

Bath

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Bath when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Bath when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Bath when compared to any previous Q2.
- June 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Bath when compared to any previous June.
- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Bath when compared to any previous May.

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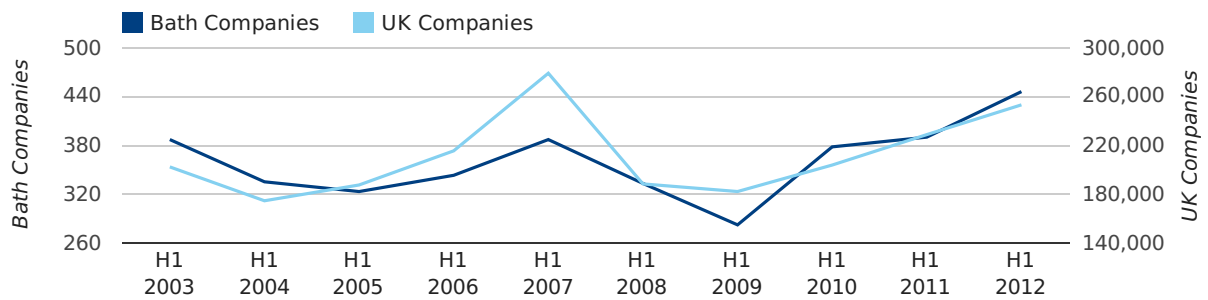
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Bath when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 446 companies were formed in Bath. This figure is 14.4% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Bath occurred in 2012 when a total of 446 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BATH	UK
2012	446	253,150
2011	390	228,735
% CHANGE	14.4%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (446)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

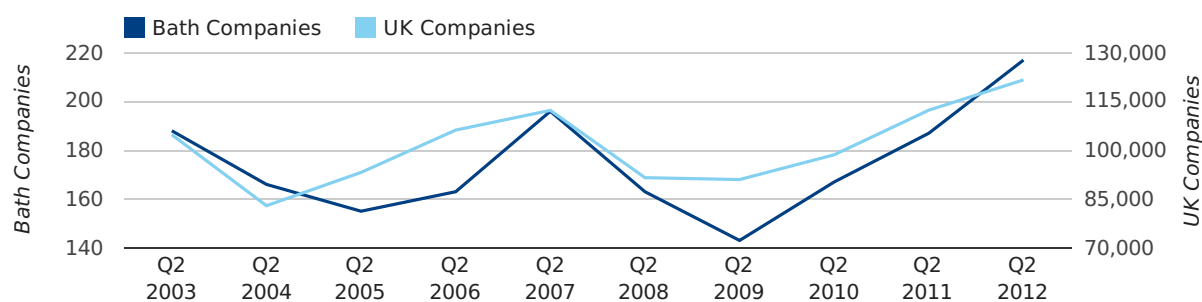
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Bath when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 217 companies were registered in Bath during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 16.0% 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)	BATH	UK
2012	217	121,659
2011	187	112,344
% CHANGE	16.0%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (217)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

June 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Bath when compared to any previous June.

May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Bath when compared to any previous May.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	57	86	74
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	61	67	59
% CHANGE	-6.6%	28.4%	25.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (73)	2012 (86)	2012 (74)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 238 companies were dissolved in Bath. This figure is 1.2% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Bath occurred in 2009 when a total of 396 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BATH	UK
2012	238	147,793
2011	241	162,310
% CHANGE	-1.2%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (396)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 136 companies were dissolved in Bath during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 34.7% 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)	BATH	UK
2012	136	80,217
2011	101	71,324
% CHANGE	34.7%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (251)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



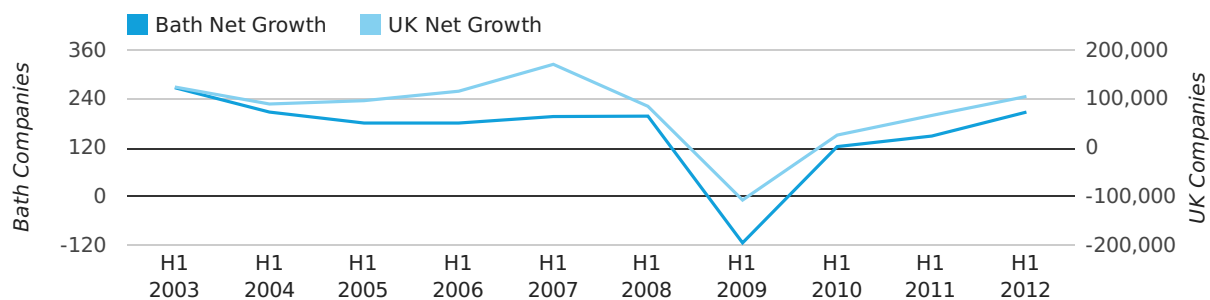
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	46	56	34
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	19	47	35
% CHANGE	142.1%	19.1%	-3%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (58)	2009 (125)	2009 (68)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Bath increased by 208 companies. This figure is 39.6% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BATH	UK
2012	208	105,357
2011	149	66,425
% CHANGE	39.6%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (268)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



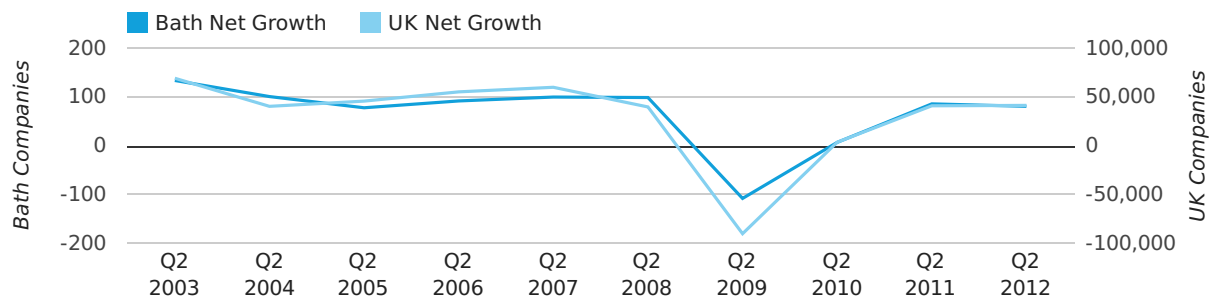
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Bath during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 81 companies.

This represents a decrease of 5.8% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BATH	UK
2012	81	41,442
2011	86	41,020
% CHANGE	-5.8%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (134)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



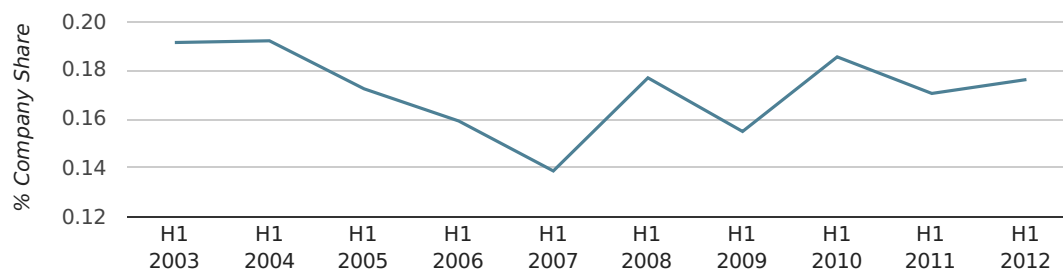
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	11	30	40
NET GROWTH IN 2011	42	20	24
% CHANGE	-73.8%	50.0%	66.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (55)	2003 (49)	2008 (50)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Bath formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.2%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BATH
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1981 (0.5%)

company share by half year

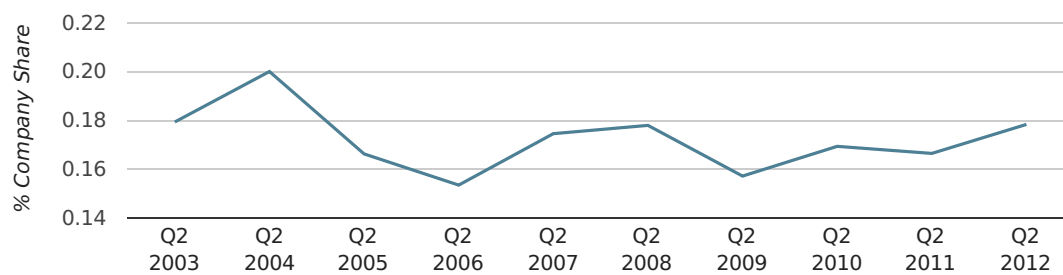


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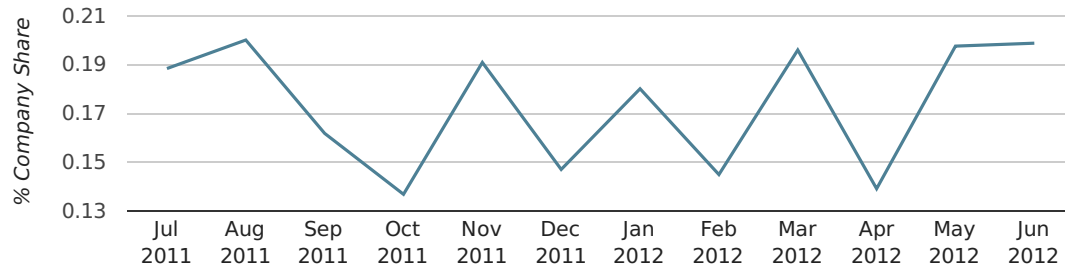
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BATH
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1981 (0.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-21.3%	12.5%	33.9%
RECORD YEAR	1970 (0.6%)	1979 (0.5%)	1978 (0.5%)

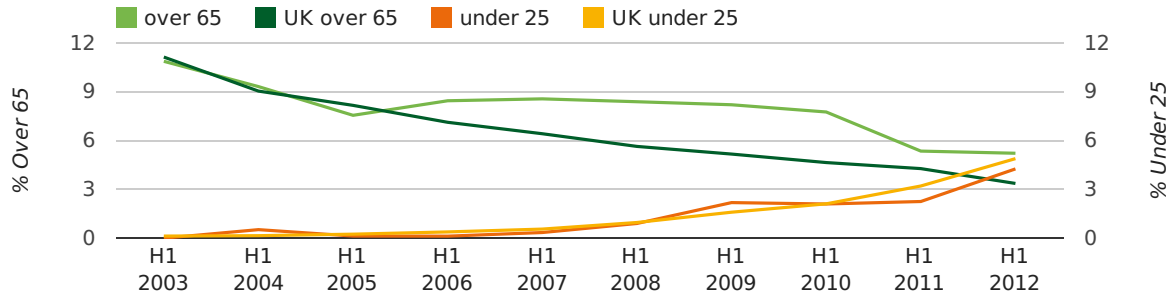
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 45.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



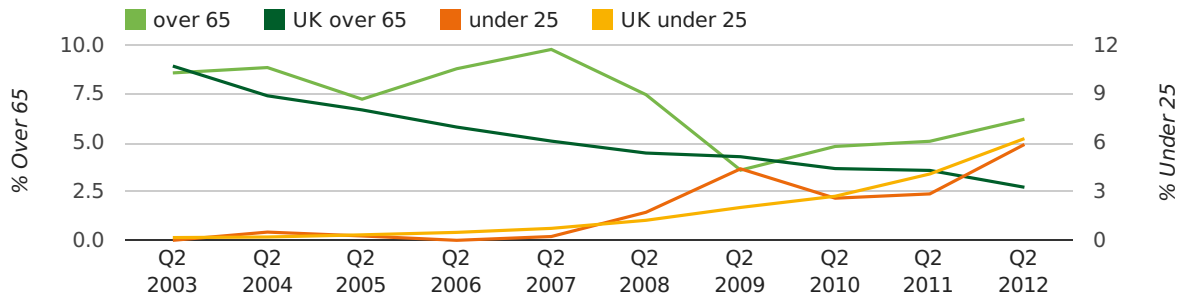
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director age by quarter

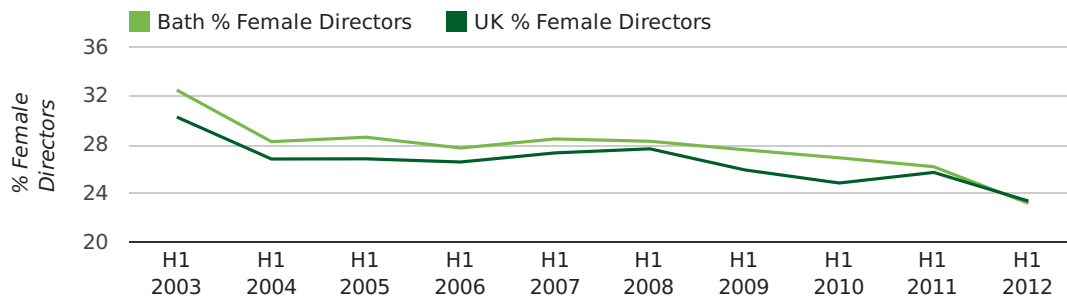


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

23.2% of all director appointments in Bath 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

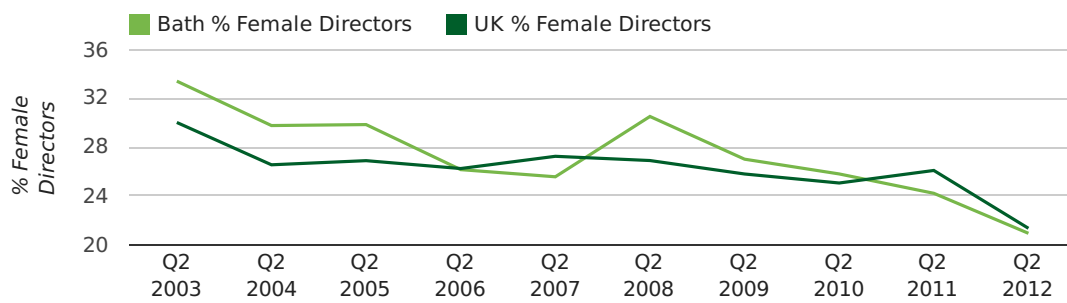


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The record second quarter for female directors in Bath was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

20.9% of all director appointments in Bath 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
BATH	2.62%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	1.75%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
(BATH)	1.31%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
MANAGEMENT	1.24%	PROPERTY	2.35%
PROPERTY	0.73%	TRADING	2.10%
MEDIA	0.73%	DESIGN	1.89%
CONSULTANCY	0.73%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
SOFTWARE	0.51%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
BUILDING	0.51%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
ASSOCIATES	0.51%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
CONSULTANTS	0.44%	BUSINESS	1.70%
HEALTH	0.44%	MEDIA	1.69%
PARTNERSHIP	0.44%	LONDON	1.68%
HOUSE	0.44%	J	1.57%
TRAINING	0.44%	GLOBAL	1.51%
DESIGN	0.44%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
M	0.44%	IT	1.42%
STREET	0.36%	CARE	1.31%
INVESTMENTS	0.36%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ENTERPRISES	0.36%	M	1.26%
ONE	0.36%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
GLOBAL	0.36%	BUILDING	1.23%
EVENTS	0.36%	SECURITY	1.19%
HOLDINGS	0.36%	S	1.18%
TRADING	0.36%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	326	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	63	47,029
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	60	20,390
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	53	35,447
7414 - Business & management consultancy	36	10,978
99999 - Dormant Company	33	26,088
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	30	10,271
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	29	14,220
9999 - Dormant Company	28	16,469
74990 - Non-trading company	26	9,706
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	26	15,280
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	20	6,356
62090 - Other information technology service activities	18	8,258
62012 - Business and domestic software development	15	4,742
56302 - Public houses and bars	14	2,913
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	13	4,295
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	13	4,535
7499 - Non-trading company	11	8,023
9305 - Other service activities	11	7,926
41100 - Development of building projects	11	5,149