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# Transparency versus privacy

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# the data deal

limited liability for  
**corporate  
transparency**



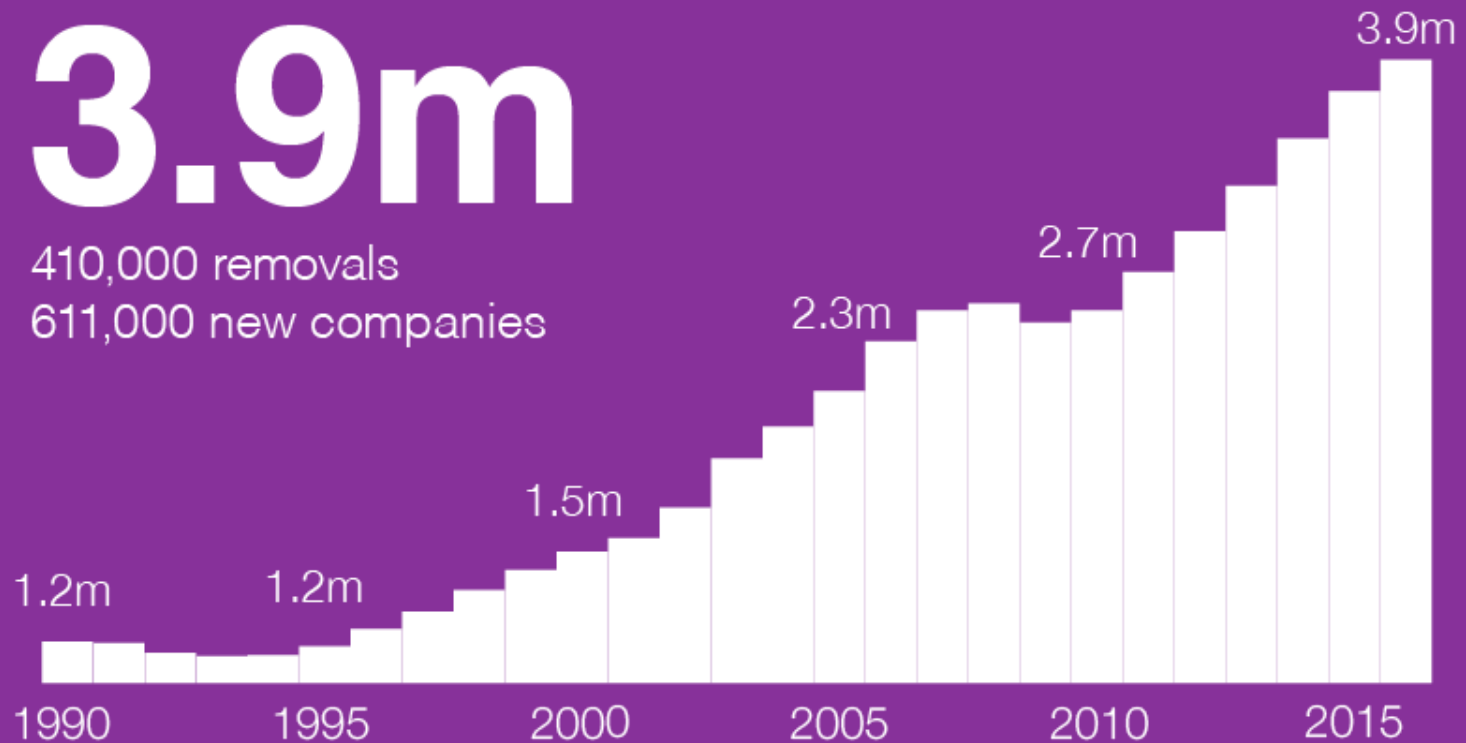
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# register size growth

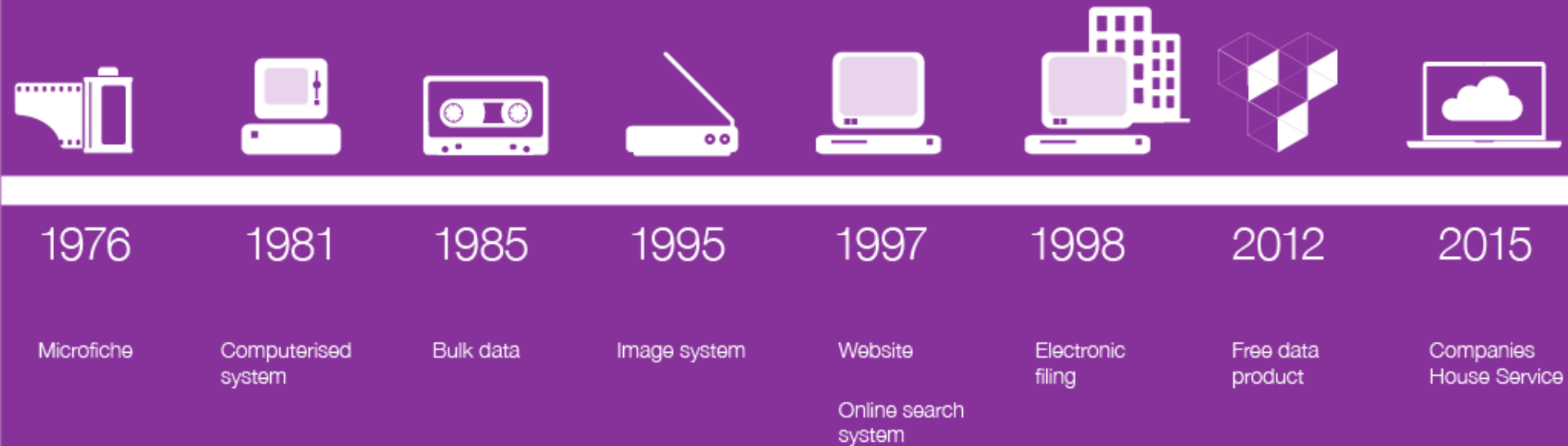
# 3.9m

410,000 removals  
611,000 new companies



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# Companies House timeline



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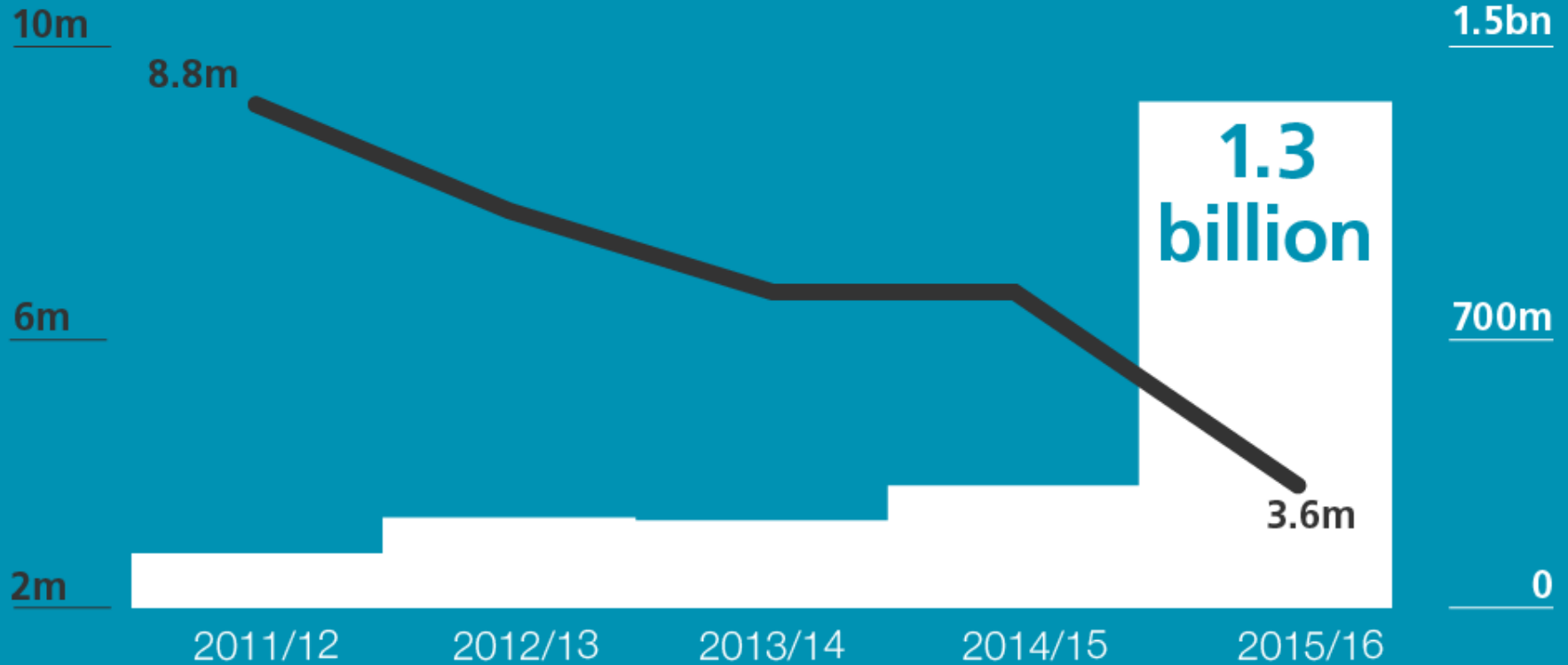
FREE

A large, illuminated sign spelling the word "FREE" in gold, three-dimensional letters. Each letter is filled with a grid of small, bright white lights that create a starburst effect. The sign is mounted on a solid blue wall. A black power cord is visible on the left side, extending from the bottom of the sign.

# free data requests and paid searches

**paid**

**free**



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# 9000%

## Increase in data searches



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**data revolution**



**15 million  
searches a day**

**350,000  
users a day**

**4,000  
third party applications**

**£100 million  
worth of free searches  
in the first 6 months**



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The image features a blue background with several silhouettes of human heads in profile, facing each other. Inside the heads, there are various gears of different sizes and colors (yellow, white, and blue). The text "Learning lessons" is written in a bold, white, sans-serif font across the center of the image. The overall theme is learning, education, and cognitive processes.

# Learning lessons



# personal data complaints

76.1%

Customers were  
satisfied or very  
satisfied with  
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House Service

3,500

2,500

1,500

500



free data



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# Dissolved company information



# Transparency



Protection of individuals



# integrity unit since 2014



working with law  
enforcement  
agencies

400%  
increase



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# records management

1844



Paper records



1976



Microfiche



1981



Computerised  
system



2015



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# challenges



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# new legislation, transparency and integrity

- People with significant control
- Registered office disputes
- Directors disputes
- Removal
- Rectification
- Law enforcement liaison



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# the future



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# collaboration challenges next year

- Report it now
- HMRC – anti money laundering regulator
- Law enforcement



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## **The deal ...**

Limited liability and transparency



## **The purpose ...**

Supporting the economy



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