

Business Creation in the UK: June 2021*

We analyse the UK company register, provided by Companies House, up to May 31st, 2021. Company registrations are an indicator of firm creation and economic activity. We note a similar strength of new company registration. Lockdown-III period has not altered the business setup observed the last few months.

We find that

- Business creation decreased 5.8% between April 2021 and May 2021.
- Business creation was 13.5% higher in May 2021 than in May 2020.
- The largest number of company registrations occurs in 'Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles' sector, followed by 'Agriculture, forestry and fishing'.

Aggregate Effect

- 7,996 additional companies were registered in May 2021 relative to May 2019.
- The median daily registrations were 30% higher in May 2021 than May 2019.

Regional Analysis

- In May 2021, firm creation remains higher in most of the regions than it was in 2019. London, followed by Wales, dominate business registrations. London, followed by England, dominate business registrations. For the first time in 2021, Scotland presents increasing business incorporations.

Sectoral Analysis

- 'Wholesale, and Retail Trade', 'Manufacturing', 'Financial and insurance activities' and 'Real estate activities' sectors show the greatest increase in firm creation in May 2021.
- Compared to May 2019, in May 2021 there is more than a 300% increase in business creation for 'Combined office administrative service activities', 'Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet' and 'Raising of other animals'.
- There are lower registrations relative to May 2019 in 'Warehousing and storage', 'Activities of head offices', 'Service activities incidental to land transportation' and 'Legal activities'.

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