Marlow

2012 half year business confidence report



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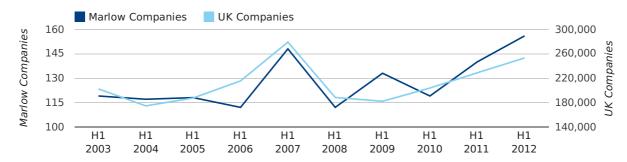
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Marlow when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 156 companies were formed in Marlow. This figure is 11.4% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Marlow occurred in 2012 when a total of 156 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | MARLOW | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 156 | 253,150 |
| 2011 | 140 | 228,735 |
| % CHANGE | 11.4% | 10.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2012 (156) | 2007 (279,097) |

new companies by half year



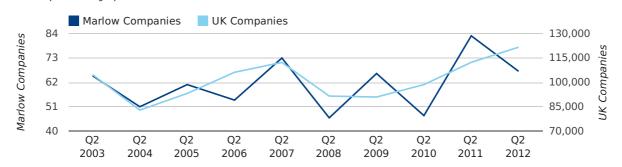
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 67 companies were registered in Marlow during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

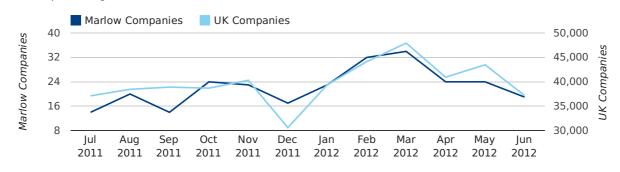
This figure is a decrease of 19.3% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | MARLOW | UK |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 2012 | 67 | 121,659 |
| 2011 | 83 | 112,344 |
| % CHANGE | -19.3% | 8.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (83) | 2012 (121,659) |

new companies by quarter



new companies by month



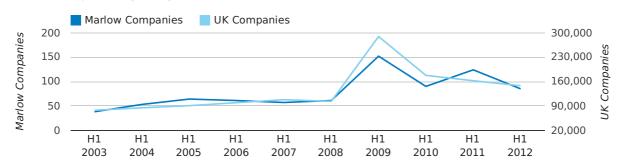
| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2012 | 24 | 24 | 19 |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 19 | 42 | 22 |
| % CHANGE | 26.3% | -42.9% | -13.6% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2006 (27) | 2011 (42) | 2009 (31) |

In the first half of 2012 a total of 85 companies were dissolved in Marlow. This figure is 31.5% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Marlow occurred in 2009 when a total of 152 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | MARLOW | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 85 | 147,793 |
| 2011 | 124 | 162,310 |
| % CHANGE | -31.5% | -8.9% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (152) | 2009 (289,236) |

dissolved companies by half year



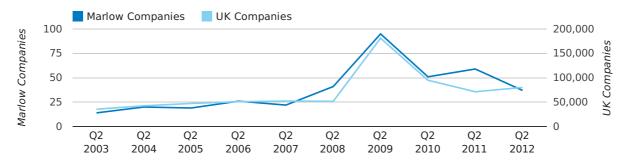
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 37 companies were dissolved in Marlow during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

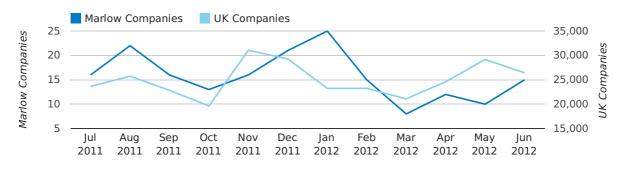
This figure is a decrease of 37.3% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | MARLOW | UK |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 2012 | 37 | 80,217 |
| 2011 | 59 | 71,324 |
| % CHANGE | -37.3% | 12.5% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (95) | 2009 (181,176) |

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

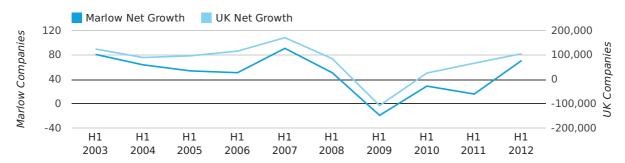


| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012 | 12 | 10 | 15 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 19 | 21 | 19 |
| % CHANGE | -36.8% | -52.4% | -21% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (20) | 2009 (44) | 2009 (31) |

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Marlow increased by 71 companies. This figure is 343.8% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | MARLOW | UK |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 2012 | 71 | 105,357 |
| 2011 | 16 | 66,425 |
| % CHANGE | 343.8% | 58.6% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2007 (91) | 2007 (171,296) |

net growth by half year



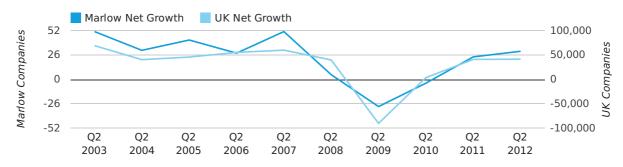
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

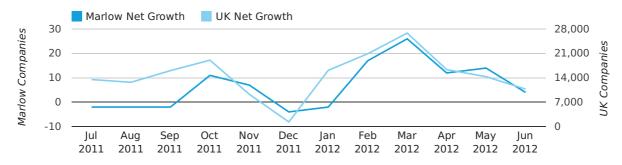
This represents an increase of 25.0% on the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | MARLOW | UK |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| 2012 | 30 | 41,442 |
| 2011 | 24 | 41,020 |
| % CHANGE | 25.0% | 1.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2007 (51) | 2003 (69,274) |

net growth by quarter



net growth by month



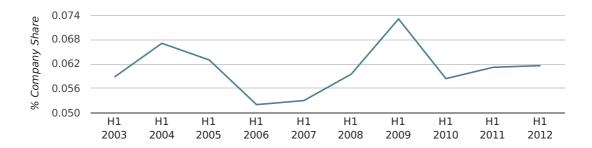
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| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2012 | 12 | 14 | 4 |
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 0 | 21 | 3 |
| % CHANGE | 0.0% | -33.3% | 33.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2007 (19) | 2003 (21) | 2007 (21) |

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

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | MARLOW |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2012 | 0.1% |
| 2011 | 0.1% |
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| 2008 | 0.1% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1966 (0.2%) |

company share by half year

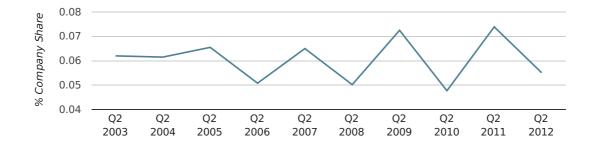


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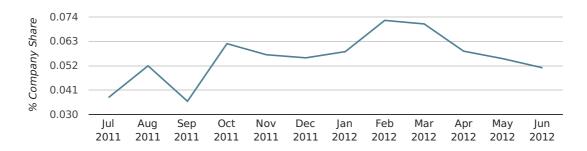
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company share by quarter



company share by month



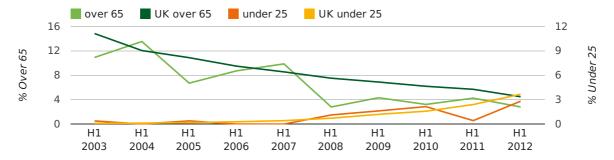
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| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| % CHANGE | 6.4% | -49.9% | -7.8% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1963 (0.4%) | 1992 (0.2%) | 1966 (0.7%) |

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 44.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.8% 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 44.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.0% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

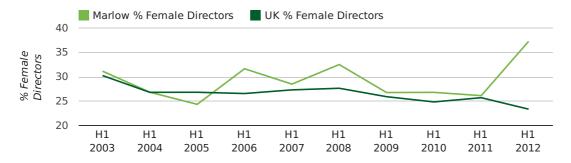
director age by quarter



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

37.3% of all director appointments in Marlow 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 Marlow was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

33.6% of all director appointments in Marlow 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 |
|----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| CONSULTING | 2.38% | CONSULTING | 5.07% |
| MARLOW | 1.39% | MANAGEMENT | 4.74% |
| MANAGEMENT | 1.19% | CONSULTANCY | 3.28% |
| ENGINEERING | 1.19% | PROPERTY | 2.35% |
| CONSULTANTS | 0.99% | TRADING | 2.10% |
| CREATIVE | 0.79% | DESIGN | 1.89% |
| RED | 0.79% | ENGINEERING | 1.87% |
| PROPERTY | 0.79% | ASSOCIATES | 1.82% |
| SPORTS | 0.79% | CONSULTANTS | 1.78% |
| CONSULTANCY | 0.79% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.71% |
| ASSOCIATES | 0.79% | BUSINESS | 1.70% |
| COMMUNICATIONS | 0.60% | MEDIA | 1.69% |
| ARAGORN | 0.60% | LONDON | 1.68% |
| CO | 0.60% | J | 1.57% |
| INVESTMENTS | 0.60% | GLOBAL | 1.51% |
| MARKETING | 0.60% | INVESTMENTS | 1.48% |
| TREE | 0.60% | IT | 1.42% |
| GLOBAL | 0.60% | CARE | 1.31% |
| CAPITAL | 0.60% | PROPERTIES | 1.31% |
| DESIGN | 0.60% | М | 1.26% |
| DEVELOPMENTS | 0.60% | ELECTRICAL | 1.23% |
| ENTERPRISES | 0.60% | BUILDING | 1.23% |
| CONTRACTS | 0.40% | SECURITY | 1.19% |
| BUILD | 0.40% | S | 1.18% |
| CAMERON | 0.40% | 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 | 118 | 244,457 |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management | 39 | 20,390 |
| 7487 - Other business activities | 36 | 47,029 |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy | 18 | 10,978 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 14 | 35,447 |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities | 11 | 15,280 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 10 | 16,469 |
| 62090 - Other information technology service activities | 9 | 8,258 |
| 99999 - Dormant Company | 8 | 26,088 |
| 74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified | 8 | 10,271 |
| 74990 - Non-trading company | 7 | 9,706 |
| 7222 - Other software consultancy and supply | 6 | 6,356 |
| 62012 - Business and domestic software development | 5 | 4,742 |
| 7415 - Holding companies including head offices | 5 | 1,481 |
| 63990 - Other information service activities not elsewhere classified | 5 | 2,456 |
| 4521 - General construction & civil engineering | 4 | 4,644 |
| 70221 - Financial management | 4 | 1,344 |
| 47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet | 4 | 3,818 |
| 47710 - Retail sale of clothing in specialised stores | 4 | 1,618 |
| 5530 - Restaurants | 4 | 4,037 |