Bury St Edmunds

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

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- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any half year in history.
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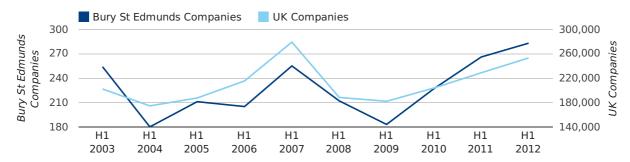
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 283 companies were formed in Bury St Edmunds. This figure is 6.4% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Bury St Edmunds occurred in 2012 when a total of 283 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2012	283	253,150
2011	266	228,735
% CHANGE	6.4%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (283)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



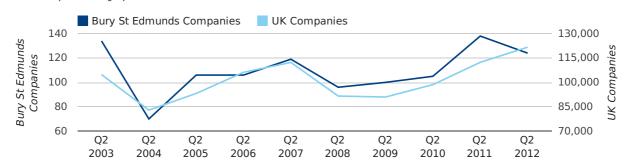
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 124 companies were registered in Bury St Edmunds during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

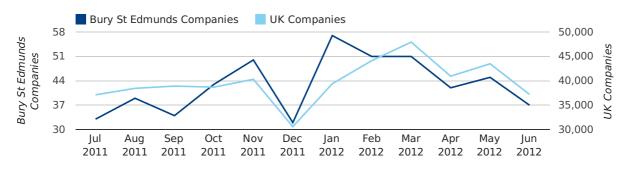
This figure is a decrease of 10.1% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2012	124	121,659
2011	138	112,344
% CHANGE	-10.1%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (138)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



new companies by month



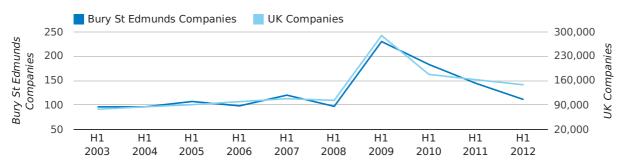
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	42	45	37
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	48	47	43
% CHANGE	-12.5%	-4.3%	-14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (48)	2003 (48)	2011 (43)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 111 companies were dissolved in Bury St Edmunds. This figure is 22.9% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Bury St Edmunds occurred in 2009 when a total of 230 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2012	111	147,793
2011	144	162,310
% CHANGE	-22.9%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (230)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



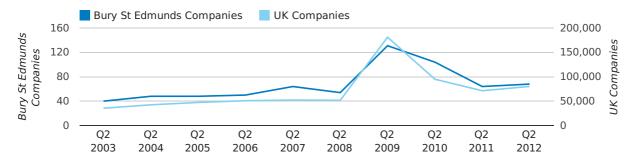
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 68 companies were dissolved in Bury St Edmunds during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 6.3% 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)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2012	68	80,217
2011	64	71,324
% CHANGE	6.3%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (131)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	12	31	25
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	12	22	30
% CHANGE	0.0%	40.9%	-17%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (35)	2009 (63)	2010 (39)

The first half of 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous first half year.

The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for net growth in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Bury St Edmunds increased by 172 companies. This figure is 41.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2012	172	105,357
2011	122	66,425
% CHANGE	41.0%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (172)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



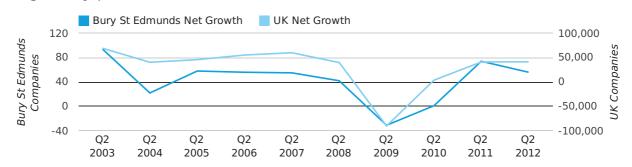
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Bury St Edmunds during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 56 companies.

This represents a decrease of 24.3% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2012	56	41,442
2011	74	41,020
% CHANGE	-24.3%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (94)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



net growth by month

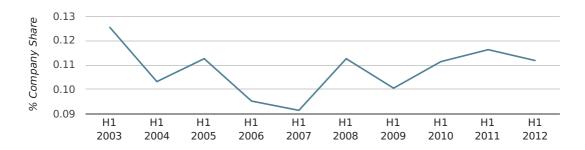


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	30	14	12
NET GROWTH IN 2011	36	25	13
% CHANGE	-16.7%	-44.0%	-7.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (36)	2003 (43)	2002 (28)

In the first half of 2012 Bury St Edmunds formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BURY ST EDMUNDS
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (0.3%)

company share by half year

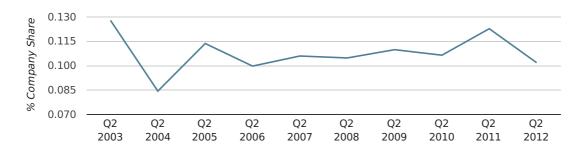


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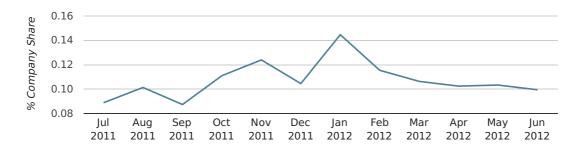
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2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (0.4%)

company share by quarter



company share by month



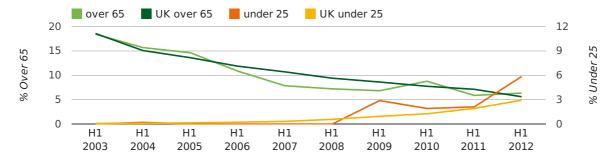
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-26.4%	-16.1%	-8.0%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.9%)	1982 (0.4%)	1972 (0.7%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 44.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



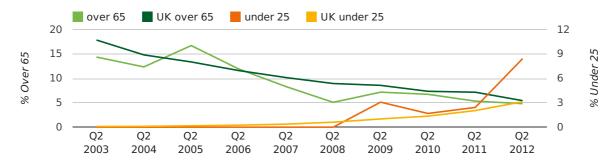
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 43.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 8.4% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter



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

22.1% of all director appointments in Bury St Edmunds 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 Bury St Edmunds was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

24.7% of all director appointments in Bury St Edmunds 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
CONSULTING	1.51%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.30%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
ANGLIA	1.19%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
SUFFOLK	0.97%	PROPERTY	2.35%
EAST	0.86%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTANTS	0.76%	DESIGN	1.89%
J	0.76%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
BURY	0.65%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CARE	0.65%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
S	0.65%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
ENGINEERING	0.65%	BUSINESS	1.70%
R	0.54%	MEDIA	1.69%
GLOBAL	0.54%	LONDON	1.68%
PROPERTIES	0.54%	J	1.57%
INTERNATIONAL	0.54%	GLOBAL	1.51%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.54%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
ELECTRICAL	0.54%	IT	1.42%
BUSINESS	0.54%	CARE	1.31%
AUTO	0.43%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
LOGISTICS	0.43%	М	1.26%
MUSIC	0.43%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
LONDON	0.43%	BUILDING	1.23%
LETTINGS	0.43%	SECURITY	1.19%
PROJECT	0.43%	S	1.18%
SOFTWARE	0.43%	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	182	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	46	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	34	26,088
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	33	20,390
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	29	35,447
9999 - Dormant Company	19	16,469
69102 - Solicitors	13	1,431
86220 - Specialists medical practice activities	13	2,003
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	12	2,880
74990 - Non-trading company	12	9,706
86900 - Other human health activities	12	5,222
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	12	10,271
7414 - Business & management consultancy	12	10,978
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	11	3,818
86210 - General medical practice activities	11	2,657
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	10	15,280
41100 - Development of building projects	10	5,149
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	9	4,535
7499 - Non-trading company	7	8,023
70100 - Activities of head offices	7	2,678