

Business Creation in the UK: July 2021*

We analyse the UK company register, provided by Companies House, up to June 30th, 2021. Company registrations are an indicator of firm creation and economic activity. We note a slowdown in company registration relative to June 2020. However, firm creation remains stronger than the same period in 2019.

We find that

- Business creation decreased 4.6% between May 2021 and June 2021.
- Business creation was 18% lower in June 2021 than in June 2020.
- The largest number of company registrations occurs in 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles', 'Manufacturing' and 'Financial and insurance activities' sectors.

Aggregate Effect

- 21,475 additional companies were registered in June 2021 relative to June 2019.
- The median daily registrations were 43% higher in June 2021 than June 2019.

Regional Analysis

- In June 2021, firm creation remains higher in most of the regions than it was in 2019. London, followed by England, dominate business registrations.

Sectoral Analysis

- 'Wholesale, and Retail Trade', 'Manufacturing' and 'Financial and insurance activities' sectors show the greatest increase in firm creation in June 2021.
- Compared to June 2019, in June 2021 there is more than a 300% increase in business creation for 'Removal services', 'Wholesale on a fee or contract basis' and 'Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet'.
- There are lower registrations relative to June 2019 in 'Packaging activities', 'Warehousing and storage' and 'Service activities incidental to land transportation'.

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