Salford

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

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

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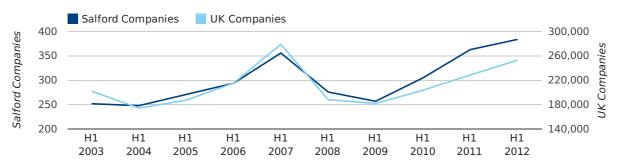
The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Salford when compared to any previous first half year.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 384 companies were formed in Salford. This figure is 5.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Salford occurred in 2012 when a total of 384 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | SALFORD | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 384 | 253,150 |
| 2011 | 363 | 228,735 |
| % CHANGE | 5.8% | 10.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2012 (384) | 2007 (279,097) |

new companies by half year



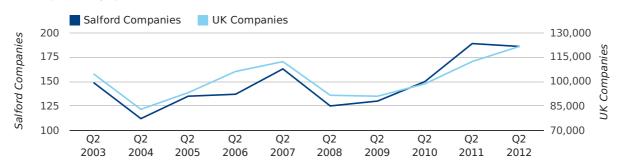
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 186 companies were registered in Salford during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

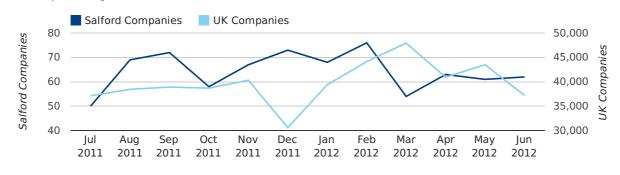
This figure is a decrease of 1.6% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | SALFORD | UK |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 186 | 121,659 |
| 2011 | 189 | 112,344 |
| % CHANGE | -1.6% | 8.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (189) | 2012 (121,659) |

new companies by quarter



new companies by month



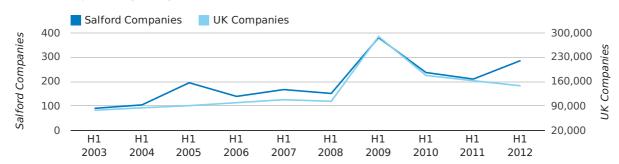
| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2012 | 63 | 61 | 62 |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 50 | 69 | 70 |
| % CHANGE | 26.0% | -11.6% | -11.4% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1997 (79) | 2011 (69) | 2007 (72) |

In the first half of 2012 a total of 286 companies were dissolved in Salford. This figure is 36.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Salford occurred in 2009 when a total of 380 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | SALFORD | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 286 | 147,793 |
| 2011 | 210 | 162,310 |
| % CHANGE | 36.2% | -8.9% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (380) | 2009 (289,236) |

dissolved companies by half year



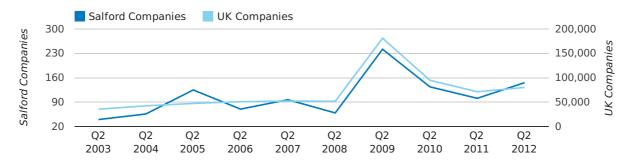
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 146 companies were dissolved in Salford during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

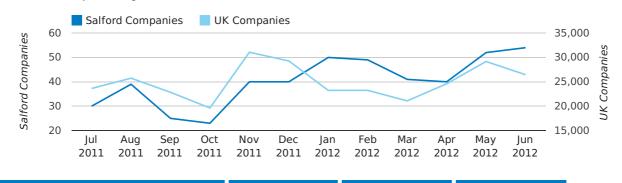
This figure is an increase of 44.6% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | SALFORD | UK |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 146 | 80,217 |
| 2011 | 101 | 71,324 |
| % CHANGE | 44.6% | 12.5% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (242) | 2009 (181,176) |

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

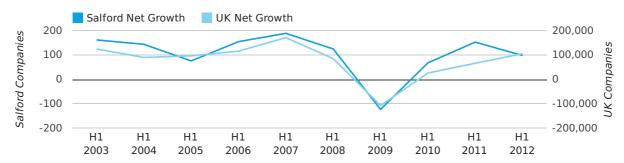


| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012 | 40 | 52 | 54 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 23 | 40 | 38 |
| % CHANGE | 73.9% | 30.0% | 42% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (71) | 2009 (96) | 2009 (75) |

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Salford increased by 98 companies. This figure is 35.9% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | SALFORD | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2012 | 98 | 105,357 |
| 2011 | 153 | 66,425 |
| % CHANGE | -35.9% | 58.6% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2007 (189) | 2007 (171,296) |

net growth by half year



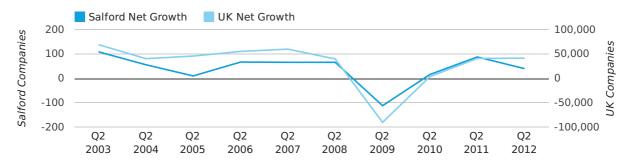
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Salford during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 40 companies.

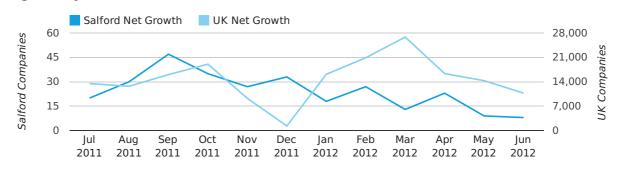
This represents a decrease of 54.5% on the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | SALFORD | UK |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 2012 | 40 | 41,442 |
| 2011 | 88 | 41,020 |
| % CHANGE | -54.5% | 1.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (109) | 2003 (69,274) |

net growth by quarter



net growth by month

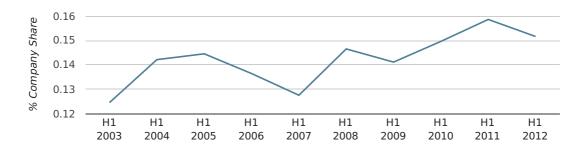


| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2012 | 23 | 9 | 8 |
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 27 | 29 | 32 |
| % CHANGE | -14.8% | -69.0% | -75.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1997 (70) | 2003 (42) | 2003 (47) |

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

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | SALFORD |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2012 | 0.2% |
| 2011 | 0.2% |
| 2010 | 0.1% |
| 2009 | 0.1% |
| 2008 | 0.1% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1997 (0.2%) |

company share by half year

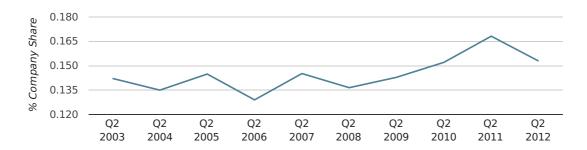


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

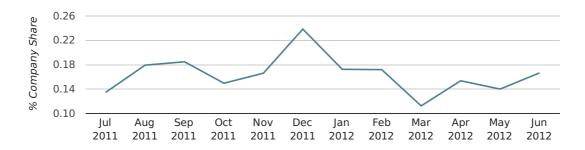
In the second quarter of 2012, Salford formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012) | SALFORD |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2012 | 0.2% |
| 2011 | 0.2% |
| 2010 | 0.2% |
| 2009 | 0.1% |
| 2008 | 0.1% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1995 (0.2%) |

company share by quarter



company share by month



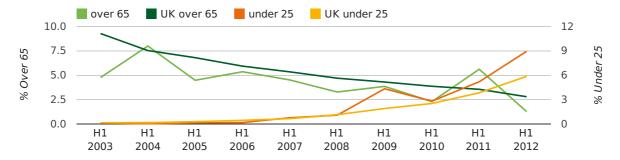
| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012 | 0.2% | 0.1% | 0.2% |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.1% | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| % CHANGE | 6.1% | -22.5% | -5.4% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1997 (0.4%) | 1967 (0.4%) | 1960 (0.3%) |

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 37.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 9.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



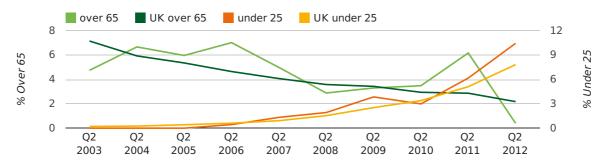
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 36.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 10.4% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 0.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

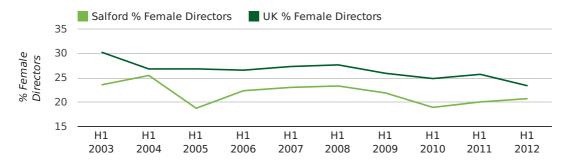
director age by quarter



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

20.7% of all director appointments in Salford 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

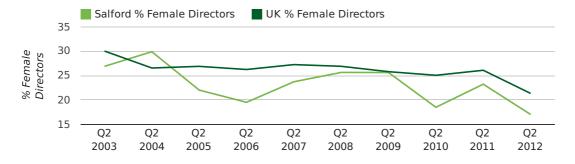


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

17.0% of all director appointments in Salford 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



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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 | 1.28% | CONSULTING | 5.07% |
| MANAGEMENT | 1.12% | MANAGEMENT | 4.74% |
| (MANCHESTER) | 1.04% | CONSULTANCY | 3.28% |
| ENGINEERING | 0.80% | PROPERTY | 2.35% |
| CONSULTANCY | 0.80% | TRADING | 2.10% |
| MEDIA | 0.80% | DESIGN | 1.89% |
| PROPERTY | 0.80% | ENGINEERING | 1.87% |
| Н | 0.80% | ASSOCIATES | 1.82% |
| TRADING | 0.80% | CONSULTANTS | 1.78% |
| М | 0.64% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.71% |
| J | 0.64% | BUSINESS | 1.70% |
| PROPERTIES | 0.64% | MEDIA | 1.69% |
| SALFORD | 0.56% | LONDON | 1.68% |
| WEST) | 0.56% | J | 1.57% |
| ESTATES | 0.56% | GLOBAL | 1.51% |
| ENTERPRISES | 0.56% | INVESTMENTS | 1.48% |
| DESIGN | 0.48% | IT | 1.42% |
| FINANCIAL | 0.48% | CARE | 1.31% |
| FOR | 0.48% | PROPERTIES | 1.31% |
| GLOBAL | 0.48% | М | 1.26% |
| (NORTH | 0.48% | ELECTRICAL | 1.23% |
| PROJECT | 0.40% | BUILDING | 1.23% |
| TECHNOLOGY | 0.40% | SECURITY | 1.19% |
| INVESTMENTS | 0.40% | S | 1.18% |
| TRAINING | 0.40% | ENTERPRISES | 1.17% |

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|
| None Supplied | 452 | 244,457 |
| 99999 - Dormant Company | 70 | 26,088 |
| 7487 - Other business activities | 60 | 47,029 |
| 7499 - Non-trading company | 24 | 8,023 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 22 | 35,447 |
| 74990 - Non-trading company | 19 | 9,706 |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified | 18 | 14,220 |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities | 17 | 15,280 |
| 68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis | 14 | 3,365 |
| 70100 - Activities of head offices | 14 | 2,678 |
| 7020 - Letting of own property | 14 | 1,458 |
| 74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified | 13 | 10,271 |
| 68100 - Buying and selling of own real estate | 12 | 3,143 |
| 9305 - Other service activities | 11 | 7,926 |
| 7222 - Other software consultancy and supply | 10 | 6,356 |
| 62012 - Business and domestic software development | 10 | 4,742 |
| 86230 - Dental practice activities | 10 | 1,834 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 9 | 16,469 |
| 56302 - Public houses and bars | 9 | 2,913 |
| 96020 - Hairdressing and other beauty treatment | 9 | 2,993 |