

Aberdeenshire

2012 half year business confidence report



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- April 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Aberdeenshire when compared to any previous April.

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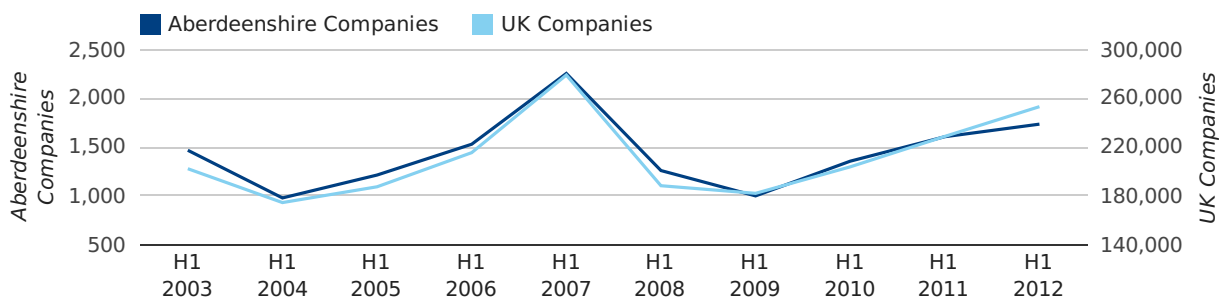
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,735 companies were formed in Aberdeenshire. This figure is 8.0% higher than last year, which compares equally to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Aberdeenshire occurred in 2007 when a total of 2,255 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ABERDEENSHIRE	UK
2012	1,735	253,150
2011	1,606	228,735
% CHANGE	8.0%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (2,255)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



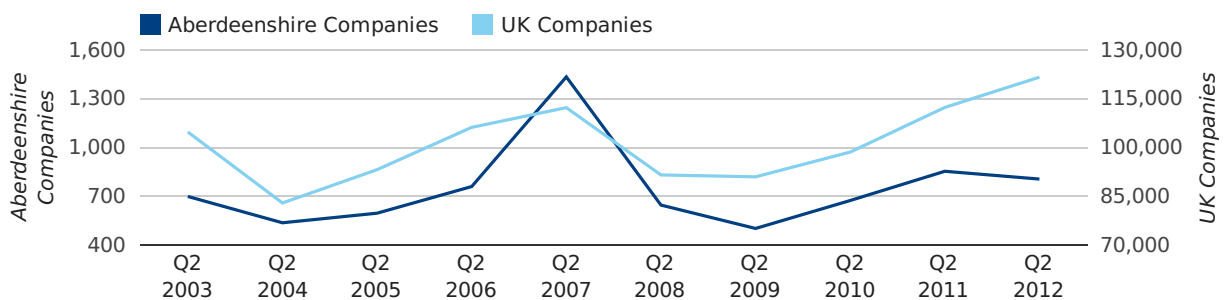
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 806 companies were registered in Aberdeenshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 5.6% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ABERDEENSHIRE	UK
2012	806	121,659
2011	854	112,344
% CHANGE	-5.6%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,435)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	279	269	258
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	245	299	310
% CHANGE	13.9%	-10.0%	-16.8%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (535)	2007 (480)	2007 (420)

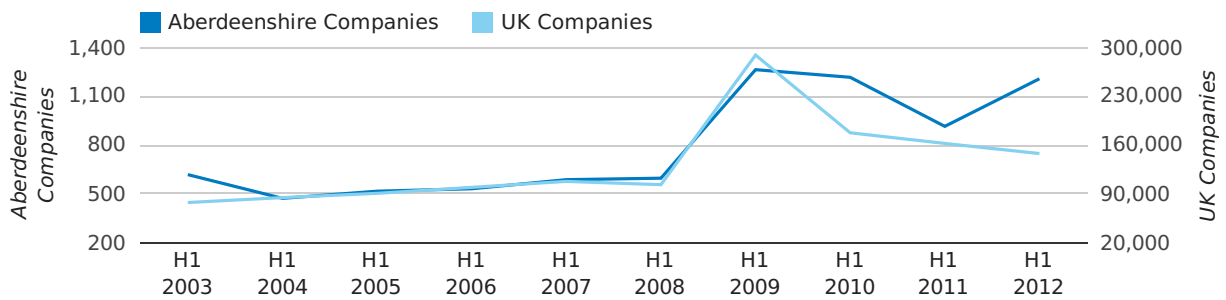
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,208 companies were dissolved in Aberdeenshire. This figure is 32.0% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Aberdeenshire occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,264 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ABERDEENSHIRE	UK
2012	1,208	147,793
2011	915	162,310
% CHANGE	32.0%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,264)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 490 companies were dissolved in Aberdeenshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 13.2% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ABERDEENSHIRE	UK
2012	490	80,217
2011	433	71,324
% CHANGE	13.2%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (778)	2009 (181,176)

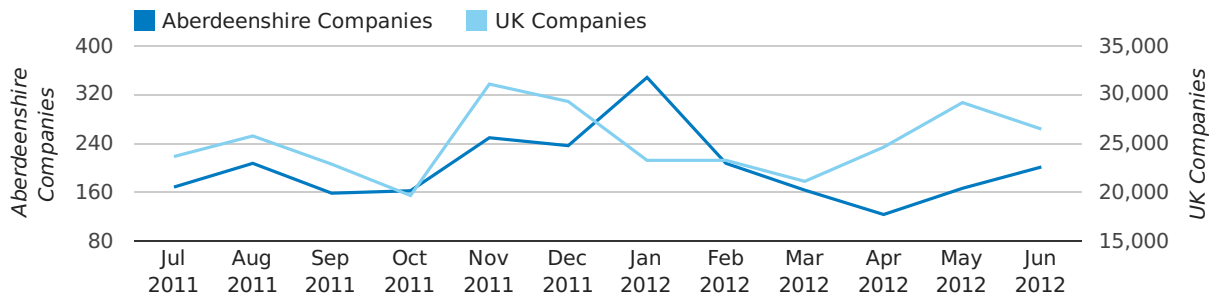
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

April 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Aberdeenshire when compared to any previous April.

dissolved companies by month



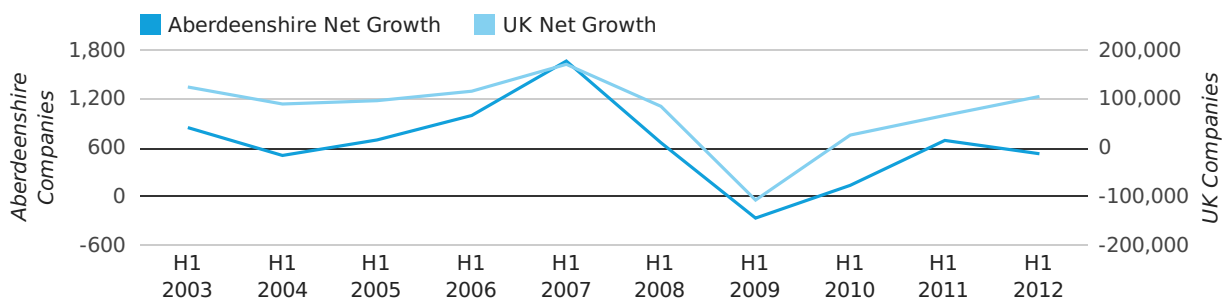
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	123	166	201
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	102	204	127
% CHANGE	20.6%	-18.6%	58%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (123)	2009 (510)	2009 (252)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Aberdeenshire increased by 527 companies. This figure is 23.7% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ABERDEENSHIRE	UK
2012	527	105,357
2011	691	66,425
% CHANGE	-23.7%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,668)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



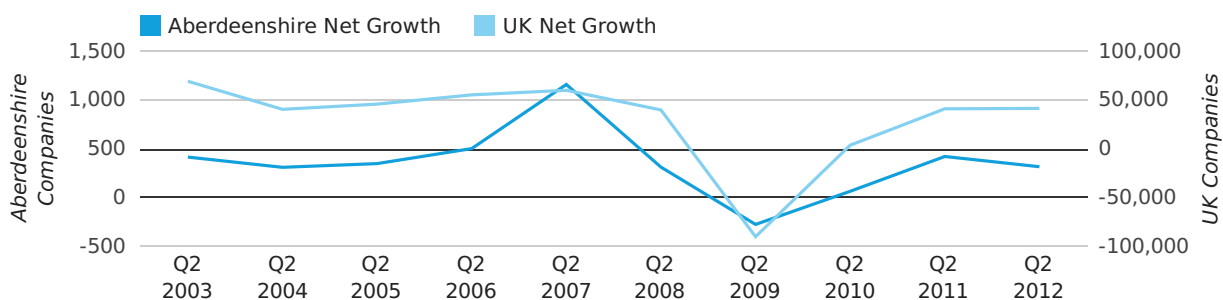
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Aberdeenshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 316 companies.

This represents a decrease of 24.9% on the same period last year.

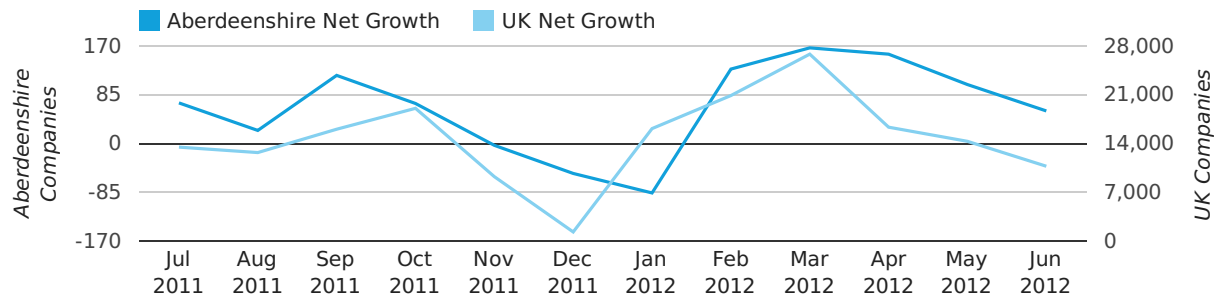
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ABERDEENSHIRE	UK
2012	316	41,442
2011	421	41,020
% CHANGE	-24.9%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,160)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



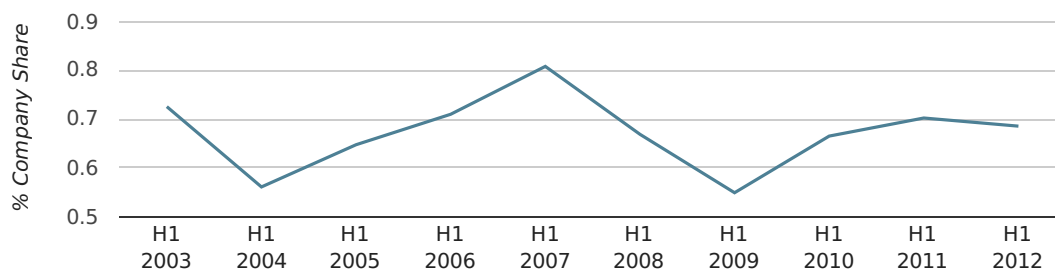
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	156	103	57
NET GROWTH IN 2011	143	95	183
% CHANGE	9.1%	8.4%	-68.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (489)	2007 (391)	2007 (280)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Aberdeenshire formed 0.7% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.7%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ABERDEENSHIRE
2012	0.7%
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.5%
2008	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1990 (1.4%)

company share by half year

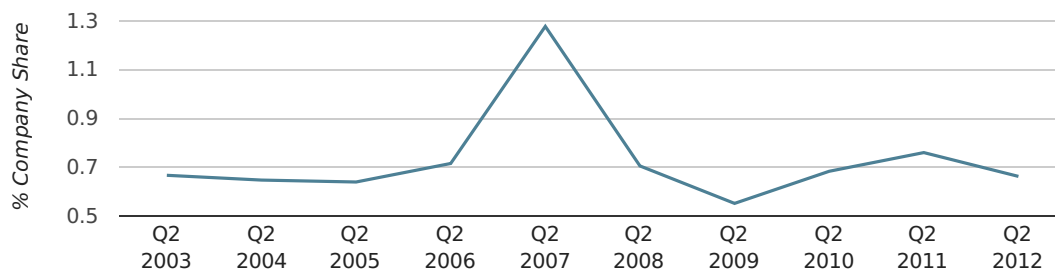


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Aberdeenshire formed 0.7% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ABERDEENSHIRE
2012	0.7%
2011	0.8%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.6%
2008	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1990 (1.5%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%
% CHANGE	-4.1%	-21.1%	-11.1%
RECORD YEAR	1979 (7.4%)	1990 (1.6%)	1990 (1.6%)

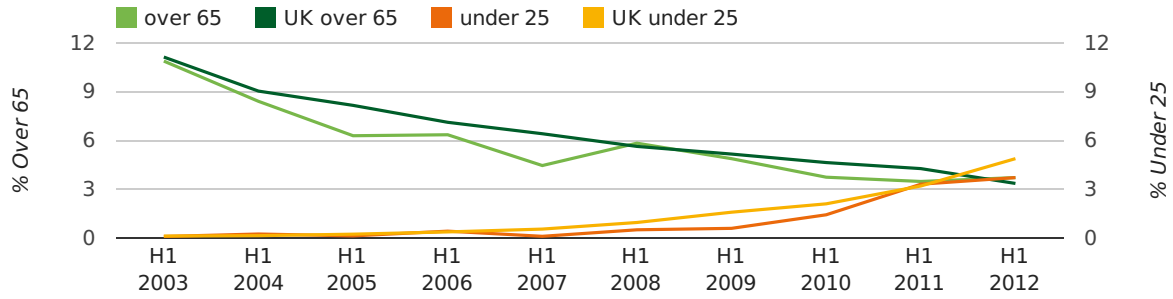
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 43.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



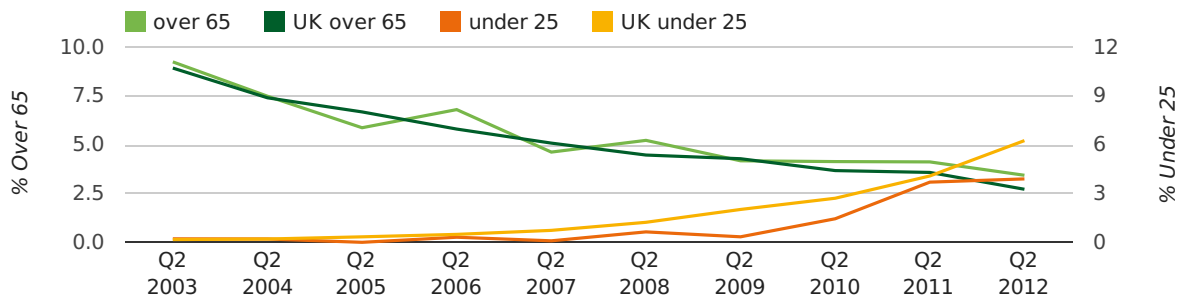
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 42.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

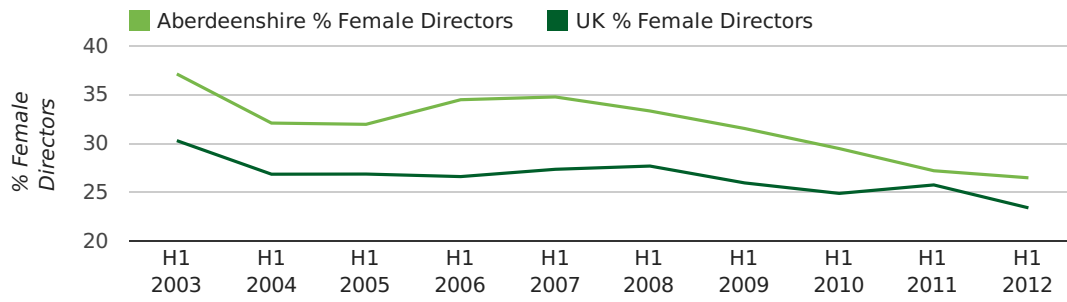


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The record first half year for female directors in Aberdeenshire was 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

26.5% of all director appointments in Aberdeenshire in the first half of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 23.4% for the same period.

director gender by half year



Previous 12 months (Jun 2011-Jun 2012)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
ENGINEERING	6.19%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	2.31%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	1.94%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
ABERDEEN	1.78%	PROPERTY	2.35%
DESIGN	1.76%	TRADING	2.10%
ENERGY	1.60%	DESIGN	1.89%
CONSULTANTS	1.52%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
MANAGEMENT	1.47%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
SUBSEA	1.42%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
WELL	1.10%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
(ABERDEEN)	1.08%	BUSINESS	1.70%
PROJECT	0.94%	MEDIA	1.69%
J	0.89%	LONDON	1.68%
OFFSHORE	0.81%	J	1.57%
TECHNICAL	0.79%	GLOBAL	1.51%
PROPERTIES	0.76%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
SAFETY	0.76%	IT	1.42%
(SCOTLAND)	0.68%	CARE	1.31%
BUSINESS	0.66%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
RENEWABLES	0.66%	M	1.26%
ELECTRICAL	0.66%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
INSPECTION	0.60%	BUILDING	1.23%
DRILLING	0.58%	SECURITY	1.19%
FISHING	0.52%	S	1.18%
OILFIELD	0.52%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,034	244,457
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	532	35,447
7487 - Other business activities	432	47,029
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	342	10,271
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	201	14,220
71129 - Other engineering activities	169	2,453
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	165	20,390
09100 - Support activities for petroleum and natural gas extraction	161	292
7414 - Business & management consultancy	73	10,978
71122 - Engineering related scientific and technical consulting activities	71	1,179
99999 - Dormant Company	64	26,088
74990 - Non-trading company	62	9,706
1120 - Services to oil and gas extraction	54	168
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	53	15,280
9999 - Dormant Company	44	16,469
06100 - Extraction of crude petroleum	41	218
9305 - Other service activities	40	7,926
71121 - Engineering design activities for industrial process and production	37	569
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	36	4,535
43320 - Joinery installation	32	1,274