Huntingdon

2012 half year business confidence report



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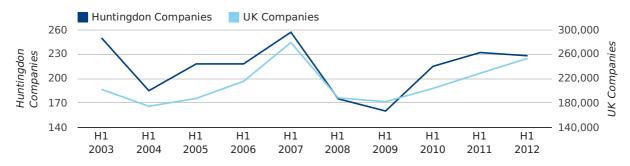
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In the first half of 2012 a total of 228 companies were formed in Huntingdon. This figure is 1.7% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Huntingdon occurred in 2007 when a total of 257 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | HUNTINGDON | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 228 | 253,150 |
| 2011 | 232 | 228,735 |
| % CHANGE | -1.7% | 10.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2007 (257) | 2007 (279,097) |

new companies by half year

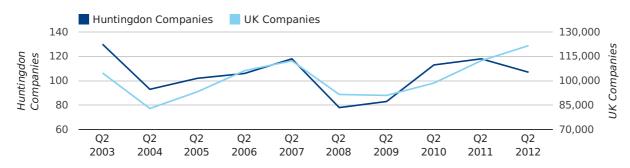


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 107 companies were registered in Huntingdon during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 9.3% 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) | HUNTINGDON | UK |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 107 | 121,659 |
| 2011 | 118 | 112,344 |
| % CHANGE | -9.3% | 8.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (130) | 2012 (121,659) |



new companies by quarter

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



new companies by month

| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2012 | 32 | 45 | 30 |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 37 | 39 | 42 |
| % CHANGE | -13.5% | 15.4% | -28.6% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2007 (55) | 2012 (45) | 2010 (46) |

In the first half of 2012 a total of 140 companies were dissolved in Huntingdon. This figure is 6.7% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Huntingdon occurred in 2009 when a total of 267 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | HUNTINGDON | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 140 | 147,793 |
| 2011 | 150 | 162,310 |
| % CHANGE | -6.7% | -8.9% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (267) | 2009 (289,236) |

dissolved companies by half year



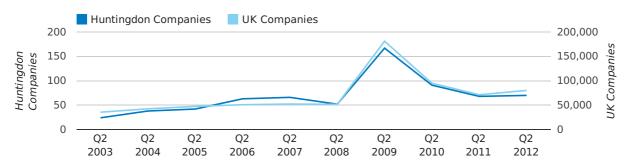
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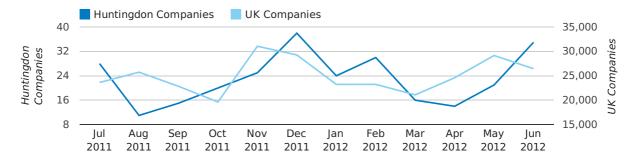
This figure is an increase of 2.9% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | HUNTINGDON | UK |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 70 | 80,217 |
| 2011 | 68 | 71,324 |
| % CHANGE | 2.9% | 12.5% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (167) | 2009 (181,176) |

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

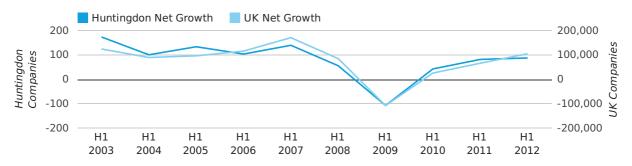


| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012 | 14 | 21 | 35 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 16 | 27 | 25 |
| % CHANGE | -12.5% | -22.2% | 40% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (42) | 2009 (77) | 2009 (48) |

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Huntingdon increased by 88 companies. This figure is 7.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | HUNTINGDON | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 88 | 105,357 |
| 2011 | 82 | 66,425 |
| % CHANGE | 7.3% | 58.6% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (174) | 2007 (171,296) |

net growth by half year

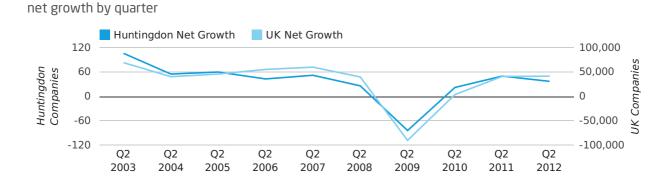


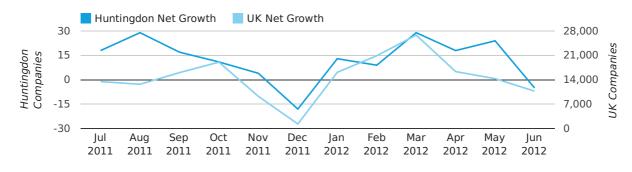
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Huntingdon during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 37 companies.

This represents a decrease of 26.0% on the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | HUNTINGDON | UK |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 2012 | 37 | 41,442 |
| 2011 | 50 | 41,020 |
| % CHANGE | -26.0% | 1.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (106) | 2003 (69,274) |





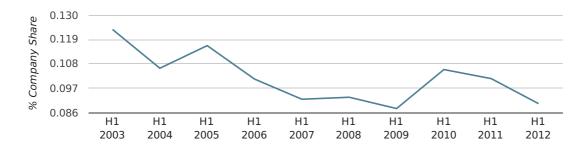
| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2012 | 18 | 24 | -5 |
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 21 | 12 | 17 |
| % CHANGE | -14.3% | 100.0% | -129.4% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2007 (41) | 2003 (36) | 2003 (34) |

net growth by month

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

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | HUNTINGDON |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2012 | 0.1% |
| 2011 | 0.1% |
| 2010 | 0.1% |
| 2009 | 0.1% |
| 2008 | 0.1% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1965 (0.2%) |

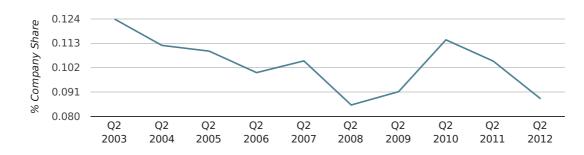
company share by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

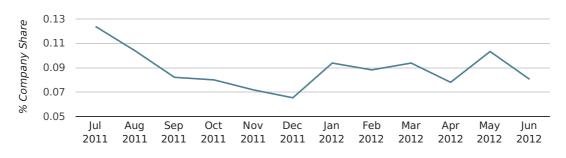
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| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1965 (0.3%) |



company share by quarter

company share by month



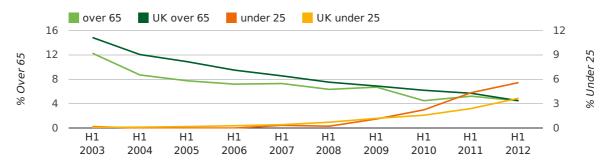
| | APRIL | ΜΑΥ | JUNE |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| % CHANGE | -27.2% | 1.1% | -23.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1973 (0.4%) | 1976 (0.4%) | 1965 (0.6%) |

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 44.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



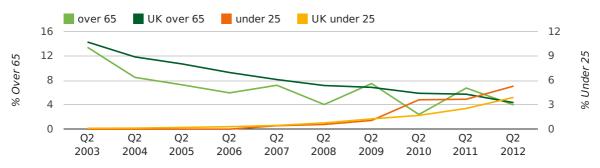
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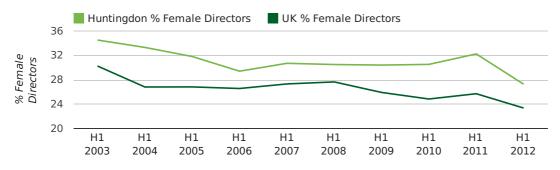
director age by quarter



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

27.3% of all director appointments in Huntingdon 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

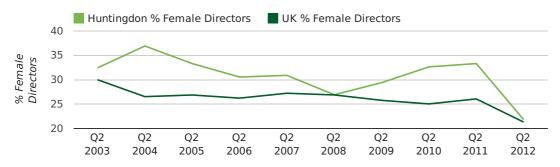


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

21.8% of all director appointments in Huntingdon 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 |
|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| MANAGEMENT | 1.90% | CONSULTING | 5.07% |
| CONSULTING | 1.01% | MANAGEMENT | 4.74% |
| OPTIONS | 1.01% | CONSULTANCY | 3.28% |
| CLEANING | 0.76% | PROPERTY | 2.35% |
| MEDICAL | 0.76% | TRADING | 2.10% |
| CAMBRIDGE | 0.76% | DESIGN | 1.89% |
| ASSOCIATES | 0.76% | ENGINEERING | 1.87% |
| ENERGY | 0.51% | ASSOCIATES | 1.82% |
| ENGINEERING | 0.51% | CONSULTANTS | 1.78% |
| HUNTINGDON | 0.51% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.71% |
| PROPERTY | 0.51% | BUSINESS | 1.70% |
| BUSINESS | 0.51% | MEDIA | 1.69% |
| WATER | 0.51% | LONDON | 1.68% |
| PLC | 0.51% | J | 1.57% |
| CENTRE | 0.51% | GLOBAL | 1.51% |
| TRAINING | 0.51% | INVESTMENTS | 1.48% |
| TRADING | 0.51% | IT | 1.42% |
| PERFORMANCE | 0.51% | CARE | 1.31% |
| DESIGN | 0.51% | PROPERTIES | 1.31% |
| INVESTMENTS | 0.51% | Μ | 1.26% |
| DIRECT | 0.51% | ELECTRICAL | 1.23% |
| BUILDING | 0.51% | BUILDING | 1.23% |
| CONSULTANCY | 0.51% | SECURITY | 1.19% |
| RECYCLING | 0.38% | S | 1.18% |
| MUSIC | 0.38% | ENTERPRISES | 1.17% |

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|
| None Supplied | 177 | 244,457 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 49 | 35,447 |
| 7487 - Other business activities | 43 | 47,029 |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management | 28 | 20,390 |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy | 22 | 10,978 |
| 99999 - Dormant Company | 19 | 26,088 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 19 | 16,469 |
| 74990 - Non-trading company | 14 | 9,706 |
| 9305 - Other service activities | 10 | 7,926 |
| 49410 - Freight transport by road | 10 | 2,912 |
| 62090 - Other information technology service activities | 10 | 8,258 |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities | 9 | 15,280 |
| 7260 - Other computer related activities | 8 | 6,456 |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified | 8 | 14,220 |
| 68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis | 7 | 3,365 |
| 74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified | 7 | 10,271 |
| 69201 - Accounting and auditing activities | 7 | 4,295 |
| 32990 - Other manufacturing not elsewhere classified | 7 | 1,870 |
| 93290 - Other amusement and recreation activities not elsewhere classified | 6 | 1,751 |
| 43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation | 6 | 2,716 |