

Berkshire

2012 half year business confidence report



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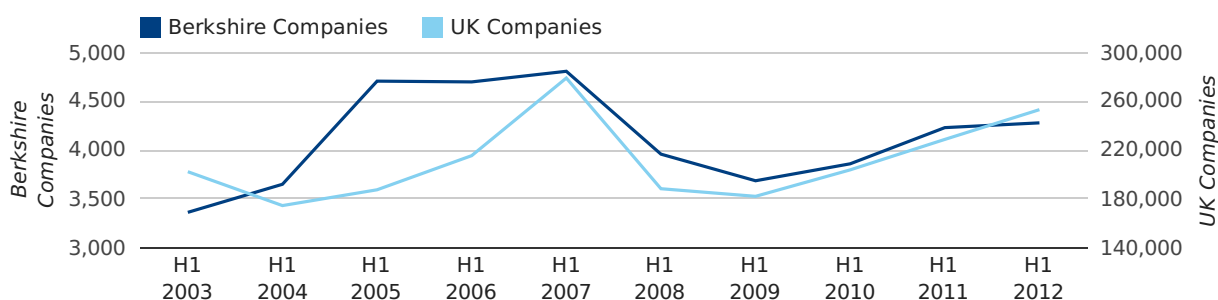
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 4,279 companies were formed in Berkshire. This figure is 1.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Berkshire occurred in 2007 when a total of 4,808 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BERKSHIRE	UK
2012	4,279	253,150
2011	4,230	228,735
% CHANGE	1.2%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (4,808)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



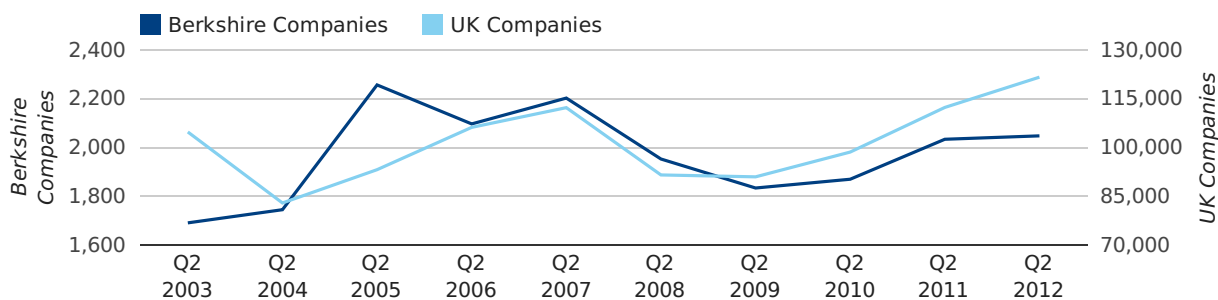
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 2,048 companies were registered in Berkshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 0.7% 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)	BERKSHIRE	UK
2012	2,048	121,659
2011	2,034	112,344
% CHANGE	0.7%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (2,257)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	726	685	637
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	607	642	785
% CHANGE	19.6%	6.7%	-18.9%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (869)	2006 (759)	2011 (785)

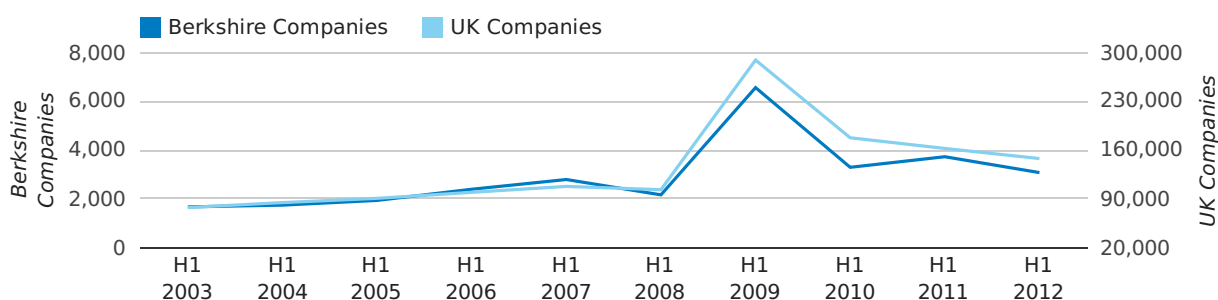
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 3,075 companies were dissolved in Berkshire. This figure is 17.5% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Berkshire occurred in 2009 when a total of 6,562 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BERKSHIRE	UK
2012	3,075	147,793
2011	3,726	162,310
% CHANGE	-17.5%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (6,562)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 1,649 companies were dissolved in Berkshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 0.4% 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)	BERKSHIRE	UK
2012	1,649	80,217
2011	1,642	71,324
% CHANGE	0.4%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (3,994)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



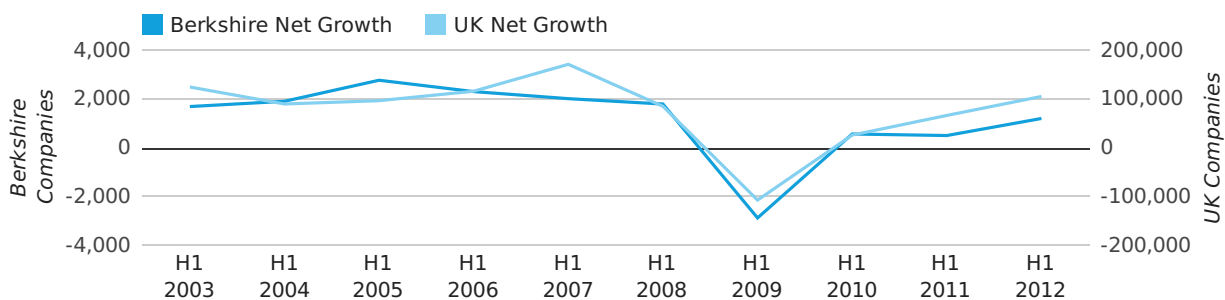
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	513	608	528
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	447	717	478
% CHANGE	14.8%	-15.2%	10%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,327)	2009 (1,677)	2009 (990)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Berkshire increased by 1,204 companies. This figure is 138.9% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BERKSHIRE	UK
2012	1,204	105,357
2011	504	66,425
% CHANGE	138.9%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (2,773)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



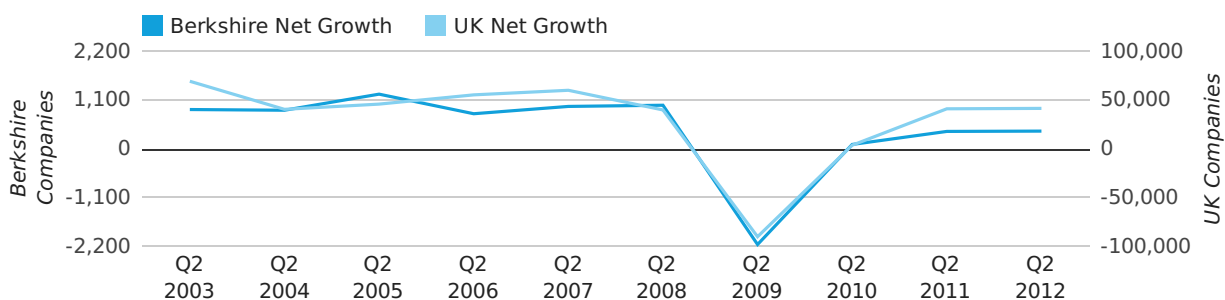
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Berkshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 399 companies.

This represents an increase of 1.8% on the same period last year.

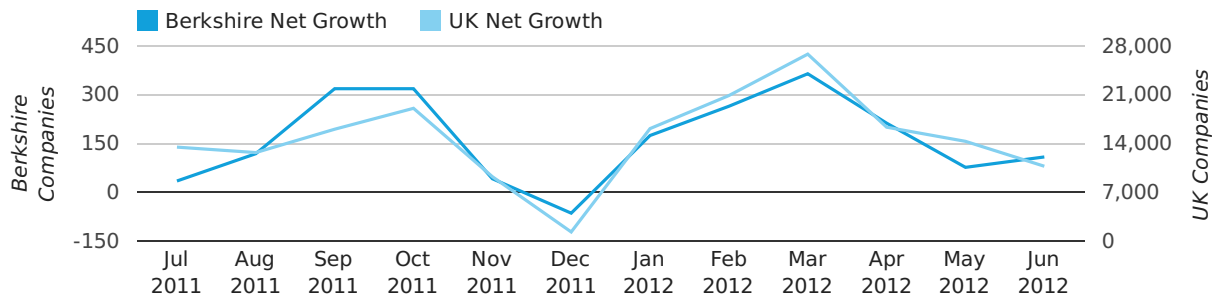
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BERKSHIRE	UK
2012	399	41,442
2011	392	41,020
% CHANGE	1.8%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (1,233)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



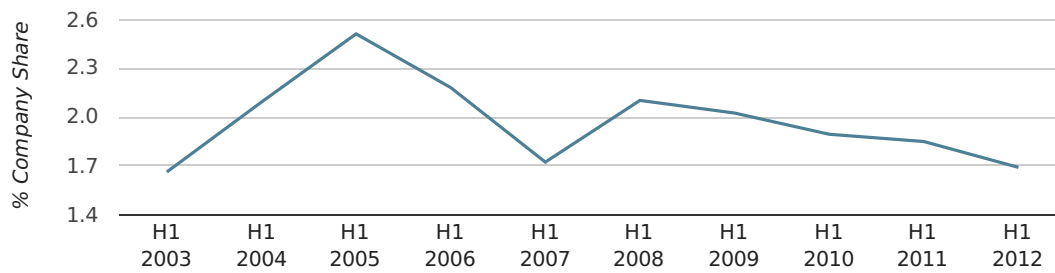
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	213	77	109
NET GROWTH IN 2011	160	-75	307
% CHANGE	33.1%	-202.7%	-64.5%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (559)	2006 (440)	2008 (504)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Berkshire formed 1.7% of all UK companies. This is less than the 2011 figure of 1.8%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BERKSHIRE
2012	1.7%
2011	1.8%
2010	1.9%
2009	2.0%
2008	2.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2005 (2.5%)

company share by half year

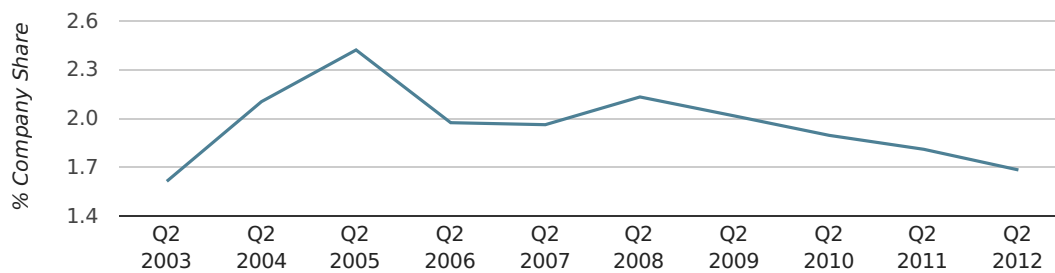


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Berkshire formed 1.7% of all UK companies.

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2012	1.7%
2011	1.8%
2010	1.9%
2009	2.0%
2008	2.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1976 (2.5%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	1.8%	1.6%	1.7%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	1.8%	1.7%	2.0%
% CHANGE	0.7%	-6.5%	-13.4%
RECORD YEAR	1975 (3.2%)	1962 (2.9%)	1983 (2.8%)

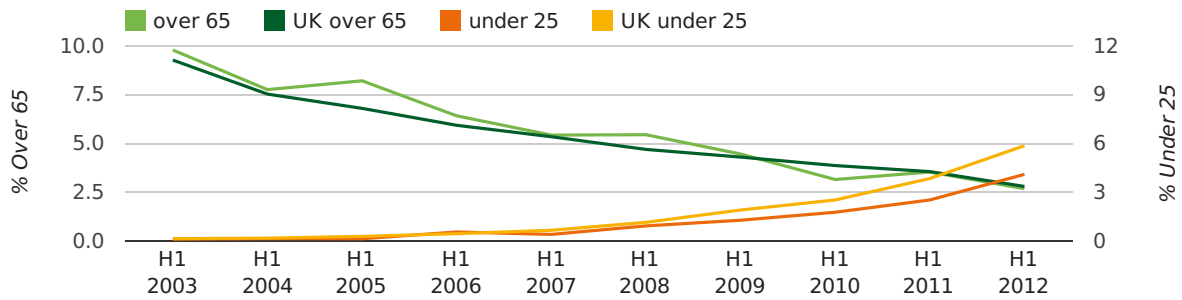
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 42.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



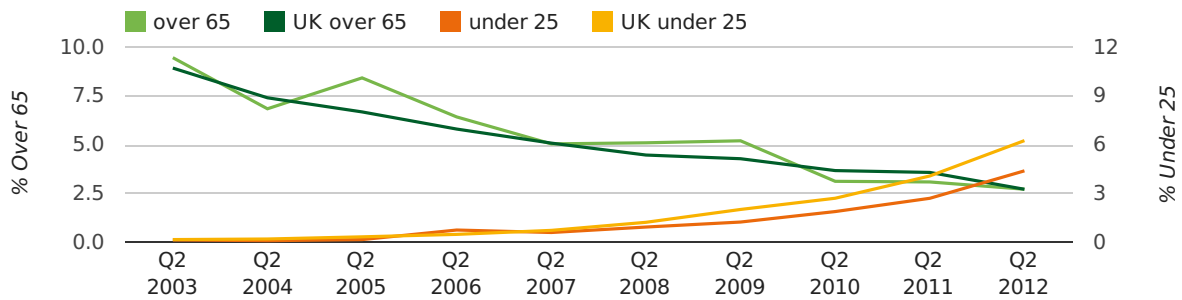
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 42.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.4% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

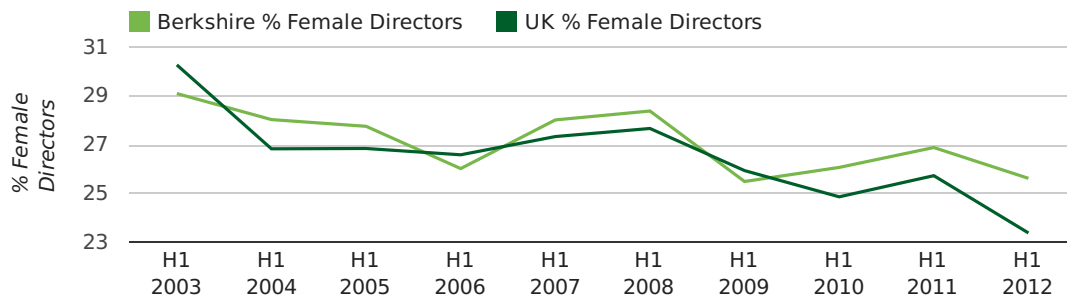


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The record first half year for female directors in Berkshire was 1857 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

25.6% of all director appointments in Berkshire 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
CONSULTING	3.38%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	2.32%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	1.76%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
IT	0.98%	PROPERTY	2.35%
BUSINESS	0.96%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTANTS	0.87%	DESIGN	1.89%
ASSOCIATES	0.83%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
PROPERTY	0.73%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CONSTRUCTION	0.71%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
J	0.69%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
BERKSHIRE	0.65%	BUSINESS	1.70%
TECHNOLOGIES	0.64%	MEDIA	1.69%
MEDIA	0.64%	LONDON	1.68%
DESIGN	0.62%	J	1.57%
SYSTEMS	0.62%	GLOBAL	1.51%
PROJECT	0.62%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
TRADING	0.62%	IT	1.42%
GLOBAL	0.59%	CARE	1.31%
SECURITY	0.58%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
MARKETING	0.55%	M	1.26%
ENGINEERING	0.54%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
PARTNERS	0.54%	BUILDING	1.23%
CARE	0.51%	SECURITY	1.19%
READING	0.50%	S	1.18%
S	0.48%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	4,568	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	754	47,029
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	642	20,390
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	617	15,280
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	489	35,447
99999 - Dormant Company	361	26,088
7414 - Business & management consultancy	335	10,978
74990 - Non-trading company	279	9,706
9999 - Dormant Company	268	16,469
62090 - Other information technology service activities	261	8,258
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	248	6,356
7499 - Non-trading company	237	8,023
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	233	14,220
7260 - Other computer related activities	193	6,456
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	192	10,271
62012 - Business and domestic software development	175	4,742
9305 - Other service activities	162	7,926
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	94	4,295
98000 - Residents property management	82	3,001
41100 - Development of building projects	82	5,149