

Washington

2011 half year business confidence report



headlines

- Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Washington when compared to any previous Q2.
- May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Washington when compared to any previous May.
- April 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Washington when compared to any previous April.

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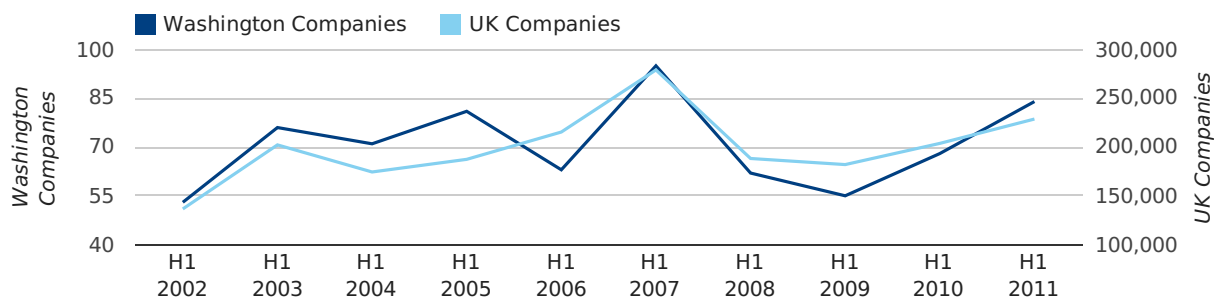
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 84 companies were formed in Washington. This figure is 23.5% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Washington occurred in 2007 when a total of 95 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WASHINGTON	UK
2011	84	228,735
2010	68	203,749
% CHANGE	23.5%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (95)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

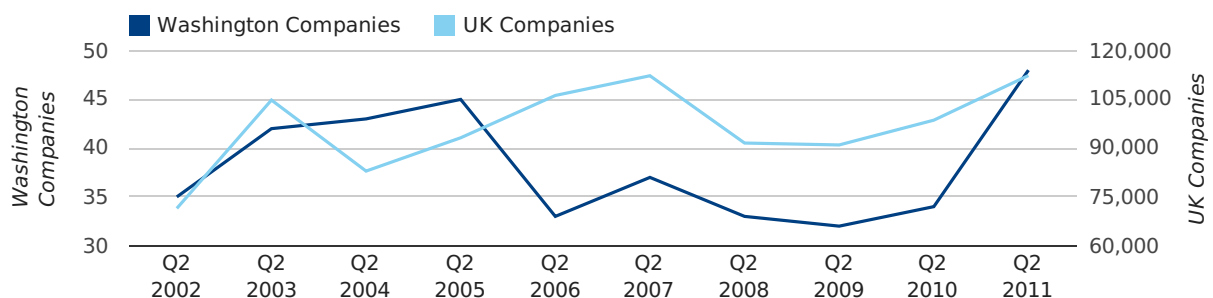
Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Washington when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 48 companies were registered in Washington during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 41.2% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well 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)	WASHINGTON	UK
2011	48	112,344
2010	34	98,612
% CHANGE	41.2%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (48)	2011 (112,344)

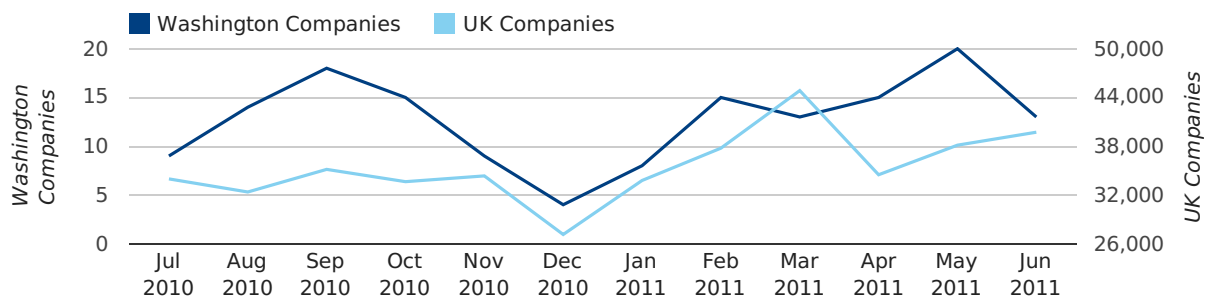
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Washington when compared to any previous May.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	15	20	13
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	9	12	13
% CHANGE	66.7%	66.7%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (18)	2011 (20)	2004 (22)

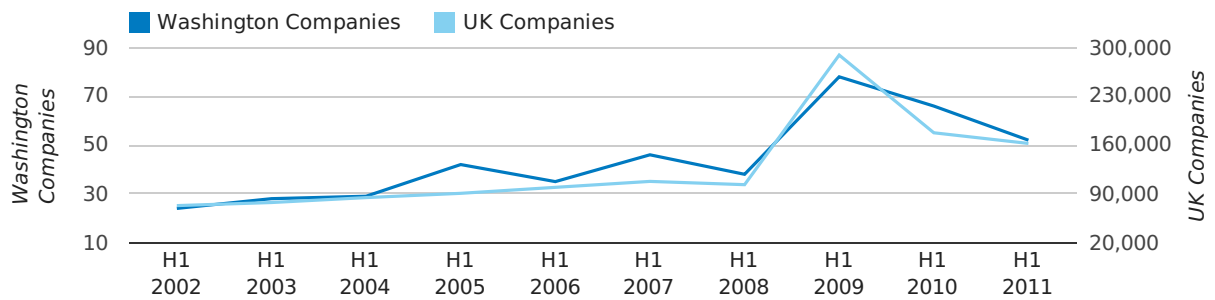
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 52 companies were dissolved in Washington. This figure is 21.2% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Washington occurred in 2009 when a total of 78 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WASHINGTON	UK
2011	52	162,310
2010	66	177,631
% CHANGE	-21.2%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (78)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



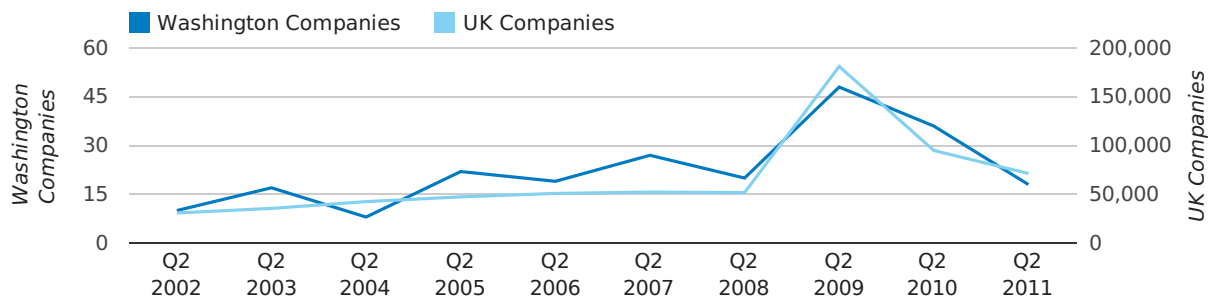
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 18 companies were dissolved in Washington during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 50.0% 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.

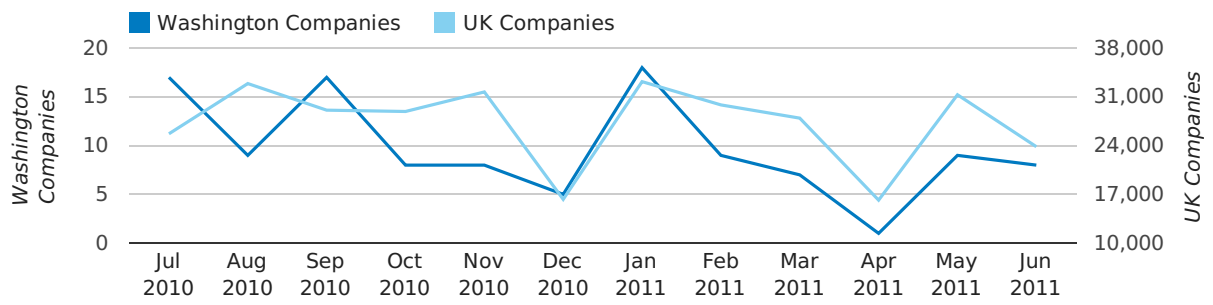
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	WASHINGTON	UK
2011	18	71,324
2010	36	94,954
% CHANGE	-50.0%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (48)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



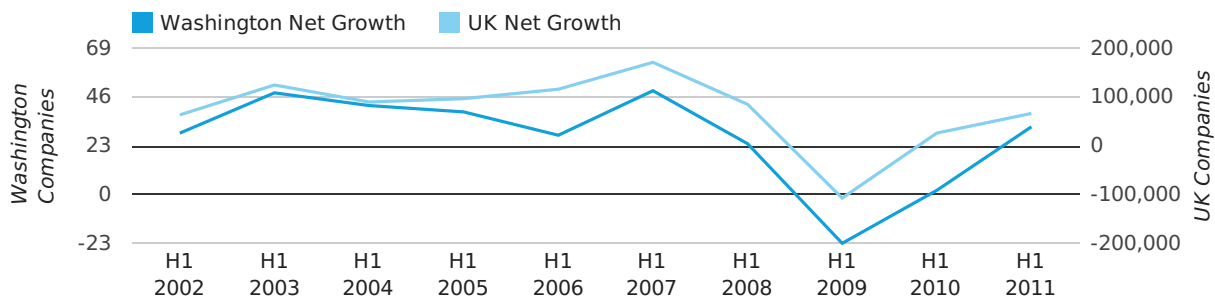
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	1	9	8
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	6	11	19
% CHANGE	-83.3%	-18.2%	-58%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (9)	2009 (20)	2009 (21)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Washington increased by 32 companies. This figure is 1,500.0% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WASHINGTON	UK
2011	32	66,425
2010	2	26,118
% CHANGE	1,500.0%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (49)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



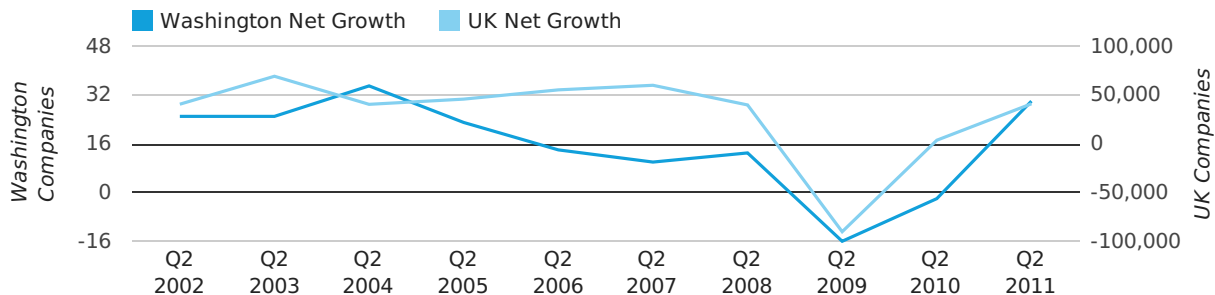
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Washington during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 30 companies.

This represents an increase of 1,600.0% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	WASHINGTON	UK
2011	30	41,020
2010	-2	3,658
% CHANGE	-1,600.0%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (35)	2003 (69,274)

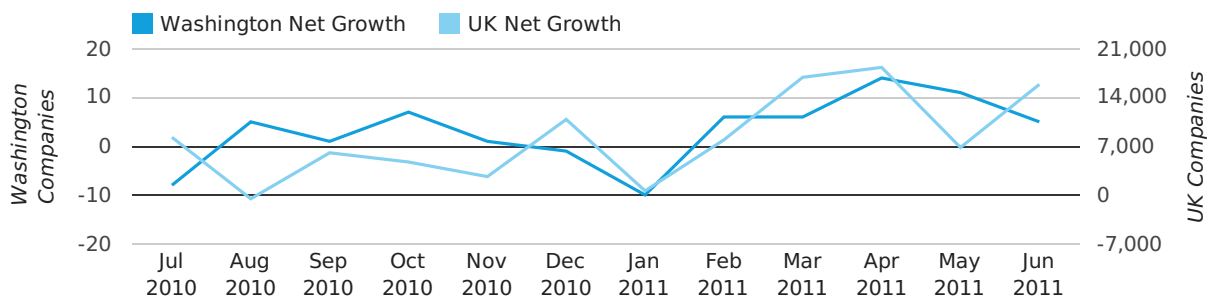
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

April 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Washington when compared to any previous April.

net growth by month



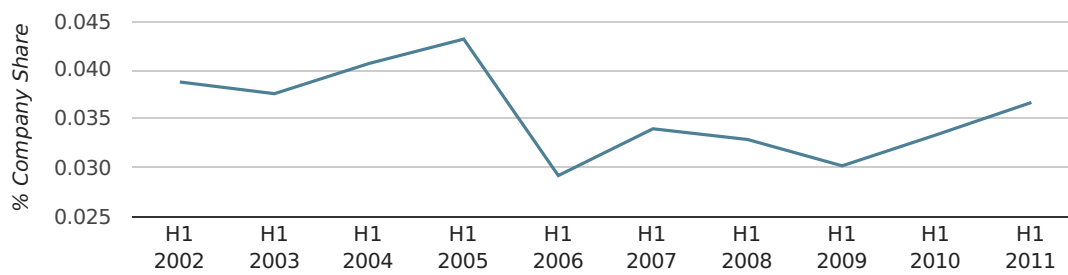
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	14	11	5
NET GROWTH IN 2010	3	1	-6
% CHANGE	366.7%	1,000.0%	-183.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (14)	2006 (11)	2004 (17)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Washington formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.0%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WASHINGTON
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1980 (0.1%)

company share by half year

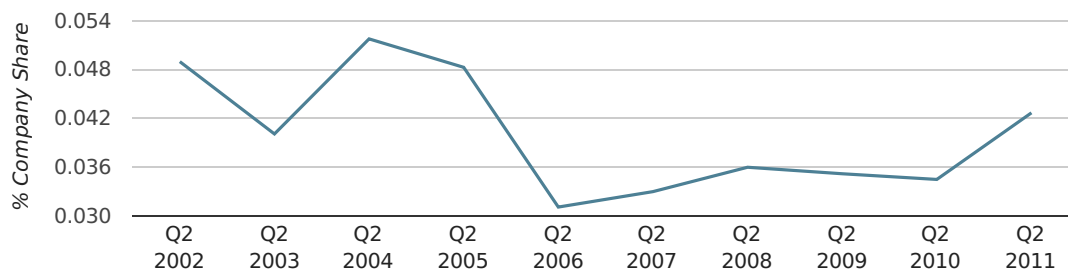


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

In the second quarter of 2011, Washington formed 0.0% of all UK companies.

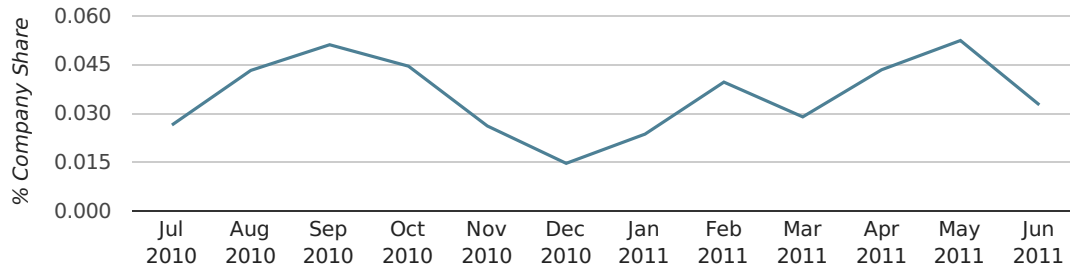
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	WASHINGTON
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1970 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	61.1%	31.3%	-11.4%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.2%)	1968 (0.2%)	1978 (0.1%)

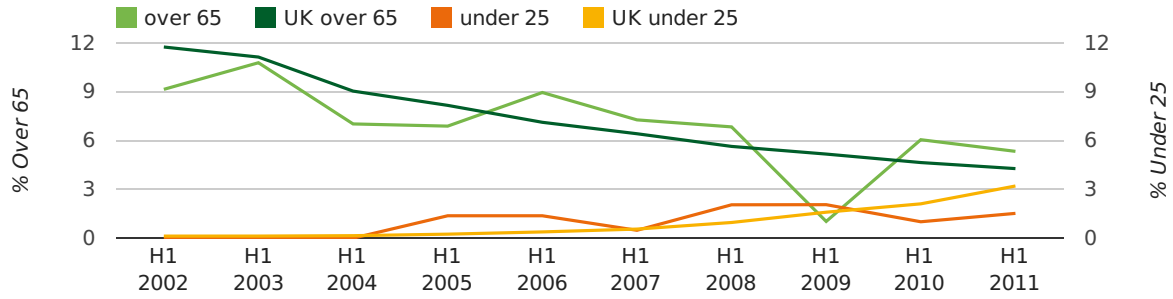
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 46.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



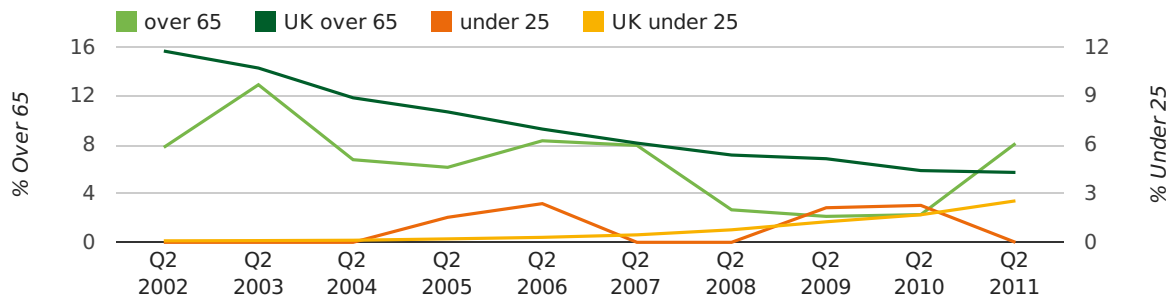
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 48.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 0.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 8.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

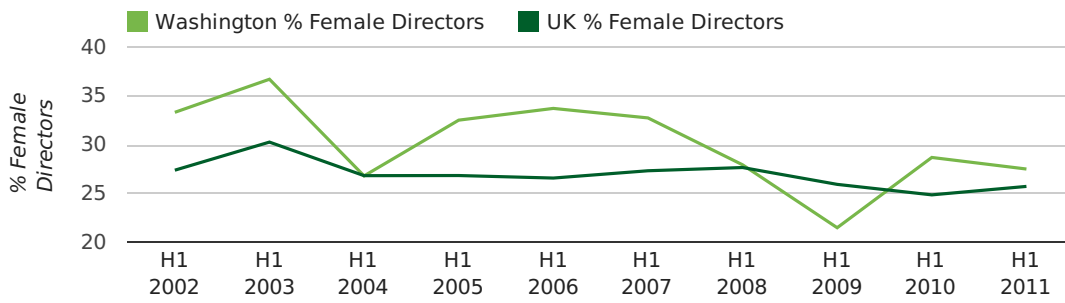


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

27.5% of all director appointments in Washington 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

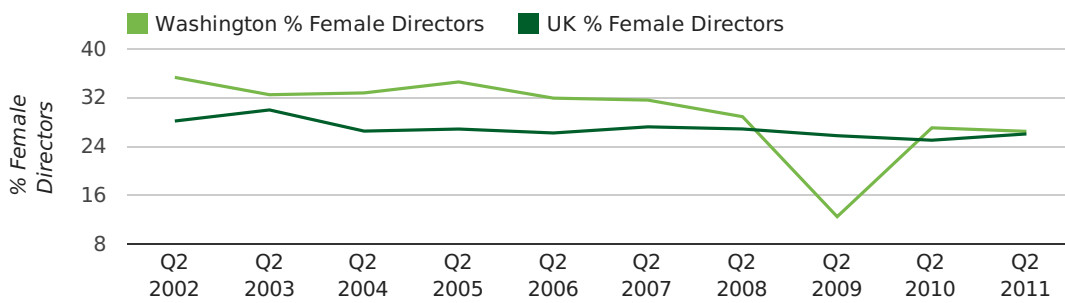


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

26.5% of all director appointments in Washington 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
DESIGN	1.92%	CONSULTING	5.09%
MAINTENANCE	1.60%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
NORTH	1.60%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
NE	1.28%	PROPERTY	2.43%
EAST	0.96%	TRADING	2.05%
COMMUNITY	0.96%	DESIGN	1.94%
RESTAURANT	0.96%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
INTEREST	0.96%	BUSINESS	1.87%
(NE)	0.96%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
EXPRESS	0.96%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CONSULTANTS	0.96%	MEDIA	1.73%
BASE2	0.96%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
PREMIER	0.96%	LONDON	1.60%
GATES	0.64%	GLOBAL	1.46%
TRAINING	0.64%	J	1.44%
AOV	0.64%	CARE	1.44%
ELECTRICAL	0.64%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
PLASTICS	0.64%	IT	1.39%
ROOM	0.64%	BUILDING	1.32%
IT	0.64%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
THERAPY	0.64%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
LEARNING	0.64%	M	1.27%
PRECISION	0.64%	S	1.23%
(WASHINGTON)	0.64%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
NORTHERN	0.64%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	53	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	23	60,758
99999 - Dormant Company	10	18,918
9999 - Dormant Company	7	20,111
5540 - Bars	6	2,141
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	6	30,647
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	5	10,322
32990 - Other manufacturing not elsewhere classified	4	1,427
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	4	10,545
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	4	2,324
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	4	5,928
5530 - Restaurants	4	5,086
86900 - Other human health activities	4	4,154
6024 - Freight transport by road	3	2,316
68100 - Buying and selling of own real estate	3	2,543
43910 - Roofing activities	3	558
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	3	16,419
56302 - Public houses and bars	3	1,900
7414 - Business & management consultancy	3	13,053
46499 - Wholesale of household goods (other than musical instruments) not elsewhere classified	2	276