

South Yorkshire

2012 half year business confidence report



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

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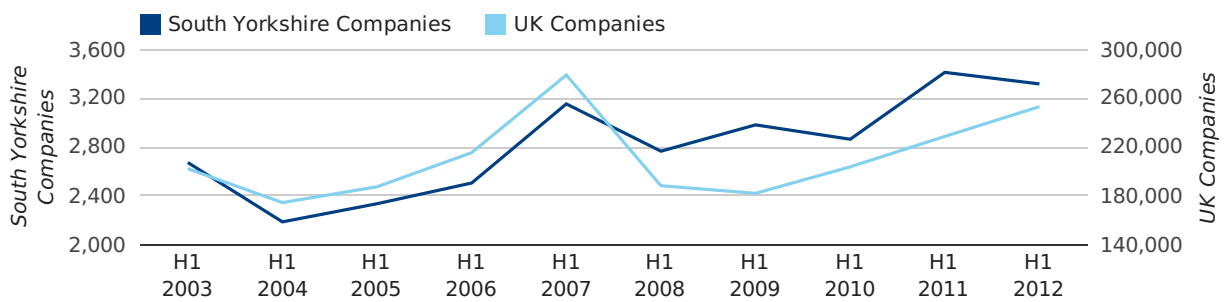
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 3,318 companies were formed in South Yorkshire. This figure is 2.8% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in South Yorkshire occurred in 2011 when a total of 3,413 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SOUTH YORKSHIRE	UK
2012	3,318	253,150
2011	3,413	228,735
% CHANGE	-2.8%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (3,413)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



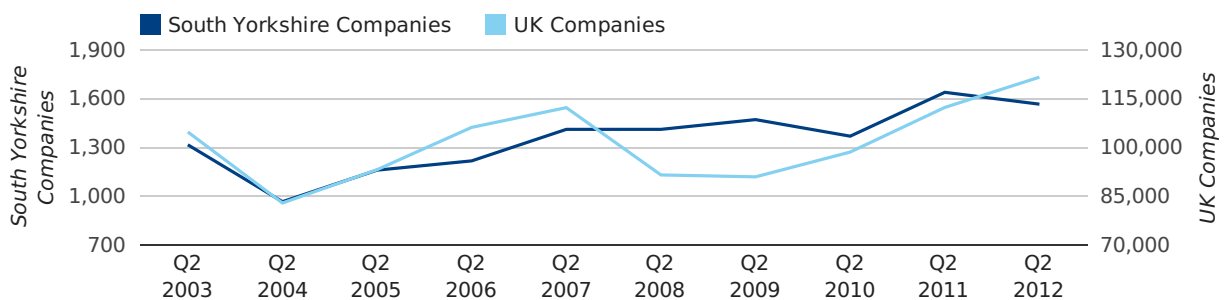
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 1,567 companies were registered in South Yorkshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 4.5% 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)	SOUTH YORKSHIRE	UK
2012	1,567	121,659
2011	1,640	112,344
% CHANGE	-4.5%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (1,640)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter

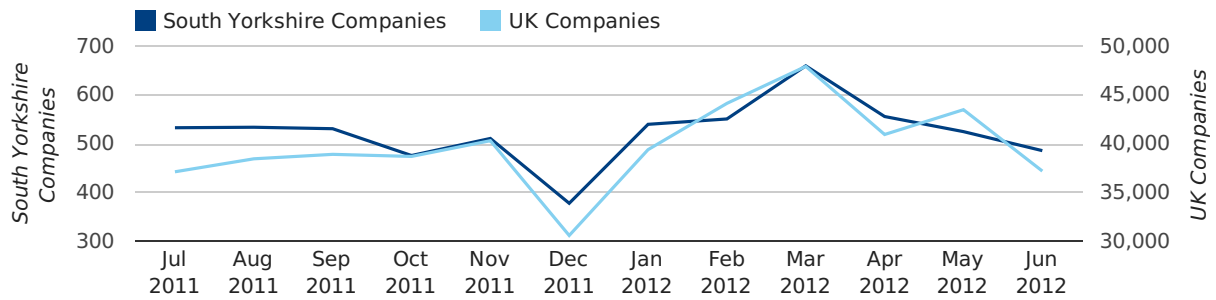


Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in South Yorkshire when compared to any previous April.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	556	525	486
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	515	524	601
% CHANGE	8.0%	0.2%	-19.1%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (556)	2012 (525)	2011 (601)

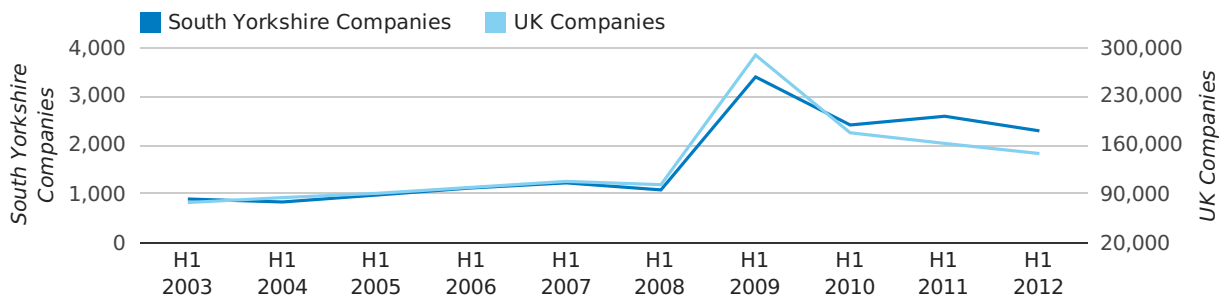
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 2,291 companies were dissolved in South Yorkshire. This figure is 11.6% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in South Yorkshire occurred in 2009 when a total of 3,398 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SOUTH YORKSHIRE	UK
2012	2,291	147,793
2011	2,591	162,310
% CHANGE	-11.6%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (3,398)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



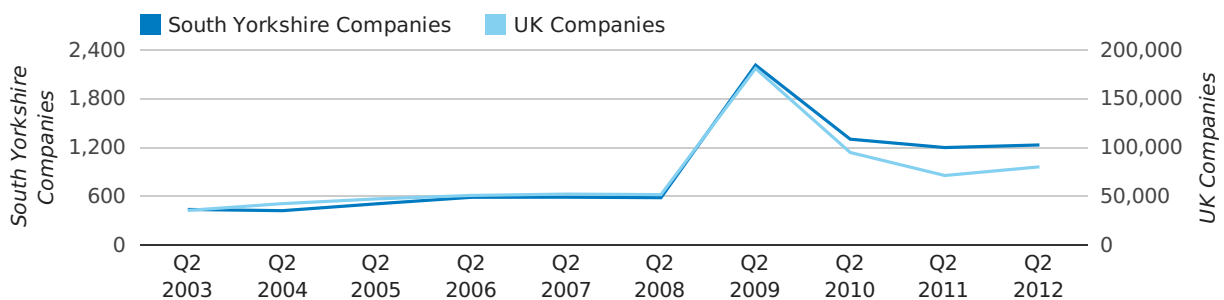
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 1,232 companies were dissolved in South Yorkshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 2.7% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

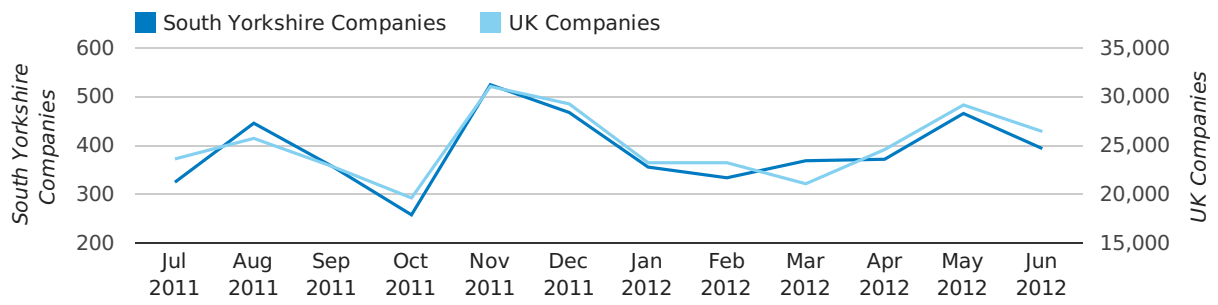
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SOUTH YORKSHIRE	UK
2012	1,232	80,217
2011	1,200	71,324
% CHANGE	2.7%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (2,215)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



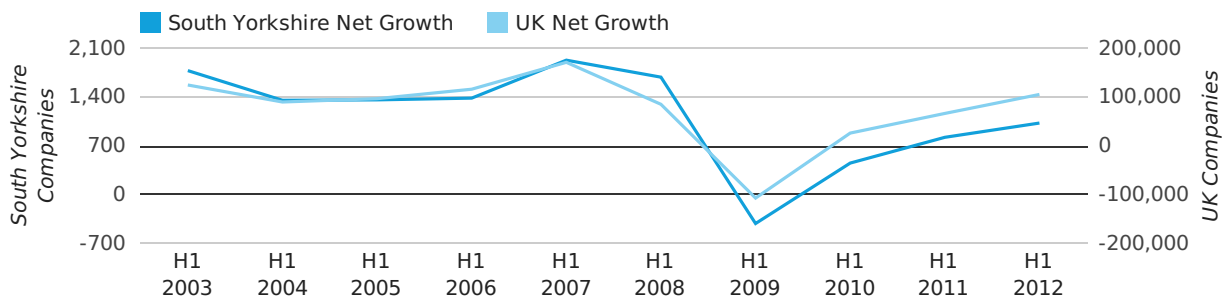
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	372	466	394
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	279	527	394
% CHANGE	33.3%	-11.6%	0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (650)	2009 (916)	2009 (649)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for South Yorkshire increased by 1,027 companies. This figure is 24.9% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SOUTH YORKSHIRE	UK
2012	1,027	105,357
2011	822	66,425
% CHANGE	24.9%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,930)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



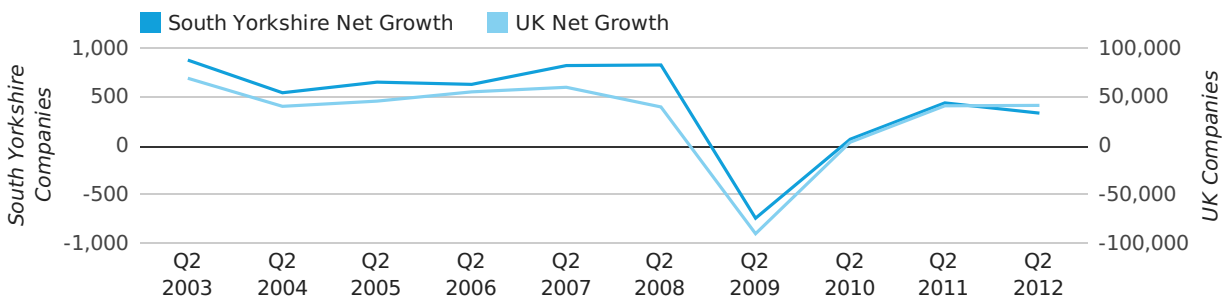
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for South Yorkshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 335 companies.

This represents a decrease of 23.9% on the same period last year.

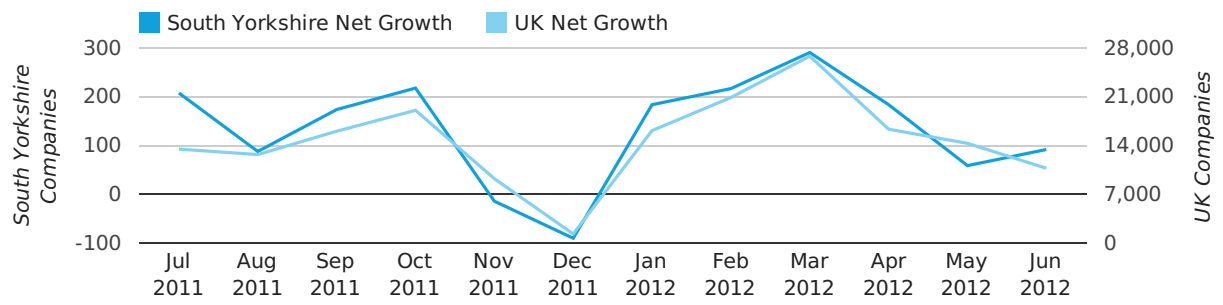
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SOUTH YORKSHIRE	UK
2012	335	41,442
2011	440	41,020
% CHANGE	-23.9%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (879)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



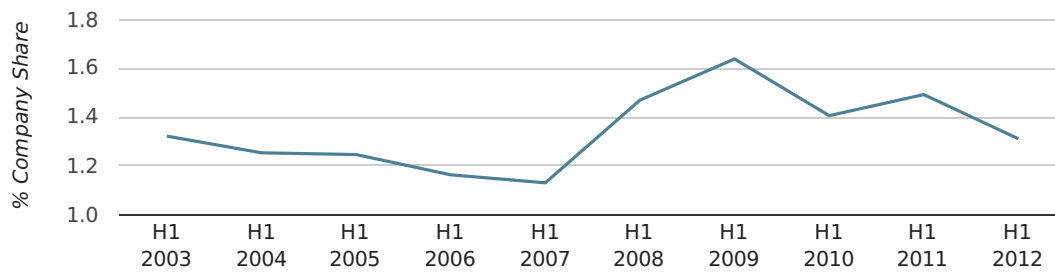
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	184	59	92
NET GROWTH IN 2011	236	-3	207
% CHANGE	-22.0%	-2,066.7%	-55.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (377)	2003 (311)	2008 (421)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 South Yorkshire formed 1.3% of all UK companies. This is less than the 2011 figure of 1.5%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SOUTH YORKSHIRE
2012	1.3%
2011	1.5%
2010	1.4%
2009	1.6%
2008	1.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1977 (1.8%)

company share by half year

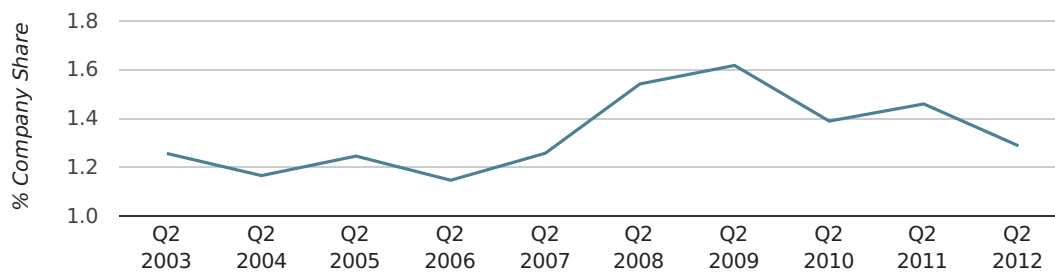


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company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	1.4%	1.2%	1.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	1.5%	1.4%	1.5%
% CHANGE	-9.1%	-12.2%	-13.7%
RECORD YEAR	1961 (2.1%)	1974 (2.1%)	1968 (1.9%)

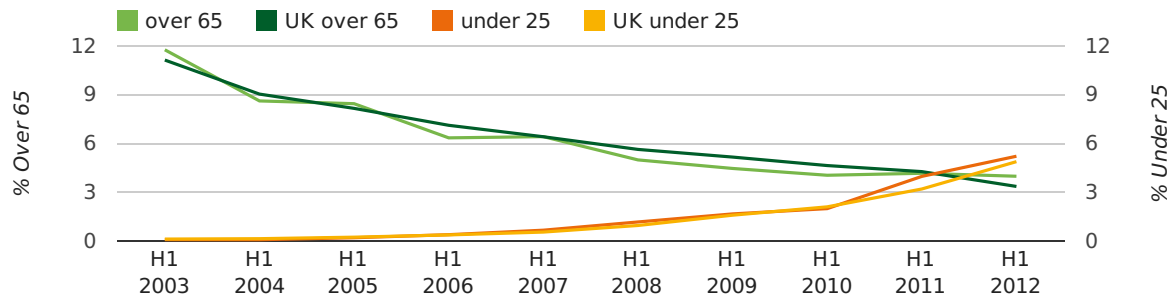
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 42.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



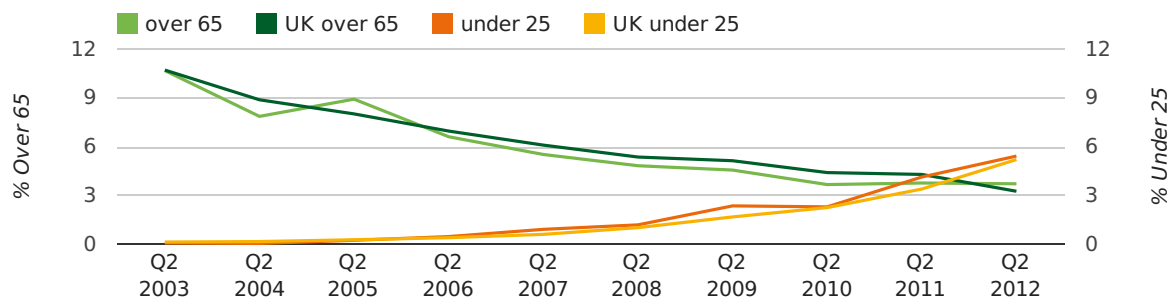
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director age by quarter

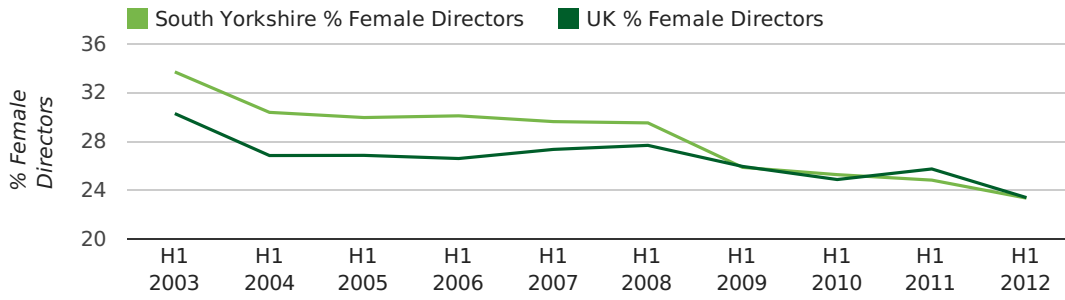


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

23.3% of all director appointments in South Yorkshire 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
MANAGEMENT	1.74%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTANCY	1.21%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
PROPERTY	1.16%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
YORKSHIRE	1.05%	PROPERTY	2.35%
CONSULTING	0.93%	TRADING	2.10%
J	0.86%	DESIGN	1.89%
CONSTRUCTION	0.83%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
ELECTRICAL	0.77%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CARE	0.73%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
TRAINING	0.72%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
TRADING	0.72%	BUSINESS	1.70%
S	0.72%	MEDIA	1.69%
M	0.72%	LONDON	1.68%
PROPERTIES	0.72%	J	1.57%
ASSOCIATES	0.70%	GLOBAL	1.51%
CONSULTANTS	0.69%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
DESIGN	0.69%	IT	1.42%
BUSINESS	0.69%	CARE	1.31%
(YORKSHIRE)	0.63%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
BUILDING	0.60%	M	1.26%
ENGINEERING	0.60%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.58%	BUILDING	1.23%
SYSTEMS	0.58%	SECURITY	1.19%
RTM	0.58%	S	1.18%
GREEN	0.56%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	3,872	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	670	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	398	26,088
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	333	35,447
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	273	14,220
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	214	20,390
9999 - Dormant Company	210	16,469
74990 - Non-trading company	153	9,706
7414 - Business & management consultancy	126	10,978
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	115	15,280
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	105	10,271
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	101	4,091
9305 - Other service activities	101	7,926
62090 - Other information technology service activities	100	8,258
43210 - Electrical installation	90	3,557
7499 - Non-trading company	87	8,023
41100 - Development of building projects	75	5,149
5530 - Restaurants	73	4,037
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	70	3,818
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	69	4,644