Sheffield

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

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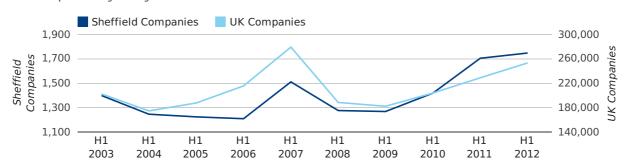
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The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Sheffield when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,747 companies were formed in Sheffield. This figure is 2.5% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Sheffield occurred in 2012 when a total of 1,747 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2012	1,747	253,150
2011	1,704	228,735
% CHANGE	2.5%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (1,747)	2007 (279,097)



new companies by half year

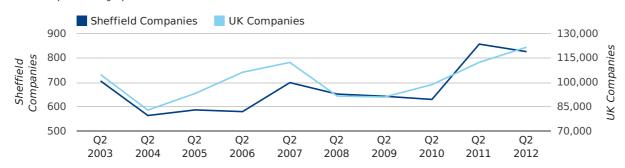
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 826 companies were registered in Sheffield during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 3.6% 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)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2012	826	121,659
2011	857	112,344
% CHANGE	-3.6%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (857)	2012 (121,659)

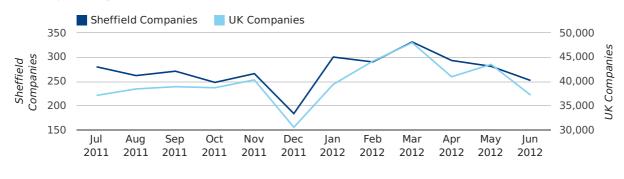
new companies by quarter



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

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new companies by month



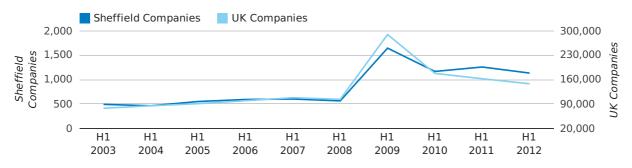
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	293	281	252
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	258	262	337
% CHANGE	13.6%	7.3%	-25.2%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (293)	2012 (281)	2011 (337)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,132 companies were dissolved in Sheffield. This figure is 9.9% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Sheffield occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,644 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2012	1,132	147,793
2011	1,257	162,310
% CHANGE	-9.9%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,644)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



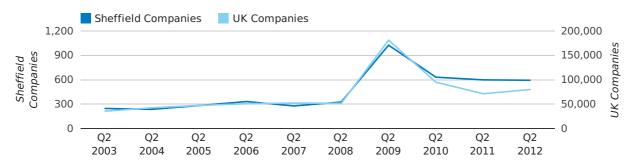
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 594 companies were dissolved in Sheffield during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

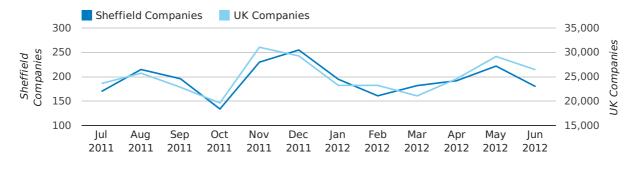
This figure is a decrease of 0.8% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2012	594	80,217
2011	599	71,324
% CHANGE	-0.8%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,026)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

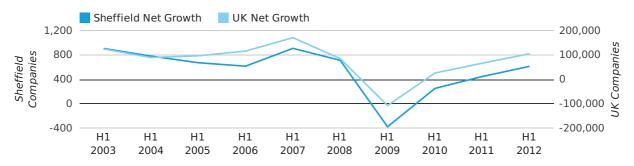


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	192	222	180
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	148	245	206
% CHANGE	29.7%	-9.4%	-13%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (288)	2009 (420)	2009 (318)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Sheffield increased by 615 companies. This figure is 37.6% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2012	615	105,357
2011	447	66,425
% CHANGE	37.6%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (910)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year

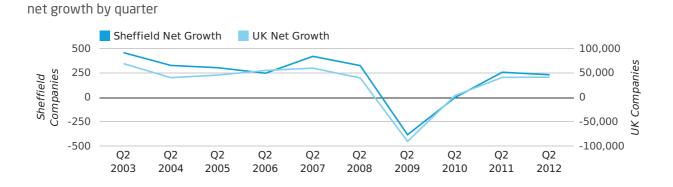


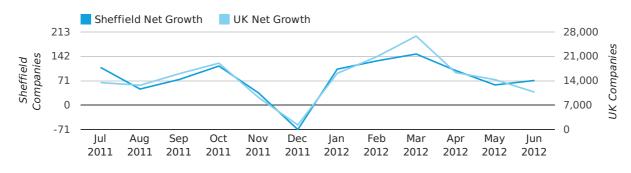
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Sheffield during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 232 companies.

This represents a decrease of 10.1% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2012	232	41,442
2011	258	41,020
% CHANGE	-10.1%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (459)	2003 (69,274)





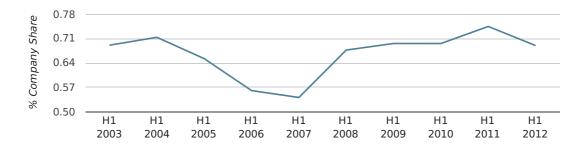
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	101	59	72
NET GROWTH IN 2011	110	17	131
% CHANGE	-8.2%	247.1%	-45.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (180)	2003 (152)	2008 (181)

net growth by month

In the first half of 2012 Sheffield formed 0.7% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.7%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SHEFFIELD
2012	0.7%
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (1.2%)

company share by half year

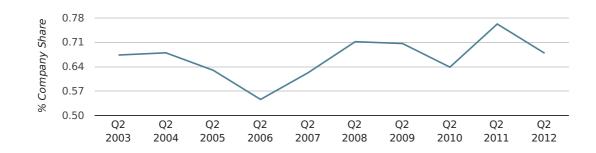


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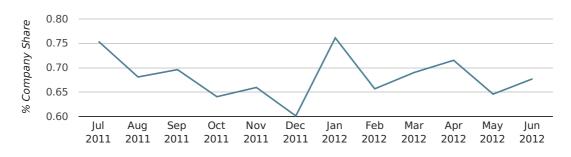
company share by quarter

In the second quarter of 2012, Sheffield formed 0.7% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SHEFFIELD
2012	0.7%
2011	0.8%
2010	0.6%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1974 (1.2%)



company share by month



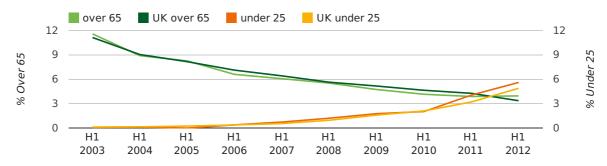
	APRIL	ΜΑΥ	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.7%	0.6%	0.7%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%
% CHANGE	-4.4%	-6.0%	-20.1%
RECORD YEAR	1964 (1.3%)	1974 (1.7%)	1982 (1.3%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 42.6.

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 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



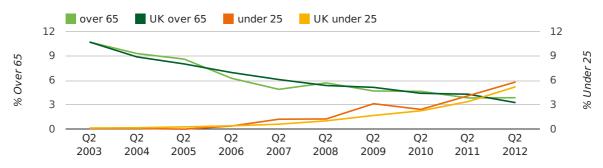
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The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 42.5.

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The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

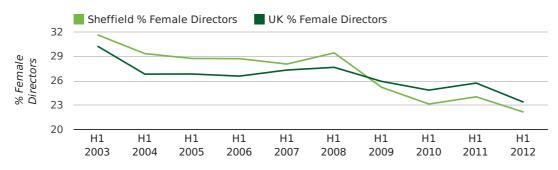
director age by quarter



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

22.2% of all director appointments in Sheffield 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

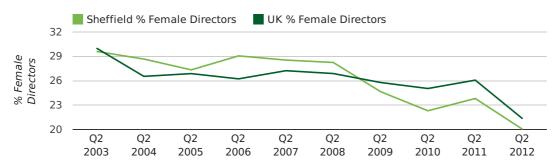


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

20.0% of all director appointments in Sheffield 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
MANAGEMENT	1.38%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTANCY	1.10%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
RTM	0.96%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTING	0.84%	PROPERTY	2.35%
TRADING	0.77%	TRADING	2.10%
YORKSHIRE	0.77%	DESIGN	1.89%
PROPERTY	0.72%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
DESIGN	0.72%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CONSTRUCTION	0.70%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
CONSULTANTS	0.68%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
BUSINESS	0.68%	BUSINESS	1.70%
J	0.68%	MEDIA	1.69%
SHEFFIELD	0.68%	LONDON	1.68%
S	0.65%	J	1.57%
GLOBAL	0.65%	GLOBAL	1.51%
ENTERPRISES	0.65%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
PROPERTIES	0.61%	IT	1.42%
ELECTRICAL	0.58%	CARE	1.31%
ASSOCIATES	0.56%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
HOUSE	0.56%	М	1.26%
IT	0.54%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
FINANCIAL	0.54%	BUILDING	1.23%
CARE	0.54%	SECURITY	1.19%
BUILDING	0.51%	S	1.18%
TRAINING	0.51%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%



Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,710	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	292	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	224	26,088
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	213	35,447
9999 - Dormant Company	114	16,469
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	94	20,390
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	71	14,220
74990 - Non-trading company	70	9,706
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	69	15,280
7414 - Business & management consultancy	68	10,978
62090 - Other information technology service activities	63	8,258
86220 - Specialists medical practice activities	48	2,003
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	45	10,271
86900 - Other human health activities	45	5,222
9302 - Hairdressing & other beauty treatment	43	1,300
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	40	4,091
9305 - Other service activities	40	7,926
41100 - Development of building projects	39	5,149
43210 - Electrical installation	39	3,557
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	38	4,295