

There were 1,070 businesses registered in Buckinghamshire in the final quarter of 2017 (October to December), according to Companies House, taking the total for the year to 4,893. Company registrations in Buckinghamshire fell 6.2 per cent in 2017 compared to 2016, but remain above the 4,774 recorded in 2015.

Only six of the 38 Local Enterprise Partnerships bettered England’s rate of new company registrations in the last quarter, with Buckinghamshire ranking 9<sup>th</sup> with 25.1 registrations for every 10,000 residents aged 16 or over. Buckinghamshire ranked 4<sup>th</sup> among county council areas behind Northamptonshire (36.9), Hertfordshire (35.2), and Worcestershire (26.1).

South Bucks recorded Buckinghamshire’s highest new registration rate with 40.1 registrations per 10,000 residents aged 16 or over, to rank 30<sup>th</sup> among the 380 local authority districts in Great Britain and 11<sup>th</sup> highest outside London. Chiltern also bettered the national rate to rank 70<sup>th</sup> with a registration rate of 27.5, ahead of Wycombe (24.3, 93<sup>rd</sup>) and Aylesbury Vale (19.3, 141<sup>st</sup>).

**Table 1: Business registration rates, Q4 2017**

	New Registrations	Rate (per 10,000 residents)	Rank
Aylesbury Vale	296	19.3	141
Chiltern	208	27.5	70
South Bucks	225	40.1	30
Wycombe	341	24.3	93
Buckinghamshire	1,070	25.1	4
Buckinghamshire Thames Valley	1,070	25.1	9
Coast to Capital	4,061	24.8	10
Enterprise M3	2,952	21.7	14
Hertfordshire	3,304	35.2	2
London	45,631	65.3	1
Oxfordshire LEP	919	16.5	24
South East Midlands	4,620	29.2	5
Thames Valley Berkshire	1,836	26.0	8
England	122,512	27.4	-
Great Britain	132,208	25.5	-

Sources: Companies House, 2018; MYPE, ONS, 2017

Management consultancies were the most commonly registered businesses in Buckinghamshire in the last quarter, with 89 registrations accounting for 8.3 per cent of the total. Other common business activities included *other service activities* (77, 7.2), information technology consultancy activities (50, 4.7), *other business support activities* (40, 3.7), the letting or operation of own or leased real estate (38, 3.6), and the development of building projects (30, 2.6).

The geography of new company registrations is presented in the map at the end of this bulletin.

**Table 2: Local authorities' business registrations per 10,000 residents (16+), Q4 2017**

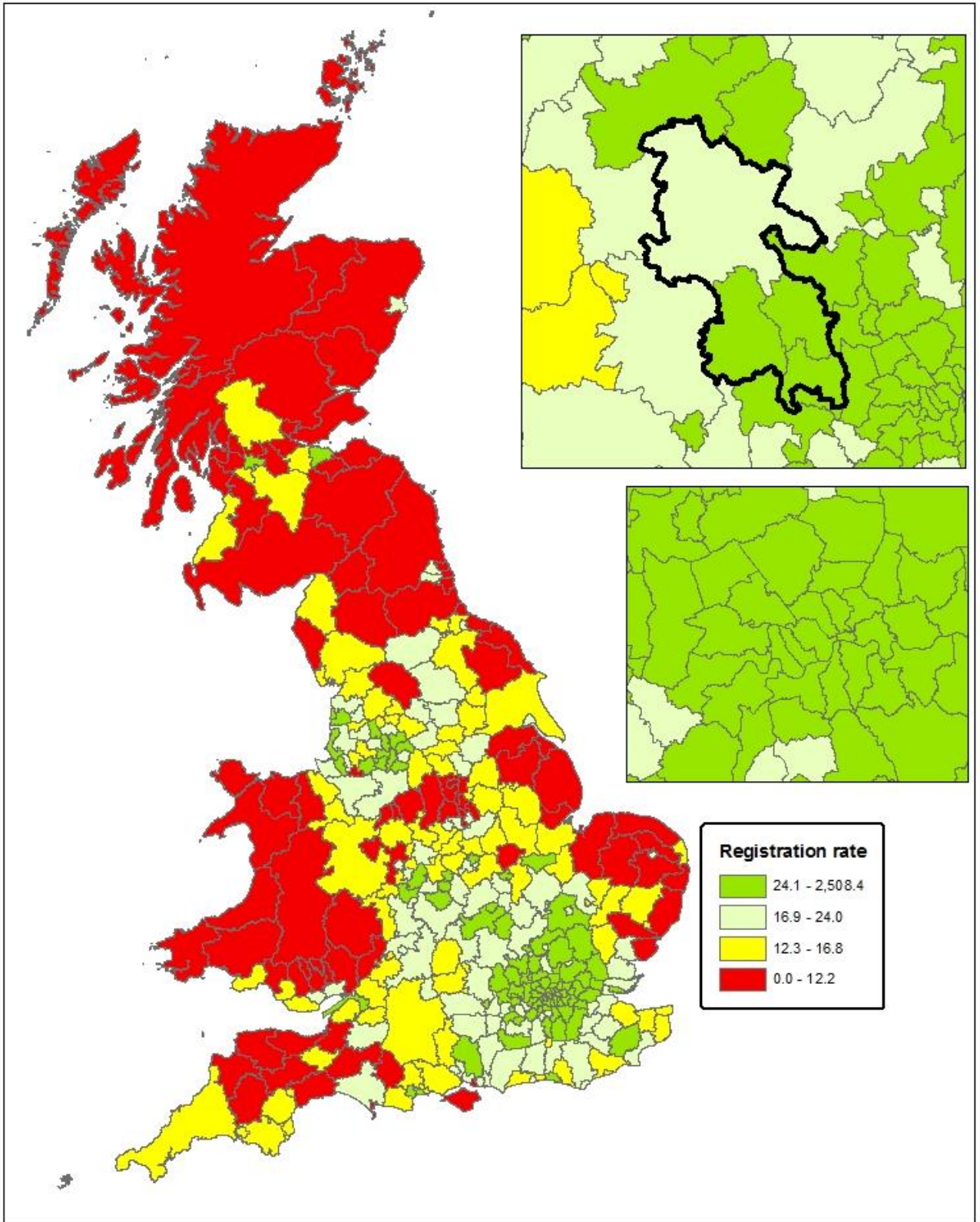
	Local authority	Registrations	Rate
1	City of London	2,086	2,508.4
2	Camden	4,509	222.1
3	Hackney	4,376	201.9
4	Westminster	4,131	198.9
5	Islington	3,818	194.9
6	South Northamptonshire	999	137.2
7	Newham	2,195	83.2
8	Bromsgrove	609	76.4
9	Warrington	1,247	73.7
10	Barnet	2,171	71.3
11	Kensington and Chelsea	911	69.6
12	Tower Hamlets	1,478	60.7
13	Redbridge	1,288	55.7
14	Harrow	1,093	55.3
15	Hertsmere	441	53.9
16	Watford	382	50.5
17	Manchester	2,153	49.8
18	Merton	788	48.5
19	Hammersmith and Fulham	705	47.7
20	Haringey	1,026	46.0
21	Dacorum	551	45.1
22	Enfield	1,142	44.6
23	Brent	1,134	43.8
24	Poole	545	43.7
25	Wandsworth	1,130	43.6
26	St Albans	495	43.5
27	Ealing	1,153	42.8
28	Croydon	1,268	42.6
29	Fylde	273	41.6
30	South Bucks	225	40.1
31	Barking and Dagenham	599	40.0
32	Slough	436	39.9
33	Rochdale	650	38.2
34	Hillingdon	882	37.1
35	Richmond upon Thames	572	36.9
36	Waltham Forest	792	36.8
37	Epping Forest	389	36.6
38	Hounslow	780	36.6
39	Southwark	922	36.2
40	Nuneaton and Bedworth	361	35.2
41	Blackpool	392	34.4
42	Elmbridge	351	34.2
43	Ashford	340	33.9
44	Trafford	629	33.9
45	Luton	558	33.8
46	Salford	668	33.6
47	Bury	501	33.3
48	Liverpool	1,329	33.0
49	Milton Keynes	667	32.7
50	Birmingham	2,816	32.4

Sources: Companies House, 2018; MYPE, ONS, 2017

**Table 3: New business registrations for every 10,000 residents (16+) by LEP, Q4 2017**

Rank	LEP	Registrations	Rate
1	London	45,631	65.3
2	Hertfordshire	3,304	35.2
3	Cheshire and Warrington	2,505	33.2
4	Greater Manchester	6,806	30.7
5	South East Midlands	4,620	29.2
6	Greater Birmingham and Solihull	4,550	28.6
7	Worcestershire	1,252	26.1
8	Thames Valley Berkshire	1,836	26.0
9	Buckinghamshire Thames Valley	1,070	25.1
10	Coast to Capital	4,061	24.8
11	Coventry and Warwickshire	1,805	24.4
12	Dorset	1,503	23.3
13	Liverpool City Region	2,898	23.1
14	Enterprise M3	2,952	21.7
15	South East	7,165	21.2
16	West of England	1,939	20.9
17	Lancashire	2,491	20.7
18	Leicester and Leicestershire	1,710	20.5
19	Greater Cambridge & Greater Peterborough	2,272	19.6
20	Black Country	1,748	18.8
21	Leeds City Region	4,491	18.3
22	Solent	2,353	17.8
23	Gloucestershire	847	16.6
24	Oxfordshire LEP	919	16.5
25	Swindon and Wiltshire	925	16.3
26	Derby, Derbyshire, Nottingham and Nottingham	2,757	15.5
27	D2N2	2,259	14.9
28	Humber	1,104	14.5
29	York and North Yorkshire	1,393	14.5
30	Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire	1,261	13.7
31	Tees Valley	741	13.7
32	New Anglia	1,779	13.2
33	Greater Lincolnshire	1,106	12.5
34	Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly	576	12.5
35	Heart of the South West	1,769	12.3
36	North Eastern	2,004	12.3
37	The Marches	672	12.1
38	Cumbria	480	11.5

Sources: Companies House, 2018; MYPE, ONS, 2017



Business registered with Companies House per 10,000 residents (16+), Q4 2017

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