

Taunton

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

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

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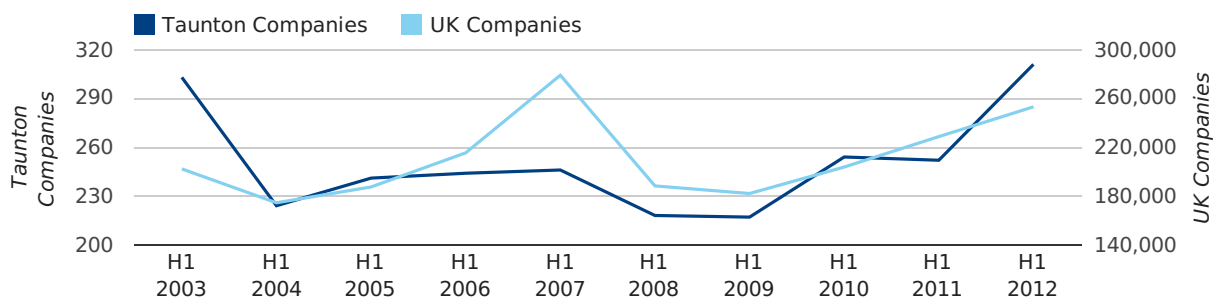
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Taunton when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 311 companies were formed in Taunton. This figure is 23.4% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Taunton occurred in 2012 when a total of 311 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	TAUNTON	UK
2012	311	253,150
2011	252	228,735
% CHANGE	23.4%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (311)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

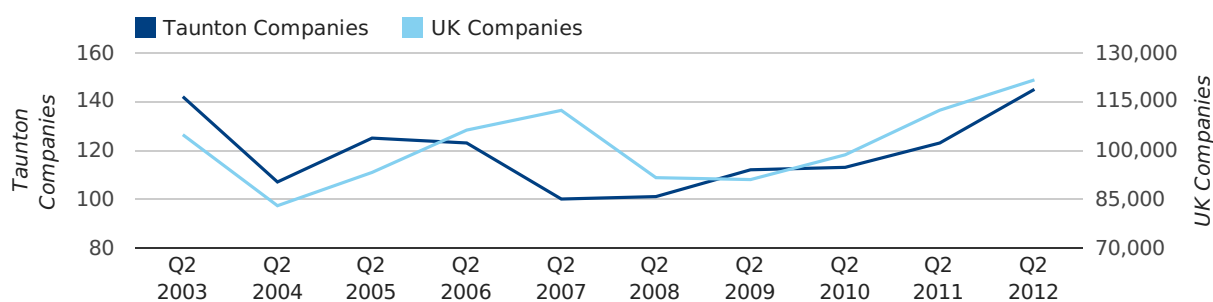
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Taunton when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 145 companies were registered in Taunton during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 17.9% 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)	TAUNTON	UK
2012	145	121,659
2011	123	112,344
% CHANGE	17.9%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (145)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter

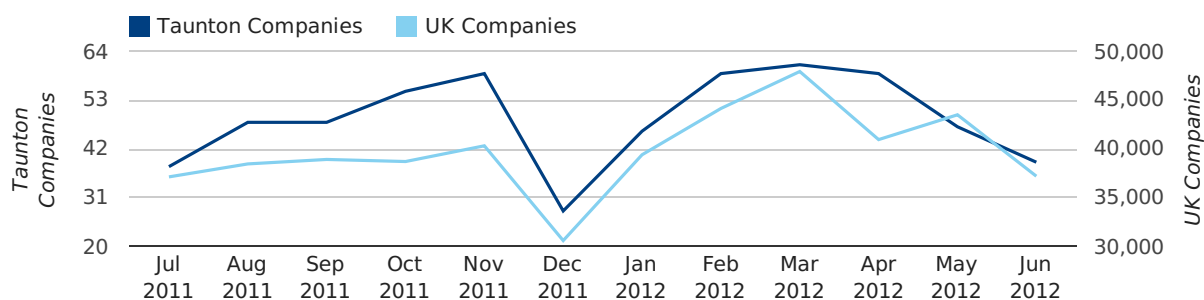


Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	59	47	39
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	52	36	35
% CHANGE	13.5%	30.6%	11.4%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (59)	2003 (47)	2010 (48)

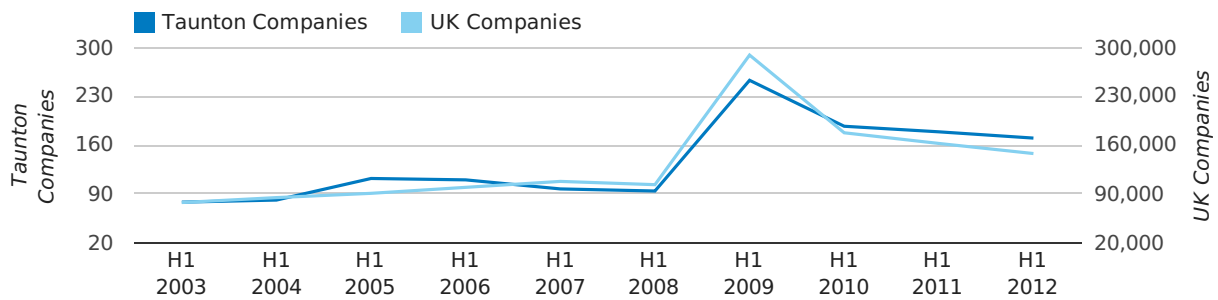
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 170 companies were dissolved in Taunton. This figure is 5.0% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Taunton occurred in 2009 when a total of 253 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	TAUNTON	UK
2012	170	147,793
2011	179	162,310
% CHANGE	-5.0%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (253)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



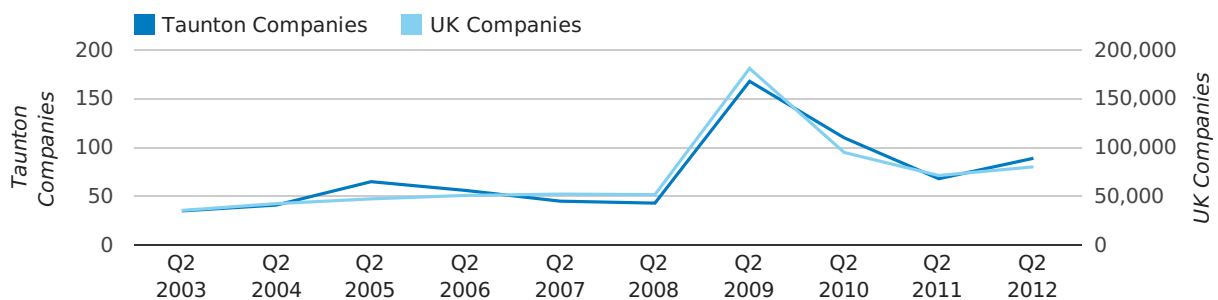
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 89 companies were dissolved in Taunton during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 30.9% 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)	TAUNTON	UK
2012	89	80,217
2011	68	71,324
% CHANGE	30.9%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (168)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



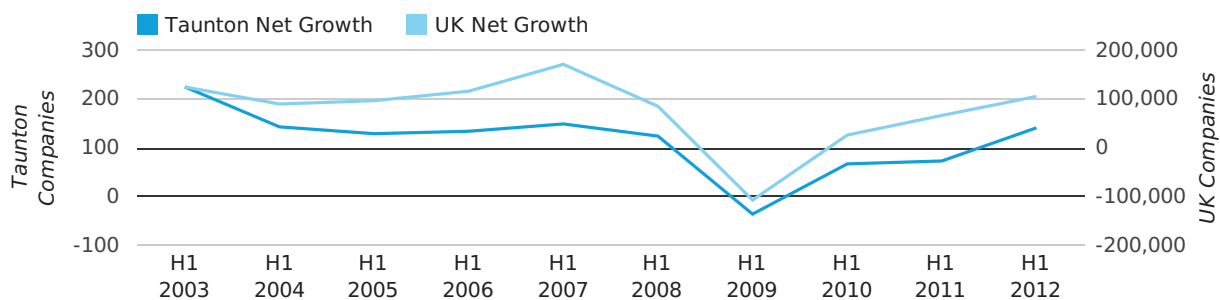
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	28	30	31
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	13	37	18
% CHANGE	115.4%	-18.9%	72%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (39)	2009 (74)	2009 (55)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Taunton increased by 141 companies. This figure is 93.2% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	TAUNTON	UK
2012	141	105,357
2011	73	66,425
% CHANGE	93.2%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (225)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



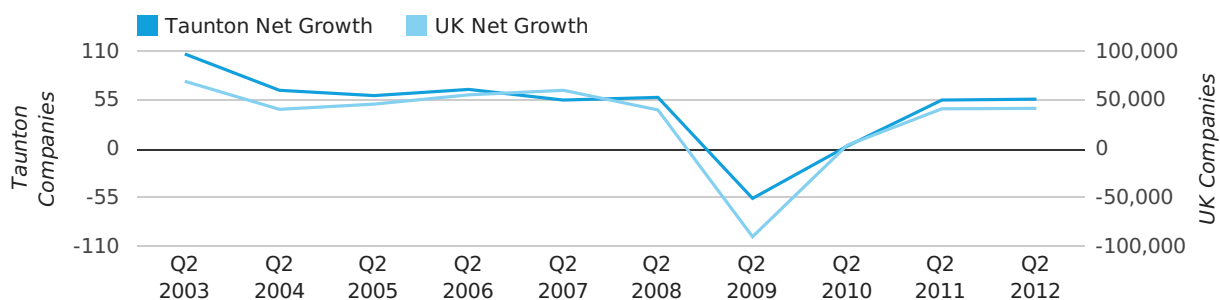
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Taunton during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 56 companies.

This represents an increase of 1.8% on the same period last year.

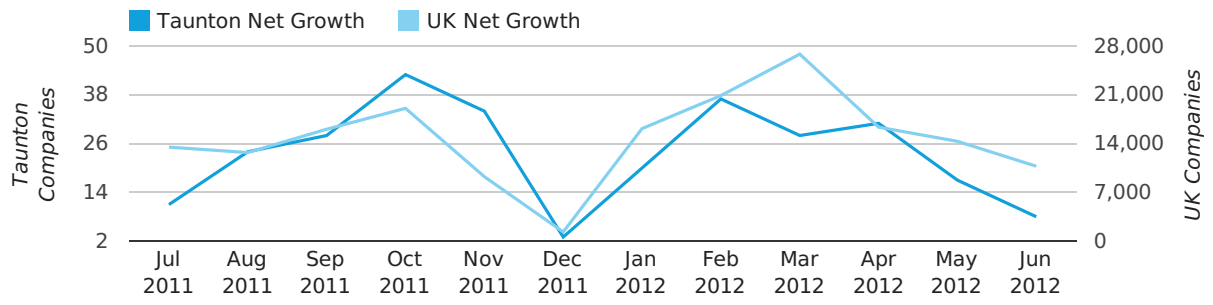
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	TAUNTON	UK
2012	56	41,442
2011	55	41,020
% CHANGE	1.8%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (107)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



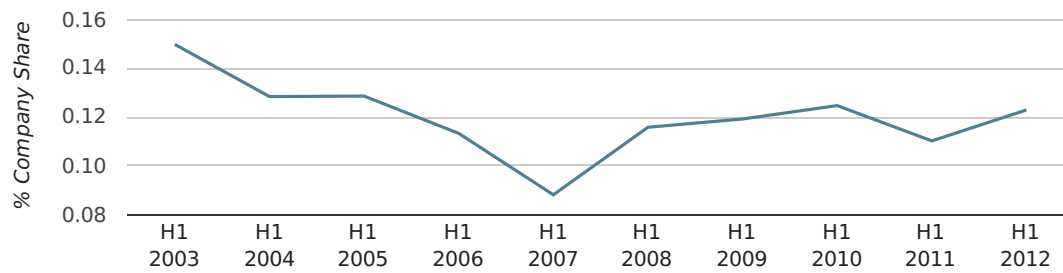
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	31	17	8
NET GROWTH IN 2011	39	-1	17
% CHANGE	-20.5%	-1,800.0%	-52.9%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (46)	2003 (38)	2002 (33)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	TAUNTON
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.2%)

company share by half year

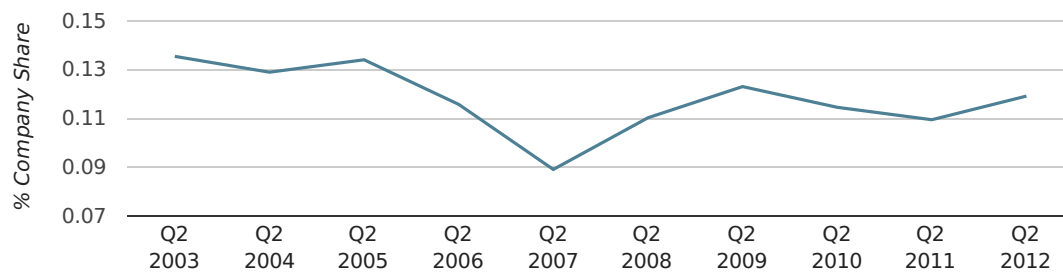


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Taunton formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	TAUNTON
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (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%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-4.4%	14.4%	19.0%
RECORD YEAR	1962 (0.4%)	1966 (0.4%)	1969 (0.4%)

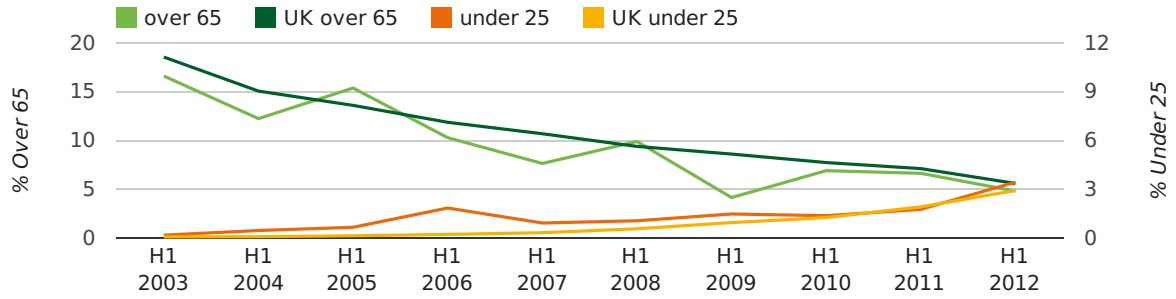
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 46.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



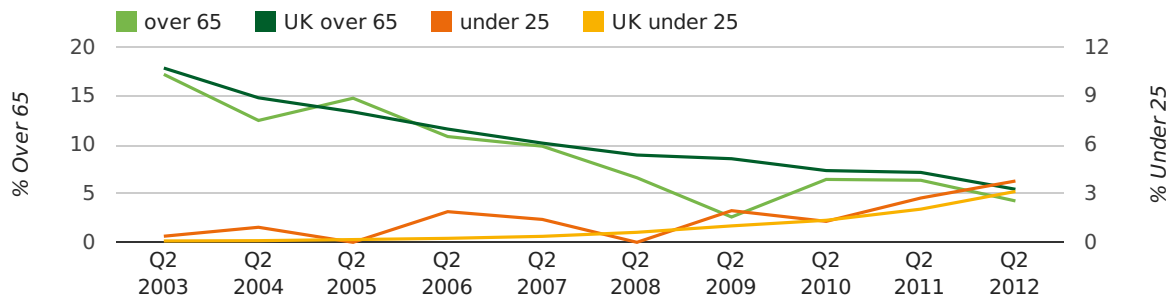
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 44.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

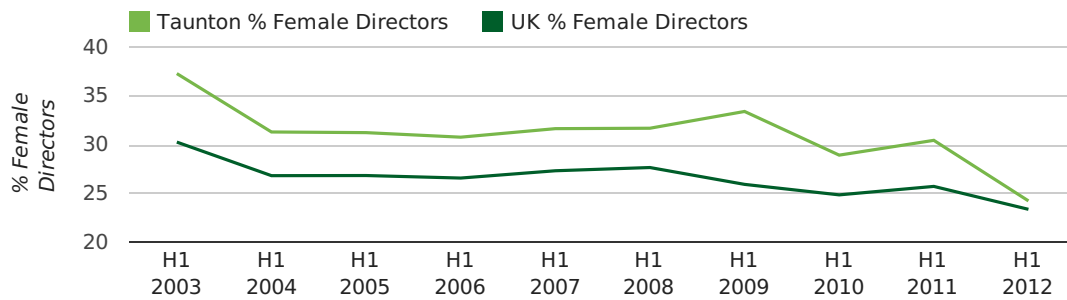


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

24.2% of all director appointments in Taunton 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

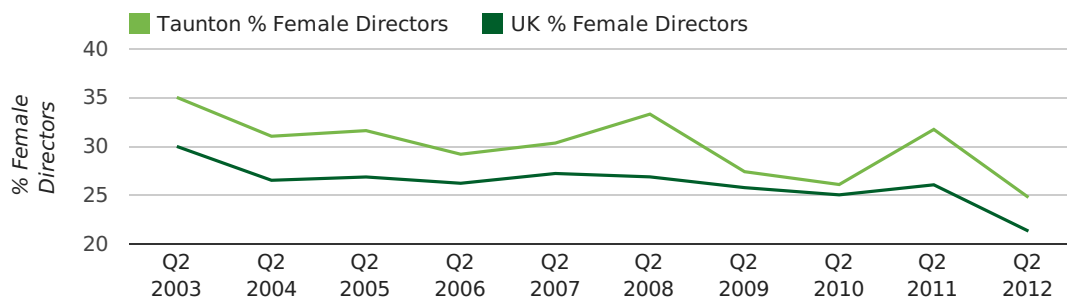


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

24.8% of all director appointments in Taunton 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, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
12	1.83%	CONSULTING	5.07%
TAUNTON	1.25%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.25%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
MANAGEMENT	1.15%	PROPERTY	2.35%
MAR	1.15%	TRADING	2.10%
WEST	0.96%	DESIGN	1.89%
(SOUTH	0.86%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
FEB	0.86%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
WEST)	0.86%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
CARE	0.86%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
HIGHER	0.67%	BUSINESS	1.70%
FARM	0.67%	MEDIA	1.69%
SOUTH	0.67%	LONDON	1.68%
MOORE	0.67%	J	1.57%
CONSULTANTS	0.67%	GLOBAL	1.51%
HOUSE	0.67%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
TRAINING	0.58%	IT	1.42%
CONSULTANCY	0.58%	CARE	1.31%
SCARROTT	0.58%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
SOMERSET	0.58%	M	1.26%
SOUTHWEST	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
CLUB	0.48%	BUILDING	1.23%
PROJECTS	0.48%	SECURITY	1.19%
DESIGN	0.48%	S	1.18%
ENGINEERING	0.48%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	179	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	43	47,029
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	39	20,390
99999 - Dormant Company	27	26,088
9999 - Dormant Company	21	16,469
41100 - Development of building projects	21	5,149
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	19	10,271
7414 - Business & management consultancy	17	10,978
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	17	35,447
9305 - Other service activities	17	7,926
86900 - Other human health activities	15	5,222
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	13	3,365
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	12	4,295
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	10	4,644
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	10	4,535
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	9	14,220
86220 - Specialists medical practice activities	8	2,003
7011 - Development & sell real estate	8	1,921
64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified	8	3,151
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	8	6,356