

St Albans

2011 half year business confidence report



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

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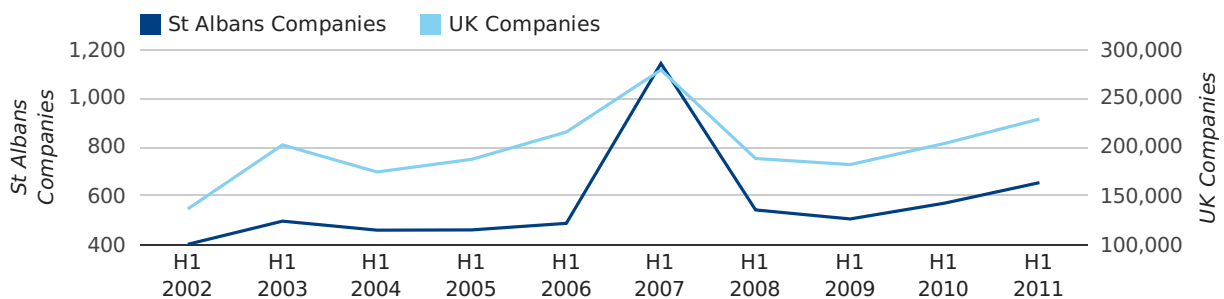
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 654 companies were formed in St Albans. This figure is 14.7% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in St Albans occurred in 2007 when a total of 1,143 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ST ALBANS	UK
2011	654	228,735
2010	570	203,749
% CHANGE	14.7%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,143)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



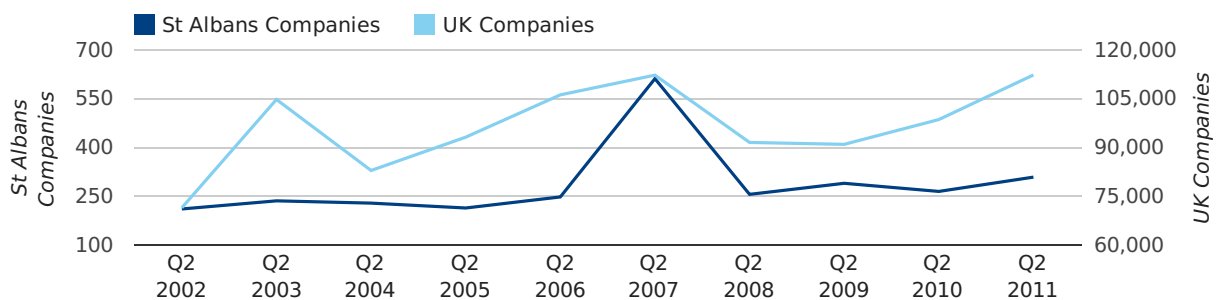
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 309 companies were registered in St Albans during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 16.6% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well 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)	ST ALBANS	UK
2011	309	112,344
2010	265	98,612
% CHANGE	16.6%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (612)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	93	89	127
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	78	81	106
% CHANGE	19.2%	9.9%	19.8%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (406)	2009 (94)	2011 (127)

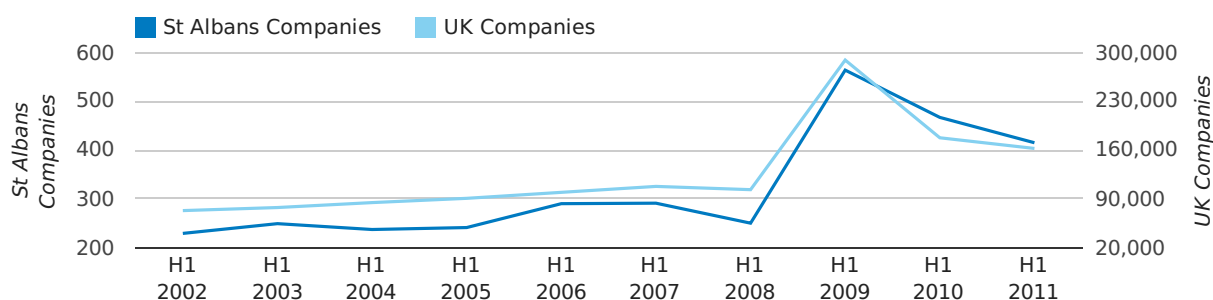
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 415 companies were dissolved in St Albans. This figure is 11.1% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in St Albans occurred in 2009 when a total of 564 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ST ALBANS	UK
2011	415	162,310
2010	467	177,631
% CHANGE	-11.1%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (564)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



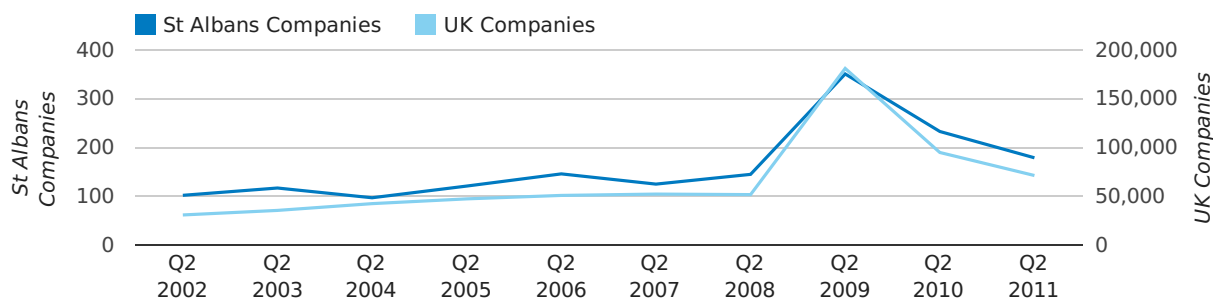
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 179 companies were dissolved in St Albans during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 23.2% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

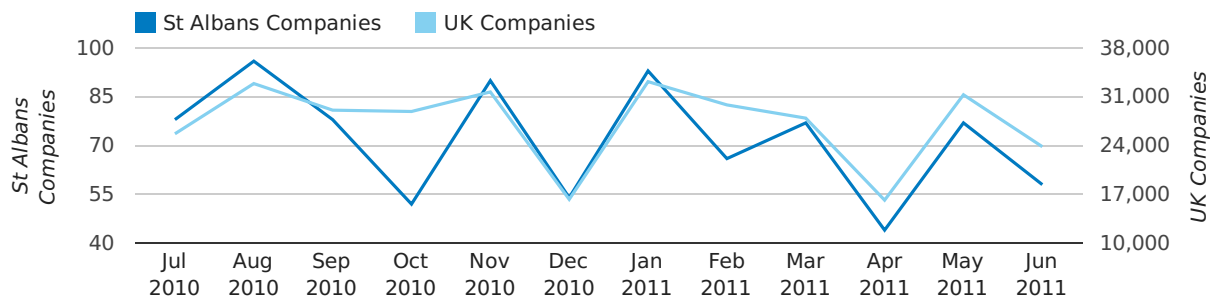
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	ST ALBANS	UK
2011	179	71,324
2010	233	94,954
% CHANGE	-23.2%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (351)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



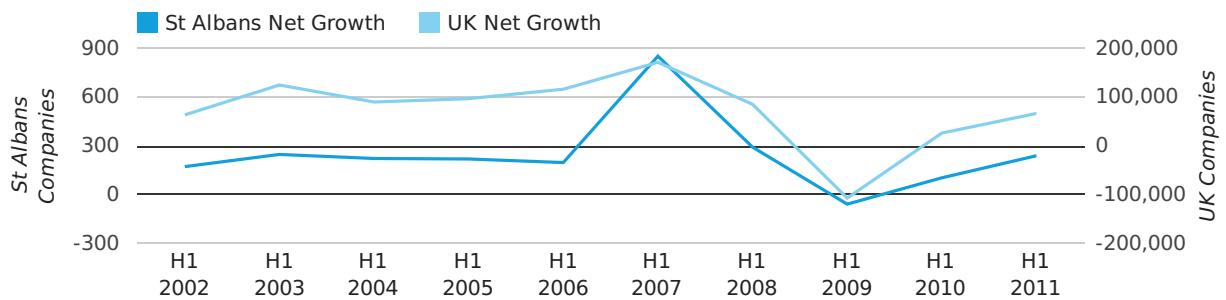
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	44	77	58
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	49	95	89
% CHANGE	-10.2%	-18.9%	-35%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (89)	2009 (167)	2009 (95)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for St Albans increased by 239 companies. This figure is 132.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ST ALBANS	UK
2011	239	66,425
2010	103	26,118
% CHANGE	132.0%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (852)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



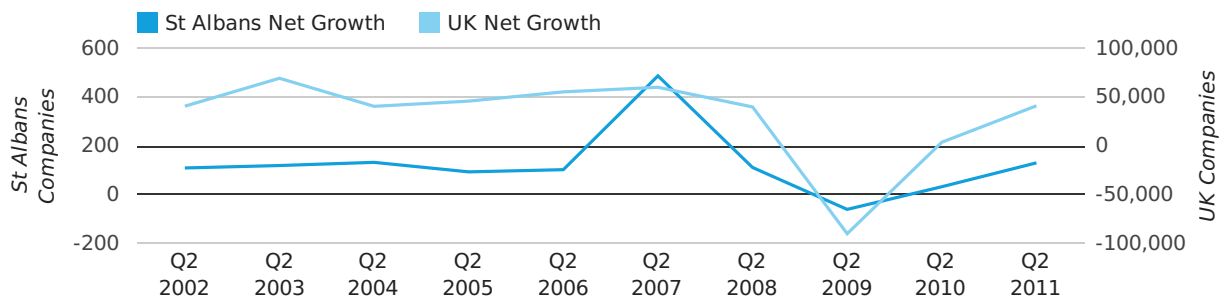
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for St Albans during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 130 companies.

This represents an increase of 306.3% on the same period last year.

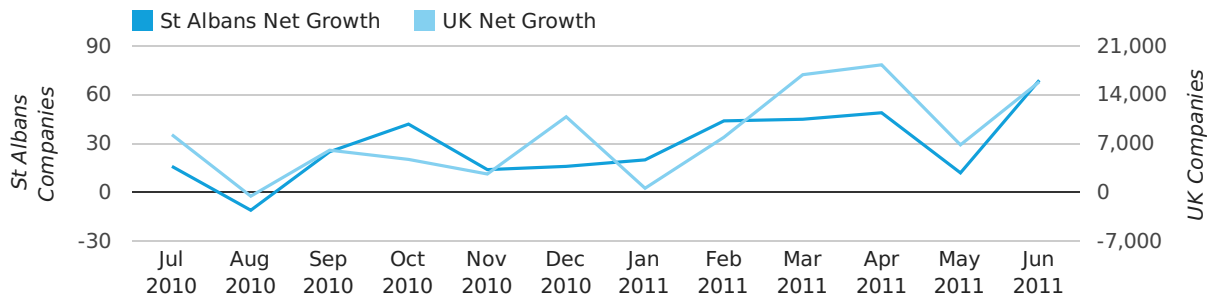
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	ST ALBANS	UK
2011	130	41,020
2010	32	3,658
% CHANGE	306.3%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (487)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



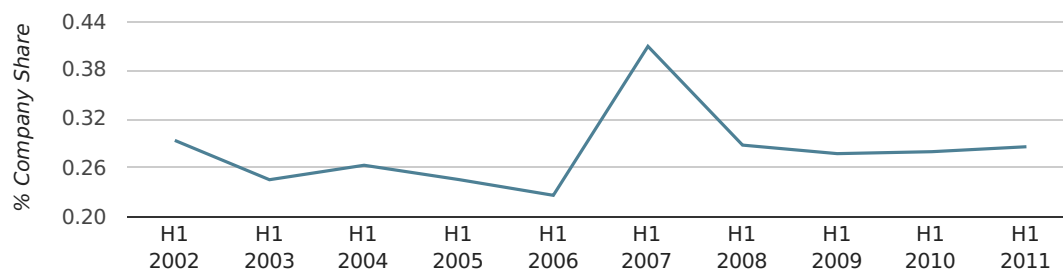
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	49	12	69
NET GROWTH IN 2010	29	-14	17
% CHANGE	69.0%	-185.7%	305.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (370)	2003 (50)	2007 (72)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 St Albans formed 0.3% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ST ALBANS
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.7%)

company share by half year

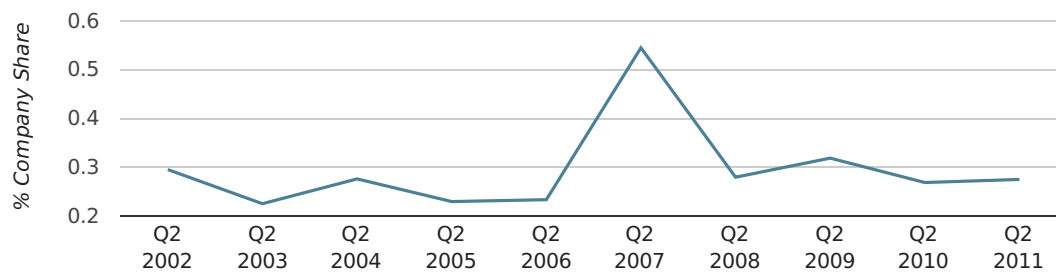


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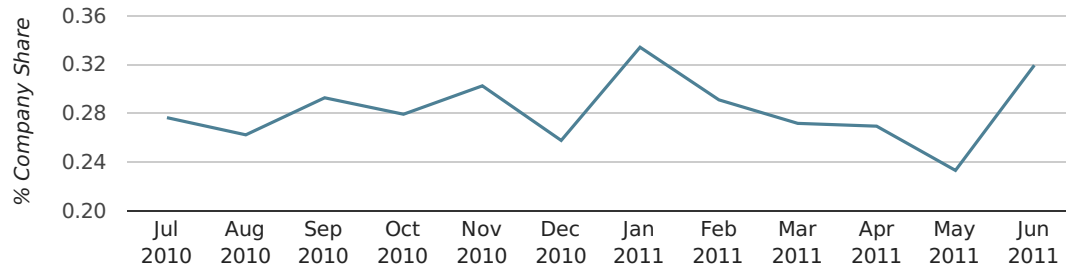
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	ST ALBANS
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.8%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
% CHANGE	15.4%	-13.5%	6.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1.0%)	1967 (0.8%)	1967 (1.1%)

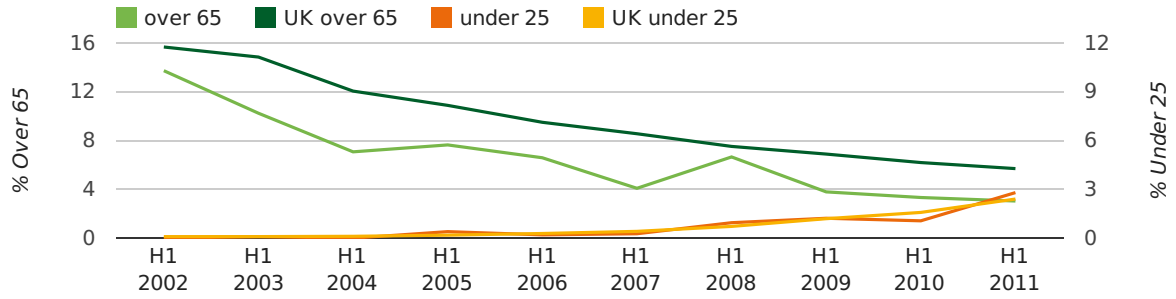
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 43.7.

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The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



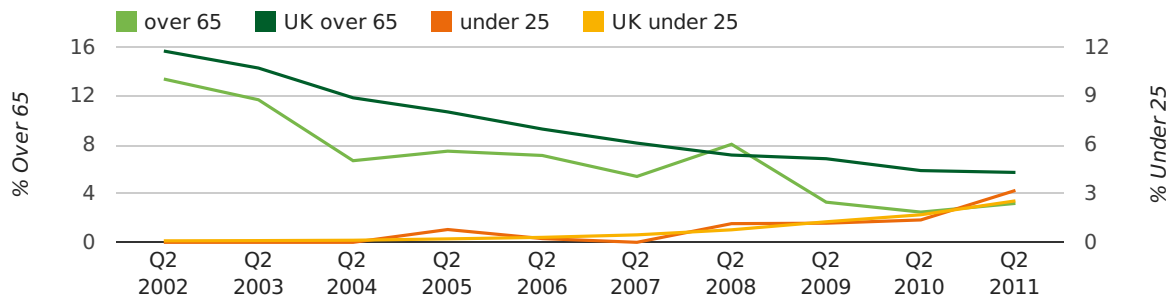
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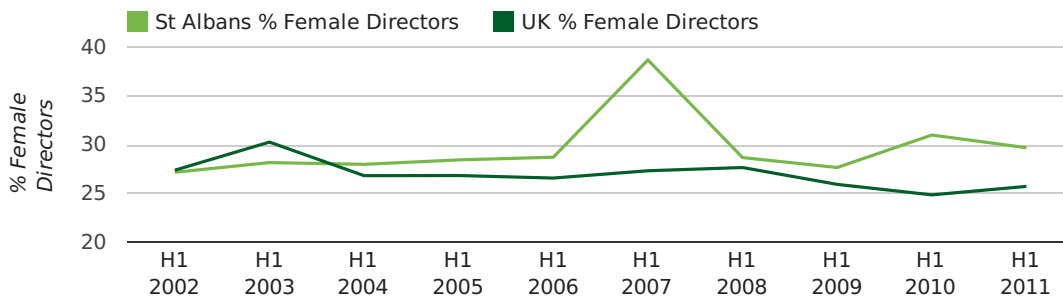


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

29.7% of all director appointments in St Albans 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

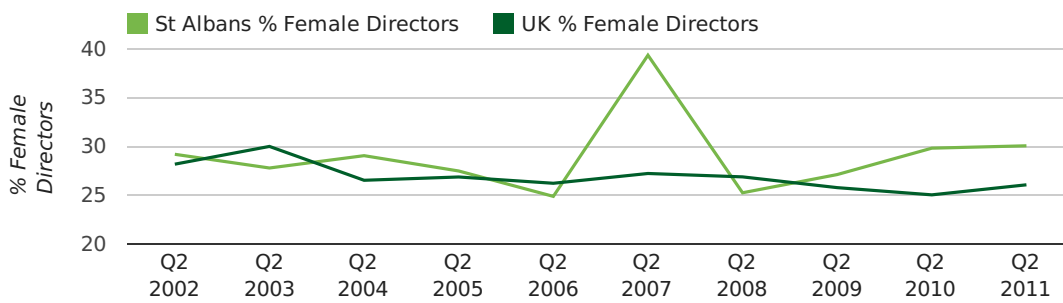


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

30.1% of all director appointments in St Albans 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
MEDICAL	3.31%	CONSULTING	5.09%
CONSULTING	2.54%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
MANAGEMENT	1.65%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
ASSOCIATES	1.05%	PROPERTY	2.43%
CONSULTANCY	0.99%	TRADING	2.05%
CONSTRUCTION	0.88%	DESIGN	1.94%
CONSULTANTS	0.72%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
ALBANS	0.72%	BUSINESS	1.87%
J	0.72%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
ST	0.66%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
DESIGN	0.66%	MEDIA	1.73%
MEDIA	0.66%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
PROPERTY	0.61%	LONDON	1.60%
TRADING	0.61%	GLOBAL	1.46%
LONDON	0.55%	J	1.44%
CARE	0.55%	CARE	1.44%
GMA	0.55%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
SYSTEMS	0.50%	IT	1.39%
R	0.44%	BUILDING	1.32%
BUILDING	0.44%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
BUSINESS	0.44%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
S	0.44%	M	1.27%
D	0.44%	S	1.23%
ALBAN	0.44%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
FILMS	0.44%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	392	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	178	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	125	30,647
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	110	16,419
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	67	7,835
7414 - Business & management consultancy	62	13,053
86101 - Hospital activities	58	1,077
99999 - Dormant Company	54	18,918
8511 - Hospital activities	49	864
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	47	10,545
9999 - Dormant Company	31	20,111
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	29	7,143
7260 - Other computer related activities	29	7,849
7499 - Non-trading company	23	10,955
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	21	5,928
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	20	10,322
62090 - Other information technology service activities	19	7,095
73110 - Advertising agencies	16	1,633
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	16	3,394
74990 - Non-trading company	15	8,481