

Walsall

2012 half year business confidence report



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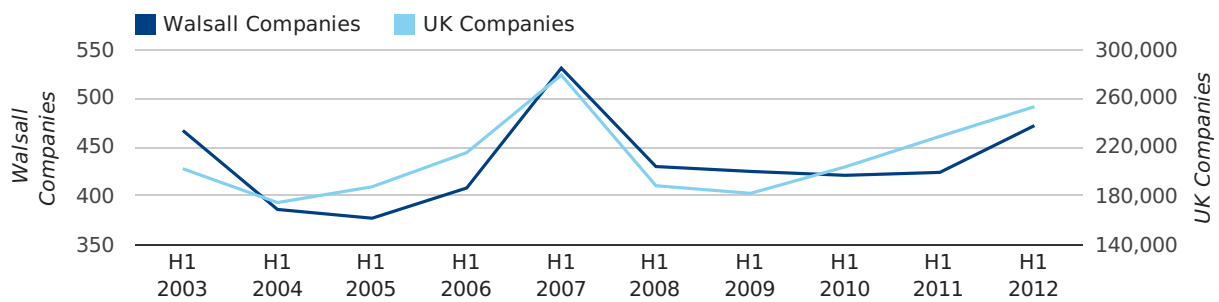
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 472 companies were formed in Walsall. This figure is 11.3% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Walsall occurred in 2007 when a total of 531 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WALSALL	UK
2012	472	253,150
2011	424	228,735
% CHANGE	11.3%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (531)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



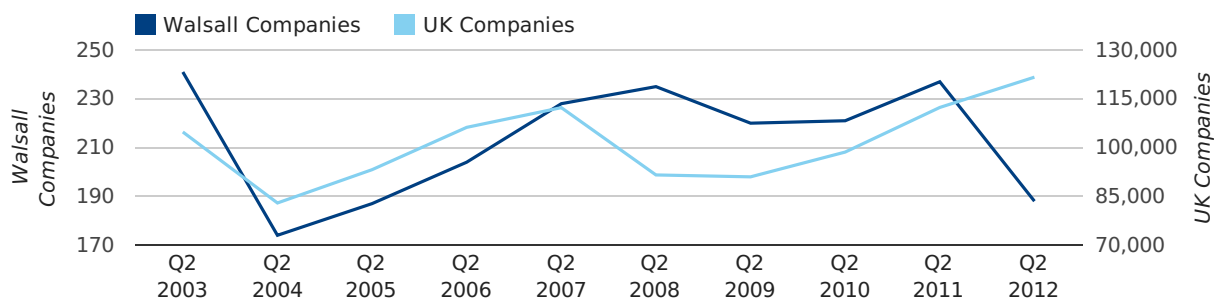
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 188 companies were registered in Walsall during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 20.7% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares badly 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)	WALSALL	UK
2012	188	121,659
2011	237	112,344
% CHANGE	-20.7%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (241)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	58	73	57
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	80	90	67
% CHANGE	-27.5%	-18.9%	-14.9%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (97)	2011 (90)	2008 (85)

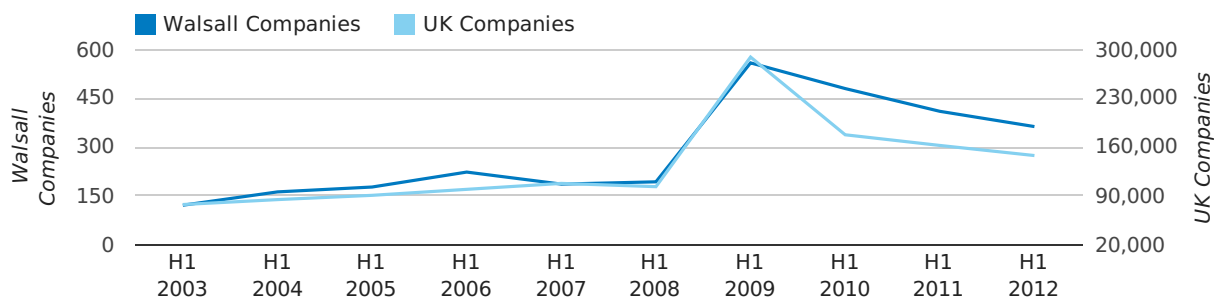
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 363 companies were dissolved in Walsall. This figure is 11.5% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Walsall occurred in 2009 when a total of 559 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WALSALL	UK
2012	363	147,793
2011	410	162,310
% CHANGE	-11.5%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (559)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



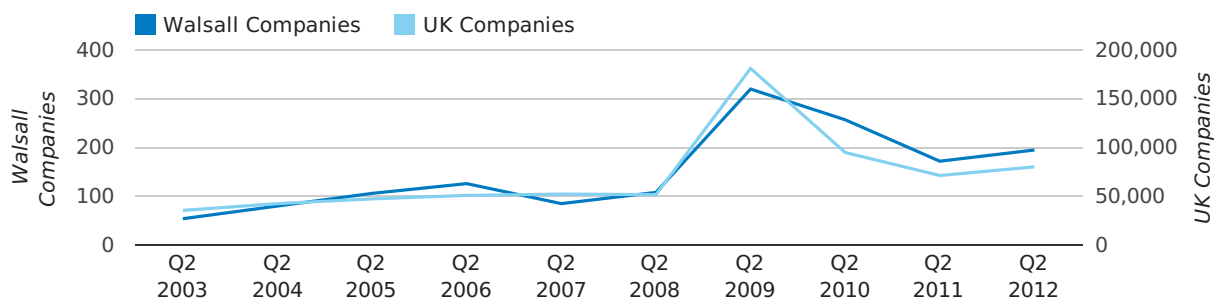
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 195 companies were dissolved in Walsall during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 13.4% 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.

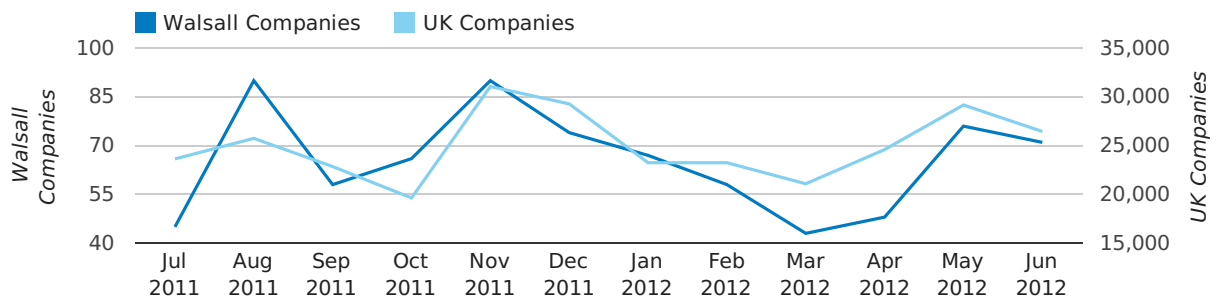
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WALSALL	UK
2012	195	80,217
2011	172	71,324
% CHANGE	13.4%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (320)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



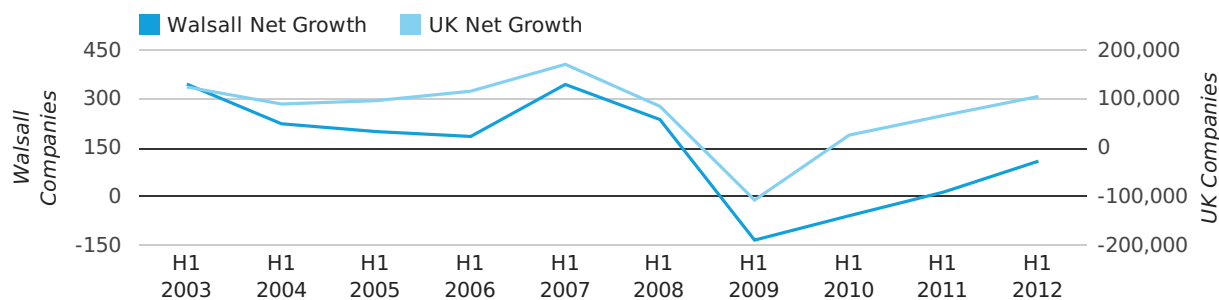
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	48	76	71
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	54	62	56
% CHANGE	-11.1%	22.6%	27%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (91)	2009 (136)	2010 (101)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Walsall increased by 109 companies. This figure is 678.6% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WALSALL	UK
2012	109	105,357
2011	14	66,425
% CHANGE	678.6%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (346)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



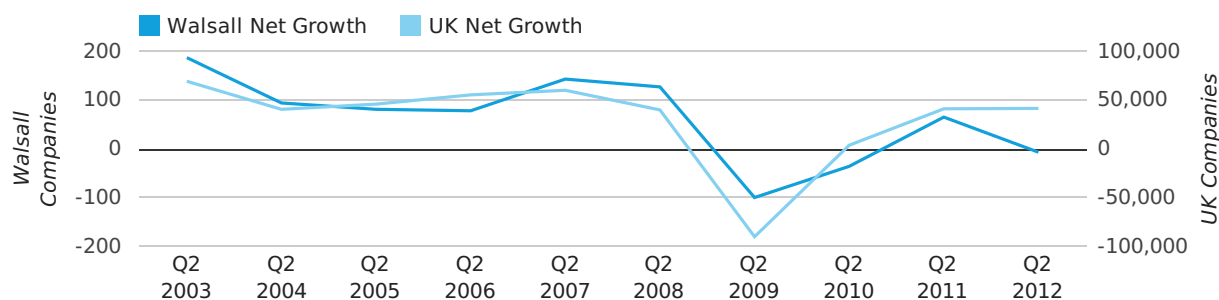
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Walsall during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was -7 companies.

This represents a decrease of 110.8% on the same period last year.

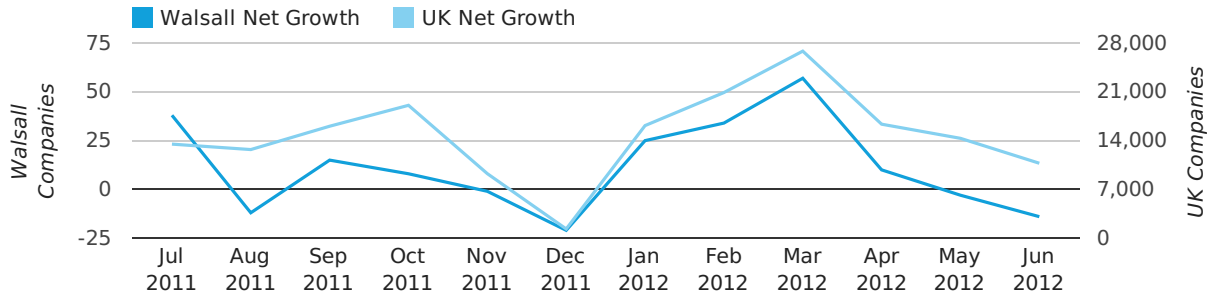
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WALSALL	UK
2012	-7	41,442
2011	65	41,020
% CHANGE	-110.8%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (187)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



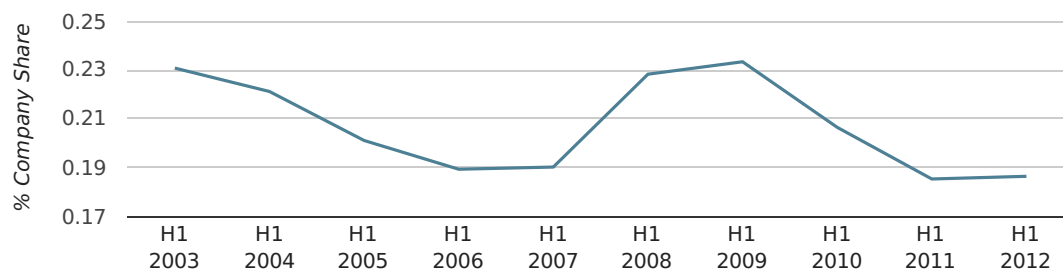
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	10	-3	-14
NET GROWTH IN 2011	26	28	11
% CHANGE	-61.5%	-110.7%	-227.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (63)	2003 (65)	2008 (78)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Walsall formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.2%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WALSALL
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.5%)

company share by half year

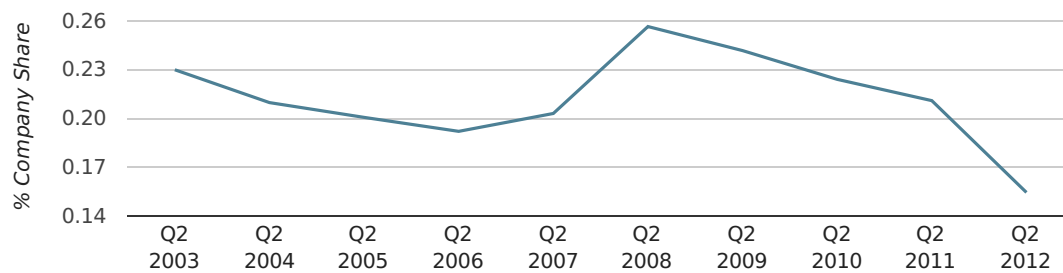


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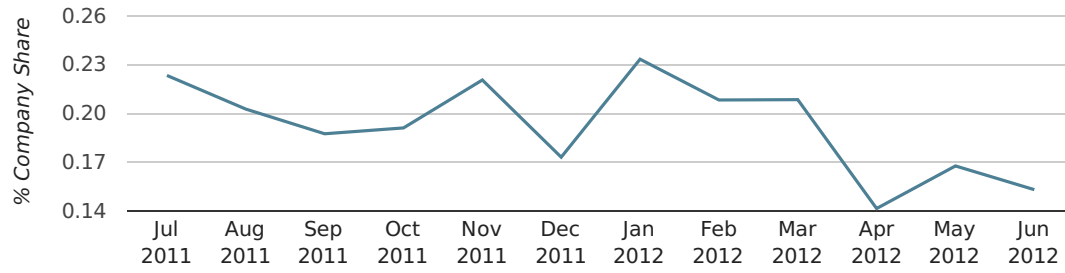
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RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.6%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-39.0%	-28.9%	-9.2%
RECORD YEAR	1974 (0.7%)	1967 (1.0%)	1965 (0.8%)

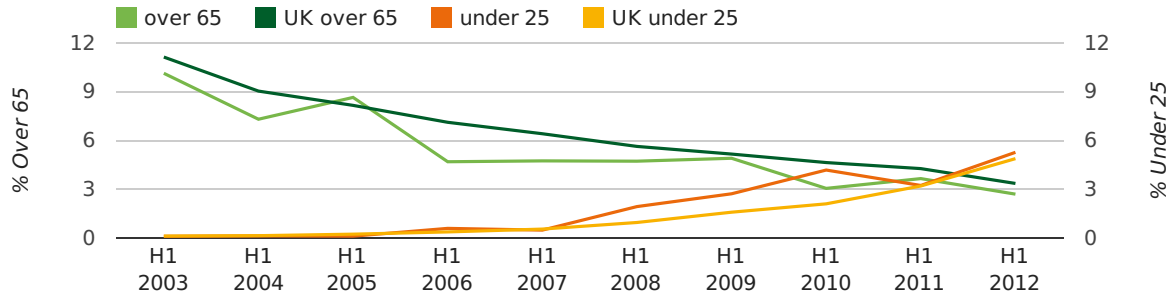
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 41.7.

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The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



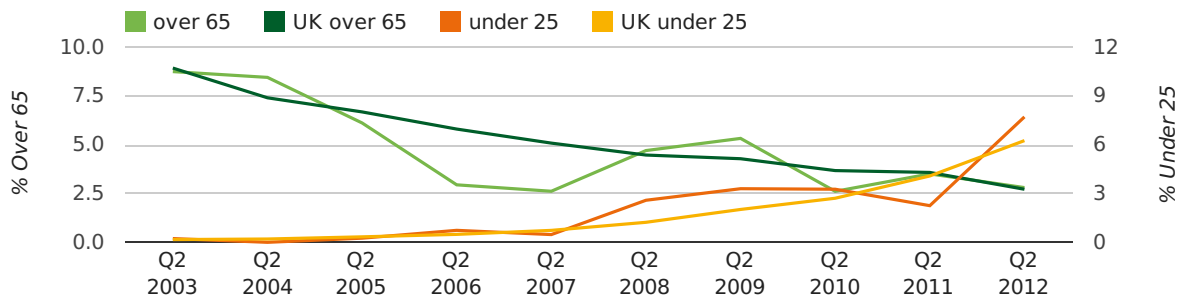
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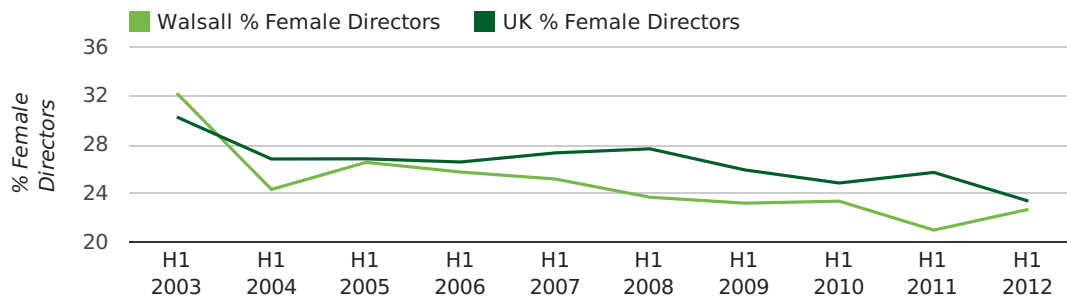


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The record first half year for female directors in Walsall was 1857 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

22.7% of all director appointments in Walsall 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

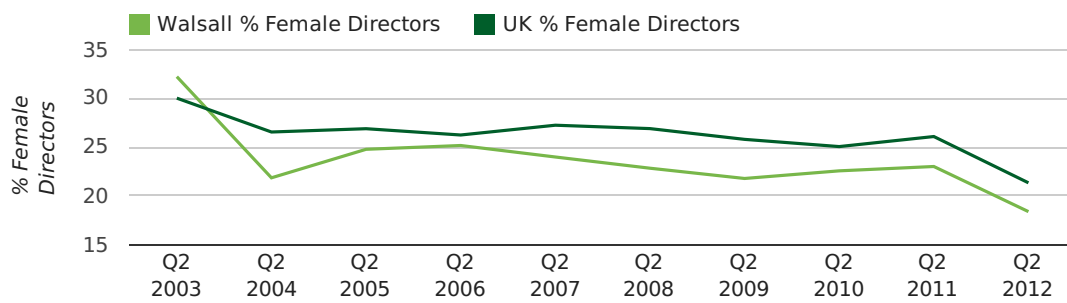


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

18.4% of all director appointments in Walsall 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
WALSALL	1.26%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MIDLANDS	1.12%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSTRUCTION	0.91%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CARE	0.84%	PROPERTY	2.35%
ELECTRICAL	0.84%	TRADING	2.10%
TRADING	0.77%	DESIGN	1.89%
(MIDLANDS)	0.77%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
HOME	0.77%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CONSULTANCY	0.70%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
HMA	0.63%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
CONSULTING	0.63%	BUSINESS	1.70%
D	0.63%	MEDIA	1.69%
CLEANING	0.56%	LONDON	1.68%
PLUMBING	0.56%	J	1.57%
INVESTMENTS	0.56%	GLOBAL	1.51%
ASSOCIATES	0.56%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
SUPPLIES	0.56%	IT	1.42%
PROPERTY	0.56%	CARE	1.31%
COMMUNITY	0.56%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
MANAGEMENT	0.56%	M	1.26%
M	0.56%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
R	0.49%	BUILDING	1.23%
S	0.49%	SECURITY	1.19%
T	0.49%	S	1.18%
FOOD	0.49%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	521	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	69	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	50	26,088
9999 - Dormant Company	31	16,469
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	27	15,280
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	23	14,220
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	23	35,447
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	20	20,390
49410 - Freight transport by road	19	2,912
86900 - Other human health activities	18	5,222
9305 - Other service activities	17	7,926
41100 - Development of building projects	16	5,149
32990 - Other manufacturing not elsewhere classified	16	1,870
6024 - Freight transport by road	15	1,933
4534 - Other building installation	14	1,741
74990 - Non-trading company	12	9,706
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	12	3,233
7414 - Business & management consultancy	12	10,978
7260 - Other computer related activities	12	6,456
43210 - Electrical installation	11	3,557