

Northwich

2012 half year business confidence report



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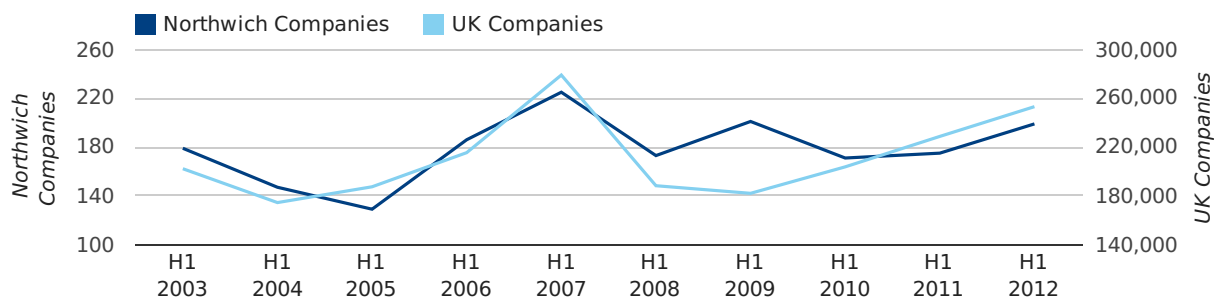
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 199 companies were formed in Northwich. This figure is 13.7% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Northwich occurred in 2007 when a total of 225 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORTHWICH	UK
2012	199	253,150
2011	175	228,735
% CHANGE	13.7%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (225)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



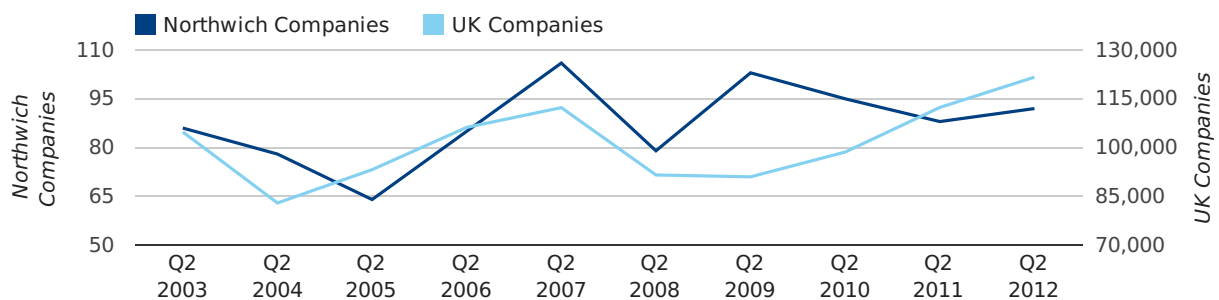
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 92 companies were registered in Northwich during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase 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.

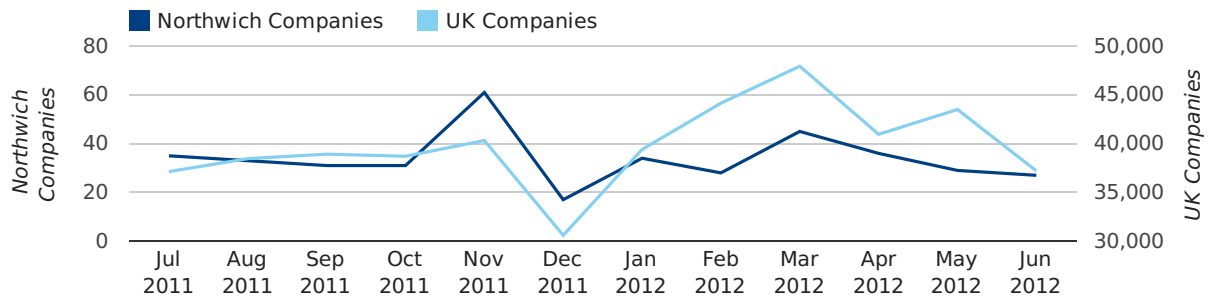
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	NORTHWICH	UK
2012	92	121,659
2011	88	112,344
% CHANGE	4.5%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (107)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	36	29	27
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	27	23	38
% CHANGE	33.3%	26.1%	-28.9%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (67)	2007 (39)	2010 (42)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 130 companies were dissolved in Northwich. This figure is 22.2% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Northwich occurred in 2009 when a total of 197 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORTHWICH	UK
2012	130	147,793
2011	167	162,310
% CHANGE	-22.2%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (197)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



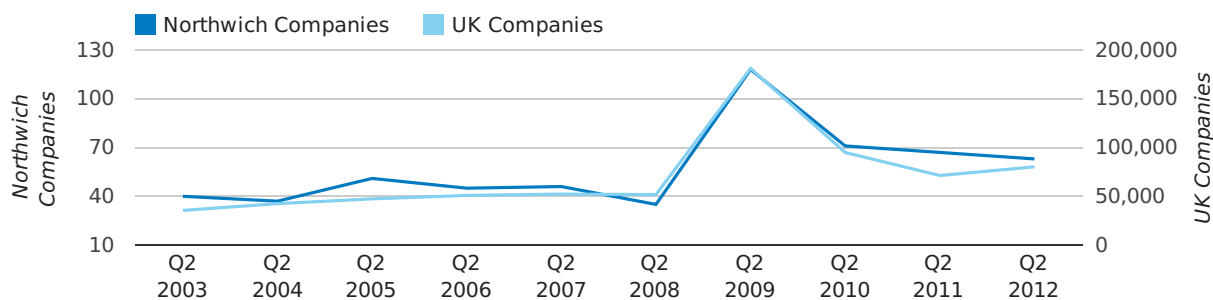
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 63 companies were dissolved in Northwich during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 6.0% 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)	NORTHWICH	UK
2012	63	80,217
2011	67	71,324
% CHANGE	-6.0%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (118)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



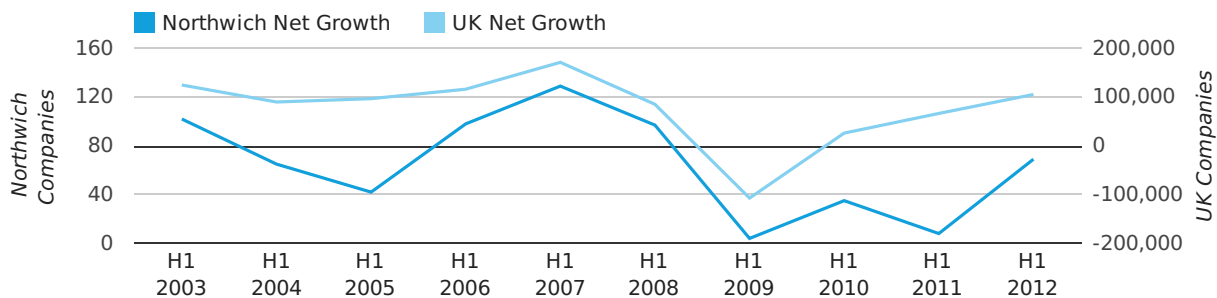
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	18	20	25
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	16	32	19
% CHANGE	12.5%	-37.5%	32%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (23)	2009 (61)	2009 (34)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Northwich increased by 69 companies. This figure is 762.5% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORTHWICH	UK
2012	69	105,357
2011	8	66,425
% CHANGE	762.5%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (129)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



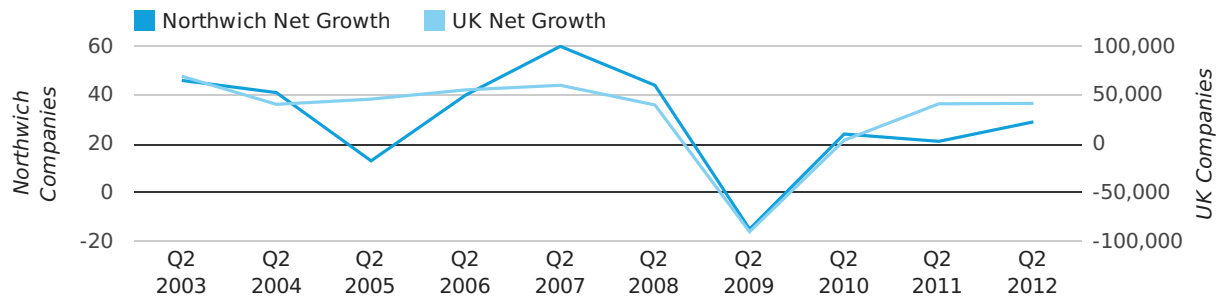
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Northwich during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 29 companies.

This represents an increase of 38.1% on the same period last year.

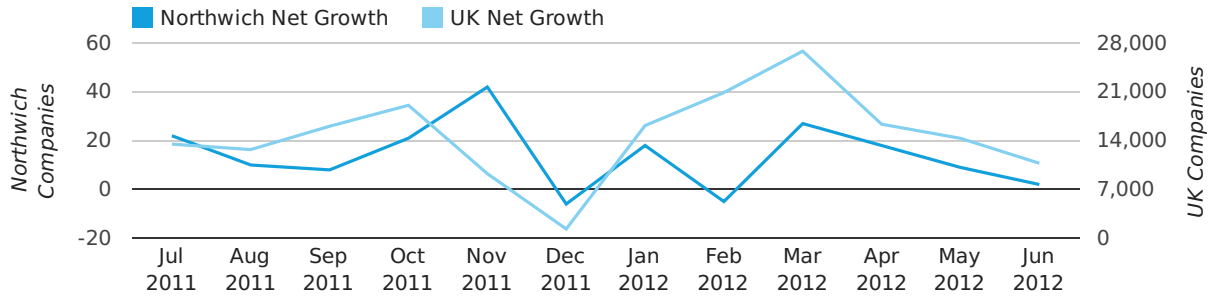
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	NORTHWICH	UK
2012	29	41,442
2011	21	41,020
% CHANGE	38.1%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (79)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



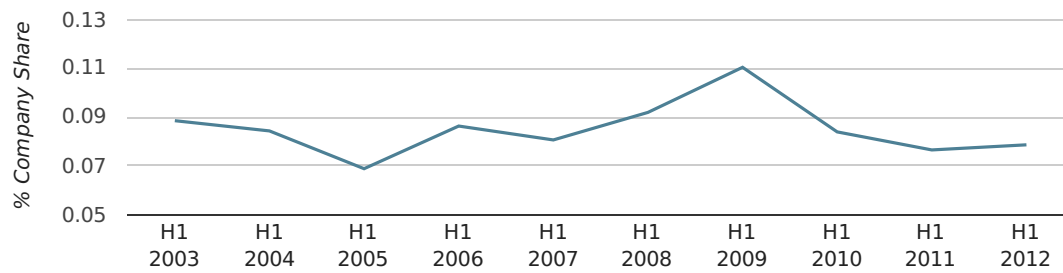
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	18	9	2
NET GROWTH IN 2011	11	-9	19
% CHANGE	63.6%	-200.0%	-89.5%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (66)	2007 (22)	2008 (27)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NORTHWICH
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1991 (0.1%)

company share by half year

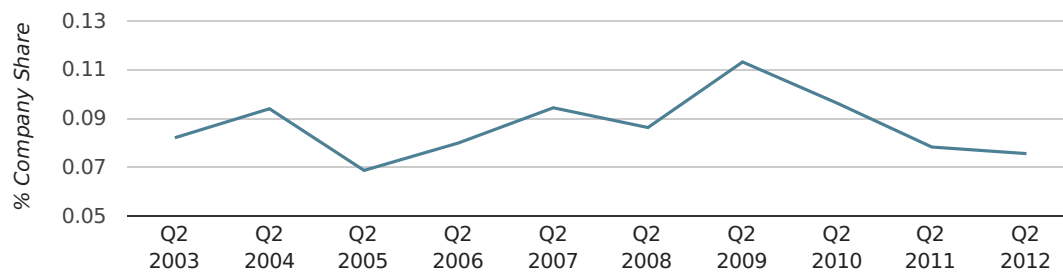


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Northwich formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

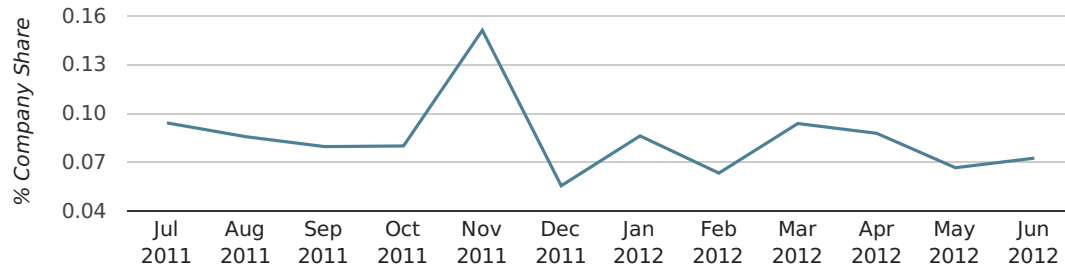
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	NORTHWICH
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1991 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	12.3%	10.6%	-24.1%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (0.3%)	1973 (0.3%)	1968 (0.3%)

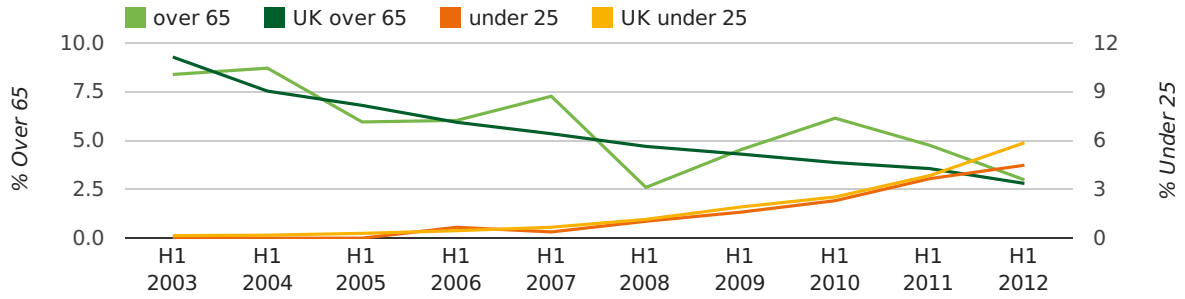
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 44.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



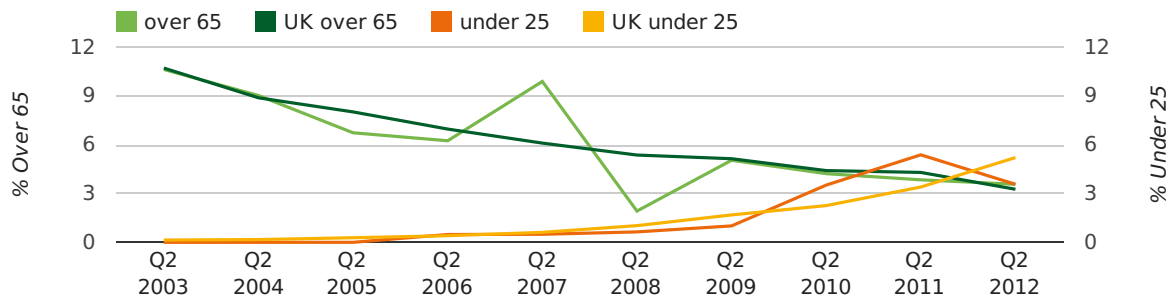
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 44.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

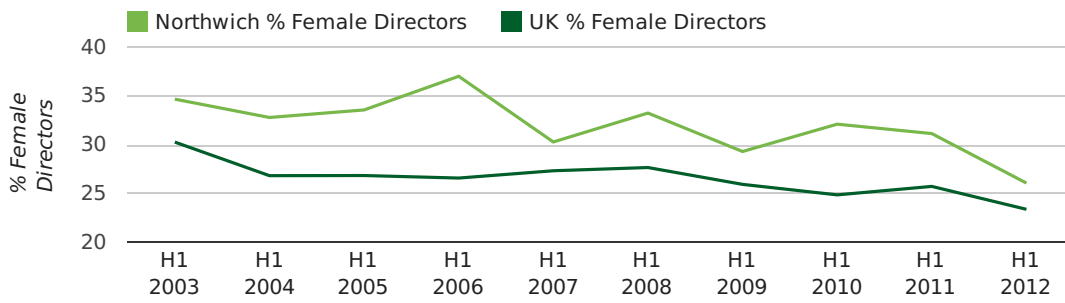


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

26.1% of all director appointments in Northwich 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

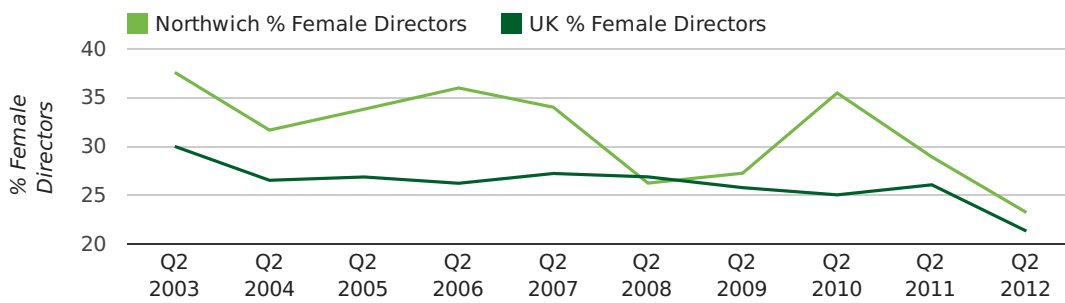


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

23.2% of all director appointments in Northwich 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
CONSULTANCY	1.92%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CHESHIRE	1.65%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.51%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTANTS	1.37%	PROPERTY	2.35%
LOGISTICS	1.10%	TRADING	2.10%
MANAGEMENT	1.10%	DESIGN	1.89%
PROPERTY	1.10%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
TRANSPORT	0.96%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
ENGINEERING	0.82%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
DESIGN	0.82%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
MARCO	0.82%	BUSINESS	1.70%
SYSTEMS	0.69%	MEDIA	1.69%
IT	0.69%	LONDON	1.68%
NORTHWICH	0.69%	J	1.57%
MICHAEL	0.55%	GLOBAL	1.51%
21	0.55%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
FX	0.55%	IT	1.42%
TRAINING	0.55%	CARE	1.31%
COMMERCIAL	0.55%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ASSOCIATES	0.55%	M	1.26%
D	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
4	0.41%	BUILDING	1.23%
CATERING	0.41%	SECURITY	1.19%
MAINTENANCE	0.41%	S	1.18%
VEHICLE	0.41%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	153	244,457
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	38	20,390
7487 - Other business activities	36	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	31	35,447
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	23	15,280
99999 - Dormant Company	21	26,088
7414 - Business & management consultancy	18	10,978
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	11	14,220
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	10	10,271
41100 - Development of building projects	8	5,149
7499 - Non-trading company	8	8,023
74990 - Non-trading company	7	9,706
7260 - Other computer related activities	6	6,456
9999 - Dormant Company	6	16,469
62090 - Other information technology service activities	6	8,258
9272 - Other recreational activities	5	889
7412 - Accounting, auditing; tax consult	5	2,170
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	5	3,233
7020 - Letting of own property	5	1,458
64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified	5	3,151