Knutsford

2011 half year business confidence report



headlines

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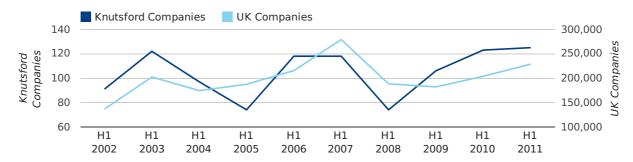
The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Knutsford when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2011 a total of 125 companies were formed in Knutsford. This figure is 1.6% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Knutsford occurred in 2011 when a total of 125 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	KNUTSFORD	UK
2011	125	228,735
2010	123	203,749
% CHANGE	1.6%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (125)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



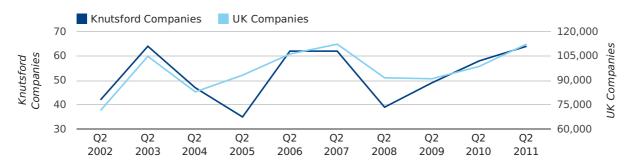
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 64 companies were registered in Knutsford during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

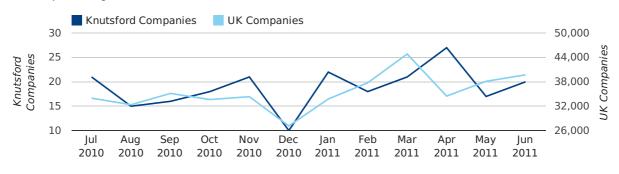
This figure is an increase of 10.3% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares equally to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	KNUTSFORD	UK
2011	64	112,344
2010	58	98,612
% CHANGE	10.3%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (64)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



new companies by month



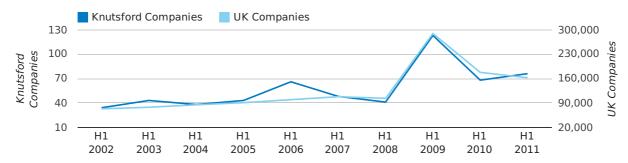
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	27	17	20
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	13	22	23
% CHANGE	107.7%	-22.7%	-13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (36)	2006 (28)	2010 (23)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 76 companies were dissolved in Knutsford. This figure is 11.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Knutsford occurred in 2009 when a total of 123 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	KNUTSFORD	UK
2011	76	162,310
2010	68	177,631
% CHANGE	11.8%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (123)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



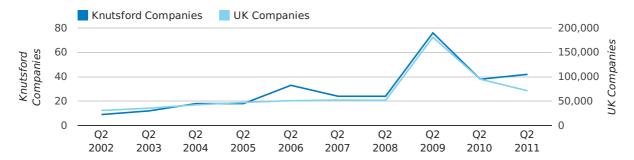
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 42 companies were dissolved in Knutsford during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

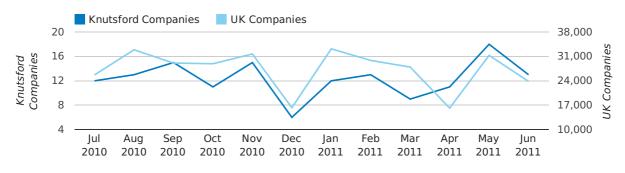
This figure is an increase of 10.5% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	KNUTSFORD	UK
2011	42	71,324
2010	38	94,954
% CHANGE	10.5%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (76)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

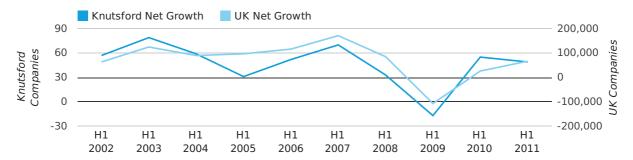


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	11	18	13
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	9	16	13
% CHANGE	22.2%	12.5%	0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (22)	2009 (35)	2009 (19)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Knutsford increased by 49 companies. This figure is 10.9% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	KNUTSFORD	UK
2011	49	66,425
2010	55	26,118
% CHANGE	-10.9%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (79)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



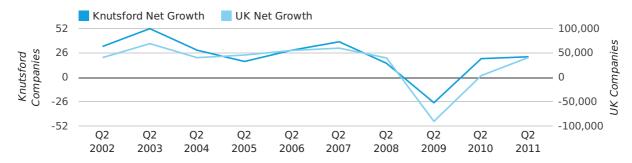
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Knutsford during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 22 companies.

This represents an increase of 10.0% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	KNUTSFORD	UK
2011	22	41,020
2010	20	3,658
% CHANGE	10.0%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (52)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



net growth by month

RECORD YEAR



2003 (19)

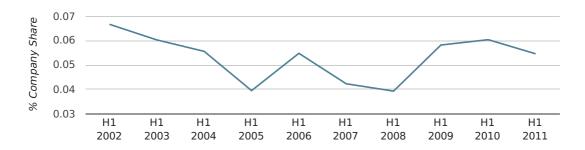
2002 (17)

2007 (33)

In the first half of 2011 Knutsford formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	KNUTSFORD
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.2%)

company share by half year

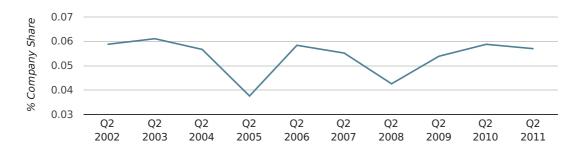


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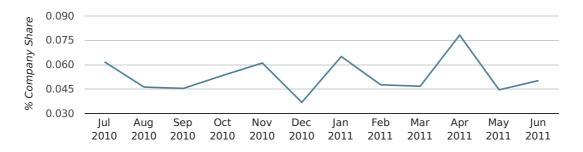
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company share by quarter



company share by month



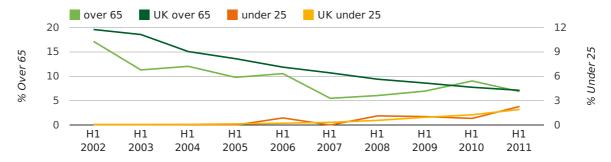
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	101.3%	-39.2%	-23.0%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.4%)	1965 (0.3%)	1969 (0.4%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 46.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



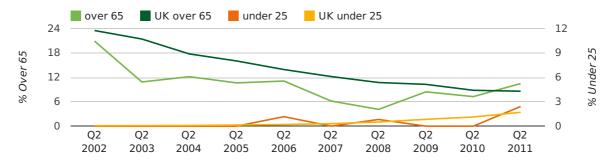
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 48.4.

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The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 10.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

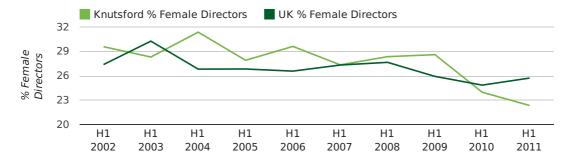
director age by quarter



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

22.4% of all director appointments in Knutsford in the first half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

director gender by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

21.6% of all director appointments in Knutsford in the second quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.1% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Jun 2010-Jun 2011)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	2.42%	CONSULTING	5.09%
KNUTSFORD	1.69%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
LOCAL	1.45%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
LIVING	1.45%	PROPERTY	2.43%
CONSULTANCY	1.45%	TRADING	2.05%
PUB	1.21%	DESIGN	1.94%
PROPERTY	1.21%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
RESOURCES	1.21%	BUSINESS	1.87%
CONSULTING	0.97%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
BEST	0.97%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ASSOCIATES	0.97%	MEDIA	1.73%
MARKETING	0.97%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
PARTNERSHIP	0.97%	LONDON	1.60%
PARAPLUS	0.97%	GLOBAL	1.46%
WORLD	0.72%	J	1.44%
ASSET	0.72%	CARE	1.44%
EFFORTLESS	0.72%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
DEVELOPMENT	0.72%	IT	1.39%
FINANCIAL	0.72%	BUILDING	1.32%
MANCHESTER	0.72%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
TRUST	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
ONLINE	0.48%	M	1.27%
STREET	0.48%	S	1.23%
ASHALL	0.48%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
PLANTS	0.48%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	84	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	25	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	18	30,647
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	16	16,419
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	11	7,835
7260 - Other computer related activities	10	7,849
7414 - Business & management consultancy	10	13,053
98000 - Residents property management	8	2,888
9999 - Dormant Company	7	20,111
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	5	10,545
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	5	7,143
70100 - Activities of head offices	5	2,632
9234 - Other entertainment activities	4	1,540
7412 - Accounting, auditing; tax consult	4	2,422
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	4	3,790
7440 - Advertising	4	1,864
7011 - Development & sell real estate	4	2,491
68100 - Buying and selling of own real estate	3	2,543
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	3	10,322
73110 - Advertising agencies	3	1,633