Lewes

2012 half year business confidence report





headlines

- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Lewes when compared to any previous Q2.
- April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Lewes when compared to any previous April.
- April 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Lewes when compared to any previous April.

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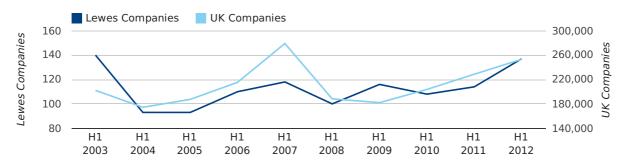
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In the first half of 2012 a total of 137 companies were formed in Lewes. This figure is 20.2% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Lewes occurred in 2003 when a total of 140 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEWES	UK
2012	137	253,150
2011	114	228,735
% CHANGE	20.2%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (140)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

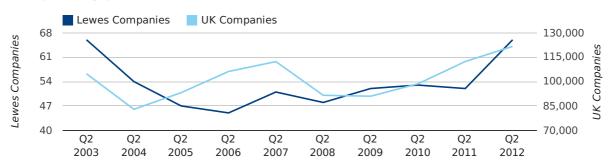
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Lewes when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 66 companies were registered in Lewes during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 26.9% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

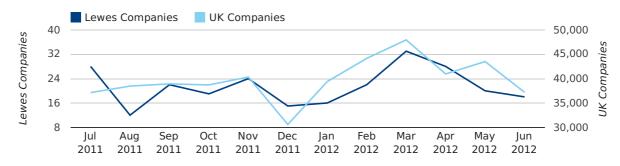
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	LEWES	UK
2012	66	121,659
2011	52	112,344
% CHANGE	26.9%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (66)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Lewes when compared to any previous April.

new companies by month



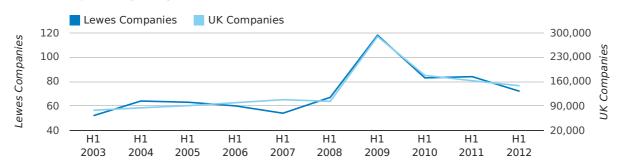
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	28	20	18
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	17	17	18
% CHANGE	64.7%	17.6%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (28)	2002 (21)	1999 (28)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 72 companies were dissolved in Lewes. This figure is 14.3% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Lewes occurred in 2009 when a total of 118 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEWES	UK
2012	72	147,793
2011	84	162,310
% CHANGE	-14.3%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (118)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



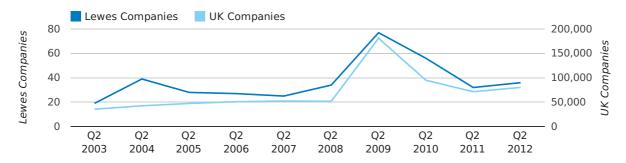
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 36 companies were dissolved in Lewes during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 12.5% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares equally 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)	LEWES	UK
2012	36	80,217
2011	32	71,324
% CHANGE	12.5%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (77)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011

% CHANGE

RECORD YEAR



15

-6.7%

2009 (39)

11

36%

2010 (25)

6

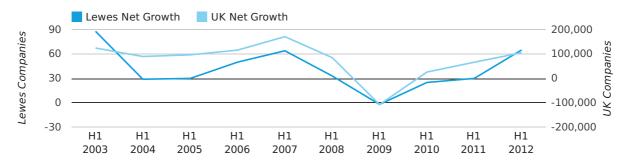
16.7%

2008 (21)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Lewes increased by 65 companies. This figure is 116.7% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEWES	UK
2012	65	105,357
2011	30	66,425
% CHANGE	116.7%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (88)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



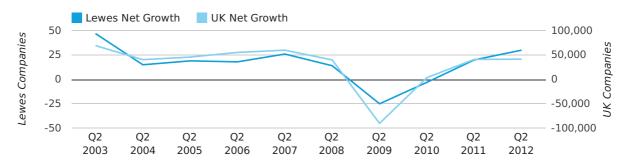
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Lewes during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 30 companies.

This represents an increase of 50.0% on the same period last year.

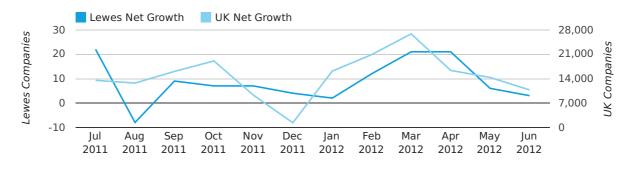
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	LEWES	UK
2012	30	41,442
2011	20	41,020
% CHANGE	50.0%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (47)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



April 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Lewes when compared to any previous April.

net growth by month

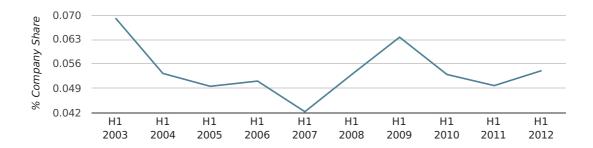


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	21	6	3
NET GROWTH IN 2011	11	2	7
% CHANGE	90.9%	200.0%	-57.1%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (21)	2000 (14)	1999 (27)

In the first half of 2012 Lewes formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is more than the 2011 figure of 0.0%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEWES
2012	0.1%
2011	0.0%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1970 (0.1%)

company share by half year

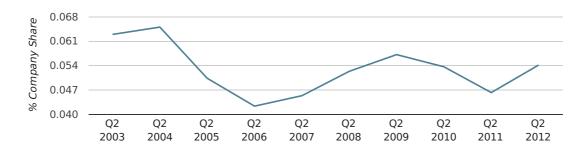


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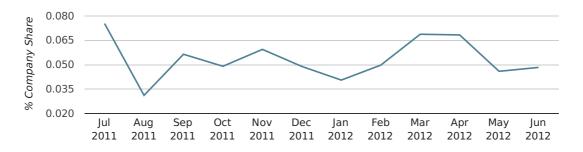
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SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	LEWES
2012	0.1%
2011	0.0%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1962 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



company share by month



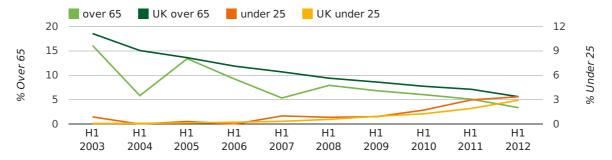
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	38.7%	3.1%	6.8%
RECORD YEAR	1967 (0.2%)	1966 (0.2%)	1962 (0.8%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 45.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

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

director age by half year



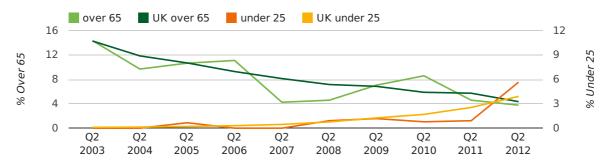
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 43.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.7% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

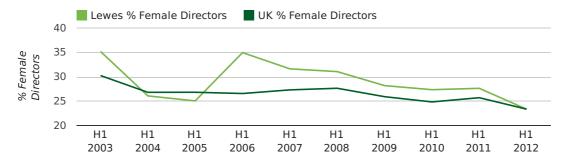
director age by quarter



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

23.4% of all director appointments in Lewes 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

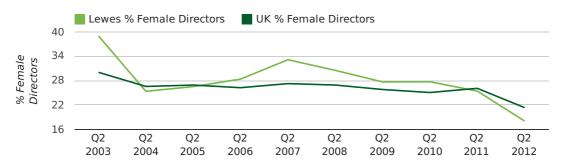


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

18.0% of all director appointments in Lewes 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
CONSULTANCY	1.56%	CONSULTING	5.07%
LEWES	1.36%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
DESIGN	1.17%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
ASSOCIATES	0.97%	PROPERTY	2.35%
CONSULTING	0.97%	TRADING	2.10%
LABTECH	0.78%	DESIGN	1.89%
SUSSEX	0.78%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
MEDIA	0.78%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
SCOTT	0.78%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
LONDON	0.58%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
HOUSE	0.58%	BUSINESS	1.70%
ENGINEERING	0.58%	MEDIA	1.69%
SPACE	0.58%	LONDON	1.68%
(LEWES)	0.58%	J	1.57%
М	0.58%	GLOBAL	1.51%
MANAGEMENT	0.58%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
DEVELOPMENT	0.58%	IT	1.42%
CENTRE	0.58%	CARE	1.31%
ELECTRICAL	0.39%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
FINANCIAL	0.39%	M	1.26%
DALE	0.39%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
BODLEY	0.39%	BUILDING	1.23%
JOINERY	0.39%	SECURITY	1.19%
IT	0.39%	S	1.18%
BLACK	0.39%	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	83	244,457
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	24	20,390
7487 - Other business activities	23	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	19	35,447
7414 - Business & management consultancy	17	10,978
9999 - Dormant Company	12	16,469
99999 - Dormant Company	12	26,088
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	11	14,220
62090 - Other information technology service activities	10	8,258
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	10	10,271
93199 - Other sports activities	6	2,095
90010 - Performing arts	6	1,142
5530 - Restaurants	5	4,037
41100 - Development of building projects	5	5,149
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	5	6,356
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	5	15,280
62012 - Business and domestic software development	4	4,742
47710 - Retail sale of clothing in specialised stores	4	1,618
7499 - Non-trading company	4	8,023
42990 - Construction of other civil engineering projects not elsewhere classified	4	1,423