

Knutsford

2012 half year business confidence report



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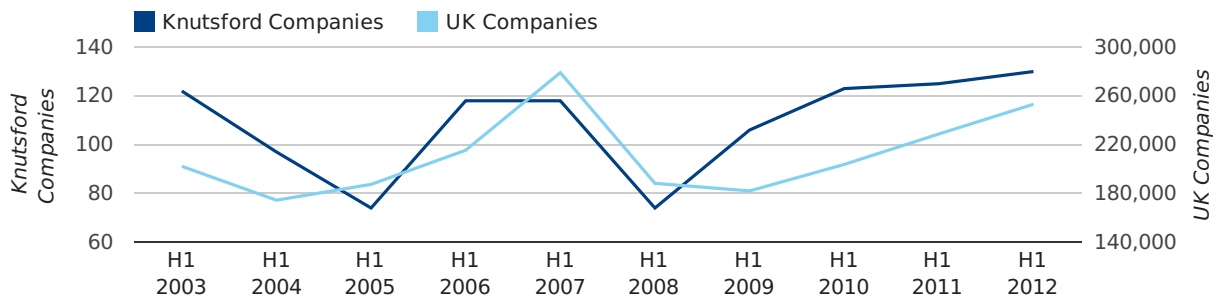
The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Knutsford when compared to any previous first half year.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 130 companies were formed in Knutsford. This figure is 4.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Knutsford occurred in 2012 when a total of 130 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	KNUTSFORD	UK
2012	130	253,150
2011	125	228,735
% CHANGE	4.0%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (130)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



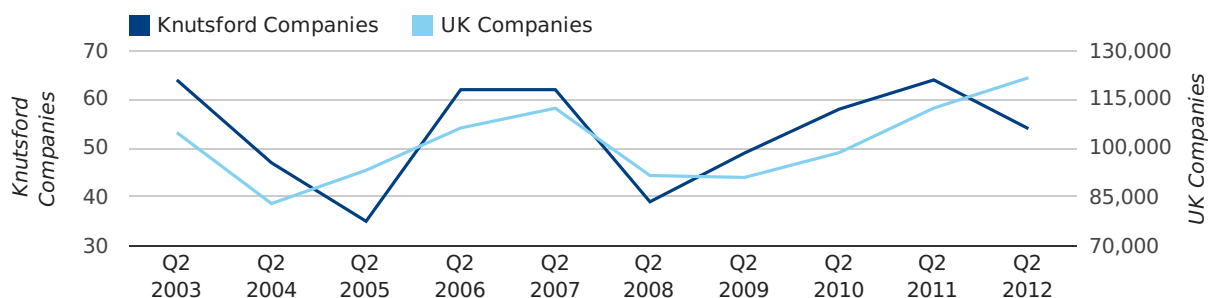
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 54 companies were registered in Knutsford during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 15.6% 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)	KNUTSFORD	UK
2012	54	121,659
2011	64	112,344
% CHANGE	-15.6%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (64)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	15	19	20
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	27	17	20
% CHANGE	-44.4%	11.8%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (36)	2006 (28)	2010 (23)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 79 companies were dissolved in Knutsford. This figure is 3.9% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

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
2012	79	147,793
2011	76	162,310
% CHANGE	3.9%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (123)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 38 companies were dissolved in Knutsford during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 9.5% 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)	KNUTSFORD	UK
2012	38	80,217
2011	42	71,324
% CHANGE	-9.5%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (76)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



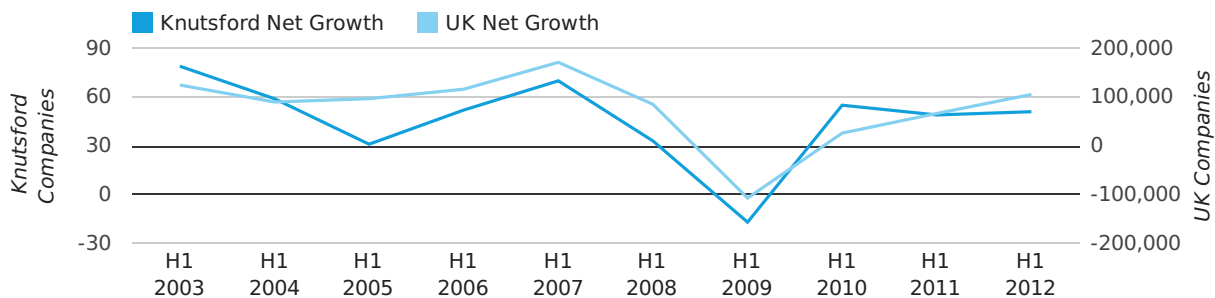
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	15	13	10
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	11	18	13
% CHANGE	36.4%	-27.8%	-23%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (22)	2009 (35)	2009 (19)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Knutsford increased by 51 companies. This figure is 4.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	KNUTSFORD	UK
2012	51	105,357
2011	49	66,425
% CHANGE	4.1%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (79)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



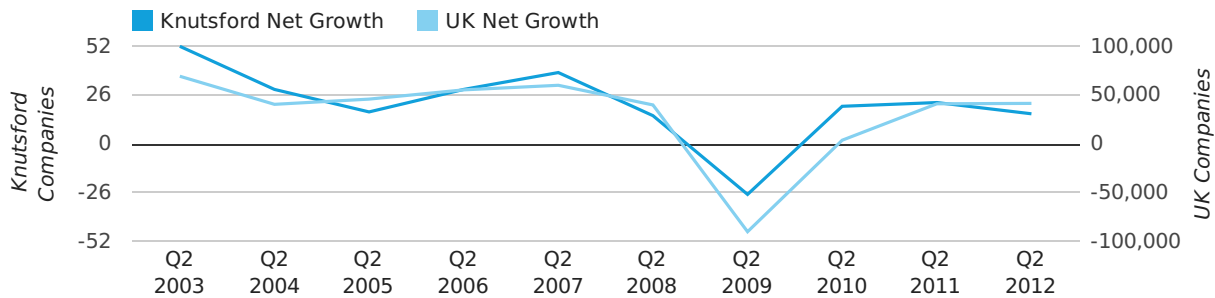
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Knutsford during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 16 companies.

This represents a decrease of 27.3% on the same period last year.

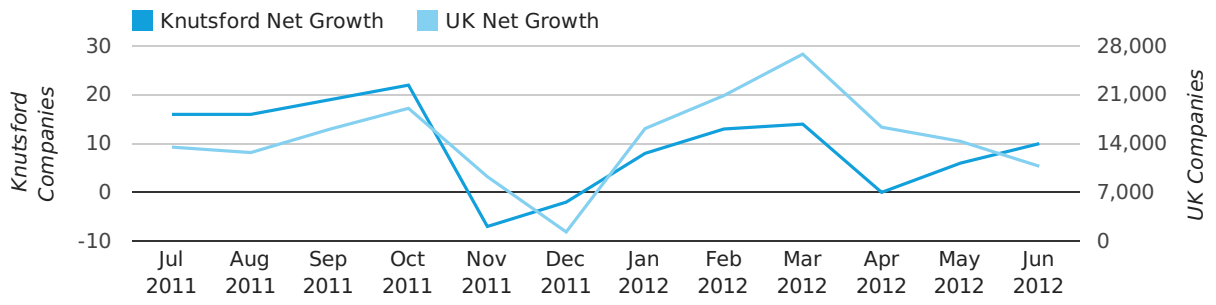
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	KNUTSFORD	UK
2012	16	41,442
2011	22	41,020
% CHANGE	-27.3%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (52)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



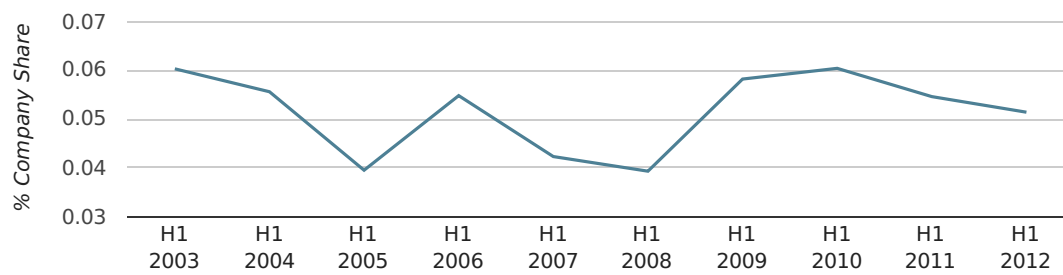
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	0	6	10
NET GROWTH IN 2011	16	-1	7
% CHANGE	-100.0%	-700.0%	42.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (33)	2003 (19)	2002 (17)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	KNUTSFORD
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.2%)

company share by half year

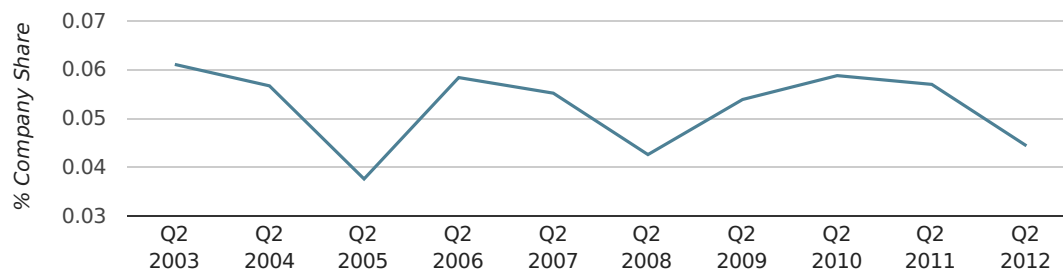


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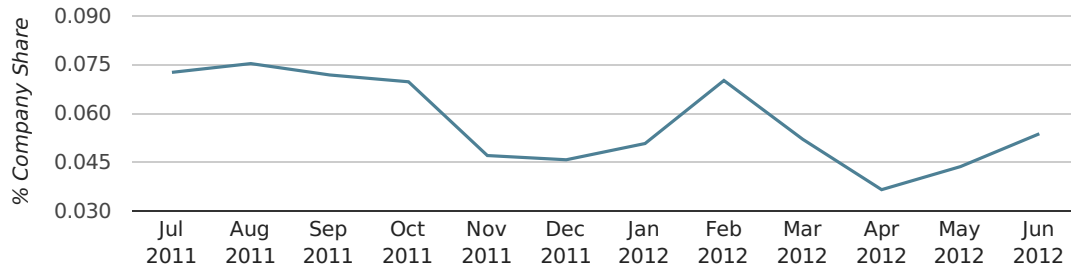
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2008	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-53.3%	-2.0%	7.0%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.4%)	1965 (0.3%)	1969 (0.4%)

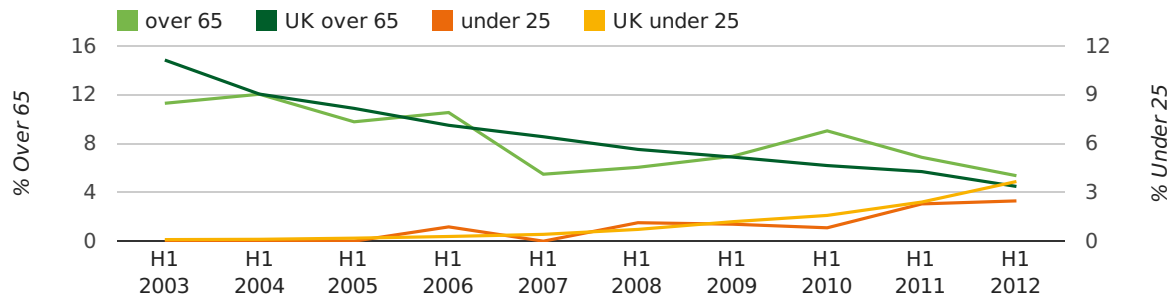
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 46.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



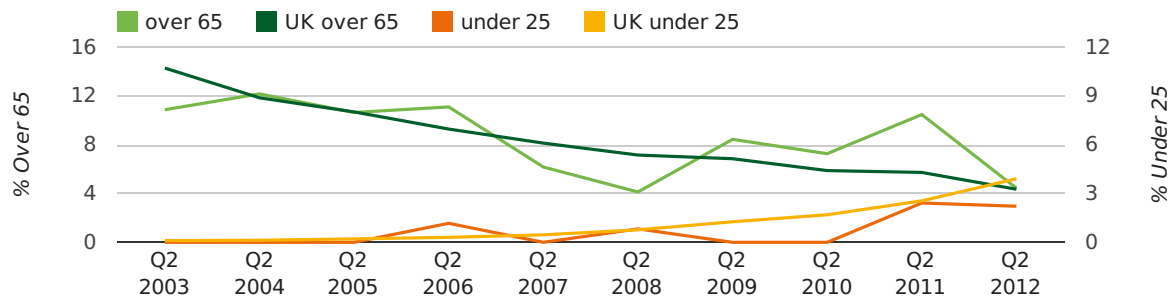
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director age by quarter

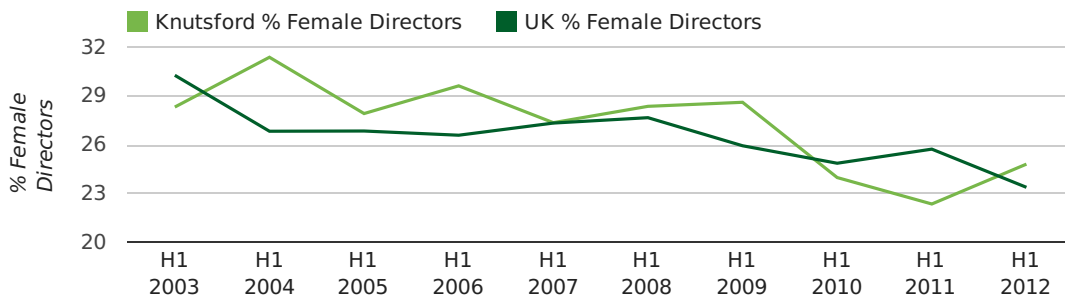


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

24.8% of all director appointments in Knutsford 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

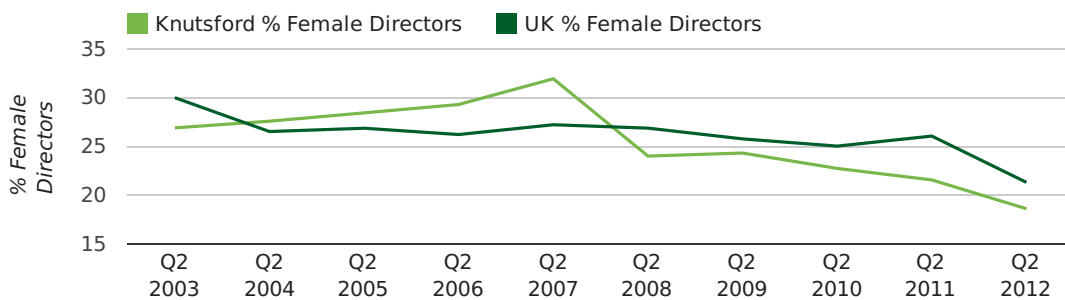


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

18.6% of all director appointments in Knutsford 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	1.78%	CONSULTING	5.07%
DEVELOPMENTS	1.19%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
DESIGN	0.99%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
KNUTSFORD	0.99%	PROPERTY	2.35%
RTM	0.99%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTING	0.99%	DESIGN	1.89%
CARE	0.79%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
VENTURES	0.79%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
INVESTMENTS	0.79%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
20	0.79%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
ROAD	0.59%	BUSINESS	1.70%
PROPERTY	0.59%	MEDIA	1.69%
BUSINESS	0.59%	LONDON	1.68%
GROUP	0.59%	J	1.57%
PROPERTIES	0.59%	GLOBAL	1.51%
CARTRIDGE	0.59%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
INK	0.59%	IT	1.42%
CHESHIRE	0.59%	CARE	1.31%
HOME	0.59%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
TWENTY	0.59%	M	1.26%
CONSULTANCY	0.59%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
CONSULTANTS	0.59%	BUILDING	1.23%
NEW	0.59%	SECURITY	1.19%
HOUSE	0.59%	S	1.18%
ASSOCIATES	0.59%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	112	244,457
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	29	35,447
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	20	20,390
7487 - Other business activities	20	47,029
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	17	10,271
9999 - Dormant Company	10	16,469
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	8	14,220
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	7	4,535
56101 - Licenced restaurants	6	2,540
78200 - Temporary employment agency activities	6	1,219
68100 - Buying and selling of own real estate	5	3,143
9305 - Other service activities	5	7,926
99999 - Dormant Company	5	26,088
64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified	5	3,151
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	5	3,818
7440 - Advertising	4	1,464
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	4	6,356
98000 - Residents property management	4	3,001
73110 - Advertising agencies	4	2,052
7412 - Accounting, auditing; tax consult	4	2,170