Ashton-under-Lyne

2012 half year business confidence report



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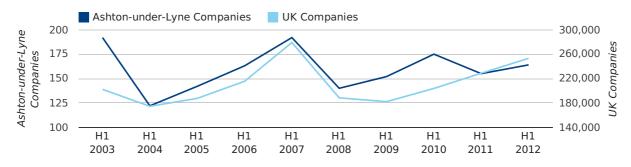
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In the first half of 2012 a total of 164 companies were formed in Ashton-under-Lyne. This figure is 5.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Ashton-under-Lyne occurred in 2003 when a total of 192 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2012	164	253,150
2011	155	228,735
% CHANGE	5.8%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (192)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year

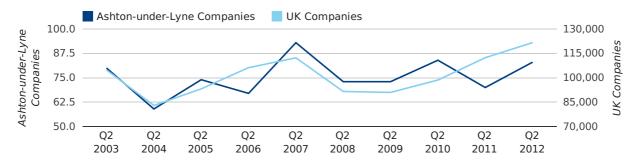


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

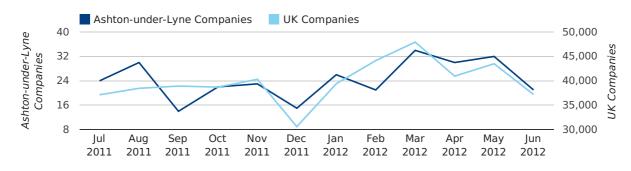
A total of 83 companies were registered in Ashton-under-Lyne during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 18.6% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well 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)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2012	83	121,659
2011	70	112,344
% CHANGE	18.6%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (93)	2012 (121,659)



new companies by quarter



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	30	32	21
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	23	20	27
% CHANGE	30.4%	60.0%	-22.2%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (33)	2002 (40)	2007 (31)

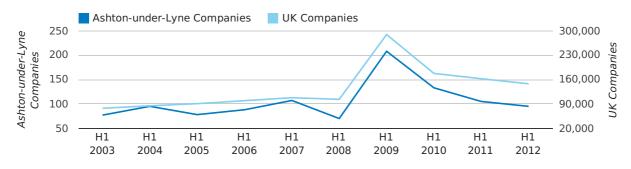
new companies by month

In the first half of 2012 a total of 95 companies were dissolved in Ashton-under-Lyne. This figure is 9.5% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Ashton-under-Lyne occurred in 2009 when a total of 208 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2012	95	147,793
2011	105	162,310
% CHANGE	-9.5%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (208)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year

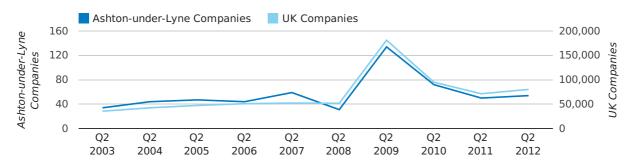


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 54 companies were dissolved in Ashton-under-Lyne during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

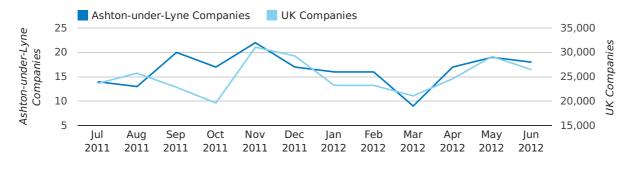
This figure is an increase of 8.0% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2012	54	80,217
2011	50	71,324
% CHANGE	8.0%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (134)	2009 (181,176)



dissolved companies by quarter

dissolved companies by month

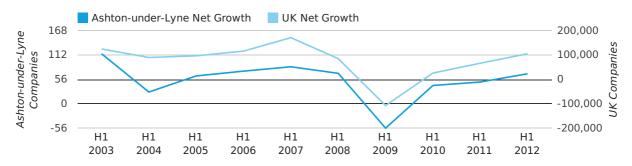


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	17	19	18
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	10	21	19
% CHANGE	70.0%	-9.5%	-5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (40)	2009 (53)	2009 (41)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Ashton-under-Lyne increased by 69 companies. This figure is 38.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2012	69	105,357
2011	50	66,425
% CHANGE	38.0%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (115)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

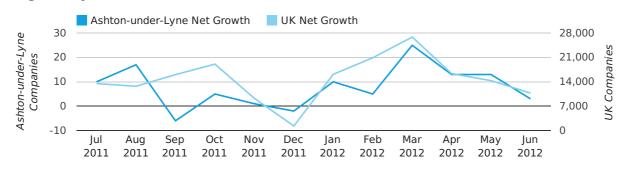
net growth by quarter

Net company growth for Ashton-under-Lyne during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 29 companies.

This represents an increase of 45.0% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2012	29	41,442
2011	20	41,020
% CHANGE	45.0%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (49)	2003 (69,274)

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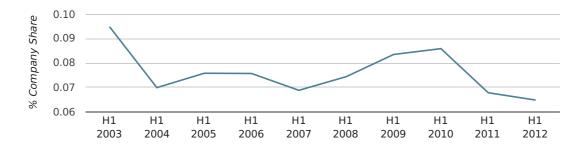
	APRIL	МАҮ	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	13	13	3
NET GROWTH IN 2011	13	-1	8
% CHANGE	0.0%	-1,400.0%	-62.5%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (19)	2002 (24)	2008 (19)

net growth by month

In the first half of 2012 Ashton-under-Lyne formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.1%)

company share by half year

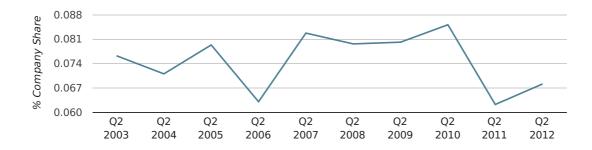


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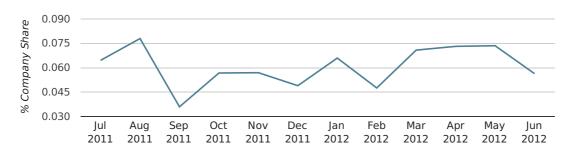
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2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.2%)





company share by month



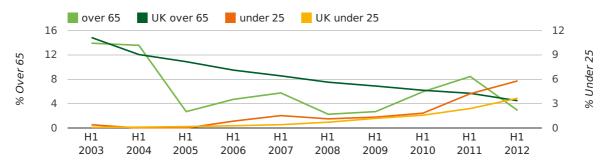
	APRIL	ΜΑΥ	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	9.7%	40.2%	-17.1%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (0.5%)	1974 (0.2%)	1963 (0.4%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 41.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



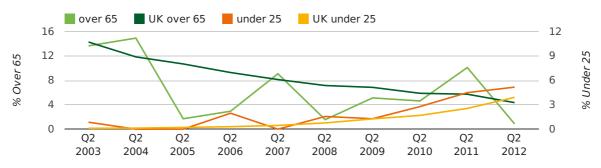
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The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 38.7.

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

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 0.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

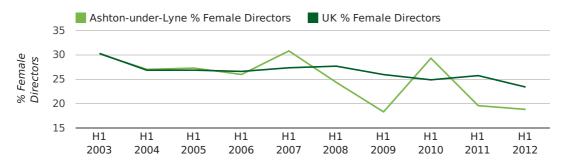
director age by quarter



The record first half year for female directors in Ashton-under-Lyne was 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

18.8% of all director appointments in Ashton-under-Lyne 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



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The record second quarter for female directors in Ashton-under-Lyne was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

19.0% of all director appointments in Ashton-under-Lyne in the second quarter of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 21.3% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



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
MANAGEMENT	1.39%	CONSULTING	5.07%
TAMESIDE	1.22%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
Р	1.04%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
ENGINEERING	0.87%	PROPERTY	2.35%
CONSTRUCTION	0.87%	TRADING	2.10%
CO	0.87%	DESIGN	1.89%
CONSULTANTS	0.87%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
PROPERTY	0.87%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
(MANCHESTER)	0.87%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
С	0.87%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
CONSULTING	0.69%	BUSINESS	1.70%
В	0.69%	MEDIA	1.69%
SYSTEMS	0.69%	LONDON	1.68%
TRADING	0.69%	J	1.57%
MEDIA	0.69%	GLOBAL	1.51%
PROJECTS	0.69%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CENTRE	0.52%	IT	1.42%
SERVICE	0.52%	CARE	1.31%
CONSULTANCY	0.52%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
Ν	0.52%	М	1.26%
SOLAR	0.52%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
SPICE	0.52%	BUILDING	1.23%
MAINTENANCE	0.52%	SECURITY	1.19%
NORTHERN	0.52%	S	1.18%
STORE	0.52%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%



Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	159	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	52	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	24	35,447
99999 - Dormant Company	13	26,088
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	12	10,271
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	9	4,535
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	8	3,241
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	8	3,365
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	7	14,220
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	7	20,390
47190 - Other retail sale in non-specialised stores	6	1,933
74990 - Non-trading company	6	9,706
9999 - Dormant Company	6	16,469
86900 - Other human health activities	5	5,222
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	5	15,280
7414 - Business & management consultancy	5	10,978
43210 - Electrical installation	5	3,557
43341 - Painting	4	724
86210 - General medical practice activities	4	2,657
7499 - Non-trading company	4	8,023