Birmingham

2012 half year business confidence report



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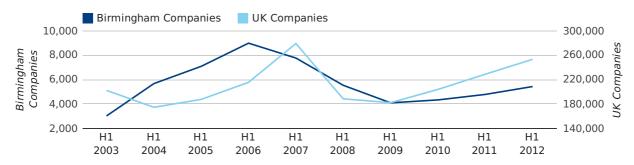
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In the first half of 2012 a total of 5,425 companies were formed in Birmingham. This figure is 13.6% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Birmingham occurred in 2006 when a total of 8,984 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BIRMINGHAM	UK
2012	5,425	253,150
2011	4,777	228,735
% CHANGE	13.6%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (8,984)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



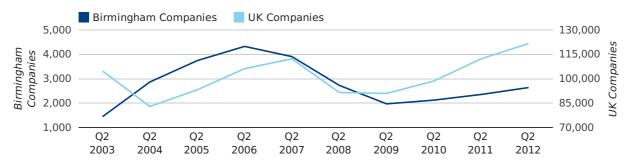
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 2,640 companies were registered in Birmingham during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

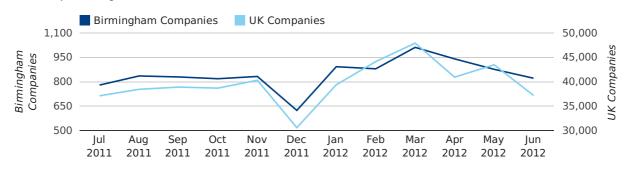
This figure is an increase of 12.0% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares equally to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BIRMINGHAM	UK
2012	2,640	121,659
2011	2,357	112,344
% CHANGE	12.0%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (4,329)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



new companies by month



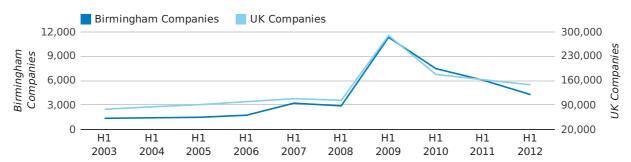
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	941	877	822
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	706	846	805
% CHANGE	33.3%	3.7%	2.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,526)	2006 (1,553)	2006 (1,447)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 4,267 companies were dissolved in Birmingham. This figure is 29.4% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Birmingham occurred in 2009 when a total of 11,317 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BIRMINGHAM	UK
2012	4,267	147,793
2011	6,040	162,310
% CHANGE	-29.4%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (11,317)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



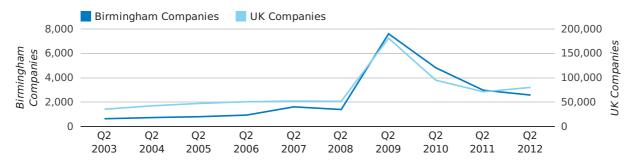
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 2,582 companies were dissolved in Birmingham during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

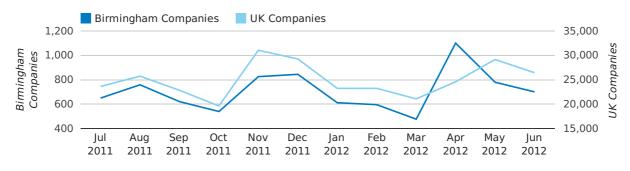
This figure is a decrease of 13.4% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BIRMINGHAM	UK
2012	2,582	80,217
2011	2,981	71,324
% CHANGE	-13.4%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (7,611)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

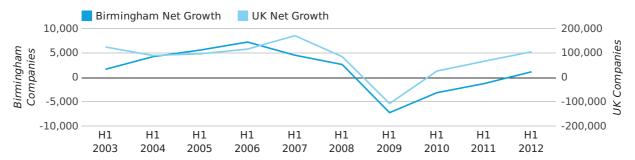


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	1,101	780	701
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	1,224	951	806
% CHANGE	-10.0%	-18.0%	-13%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (1,655)	2009 (3,311)	2009 (2,798)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Birmingham increased by 1,158 companies. This figure is 191.7% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BIRMINGHAM	UK
2012	1,158	105,357
2011	-1,263	66,425
% CHANGE	-191.7%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (7,254)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



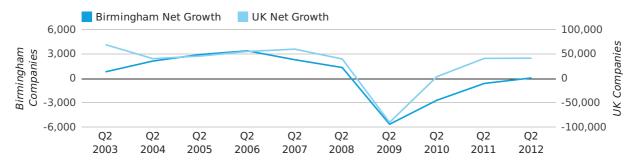
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Birmingham during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 58 companies.

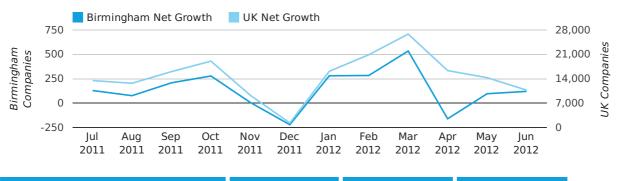
This represents an increase of 109.3% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BIRMINGHAM	UK
2012	58	41,442
2011	-624	41,020
% CHANGE	-109.3%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (3,392)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



net growth by month

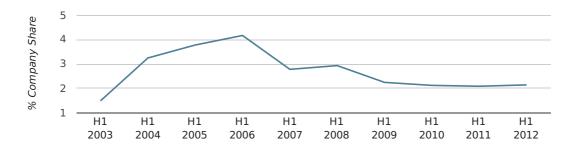


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	-160	97	121
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-518	-105	-1
% CHANGE	-69.1%	-192.4%	-12,200.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,213)	2006 (1,306)	2006 (1,071)

In the first half of 2012 Birmingham formed 2.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 2.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BIRMINGHAM
2012	2.1%
2011	2.1%
2010	2.1%
2009	2.2%
2008	2.9%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2006 (4.2%)

company share by half year

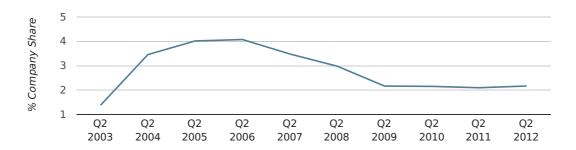


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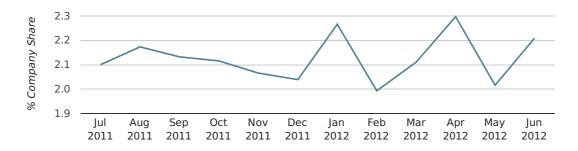
In the second quarter of 2012, Birmingham formed 2.2% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BIRMINGHAM
2012	2.2%
2011	2.1%
2010	2.2%
2009	2.2%
2008	3.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2006 (4.1%)

company share by quarter



company share by month



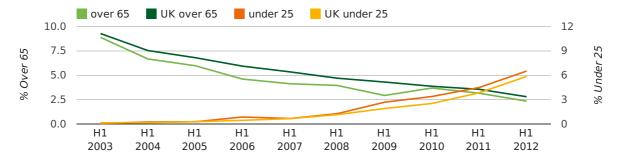
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	2.3%	2.0%	2.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	2.0%	2.2%	2.0%
% CHANGE	12.2%	-9.1%	9.0%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (3.9%)	2006 (4.4%)	2006 (4.4%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 40.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



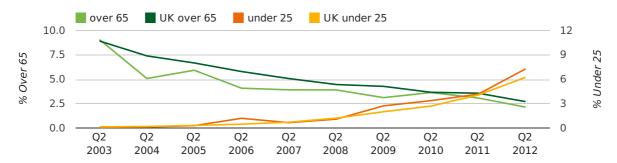
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 39.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 7.3% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

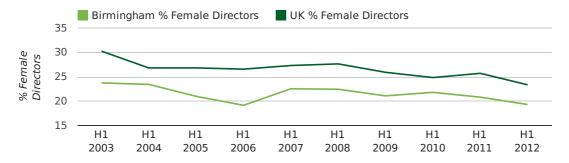
director age by quarter



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

19.3% of all director appointments in Birmingham 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 Birmingham was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

18.6% of all director appointments in Birmingham 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



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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	2.00%	CONSULTING	5.07%
TRADING	1.27%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.21%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
BIRMINGHAM	1.13%	PROPERTY	2.35%
CARE	1.13%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTANCY	1.00%	DESIGN	1.89%
PROPERTY	0.96%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
М	0.94%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
BUSINESS	0.88%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
GLOBAL	0.86%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
S	0.84%	BUSINESS	1.70%
DESIGN	0.83%	MEDIA	1.69%
J	0.76%	LONDON	1.68%
MEDIA	0.75%	J	1.57%
K	0.74%	GLOBAL	1.51%
HOUSE	0.70%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
INVESTMENTS	0.67%	IT	1.42%
D	0.67%	CARE	1.31%
CONSULTANTS	0.66%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CENTRE	0.65%	M	1.26%
R	0.63%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
COMMUNITY	0.62%	BUILDING	1.23%
TRADE	0.59%	SECURITY	1.19%
Н	0.58%	S	1.18%
SECURITY	0.58%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	5,986	244,457
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	1,507	35,447
7487 - Other business activities	1,450	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	421	26,088
56103 - Take-away food shops and mobile food stands	350	3,169
9999 - Dormant Company	301	16,469
5227 - Other retail food etc. specialised	202	897
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	200	14,220
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	170	20,390
9305 - Other service activities	161	7,926
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	156	15,280
5530 - Restaurants	155	4,037
7499 - Non-trading company	145	8,023
74990 - Non-trading company	140	9,706
86900 - Other human health activities	124	5,222
7414 - Business & management consultancy	119	10,978
56101 - Licenced restaurants	108	2,540
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	104	10,271
62090 - Other information technology service activities	103	8,258
86210 - General medical practice activities	95	2,657