Cumbria

2012 half year business confidence report



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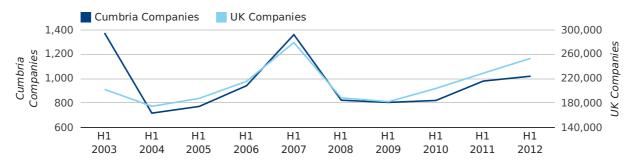
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In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,019 companies were formed in Cumbria. This figure is 4.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Cumbria occurred in 2003 when a total of 1,374 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CUMBRIA	UK
2012	1,019	253,150
2011	979	228,735
% CHANGE	4.1%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,374)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year

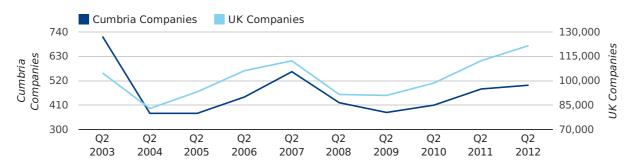


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

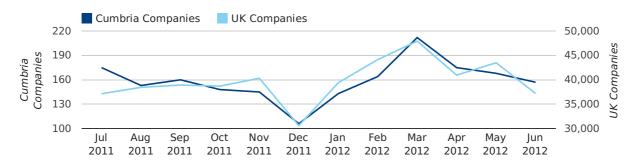
A total of 500 companies were registered in Cumbria during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 3.5% 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)	CUMBRIA	UK
2012	500	121,659
2011	483	112,344
% CHANGE	3.5%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (720)	2012 (121,659)



new companies by quarter



	APRIL	МАҮ	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	175	168	157
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	148	173	162
% CHANGE	18.2%	-2.9%	-3.1%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (229)	2003 (243)	2003 (248)

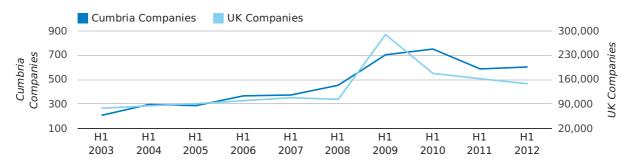
new companies by month

In the first half of 2012 a total of 603 companies were dissolved in Cumbria. This figure is 2.7% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Cumbria occurred in 2010 when a total of 750 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CUMBRIA	UK
2012	603	147,793
2011	587	162,310
% CHANGE	2.7%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (750)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



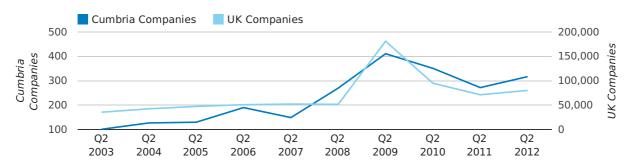
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 317 companies were dissolved in Cumbria during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

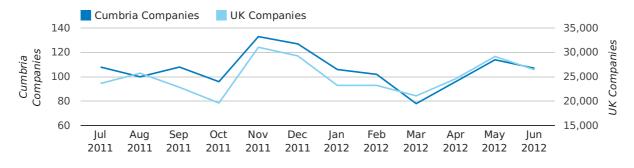
This figure is an increase of 16.5% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	CUMBRIA	UK
2012	317	80,217
2011	272	71,324
% CHANGE	16.5%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (411)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

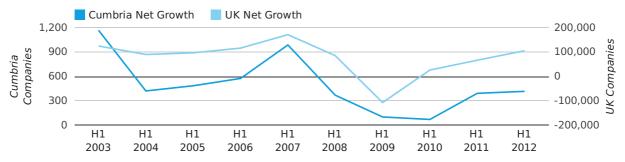


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	96	114	107
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	47	143	82
% CHANGE	104.3%	-20.3%	30%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (146)	2009 (186)	2010 (162)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Cumbria increased by 416 companies. This figure is 6.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CUMBRIA	UK
2012	416	105,357
2011	392	66,425
% CHANGE	6.1%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,168)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year

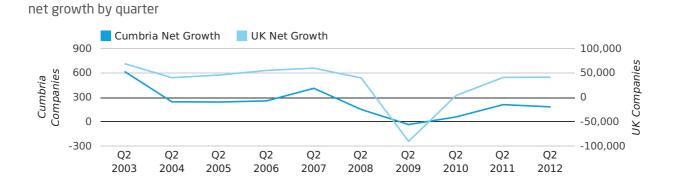


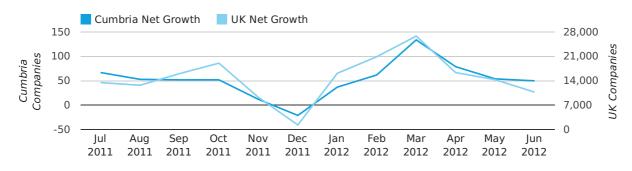
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Cumbria during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 183 companies.

This represents a decrease of 13.3% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	CUMBRIA	UK
2012	183	41,442
2011	211	41,020
% CHANGE	-13.3%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (619)	2003 (69,274)





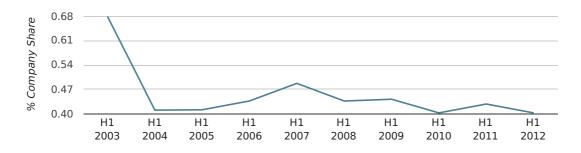
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	79	54	50
NET GROWTH IN 2011	101	30	80
% CHANGE	-21.8%	80.0%	-37.5%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (199)	2003 (206)	2003 (214)

net growth by month

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	CUMBRIA
2012	0.4%
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2003 (0.7%)

company share by half year

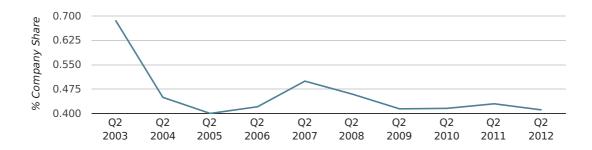


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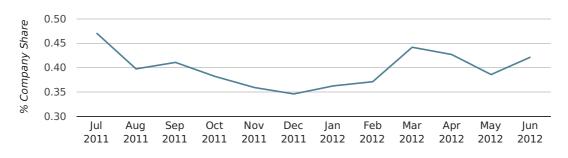
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2012	0.4%
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1963 (0.7%)

company share by quarter



company share by month



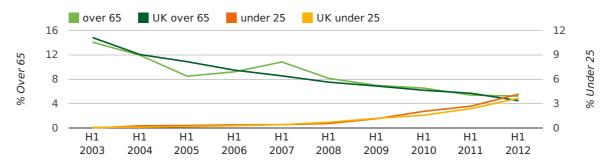
	APRIL	ΜΑΥ	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.5%	0.4%
% CHANGE	-0.4%	-14.9%	3.5%
RECORD YEAR	1962 (0.7%)	1965 (0.8%)	1963 (1.1%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 45.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



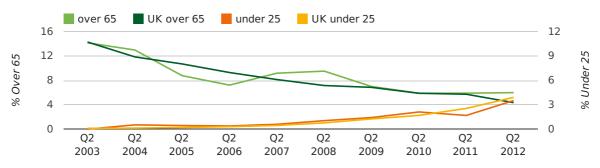
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The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 45.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

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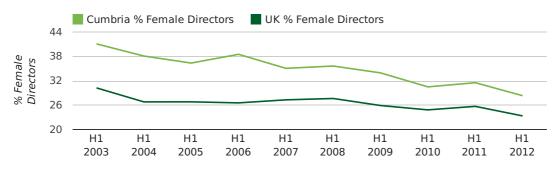
director age by quarter



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

28.4% of all director appointments in Cumbria 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
ENGINEERING	2.76%	CONSULTING	5.07%
(CUMBRIA)	2.20%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CUMBRIA	2.02%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
MANAGEMENT	1.83%	PROPERTY	2.35%
DESIGN	1.01%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTANCY	1.01%	DESIGN	1.89%
J	0.93%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
ELECTRICAL	0.93%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CONSULTING	0.90%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
HOUSE	0.82%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
PROJECT	0.75%	BUSINESS	1.70%
М	0.71%	MEDIA	1.69%
LAKES	0.71%	LONDON	1.68%
TECHNICAL	0.71%	J	1.57%
PROPERTY	0.71%	GLOBAL	1.51%
D	0.71%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
IT	0.60%	IT	1.42%
SCHOOL	0.60%	CARE	1.31%
R	0.60%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
JOINERY	0.56%	М	1.26%
CONSTRUCTION	0.56%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
С	0.52%	BUILDING	1.23%
CENTRE	0.52%	SECURITY	1.19%
NORTH	0.52%	S	1.18%
L	0.52%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%



Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	632	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	195	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	137	35,447
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	107	20,390
99999 - Dormant Company	98	26,088
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	72	14,220
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	65	10,271
71129 - Other engineering activities	44	2,453
9999 - Dormant Company	43	16,469
56302 - Public houses and bars	39	2,913
41100 - Development of building projects	36	5,149
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	35	4,091
9305 - Other service activities	35	7,926
7414 - Business & management consultancy	34	10,978
74990 - Non-trading company	33	9,706
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	32	15,280
43210 - Electrical installation	30	3,557
62090 - Other information technology service activities	28	8,258
71122 - Engineering related scientific and technical consulting activities	28	1,179
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	26	4,535