

Bolton

2012 half year business confidence report



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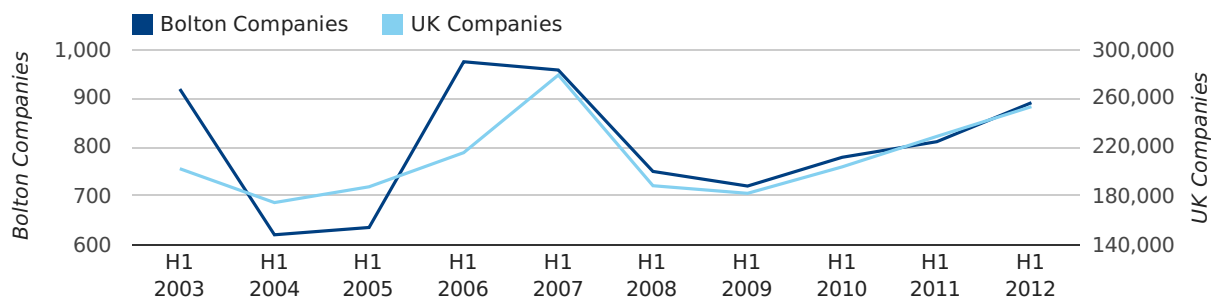
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 891 companies were formed in Bolton. This figure is 9.9% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Bolton occurred in 2006 when a total of 975 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BOLTON	UK
2012	891	253,150
2011	811	228,735
% CHANGE	9.9%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (975)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



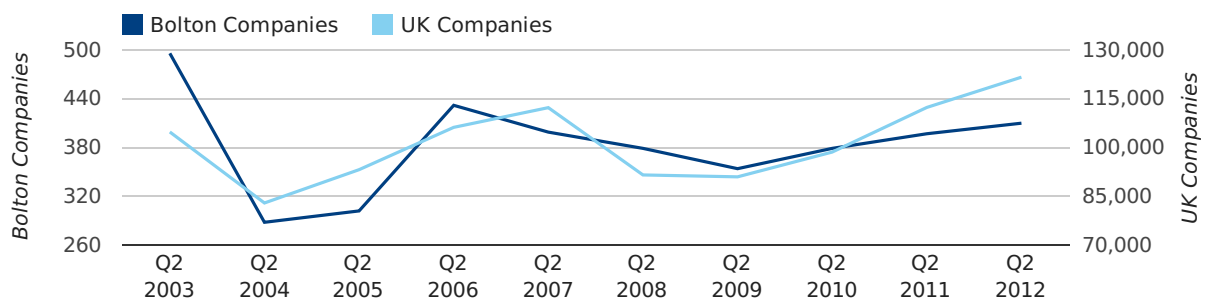
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 410 companies were registered in Bolton during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 3.3% 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)	BOLTON	UK
2012	410	121,659
2011	397	112,344
% CHANGE	3.3%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (496)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	135	153	122
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	118	121	158
% CHANGE	14.4%	26.4%	-22.8%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (168)	2012 (153)	2003 (182)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 478 companies were dissolved in Bolton. This figure is 18.4% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Bolton occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,360 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BOLTON	UK
2012	478	147,793
2011	586	162,310
% CHANGE	-18.4%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,360)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 271 companies were dissolved in Bolton 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)	BOLTON	UK
2012	271	80,217
2011	270	71,324
% CHANGE	0.4%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (946)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



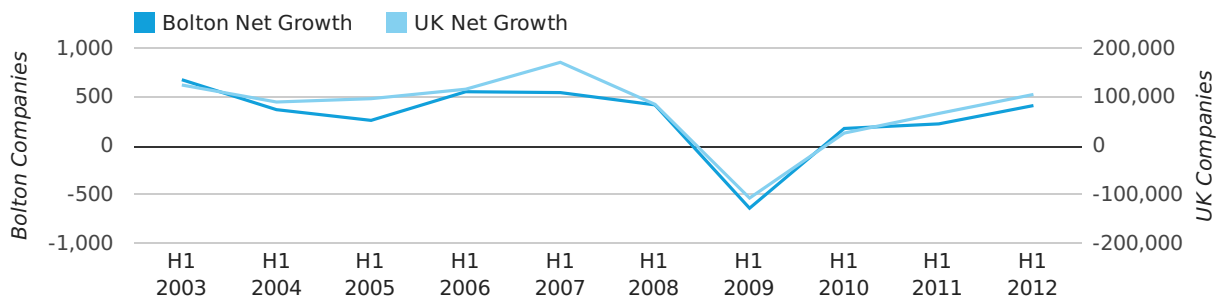
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	69	110	92
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	59	125	86
% CHANGE	16.9%	-12.0%	7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (223)	2009 (528)	2009 (195)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Bolton increased by 413 companies. This figure is 83.6% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BOLTON	UK
2012	413	105,357
2011	225	66,425
% CHANGE	83.6%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (678)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



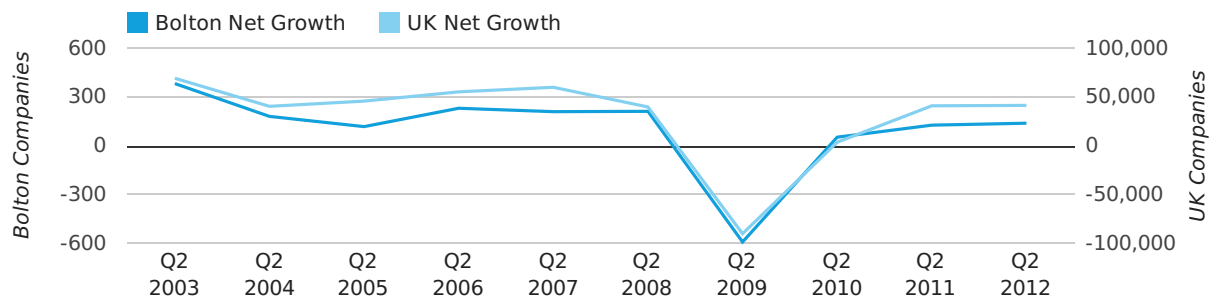
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Bolton during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 139 companies.

This represents an increase of 9.4% on the same period last year.

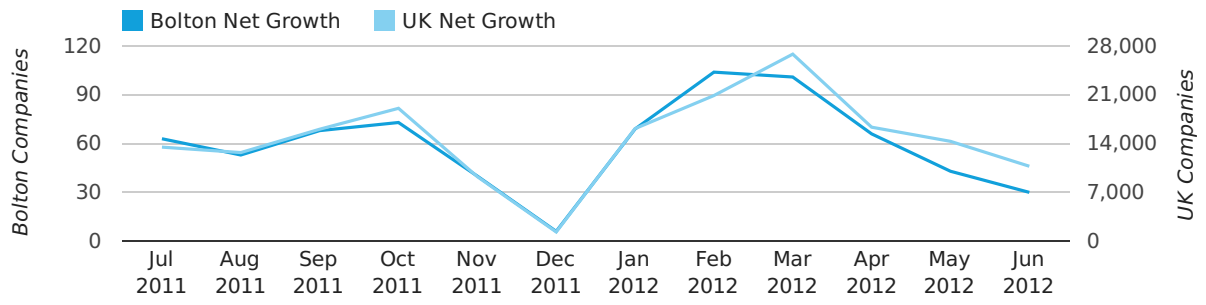
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BOLTON	UK
2012	139	41,442
2011	127	41,020
% CHANGE	9.4%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (383)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



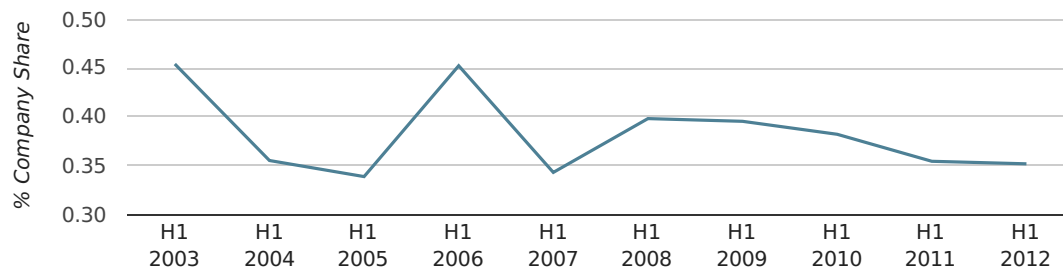
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	66	43	30
NET GROWTH IN 2011	59	-4	72
% CHANGE	11.9%	-1,175.0%	-58.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (124)	2003 (118)	2003 (141)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Bolton formed 0.4% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.4%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BOLTON
2012	0.4%
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.5%)

company share by half year

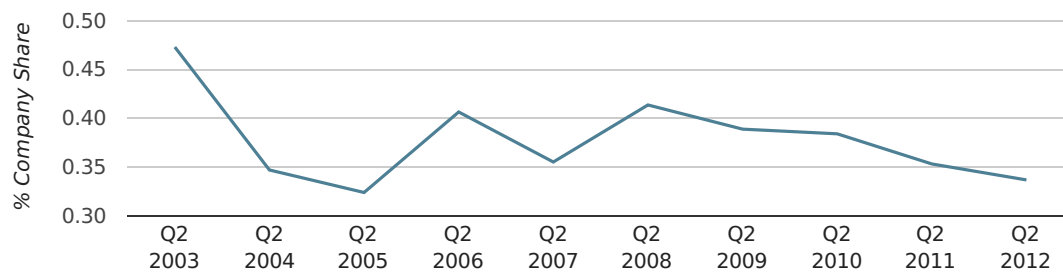


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Bolton formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

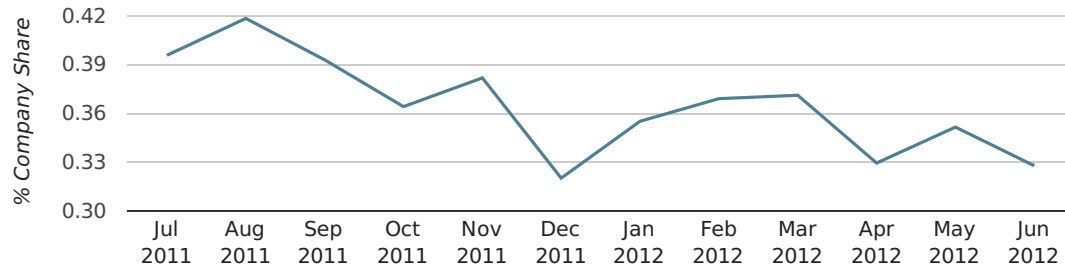
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BOLTON
2012	0.3%
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1979 (0.7%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
% CHANGE	-3.7%	10.8%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.6%)	1979 (0.9%)	1966 (0.9%)

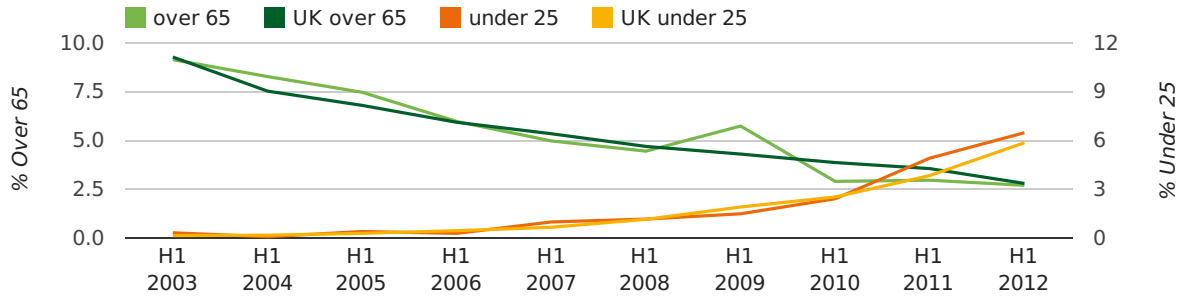
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 41.4.

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 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



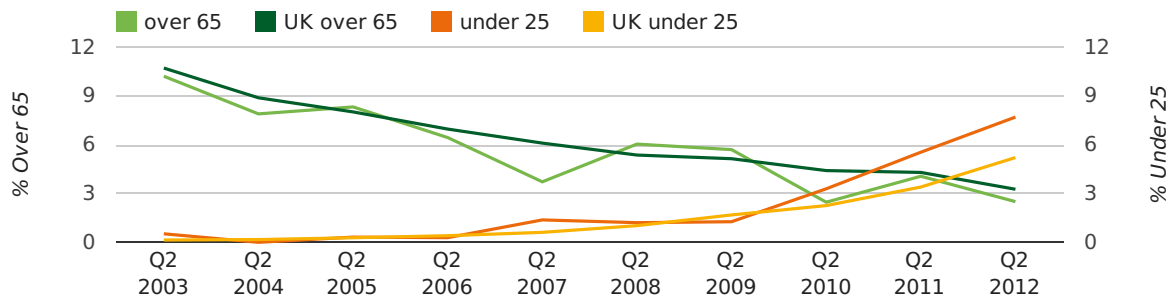
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 40.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 7.7% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

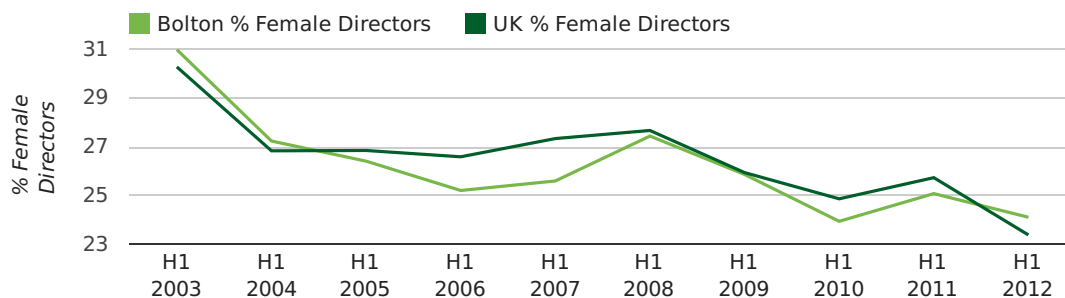


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

24.1% of all director appointments in Bolton 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

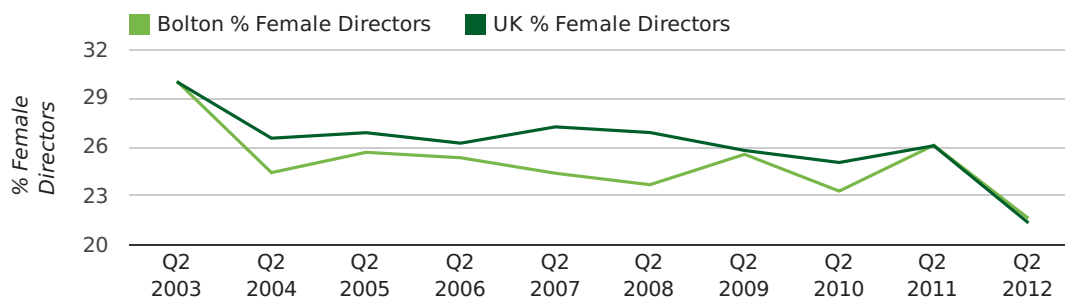


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

21.6% of all director appointments in Bolton 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
BOLTON	1.66%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.50%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
TRANSPORT	1.18%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTANCY	0.81%	PROPERTY	2.35%
ELECTRICAL	0.77%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSTRUCTION	0.77%	DESIGN	1.89%
(NW)	0.77%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
M	0.77%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
DESIGN	0.69%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
CONSULTING	0.65%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
D	0.65%	BUSINESS	1.70%
PROPERTY	0.65%	MEDIA	1.69%
P	0.61%	LONDON	1.68%
SECURITY	0.61%	J	1.57%
(BOLTON)	0.57%	GLOBAL	1.51%
ENGINEERING	0.57%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
ASSOCIATES	0.57%	IT	1.42%
BUILDING	0.53%	CARE	1.31%
CENTRE	0.53%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
TRADING	0.53%	M	1.26%
CONSULTANTS	0.53%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
BUSINESS	0.53%	BUILDING	1.23%
BEAUTY	0.49%	SECURITY	1.19%
CARE	0.49%	S	1.18%
S	0.49%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	919	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	177	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	73	35,447
99999 - Dormant Company	66	26,088
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	62	20,390
9999 - Dormant Company	53	16,469
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	46	14,220
86900 - Other human health activities	37	5,222
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	33	15,280
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	32	10,271
9305 - Other service activities	27	7,926
7414 - Business & management consultancy	27	10,978
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	26	4,644
43210 - Electrical installation	26	3,557
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	26	4,091
41100 - Development of building projects	24	5,149
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	24	3,818
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	23	2,880
7499 - Non-trading company	21	8,023
62090 - Other information technology service activities	21	8,258