

Grays

2012 half year business confidence report



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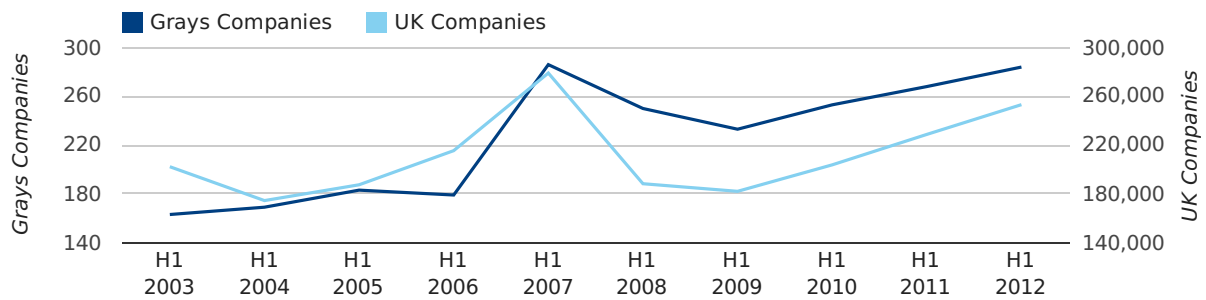
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 284 companies were formed in Grays. This figure is 6.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Grays occurred in 2007 when a total of 286 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	GRAYS	UK
2012	284	253,150
2011	268	228,735
% CHANGE	6.0%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (286)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



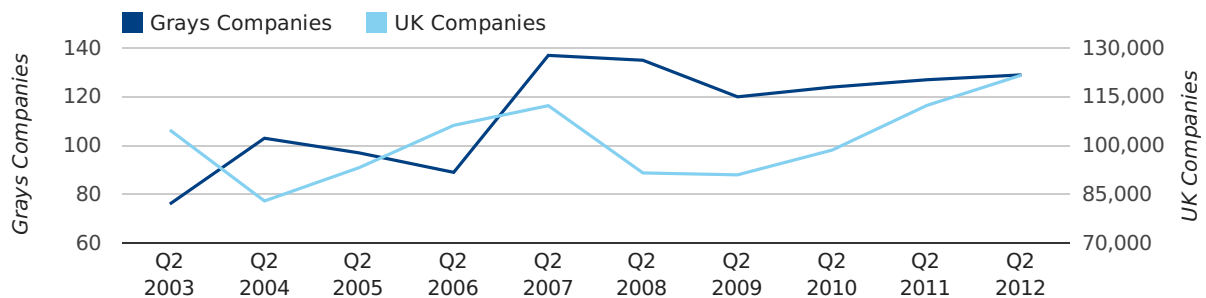
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 129 companies were registered in Grays during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 1.6% 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)	GRAYS	UK
2012	129	121,659
2011	127	112,344
% CHANGE	1.6%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (137)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	47	43	39
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	38	39	50
% CHANGE	23.7%	10.3%	-22.0%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (51)	2007 (50)	2011 (50)

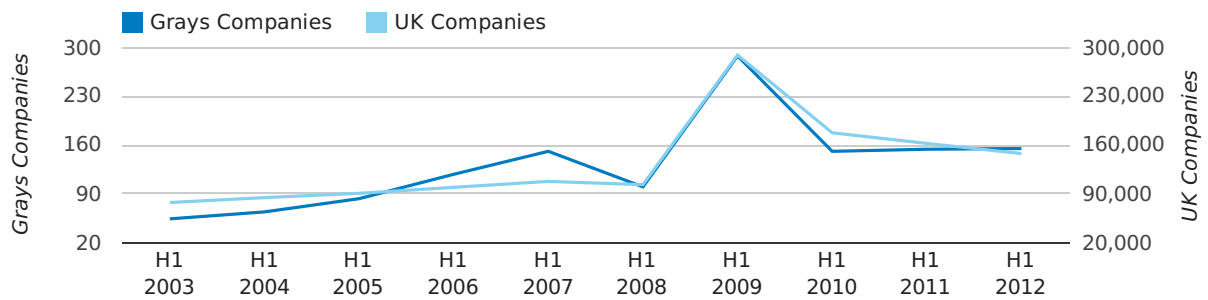
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 155 companies were dissolved in Grays. This figure is 0.6% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Grays occurred in 2009 when a total of 288 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	GRAYS	UK
2012	155	147,793
2011	154	162,310
% CHANGE	0.6%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (288)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 102 companies were dissolved in Grays during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 37.8% 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)	GRAYS	UK
2012	102	80,217
2011	74	71,324
% CHANGE	37.8%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (182)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



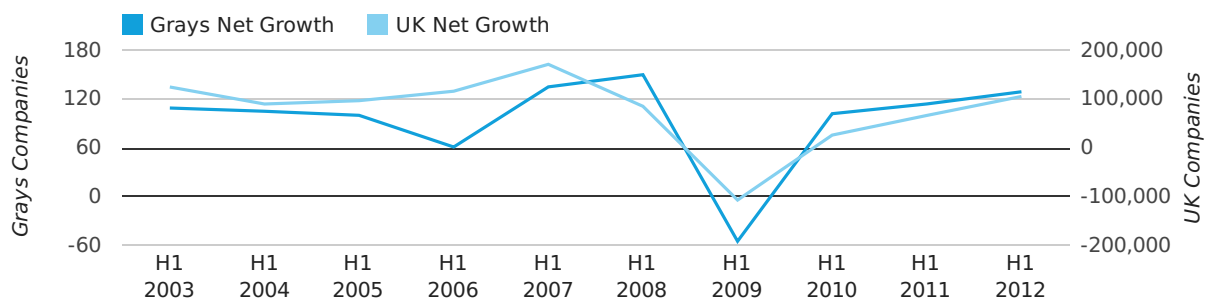
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	34	34	34
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	10	32	32
% CHANGE	240.0%	6.3%	6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (49)	2009 (79)	2009 (54)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Grays increased by 129 companies. This figure is 13.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	GRAYS	UK
2012	129	105,357
2011	114	66,425
% CHANGE	13.2%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (150)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



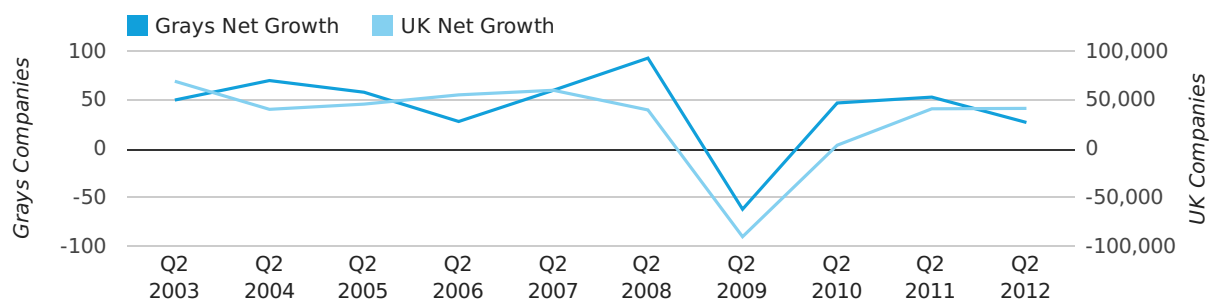
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Grays during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 27 companies.

This represents a decrease of 49.1% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	GRAYS	UK
2012	27	41,442
2011	53	41,020
% CHANGE	-49.1%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (93)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



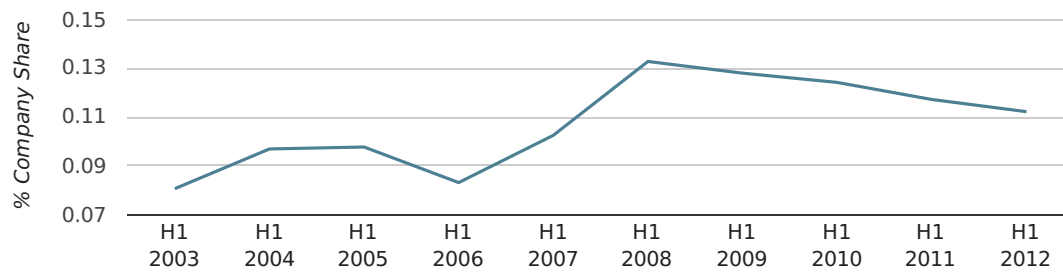
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	13	9	5
NET GROWTH IN 2011	28	7	18
% CHANGE	-53.6%	28.6%	-72.2%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (32)	2006 (32)	2008 (34)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	GRAYS
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1976 (0.1%)

company share by half year

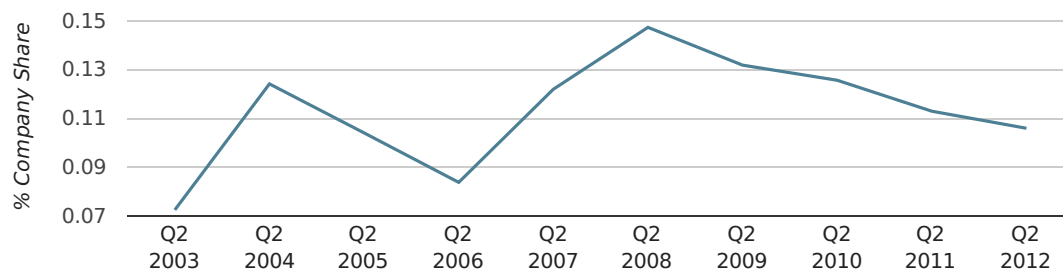


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

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	4.2%	-3.3%	-16.8%
RECORD YEAR	1961 (0.3%)	1968 (0.2%)	1982 (0.2%)

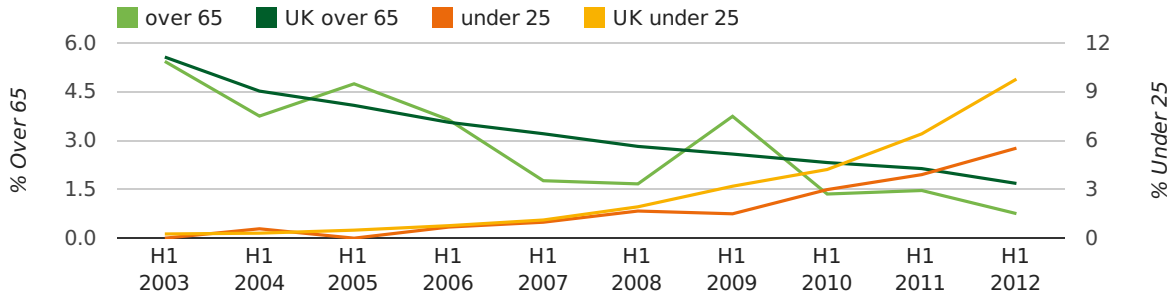
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 38.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 0.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



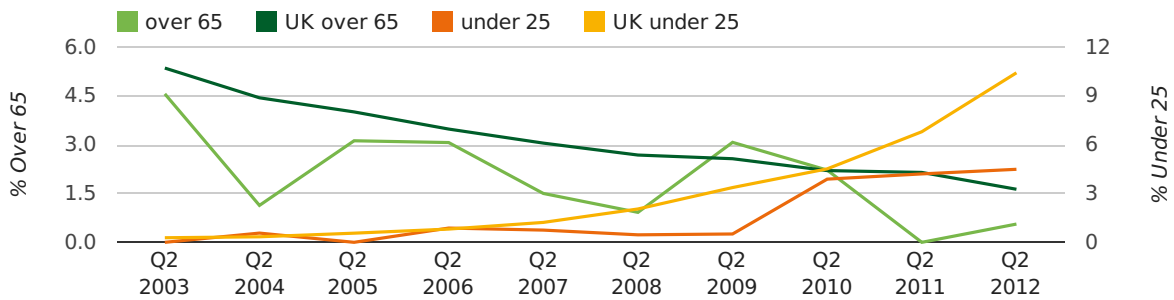
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The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 38.5.

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director age by quarter

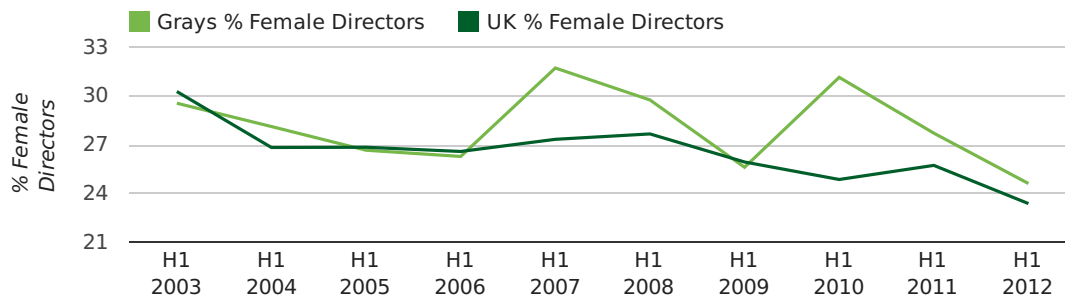


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

24.6% of all director appointments in Grays 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

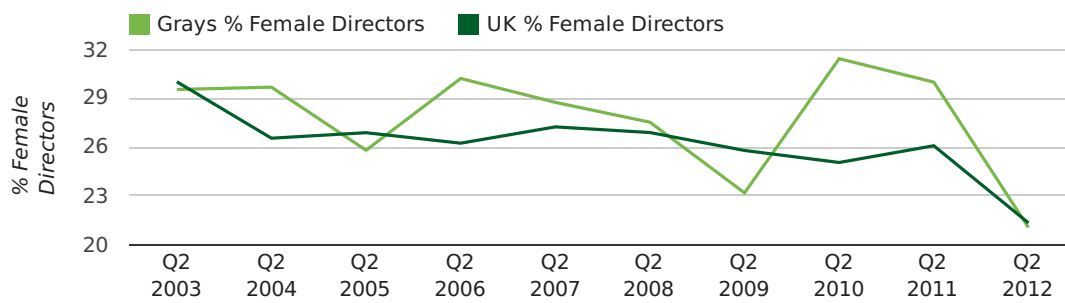


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

21.1% of all director appointments in Grays 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	2.18%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.20%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.09%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
ELECTRICAL	0.98%	PROPERTY	2.35%
LOGISTICS	0.76%	TRADING	2.10%
IT	0.76%	DESIGN	1.89%
TRANSPORT	0.65%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
RECRUITMENT	0.55%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CLEANING	0.55%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
CONSTRUCTION	0.55%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
CONSULTANTS	0.55%	BUSINESS	1.70%
TRADING	0.55%	MEDIA	1.69%
GLOBAL	0.55%	LONDON	1.68%
PROPERTY	0.55%	J	1.57%
M	0.44%	GLOBAL	1.51%
ENGINEERING	0.44%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
BUILDING	0.44%	IT	1.42%
K	0.44%	CARE	1.31%
D	0.44%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ESSEX	0.44%	M	1.26%
BUSINESS	0.44%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
SECURITY	0.44%	BUILDING	1.23%
SOLAR	0.44%	SECURITY	1.19%
J	0.44%	S	1.18%
CARE	0.44%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	309	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	53	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	38	35,447
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	29	20,390
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	25	10,271
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	25	15,280
49410 - Freight transport by road	22	2,912
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	18	14,220
99999 - Dormant Company	17	26,088
7414 - Business & management consultancy	17	10,978
9999 - Dormant Company	13	16,469
9305 - Other service activities	12	7,926
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	11	6,356
7260 - Other computer related activities	10	6,456
74990 - Non-trading company	9	9,706
86900 - Other human health activities	9	5,222
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	9	4,091
8532 - Social work without accommodation	7	1,025
88990 - Other social work activities without accommodation not elsewhere classified	6	1,828
5020 - Maintenance & repair of motors	6	1,190