Ipswich

2012 half year business confidence report



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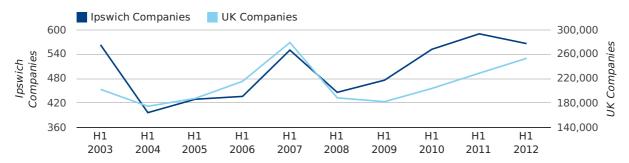


In the first half of 2012 a total of 566 companies were formed in Ipswich. This figure is 4.1% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Ipswich occurred in 2011 when a total of 590 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	IPSWICH	UK
2012	566	253,150
2011	590	228,735
% CHANGE	-4.1%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (590)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



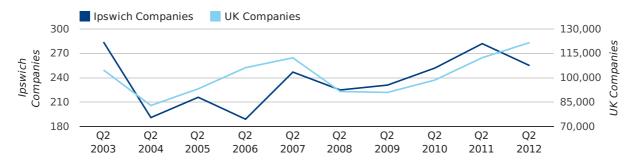
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 255 companies were registered in Ipswich during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 9.6% 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)	IPSWICH	UK
2012	255	121,659
2011	282	112,344
% CHANGE	-9.6%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (284)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



new companies by month



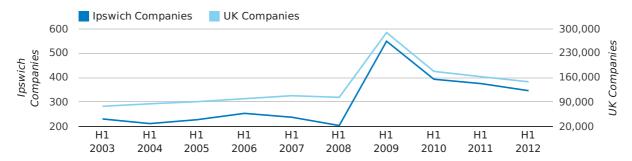
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	71	101	83
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	78	105	99
% CHANGE	-9.0%	-3.8%	-16.2%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (102)	2000 (118)	2011 (99)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 346 companies were dissolved in Ipswich. This figure is 7.7% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Ipswich occurred in 2009 when a total of 549 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	IPSWICH	UK
2012	346	147,793
2011	375	162,310
% CHANGE	-7.7%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (549)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



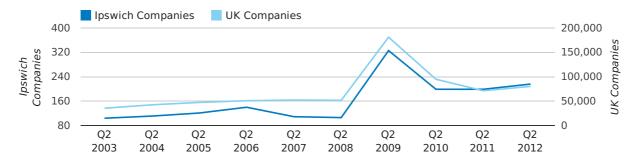
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 216 companies were dissolved in Ipswich during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

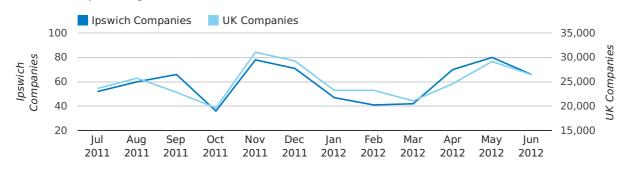
This figure is an increase of 8.5% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	IPSWICH	UK
2012	216	80,217
2011	199	71,324
% CHANGE	8.5%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (326)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

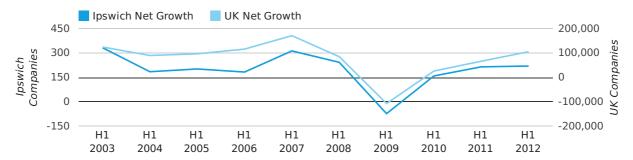


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	70	80	66
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	53	62	84
% CHANGE	32.1%	29.0%	-21%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (88)	2009 (152)	2010 (92)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Ipswich increased by 220 companies. This figure is 2.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	IPSWICH	UK
2012	220	105,357
2011	215	66,425
% CHANGE	2.3%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (333)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



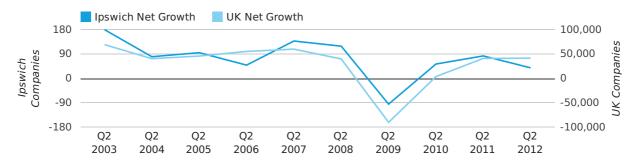
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Ipswich during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 39 companies.

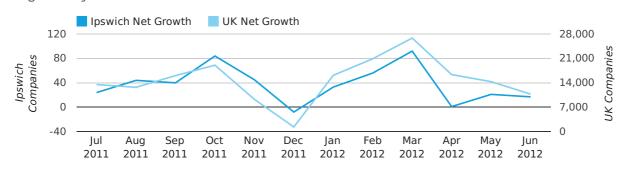
This represents a decrease of 53.0% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	IPSWICH	UK
2012	39	41,442
2011	83	41,020
% CHANGE	-53.0%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (180)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



net growth by month

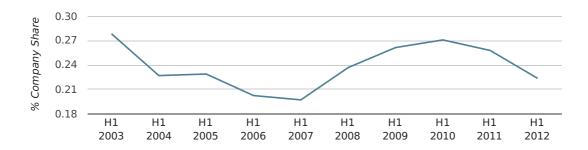


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	1	21	17
NET GROWTH IN 2011	25	43	15
% CHANGE	-96.0%	-51.2%	13.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (63)	2000 (109)	2002 (61)

In the first half of 2012 Ipswich formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is less than the 2011 figure of 0.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	IPSWICH
2012	0.2%
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1975 (0.5%)

company share by half year

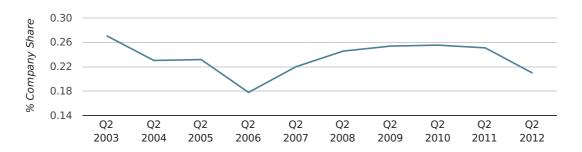


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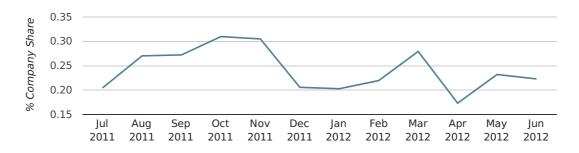
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2012	0.2%
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (0.5%)

company share by quarter



company share by month



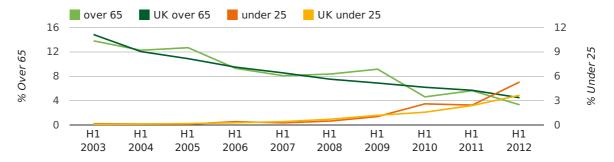
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-23.3%	-15.7%	-10.5%
RECORD YEAR	1964 (0.5%)	1975 (0.6%)	1965 (1.0%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 44.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.3% 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



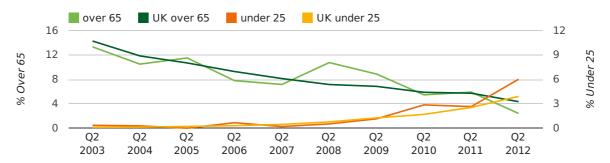
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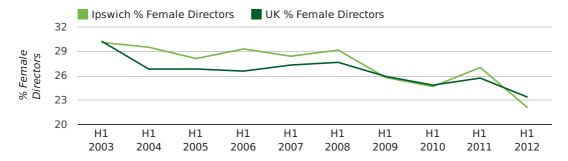
director age by quarter



The record first half year for female directors in lpswich was 1857 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

22.1% of all director appointments in Ipswich 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 Ipswich was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

21.8% of all director appointments in Ipswich 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



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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	2.41%	CONSULTING	5.07%
SUFFOLK	1.84%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.32%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
YOUR	1.26%	PROPERTY	2.35%
PROPERTY	1.15%	TRADING	2.10%
(IPSWICH)	0.86%	DESIGN	1.89%
DESIGN	0.80%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
IPSWICH	0.75%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
HEATING	0.75%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
CONSTRUCTION	0.75%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
EAST	0.63%	BUSINESS	1.70%
INVESTMENTS	0.63%	MEDIA	1.69%
J	0.63%	LONDON	1.68%
(EAST	0.57%	J	1.57%
ANGLIA)	0.57%	GLOBAL	1.51%
GREEN	0.57%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
ENERGY	0.57%	IT	1.42%
BUSINESS	0.57%	CARE	1.31%
HAULAGE	0.57%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ASSET	0.57%	М	1.26%
ASSOCIATES	0.57%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
CONSULTANCY	0.52%	BUILDING	1.23%
CARE	0.52%	SECURITY	1.19%
IT	0.52%	S	1.18%
MEDIA	0.46%	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	499	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	112	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	80	35,447
99999 - Dormant Company	59	26,088
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	43	14,220
9999 - Dormant Company	36	16,469
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	35	20,390
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	34	15,280
7414 - Business & management consultancy	32	10,978
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	28	10,271
62012 - Business and domestic software development	25	4,742
7499 - Non-trading company	23	8,023
41100 - Development of building projects	20	5,149
74990 - Non-trading company	17	9,706
62090 - Other information technology service activities	17	8,258
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	16	6,356
49410 - Freight transport by road	15	2,912
9305 - Other service activities	15	7,926
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	15	2,880
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	14	4,644