Prescot

2012 half year business confidence report



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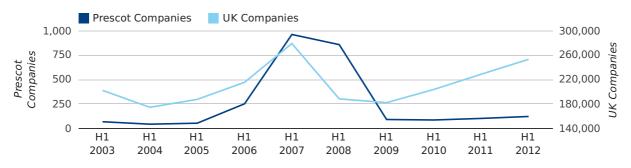
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In the first half of 2012 a total of 121 companies were formed in Prescot. This figure is 19.8% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Prescot occurred in 2007 when a total of 962 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | PRESCOT | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 121 | 253,150 |
| 2011 | 101 | 228,735 |
| % CHANGE | 19.8% | 10.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2007 (962) | 2007 (279,097) |

new companies by half year

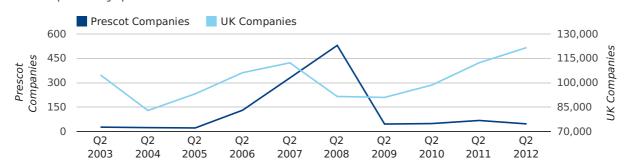


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 47 companies were registered in Prescot during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

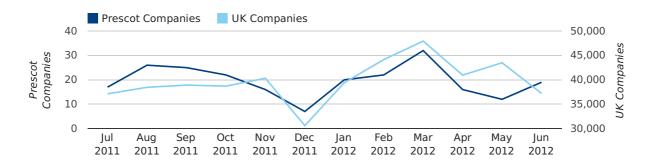
This figure is a decrease of 30.9% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | PRESCOT | UK |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 47 | 121,659 |
| 2011 | 68 | 112,344 |
| % CHANGE | -30.9% | 8.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2008 (530) | 2012 (121,659) |



new companies by quarter

new companies by month



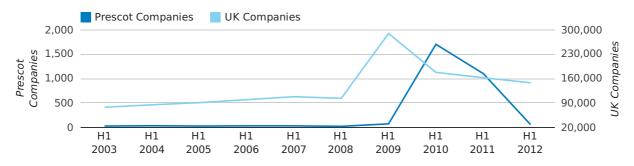
| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2012 | 16 | 12 | 19 |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 25 | 13 | 30 |
| % CHANGE | -36.0% | -7.7% | -36.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2008 (207) | 2006 (104) | 2007 (313) |

In the first half of 2012 a total of 54 companies were dissolved in Prescot. This figure is 95.1% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Prescot occurred in 2010 when a total of 1,702 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | PRESCOT | UK |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 54 | 147,793 |
| 2011 | 1,101 | 162,310 |
| % CHANGE | -95.1% | -8.9% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2010 (1,702) | 2009 (289,236) |

dissolved companies by half year



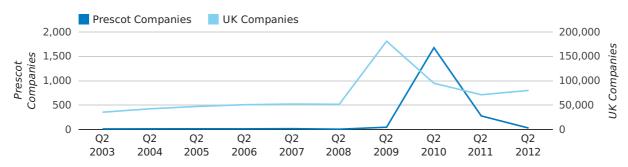
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 30 companies were dissolved in Prescot during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

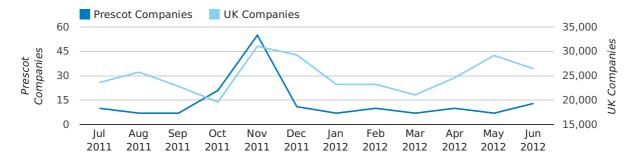
This figure is a decrease of 89.2% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | PRESCOT | UK |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 30 | 80,217 |
| 2011 | 279 | 71,324 |
| % CHANGE | -89.2% | 12.5% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2010 (1,678) | 2009 (181,176) |

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

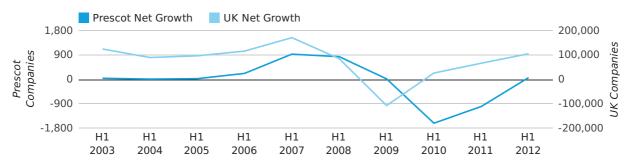


| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------------|------------|--------------|-----------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012 | 10 | 7 | 13 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 207 | 69 | 3 |
| % CHANGE | -95.2% | -89.9% | 333% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (207) | 2010 (1,636) | 2010 (34) |

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Prescot increased by 67 companies. This figure is 106.7% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | PRESCOT | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 67 | 105,357 |
| 2011 | -1,000 | 66,425 |
| % CHANGE | -106.7% | 58.6% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2007 (933) | 2007 (171,296) |

net growth by half year

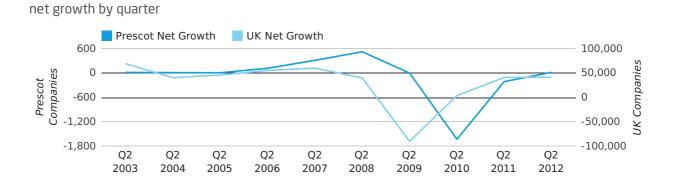


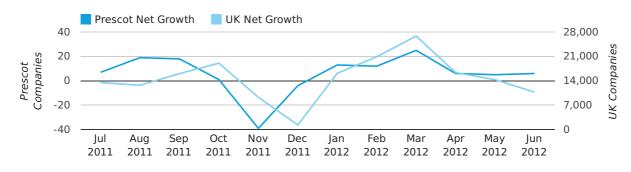
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Prescot during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 17 companies.

This represents an increase of 108.1% on the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | PRESCOT | UK |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 2012 | 17 | 41,442 |
| 2011 | -211 | 41,020 |
| % CHANGE | -108.1% | 1.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2008 (523) | 2003 (69,274) |





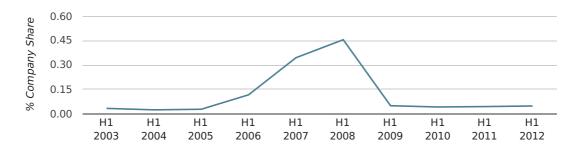
| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------|------------|-----------|------------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2012 | 6 | 5 | 6 |
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | -182 | -56 | 27 |
| % CHANGE | -103.3% | -108.9% | -77.8% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2008 (204) | 2006 (98) | 2008 (309) |

net growth by month

In the first half of 2012 Prescot formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.0%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | PRESCOT |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2012 | 0.0% |
| 2011 | 0.0% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.0% |
| 2008 | 0.5% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 2008 (0.5%) |

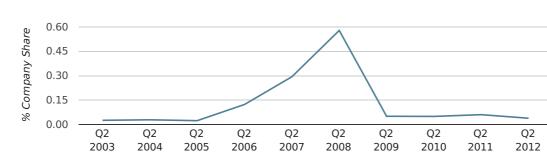
company share by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

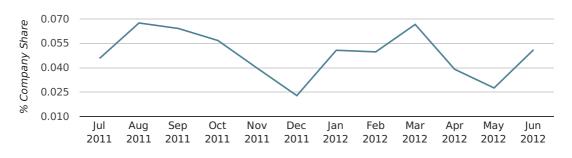
In the second quarter of 2012, Prescot formed 0.0% of all UK companies.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | PRESCOT |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2012 | 0.0% |
| 2011 | 0.1% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.1% |
| 2008 | 0.6% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 2008 (0.6%) |



company share by quarter

company share by month



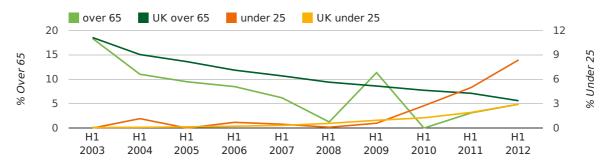
| | APRIL | ΜΑΥ | JUNE |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.1% |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.1% |
| % CHANGE | -46.1% | -19.1% | -32.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2008 (0.6%) | 2006 (0.3%) | 2008 (1.1%) |

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 41.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 8.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year

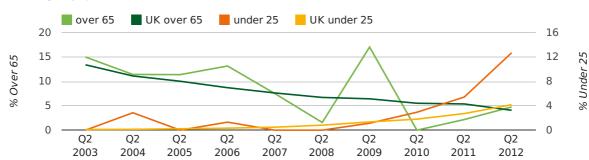


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 40.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 12.7% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

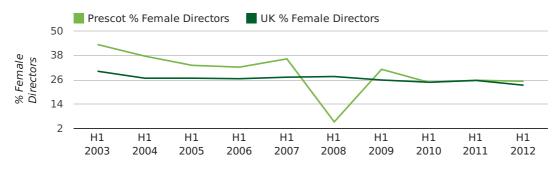


director age by quarter

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

25.3% of all director appointments in Prescot 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 Prescot was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

27.5% of all director appointments in Prescot 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 |
|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| (NW) | 2.03% | CONSULTING | 5.07% |
| ENGINEERING | 1.58% | MANAGEMENT | 4.74% |
| CONSULTANCY | 1.58% | CONSULTANCY | 3.28% |
| J | 1.35% | PROPERTY | 2.35% |
| ELECTRICAL | 1.35% | TRADING | 2.10% |
| DESIGN | 1.13% | DESIGN | 1.89% |
| CONSULTING | 1.13% | ENGINEERING | 1.87% |
| S | 0.90% | ASSOCIATES | 1.82% |
| HEATING | 0.90% | CONSULTANTS | 1.78% |
| CAR | 0.90% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.71% |
| SECURITY | 0.90% | BUSINESS | 1.70% |
| CONSTRUCTION | 0.90% | MEDIA | 1.69% |
| SOLICITORS | 0.68% | LONDON | 1.68% |
| E | 0.68% | J | 1.57% |
| CIC | 0.68% | GLOBAL | 1.51% |
| ESTATES | 0.68% | INVESTMENTS | 1.48% |
| SYSTEMS | 0.68% | IT | 1.42% |
| Р | 0.68% | CARE | 1.31% |
| NW | 0.68% | PROPERTIES | 1.31% |
| ETG | 0.68% | М | 1.26% |
| LEGAL | 0.68% | ELECTRICAL | 1.23% |
| ACADEMY | 0.68% | BUILDING | 1.23% |
| REPAIRS | 0.68% | SECURITY | 1.19% |
| FINANCIAL | 0.68% | S | 1.18% |
| WEST | 0.68% | ENTERPRISES | 1.17% |



Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|
| None Supplied | 144 | 244,457 |
| 7450 - Labour recruitment | 126 | 1,553 |
| 7470 - Other cleaning activities | 38 | 1,095 |
| 4521 - General construction & civil engineering | 25 | 4,644 |
| 7487 - Other business activities | 16 | 47,029 |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management | 11 | 20,390 |
| 74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified | 7 | 10,271 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 7 | 35,447 |
| 43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified | 7 | 4,091 |
| 4525 - Other special trades construction | 6 | 1,411 |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities | 6 | 15,280 |
| 99999 - Dormant Company | 6 | 26,088 |
| 86900 - Other human health activities | 6 | 5,222 |
| 43210 - Electrical installation | 5 | 3,557 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 4 | 16,469 |
| 71122 - Engineering related scientific and technical consulting activities | 4 | 1,179 |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy | 4 | 10,978 |
| 43390 - Other building completion and finishing | 4 | 3,241 |
| 69102 - Solicitors | 4 | 1,431 |
| 8512 - Medical practice activities | З | 1,960 |