

Dudley

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

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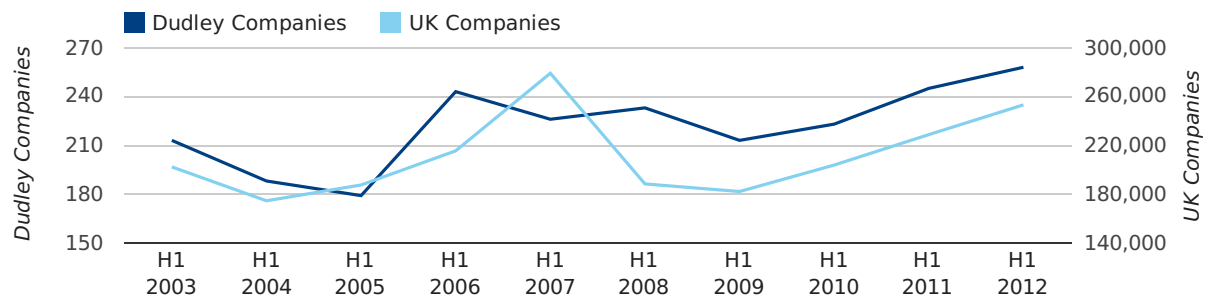
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Dudley when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 258 companies were formed in Dudley. This figure is 5.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Dudley occurred in 2012 when a total of 258 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DUDLEY	UK
2012	258	253,150
2011	245	228,735
% CHANGE	5.3%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (258)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



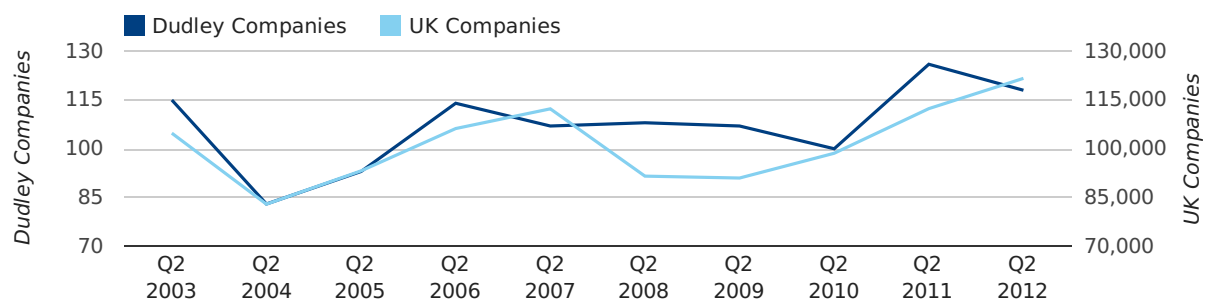
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 118 companies were registered in Dudley during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 6.3% 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)	DUDLEY	UK
2012	118	121,659
2011	126	112,344
% CHANGE	-6.3%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (126)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	32	52	34
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	30	43	53
% CHANGE	6.7%	20.9%	-35.8%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (49)	2012 (52)	2011 (53)

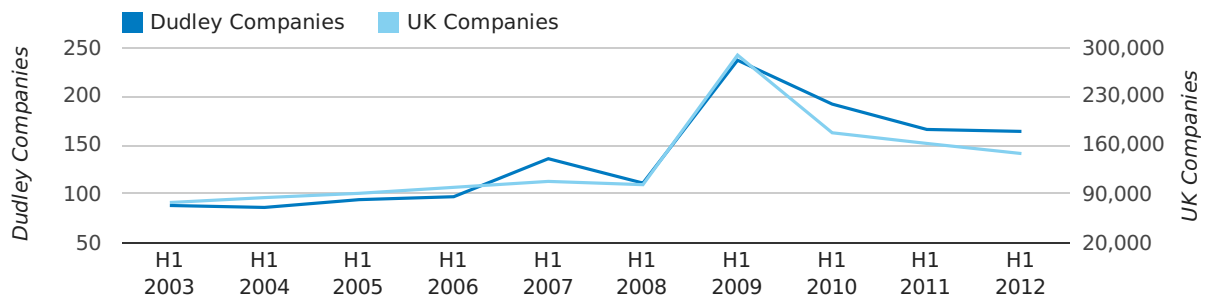
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 164 companies were dissolved in Dudley. This figure is 1.2% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Dudley occurred in 2009 when a total of 237 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DUDLEY	UK
2012	164	147,793
2011	166	162,310
% CHANGE	-1.2%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (237)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



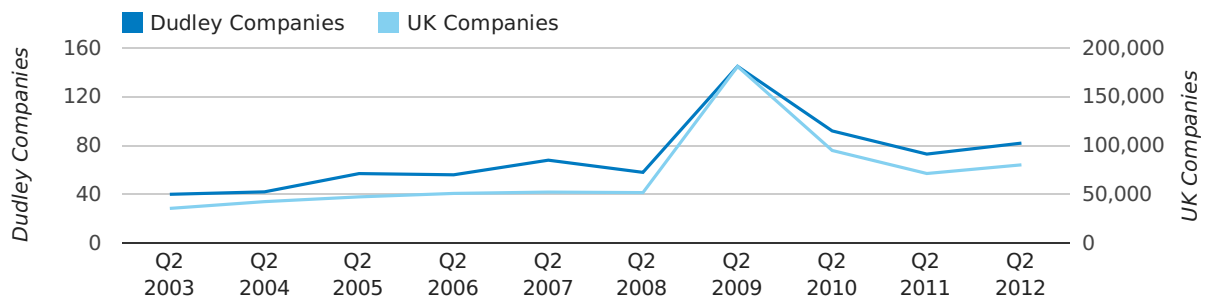
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 82 companies were dissolved in Dudley during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 12.3% 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)	DUDLEY	UK
2012	82	80,217
2011	73	71,324
% CHANGE	12.3%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (145)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



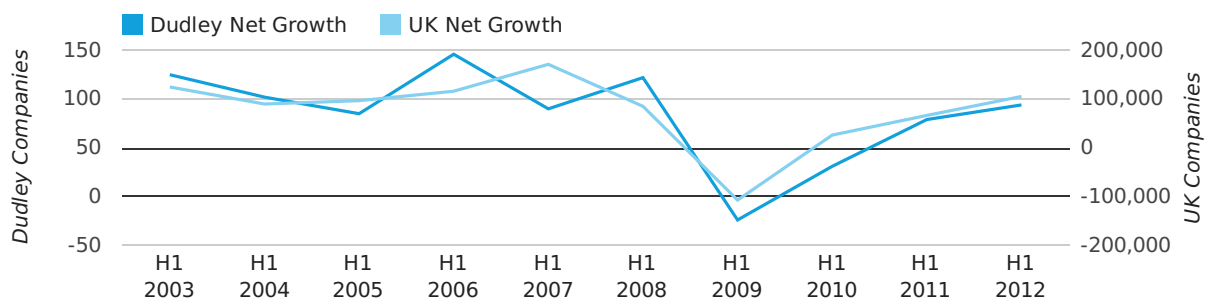
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	31	24	27
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	9	39	25
% CHANGE	244.4%	-38.5%	8%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (38)	2009 (63)	2009 (44)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Dudley increased by 94 companies. This figure is 19.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DUDLEY	UK
2012	94	105,357
2011	79	66,425
% CHANGE	19.0%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (146)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



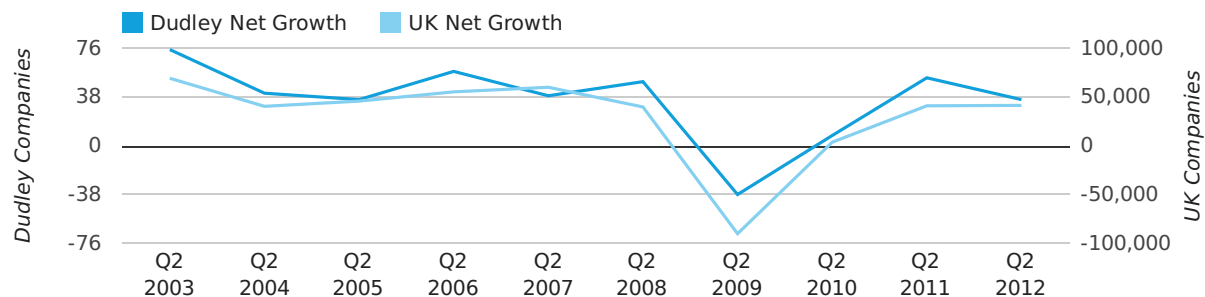
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Dudley during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 36 companies.

This represents a decrease of 32.1% on the same period last year.

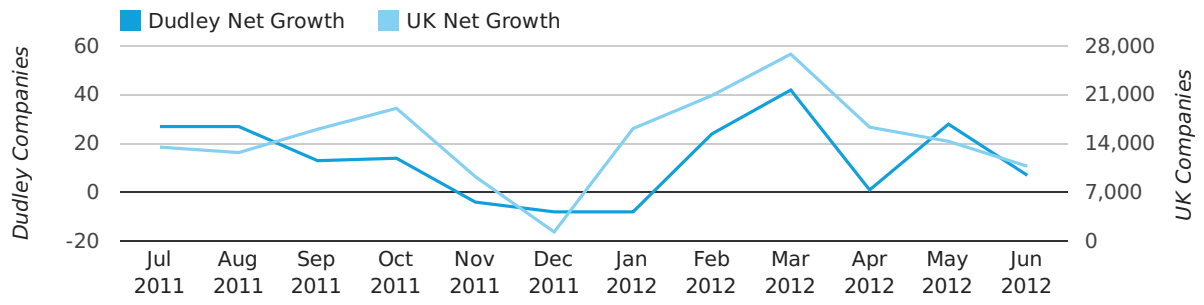
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	DUDLEY	UK
2012	36	41,442
2011	53	41,020
% CHANGE	-32.1%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (75)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



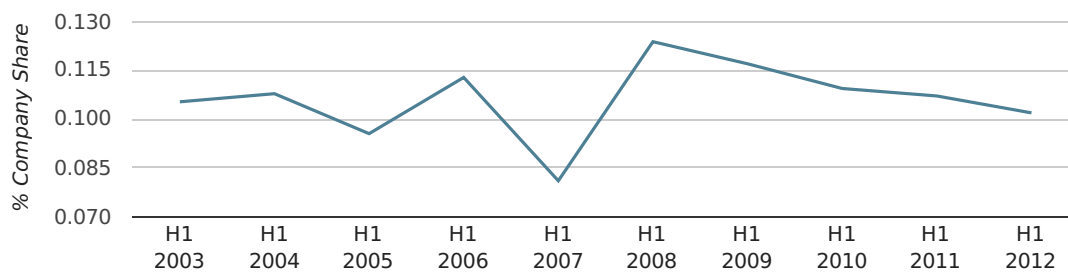
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	1	28	7
NET GROWTH IN 2011	21	4	28
% CHANGE	-95.2%	600.0%	-75.0%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (31)	2003 (35)	2011 (28)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	DUDLEY
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.3%)

company share by half year

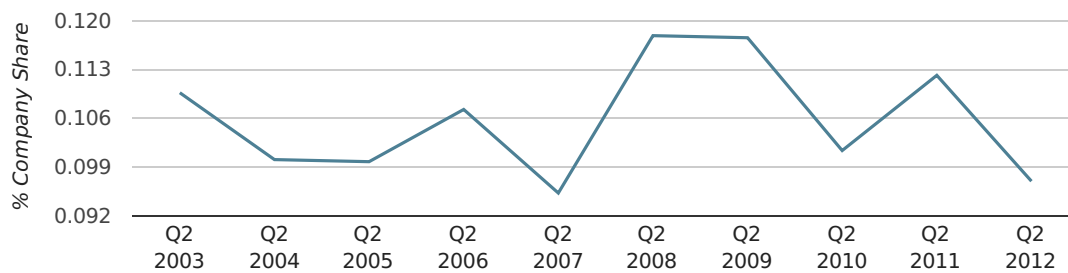


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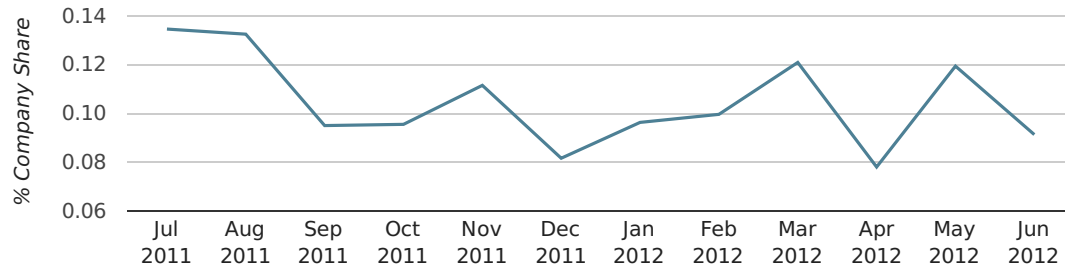
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	DUDLEY
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1975 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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	-10.2%	5.9%	-31.5%
RECORD YEAR	1962 (0.4%)	1966 (0.7%)	1968 (0.6%)

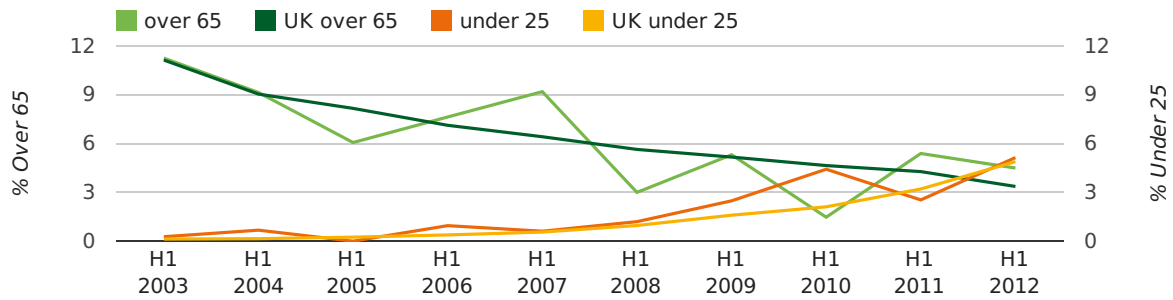
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 44.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



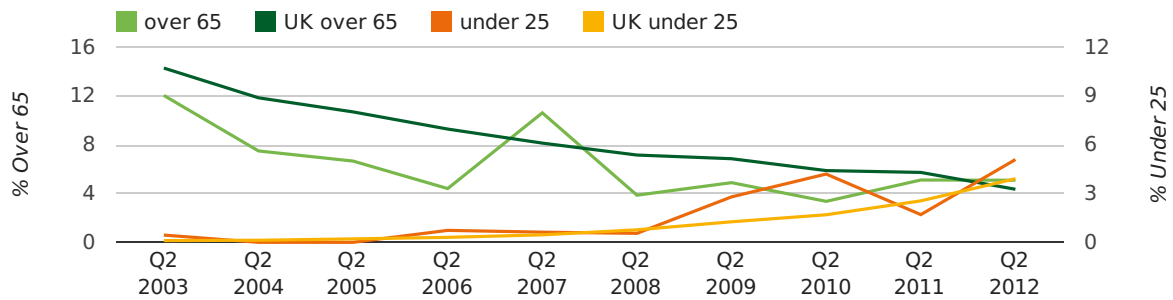
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director age by quarter

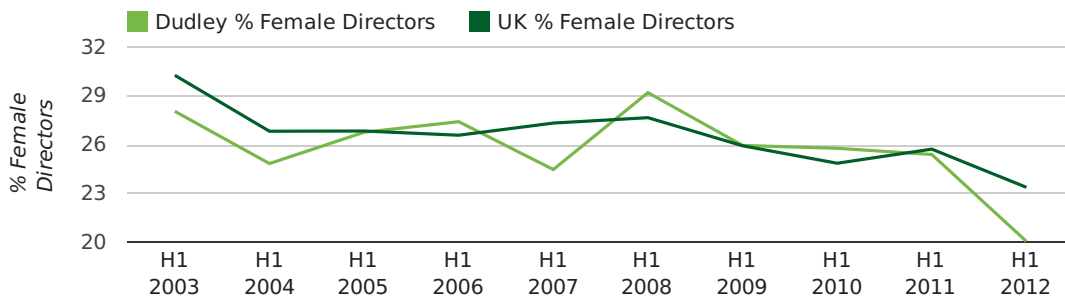


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

20.1% of all director appointments in Dudley 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

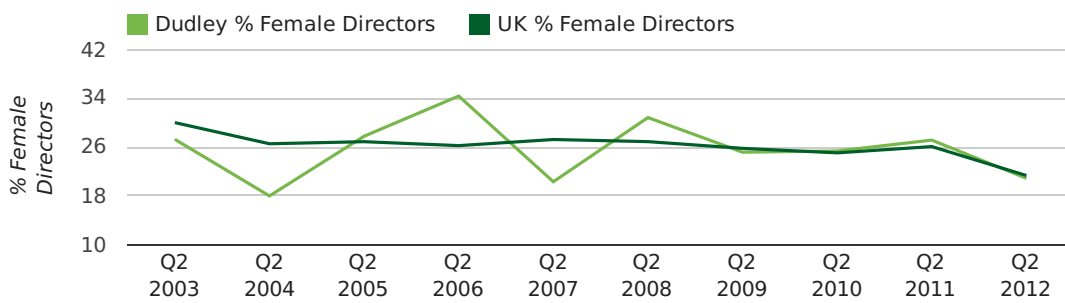


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The record second quarter for female directors in Dudley was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

20.9% of all director appointments in Dudley 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
TRANSPORT	1.96%	CONSULTING	5.07%
J	1.61%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
LOGISTICS	1.50%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
S	1.15%	PROPERTY	2.35%
D	1.04%	TRADING	2.10%
B	0.92%	DESIGN	1.89%
T	0.92%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
TRAINING	0.92%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CARE	0.81%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
DRIVING	0.81%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
DESIGN	0.81%	BUSINESS	1.70%
DUDLEY	0.81%	MEDIA	1.69%
ELECTRICAL	0.81%	LONDON	1.68%
(MIDLANDS)	0.81%	J	1.57%
SECURITY	0.81%	GLOBAL	1.51%
M	0.81%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
P	0.81%	IT	1.42%
C	0.69%	CARE	1.31%
BUSINESS	0.69%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CONSTRUCTION	0.69%	M	1.26%
PROPERTY	0.58%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
MANAGEMENT	0.58%	BUILDING	1.23%
IN	0.58%	SECURITY	1.19%
INVESTMENTS	0.58%	S	1.18%
CENTRE	0.58%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	259	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	40	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	23	26,088
9999 - Dormant Company	20	16,469
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	19	35,447
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	14	20,390
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	13	14,220
49410 - Freight transport by road	12	2,912
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	11	2,880
74990 - Non-trading company	10	9,706
43210 - Electrical installation	10	3,557
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	9	4,091
5540 - Bars	8	1,709
86210 - General medical practice activities	8	2,657
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	8	15,280
7260 - Other computer related activities	8	6,456
43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation	7	2,716
9305 - Other service activities	7	7,926
88990 - Other social work activities without accommodation not elsewhere classified	7	1,828
41202 - Construction of domestic buildings	6	3,185