

# Luton

2012 half year business confidence report



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- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Luton when compared to any previous Q2.
- June 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Luton when compared to any previous June.
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- April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Luton when compared to any previous April.

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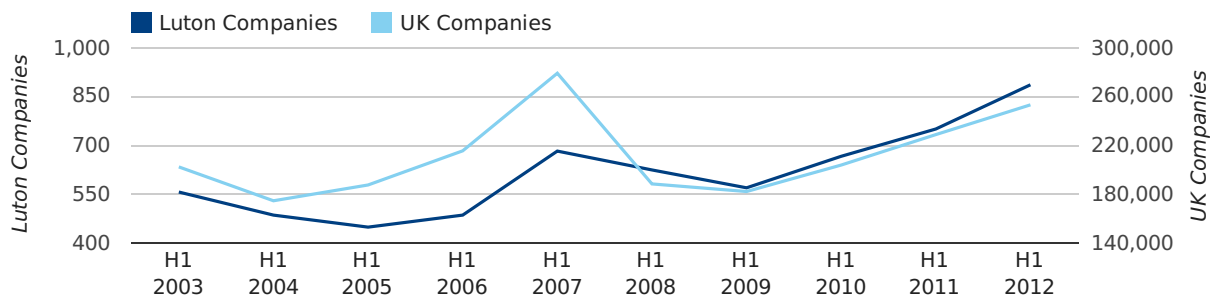
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Luton when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 886 companies were formed in Luton. This figure is 18.1% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Luton occurred in 2012 when a total of 886 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LUTON	UK
2012	886	253,150
2011	750	228,735
% CHANGE	18.1%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (886)	2007 (279,097)

### new companies by half year



## Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

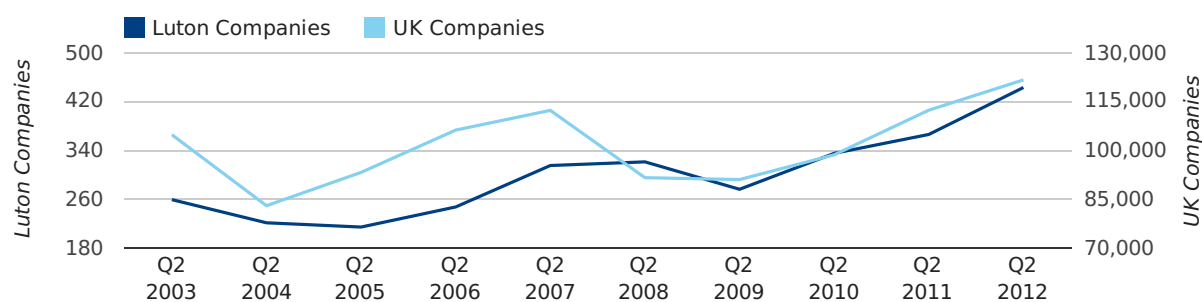
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Luton when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 443 companies were registered in Luton during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 21.0% 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)	LUTON	UK
2012	443	121,659
2011	366	112,344
% CHANGE	21.0%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (443)	2012 (121,659)

### new companies by quarter



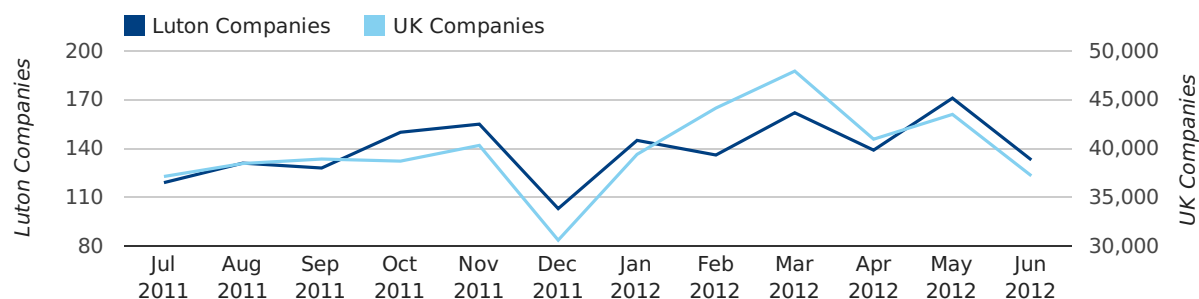
## Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

June 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Luton when compared to any previous June.

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

### new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	139	171	133
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	113	136	117
% CHANGE	23.0%	25.7%	13.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (139)	2012 (171)	2012 (133)

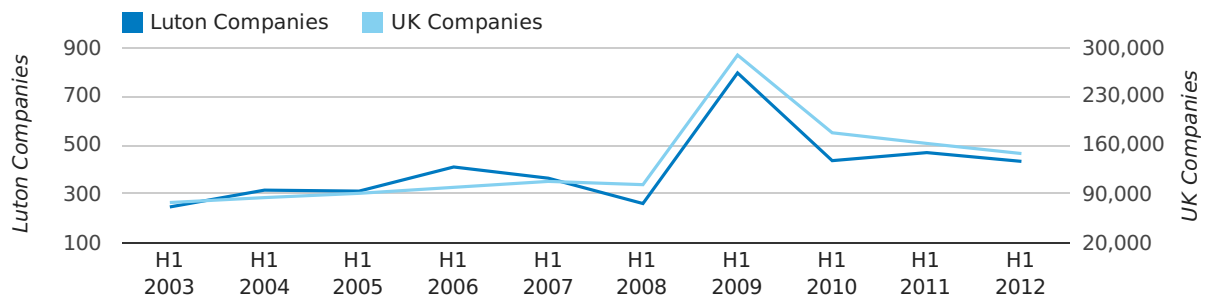
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 433 companies were dissolved in Luton. 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 Luton occurred in 2009 when a total of 796 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LUTON	UK
2012	433	147,793
2011	469	162,310
% CHANGE	-7.7%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (796)	2009 (289,236)

### dissolved companies by half year



### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 247 companies were dissolved in Luton during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 30.0% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares poorly 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)	LUTON	UK
2012	247	80,217
2011	190	71,324
% CHANGE	30.0%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (495)	2009 (181,176)

### dissolved companies by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

## dissolved companies by month



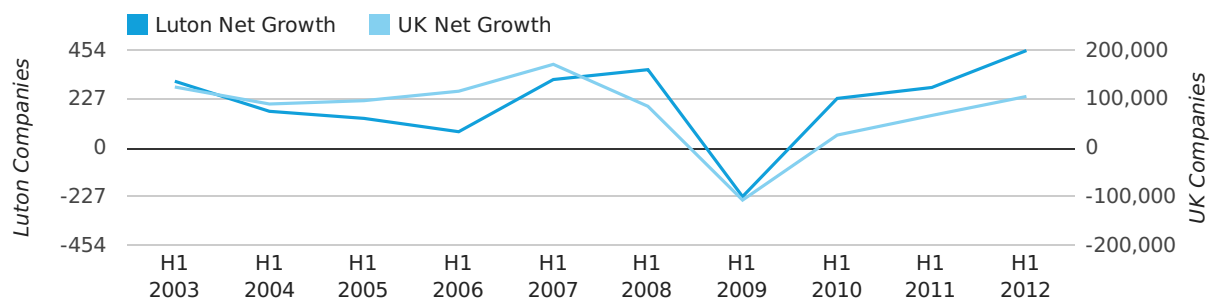
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	81	90	76
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	49	86	55
% CHANGE	65.3%	4.7%	38%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (158)	2009 (217)	2009 (120)

### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Luton increased by 453 companies. This figure is 61.2% higher than last year, which compares equally to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LUTON	UK
2012	453	105,357
2011	281	66,425
% CHANGE	61.2%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	1998 (544)	2007 (171,296)

### net growth by half year



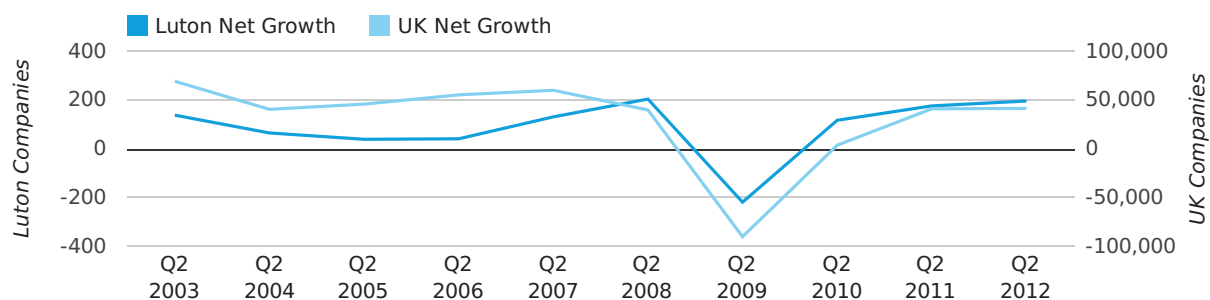
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Luton during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 196 companies.

This represents an increase of 11.4% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	LUTON	UK
2012	196	41,442
2011	176	41,020
% CHANGE	11.4%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	1998 (296)	2003 (69,274)

### net growth by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

## net growth by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	58	81	57
NET GROWTH IN 2011	64	50	62
% CHANGE	-9.4%	62.0%	-8.1%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (113)	1998 (82)	2008 (117)

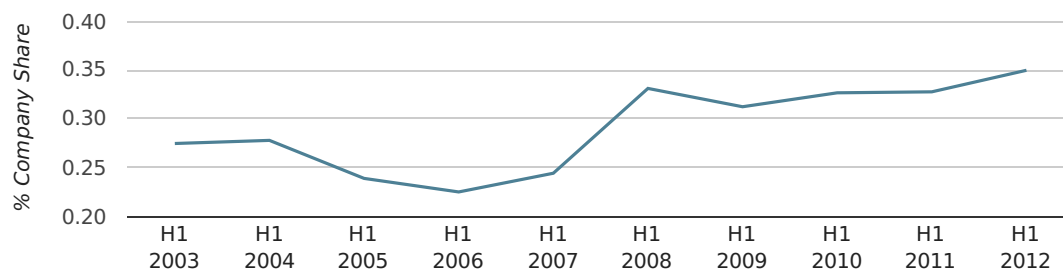


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Luton formed 0.4% of all UK companies. This is more than the 2011 figure of 0.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LUTON
2012	0.4%
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1998 (0.6%)

#### company share by half year

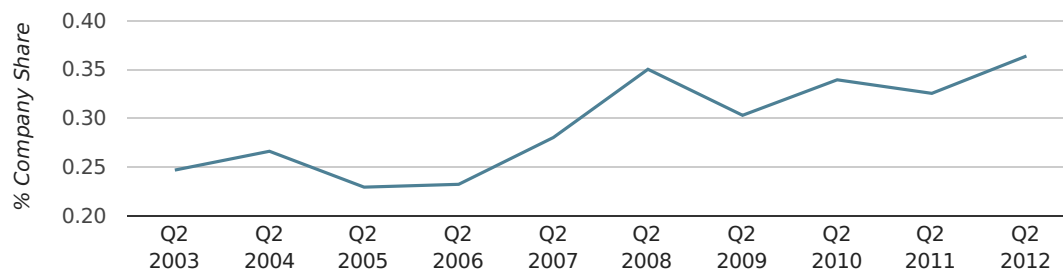


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2008	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1998 (0.6%)

#### company share by quarter



## Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

### company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
% CHANGE	3.6%	10.2%	21.4%
RECORD YEAR	1998 (0.7%)	1998 (0.6%)	1967 (0.8%)

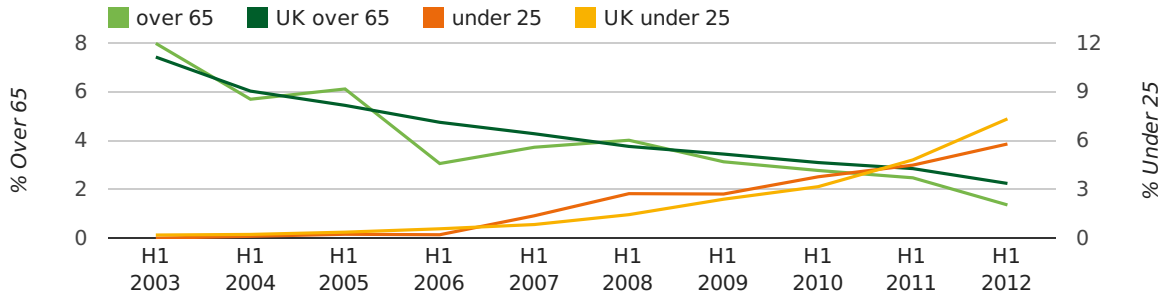
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 39.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

#### director age by half year



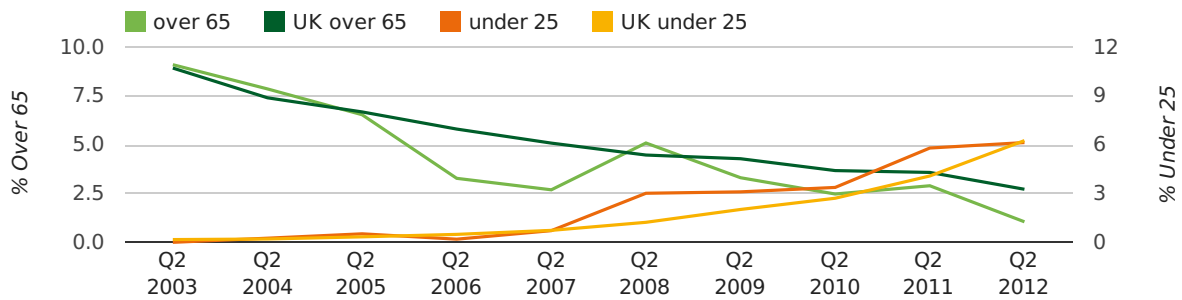
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#### director age by quarter

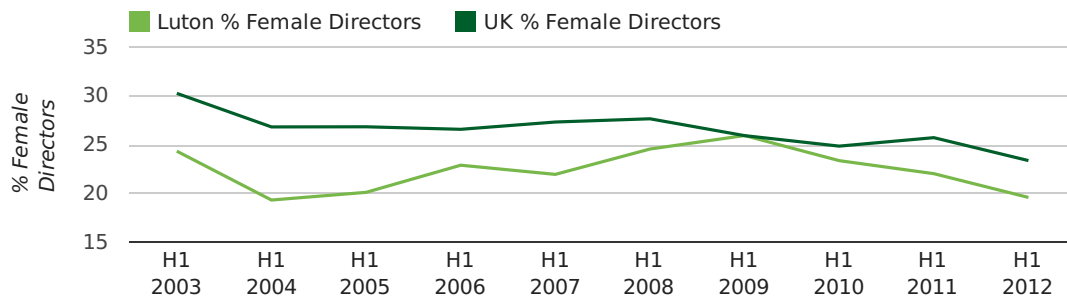


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

19.6% of all director appointments in Luton 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

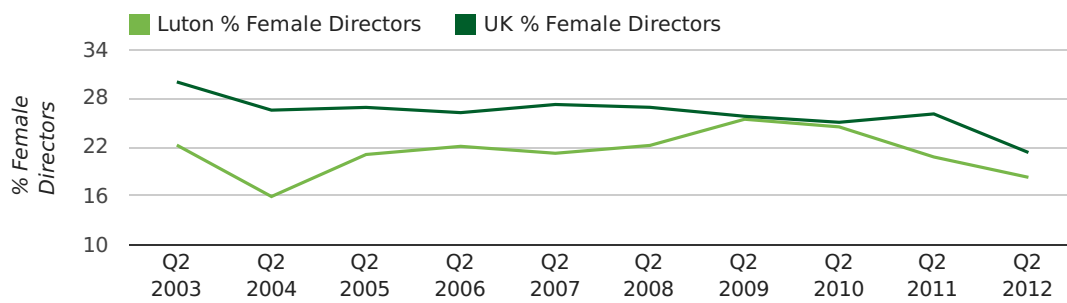


### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

18.3% of all director appointments in Luton 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, &amp;, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
PROPERTY	1.34%	CONSULTING	5.07%
LUTON	1.21%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.12%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
ENTERPRISES	0.99%	PROPERTY	2.35%
M	0.90%	TRADING	2.10%
R	0.86%	DESIGN	1.89%
PERI	0.86%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
SECURITY	0.86%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
GLOBAL	0.86%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
CONSULTANCY	0.86%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
FINANCIAL	0.73%	BUSINESS	1.70%
BUSINESS	0.73%	MEDIA	1.69%
CONSULTING	0.69%	LONDON	1.68%
CONSULTANTS	0.69%	J	1.57%
SPICE	0.69%	GLOBAL	1.51%
CARE	0.65%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CONSTRUCTION	0.65%	IT	1.42%
J	0.65%	CARE	1.31%
CENTRE	0.65%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
S	0.60%	M	1.26%
TRAINING	0.56%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
ASSOCIATES	0.56%	BUILDING	1.23%
TRADING	0.56%	SECURITY	1.19%
INVESTMENTS	0.56%	S	1.18%
(LUTON)	0.52%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

## Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	989	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	105	47,029
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	60	15,280
99999 - Dormant Company	58	26,088
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	55	35,447
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	52	20,390
9999 - Dormant Company	45	16,469
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	36	14,220
5530 - Restaurants	34	4,037
9305 - Other service activities	30	7,926
7260 - Other computer related activities	28	6,456
62090 - Other information technology service activities	24	8,258
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	24	6,356
7414 - Business & management consultancy	23	10,978
74990 - Non-trading company	23	9,706
56101 - Licenced restaurants	22	2,540
41100 - Development of building projects	21	5,149
49410 - Freight transport by road	20	2,912
7499 - Non-trading company	18	8,023
86900 - Other human health activities	18	5,222