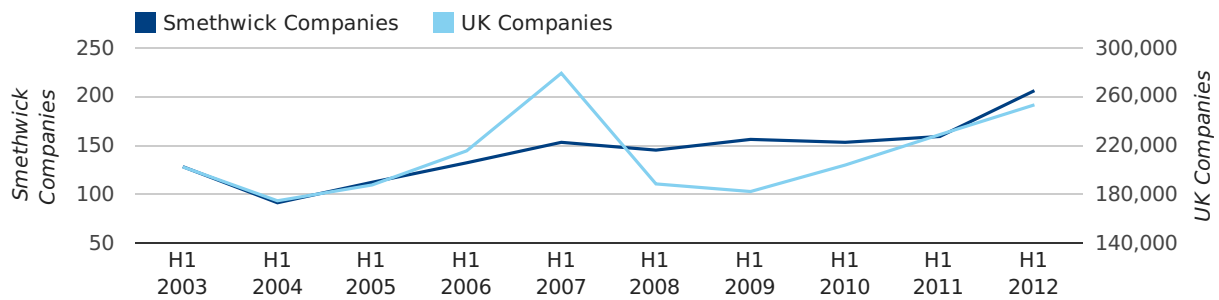
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Smethwick when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 206 companies were formed in Smethwick. This figure is 29.6% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Smethwick occurred in 2012 when a total of 206 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SMETHWICK	UK
2012	206	253,150
2011	159	228,735
% CHANGE	29.6%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (206)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

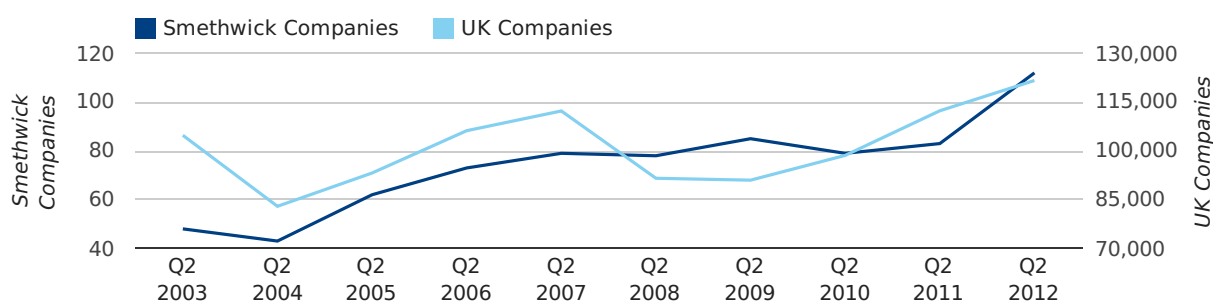
Q2 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Smethwick when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 112 companies were registered in Smethwick during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 34.9% 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)	SMETHWICK	UK
2012	112	121,659
2011	83	112,344
% CHANGE	34.9%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (112)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



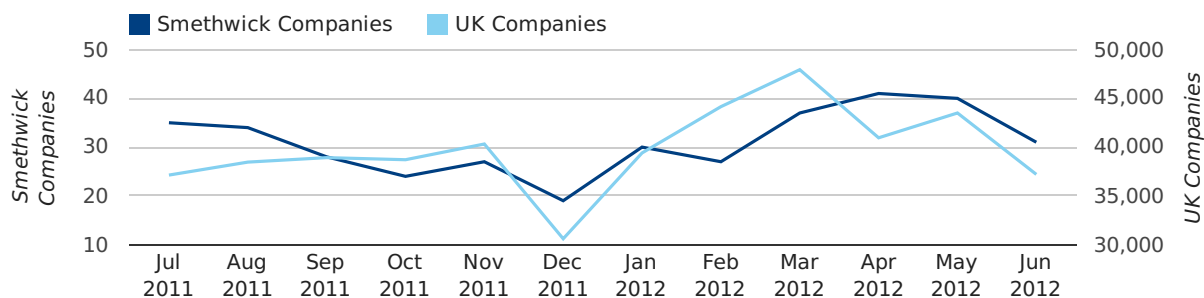
Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

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new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	41	40	31
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	25	25	33
% CHANGE	64.0%	60.0%	-6.1%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (41)	2012 (40)	2011 (33)

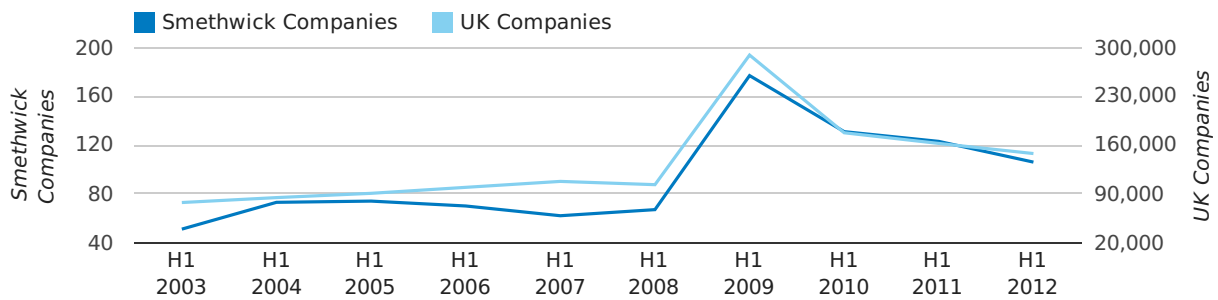
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 106 companies were dissolved in Smethwick. This figure is 13.8% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

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
2012	106	147,793
2011	123	162,310
% CHANGE	-13.8%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (177)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 63 companies were dissolved in Smethwick during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 37.0% 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)	SMETHWICK	UK
2012	63	80,217
2011	46	71,324
% CHANGE	37.0%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (126)	2009 (181,176)

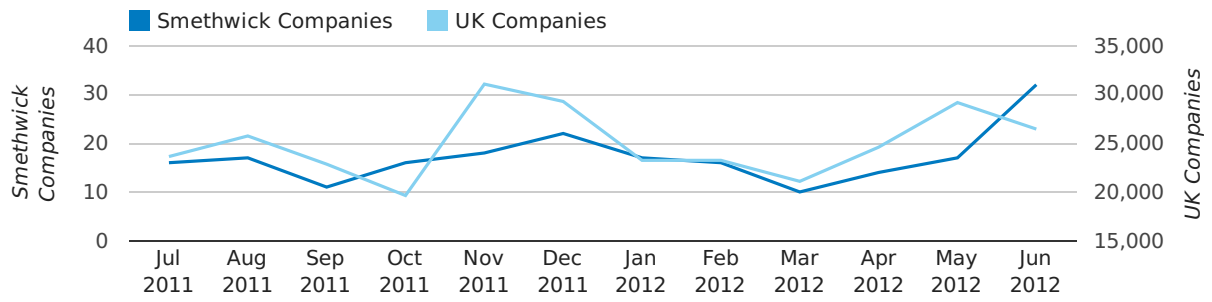
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

June 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Smethwick when compared to any previous June.

dissolved companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	14	17	32
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	8	21	17
% CHANGE	75.0%	-19.0%	88%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (44)	2009 (61)	2012 (32)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

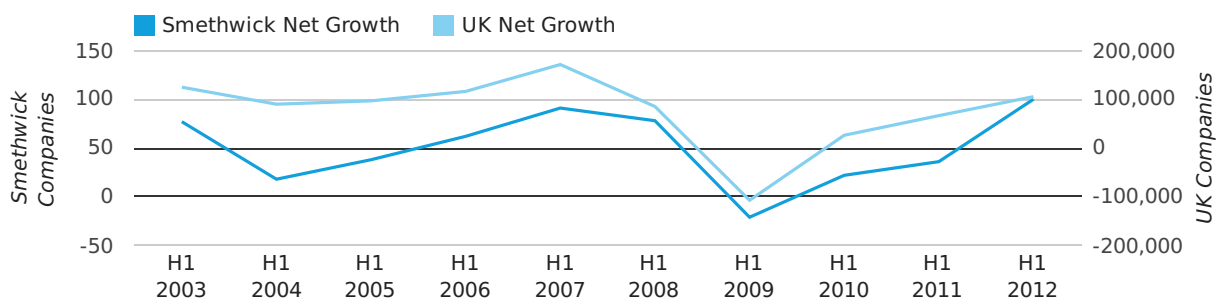
The first half of 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Smethwick when compared to any previous first half year.

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

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Smethwick increased by 100 companies. This figure is 177.8% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SMETHWICK	UK
2012	100	105,357
2011	36	66,425
% CHANGE	177.8%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (100)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

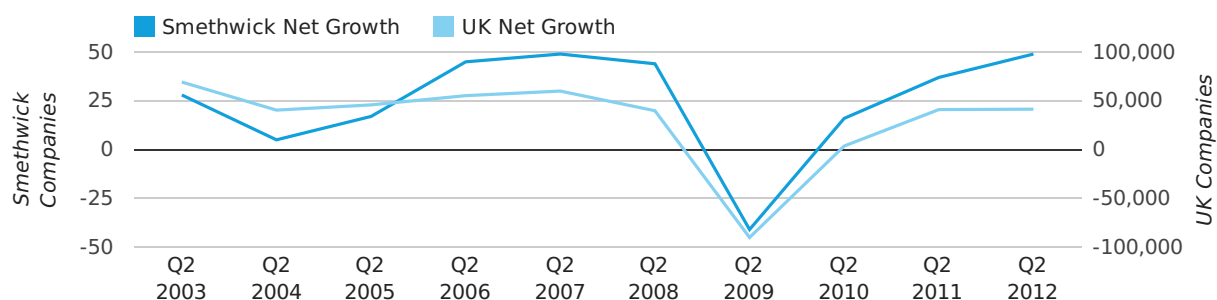
Q2 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Smethwick when compared to any previous Q2.

Net company growth for Smethwick during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 49 companies.

This represents an increase of 32.4% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SMETHWICK	UK
2012	49	41,442
2011	37	41,020
% CHANGE	32.4%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (49)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



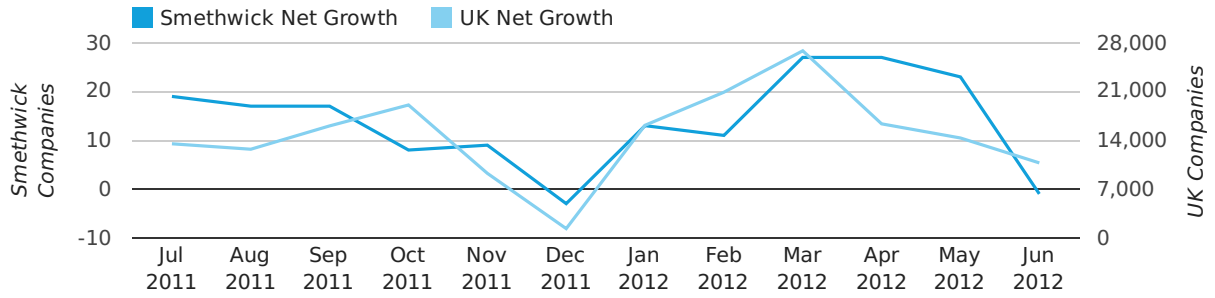
Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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net growth by month



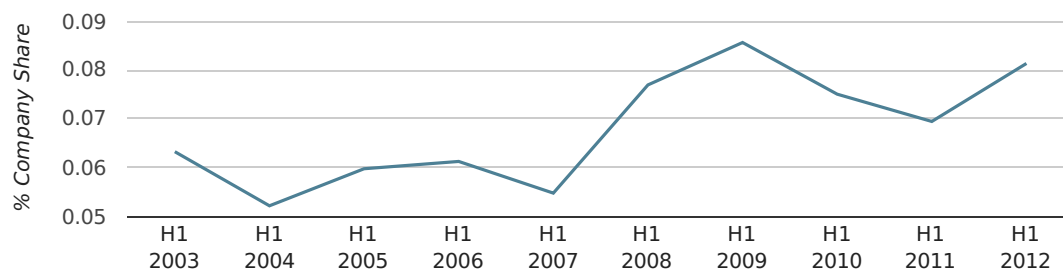
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	27	23	-1
NET GROWTH IN 2011	17	4	16
% CHANGE	58.8%	475.0%	-106.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (27)	2006 (23)	2007 (18)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SMETHWICK
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1982 (0.1%)

company share by half year

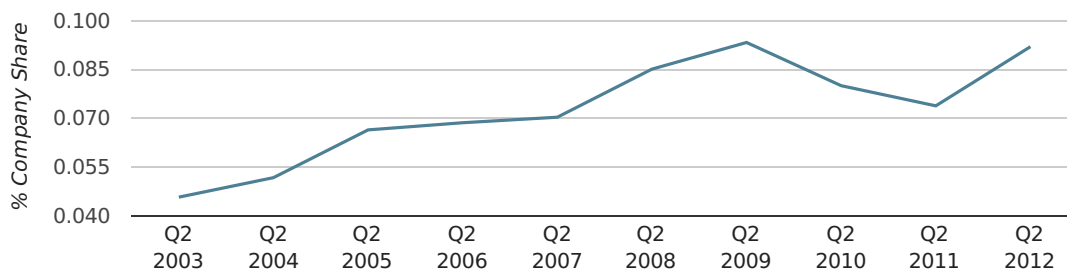


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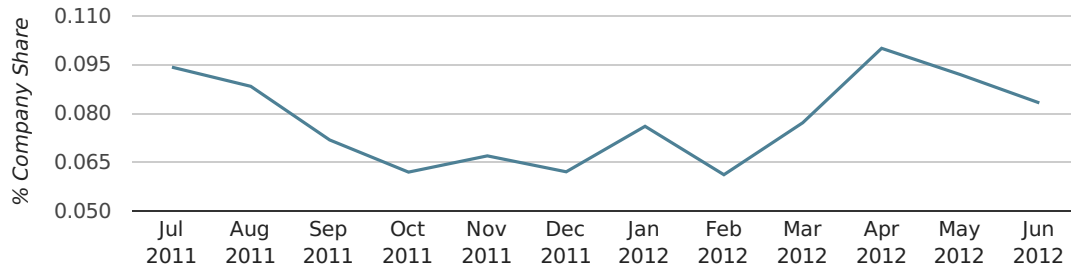
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SMETHWICK
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1970 (0.2%)

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%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	38.1%	40.2%	0.2%
RECORD YEAR	1969 (0.2%)	1966 (0.2%)	1970 (0.5%)

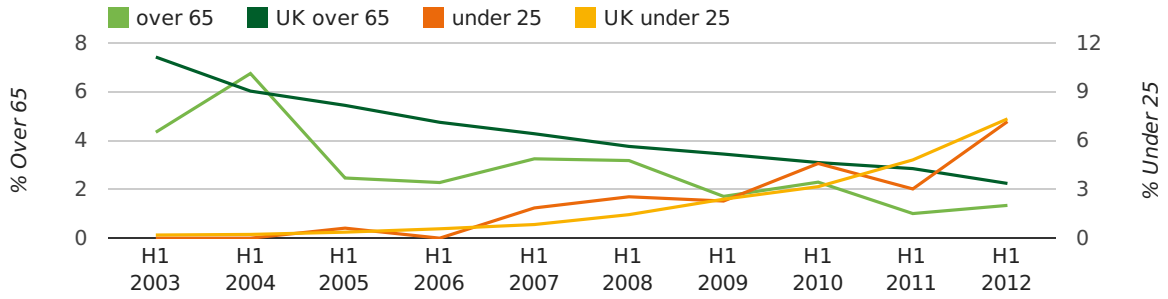
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 39.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 7.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



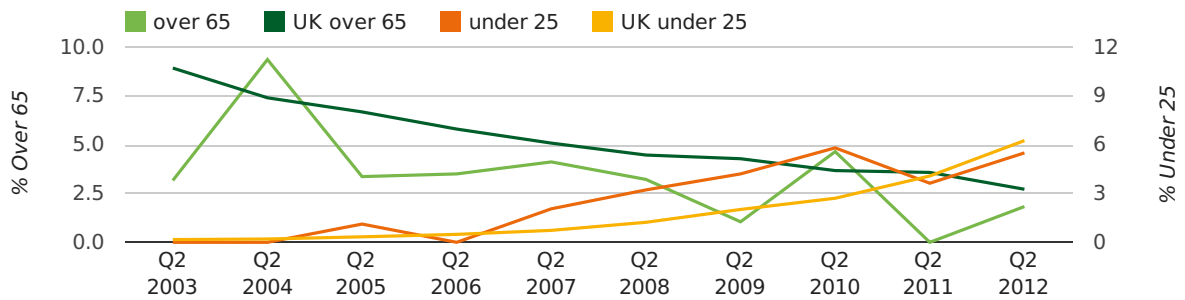
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 38.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.5% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

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director age by quarter

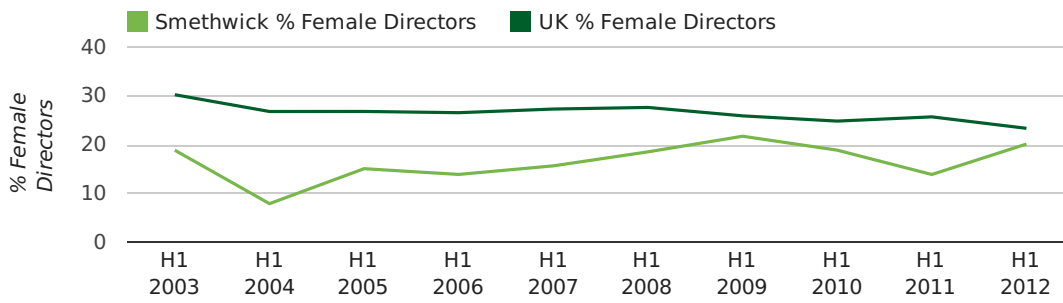


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

20.2% of all director appointments in Smethwick 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

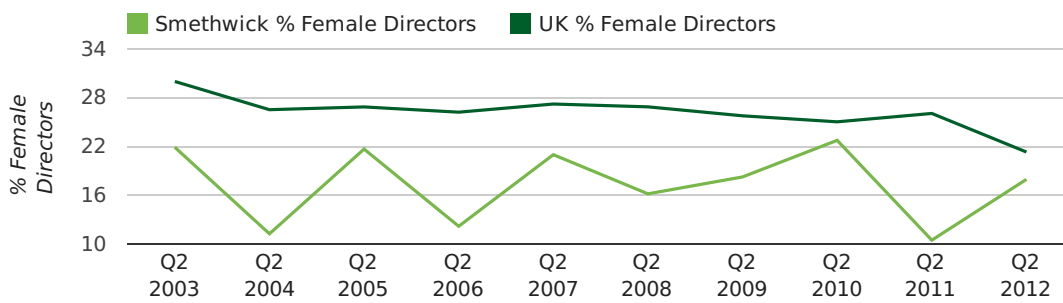


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

18.0% of all director appointments in Smethwick 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
S	1.17%	CONSULTING	5.07%
(MIDLANDS)	1.02%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
HEALTH	0.88%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
BAR	0.88%	PROPERTY	2.35%
MANAGEMENT	0.73%	TRADING	2.10%
COMMUNITY	0.73%	DESIGN	1.89%
CONSULTANCY	0.73%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
STORES	0.73%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
EXPRESS	0.58%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
SECURITY	0.58%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
R	0.58%	BUSINESS	1.70%
INVESTMENTS	0.58%	MEDIA	1.69%
SERVICE	0.58%	LONDON	1.68%
RECRUITMENT	0.58%	J	1.57%
TRANSPORT	0.58%	GLOBAL	1.51%
CLEANING	0.58%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
RESTAURANT	0.58%	IT	1.42%
TRADING	0.58%	CARE	1.31%
RADIO	0.44%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
PROPERTY	0.44%	M	1.26%
ASSOCIATES	0.44%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
WORLD	0.44%	BUILDING	1.23%
BIRMINGHAM	0.44%	SECURITY	1.19%
K	0.44%	S	1.18%
LOCAL	0.44%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	252	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	24	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	15	35,447
99999 - Dormant Company	9	26,088
49410 - Freight transport by road	9	2,912
86900 - Other human health activities	8	5,222
5212 - Other retail non-specialised stores	7	904
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	7	14,220
9999 - Dormant Company	6	16,469
5530 - Restaurants	6	4,037
47190 - Other retail sale in non-specialised stores	5	1,933
7414 - Business & management consultancy	5	10,978
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	5	20,390
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	5	15,280
47110 - Retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating	5	1,718
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	4	6,356
96020 - Hairdressing and other beauty treatment	4	2,993
56101 - Licenced restaurants	4	2,540
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	4	4,295
7499 - Non-trading company	4	8,023