

Worcestershire

2012 half year business confidence report



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

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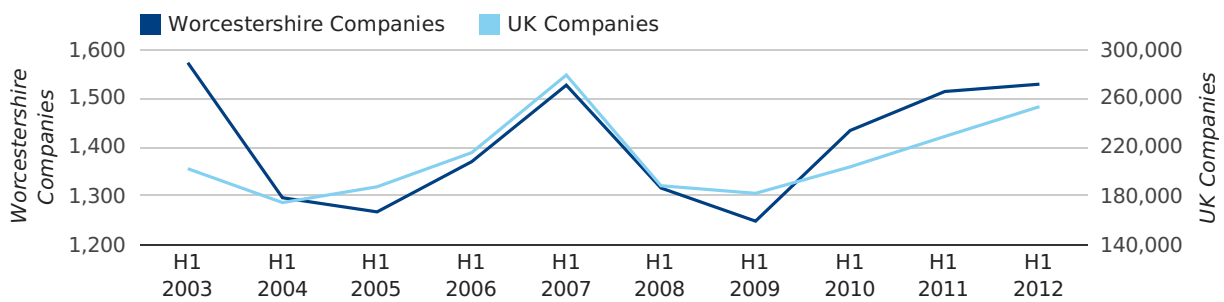
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,529 companies were formed in Worcestershire. This figure is 1.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Worcestershire occurred in 2003 when a total of 1,573 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WORCESTERSHIRE	UK
2012	1,529	253,150
2011	1,514	228,735
% CHANGE	1.0%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,573)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



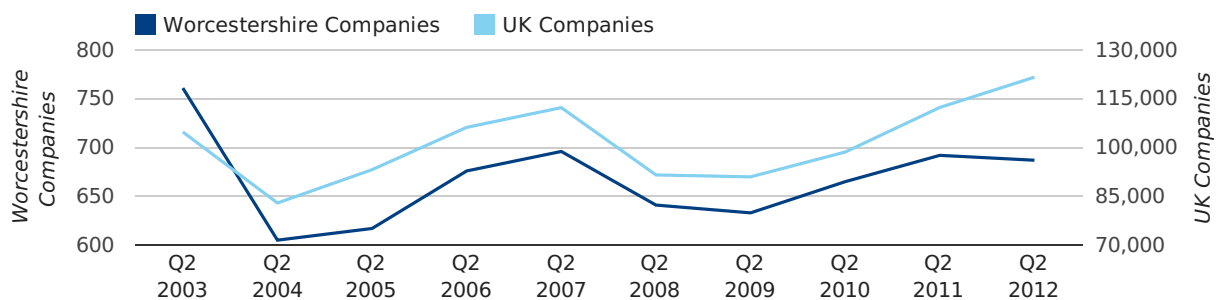
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 687 companies were registered in Worcestershire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 0.7% 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)	WORCESTERSHIRE	UK
2012	687	121,659
2011	692	112,344
% CHANGE	-0.7%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (761)	2012 (121,659)

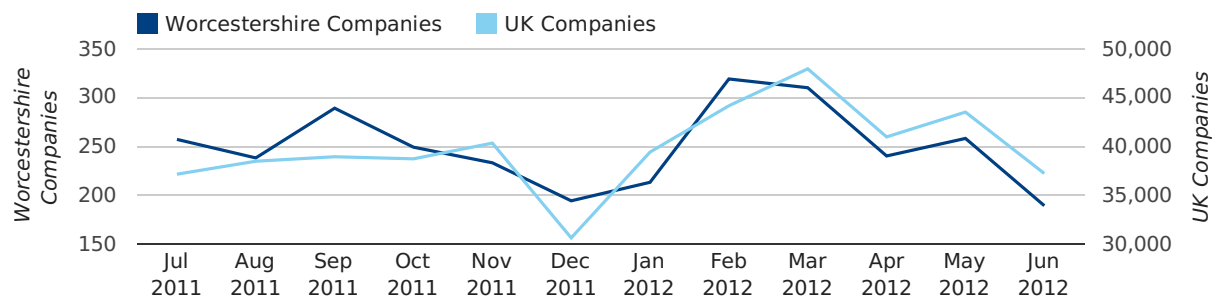
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	240	258	189
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	202	230	260
% CHANGE	18.8%	12.2%	-27.3%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (267)	2012 (258)	2010 (276)

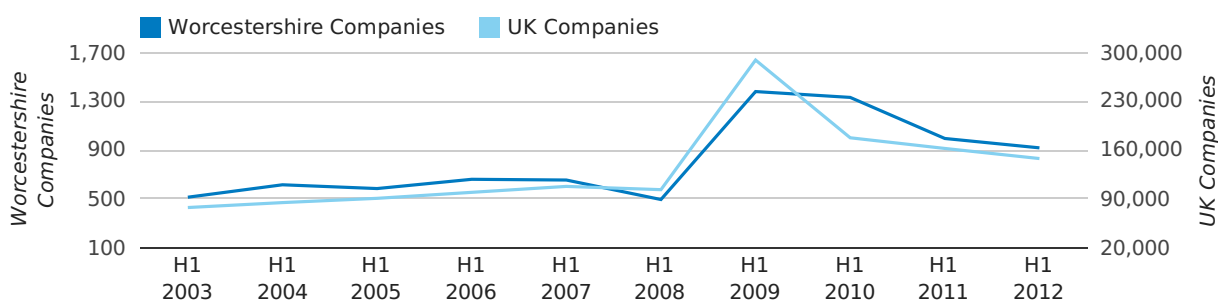
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 918 companies were dissolved in Worcestershire. 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 Worcestershire occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,380 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WORCESTERSHIRE	UK
2012	918	147,793
2011	995	162,310
% CHANGE	-7.7%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,380)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



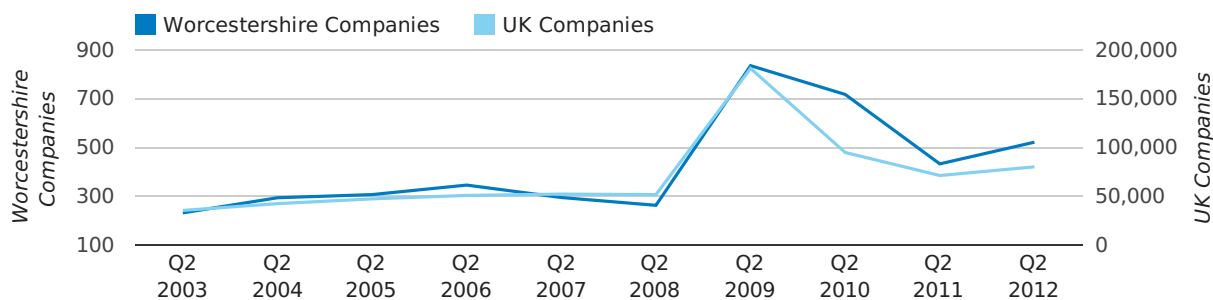
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 522 companies were dissolved in Worcestershire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 20.6% 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)	WORCESTERSHIRE	UK
2012	522	80,217
2011	433	71,324
% CHANGE	20.6%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (836)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



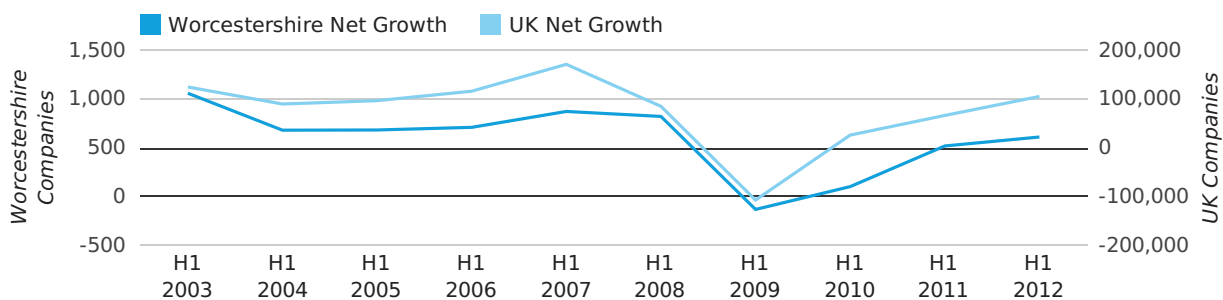
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	149	196	177
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	93	200	140
% CHANGE	60.2%	-2.0%	26%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (176)	2009 (390)	2010 (287)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Worcestershire increased by 611 companies. This figure is 17.7% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WORCESTERSHIRE	UK
2012	611	105,357
2011	519	66,425
% CHANGE	17.7%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,060)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



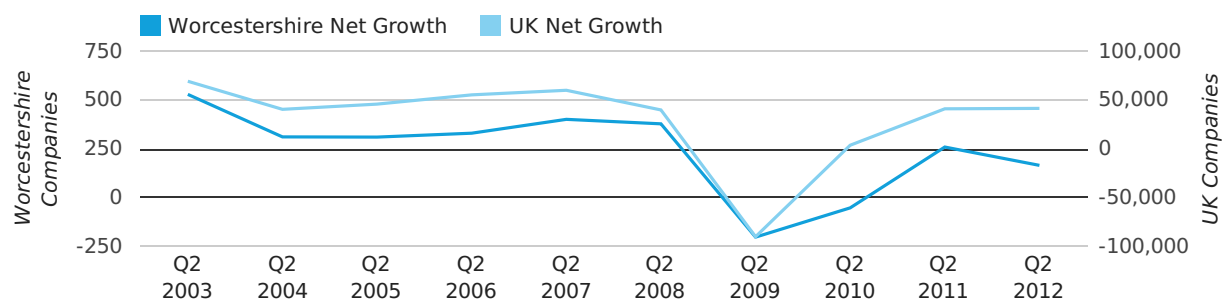
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Worcestershire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 165 companies.

This represents a decrease of 36.3% on the same period last year.

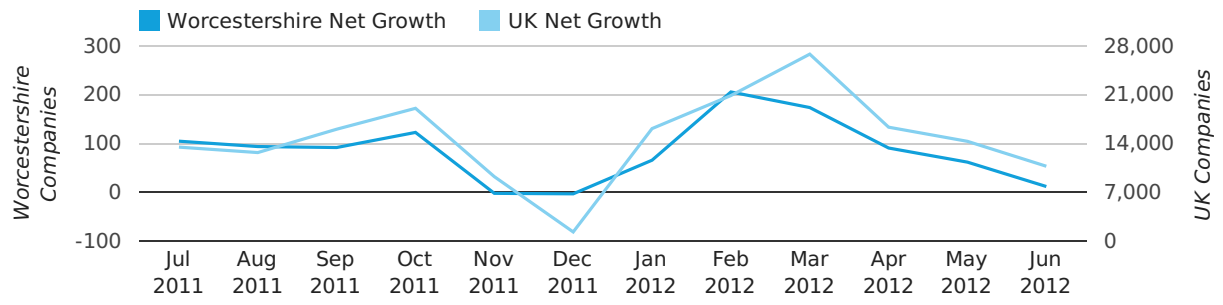
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WORCESTERSHIRE	UK
2012	165	41,442
2011	259	41,020
% CHANGE	-36.3%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (529)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



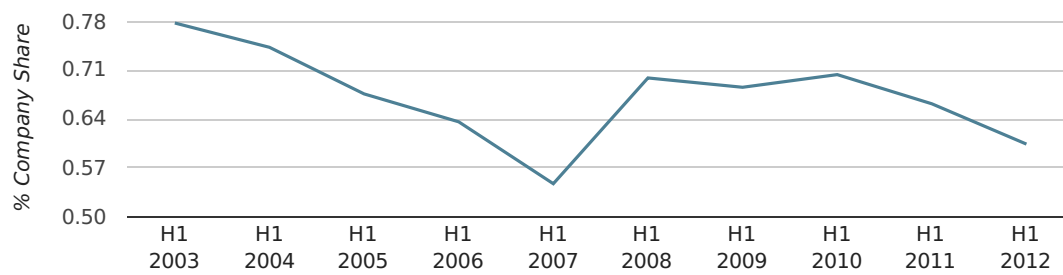
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	91	62	12
NET GROWTH IN 2011	109	30	120
% CHANGE	-16.5%	106.7%	-90.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (191)	2003 (173)	2003 (180)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Worcestershire formed 0.6% of all UK companies. This is less than the 2011 figure of 0.7%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WORCESTERSHIRE
2012	0.6%
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1964 (1.1%)

company share by half year

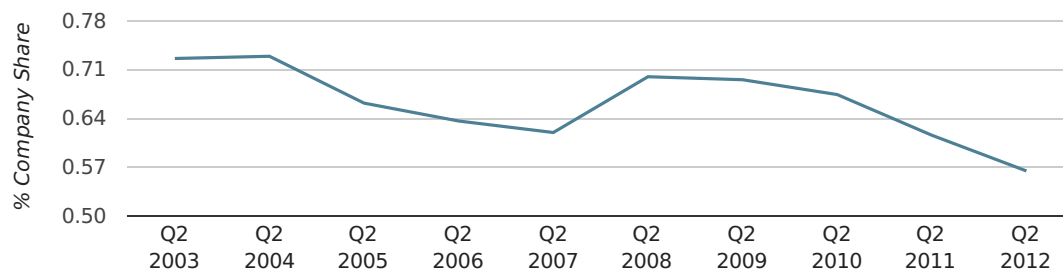


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Worcestershire formed 0.6% of all UK companies.

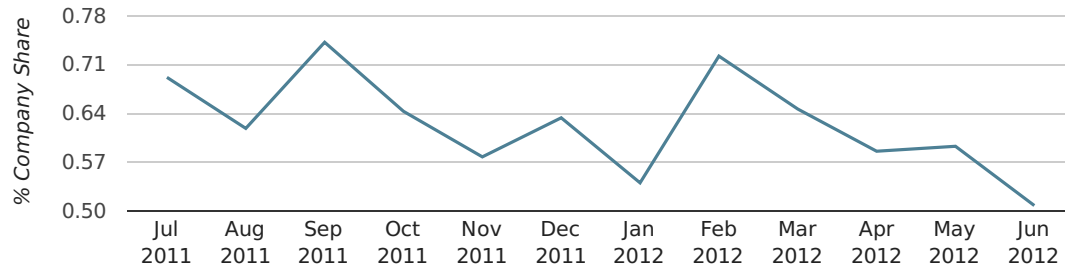
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WORCESTERSHIRE
2012	0.6%
2011	0.6%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1971 (1.0%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.6%	0.6%	0.5%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.6%	0.6%	0.7%
% CHANGE	0.1%	-1.7%	-22.4%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (1.1%)	1982 (1.3%)	1971 (1.5%)

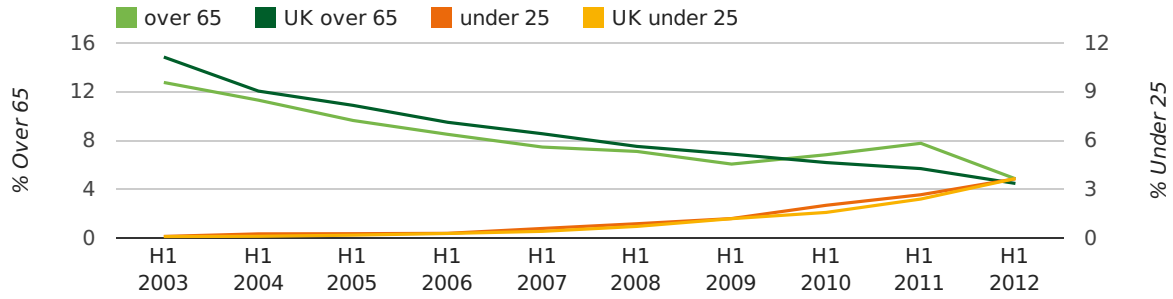
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 45.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



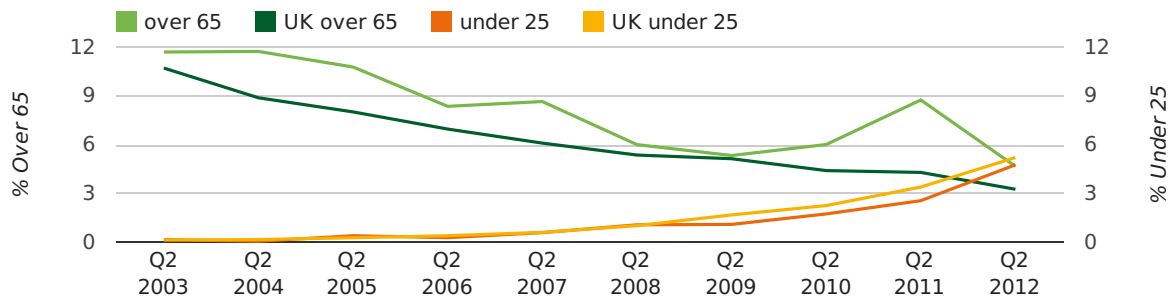
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 45.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

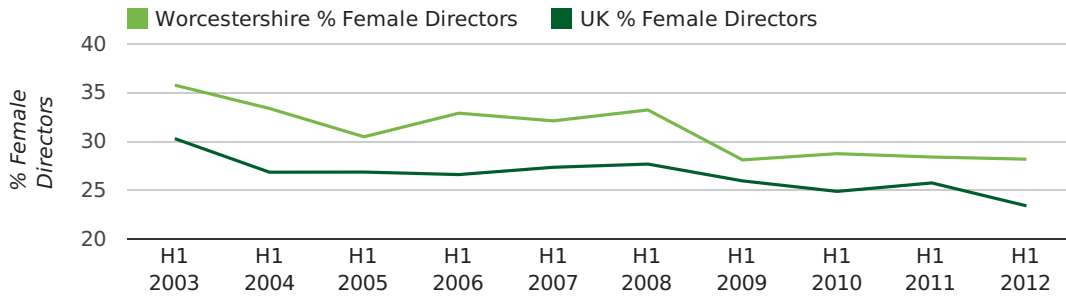


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

28.2% of all director appointments in Worcestershire 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
CONSULTING	1.65%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.62%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	1.29%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
PROPERTY	1.11%	PROPERTY	2.35%
ASSOCIATES	0.90%	TRADING	2.10%
J	0.80%	DESIGN	1.89%
DESIGN	0.77%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
BUSINESS	0.75%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
ENGINEERING	0.72%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
TRAINING	0.64%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
M	0.62%	BUSINESS	1.70%
WORCESTER	0.62%	MEDIA	1.69%
MEDIA	0.62%	LONDON	1.68%
ENTERPRISES	0.59%	J	1.57%
CONSTRUCTION	0.57%	GLOBAL	1.51%
HOLDINGS	0.57%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
S	0.51%	IT	1.42%
ENERGY	0.51%	CARE	1.31%
MAINTENANCE	0.49%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
PROPERTIES	0.49%	M	1.26%
MARKETING	0.49%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
(MIDLANDS)	0.46%	BUILDING	1.23%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.46%	SECURITY	1.19%
GLOBAL	0.46%	S	1.18%
IT	0.46%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,170	244,457
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	306	35,447
7487 - Other business activities	287	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	173	26,088
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	141	20,390
9999 - Dormant Company	109	16,469
56290 - Other food services	99	1,739
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	81	15,280
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	74	10,271
7414 - Business & management consultancy	73	10,978
7499 - Non-trading company	66	8,023
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	62	14,220
74990 - Non-trading company	57	9,706
62090 - Other information technology service activities	52	8,258
41100 - Development of building projects	49	5,149
86900 - Other human health activities	39	5,222
9305 - Other service activities	39	7,926
7260 - Other computer related activities	39	6,456
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	37	2,880
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	33	4,091