Oldham

2012 half year business confidence report



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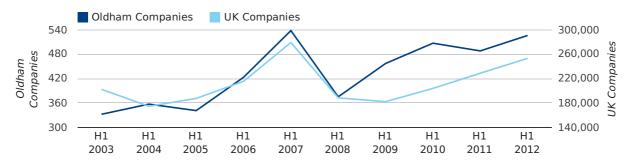
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In the first half of 2012 a total of 526 companies were formed in Oldham. This figure is 7.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Oldham occurred in 2007 when a total of 538 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | OLDHAM | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 526 | 253,150 |
| 2011 | 488 | 228,735 |
| % CHANGE | 7.8% | 10.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2007 (538) | 2007 (279,097) |

new companies by half year

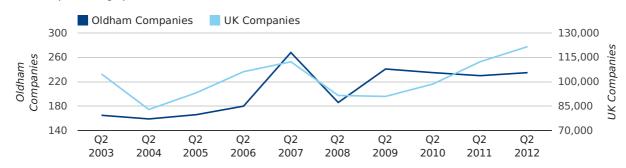


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 235 companies were registered in Oldham during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 2.2% 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) | OLDHAM | UK |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 235 | 121,659 |
| 2011 | 230 | 112,344 |
| % CHANGE | 2.2% | 8.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2007 (268) | 2012 (121,659) |



new companies by quarter

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



2012 (91)

2009 (91)

2007 (89)

new companies by month

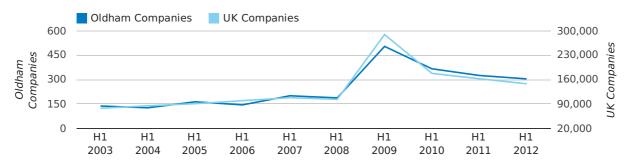
RECORD YEAR

In the first half of 2012 a total of 304 companies were dissolved in Oldham. This figure is 6.5% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Oldham occurred in 2009 when a total of 504 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | OLDHAM | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 304 | 147,793 |
| 2011 | 325 | 162,310 |
| % CHANGE | -6.5% | -8.9% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (504) | 2009 (289,236) |

dissolved companies by half year



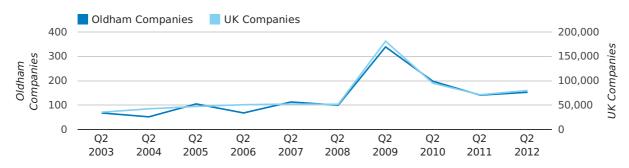
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 153 companies were dissolved in Oldham during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 8.5% 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.

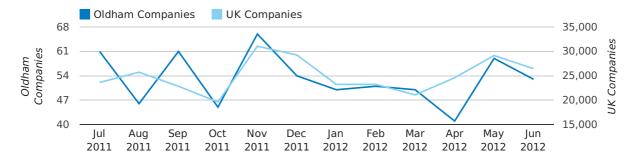
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | OLDHAM | UK |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 153 | 80,217 |
| 2011 | 141 | 71,324 |
| % CHANGE | 8.5% | 12.5% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (339) | 2009 (181,176) |

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month

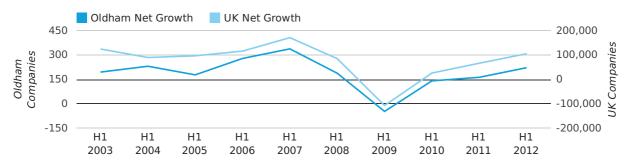


| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012 | 41 | 59 | 53 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 28 | 67 | 46 |
| % CHANGE | 46.4% | -11.9% | 15% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (104) | 2009 (152) | 2009 (83) |

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Oldham increased by 222 companies. This figure is 36.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | OLDHAM | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 222 | 105,357 |
| 2011 | 163 | 66,425 |
| % CHANGE | 36.2% | 58.6% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2007 (338) | 2007 (171,296) |

net growth by half year

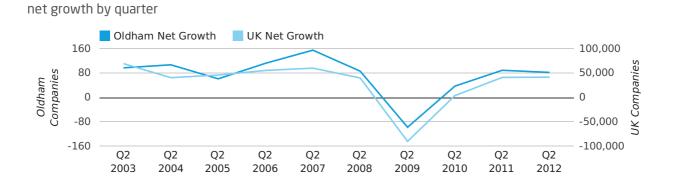


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

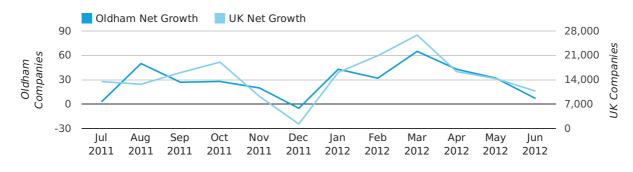
Net company growth for Oldham during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 82 companies.

This represents a decrease of 7.9% on the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | OLDHAM | UK |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 2012 | 82 | 41,442 |
| 2011 | 89 | 41,020 |
| % CHANGE | -7.9% | 1.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2007 (155) | 2003 (69,274) |



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)



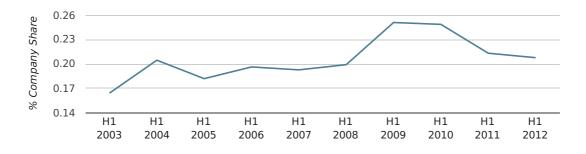
| | APRIL | МАҮ | JUNE |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2012 | 43 | 32 | 7 |
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 49 | 10 | 30 |
| % CHANGE | -12.2% | 220.0% | -76.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2007 (58) | 2006 (56) | 2007 (52) |

net growth by month

In the first half of 2012 Oldham formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.2%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | OLDHAM |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2012 | 0.2% |
| 2011 | 0.2% |
| 2010 | 0.2% |
| 2009 | 0.3% |
| 2008 | 0.2% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1968 (0.4%) |

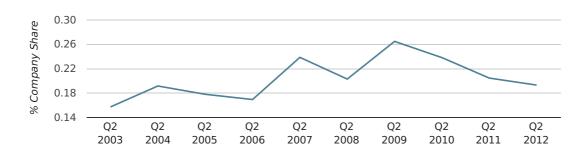
company share by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Oldham formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

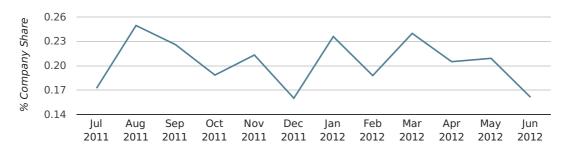
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | OLDHAM |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2012 | 0.2% |
| 2011 | 0.2% |
| 2010 | 0.2% |
| 2009 | 0.3% |
| 2008 | 0.2% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1968 (0.6%) |



company share by quarter

Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



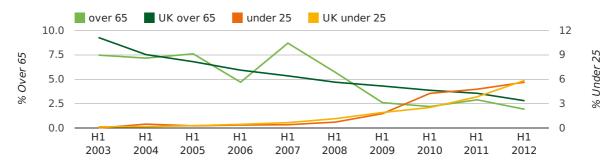
| | APRIL | ΜΑΥ | JUNE |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012 | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| % CHANGE | -8.2% | 3.6% | -15.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1968 (0.5%) | 1968 (0.7%) | 1968 (0.6%) |

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 40.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year

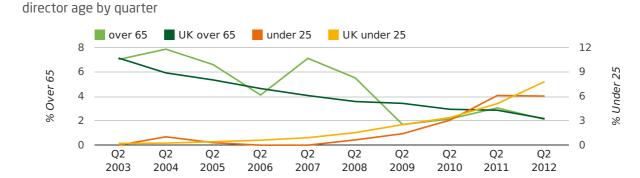


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 41.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.0% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

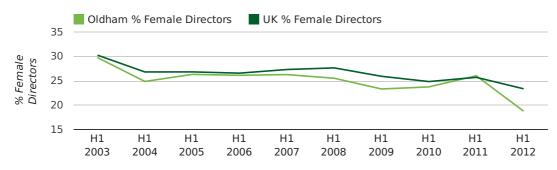
The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.



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

18.8% of all director appointments in Oldham 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

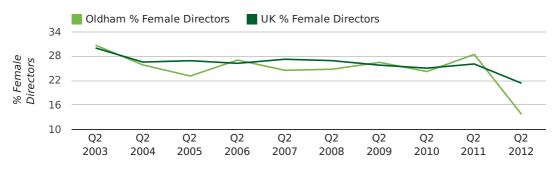


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

13.7% of all director appointments in Oldham 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 |
|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| OLDHAM | 1.13% | CONSULTING | 5.07% |
| MANAGEMENT | 1.00% | MANAGEMENT | 4.74% |
| MANCHESTER | 0.86% | CONSULTANCY | 3.28% |
| (NW) | 0.80% | PROPERTY | 2.35% |
| CONSTRUCTION | 0.80% | TRADING | 2.10% |
| CARE | 0.80% | DESIGN | 1.89% |
| PROPERTY | 0.80% | ENGINEERING | 1.87% |
| CONSULTANCY | 0.80% | ASSOCIATES | 1.82% |
| PROPERTIES | 0.73% | CONSULTANTS | 1.78% |
| CONSULTING | 0.66% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.71% |
| MEDIA | 0.66% | BUSINESS | 1.70% |
| М | 0.66% | MEDIA | 1.69% |
| (OLDHAM) | 0.66% | LONDON | 1.68% |
| MEDICAL | 0.60% | J | 1.57% |
| MY | 0.60% | GLOBAL | 1.51% |
| J | 0.60% | INVESTMENTS | 1.48% |
| ELECTRICAL | 0.60% | IT | 1.42% |
| ENGINEERING | 0.53% | CARE | 1.31% |
| FINANCIAL | 0.53% | PROPERTIES | 1.31% |
| IT | 0.53% | М | 1.26% |
| BUILDING | 0.53% | ELECTRICAL | 1.23% |
| CENTRE | 0.53% | BUILDING | 1.23% |
| DIRECT | 0.47% | SECURITY | 1.19% |
| WEST) | 0.47% | S | 1.18% |
| RECYCLING | 0.47% | ENTERPRISES | 1.17% |

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|
| None Supplied | 543 | 244,457 |
| 7487 - Other business activities | 86 | 47,029 |
| 86230 - Dental practice activities | 62 | 1,834 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 54 | 35,447 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 35 | 16,469 |
| 99999 - Dormant Company | 32 | 26,088 |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified | 29 | 14,220 |
| 9305 - Other service activities | 28 | 7,926 |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management | 24 | 20,390 |
| 43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified | 23 | 4,091 |
| 86900 - Other human health activities | 22 | 5,222 |
| 74990 - Non-trading company | 19 | 9,706 |
| 4521 - General construction & civil engineering | 16 | 4,644 |
| 74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified | 16 | 10,271 |
| 43390 - Other building completion and finishing | 15 | 3,241 |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy | 15 | 10,978 |
| 43290 - Other construction installation | 15 | 1,796 |
| 62090 - Other information technology service activities | 14 | 8,258 |
| 68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate | 12 | 4,535 |
| 7260 - Other computer related activities | 12 | 6,456 |