

# Northampton

2012 half year business confidence report



## headlines

- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Northampton when compared to any previous Q2.
- June 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Northampton when compared to any previous June.
- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Northampton when compared to any previous May.
- May 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Northampton when compared to any previous May.

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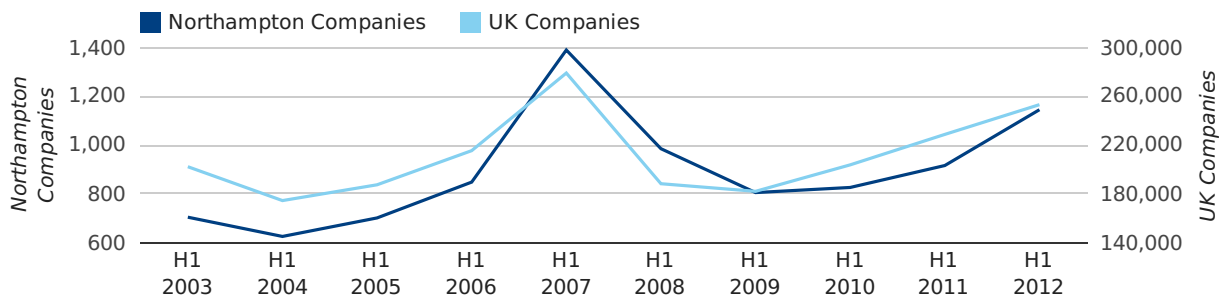
## Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,145 companies were formed in Northampton. This figure is 25.0% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Northampton occurred in 2007 when a total of 1,390 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORTHAMPTON	UK
2012	1,145	253,150
2011	916	228,735
% CHANGE	25.0%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,390)	2007 (279,097)

### new companies by half year



## Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

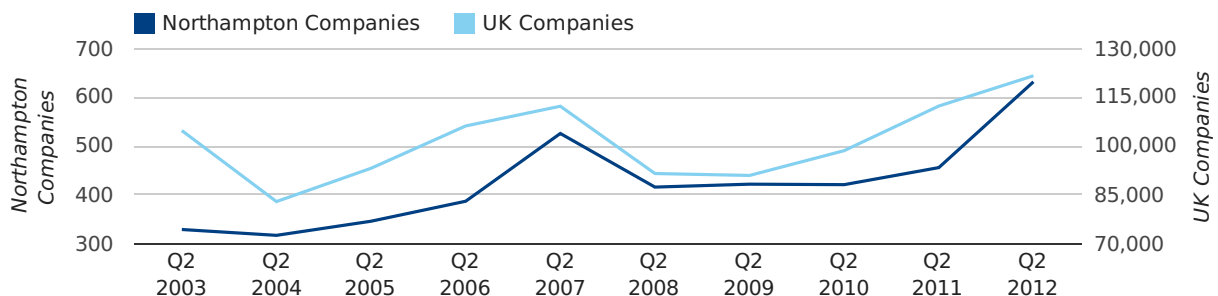
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Northampton when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 632 companies were registered in Northampton during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 38.6% 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)	NORTHAMPTON	UK
2012	632	121,659
2011	456	112,344
% CHANGE	38.6%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (632)	2012 (121,659)

### new companies by quarter



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

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

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

### new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	222	208	202
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	143	165	148
% CHANGE	55.2%	26.1%	36.5%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (242)	2012 (208)	2012 (202)

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

In the first half of 2012 a total of 609 companies were dissolved in Northampton. This figure is 18.5% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Northampton occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,441 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORTHAMPTON	UK
2012	609	147,793
2011	747	162,310
% CHANGE	-18.5%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,441)	2009 (289,236)

### dissolved companies by half year



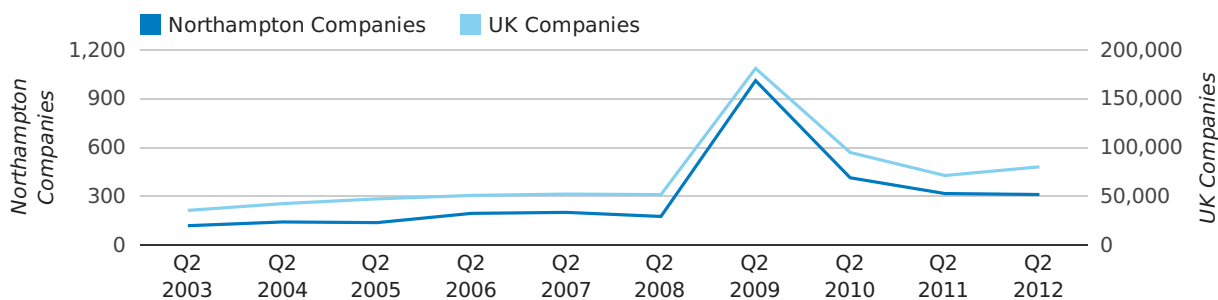
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 311 companies were dissolved in Northampton during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 1.9% 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)	NORTHAMPTON	UK
2012	311	80,217
2011	317	71,324
% CHANGE	-1.9%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,012)	2009 (181,176)

### dissolved companies by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

## dissolved companies by month



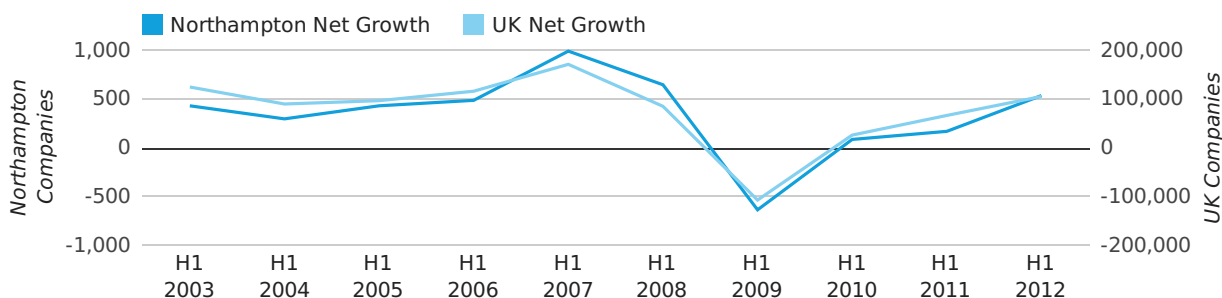
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	91	102	118
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	55	129	133
% CHANGE	65.5%	-20.9%	-11%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (177)	2009 (604)	2009 (231)

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

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Northampton increased by 536 companies. This figure is 217.2% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORTHAMPTON	UK
2012	536	105,357
2011	169	66,425
% CHANGE	217.2%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (992)	2007 (171,296)

### net growth by half year



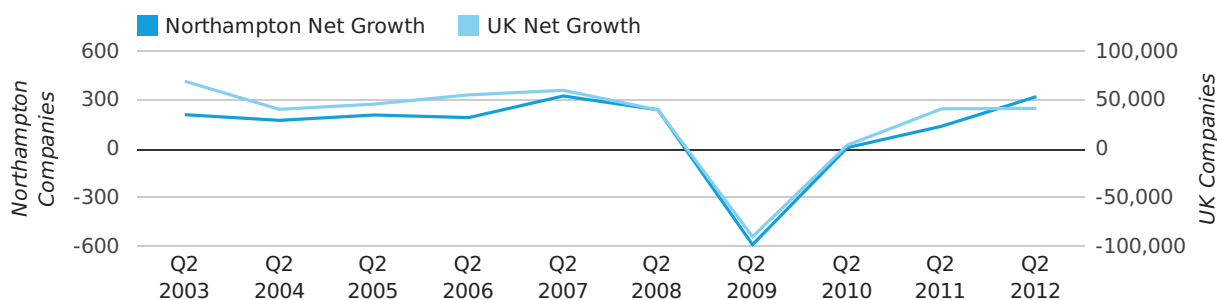
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Northampton during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 321 companies.

This represents an increase of 130.9% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	NORTHAMPTON	UK
2012	321	41,442
2011	139	41,020
% CHANGE	130.9%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (325)	2003 (69,274)

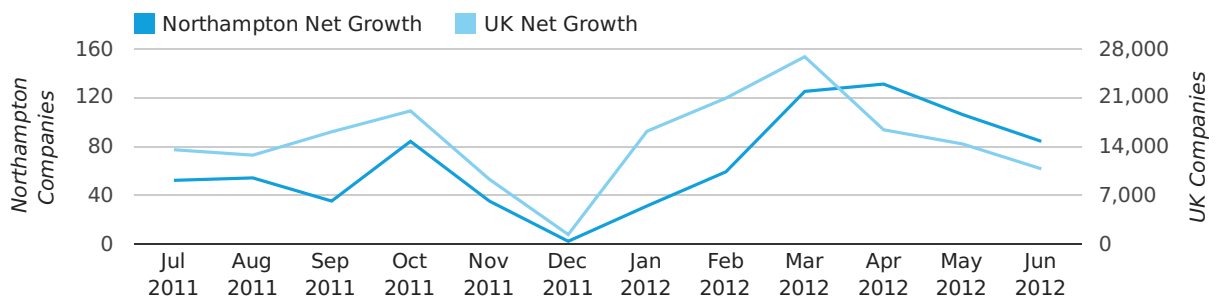
### net growth by quarter



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

May 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Northampton when compared to any previous May.

### net growth by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	131	106	84
NET GROWTH IN 2011	88	36	15
% CHANGE	48.9%	194.4%	460.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (190)	2012 (106)	2008 (107)

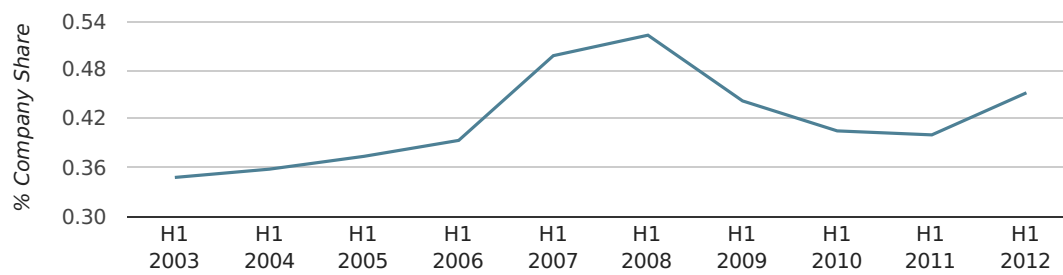


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Northampton formed 0.5% of all UK companies. This is more than the 2011 figure of 0.4%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORTHAMPTON
2012	0.5%
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.6%)

#### company share by half year

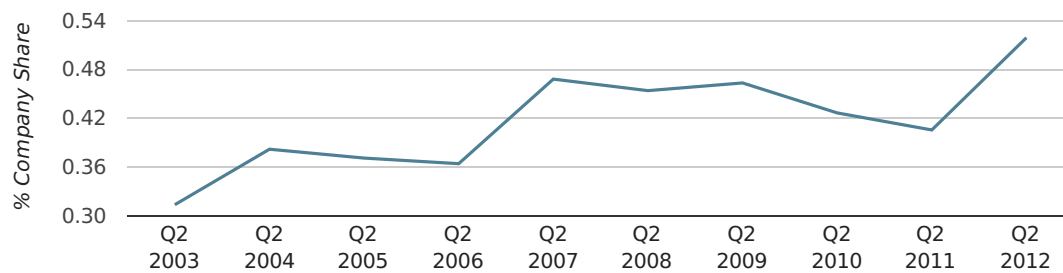


### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Northampton formed 0.5% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	NORTHAMPTON
2012	0.5%
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.5%
2008	0.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.7%)

#### company share by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

## company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.5%	0.5%	0.5%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
% CHANGE	30.7%	10.5%	45.7%
RECORD YEAR	1978 (0.8%)	1975 (0.8%)	1965 (1.4%)

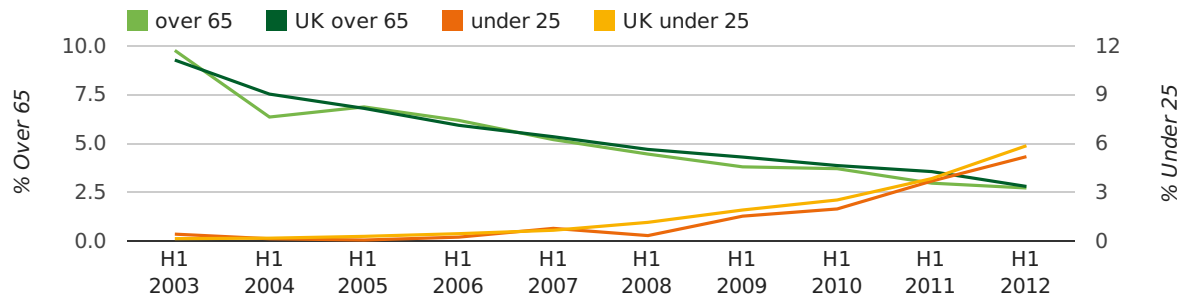
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 41.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

#### director age by half year



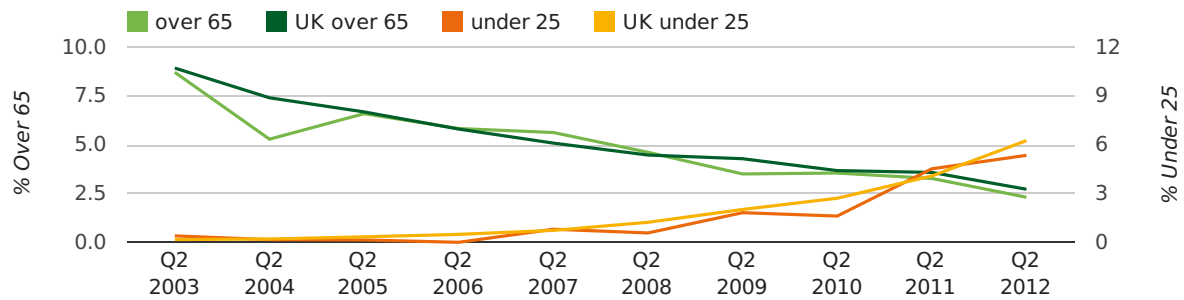
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#### director age by quarter

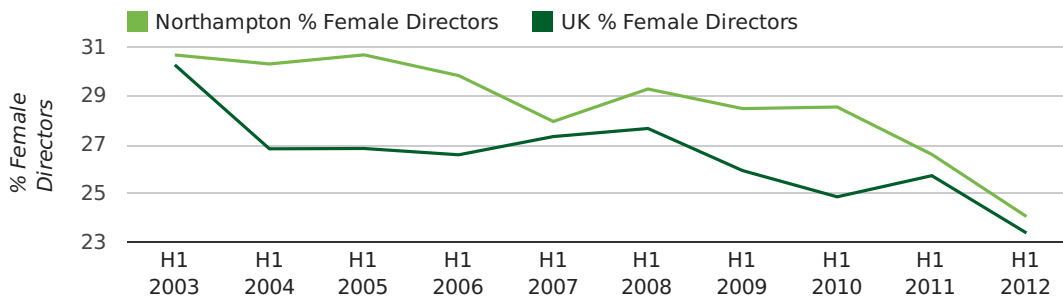


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

24.1% of all director appointments in Northampton 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

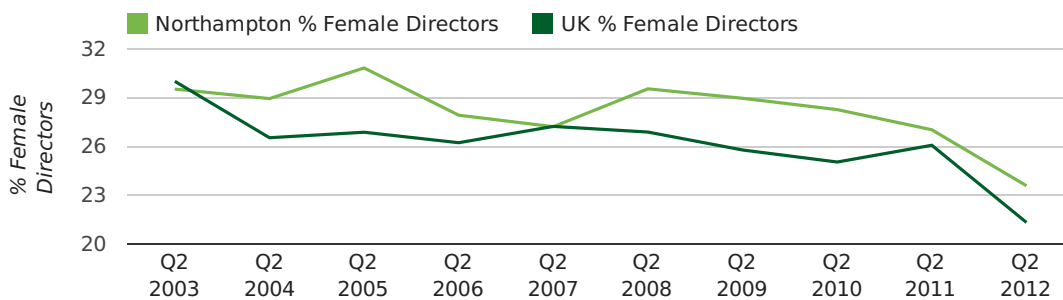


### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

23.6% of all director appointments in Northampton 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	1.87%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.12%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	0.92%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
TRANSPORT	0.88%	PROPERTY	2.35%
BUSINESS	0.82%	TRADING	2.10%
ASSOCIATES	0.65%	DESIGN	1.89%
PROPERTY	0.61%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
IT	0.61%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CARE	0.61%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
NORTHAMPTON	0.58%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
TRAINING	0.58%	BUSINESS	1.70%
TRADING	0.58%	MEDIA	1.69%
FARM	0.58%	LONDON	1.68%
MEDIA	0.54%	J	1.57%
ELECTRICAL	0.51%	GLOBAL	1.51%
R	0.48%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
(NORTHAMPTON)	0.48%	IT	1.42%
WIND	0.48%	CARE	1.31%
ENGINEERING	0.44%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
HOUSE	0.41%	M	1.26%
CONSTRUCTION	0.41%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
EVENTS	0.41%	BUILDING	1.23%
DESIGN	0.41%	SECURITY	1.19%
EUROPE	0.37%	S	1.18%
INVESTMENTS	0.37%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	984	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	170	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	112	26,088
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	111	20,390
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	103	35,447
9999 - Dormant Company	96	16,469
7414 - Business & management consultancy	61	10,978
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	56	15,280
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	48	14,220
74990 - Non-trading company	44	9,706
49410 - Freight transport by road	43	2,912
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	41	10,271
6024 - Freight transport by road	35	1,933
7260 - Other computer related activities	34	6,456
62090 - Other information technology service activities	34	8,258
7499 - Non-trading company	34	8,023
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	31	6,356
9305 - Other service activities	30	7,926
86900 - Other human health activities	29	5,222
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	26	2,880