Fife

2012 half year business confidence report





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headlines

- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Fife when compared to any previous first half year.
- June 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Fife when compared to any previous June.
- April 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Fife when compared to any previous April.

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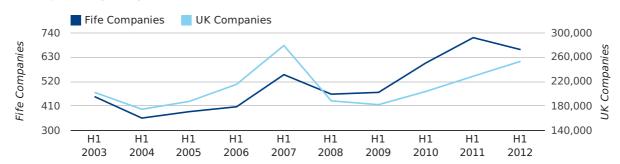
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In the first half of 2012 a total of 664 companies were formed in Fife. This figure is 7.5% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Fife occurred in 2011 when a total of 718 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	FIFE	UK
2012	664	253,150
2011	718	228,735
% CHANGE	-7.5%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (718)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



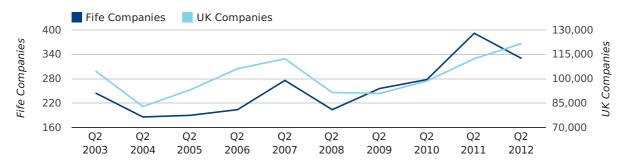
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 330 companies were registered in Fife during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

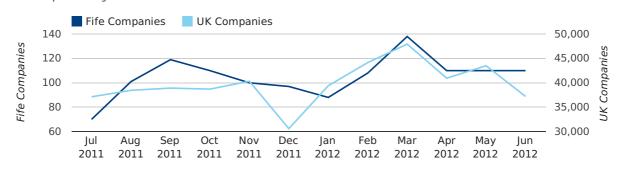
This figure is a decrease of 15.8% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	FIFE	UK
2012	330	121,659
2011	392	112,344
% CHANGE	-15.8%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (392)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	110	110	110
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	105	156	131
% CHANGE	4.8%	-29.5%	-16.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (119)	2011 (156)	2011 (131)

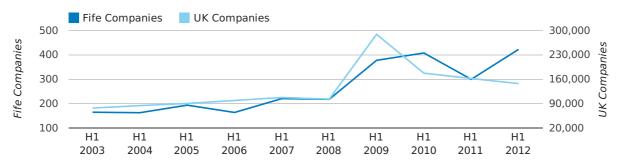
The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Fife when compared to any previous first half year.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 423 companies were dissolved in Fife. This figure is 41.0% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Fife occurred in 2012 when a total of 423 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	FIFE	UK
2012	423	147,793
2011	300	162,310
% CHANGE	41.0%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (423)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



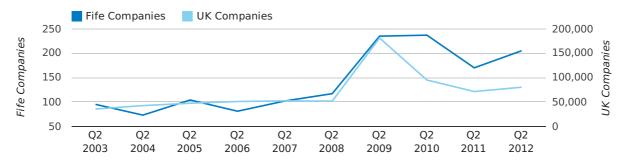
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 205 companies were dissolved in Fife 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.

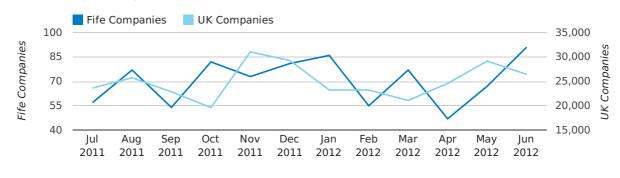
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	FIFE	UK
2012	205	80,217
2011	170	71,324
% CHANGE	20.6%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (237)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



- June 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Fife when compared to any previous June.
- April 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Fife when compared to any previous April.

dissolved companies by month

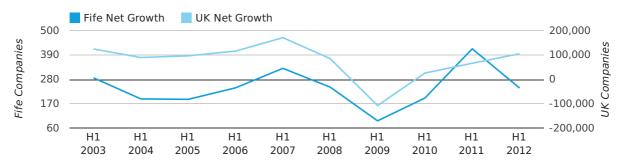


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	47	67	91
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	30	74	66
% CHANGE	56.7%	-9.5%	38%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (47)	2010 (157)	2012 (91)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Fife increased by 241 companies. This figure is 42.3% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	FIFE	UK
2012	241	105,357
2011	418	66,425
% CHANGE	-42.3%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (418)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



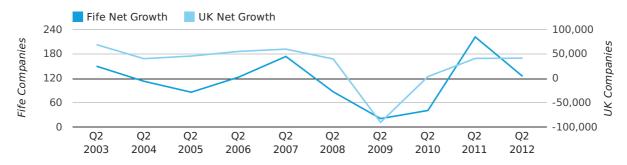
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Fife during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 125 companies.

This represents a decrease of 43.7% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	FIFE	UK
2012	125	41,442
2011	222	41,020
% CHANGE	-43.7%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (222)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



net growth by month

RECORD YEAR



2011 (82)

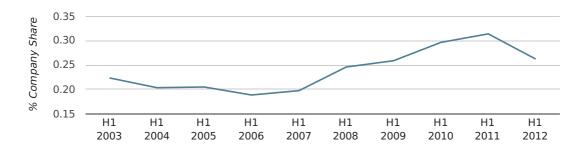
2011 (65)

2007 (108)

In the first half of 2012 Fife formed 0.3% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	FIFE
2012	0.3%
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2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1978 (0.4%)

company share by half year

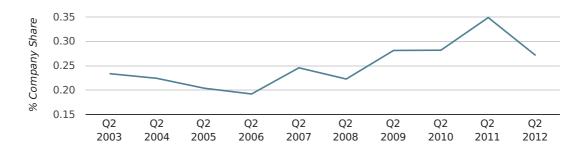


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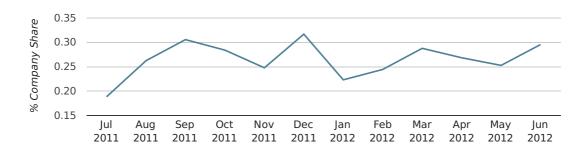
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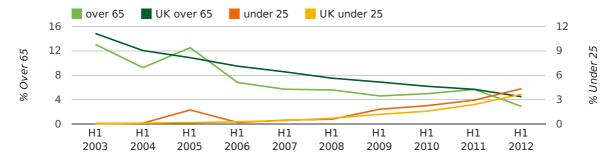
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
% CHANGE	-11.8%	-38.2%	-10.3%
RECORD YEAR	1979 (3.2%)	1982 (0.5%)	1978 (0.6%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 43.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



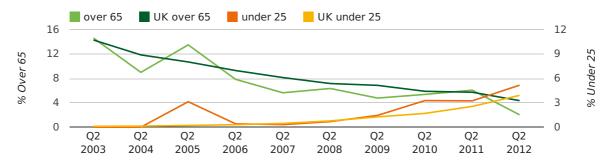
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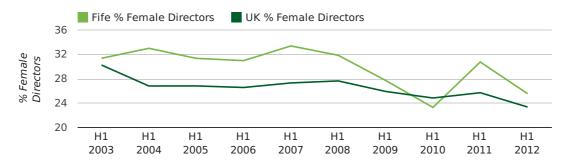
director age by quarter



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

25.6% of all director appointments in Fife 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
LP	5.03%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.99%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
FIFE	1.47%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
TRADING	1.47%	PROPERTY	2.35%
ENGINEERING	1.15%	TRADING	2.10%
(FIFE)	1.15%	DESIGN	1.89%
(SCOTLAND)	1.15%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
CONSULTING	1.10%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CONSULTANCY	1.10%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
L.P.	0.94%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
ASSOCIATES	0.73%	BUSINESS	1.70%
SCOTLAND	0.73%	MEDIA	1.69%
DESIGN	0.73%	LONDON	1.68%
BUSINESS	0.68%	J	1.57%
ANDREWS	0.63%	GLOBAL	1.51%
INVESTMENTS	0.58%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CONSULTANTS	0.58%	IT	1.42%
ENERGY	0.58%	CARE	1.31%
G	0.58%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
INSPECTION	0.58%	M	1.26%
HOME	0.58%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
М	0.58%	BUILDING	1.23%
GROUP	0.58%	SECURITY	1.19%
PROPERTY	0.52%	S	1.18%
PLUMBING	0.52%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	745	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	144	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	116	35,447
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	69	20,390
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	60	10,271
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	43	15,280
99999 - Dormant Company	35	26,088
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	28	14,220
9999 - Dormant Company	26	16,469
7414 - Business & management consultancy	25	10,978
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	22	4,091
71129 - Other engineering activities	21	2,453
96020 - Hairdressing and other beauty treatment	21	2,993
86230 - Dental practice activities	17	1,834
56101 - Licensed restaurants	17	1,551
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	16	4,535
74990 - Non-trading company	16	9,706
41202 - Construction of domestic buildings	16	3,185
62090 - Other information technology service activities	16	8,258
7499 - Non-trading company	15	8,023