Cambridgeshire

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

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- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Cambridgeshire when compared to any previous Q2.
- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Cambridgeshire when compared to any previous May.
- April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Cambridgeshire when compared to any previous April.

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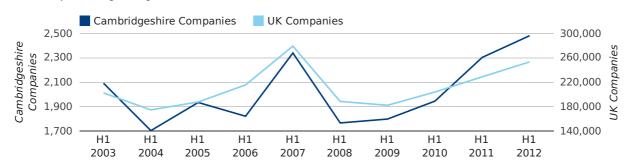
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In the first half of 2012 a total of 2,481 companies were formed in Cambridgeshire. This figure is 7.7% higher than last year, which compares equally to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Cambridgeshire occurred in 2012 when a total of 2,481 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CAMBRIDGESHIRE	UK
2012	2,481	253,150
2011	2,303	228,735
% CHANGE	7.7%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (2,481)	2007 (279,097)



new companies by half year

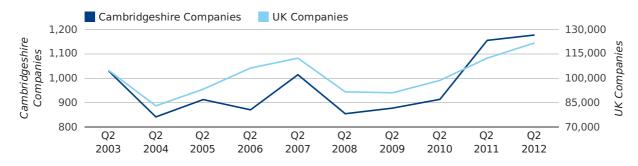
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

A total of 1,177 companies were registered in Cambridgeshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 1.9% 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)	CAMBRIDGESHIRE	UK
2012	1,177	121,659
2011	1,155	112,344
% CHANGE	1.9%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (1,177)	2012 (121,659)

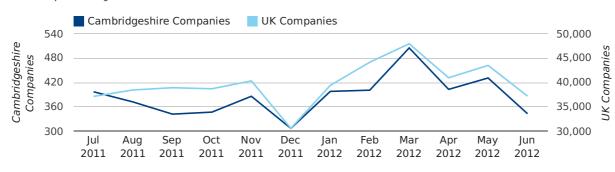


new companies by quarter

Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

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new companies by month

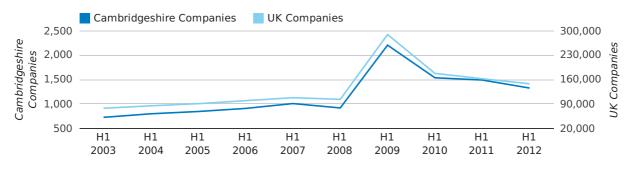
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	403	431	343
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	371	383	401
% CHANGE	8.6%	12.5%	-14.5%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (403)	2012 (431)	2011 (401)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,325 companies were dissolved in Cambridgeshire. This figure is 11.1% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Cambridgeshire occurred in 2009 when a total of 2,205 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CAMBRIDGESHIRE	UK
2012	1,325	147,793
2011	1,490	162,310
% CHANGE	-11.1%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (2,205)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year

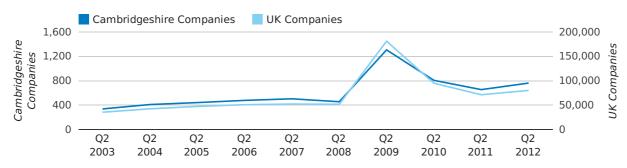


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 762 companies were dissolved in Cambridgeshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 16.3% 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.

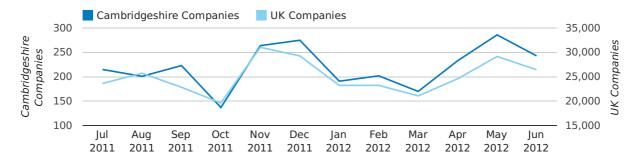
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	CAMBRIDGESHIRE	UK
2012	762	80,217
2011	655	71,324
% CHANGE	16.3%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,307)	2009 (181,176)



dissolved companies by quarter

Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month

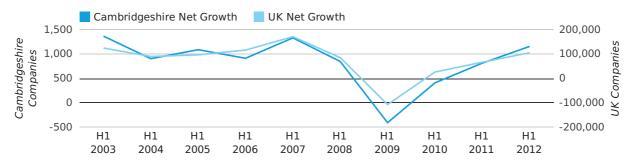


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	233	286	243
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	139	272	244
% CHANGE	67.6%	5.1%	-0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (333)	2009 (610)	2009 (364)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Cambridgeshire increased by 1,156 companies. This figure is 42.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CAMBRIDGESHIRE	UK
2012	1,156	105,357
2011	813	66,425
% CHANGE	42.2%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,367)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

net growth by quarter

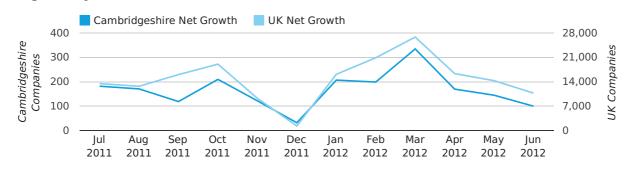
Net company growth for Cambridgeshire during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 415 companies.

This represents a decrease of 17.0% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	CAMBRIDGESHIRE	UK
2012	415	41,442
2011	500	41,020
% CHANGE	-17.0%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (692)	2003 (69,274)

Cambridgeshire Net Growth UK Net Growth 800 100,000 Cambridgeshire Companies UK Companies 400 50,000 0 0 -400 -50,000 -800 -100,000 Q2 2003 2004 2005 2006 2007 2008 2009 2010 2011 2012

Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)



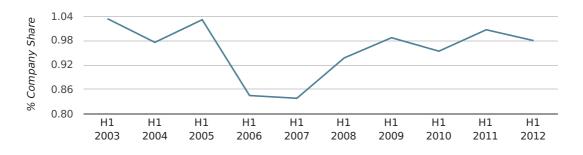
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	170	145	100
NET GROWTH IN 2011	232	111	157
% CHANGE	-26.7%	30.6%	-36.3%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (248)	2003 (258)	2008 (226)

net growth by month

In the first half of 2012 Cambridgeshire formed 1.0% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 1.0%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CAMBRIDGESHIRE
2012	1.0%
2011	1.0%
2010	1.0%
2009	1.0%
2008	0.9%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (1.4%)

company share by half year

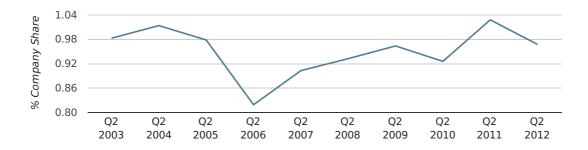


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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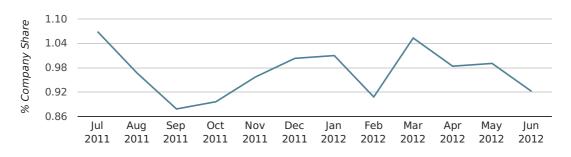
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	CAMBRIDGESHIRE
2012	1.0%
2011	1.0%
2010	0.9%
2009	1.0%
2008	0.9%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (1.7%)





Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



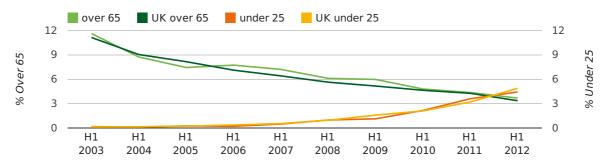
	APRIL	ΜΑΥ	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	1.0%	1.0%	0.9%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	1.1%	1.0%	1.0%
% CHANGE	-8.5%	-1.4%	-8.7%
RECORD YEAR	1967 (1.8%)	1966 (2.0%)	1961 (1.7%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 43.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



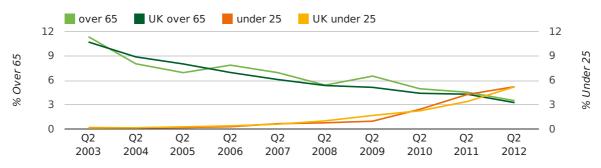
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The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 42.9.

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

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director age by quarter



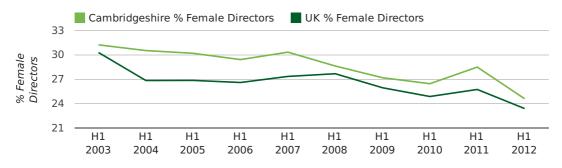
director gender

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

24.6% of all director appointments in Cambridgeshire 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
CAMBRIDGE	2.69%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	2.19%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	2.04%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTANCY	1.40%	PROPERTY	2.35%
ENGINEERING	0.95%	TRADING	2.10%
DESIGN	0.88%	DESIGN	1.89%
BUSINESS	0.86%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
ASSOCIATES	0.79%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
(CAMBRIDGE)	0.75%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
PROPERTY	0.75%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
CONSULTANTS	0.72%	BUSINESS	1.70%
TRADING	0.68%	MEDIA	1.69%
CARE	0.66%	LONDON	1.68%
CENTRE	0.65%	J	1.57%
J	0.61%	GLOBAL	1.51%
TRAINING	0.57%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
MEDIA	0.56%	IT	1.42%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.56%	CARE	1.31%
S	0.56%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
GLOBAL	0.56%	М	1.26%
CONSTRUCTION	0.52%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
HOUSE	0.52%	BUILDING	1.23%
PETERBOROUGH	0.50%	SECURITY	1.19%
ST	0.48%	S	1.18%
IT	0.47%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%



Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,987	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	383	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	285	35,447
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	236	20,390
99999 - Dormant Company	202	26,088
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	167	15,280
7414 - Business & management consultancy	149	10,978
9999 - Dormant Company	136	16,469
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	104	10,271
62090 - Other information technology service activities	101	8,258
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	100	14,220
74990 - Non-trading company	90	9,706
7260 - Other computer related activities	80	6,456
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	79	6,356
9305 - Other service activities	72	7,926
62012 - Business and domestic software development	70	4,742
7499 - Non-trading company	66	8,023
86900 - Other human health activities	62	5,222
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	60	4,295
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	54	4,644