Leicester

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Leicester when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous Q2.
- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous May.
- April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous April.

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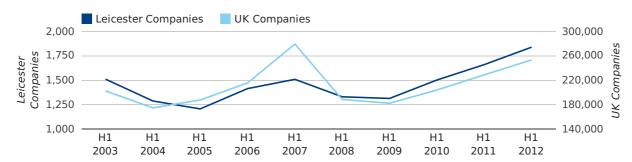
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Leicester when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,838 companies were formed in Leicester. This figure is 10.8% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Leicester occurred in 2012 when a total of 1,838 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEICESTER	UK
2012	1,838	253,150
2011	1,659	228,735
% CHANGE	10.8%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (1,838)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

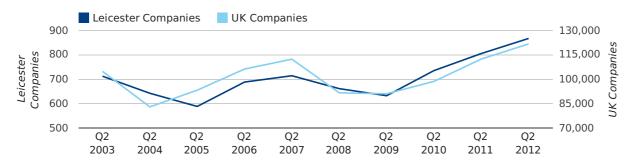
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 867 companies were registered in Leicester during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 7.7% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares equally 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)	LEICESTER	UK
2012	867	121,659
2011	805	112,344
% CHANGE	7.7%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (867)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter

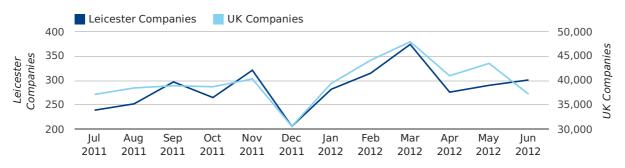


Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

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new companies by month



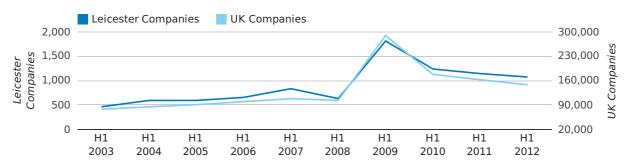
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	276	290	301
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	220	267	318
% CHANGE	25.5%	8.6%	-5.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (276)	2012 (290)	2011 (318)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,072 companies were dissolved in Leicester. This figure is 6.1% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Leicester occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,810 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEICESTER	UK
2012	1,072	147,793
2011	1,142	162,310
% CHANGE	-6.1%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,810)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



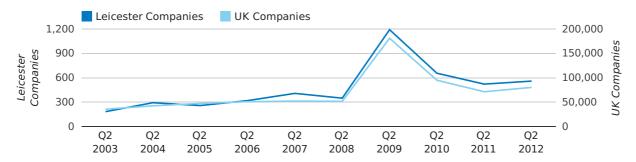
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 559 companies were dissolved in Leicester during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 7.1% 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)	LEICESTER	UK
2012	559	80,217
2011	522	71,324
% CHANGE	7.1%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,192)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month

% CHANGE

RECORD YEAR



-14.2%

2009 (525)

2009 (369)

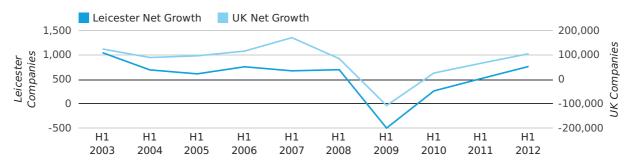
55.2%

2009 (298)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Leicester increased by 766 companies. This figure is 48.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEICESTER	UK
2012	766	105,357
2011	517	66,425
% CHANGE	48.2%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,048)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



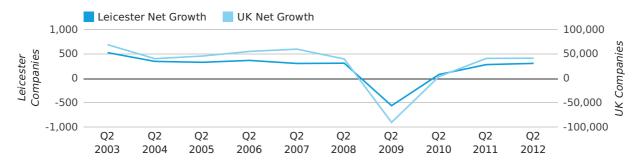
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Leicester during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 308 companies.

This represents an increase of 8.8% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	LEICESTER	UK
2012	308	41,442
2011	283	41,020
% CHANGE	8.8%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (529)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

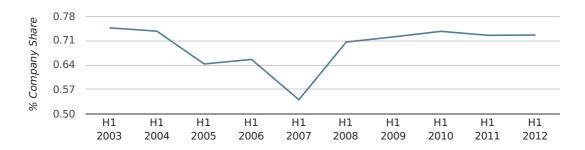
net growth by month



In the first half of 2012 Leicester formed 0.7% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.7%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEICESTER
2012	0.7%
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1975 (1.1%)

company share by half year

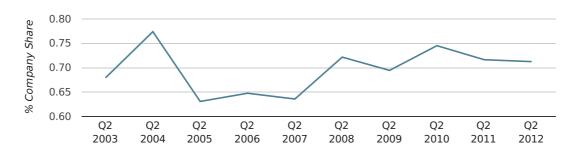


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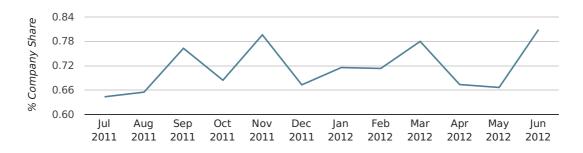
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	LEICESTER
2012	0.7%
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (1.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



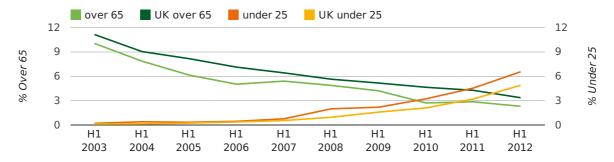
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%
% CHANGE	5.6%	-4.8%	1.1%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (1.8%)	1972 (1.7%)	1965 (1.8%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 41.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



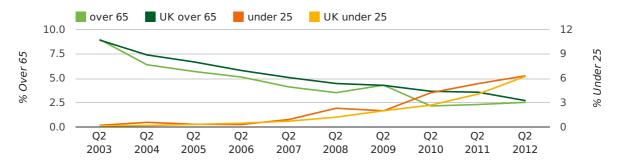
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 40.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.3% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter



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

21.5% of all director appointments in Leicester 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

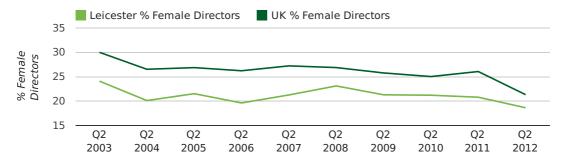


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

18.7% of all director appointments in Leicester 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
LEICESTER	2.06%	CONSULTING	5.07%
(LEICESTER)	1.92%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.47%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTANCY	1.21%	PROPERTY	2.35%
CONSULTING	1.19%	TRADING	2.10%
TRADING	0.89%	DESIGN	1.89%
S	0.77%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
R	0.75%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
INVESTMENTS	0.75%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
CARE	0.72%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
PROPERTY	0.70%	BUSINESS	1.70%
DESIGN	0.68%	MEDIA	1.69%
CLOTHING	0.68%	LONDON	1.68%
CENTRE	0.65%	J	1.57%
М	0.63%	GLOBAL	1.51%
CONSULTANTS	0.63%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
IT	0.63%	IT	1.42%
MEDIA	0.61%	CARE	1.31%
GLOBAL	0.61%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
COMMUNITY	0.58%	М	1.26%
J	0.58%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
ASSOCIATES	0.56%	BUILDING	1.23%
ELECTRICAL	0.49%	SECURITY	1.19%
BUSINESS	0.49%	S	1.18%
TRAINING	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	1,733	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	264	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	161	26,088
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	135	35,447
9999 - Dormant Company	117	16,469
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	114	20,390
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	103	14,220
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	67	15,280
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	58	4,535
86900 - Other human health activities	57	5,222
9305 - Other service activities	55	7,926
7414 - Business & management consultancy	50	10,978
49410 - Freight transport by road	48	2,912
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	45	3,818
74990 - Non-trading company	44	9,706
62090 - Other information technology service activities	44	8,258
7499 - Non-trading company	39	8,023
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	39	10,271
7260 - Other computer related activities	39	6,456
6024 - Freight transport by road	39	1,933