

York

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in York when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in York when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in York when compared to any previous Q2.
- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in York when compared to any previous May.
- April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in York when compared to any previous April.
- April 2012 saw a new record in company closures in York when compared to any previous April.

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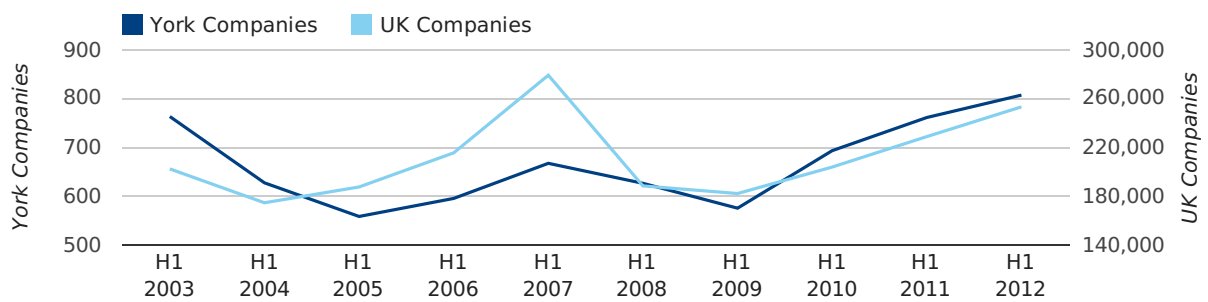
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in York when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 807 companies were formed in York. This figure is 6.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in York occurred in 2012 when a total of 807 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	YORK	UK
2012	807	253,150
2011	761	228,735
% CHANGE	6.0%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (807)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

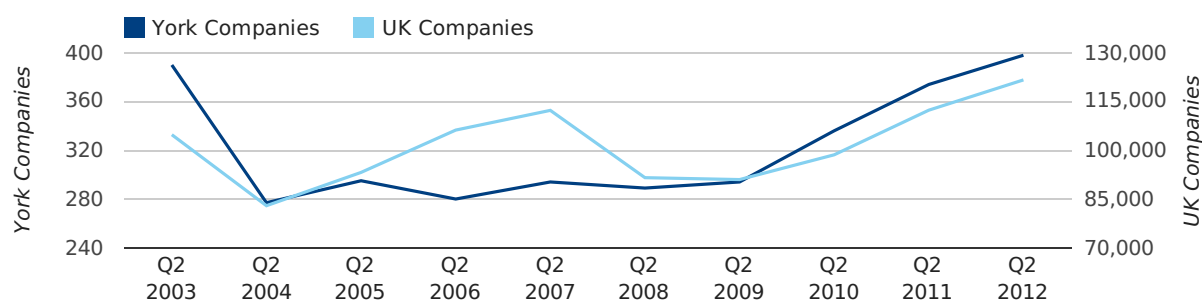
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in York when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 398 companies were registered in York during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 6.4% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares equally 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)	YORK	UK
2012	398	121,659
2011	374	112,344
% CHANGE	6.4%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (398)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in York when compared to any previous April.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	137	153	108
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	118	124	132
% CHANGE	16.1%	23.4%	-18.2%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (137)	2012 (153)	2003 (157)

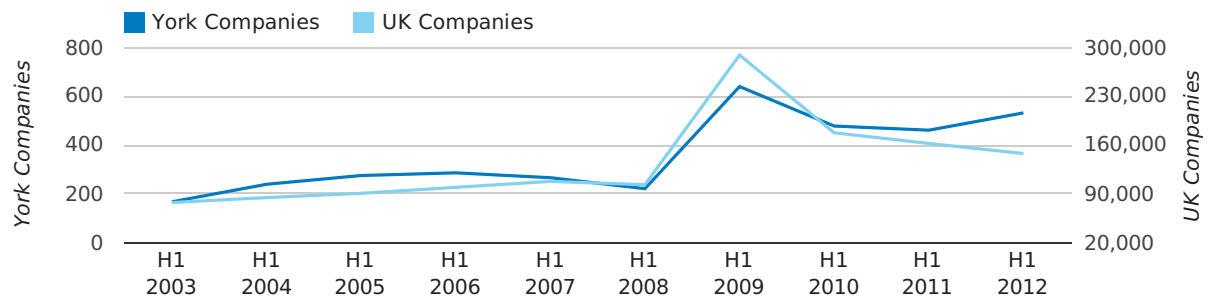
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 532 companies were dissolved in York. This figure is 15.4% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in York occurred in 2009 when a total of 640 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	YORK	UK
2012	532	147,793
2011	461	162,310
% CHANGE	15.4%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (640)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



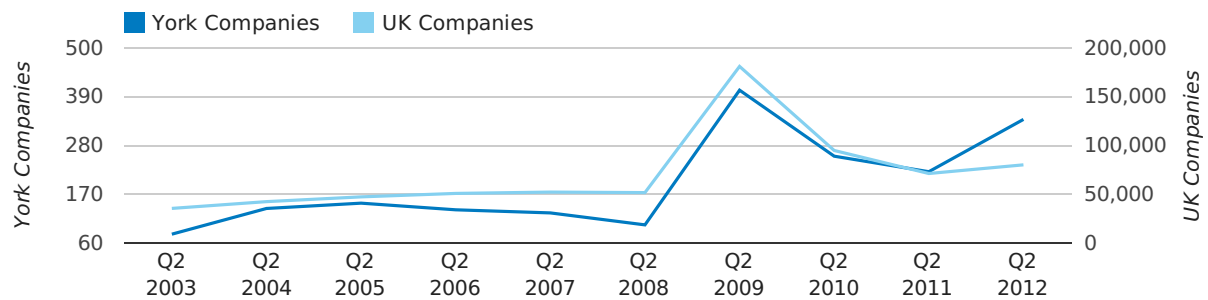
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 339 companies were dissolved in York during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 53.4% 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)	YORK	UK
2012	339	80,217
2011	221	71,324
% CHANGE	53.4%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (405)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

April 2012 saw a new record in company closures in York when compared to any previous April.

dissolved companies by month



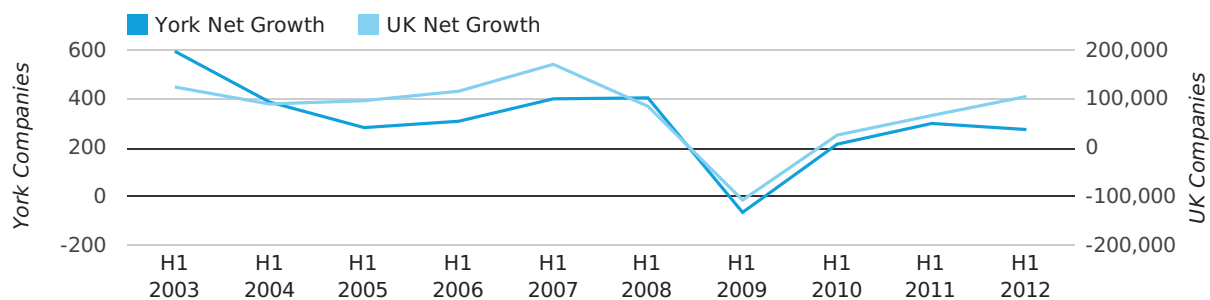
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	110	102	127
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	43	120	58
% CHANGE	155.8%	-15.0%	119%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (110)	2009 (186)	2009 (128)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for York increased by 275 companies. This figure is 8.3% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	YORK	UK
2012	275	105,357
2011	300	66,425
% CHANGE	-8.3%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (596)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



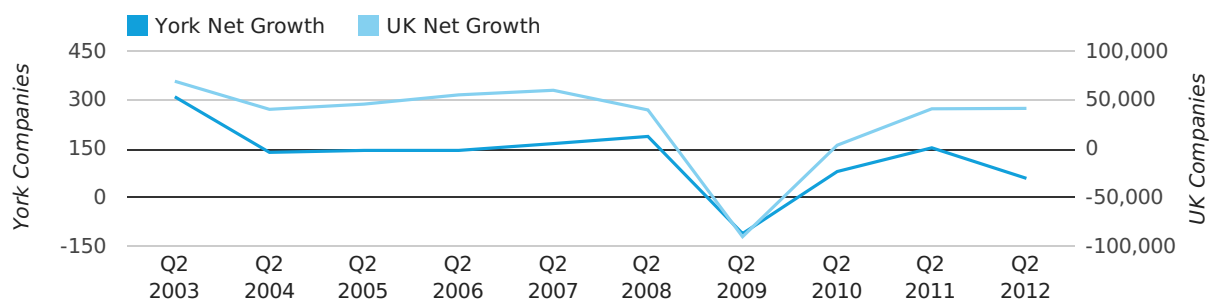
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for York during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 59 companies.

This represents a decrease of 61.4% on the same period last year.

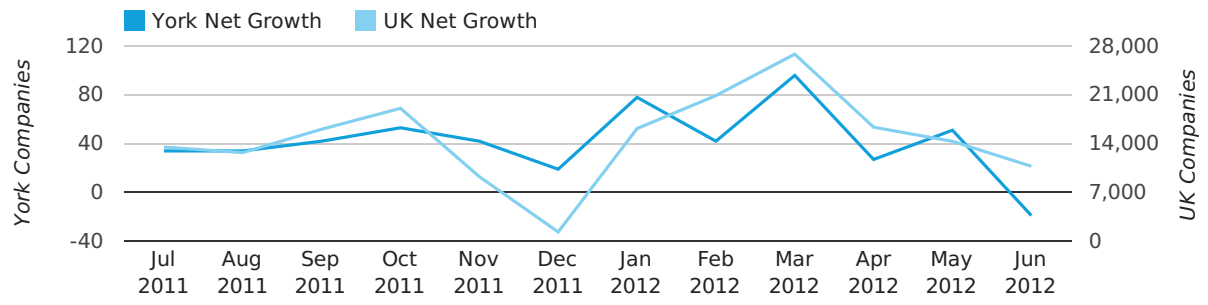
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	YORK	UK
2012	59	41,442
2011	153	41,020
% CHANGE	-61.4%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (310)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



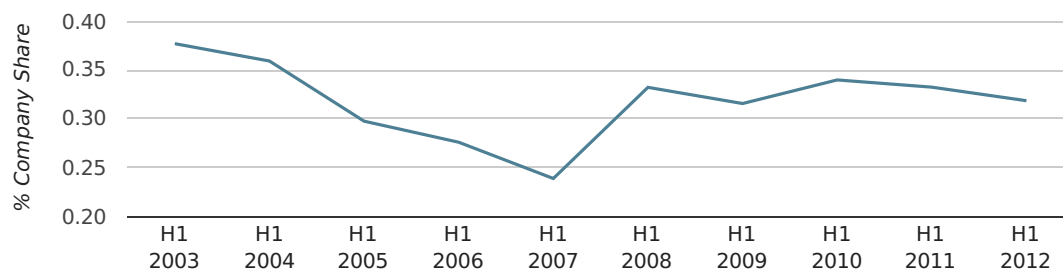
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	27	51	-19
NET GROWTH IN 2011	75	4	74
% CHANGE	-64.0%	1,175.0%	-125.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (75)	2003 (111)	2003 (132)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 York formed 0.3% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	YORK
2012	0.3%
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1964 (0.5%)

company share by half year

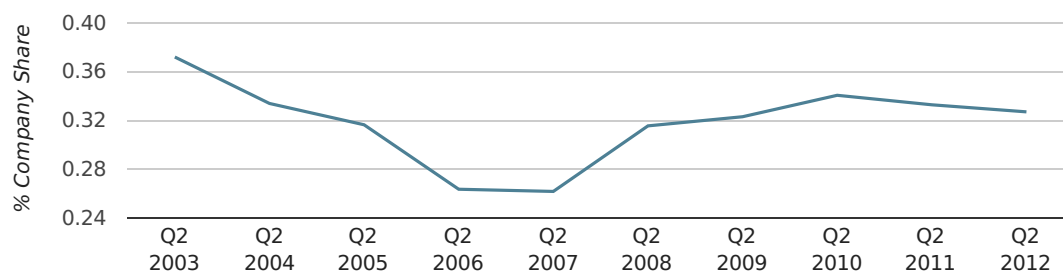


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, York formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

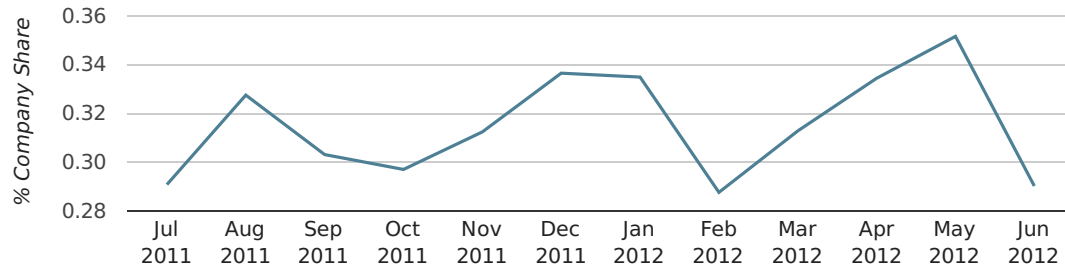
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	YORK
2012	0.3%
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1962 (0.7%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
% CHANGE	-2.2%	8.1%	-12.6%
RECORD YEAR	1961 (0.9%)	1962 (1.1%)	1980 (0.7%)

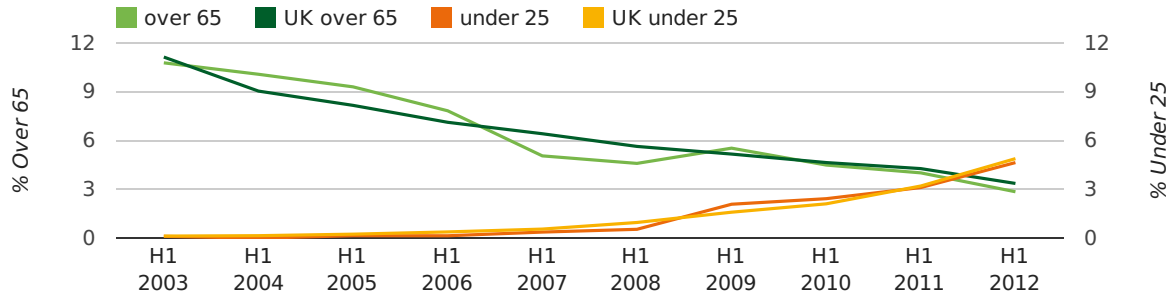
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 43.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.7% 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



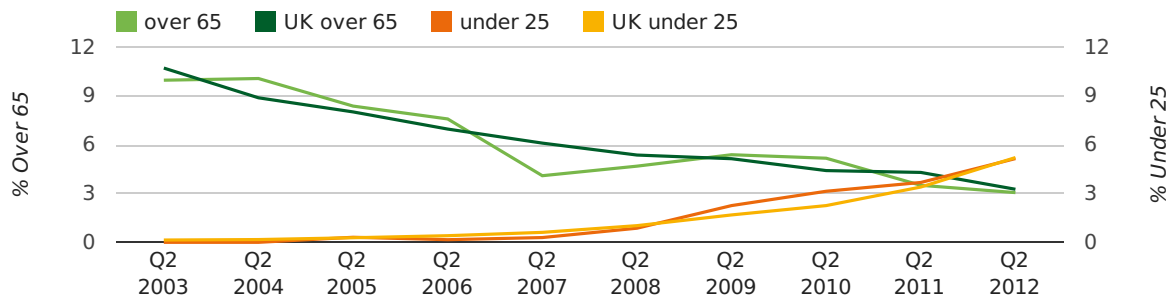
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 43.2.

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

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

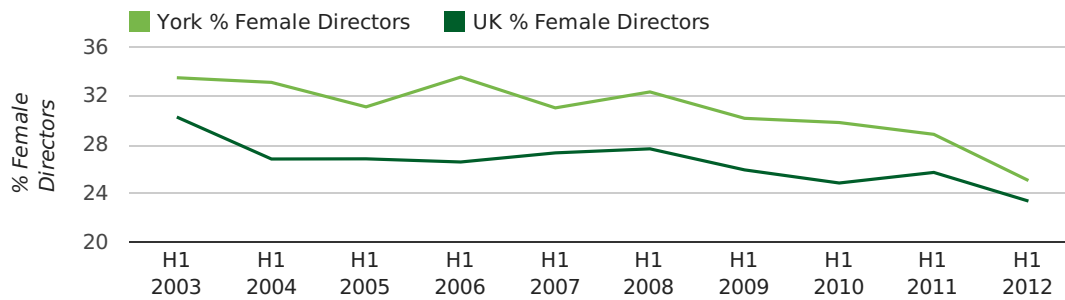


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

25.1% of all director appointments in York 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

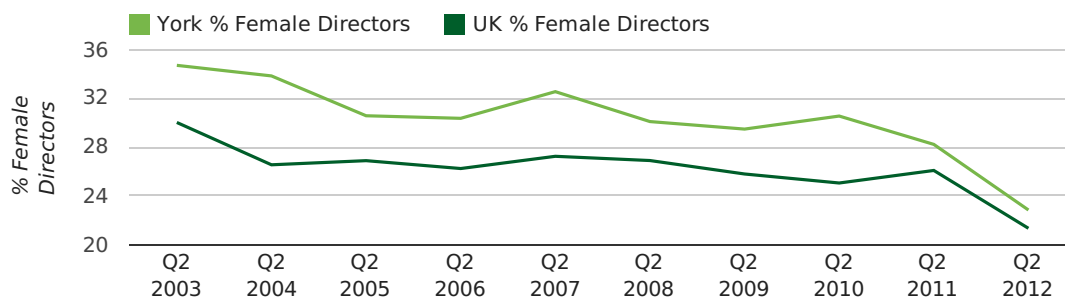


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

22.8% of all director appointments in York 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
YORK	2.74%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.85%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
(YORK)	1.81%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTING	1.32%	PROPERTY	2.35%
YORKSHIRE	1.02%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTANCY	0.97%	DESIGN	1.89%
J	0.79%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
PROPERTY	0.71%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
ENGINEERING	0.62%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
CONSTRUCTION	0.57%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.57%	BUSINESS	1.70%
BUSINESS	0.53%	MEDIA	1.69%
TRAINING	0.49%	LONDON	1.68%
PROJECT	0.49%	J	1.57%
ENERGY	0.49%	GLOBAL	1.51%
ELECTRICAL	0.49%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
JOINERY	0.44%	IT	1.42%
M	0.44%	CARE	1.31%
HOLDINGS	0.44%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CONSULTANTS	0.44%	M	1.26%
GREEN	0.44%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
H	0.40%	BUILDING	1.23%
ENTERPRISES	0.40%	SECURITY	1.19%
R	0.40%	S	1.18%
DESIGN	0.40%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	650	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	106	47,029
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	98	20,390
99999 - Dormant Company	90	26,088
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	60	35,447
7414 - Business & management consultancy	58	10,978
9999 - Dormant Company	57	16,469
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	43	10,271
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	40	14,220
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	36	15,280
98000 - Residents property management	36	3,001
74990 - Non-trading company	36	9,706
7499 - Non-trading company	34	8,023
41100 - Development of building projects	29	5,149
7260 - Other computer related activities	23	6,456
62090 - Other information technology service activities	22	8,258
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	21	3,818
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	21	4,644
62012 - Business and domestic software development	20	4,742
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	19	3,365