

Business Creation in the UK: August 2021*

We analyse Companies House “basic company data” up to the July 31st, 2021. We note a slowdown in company registration relative to July 2020. However, firm creation remains stronger than the same period in 2019.

We find that

- Business creation decreased 3.9% between June 2021 and July 2021.
- Business creation was 25% lower in July 2021 than in July 2020.
- The largest number of company registrations occurs in ‘Wholesale and retail trade; repair of motor vehicles and motorcycles’ and ‘Manufacturing’. Closer to the end of July 2021, ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ presents an increase.

Aggregate Effect

- 13,687 additional companies were registered in July 2021 relative to July 2019.
- The median daily registrations were 47.3% higher in July 2021 than July 2019.

Regional Analysis

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

Sectoral Analysis

- ‘Wholesale, and Retail Trade’ and ‘Manufacturing’ sectors keep showing the greatest increase in firm creation in July 2021.
- Towards the end of July 2021, ‘Arts, entertainment and recreation’ presents an increase.
- Compared to July 2019, in July 2021 there is more than a 300% increase in business creation for ‘Repair of communication equipment’, ‘Demolition’ and ‘Raising of other animals’ sectors.
- There are lower registrations relative to June 2019 in ‘Warehousing and storage’, ‘Construction of railways and underground railways’, ‘Service activities incidental to land transportation’ and ‘Veterinary activities’.

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