Congleton

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 Congleton when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Congleton when compared to any previous Q2.
- Q2 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Congleton when compared to any quarter in history.
- June 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Congleton when compared to any previous June.
- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Congleton when compared to any previous May.
- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Congleton when compared to any previous first half year.
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- Q2 2012 was a record quarter for net growth in Congleton when compared to any quarter in history.
- June 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Congleton when compared to any previous June.

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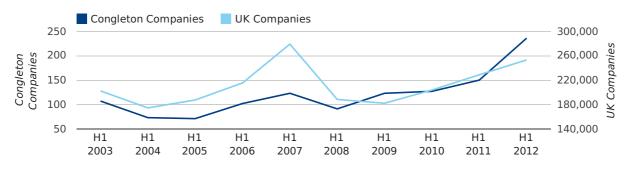
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Congleton when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 236 companies were formed in Congleton. This figure is 57.3% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Congleton occurred in 2012 when a total of 236 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CONGLETON	UK
2012	236	253,150
2011	150	228,735
% CHANGE	57.3%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (236)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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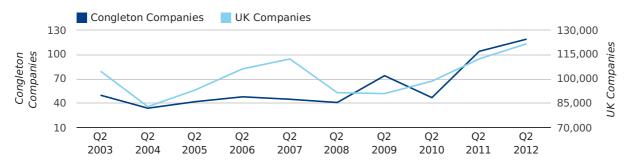
Q2 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Congleton when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 119 companies were registered in Congleton during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 14.4% 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)	CONGLETON	UK
2012	119	121,659
2011	104	112,344
% CHANGE	14.4%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (119)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

June 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Congleton when compared to any previous June.

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

new companies by month

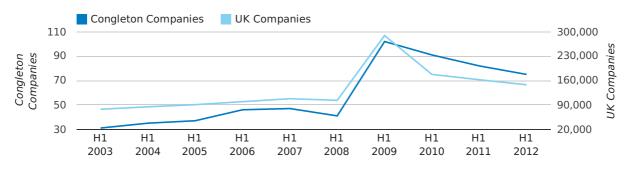


In the first half of 2012 a total of 75 companies were dissolved in Congleton. This figure is 8.5% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Congleton occurred in 2009 when a total of 102 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CONGLETON	UK
2012	75	147,793
2011	82	162,310
% CHANGE	-8.5%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (102)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



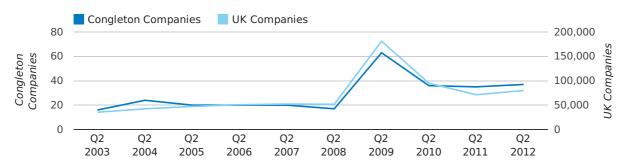
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 37 companies were dissolved in Congleton during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 5.7% 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.

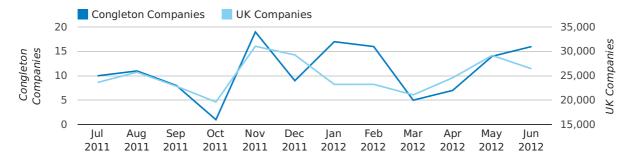
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	CONGLETON	UK
2012	37	80,217
2011	35	71,324
% CHANGE	5.7%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (63)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	7	14	16
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	7	17	11
% CHANGE	0.0%	-17.6%	45%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (17)	2009 (23)	2009 (23)

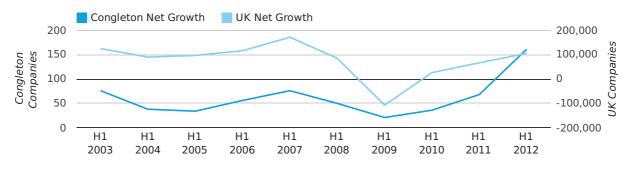
The first half of 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Congleton when compared to any previous first half year.

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

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Congleton increased by 161 companies. This figure is 136.8% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CONGLETON	UK
2012	161	105,357
2011	68	66,425
% CHANGE	136.8%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (161)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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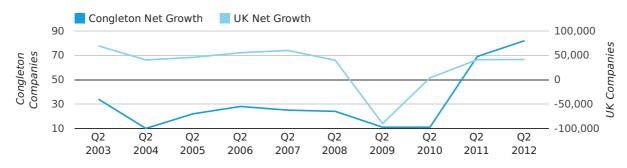
Q2 2012 was a record quarter for net growth in Congleton when compared to any quarter in history.

Net company growth for Congleton during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 82 companies.

This represents an increase of 18.8% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	CONGLETON	UK
2012	82	41,442
2011	69	41,020
% CHANGE	18.8%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (82)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

June 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Congleton when compared to any previous June.

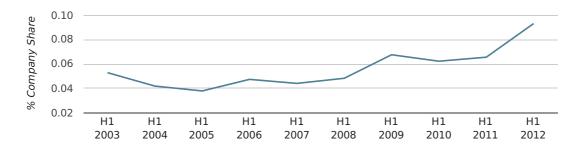


net growth by month

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CONGLETON
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1975 (0.1%)

company share by half year

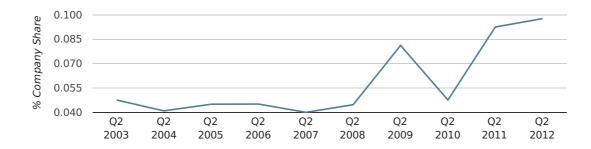


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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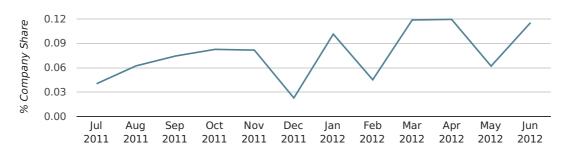
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	CONGLETON
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1973 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



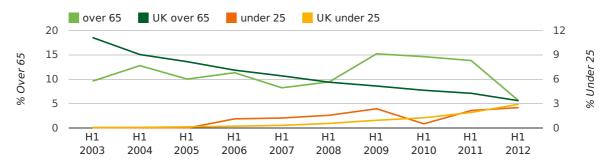
	APRIL	ΜΑΥ	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	-38.4%	24.7%	155.2%
RECORD YEAR	1975 (0.2%)	1973 (0.2%)	1960 (0.2%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 47.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year

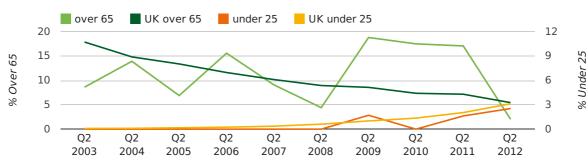


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 46.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

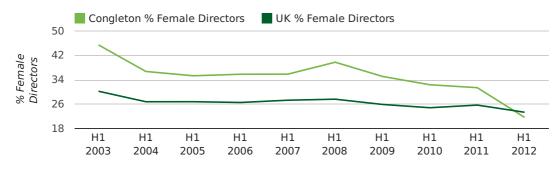


director age by quarter

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

21.7% of all director appointments in Congleton 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 Congleton was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

14.7% of all director appointments in Congleton 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
CHESHIRE	1.05%	CONSULTING	5.07%
TRAINING	0.87%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	0.87%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
MANAGEMENT	0.70%	PROPERTY	2.35%
PROPERTY	0.70%	TRADING	2.10%
ELECTRICAL	0.70%	DESIGN	1.89%
CONSULTANCY	0.70%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
R	0.70%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
TEST	0.52%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
BUSINESS	0.52%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
TRADE	0.52%	BUSINESS	1.70%
SOCIAL	0.52%	MEDIA	1.69%
IRG	0.52%	LONDON	1.68%
J	0.52%	J	1.57%
MOTOR	0.52%	GLOBAL	1.51%
S	0.52%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
G	0.52%	IT	1.42%
DESIGN	0.52%	CARE	1.31%
CONSULTANTS	0.35%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
24-7	0.35%	М	1.26%
CENTRE	0.35%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
MEDIA	0.35%	BUILDING	1.23%
PAINT	0.35%	SECURITY	1.19%
DAISY	0.35%	S	1.18%
INSTALLATIONS	0.35%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%



Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	150	20,390
None Supplied	106	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	85	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	18	35,447
7414 - Business & management consultancy	10	10,978
7260 - Other computer related activities	9	6,456
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	9	15,280
9999 - Dormant Company	8	16,469
99999 - Dormant Company	7	26,088
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	7	10,271
7499 - Non-trading company	6	8,023
62090 - Other information technology service activities	6	8,258
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	5	3,241
9305 - Other service activities	5	7,926
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	5	14,220
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	5	3,818
96020 - Hairdressing and other beauty treatment	4	2,993
56302 - Public houses and bars	4	2,913
62012 - Business and domestic software development	4	4,742
8514 - Other human health activities	З	2,277