Hastings

2012 half year business confidence report





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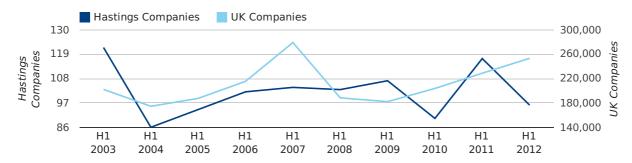
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In the first half of 2012 a total of 96 companies were formed in Hastings. This figure is 17.9% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Hastings occurred in 2003 when a total of 122 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HASTINGS	UK
2012	96	253,150
2011	117	228,735
% CHANGE	-17.9%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (122)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



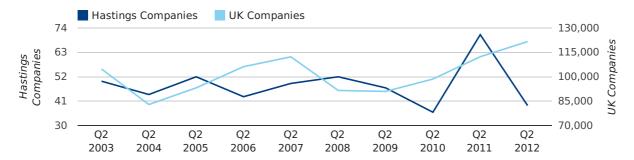
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 39 companies were registered in Hastings during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

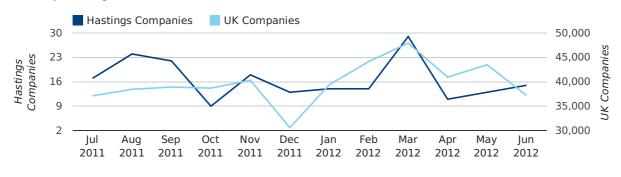
This figure is a decrease of 45.1% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	HASTINGS	UK
2012	39	121,659
2011	71	112,344
% CHANGE	-45.1%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (71)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



new companies by month



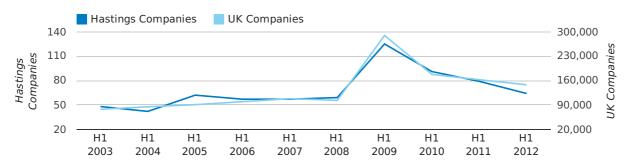
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	11	13	15
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	13	25	33
% CHANGE	-15.4%	-48.0%	-54.5%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (25)	2011 (25)	2011 (33)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 64 companies were dissolved in Hastings. This figure is 19.0% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Hastings occurred in 2009 when a total of 125 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HASTINGS	UK
2012	64	147,793
2011	79	162,310
% CHANGE	-19.0%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (125)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



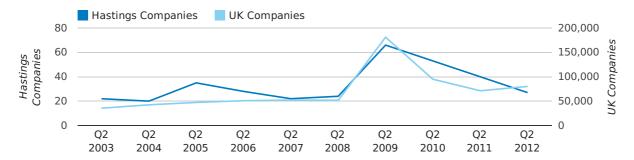
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 27 companies were dissolved in Hastings during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

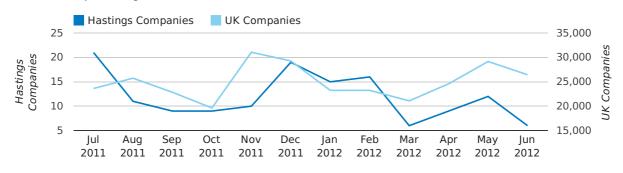
This figure is a decrease of 32.5% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	HASTINGS	UK
2012	27	80,217
2011	40	71,324
% CHANGE	-32.5%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (66)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

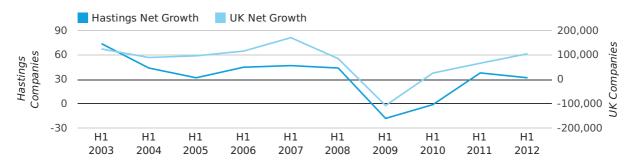


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	9	12	6
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	10	16	14
% CHANGE	-10.0%	-25.0%	-57%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (19)	2009 (31)	2009 (16)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Hastings increased by 32 companies. This figure is 15.8% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HASTINGS	UK
2012	32	105,357
2011	38	66,425
% CHANGE	-15.8%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (74)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



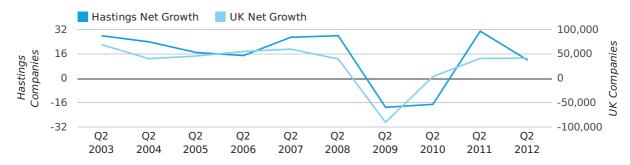
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Hastings during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 12 companies.

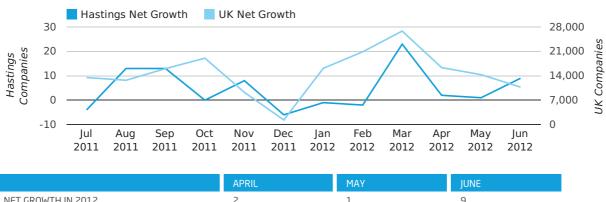
This represents a decrease of 61.3% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	HASTINGS	UK
2012	12	41,442
2011	31	41,020
% CHANGE	-61.3%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (31)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



net growth by month

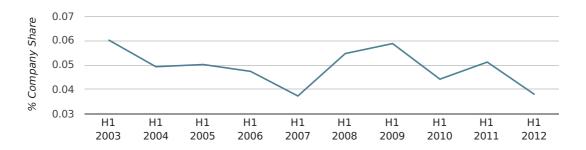


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	2	1	9
NET GROWTH IN 2011	3	9	19
% CHANGE	-33.3%	-88.9%	-52.6%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (19)	2004 (15)	2011 (19)

In the first half of 2012 Hastings formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is less than the 2011 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	HASTINGS
2012	0.0%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (0.1%)

company share by half year

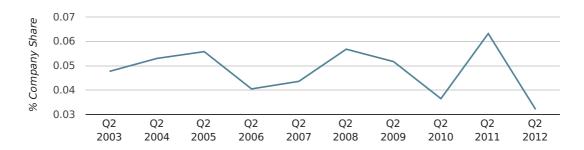


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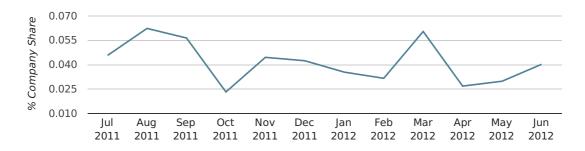
In the second quarter of 2012, Hastings formed 0.0% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	HASTINGS
2012	0.0%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



company share by month



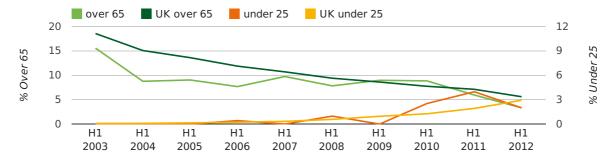
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-28.6%	-54.4%	-51.5%
RECORD YEAR	1964 (0.3%)	1965 (0.3%)	1969 (0.2%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 42.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



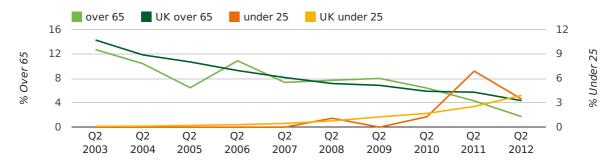
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 42.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.4% 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



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

31.1% of all director appointments in Hastings 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

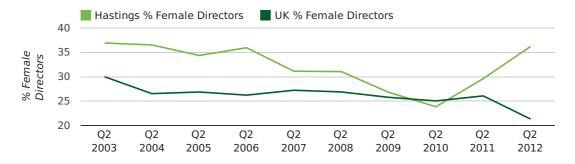


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

36.2% of all director appointments in Hastings 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
HASTINGS	2.20%	CONSULTING	5.07%
S	1.22%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	0.98%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
R	0.98%	PROPERTY	2.35%
DESIGN	0.98%	TRADING	2.10%
PEOPLE	0.98%	DESIGN	1.89%
BUSINESS	0.98%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
SECURITY	0.73%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CLUB	0.73%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
HAIR	0.73%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
CONSULTING	0.73%	BUSINESS	1.70%
CONSULTANCY	0.73%	MEDIA	1.69%
J	0.73%	LONDON	1.68%
EAST	0.73%	J	1.57%
CONSTRUCTION	0.73%	GLOBAL	1.51%
SOUTHERN	0.49%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
AUTO	0.49%	IT	1.42%
PROTECTORATE	0.49%	CARE	1.31%
IMPORT	0.49%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
PROPERTY	0.49%	М	1.26%
FOR	0.49%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
ELECTRIC	0.49%	BUILDING	1.23%
DISABILITY	0.49%	SECURITY	1.19%
COMMUNITY	0.49%	S	1.18%
LONDON	0.49%	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	125	244,457
99999 - Dormant Company	15	26,088
7487 - Other business activities	12	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	12	35,447
9305 - Other service activities	8	7,926
7260 - Other computer related activities	8	6,456
90030 - Artistic creation	8	2,106
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	7	3,818
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	7	14,220
9999 - Dormant Company	6	16,469
98000 - Residents property management	6	3,001
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	5	20,390
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	5	15,280
61900 - Other telecommunications activities	4	1,535
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	4	4,535
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	4	4,091
43290 - Other construction installation	4	1,796
85530 - Driving school activities	4	214
9262 - Other sporting activities	3	1,413
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	3	4,295