

The number of companies per head of population in the ...

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I am doing a lot of research on companies, corporation tax and the tax gap at present. All is part of what I call 'day job'. But let me share this chart:

In 2000 there was one company for every 37 people (near enough) in the UK.

Now the number is one for just under 17 people. The number of companies per head of population has doubled this century.

Corporatisation is rampant.

Data is from Companies House and the ONS.

NB: Some people did not like the labelling of the original chart: it has been amended for the sake of clarity.