

Gloucester

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Gloucester when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Gloucester when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Gloucester when compared to any previous Q2.
- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Gloucester when compared to any previous May.
- April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Gloucester when compared to any previous April.

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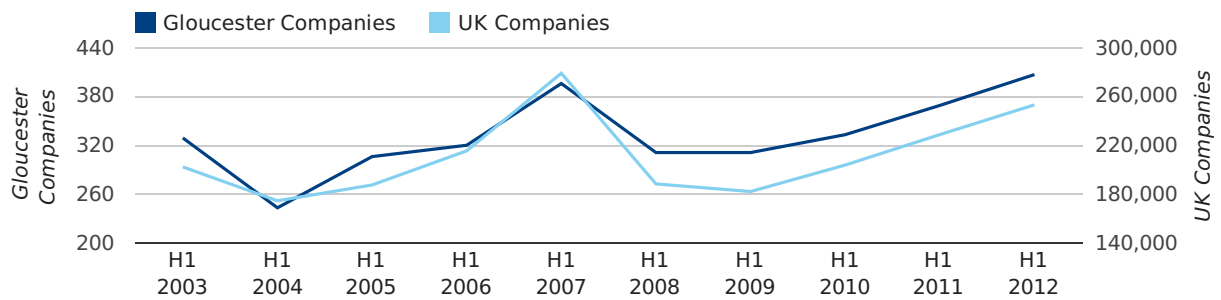
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Gloucester when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 407 companies were formed in Gloucester. This figure is 10.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Gloucester occurred in 2012 when a total of 407 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	GLOUCESTER	UK
2012	407	253,150
2011	369	228,735
% CHANGE	10.3%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (407)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

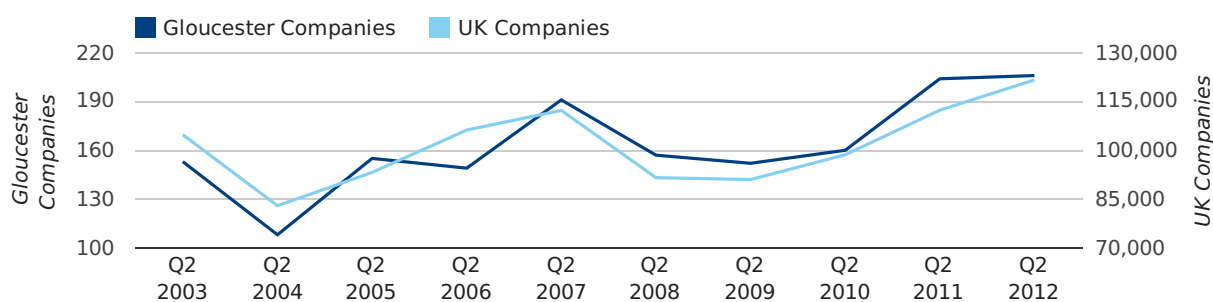
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Gloucester when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 206 companies were registered in Gloucester during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 1.0% 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)	GLOUCESTER	UK
2012	206	121,659
2011	204	112,344
% CHANGE	1.0%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (206)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter

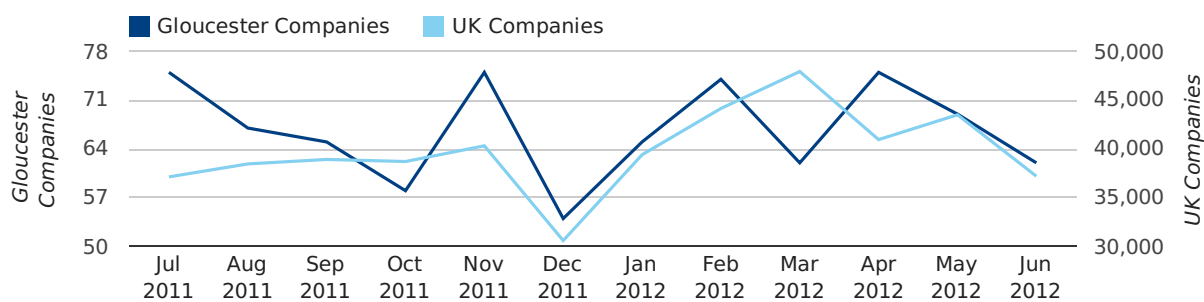


Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	75	69	62
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	74	59	71
% CHANGE	1.4%	16.9%	-12.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (75)	2012 (69)	2011 (71)

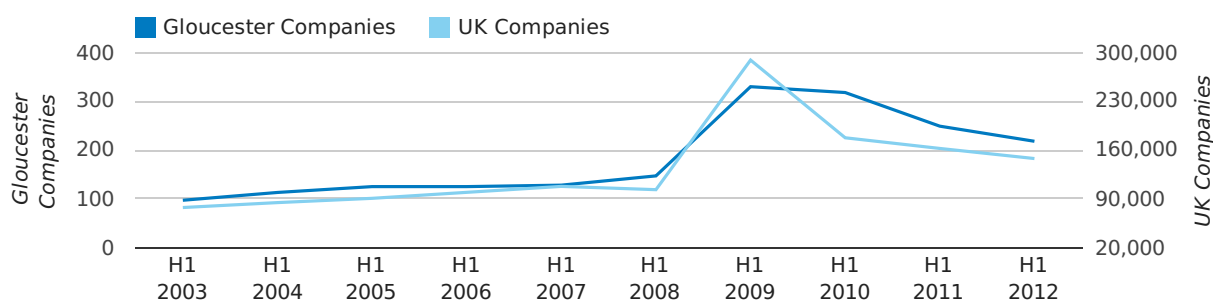
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 218 companies were dissolved in Gloucester. This figure is 12.4% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Gloucester occurred in 2009 when a total of 330 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	GLOUCESTER	UK
2012	218	147,793
2011	249	162,310
% CHANGE	-12.4%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (330)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



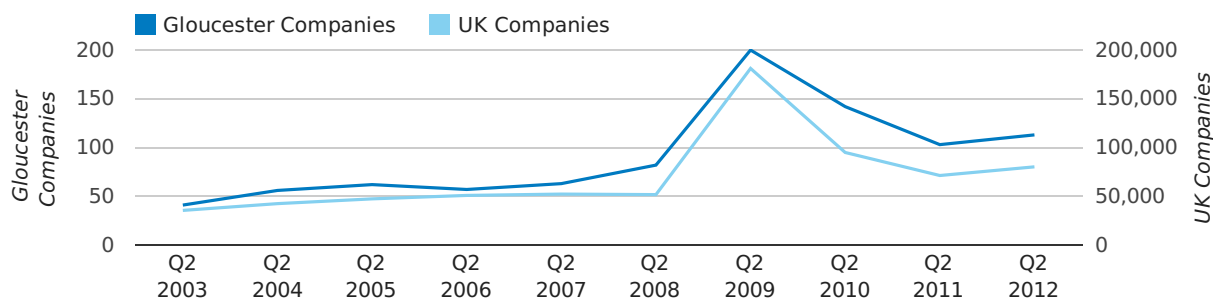
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 113 companies were dissolved in Gloucester during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 9.7% 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.

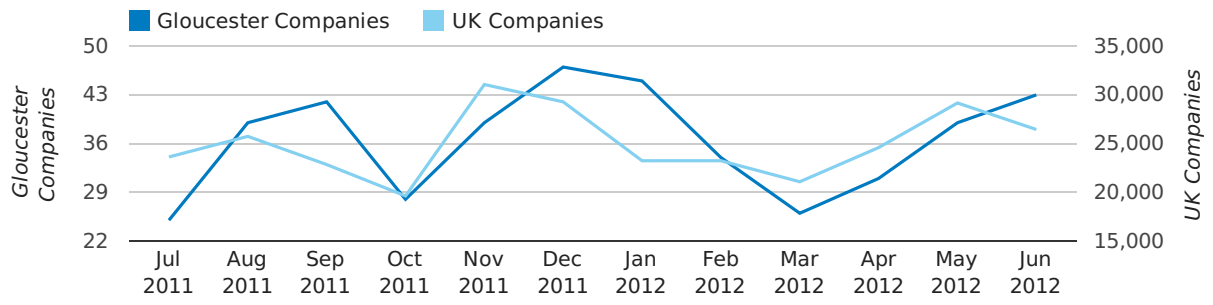
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	GLOUCESTER	UK
2012	113	80,217
2011	103	71,324
% CHANGE	9.7%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (200)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



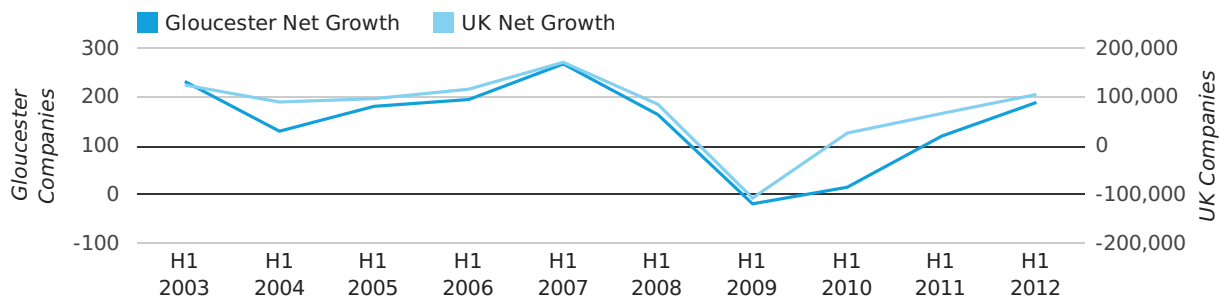
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	31	39	43
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	22	41	40
% CHANGE	40.9%	-4.9%	8%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (47)	2009 (96)	2009 (57)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Gloucester increased by 189 companies. This figure is 57.5% higher than last year, which compares equally to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	GLOUCESTER	UK
2012	189	105,357
2011	120	66,425
% CHANGE	57.5%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (268)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



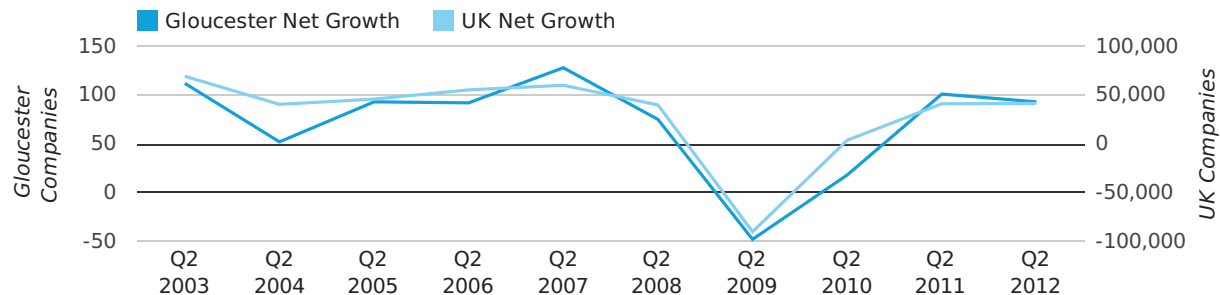
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Gloucester during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 93 companies.

This represents a decrease of 7.9% on the same period last year.

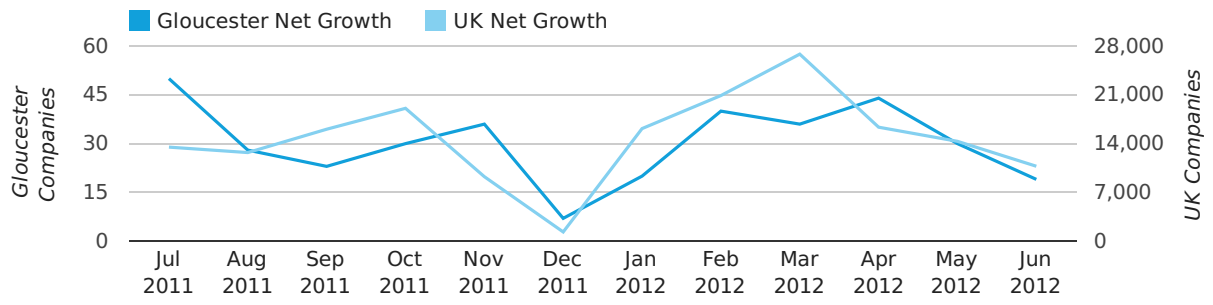
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	GLOUCESTER	UK
2012	93	41,442
2011	101	41,020
% CHANGE	-7.9%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (128)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



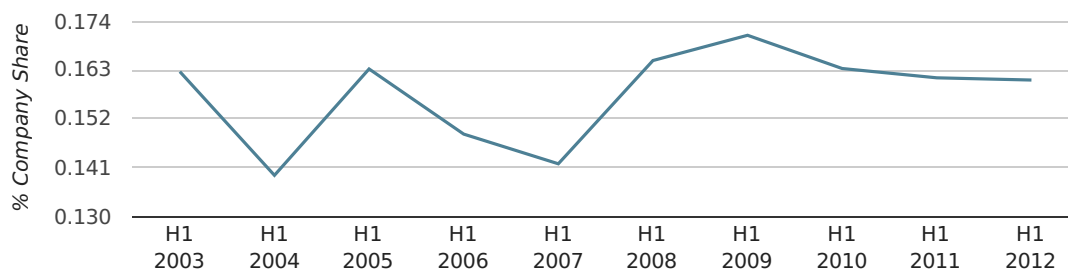
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	44	30	19
NET GROWTH IN 2011	52	18	31
% CHANGE	-15.4%	66.7%	-38.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (52)	2007 (42)	2008 (49)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Gloucester formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.2%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	GLOUCESTER
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.5%)

company share by half year

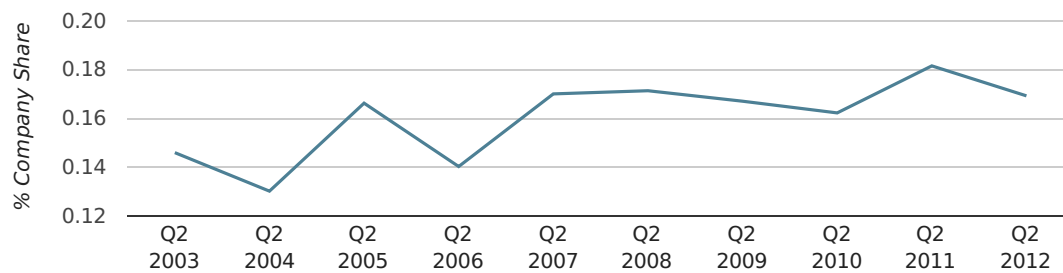


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Gloucester formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

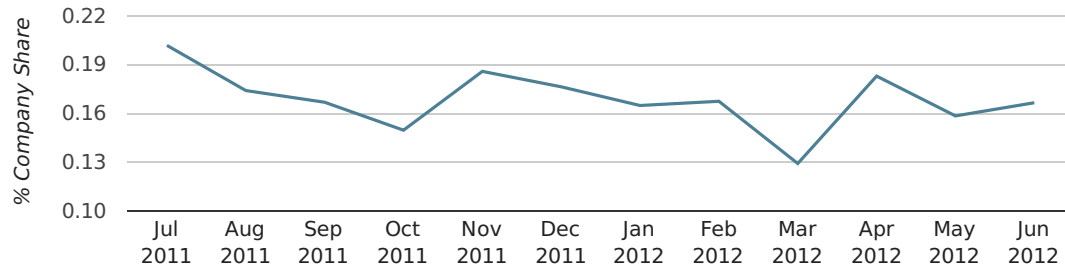
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	GLOUCESTER
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-14.7%	2.5%	-6.7%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (0.8%)	1973 (0.7%)	1970 (0.5%)

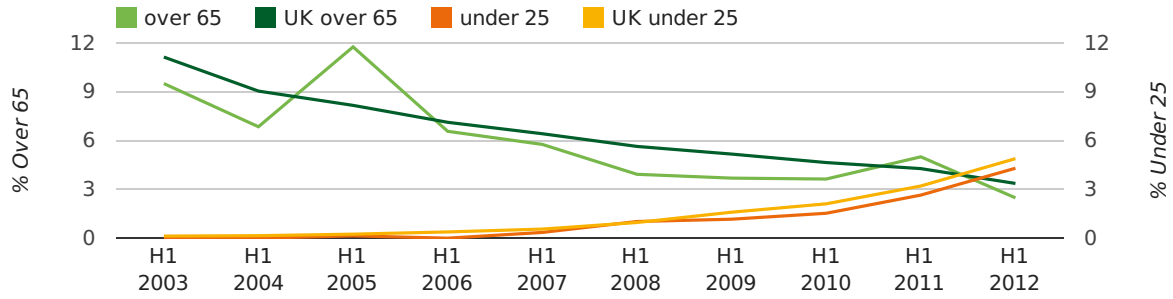
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 41.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



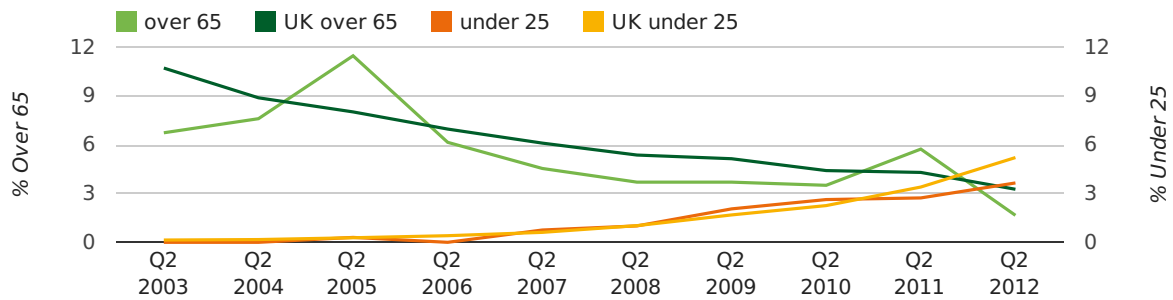
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 41.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

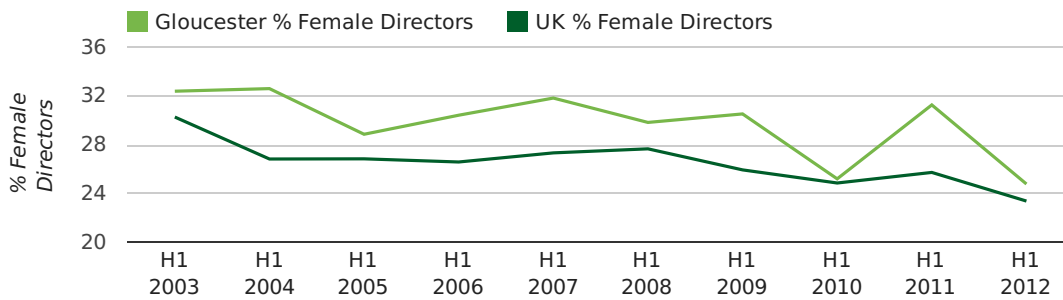


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

24.8% of all director appointments in Gloucester 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

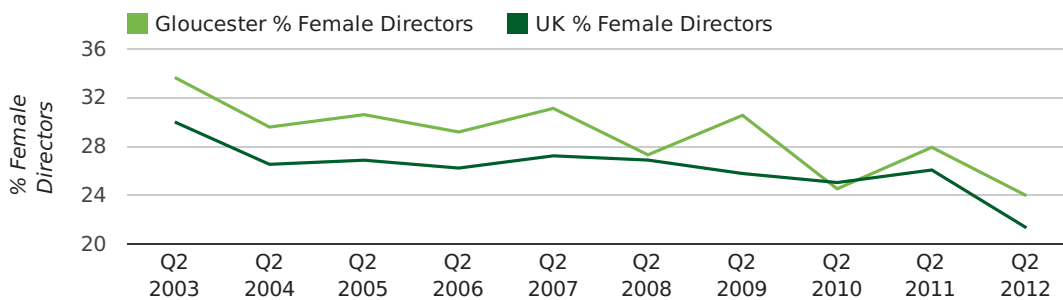


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

24.0% of all director appointments in Gloucester 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
CONSULTANCY	1.76%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.61%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.46%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
GLOUCESTER	1.23%	PROPERTY	2.35%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.77%	TRADING	2.10%
ELECTRICAL	0.77%	DESIGN	1.89%
J	0.77%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
ENGINEERING	0.69%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CENTRE	0.69%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
PROPERTY	0.69%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
BUILDING	0.69%	BUSINESS	1.70%
TRAINING	0.61%	MEDIA	1.69%
M	0.61%	LONDON	1.68%
MAINTENANCE	0.61%	J	1.57%
LOGISTICS	0.54%	GLOBAL	1.51%
MARKETING	0.54%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
DESIGN	0.54%	IT	1.42%
SCHOOL	0.54%	CARE	1.31%
GLEVUM	0.46%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
R	0.46%	M	1.26%
COTSWOLD	0.46%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
ENERGY	0.46%	BUILDING	1.23%
CARE	0.46%	SECURITY	1.19%
TECHNOLOGY	0.46%	S	1.18%
GREEN	0.46%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	341	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	49	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	45	26,088
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	39	35,447
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	38	20,390
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	30	15,280
9999 - Dormant Company	30	16,469
74990 - Non-trading company	24	9,706
7414 - Business & management consultancy	19	10,978
43210 - Electrical installation	16	3,557
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	16	10,271
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	15	4,644
62090 - Other information technology service activities	13	8,258
7499 - Non-trading company	12	8,023
9305 - Other service activities	12	7,926
49410 - Freight transport by road	11	2,912
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	11	3,818
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	11	6,356
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	10	14,220
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	10	4,295