

Norfolk

2012 half year business confidence report



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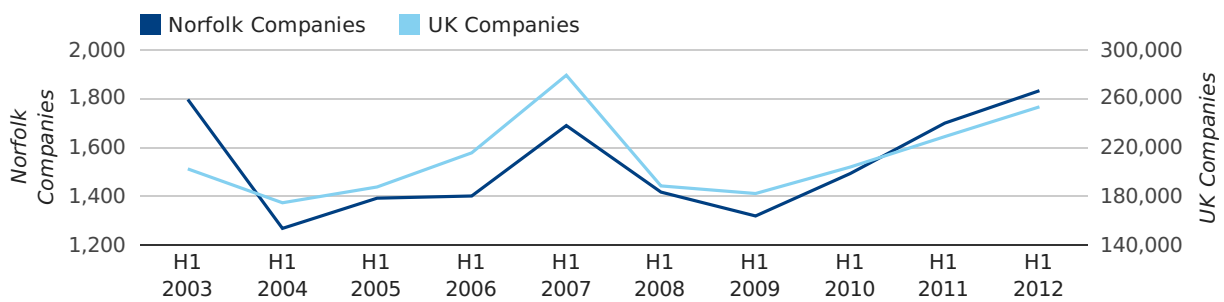
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Norfolk when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,832 companies were formed in Norfolk. This figure is 7.8% higher than last year, which compares equally to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Norfolk occurred in 2012 when a total of 1,832 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORFOLK	UK
2012	1,832	253,150
2011	1,699	228,735
% CHANGE	7.8%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (1,832)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



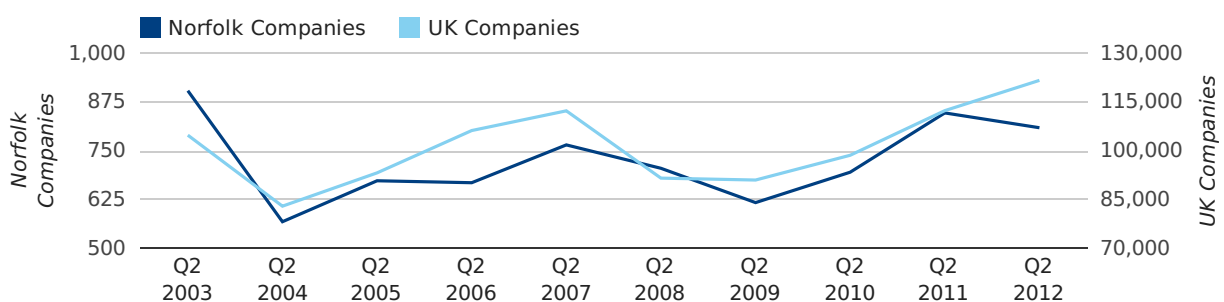
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 809 companies were registered in Norfolk during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 4.5% 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)	NORFOLK	UK
2012	809	121,659
2011	847	112,344
% CHANGE	-4.5%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (904)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	298	288	223
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	268	286	293
% CHANGE	11.2%	0.7%	-23.9%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (317)	2003 (301)	2011 (293)

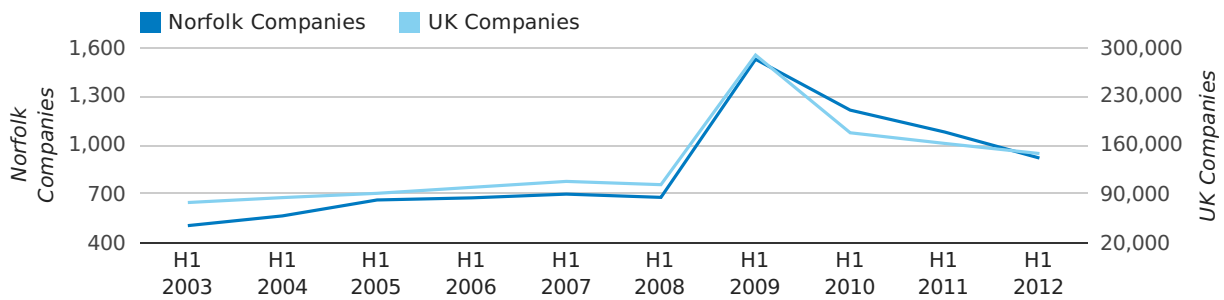
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 920 companies were dissolved in Norfolk. This figure is 14.8% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Norfolk occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,528 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORFOLK	UK
2012	920	147,793
2011	1,080	162,310
% CHANGE	-14.8%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,528)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



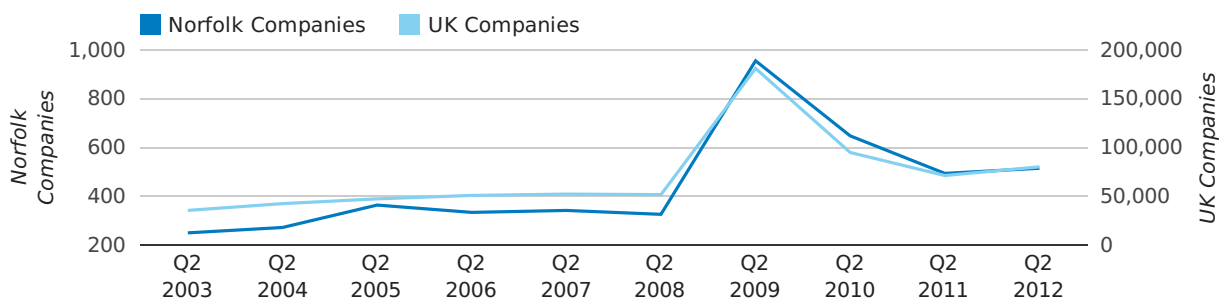
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 515 companies were dissolved in Norfolk during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 4.3% 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.

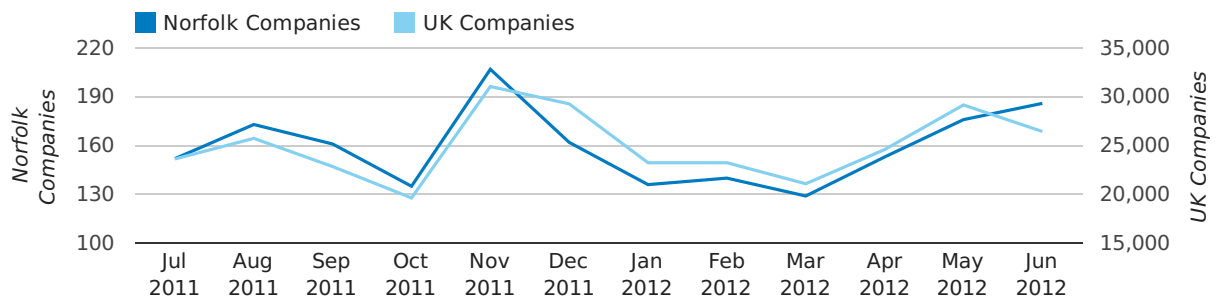
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	NORFOLK	UK
2012	515	80,217
2011	494	71,324
% CHANGE	4.3%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (956)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



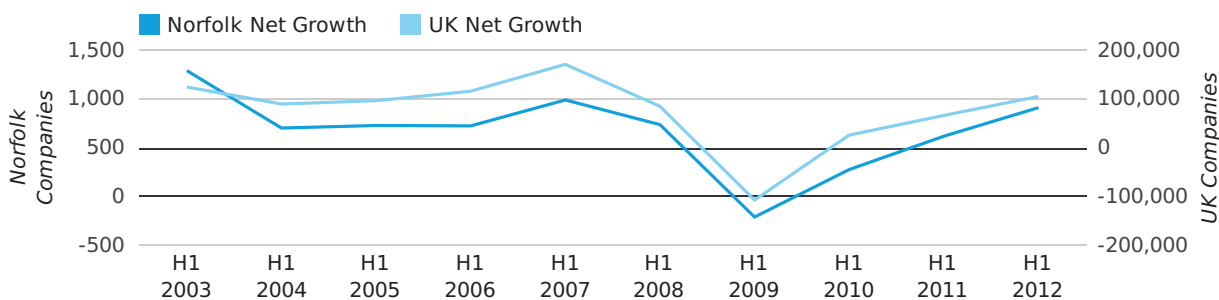
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	153	176	186
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	108	224	162
% CHANGE	41.7%	-21.4%	15%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (176)	2009 (440)	2009 (340)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Norfolk increased by 912 companies. This figure is 47.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORFOLK	UK
2012	912	105,357
2011	619	66,425
% CHANGE	47.3%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,292)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



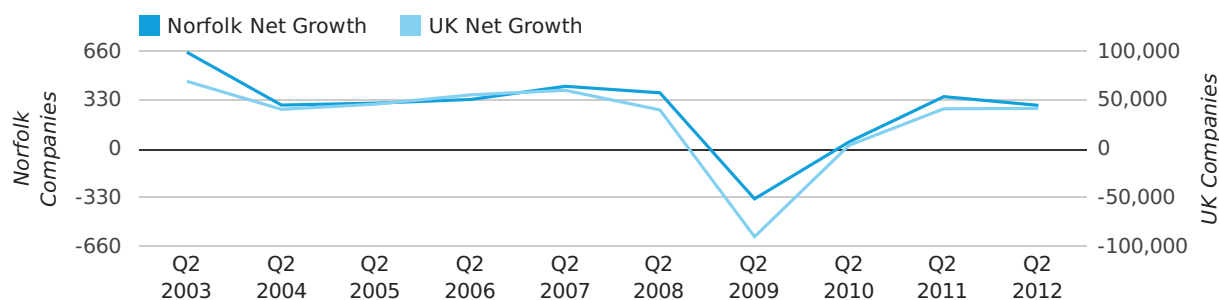
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Norfolk during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 294 companies.

This represents a decrease of 16.7% on the same period last year.

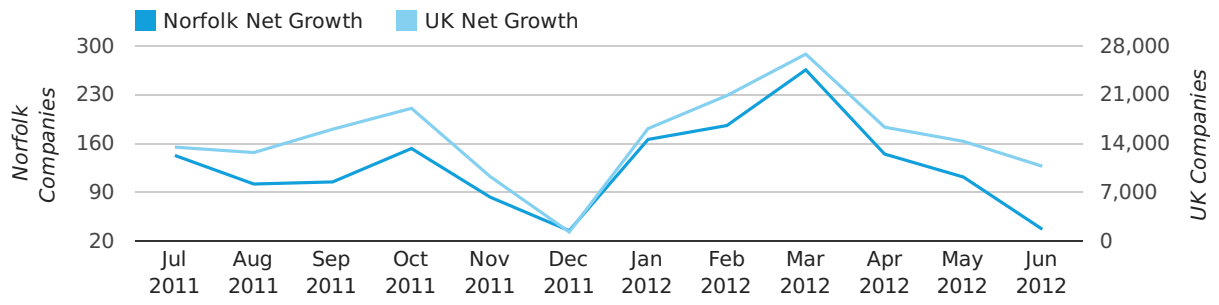
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	NORFOLK	UK
2012	294	41,442
2011	353	41,020
% CHANGE	-16.7%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (654)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



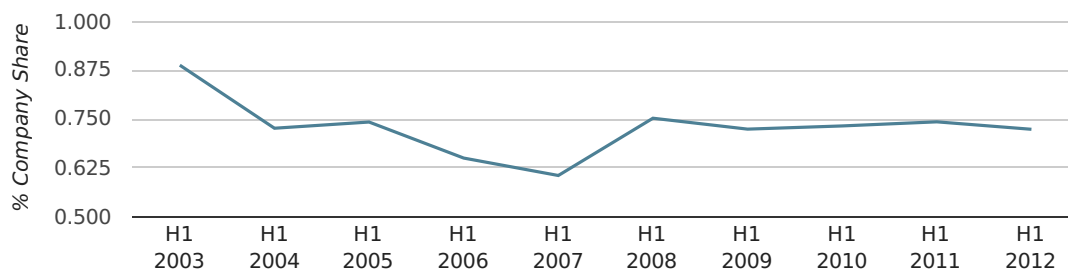
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	145	112	37
NET GROWTH IN 2011	160	62	131
% CHANGE	-9.4%	80.6%	-71.8%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (220)	2003 (227)	2008 (216)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORFOLK
2012	0.7%
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.8%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (1.6%)

company share by half year

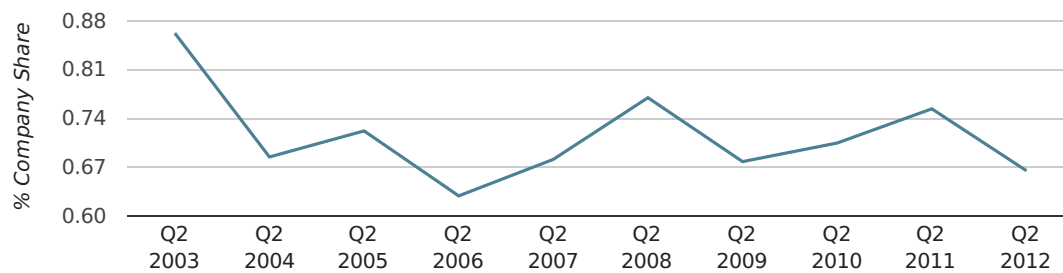


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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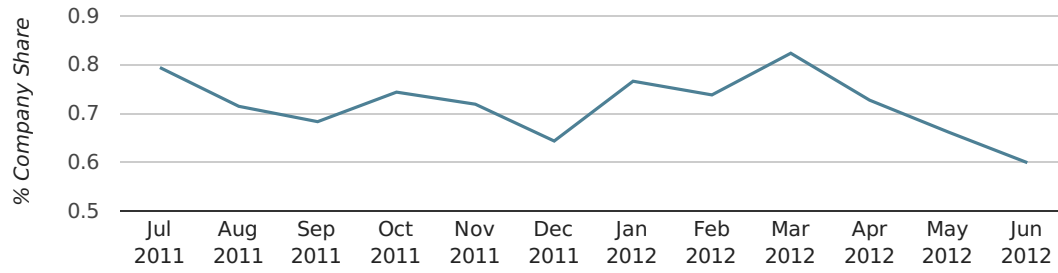
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	NORFOLK
2012	0.7%
2011	0.8%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.8%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (1.6%)

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%	0.6%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%
% CHANGE	-6.4%	-11.7%	-18.7%
RECORD YEAR	1969 (1.9%)	1968 (1.6%)	1969 (1.7%)

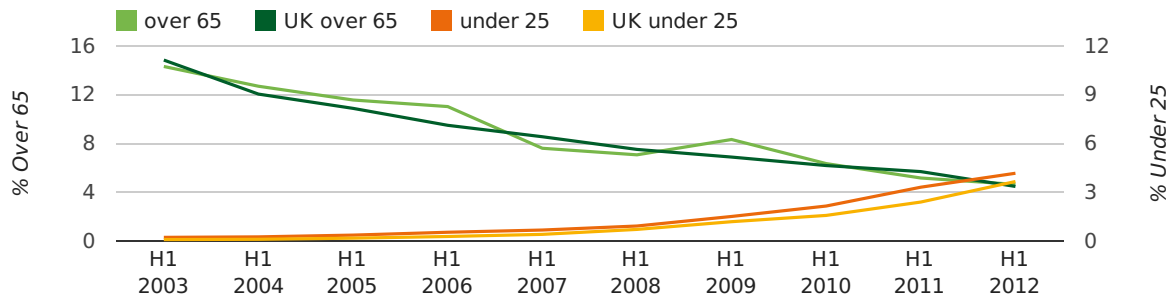
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 44.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



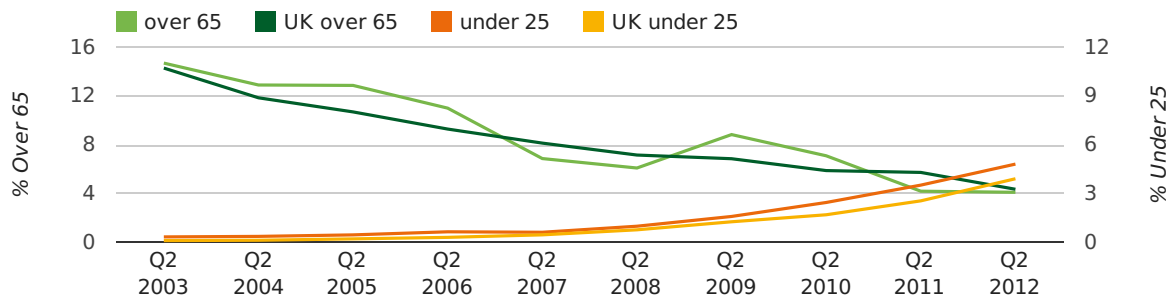
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 43.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

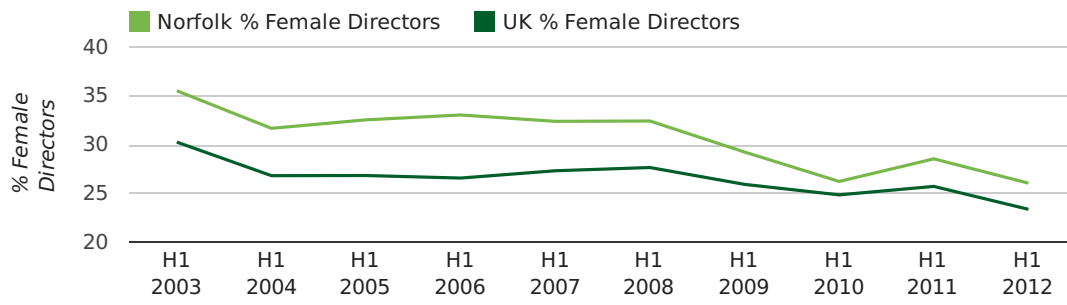


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

26.1% of all director appointments in Norfolk 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



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
NORFOLK	1.71%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.64%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.48%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTANCY	1.22%	PROPERTY	2.35%
PROPERTY	1.08%	TRADING	2.10%
NORWICH	1.08%	DESIGN	1.89%
ENGINEERING	1.06%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
(NORFOLK)	0.99%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
J	0.92%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
EAST	0.88%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
BUSINESS	0.83%	BUSINESS	1.70%
M	0.81%	MEDIA	1.69%
DESIGN	0.74%	LONDON	1.68%
SYSTEMS	0.71%	J	1.57%
ANGLIA	0.71%	GLOBAL	1.51%
MEDIA	0.69%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
ELECTRICAL	0.65%	IT	1.42%
R	0.65%	CARE	1.31%
D	0.62%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CARE	0.60%	M	1.26%
CONSULTANTS	0.58%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
S	0.55%	BUILDING	1.23%
HOUSE	0.55%	SECURITY	1.19%
ASSOCIATES	0.55%	S	1.18%
G	0.53%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,300	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	265	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	229	35,447
99999 - Dormant Company	182	26,088
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	173	20,390
9999 - Dormant Company	97	16,469
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	96	10,271
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	89	15,280
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	80	14,220
7414 - Business & management consultancy	68	10,978
74990 - Non-trading company	55	9,706
41100 - Development of building projects	53	5,149
7499 - Non-trading company	53	8,023
62090 - Other information technology service activities	49	8,258
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	49	4,644
43210 - Electrical installation	48	3,557
9305 - Other service activities	45	7,926
86900 - Other human health activities	44	5,222
7260 - Other computer related activities	43	6,456
71129 - Other engineering activities	42	2,453