

Warrington

2012 half year business confidence report



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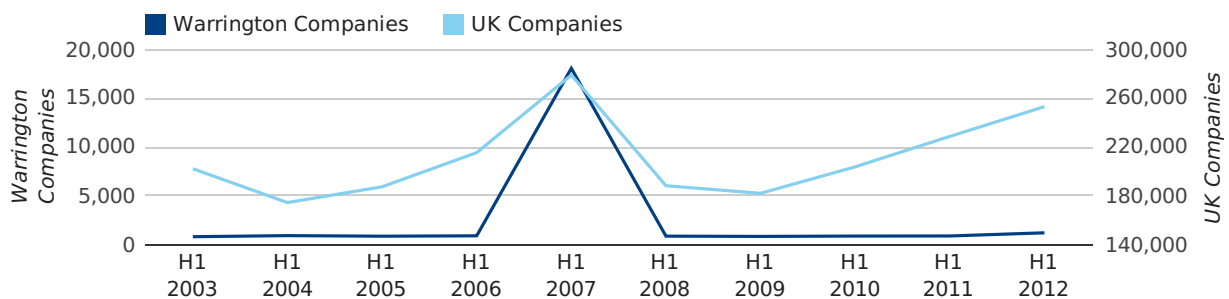
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,203 companies were formed in Warrington. This figure is 36.9% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Warrington occurred in 2007 when a total of 18,078 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WARRINGTON	UK
2012	1,203	253,150
2011	879	228,735
% CHANGE	36.9%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (18,078)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



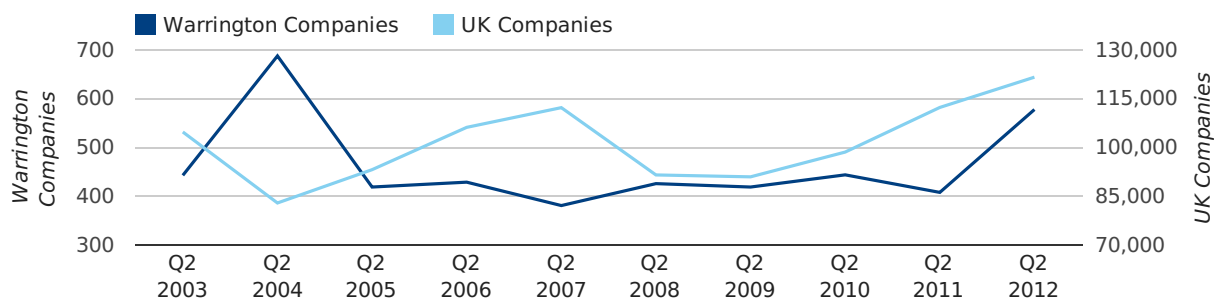
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 578 companies were registered in Warrington during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 41.7% 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)	WARRINGTON	UK
2012	578	121,659
2011	408	112,344
% CHANGE	41.7%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (688)	2012 (121,659)

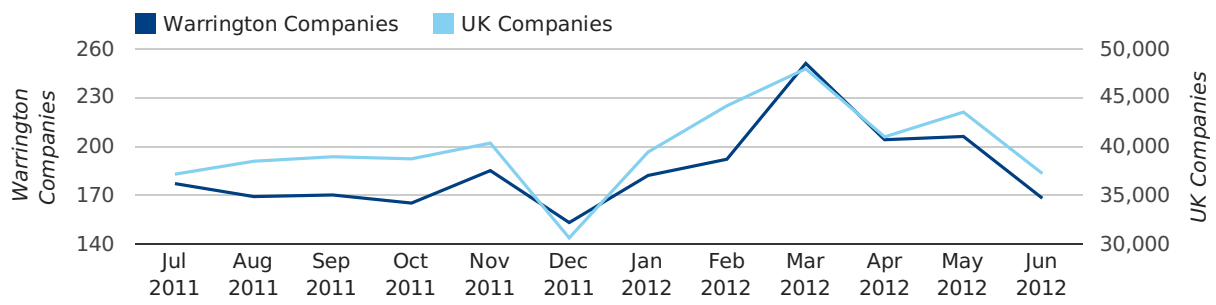
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	204	206	168
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	148	115	145
% CHANGE	37.8%	79.1%	15.9%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (554)	2012 (206)	2003 (181)

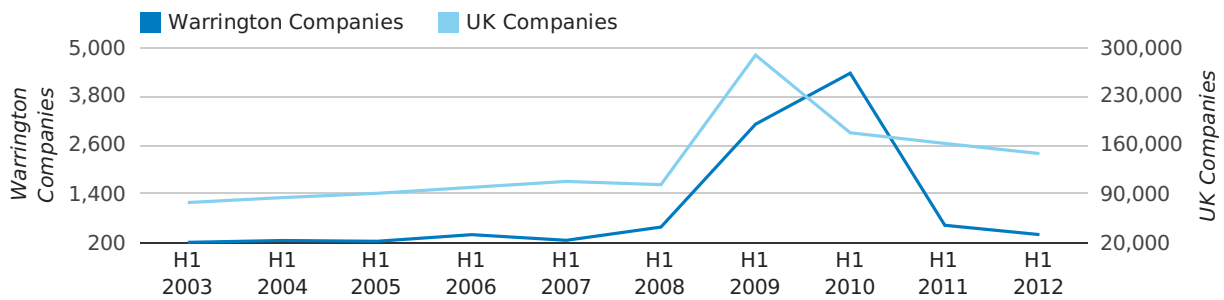
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 395 companies were dissolved in Warrington. This figure is 36.8% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Warrington occurred in 2010 when a total of 4,369 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WARRINGTON	UK
2012	395	147,793
2011	625	162,310
% CHANGE	-36.8%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (4,369)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



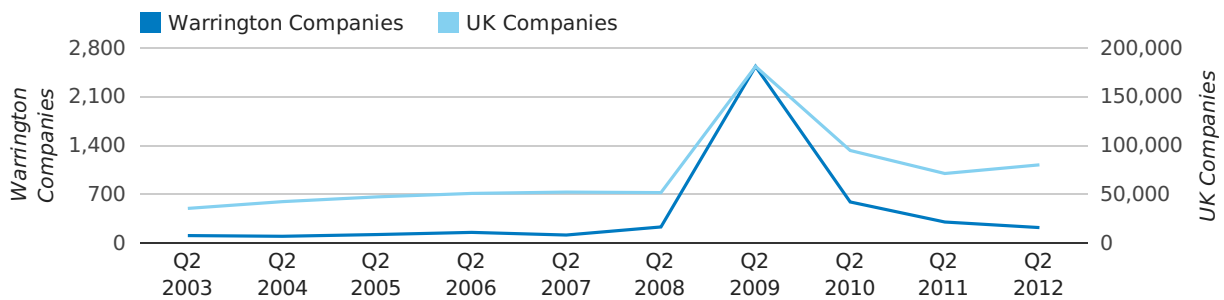
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 222 companies were dissolved in Warrington during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 26.5% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well 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)	WARRINGTON	UK
2012	222	80,217
2011	302	71,324
% CHANGE	-26.5%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (2,537)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



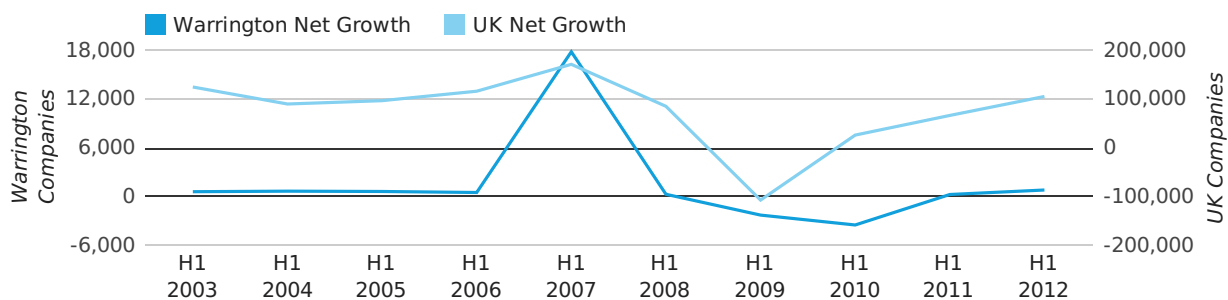
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	57	102	63
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	57	165	80
% CHANGE	0.0%	-38.2%	-21%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,565)	2009 (757)	2010 (253)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Warrington increased by 808 companies. This figure is 218.1% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WARRINGTON	UK
2012	808	105,357
2011	254	66,425
% CHANGE	218.1%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (17,823)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



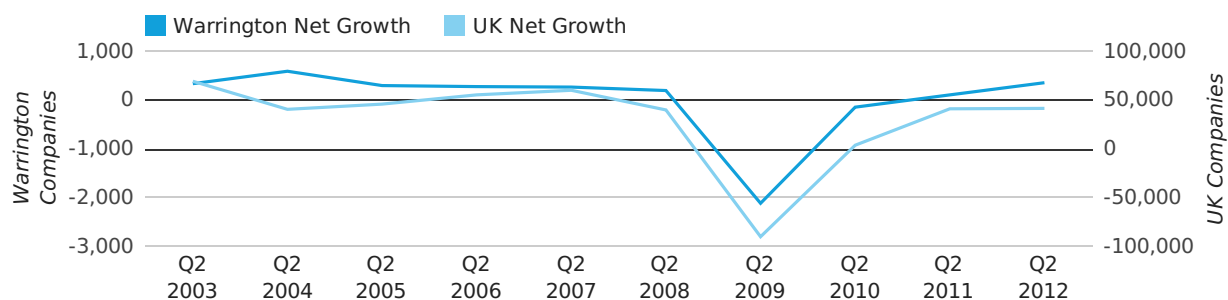
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Warrington during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 356 companies.

This represents an increase of 235.8% on the same period last year.

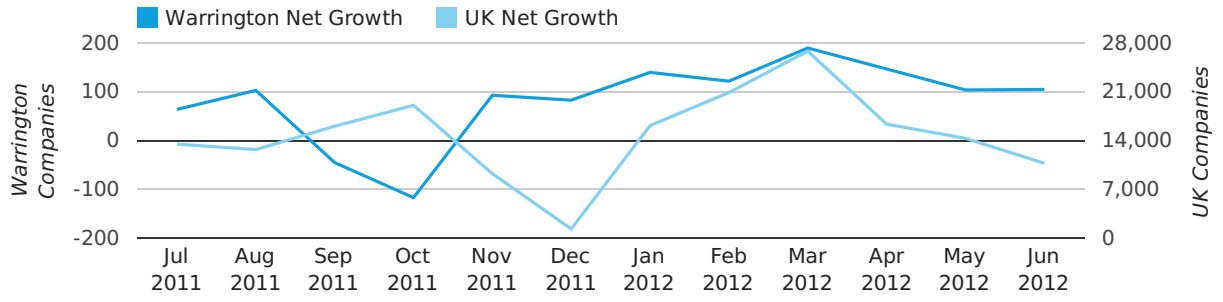
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WARRINGTON	UK
2012	356	41,442
2011	106	41,020
% CHANGE	235.8%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (591)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



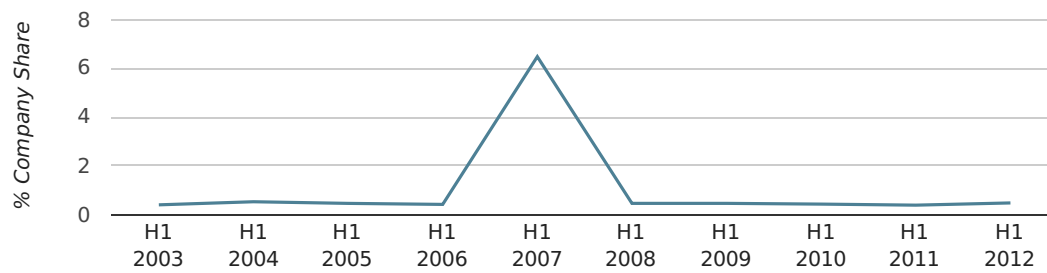
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	147	104	105
NET GROWTH IN 2011	91	-50	65
% CHANGE	61.5%	-308.0%	61.5%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (522)	2006 (148)	2003 (138)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Warrington formed 0.5% of all UK companies. This is more than the 2011 figure of 0.4%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WARRINGTON
2012	0.5%
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.5%
2008	0.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2007 (6.5%)

company share by half year

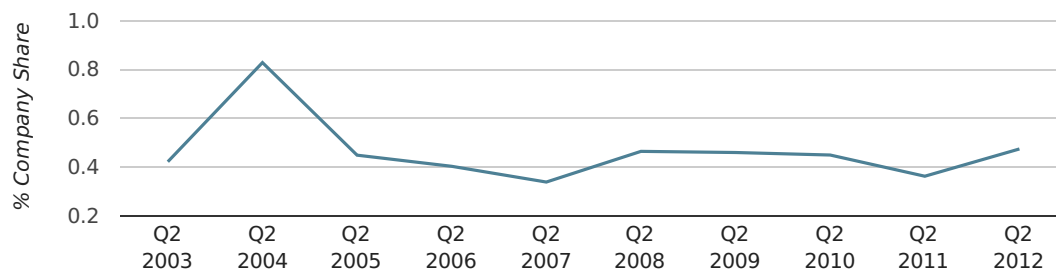


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Warrington formed 0.5% of all UK companies.

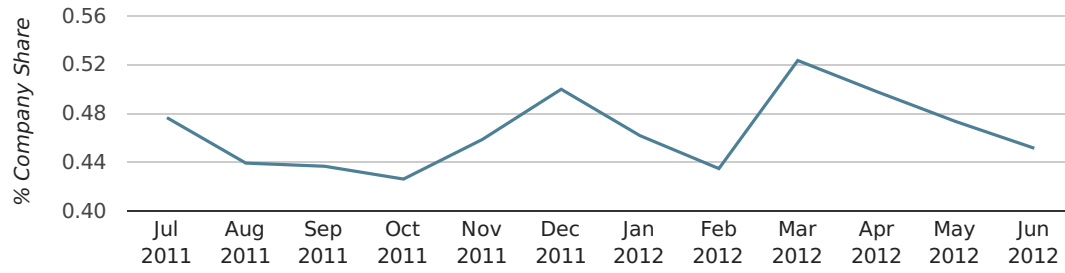
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WARRINGTON
2012	0.5%
2011	0.4%
2010	0.5%
2009	0.5%
2008	0.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2004 (0.8%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
% CHANGE	16.1%	57.0%	23.7%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (1.9%)	1982 (0.7%)	1962 (0.6%)

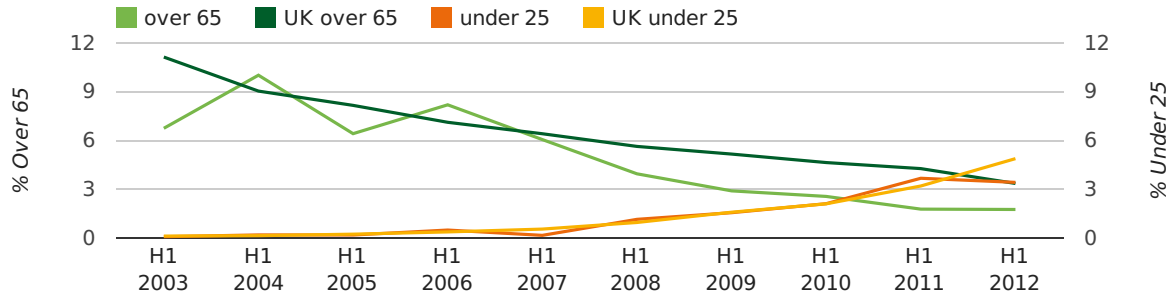
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 43.3.

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 1.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



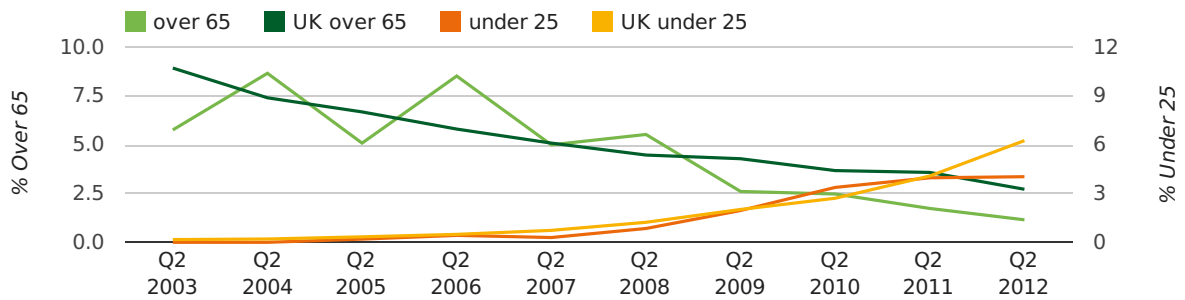
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 42.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

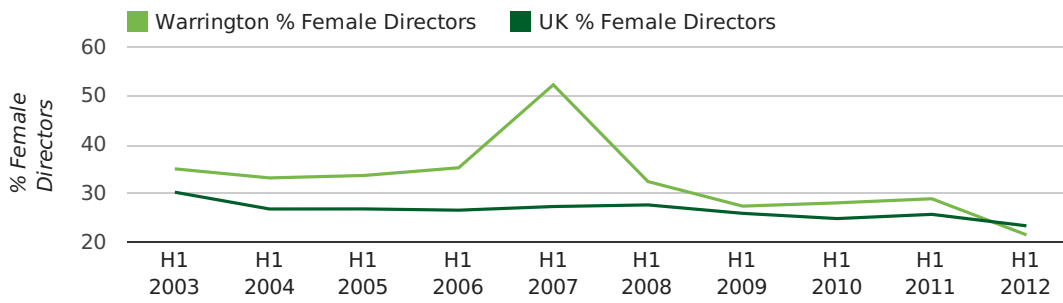


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

21.5% of all director appointments in Warrington 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

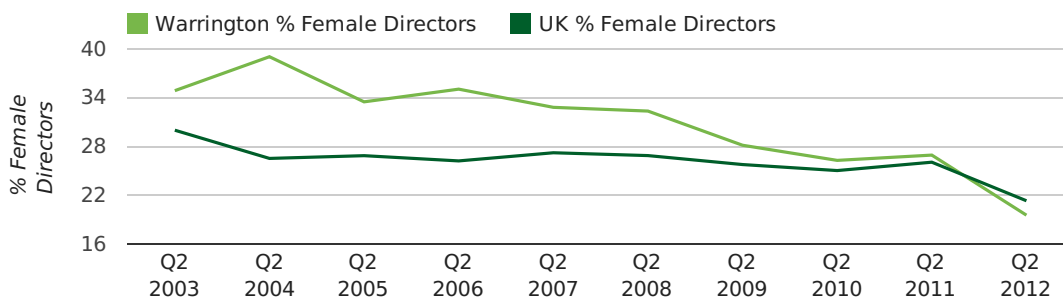


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

19.6% of all director appointments in Warrington 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
ENGINEERING	6.96%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	2.97%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	2.80%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
DESIGN	2.80%	PROPERTY	2.35%
MANAGEMENT	2.06%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTANTS	1.18%	DESIGN	1.89%
PROJECT	1.08%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
PROJECTS	0.88%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
ASSOCIATES	0.88%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
WARRINGTON	0.81%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
J	0.78%	BUSINESS	1.70%
DESIGNS	0.71%	MEDIA	1.69%
M	0.64%	LONDON	1.68%
SYSTEMS	0.64%	J	1.57%
BUSINESS	0.64%	GLOBAL	1.51%
ELECTRICAL	0.57%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
IT	0.54%	IT	1.42%
PROPERTY	0.54%	CARE	1.31%
MEDICAL	0.51%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CHESHIRE	0.47%	M	1.26%
CAD	0.47%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
TECHNICAL	0.47%	BUILDING	1.23%
PROCESS	0.44%	SECURITY	1.19%
C	0.44%	S	1.18%
CONSTRUCTION	0.44%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	947	35,447
None Supplied	606	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	457	47,029
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	74	20,390
99999 - Dormant Company	52	26,088
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	46	10,271
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	45	14,220
9999 - Dormant Company	44	16,469
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	43	15,280
7414 - Business & management consultancy	39	10,978
62090 - Other information technology service activities	37	8,258
9305 - Other service activities	19	7,926
62012 - Business and domestic software development	17	4,742
41100 - Development of building projects	17	5,149
7499 - Non-trading company	16	8,023
74990 - Non-trading company	16	9,706
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	15	6,356
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	15	4,644
71129 - Other engineering activities	15	2,453
7260 - Other computer related activities	14	6,456