

# Southport

2012 half year business confidence report



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- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Southport when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Southport when compared to any previous Q2.
- June 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Southport when compared to any previous June.
- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Southport when compared to any previous May.

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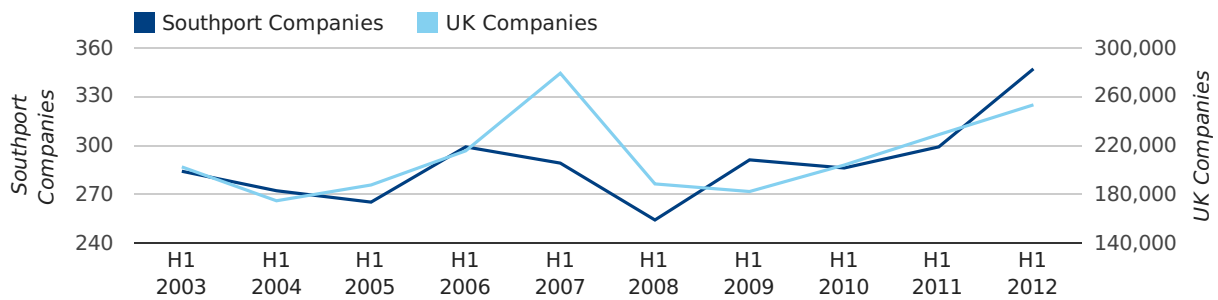
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Southport when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 347 companies were formed in Southport. This figure is 16.1% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Southport occurred in 2012 when a total of 347 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SOUTHPORT	UK
2012	347	253,150
2011	299	228,735
% CHANGE	16.1%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (347)	2007 (279,097)

### new companies by half year



## Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

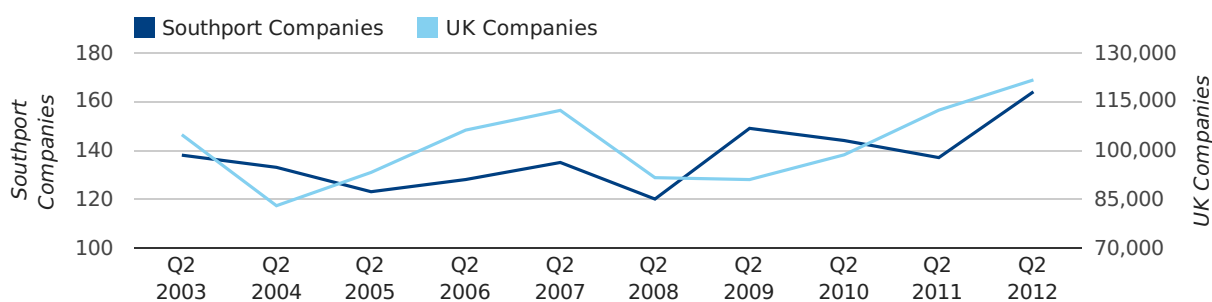
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Southport when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 164 companies were registered in Southport during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 19.7% 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)	SOUTHPORT	UK
2012	164	121,659
2011	137	112,344
% CHANGE	19.7%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (164)	2012 (121,659)

### new companies by quarter



## Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

June 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Southport when compared to any previous June.

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

### new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	47	61	56
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	51	51	35
% CHANGE	-7.8%	19.6%	60.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (54)	2012 (61)	2012 (56)

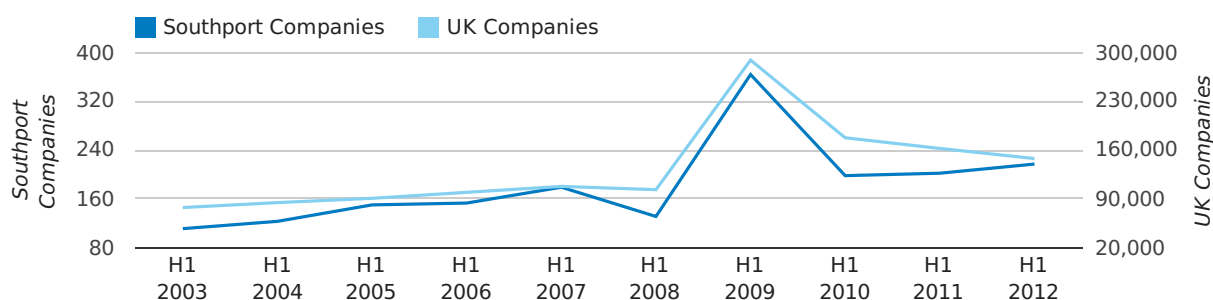
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 217 companies were dissolved in Southport. This figure is 7.4% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Southport occurred in 2009 when a total of 364 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SOUTHPORT	UK
2012	217	147,793
2011	202	162,310
% CHANGE	7.4%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (364)	2009 (289,236)

### dissolved companies by half year



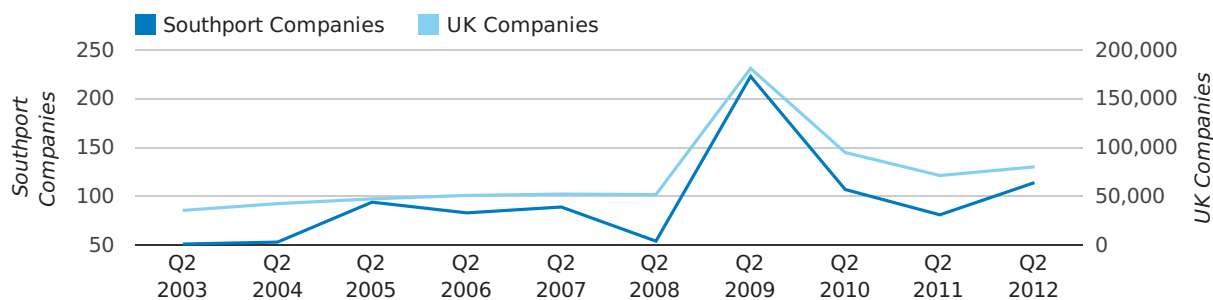
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 114 companies were dissolved in Southport during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 40.7% 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)	SOUTHPORT	UK
2012	114	80,217
2011	81	71,324
% CHANGE	40.7%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (223)	2009 (181,176)

### dissolved companies by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

## dissolved companies by month



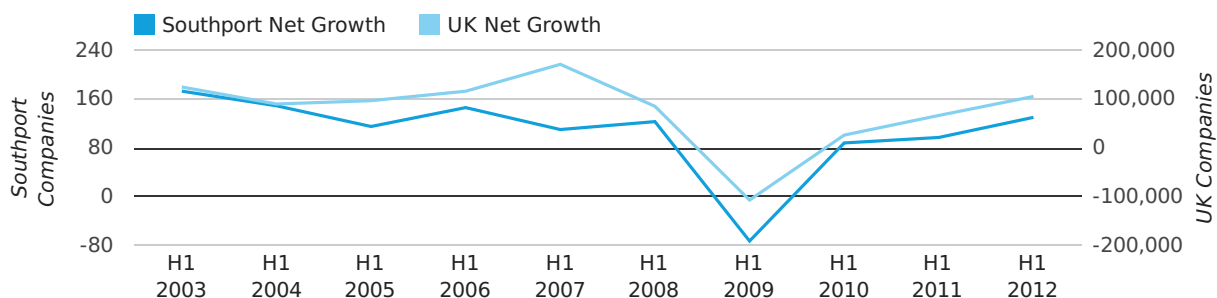
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	42	45	27
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	13	36	32
% CHANGE	223.1%	25.0%	-16%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (61)	2009 (109)	2009 (53)

### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Southport increased by 130 companies. This figure is 34.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SOUTHPORT	UK
2012	130	105,357
2011	97	66,425
% CHANGE	34.0%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (173)	2007 (171,296)

### net growth by half year



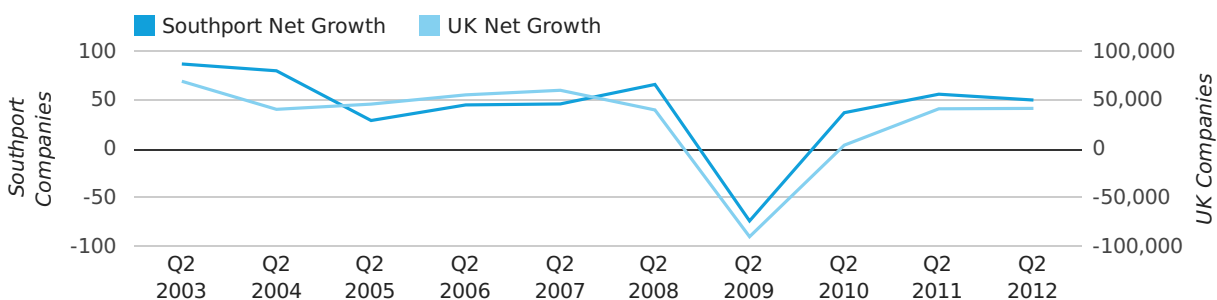
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Southport during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 50 companies.

This represents a decrease of 10.7% on the same period last year.

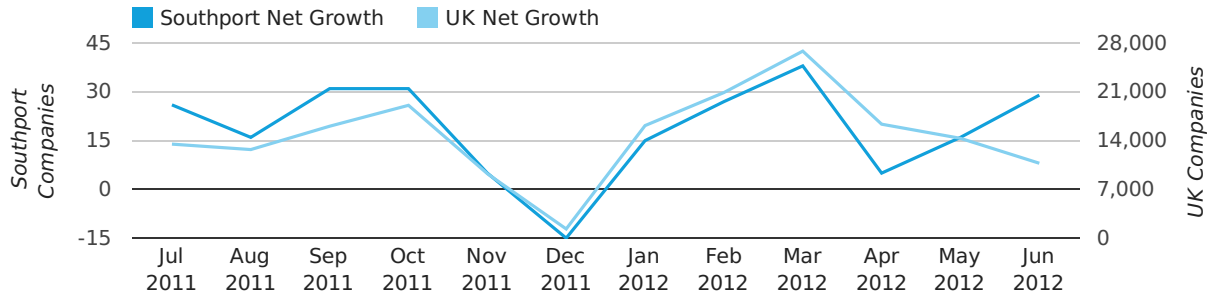
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SOUTHPORT	UK
2012	50	41,442
2011	56	41,020
% CHANGE	-10.7%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (87)	2003 (69,274)

### net growth by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

## net growth by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	5	16	29
NET GROWTH IN 2011	38	15	3
% CHANGE	-86.8%	6.7%	866.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (38)	2004 (30)	2008 (38)

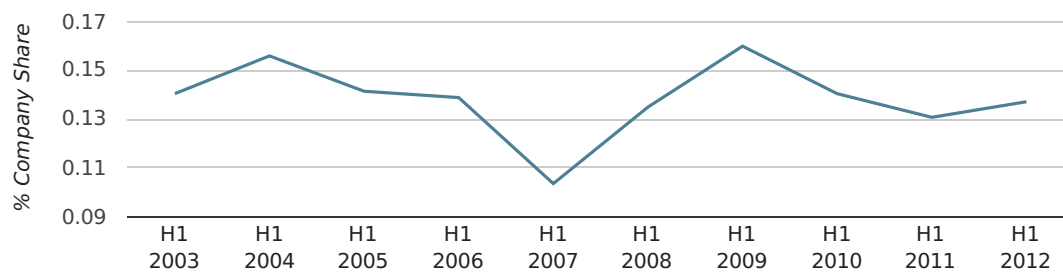


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SOUTHPORT
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1976 (0.3%)

#### company share by half year

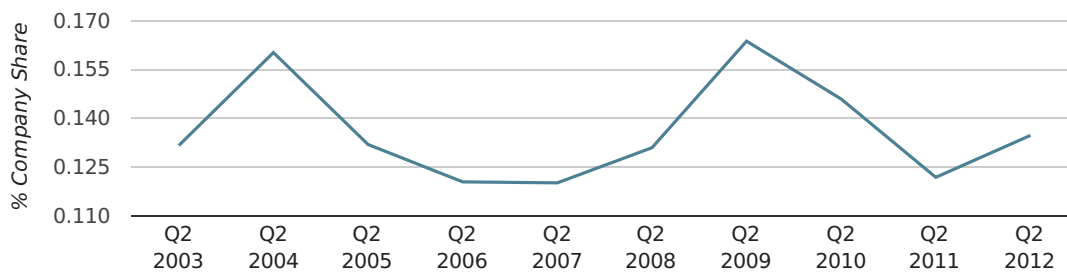


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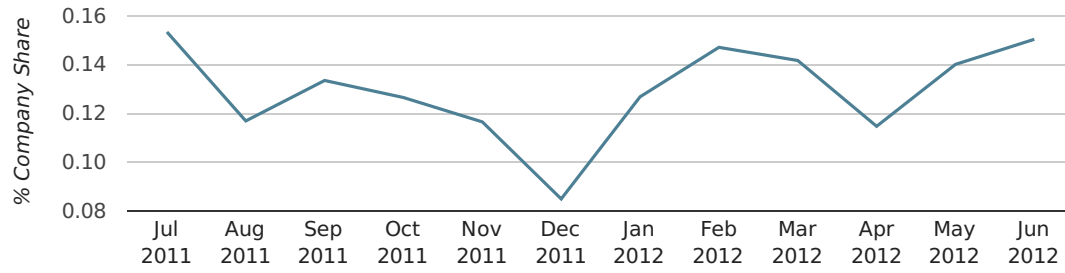
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RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1976 (0.3%)

#### 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	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-22.4%	4.8%	70.8%
RECORD YEAR	1976 (0.5%)	1969 (0.4%)	1974 (0.8%)

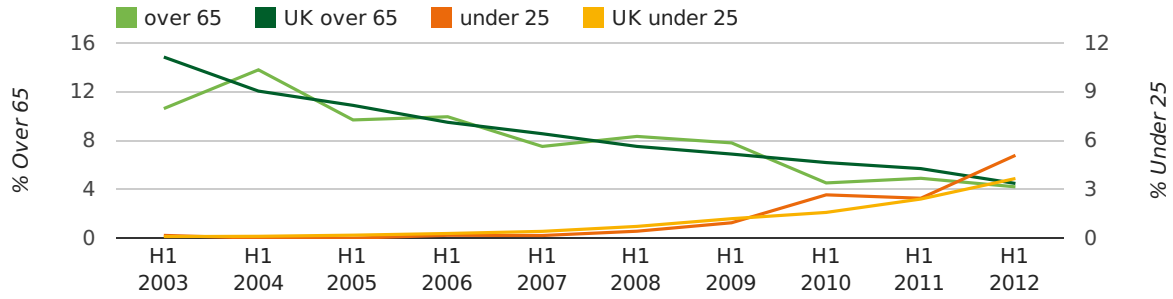
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 44.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

#### director age by half year



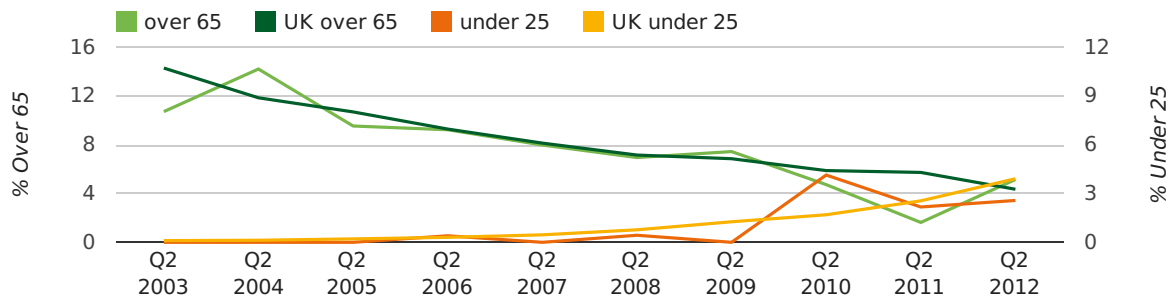
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

#### director age by quarter

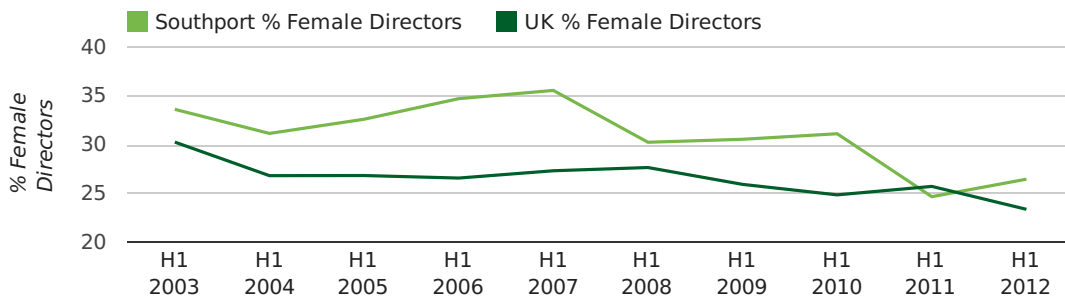


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

26.5% of all director appointments in Southport 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

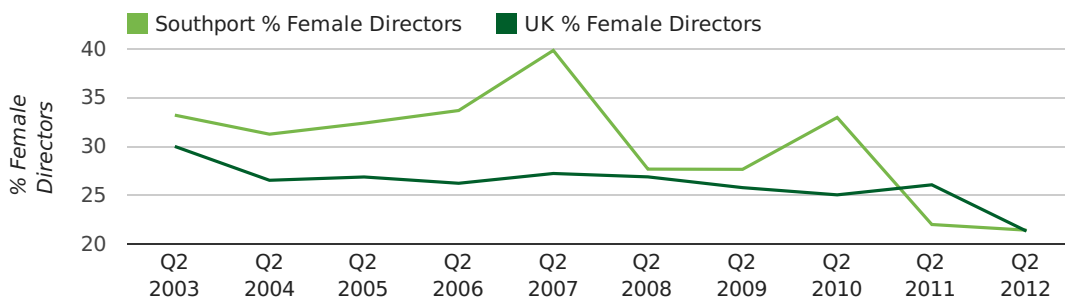


### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

21.4% of all director appointments in Southport 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, &amp;, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	1.53%	CONSULTING	5.07%
SOUTHPORT	1.53%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
PROPERTY	0.95%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CARE	0.95%	PROPERTY	2.35%
BUILDING	0.86%	TRADING	2.10%
HOUSE	0.86%	DESIGN	1.89%
CONSULTANCY	0.86%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
M	0.76%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
S	0.76%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
ASSOCIATES	0.67%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
TRAINING	0.67%	BUSINESS	1.70%
CONSULTING	0.67%	MEDIA	1.69%
J	0.57%	LONDON	1.68%
(SOUTHPORT)	0.57%	J	1.57%
(NW)	0.57%	GLOBAL	1.51%
NEWS	0.57%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CO	0.57%	IT	1.42%
MAINTENANCE	0.57%	CARE	1.31%
MEDIA	0.57%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
WORLD	0.57%	M	1.26%
HOME	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
R	0.48%	BUILDING	1.23%
D	0.48%	SECURITY	1.19%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.48%	S	1.18%
ELECTRICAL	0.48%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

## Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	309	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	56	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	44	26,088
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	34	35,447
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	26	20,390
9305 - Other service activities	16	7,926
9999 - Dormant Company	16	16,469
86210 - General medical practice activities	15	2,657
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	13	14,220
7414 - Business & management consultancy	13	10,978
5530 - Restaurants	12	4,037
5540 - Bars	11	1,709
8512 - Medical practice activities	10	1,960
41100 - Development of building projects	10	5,149
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	10	4,535
43210 - Electrical installation	9	3,557
98000 - Residents property management	9	3,001
74990 - Non-trading company	9	9,706
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	9	10,271
56101 - Licenced restaurants	8	2,540