

Information Released under Freedom of Information Act

Subject: Statistics relating to new company incorporation and dissolutions in the UK and Isle of Wight between 1990 - 2015

Date Released: 6 May 2015

Summary of request: The enquirer requested statistics relating to new company incorporation and dissolutions in the UK and Isle of Wight between 1990 - 2015

Information Released

You asked for the following information:

- 1. the number of new companies formed each year on the Isle of Wight between the years 1990 and 2015.**
 - 2. the number of new companies formed each year across the UK between the years 1990 and 2015.**
 - 3. the number of companies dissolved each year on the Isle of Wight between the years 1990 and 2015.**
 - 4. the number of companies dissolved each year across the UK between the years 1990 and 2015.**
- Can I request that the data is provided for each individual year (so that I can plot data annually)?**

Companies House does not hold the information in the format you have requested, we do not analyse by location or in calendar years as a matter of course.

However, there are several sources that can supply incorporation and dissolution information that you can access in order to analyse the information for your purpose. Some of this information is free of charge and some is chargeable.

I am unable to provide information from these sources free of charge, as under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA), any information that is reasonably accessible to the applicant, albeit on payment of a fee, is exempt under section 21 FOIA.

However, I am able to provide the historical report attached and to assist you I have provided the various links to the sources of information available from our website.

- 1. The spreadsheet attached contains information on Companies Register Activities for periods 1939 to 2013-14.**

The information includes Total Register size at end of period, Active Register Size at end of period (it does not include companies in liquidation or in the process of being removed from the register), Incorporations, Dissolutions, Total Liquidations (including Members Voluntary Liquidation, Creditors Voluntary Liquidation and Compulsory Liquidation) and Insolvencies (Creditors Voluntary Liquidation and Compulsory Liquidation).

Figures for 1939 to 1986 are Calendar years, while 1986-87 onwards are financial years. Prior to 2009-10 figures relate to Great Britain (England, Wales and Scotland), Figures for 2009-10 onwards relate to

United Kingdom (England, Wales, Scotland and Northern Ireland - who became part of the register in October 2009 through the implementation of the Companies Act 2006).

Figures for 2014-15 will not be available until later in the year.

2 Figures for the volumes of Incorporations and Dissolutions for UK can be found in "Companies Register Activities 2013-2014"

<https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/companies-register-activities-statistical-release-2013-to-2014>

Following the above link, select the MS Excel Spreadsheet version and Table A1. This Table contains data from 2009-2010 to 2013-2014.

Previous publications can be found via the National Archives

<http://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20141104103730/http://www.companieshouse.gov.uk/about/businessRegisterStat.shtml>

Following the above link, select Statistics, Yearly Company Register Activities

The oldest report on this website contains data from 1998-99 to 2002-03.

3. To obtain information on Isle of Wight companies we offer a free company data product on our website. The following data fields are available within 5 downloadable CSV files:

Company Name

Company Number

Register Office address (8 address fields)

Company Category

Company Status

Country of Origin

Dissolution Date - Not relevant as no dissolved company details are held on the free data products

Incorporation Date

Accounting Reference Date (2 fields - Day; Month)

Accounts Next due date

Accounts last made up date

Accounts Category

Annual Returns Next due date

Annual returns Last made up date

Number of Mortgage Charges

Number Mortgages Outstanding

Number of Mortgages Part Satisfied

Number Mortgages Satisfied

SIC Codes (4 fields - SIC 1 to SIC 4)

Limited Partnerships Number of General Partners

Limited Partnerships Number Limited Partners

URI address

Change of Name Date

Company names (previous - max 10 occurrences)

All 5 files need to be downloaded to have a complete snapshot of The Register.

An updated snapshot is taken at the end of each month and made available on our website during the 1st week of the following month.

Please use the link below to access the Free Company Data Product on our website:

http://download.companieshouse.gov.uk/en_output.html

4. Other options are the Companies House DVD products, details of which can be found via the link below. This product may be useful, but the DVD will only show those companies incorporated in the areas and periods requested for the companies that are still live. It will not show the companies incorporated in those periods that are now dissolved. There is a dissolved/change of name DVD (1995 to 2014) where you could search dissolved companies by area but it will not give you the date the companies were incorporated.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house/about/about-our-services#dvd-dir>

5. If the above options are not suitable for you then another option may be a bespoke product. Companies House will consider requests to develop a bespoke product to meet an individual's specific data needs, but only in cases where the information is not available within any of its other products. A bespoke product may be a possibility for the specific information you require but our IT Team would have to look at your requirements at the time. If you are interested in this option please let me know.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/companies-house/about/about-our-services>

Again as a bespoke product is available to you via our products and services, albeit on payment of a fee, the information is exempt under section 21 of the FOIA.