

Rochdale

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Rochdale when compared to any previous first half year.
- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Rochdale when compared to any previous Q2.
- April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Rochdale when compared to any previous April.
- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Rochdale when compared to any previous first half year.

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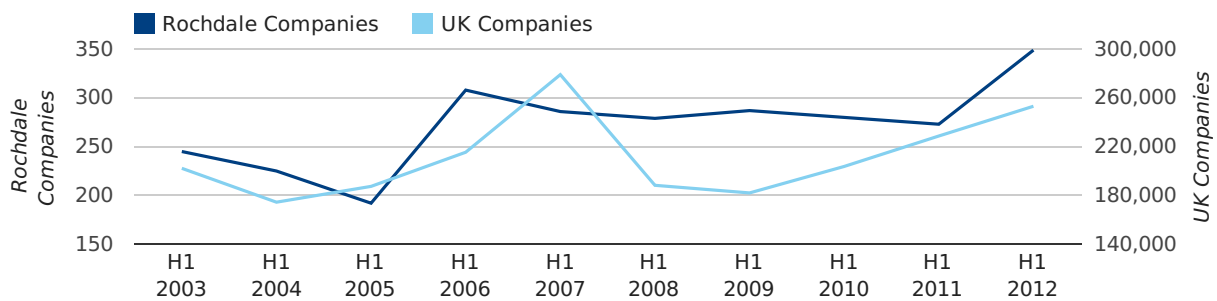
The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Rochdale when compared to any previous first half year.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 349 companies were formed in Rochdale. This figure is 27.8% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Rochdale occurred in 2012 when a total of 349 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ROCHDALE	UK
2012	349	253,150
2011	273	228,735
% CHANGE	27.8%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (349)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

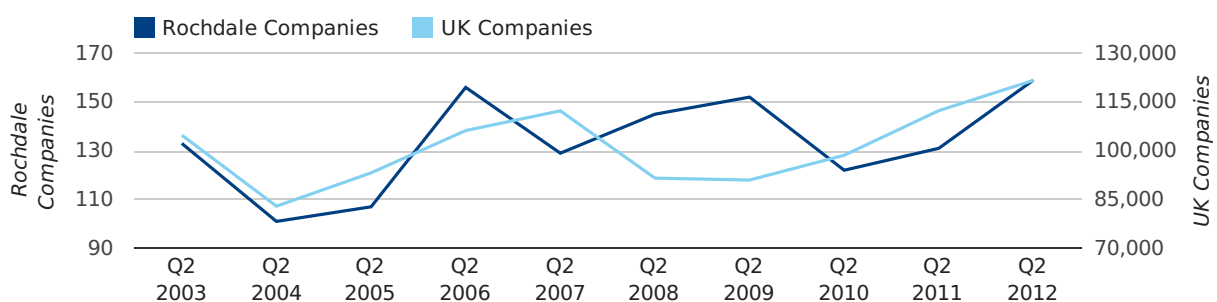
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Rochdale when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 159 companies were registered in Rochdale during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 21.4% 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)	ROCHDALE	UK
2012	159	121,659
2011	131	112,344
% CHANGE	21.4%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (159)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Rochdale when compared to any previous April.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	56	53	50
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	31	35	65
% CHANGE	80.6%	51.4%	-23.1%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (56)	2006 (66)	2011 (65)

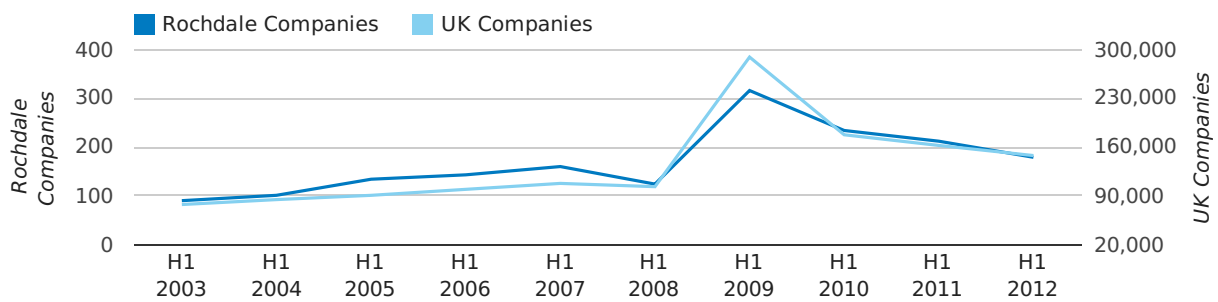
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 179 companies were dissolved in Rochdale. This figure is 15.6% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Rochdale occurred in 2009 when a total of 316 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ROCHDALE	UK
2012	179	147,793
2011	212	162,310
% CHANGE	-15.6%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (316)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 103 companies were dissolved in Rochdale during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 28.8% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares poorly 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)	ROCHDALE	UK
2012	103	80,217
2011	80	71,324
% CHANGE	28.8%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (208)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	33	35	35
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	18	39	23
% CHANGE	83.3%	-10.3%	52%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (73)	2009 (100)	2012 (35)

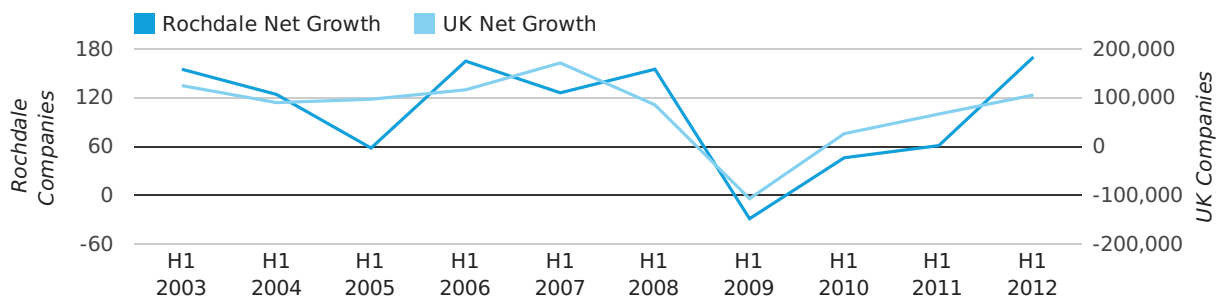
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The first half of 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Rochdale when compared to any previous first half year.

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Rochdale increased by 170 companies. This figure is 178.7% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ROCHDALE	UK
2012	170	105,357
2011	61	66,425
% CHANGE	178.7%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (170)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



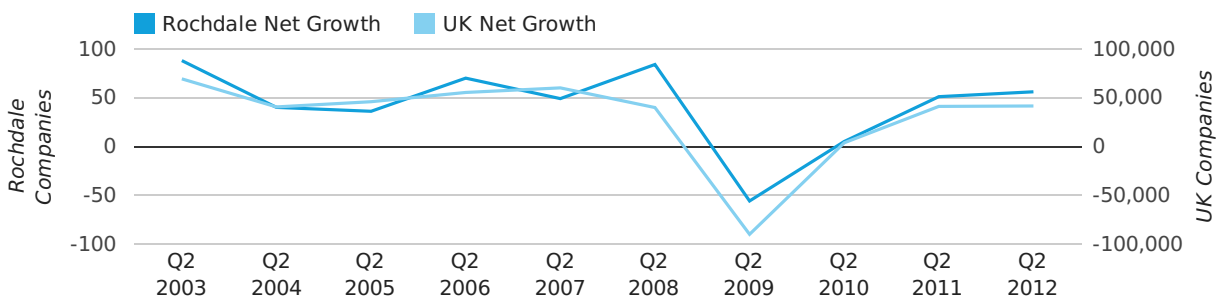
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Rochdale during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 56 companies.

This represents an increase of 9.8% on the same period last year.

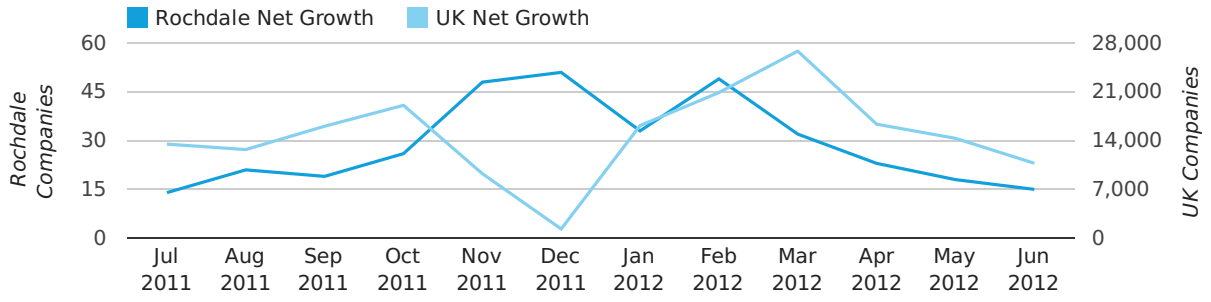
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ROCHDALE	UK
2012	56	41,442
2011	51	41,020
% CHANGE	9.8%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (88)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



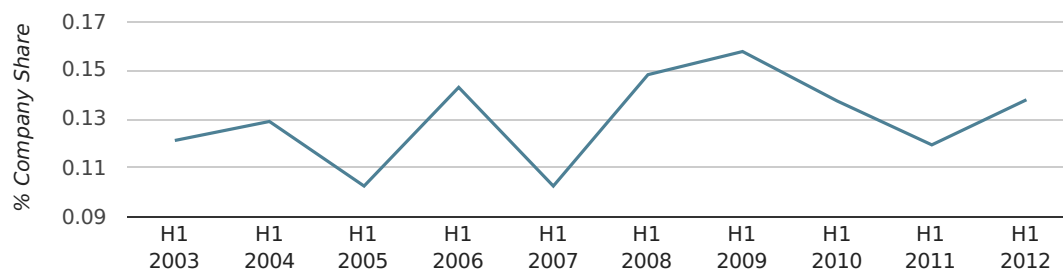
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	23	18	15
NET GROWTH IN 2011	13	-4	42
% CHANGE	76.9%	-550.0%	-64.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (44)	2006 (47)	2008 (43)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ROCHDALE
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.3%)

company share by half year

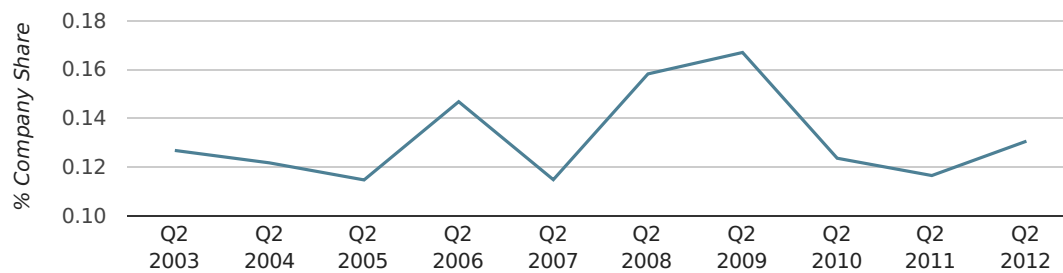


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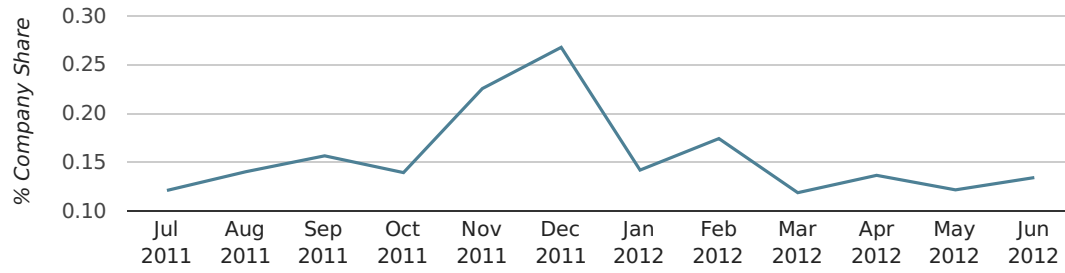
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ROCHDALE
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (0.3%)

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%	0.2%
% CHANGE	52.1%	32.7%	-17.8%
RECORD YEAR	1972 (0.4%)	1964 (0.4%)	1965 (0.4%)

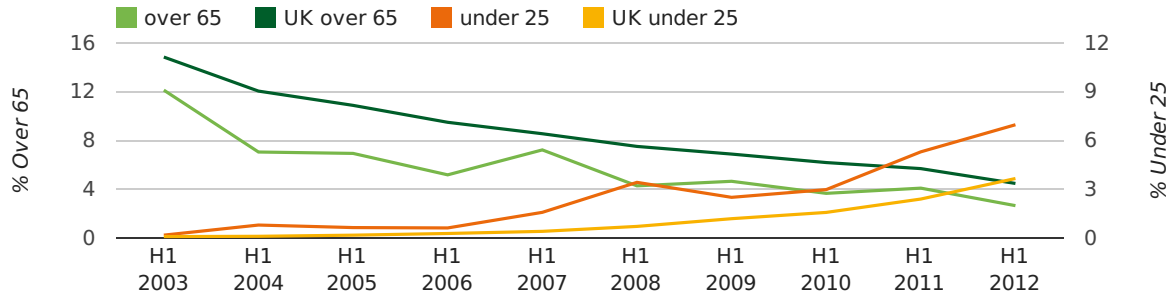
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 41.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 7.0% 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



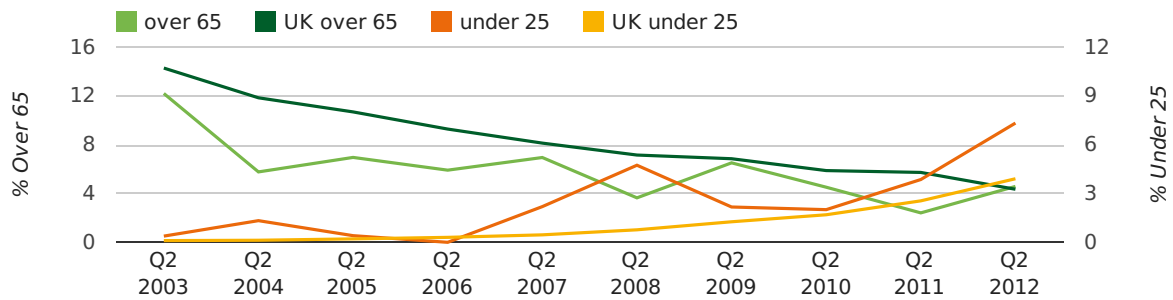
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 41.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 7.3% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

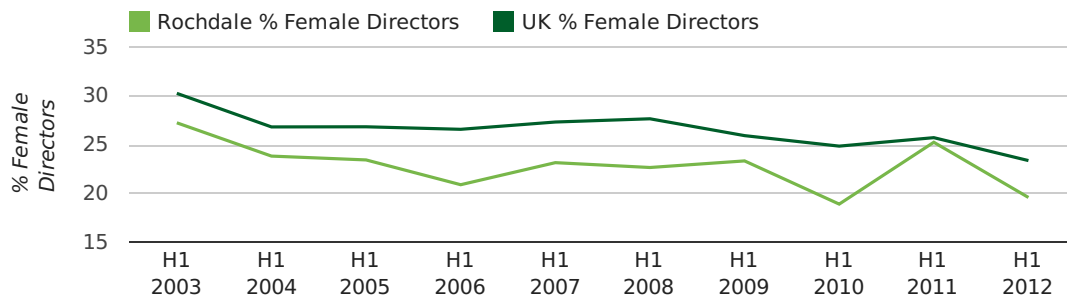


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

19.6% of all director appointments in Rochdale 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

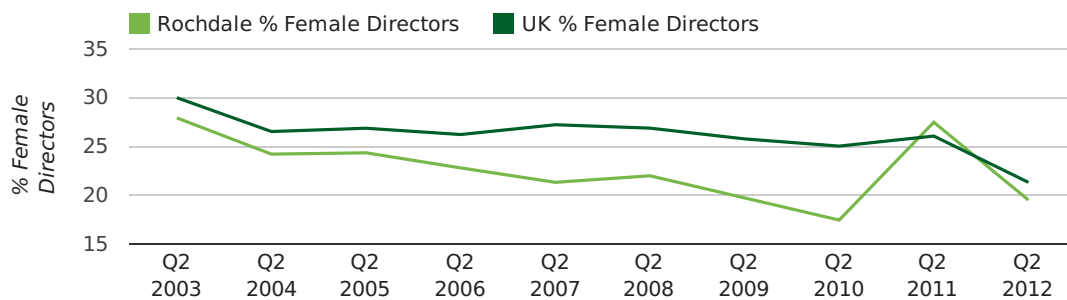


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

19.5% of all director appointments in Rochdale 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
TRADING	2.51%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.51%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	0.84%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
SECURITY	0.84%	PROPERTY	2.35%
SHOP	0.84%	TRADING	2.10%
INT	0.84%	DESIGN	1.89%
INVESTMENTS	0.75%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
ASSOCIATES	0.75%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
COLLECTIONS	0.75%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
CONSULTANCY	0.67%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
EMPIRE	0.67%	BUSINESS	1.70%
MEDICAL	0.59%	MEDIA	1.69%
SYSTEMS	0.59%	LONDON	1.68%
NORTHWEST	0.59%	J	1.57%
PROPERTY	0.59%	GLOBAL	1.51%
(NW)	0.50%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
M	0.50%	IT	1.42%
PROPERTIES	0.50%	CARE	1.31%
CATERING	0.50%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ROCHDALE	0.50%	M	1.26%
J	0.50%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
ENGINEERING	0.50%	BUILDING	1.23%
BUSINESS	0.50%	SECURITY	1.19%
CONSTRUCTION	0.50%	S	1.18%
SASCO	0.42%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	357	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	83	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	78	35,447
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	15	14,220
9999 - Dormant Company	13	16,469
86900 - Other human health activities	12	5,222
7414 - Business & management consultancy	11	10,978
99999 - Dormant Company	11	26,088
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	11	15,280
9305 - Other service activities	11	7,926
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	11	10,271
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	10	20,390
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	9	4,091
86210 - General medical practice activities	9	2,657
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	8	3,818
56101 - Licensed restaurants	7	1,551
74990 - Non-trading company	7	9,706
62090 - Other information technology service activities	7	8,258
8512 - Medical practice activities	6	1,960
86101 - Hospital activities	6	1,455