

Essex

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 Essex when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Essex when compared to any previous Q2.
- April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Essex when compared to any previous April.

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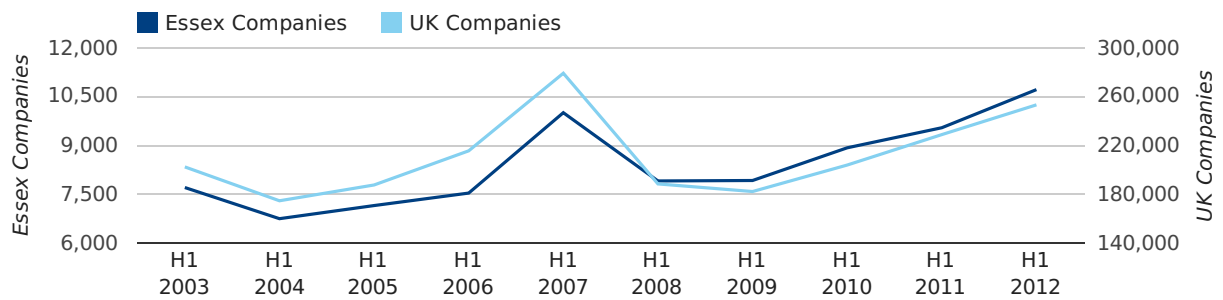
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Essex when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 10,712 companies were formed in Essex. This figure is 12.3% higher than last year, which compares equally to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Essex occurred in 2012 when a total of 10,712 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ESSEX	UK
2012	10,712	253,150
2011	9,539	228,735
% CHANGE	12.3%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (10,712)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

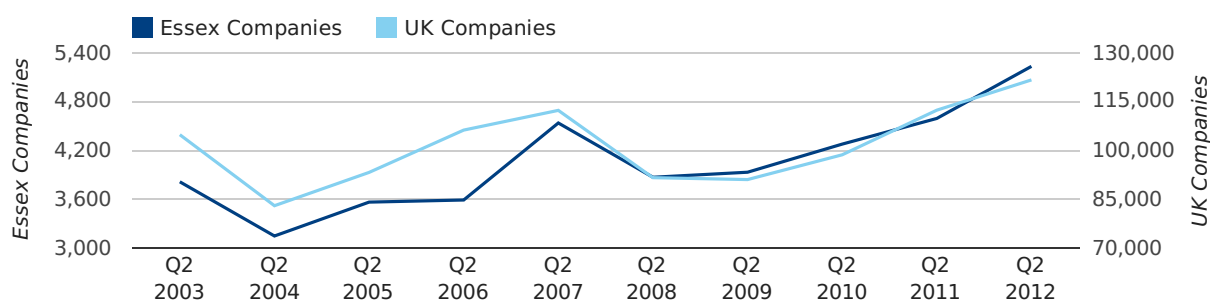
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Essex when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 5,233 companies were registered in Essex during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 14.0% 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)	ESSEX	UK
2012	5,233	121,659
2011	4,592	112,344
% CHANGE	14.0%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (5,233)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	1,727	1,921	1,585
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	1,357	1,574	1,661
% CHANGE	27.3%	22.0%	-4.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (1,727)	2000 (2,544)	2011 (1,661)

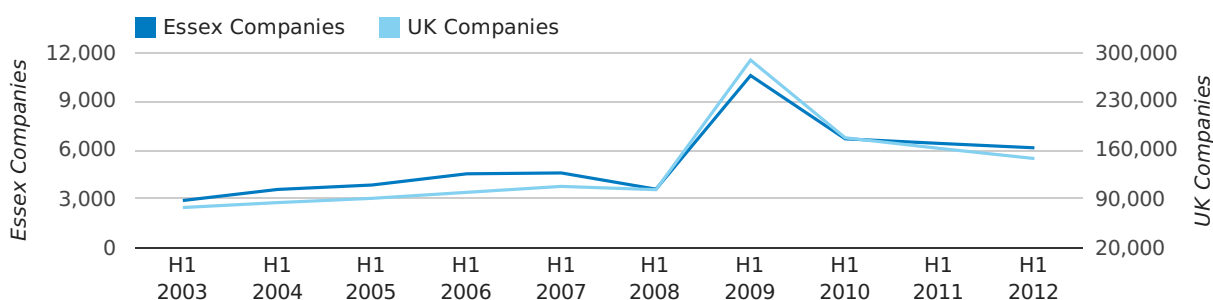
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 6,137 companies were dissolved in Essex. This figure is 4.2% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Essex occurred in 2009 when a total of 10,586 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ESSEX	UK
2012	6,137	147,793
2011	6,408	162,310
% CHANGE	-4.2%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (10,586)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 3,390 companies were dissolved in Essex during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 20.6% 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)	ESSEX	UK
2012	3,390	80,217
2011	2,811	71,324
% CHANGE	20.6%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (6,766)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



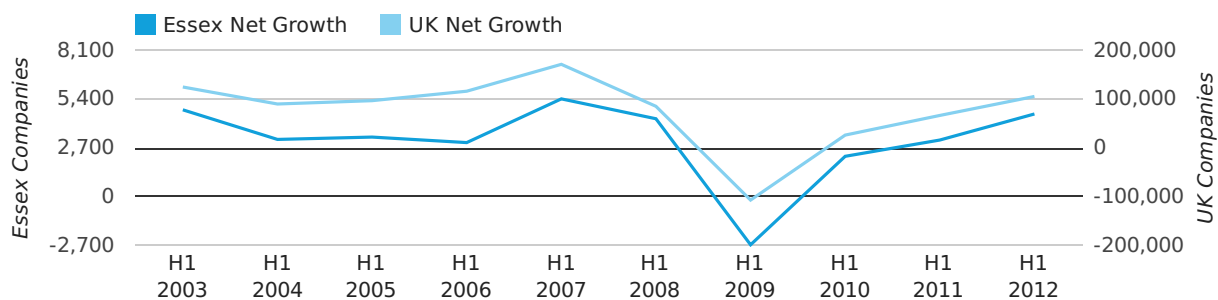
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	947	1,247	1,196
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	545	1,208	1,058
% CHANGE	73.8%	3.2%	13%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (2,123)	2009 (3,054)	2009 (1,589)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Essex increased by 4,575 companies. This figure is 46.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ESSEX	UK
2012	4,575	105,357
2011	3,131	66,425
% CHANGE	46.1%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (5,411)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



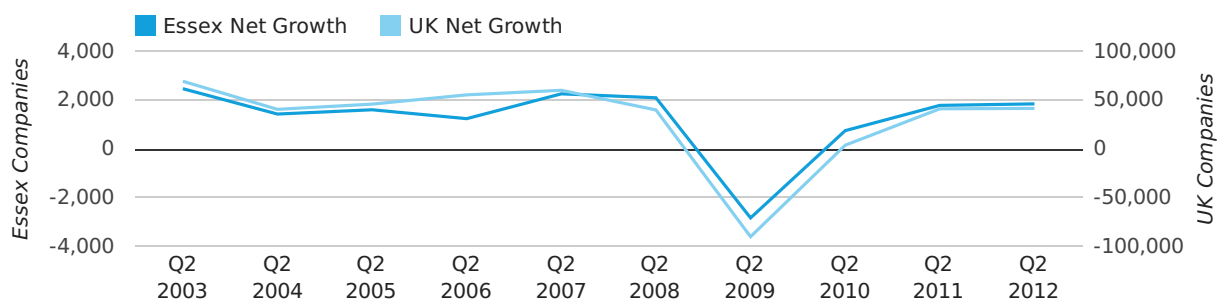
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Essex during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 1,843 companies.

This represents an increase of 3.5% on the same period last year.

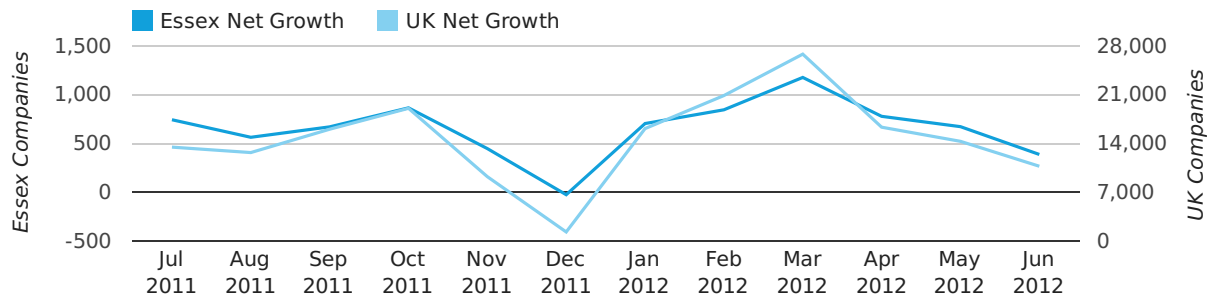
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ESSEX	UK
2012	1,843	41,442
2011	1,781	41,020
% CHANGE	3.5%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (3,030)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



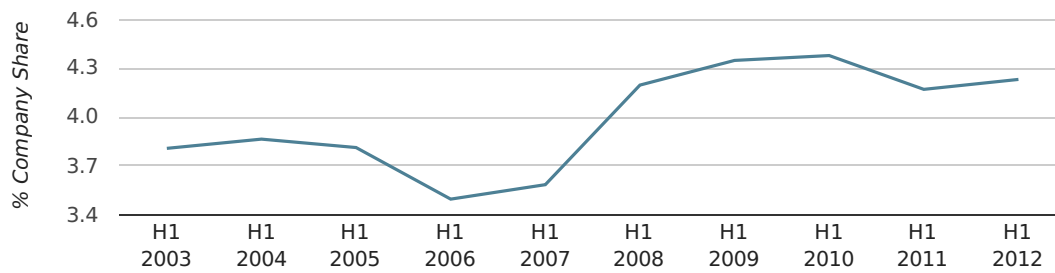
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	780	674	389
NET GROWTH IN 2011	812	366	603
% CHANGE	-3.9%	84.2%	-35.5%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (1,356)	2000 (2,280)	2008 (1,061)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Essex formed 4.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 4.2%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ESSEX
2012	4.2%
2011	4.2%
2010	4.4%
2009	4.3%
2008	4.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1997 (5.2%)

company share by half year

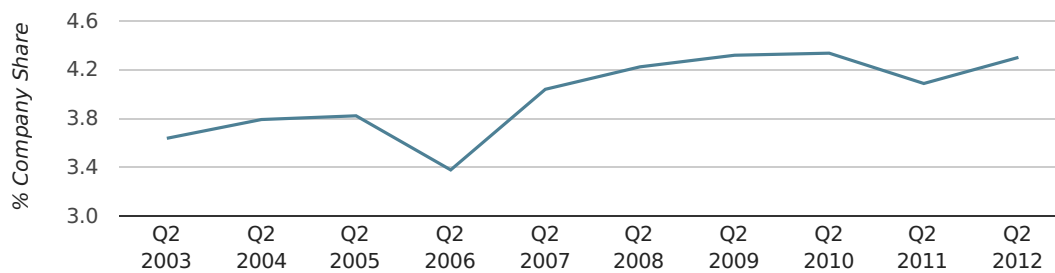


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Essex formed 4.3% of all UK companies.

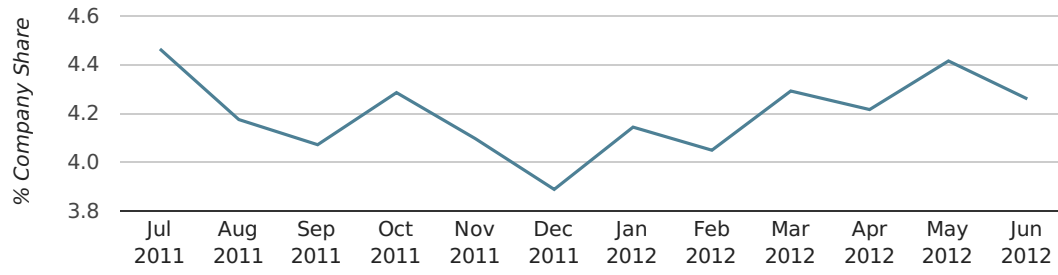
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ESSEX
2012	4.3%
2011	4.1%
2010	4.3%
2009	4.3%
2008	4.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2000 (6.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	4.2%	4.4%	4.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	3.9%	4.1%	4.2%
% CHANGE	7.2%	7.0%	1.9%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (6.7%)	2000 (11.3%)	1997 (4.6%)

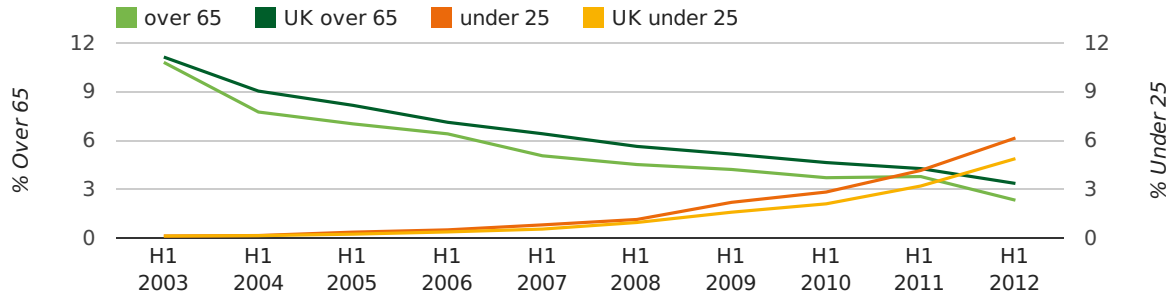
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 41.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



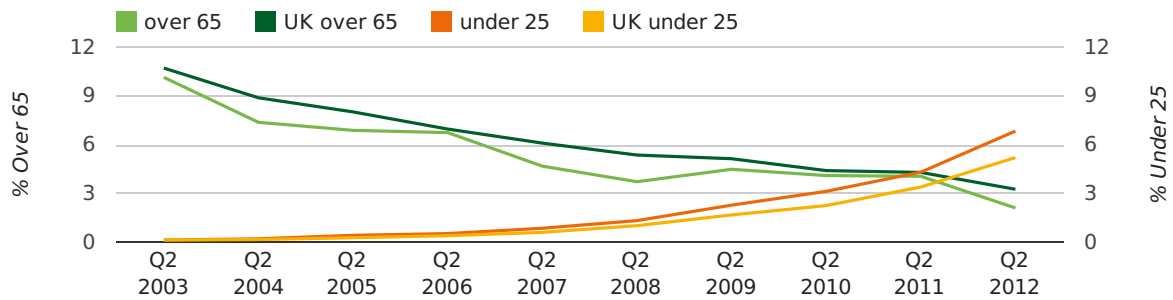
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 40.8.

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director age by quarter

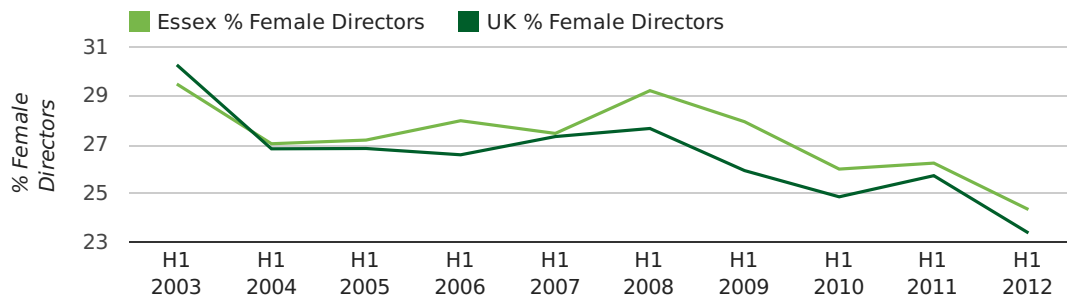


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

24.3% of all director appointments in Essex 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	2.46%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	2.24%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	2.03%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
PROPERTY	1.49%	PROPERTY	2.35%
CONSTRUCTION	1.44%	TRADING	2.10%
ESSEX	1.28%	DESIGN	1.89%
CONSULTANTS	1.27%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
LONDON	1.18%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
TRADING	1.11%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
ASSOCIATES	1.07%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
ELECTRICAL	1.05%	BUSINESS	1.70%
SECURITY	0.99%	MEDIA	1.69%
BUILDING	0.95%	LONDON	1.68%
BUSINESS	0.89%	J	1.57%
DESIGN	0.86%	GLOBAL	1.51%
J	0.86%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CARE	0.86%	IT	1.42%
IT	0.84%	CARE	1.31%
S	0.84%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
GLOBAL	0.80%	M	1.26%
MEDIA	0.76%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
M	0.71%	BUILDING	1.23%
R	0.70%	SECURITY	1.19%
CO	0.68%	S	1.18%
CLEANING	0.65%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	10,225	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	2,074	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	1,352	35,447
99999 - Dormant Company	966	26,088
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	838	14,220
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	802	20,390
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	739	15,280
9999 - Dormant Company	651	16,469
7414 - Business & management consultancy	450	10,978
9305 - Other service activities	417	7,926
7499 - Non-trading company	352	8,023
62090 - Other information technology service activities	346	8,258
74990 - Non-trading company	331	9,706
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	324	10,271
7260 - Other computer related activities	301	6,456
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	287	6,356
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	284	4,644
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	283	4,091
86900 - Other human health activities	256	5,222
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	256	3,241