

Dorset

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Dorset when compared to any previous Q2.
- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Dorset when compared to any previous May.
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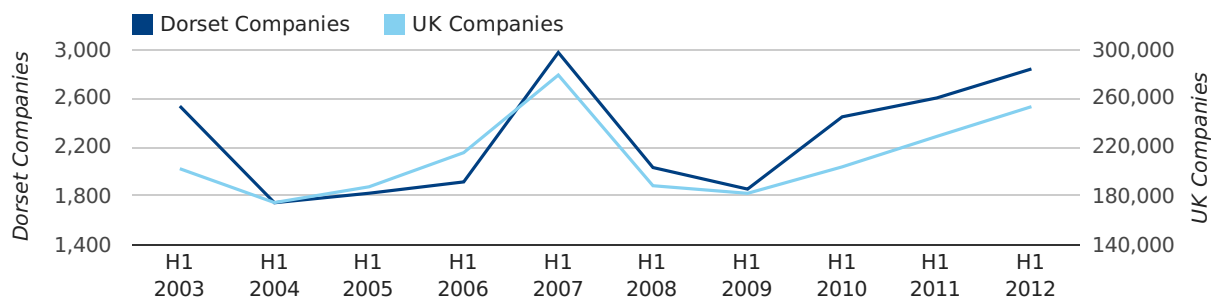
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 2,841 companies were formed in Dorset. This figure is 9.1% higher than last year, which compares equally to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Dorset occurred in 2007 when a total of 2,976 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DORSET	UK
2012	2,841	253,150
2011	2,603	228,735
% CHANGE	9.1%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (2,976)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

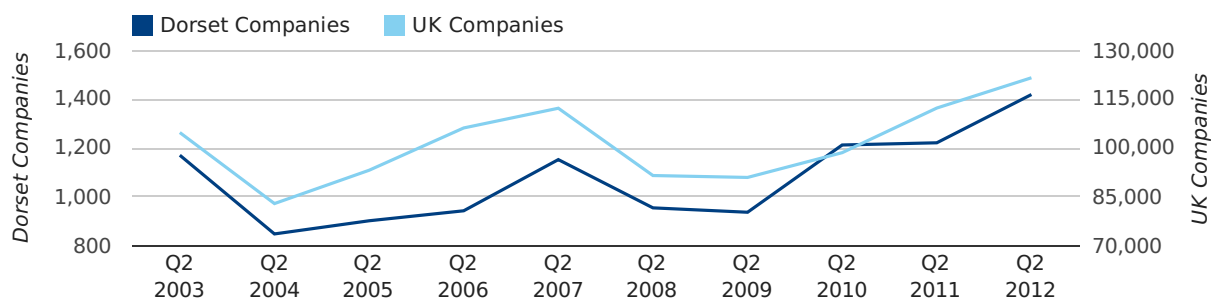
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Dorset when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 1,420 companies were registered in Dorset during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 16.2% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well 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)	DORSET	UK
2012	1,420	121,659
2011	1,222	112,344
% CHANGE	16.2%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (1,420)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Dorset when compared to any previous April.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	474	492	454
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	365	402	455
% CHANGE	29.9%	22.4%	-0.2%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (474)	2012 (492)	2011 (455)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,481 companies were dissolved in Dorset. This figure is 1.2% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Dorset occurred in 2009 when a total of 2,365 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DORSET	UK
2012	1,481	147,793
2011	1,499	162,310
% CHANGE	-1.2%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (2,365)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



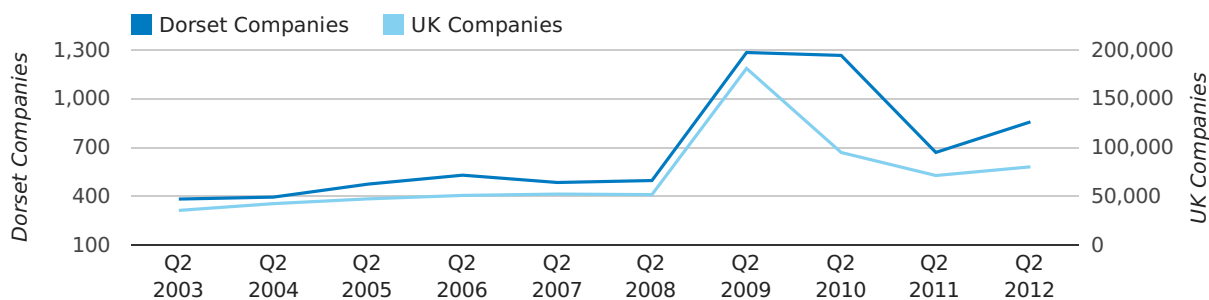
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 858 companies were dissolved in Dorset during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 28.1% 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)	DORSET	UK
2012	858	80,217
2011	670	71,324
% CHANGE	28.1%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,285)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



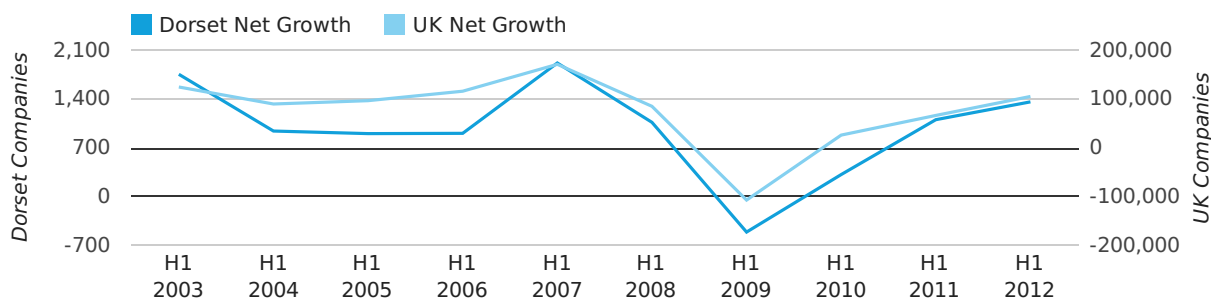
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	270	345	243
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	123	304	243
% CHANGE	119.5%	13.5%	0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (306)	2009 (643)	2010 (509)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Dorset increased by 1,360 companies. This figure is 23.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DORSET	UK
2012	1,360	105,357
2011	1,104	66,425
% CHANGE	23.2%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,918)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



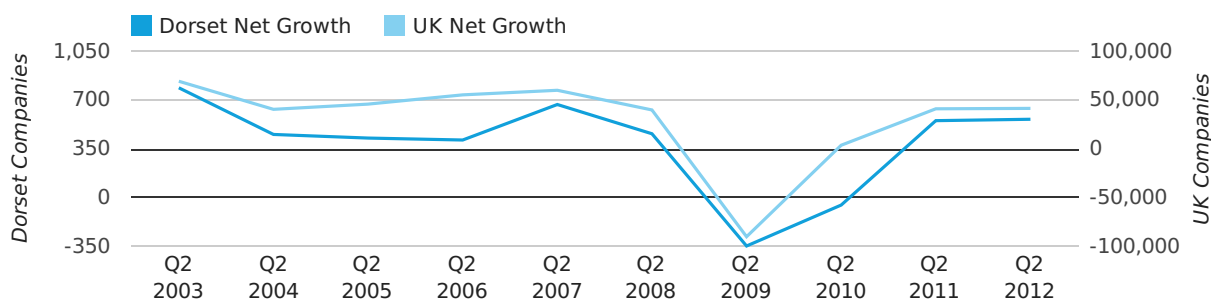
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Dorset during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 562 companies.

This represents an increase of 1.8% on the same period last year.

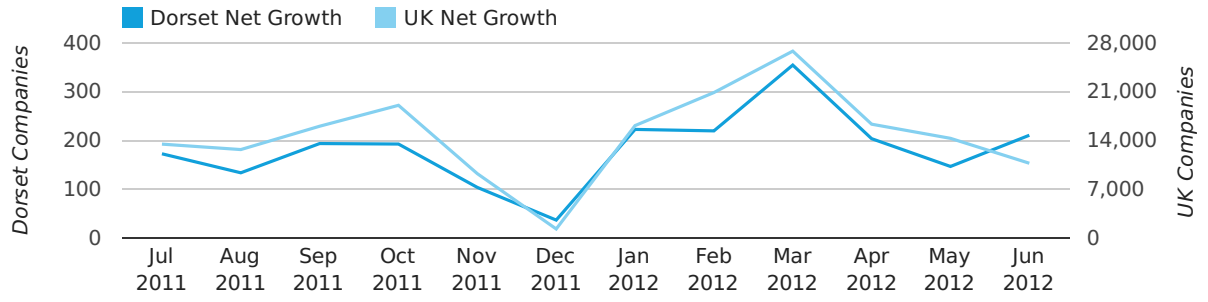
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	DORSET	UK
2012	562	41,442
2011	552	41,020
% CHANGE	1.8%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (788)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



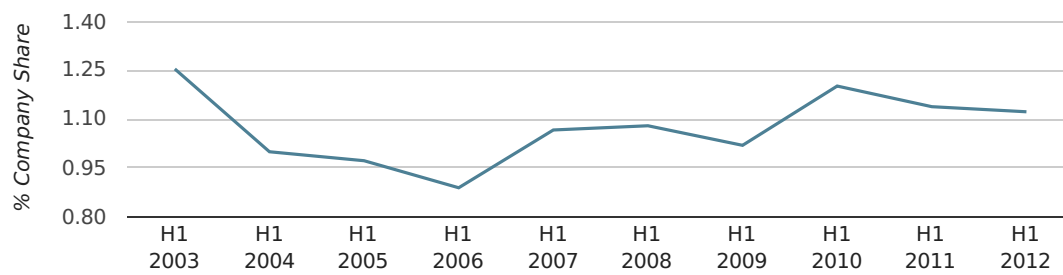
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	204	147	211
NET GROWTH IN 2011	242	98	212
% CHANGE	-15.7%	50.0%	-0.5%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (303)	2003 (312)	2003 (289)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Dorset formed 1.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 1.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DORSET
2012	1.1%
2011	1.1%
2010	1.2%
2009	1.0%
2008	1.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (1.7%)

company share by half year

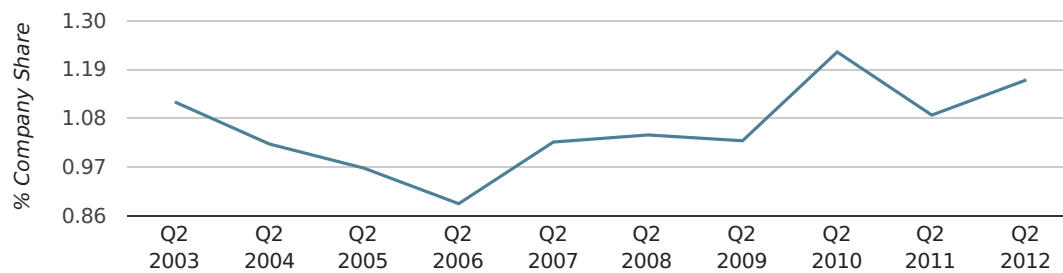


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Dorset formed 1.2% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	DORSET
2012	1.2%
2011	1.1%
2010	1.2%
2009	1.0%
2008	1.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (1.8%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	1.2%	1.1%	1.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	1.1%	1.1%	1.1%
% CHANGE	9.4%	7.3%	6.5%
RECORD YEAR	1961 (1.9%)	1960 (2.1%)	1966 (2.4%)

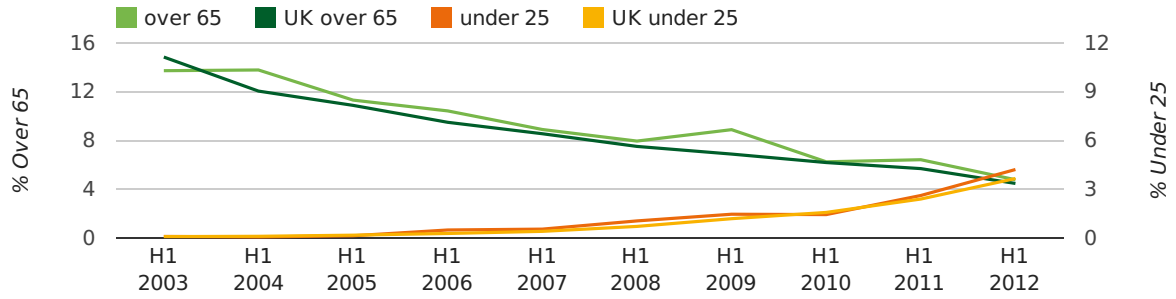
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 43.7.

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 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



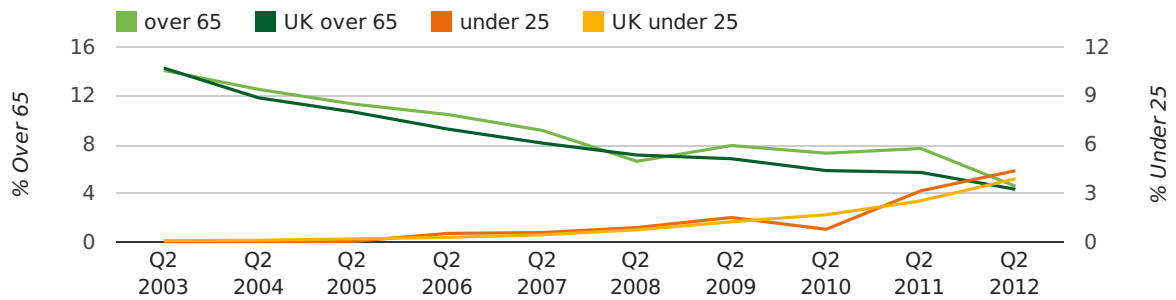
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 43.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.4% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

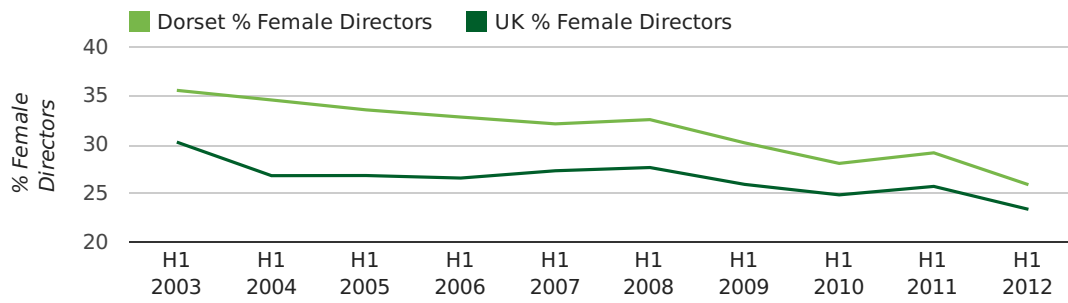


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

25.9% of all director appointments in Dorset 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
CONSULTING	3.36%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	2.42%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	2.03%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
IT	1.52%	PROPERTY	2.35%
DORSET	1.35%	TRADING	2.10%
PROPERTY	0.91%	DESIGN	1.89%
DESIGN	0.81%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
ASSOCIATES	0.74%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
BUILDING	0.71%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
CONSULTANTS	0.71%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
ELECTRICAL	0.68%	BUSINESS	1.70%
BUSINESS	0.64%	MEDIA	1.69%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.63%	LONDON	1.68%
PROJECT	0.63%	J	1.57%
TRAINING	0.58%	GLOBAL	1.51%
BOURNEMOUTH	0.56%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
PROPERTIES	0.56%	IT	1.42%
ENGINEERING	0.54%	CARE	1.31%
J	0.53%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ENERGY	0.53%	M	1.26%
SOUTH	0.53%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
MARINE	0.53%	BUILDING	1.23%
HEATING	0.51%	SECURITY	1.19%
SYSTEMS	0.51%	S	1.18%
MEDIA	0.51%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	2,008	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	624	47,029
63990 - Other information service activities not elsewhere classified	386	2,456
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	354	15,280
99999 - Dormant Company	276	26,088
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	245	14,220
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	241	35,447
7260 - Other computer related activities	228	6,456
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	196	20,390
9999 - Dormant Company	157	16,469
62090 - Other information technology service activities	113	8,258
9305 - Other service activities	95	7,926
7414 - Business & management consultancy	92	10,978
98000 - Residents property management	85	3,001
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	83	10,271
41100 - Development of building projects	72	5,149
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	70	6,356
74990 - Non-trading company	68	9,706
41202 - Construction of domestic buildings	68	3,185
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	63	3,365