

Stockport

2011 half year business confidence report



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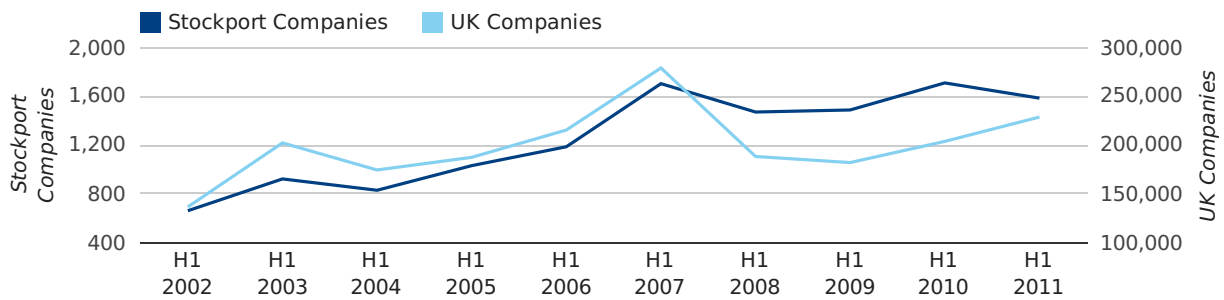
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 1,585 companies were formed in Stockport. This figure is 7.3% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Stockport occurred in 2010 when a total of 1,710 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STOCKPORT	UK
2011	1,585	228,735
2010	1,710	203,749
% CHANGE	-7.3%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (1,710)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



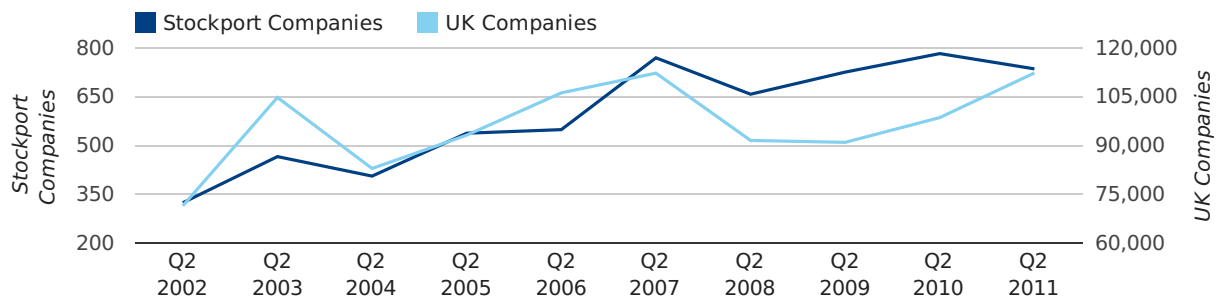
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 736 companies were registered in Stockport during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 6.0% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

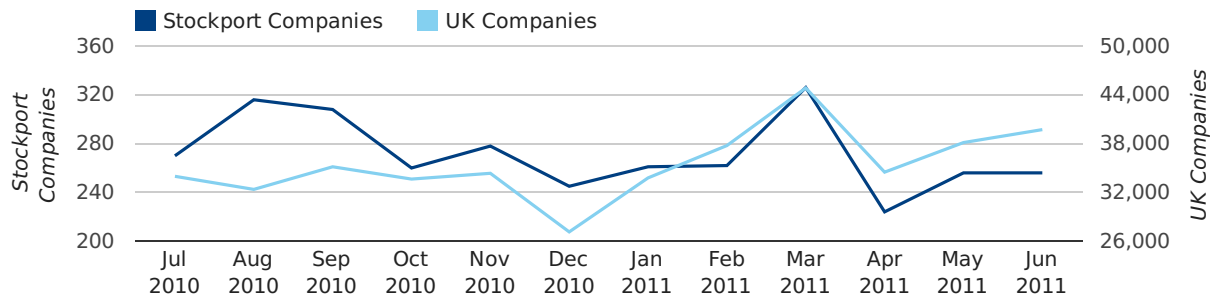
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	STOCKPORT	UK
2011	736	112,344
2010	783	98,612
% CHANGE	-6.0%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (783)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	224	256	256
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	275	251	257
% CHANGE	-18.5%	2.0%	-0.4%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (275)	2007 (278)	2010 (257)

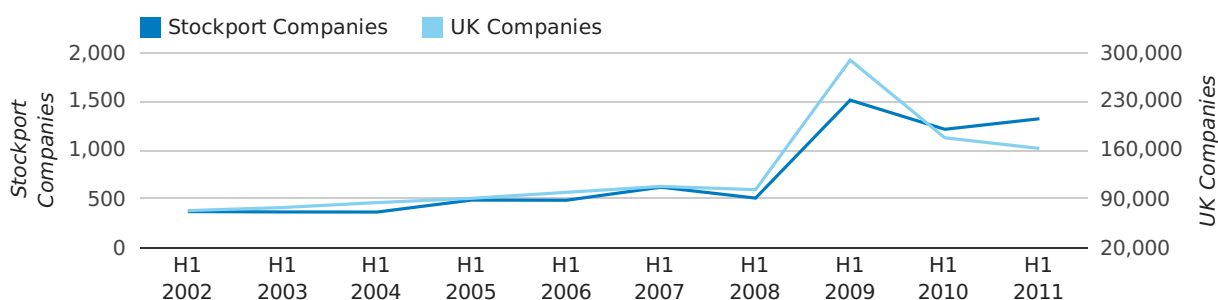
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 1,321 companies were dissolved in Stockport. This figure is 8.9% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Stockport occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,512 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STOCKPORT	UK
2011	1,321	162,310
2010	1,213	177,631
% CHANGE	8.9%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,512)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



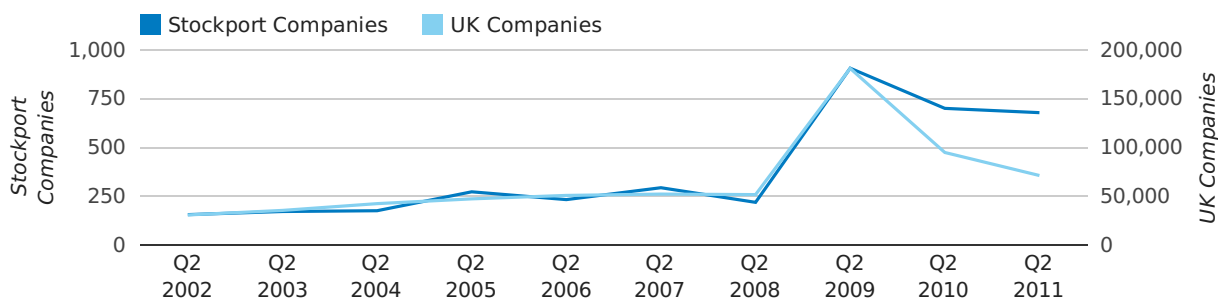
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 679 companies were dissolved in Stockport during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 3.1% 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.

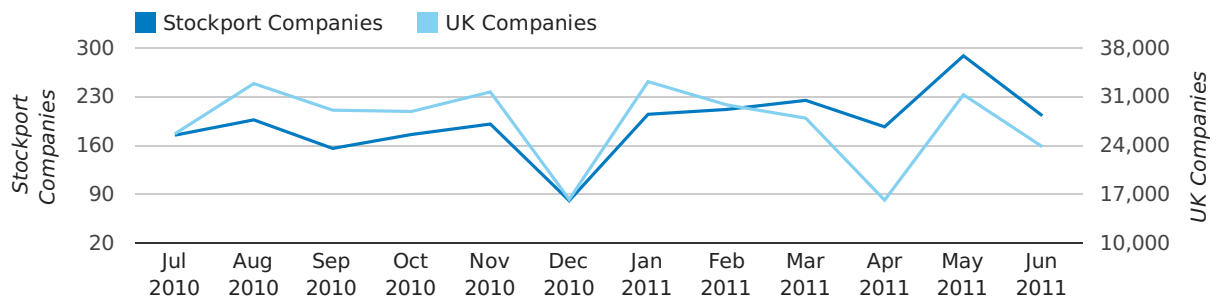
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	STOCKPORT	UK
2011	679	71,324
2010	701	94,954
% CHANGE	-3.1%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (907)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



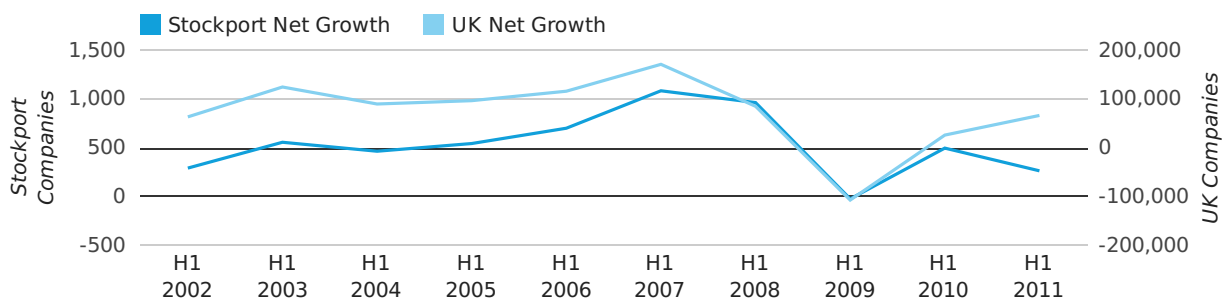
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	187	289	203
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	182	259	260
% CHANGE	2.7%	11.6%	-22%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (250)	2009 (394)	2009 (263)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Stockport increased by 264 companies. This figure is 46.9% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STOCKPORT	UK
2011	264	66,425
2010	497	26,118
% CHANGE	-46.9%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,085)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



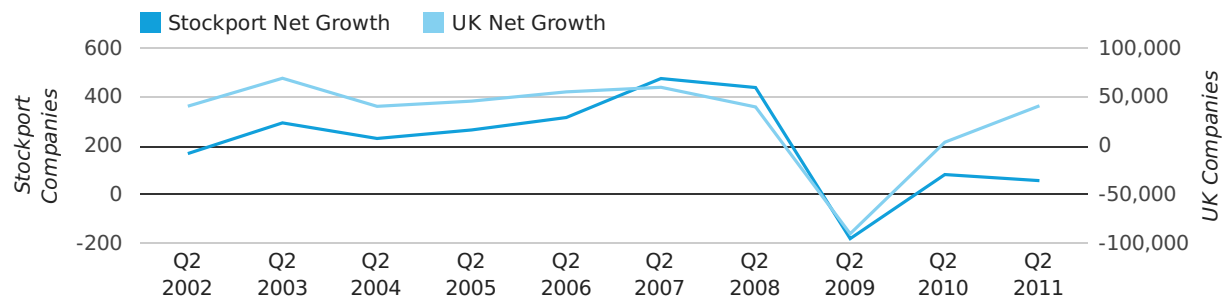
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Stockport during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 57 companies.

This represents a decrease of 30.5% on the same period last year.

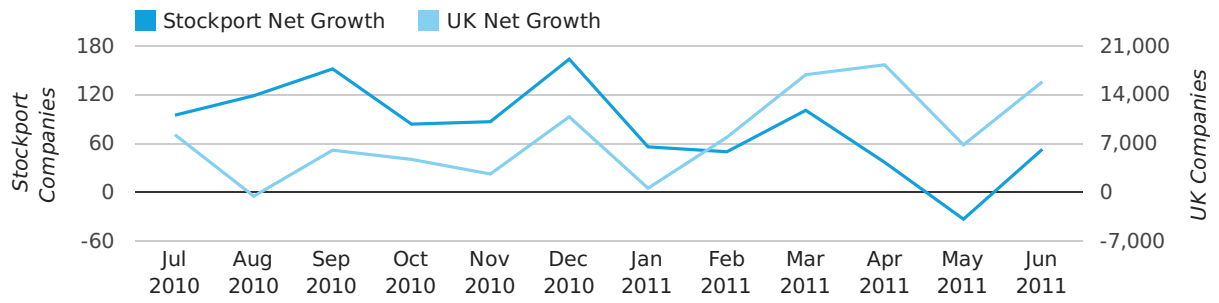
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	STOCKPORT	UK
2011	57	41,020
2010	82	3,658
% CHANGE	-30.5%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (476)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



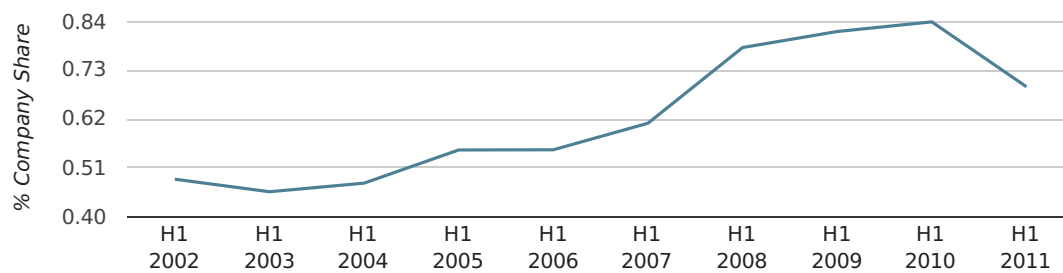
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	37	-33	53
NET GROWTH IN 2010	93	-8	-3
% CHANGE	-60.2%	312.5%	-1,866.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (183)	2007 (152)	2008 (207)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Stockport formed 0.7% of all UK companies. This is less than the 2010 figure of 0.8%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STOCKPORT
2011	0.7%
2010	0.8%
2009	0.8%
2008	0.8%
2007	0.6%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2010 (0.8%)

company share by half year

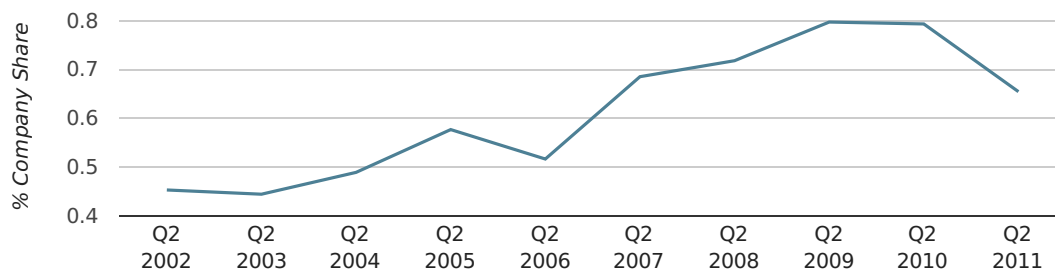


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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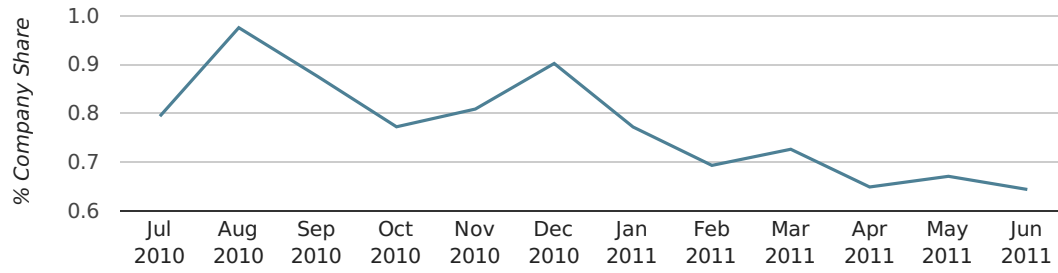
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	STOCKPORT
2011	0.7%
2010	0.8%
2009	0.8%
2008	0.7%
2007	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2009 (0.8%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%
% CHANGE	-21.2%	-19.7%	-11.8%
RECORD YEAR	1970 (0.9%)	1963 (1.0%)	2009 (0.8%)

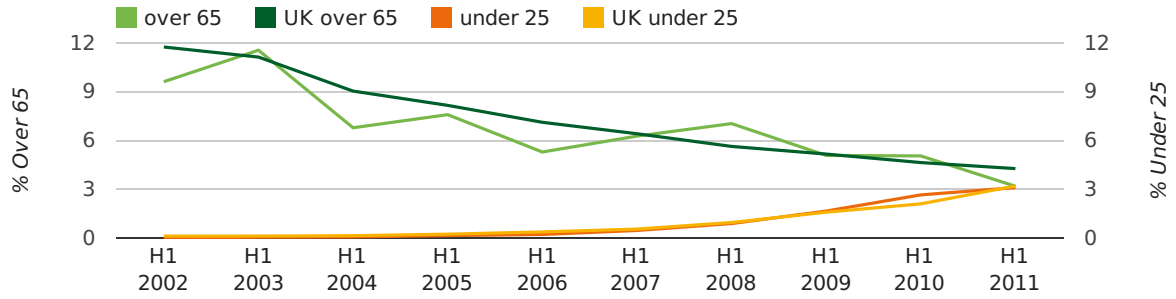
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 44.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



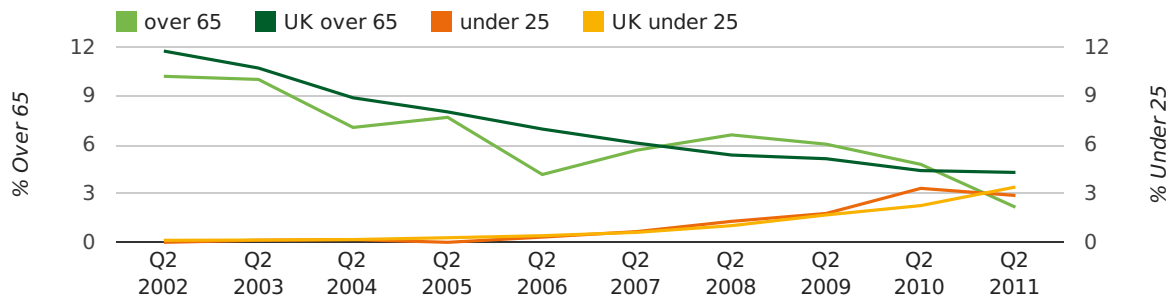
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 44.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

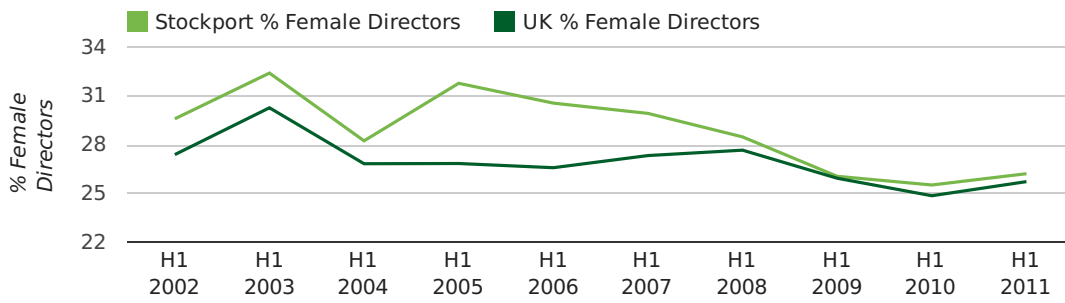


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

26.2% of all director appointments in Stockport 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

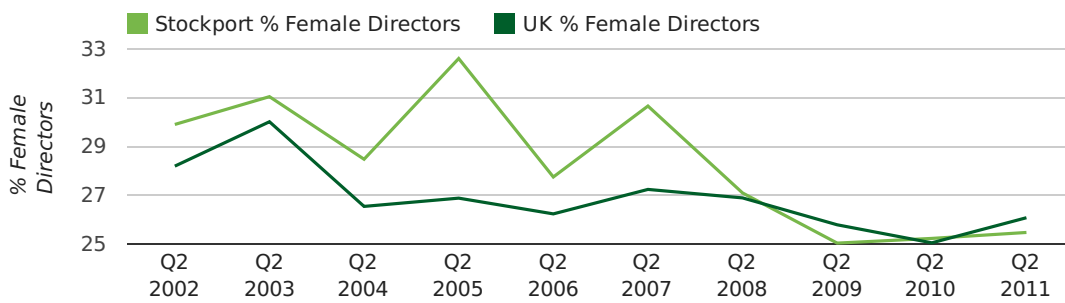


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

25.5% of all director appointments in Stockport 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
NORWAY	3.92%	CONSULTING	5.09%
OG	2.24%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
CONSULTING	2.17%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
INVEST	1.41%	PROPERTY	2.43%
SERVICE	1.14%	TRADING	2.05%
MANAGEMENT	1.12%	DESIGN	1.94%
MEDIA	0.98%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
BYGG	0.80%	BUSINESS	1.87%
DESIGN	0.80%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
TRANSPORT	0.78%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
BUSINESS	0.59%	MEDIA	1.73%
ENGINEERING	0.55%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
CONSULTANCY	0.55%	LONDON	1.60%
CONSULT	0.52%	GLOBAL	1.46%
MARKETING	0.50%	J	1.44%
CHESHIRE	0.50%	CARE	1.44%
TRADING	0.48%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
CONSTRUCTION	0.46%	IT	1.39%
PROPERTY	0.46%	BUILDING	1.32%
IMPORT	0.43%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ASSOCIATES	0.43%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
STOCKPORT	0.43%	M	1.27%
GLOBAL	0.43%	S	1.23%
NORGE	0.43%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
SECURITY	0.39%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,618	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	1,527	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	1,223	30,647
9999 - Dormant Company	121	20,111
99999 - Dormant Company	94	18,918
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	67	16,419
7414 - Business & management consultancy	57	13,053
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	52	10,322
74990 - Non-trading company	51	8,481
9305 - Other service activities	43	9,063
7499 - Non-trading company	42	10,955
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	42	10,545
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	40	7,835
7260 - Other computer related activities	33	7,849
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	29	5,928
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	25	7,143
41100 - Development of building projects	25	3,852
64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified	23	2,739
5530 - Restaurants	23	5,086
62090 - Other information technology service activities	20	7,095