

West Yorkshire

2012 half year business confidence report



contents

new company registrations

closed companies (dissolved)

net company growth

uk company share

director age

director gender

naming trends

sic data

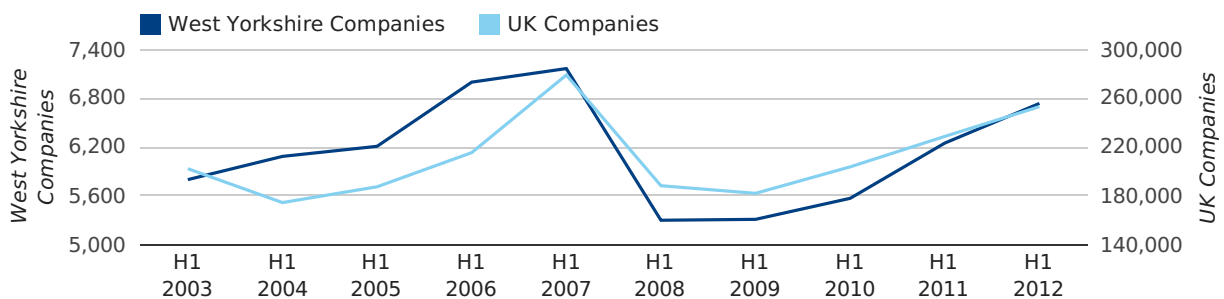
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 6,737 companies were formed in West Yorkshire. This figure is 7.8% higher than last year, which compares equally to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in West Yorkshire occurred in 2007 when a total of 7,166 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WEST YORKSHIRE	UK
2012	6,737	253,150
2011	6,249	228,735
% CHANGE	7.8%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (7,166)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



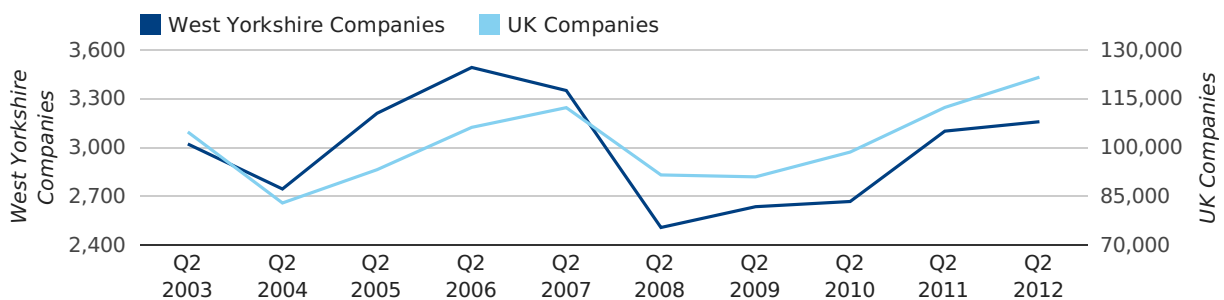
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 3,159 companies were registered in West Yorkshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 1.9% 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.

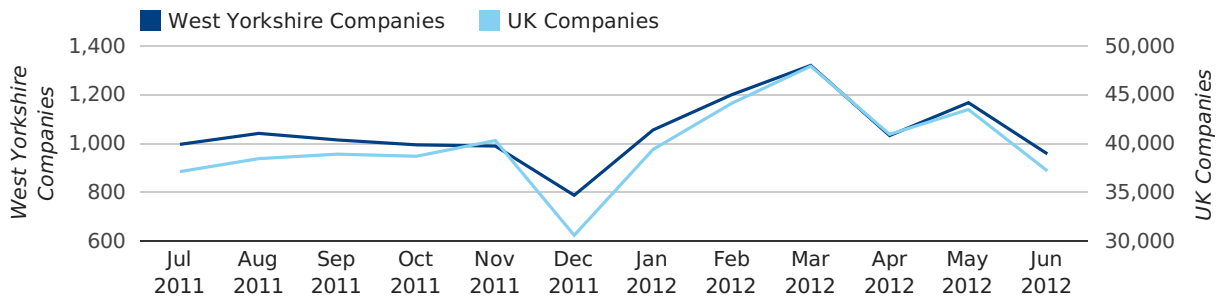
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WEST YORKSHIRE	UK
2012	3,159	121,659
2011	3,101	112,344
% CHANGE	1.9%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (3,493)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	1,033	1,168	958
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	923	1,133	1,045
% CHANGE	11.9%	3.1%	-8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,253)	2006 (1,314)	2006 (1,089)

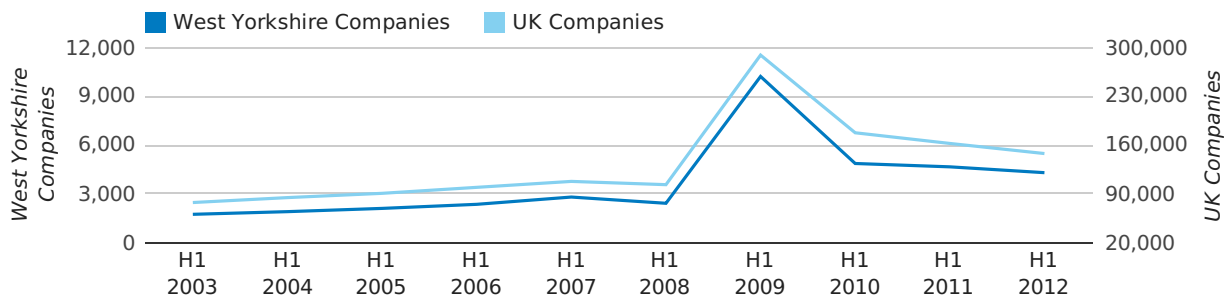
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 4,300 companies were dissolved in West Yorkshire. This figure is 7.7% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in West Yorkshire occurred in 2009 when a total of 10,222 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WEST YORKSHIRE	UK
2012	4,300	147,793
2011	4,659	162,310
% CHANGE	-7.7%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (10,222)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



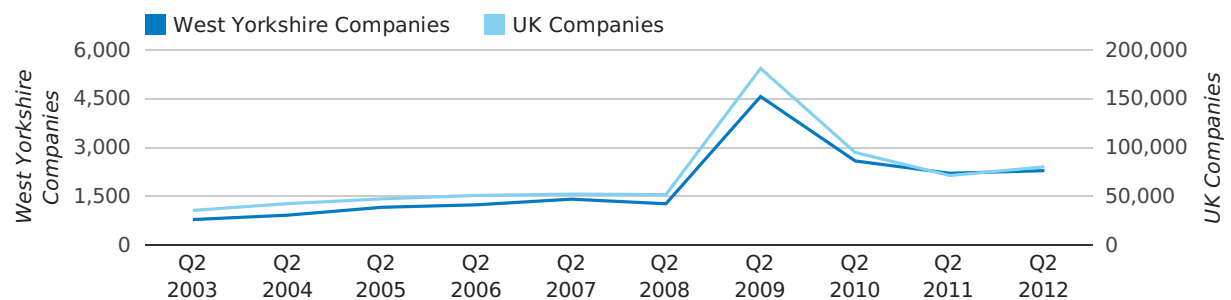
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 2,289 companies were dissolved in West Yorkshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 3.6% 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.

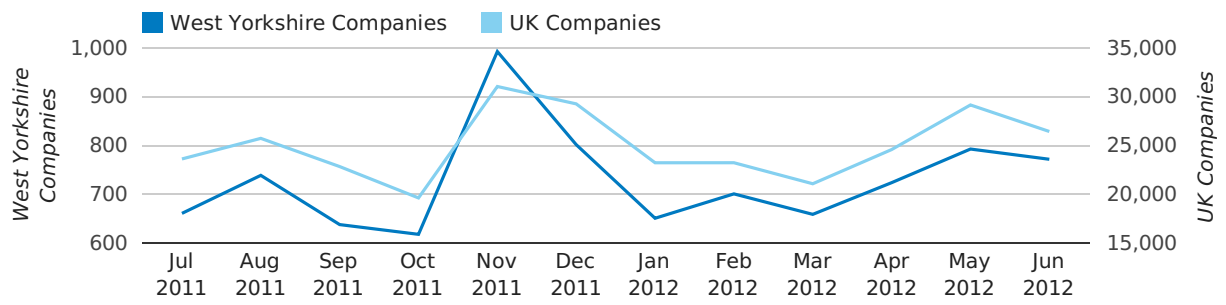
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WEST YORKSHIRE	UK
2012	2,289	80,217
2011	2,209	71,324
% CHANGE	3.6%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (4,570)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



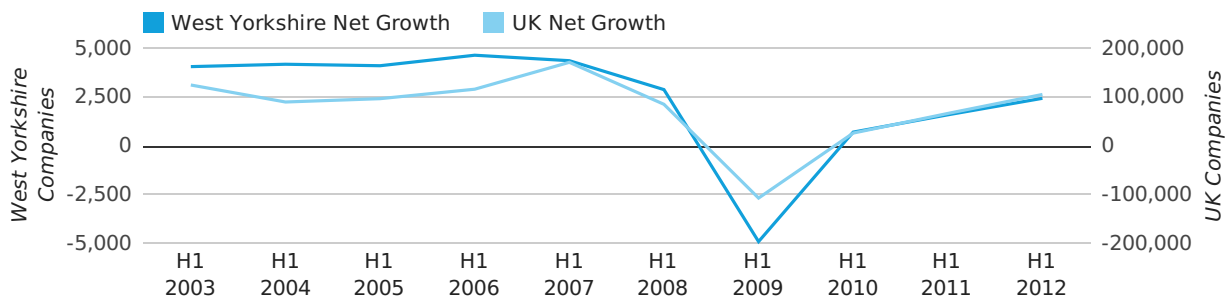
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	724	793	772
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	539	937	733
% CHANGE	34.3%	-15.4%	5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,326)	2009 (2,057)	2009 (1,187)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for West Yorkshire increased by 2,437 companies. This figure is 53.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WEST YORKSHIRE	UK
2012	2,437	105,357
2011	1,590	66,425
% CHANGE	53.3%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (4,647)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



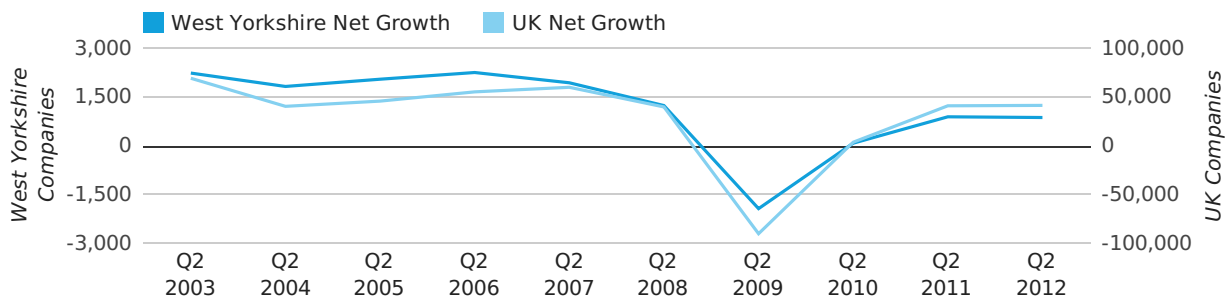
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for West Yorkshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 870 companies.

This represents a decrease of 2.5% on the same period last year.

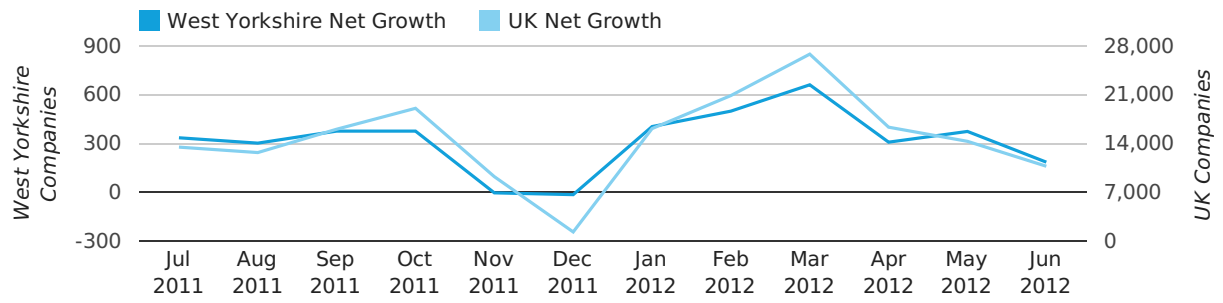
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WEST YORKSHIRE	UK
2012	870	41,442
2011	892	41,020
% CHANGE	-2.5%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (2,255)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



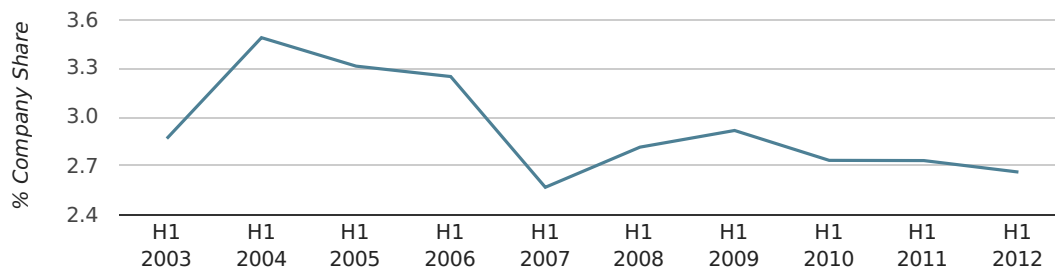
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	309	375	186
NET GROWTH IN 2011	384	196	312
% CHANGE	-19.5%	91.3%	-40.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (921)	2006 (1,004)	2003 (715)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 West Yorkshire formed 2.7% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 2.7%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WEST YORKSHIRE
2012	2.7%
2011	2.7%
2010	2.7%
2009	2.9%
2008	2.8%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (4.3%)

company share by half year

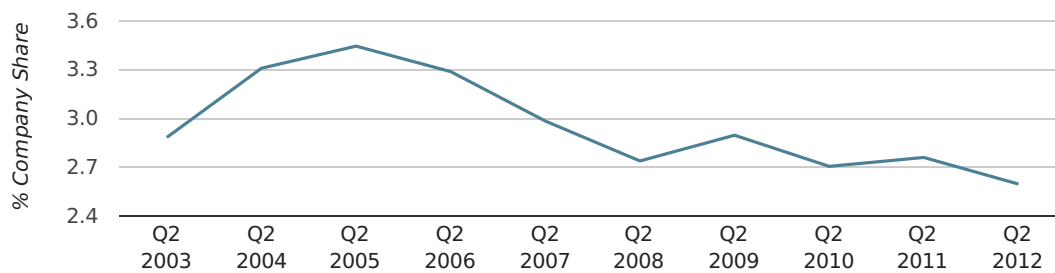


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, West Yorkshire formed 2.6% of all UK companies.

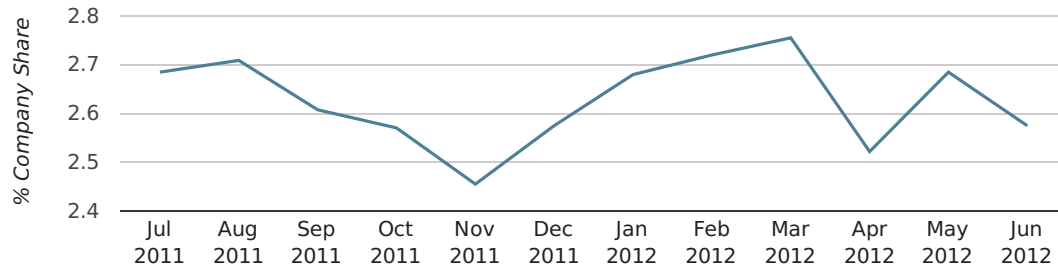
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WEST YORKSHIRE
2012	2.6%
2011	2.8%
2010	2.7%
2009	2.9%
2008	2.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (4.6%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	2.5%	2.7%	2.6%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	2.7%	3.0%	2.6%
% CHANGE	-5.8%	-9.6%	-2.1%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (5.8%)	1967 (5.1%)	1969 (7.0%)

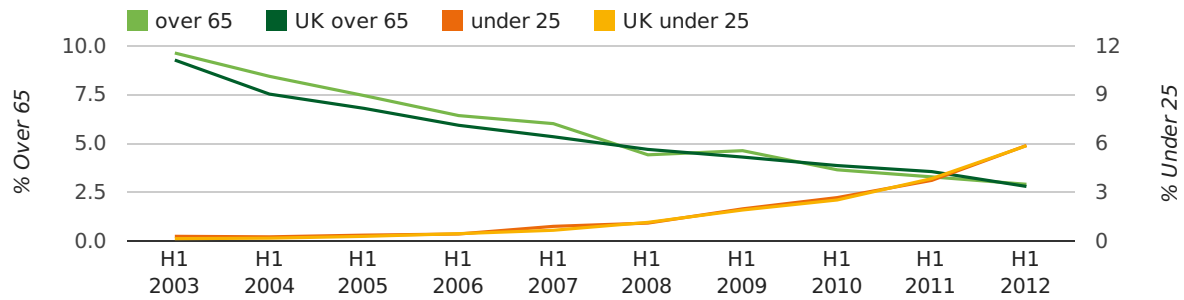
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



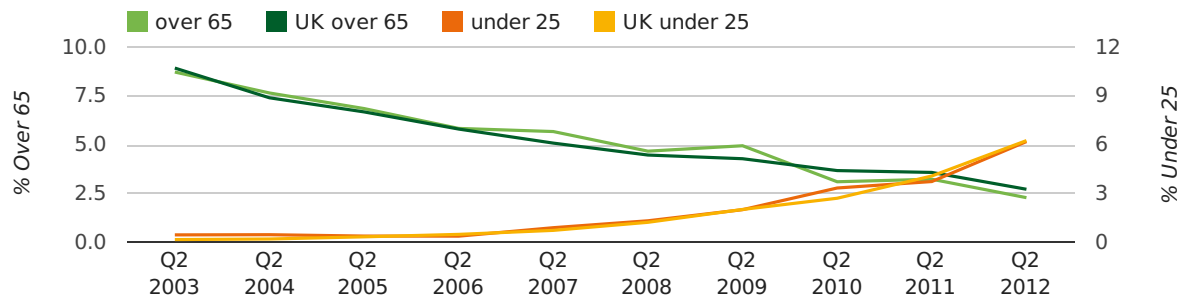
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 41.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.2% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

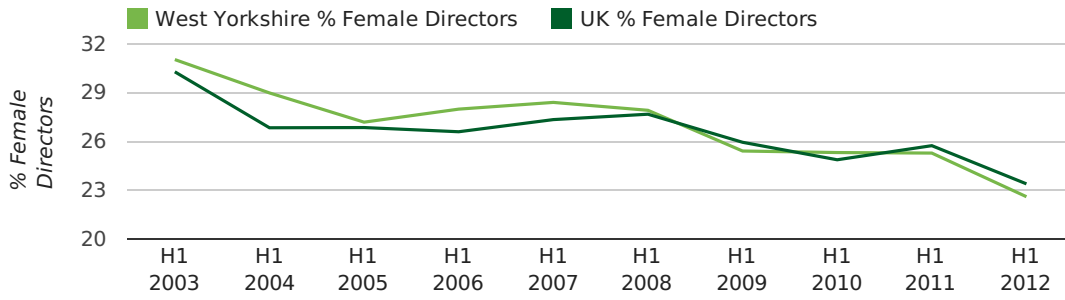


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

22.6% of all director appointments in West Yorkshire 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



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
MANAGEMENT	2.05%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	1.60%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
YORKSHIRE	1.53%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTANCY	1.33%	PROPERTY	2.35%
PROPERTY	1.24%	TRADING	2.10%
(YORKSHIRE)	1.16%	DESIGN	1.89%
TRADING	1.07%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
DESIGN	0.95%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CONSTRUCTION	0.92%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
J	0.92%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
PROPERTIES	0.91%	BUSINESS	1.70%
ASSOCIATES	0.90%	MEDIA	1.69%
LEEDS	0.88%	LONDON	1.68%
BUSINESS	0.82%	J	1.57%
M	0.81%	GLOBAL	1.51%
CARE	0.81%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CONSULTANTS	0.77%	IT	1.42%
S	0.75%	CARE	1.31%
IT	0.72%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
(LEEDS)	0.69%	M	1.26%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.68%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
INVESTMENTS	0.66%	BUILDING	1.23%
ELECTRICAL	0.66%	SECURITY	1.19%
TRAINING	0.63%	S	1.18%
MEDIA	0.63%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	6,793	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	938	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	575	26,088
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	562	35,447
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	500	20,390
9999 - Dormant Company	395	16,469
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	369	15,280
74990 - Non-trading company	308	9,706
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	283	14,220
7414 - Business & management consultancy	281	10,978
7499 - Non-trading company	256	8,023
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	221	10,271
9305 - Other service activities	210	7,926
56302 - Public houses and bars	202	2,913
86900 - Other human health activities	197	5,222
62090 - Other information technology service activities	184	8,258
7260 - Other computer related activities	175	6,456
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	151	6,356
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	146	4,535
5540 - Bars	146	1,709