

Stourbridge

2011 half year business confidence report



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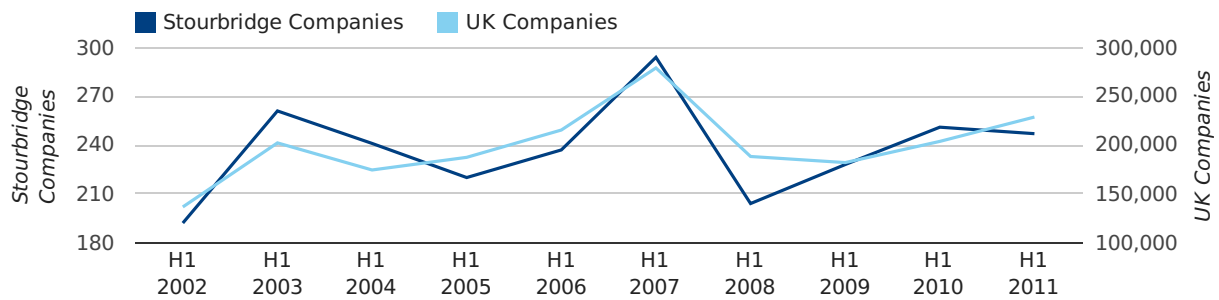
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 247 companies were formed in Stourbridge. This figure is 1.6% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Stourbridge occurred in 2007 when a total of 294 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2011	247	228,735
2010	251	203,749
% CHANGE	-1.6%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (294)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



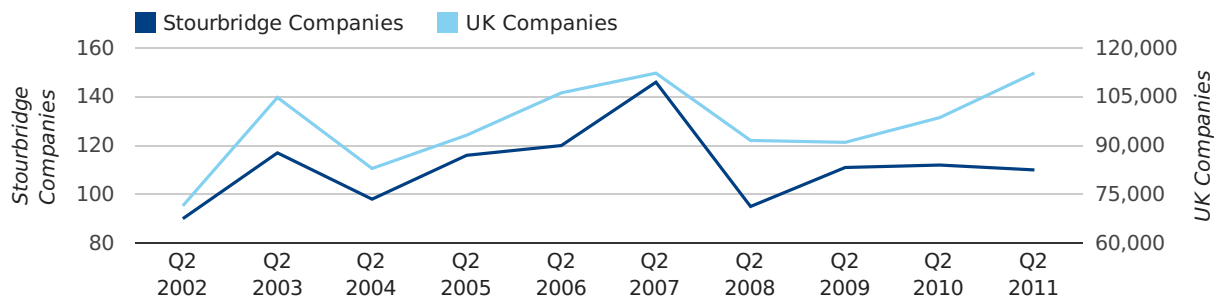
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 110 companies were registered in Stourbridge during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 1.8% 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)	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2011	110	112,344
2010	112	98,612
% CHANGE	-1.8%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (146)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	32	40	38
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	31	42	39
% CHANGE	3.2%	-4.8%	-2.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (51)	2007 (48)	2006 (51)

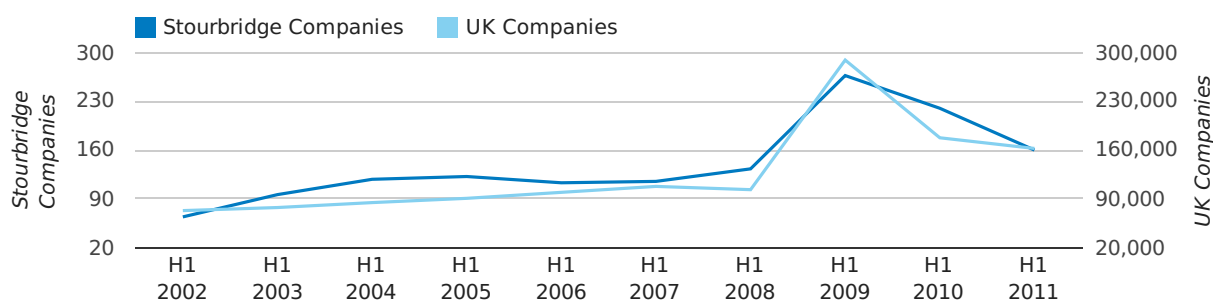
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 160 companies were dissolved in Stourbridge. This figure is 27.3% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Stourbridge occurred in 2009 when a total of 267 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2011	160	162,310
2010	220	177,631
% CHANGE	-27.3%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (267)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



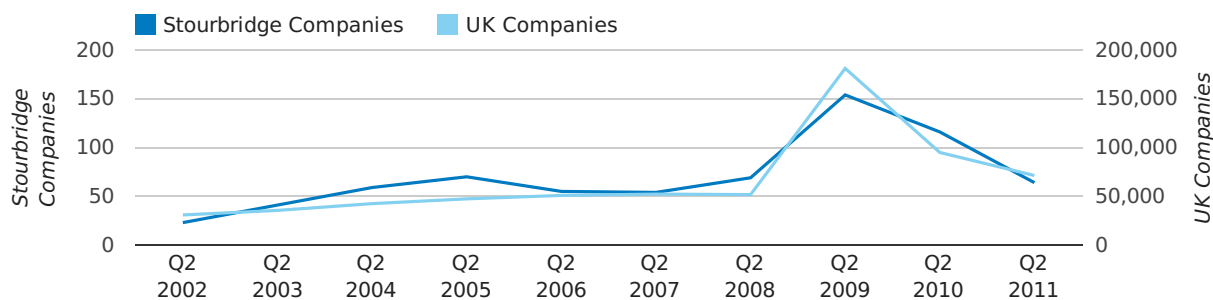
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 64 companies were dissolved in Stourbridge during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 44.8% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

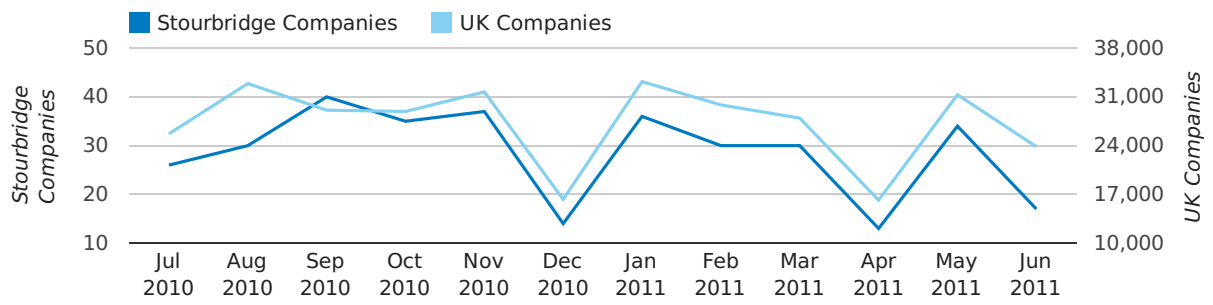
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2011	64	71,324
2010	116	94,954
% CHANGE	-44.8%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (154)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



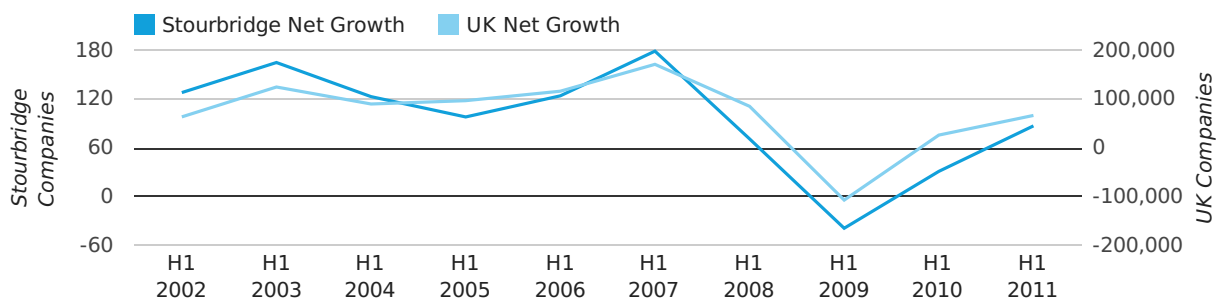
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	13	34	17
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	24	49	43
% CHANGE	-45.8%	-30.6%	-60%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (46)	2009 (63)	2009 (45)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Stourbridge increased by 87 companies. This figure is 180.6% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2011	87	66,425
2010	31	26,118
% CHANGE	180.6%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (179)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



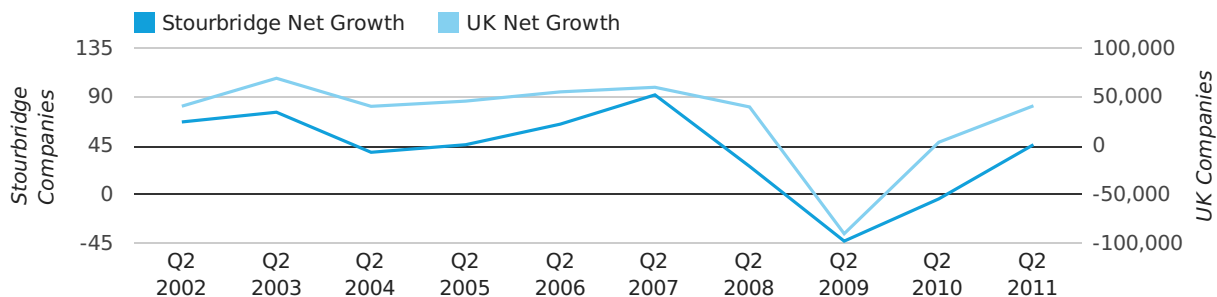
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Stourbridge during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 46 companies.

This represents an increase of 1,250.0% on the same period last year.

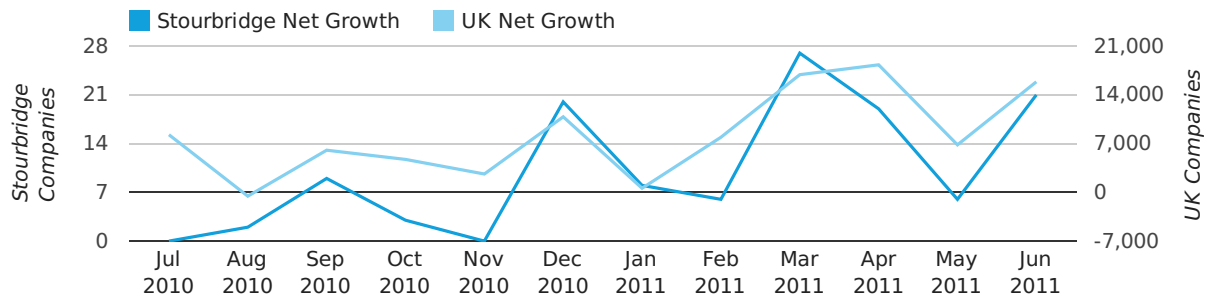
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2011	46	41,020
2010	-4	3,658
% CHANGE	-1,250.0%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (92)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



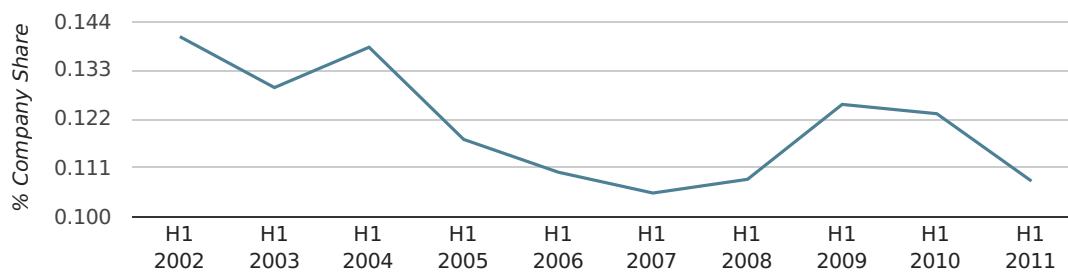
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	19	6	21
NET GROWTH IN 2010	7	-7	-4
% CHANGE	171.4%	-185.7%	-625.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (33)	2007 (37)	2006 (26)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Stourbridge formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STOURBRIDGE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (0.2%)

company share by half year

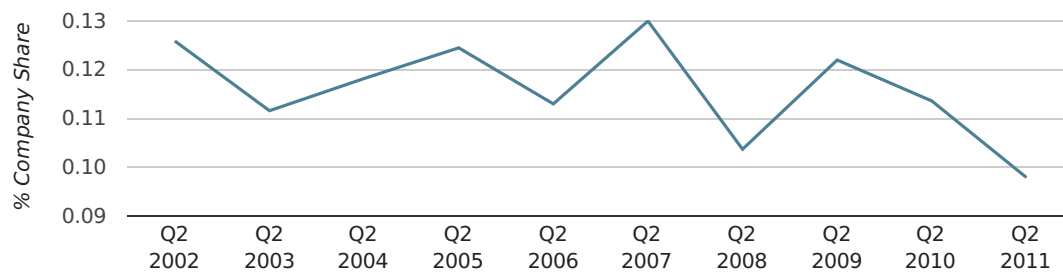


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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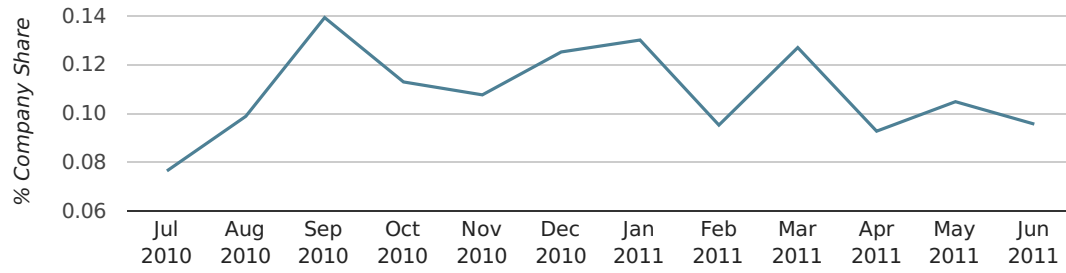
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	STOURBRIDGE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1973 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-0.1%	-25.0%	-13.6%
RECORD YEAR	1971 (0.5%)	1976 (0.4%)	1973 (0.5%)

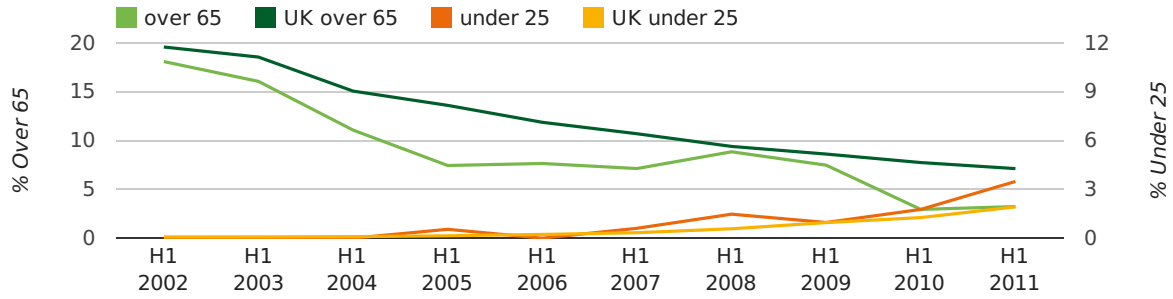
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 44.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.5% 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



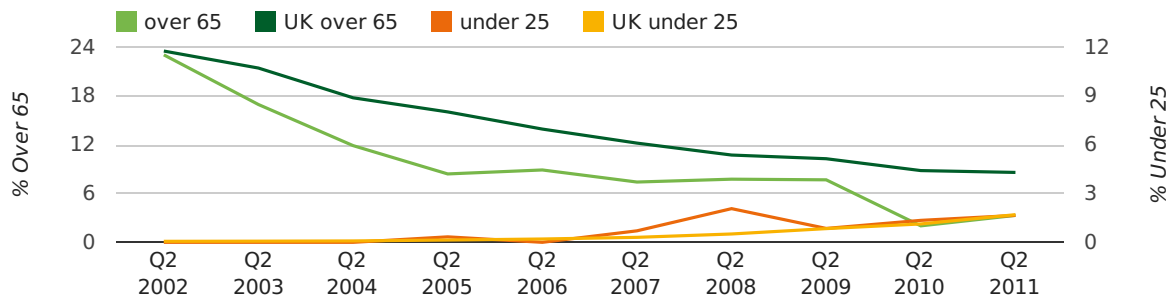
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 44.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

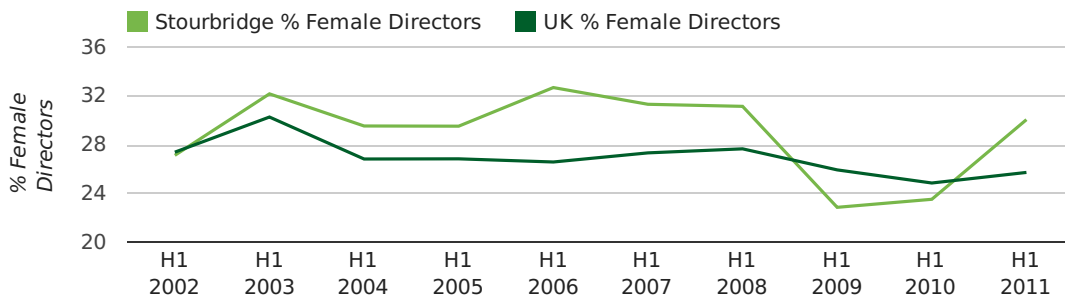


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

30.1% of all director appointments in Stourbridge 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

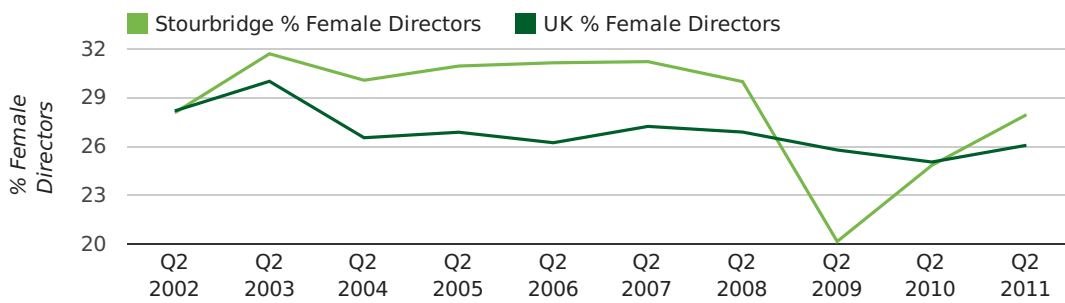


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

28.0% of all director appointments in Stourbridge 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
MANAGEMENT	1.94%	CONSULTING	5.09%
CONSULTING	1.09%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
PROPERTY	0.85%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
CONSTRUCTION	0.85%	PROPERTY	2.43%
J	0.85%	TRADING	2.05%
STOURBRIDGE	0.73%	DESIGN	1.94%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.73%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
FINANCIAL	0.73%	BUSINESS	1.87%
(MIDLANDS)	0.73%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
CARE	0.73%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
RIVERS	0.73%	MEDIA	1.73%
CO	0.61%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
MIDLANDS	0.61%	LONDON	1.60%
ASSOCIATES	0.61%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CONSULTANCY	0.61%	J	1.44%
FIVE	0.61%	CARE	1.44%
IT	0.61%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
TAYLOR	0.61%	IT	1.39%
S	0.48%	BUILDING	1.32%
SYSTEMS	0.48%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
R	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
SOLAR	0.48%	M	1.27%
D	0.48%	S	1.23%
TRAINING	0.48%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
ENTERPRISES	0.48%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	212	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	82	60,758
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	31	7,835
9999 - Dormant Company	25	20,111
7499 - Non-trading company	22	10,955
74990 - Non-trading company	22	8,481
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	21	30,647
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	15	16,419
99999 - Dormant Company	12	18,918
7414 - Business & management consultancy	11	13,053
6024 - Freight transport by road	10	2,316
32990 - Other manufacturing not elsewhere classified	9	1,427
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	8	10,545
41100 - Development of building projects	8	3,852
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	7	10,322
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	7	5,928
43210 - Electrical installation	7	3,085
9305 - Other service activities	7	9,063
41202 - Construction of domestic buildings	6	2,238
96020 - Hairdressing and other beauty treatment	6	2,091