

# St Albans

2012 half year business confidence report



## headlines

- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in St Albans when compared to any previous May.
- June 2012 saw a new record in company closures in St Albans when compared to any previous June.

## contents

new company registrations

closed companies (dissolved)

net company growth

uk company share

director age

director gender

naming trends

sic data

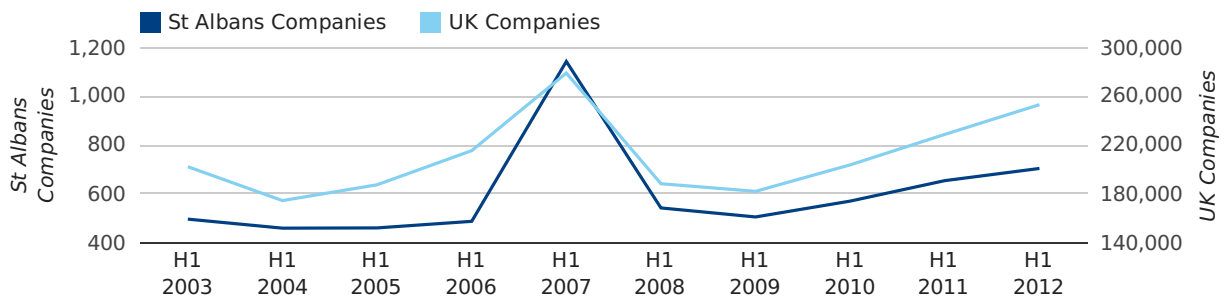
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 704 companies were formed in St Albans. This figure is 7.6% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in St Albans occurred in 2007 when a total of 1,143 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ST ALBANS	UK
2012	704	253,150
2011	654	228,735
% CHANGE	7.6%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,143)	2007 (279,097)

### new companies by half year



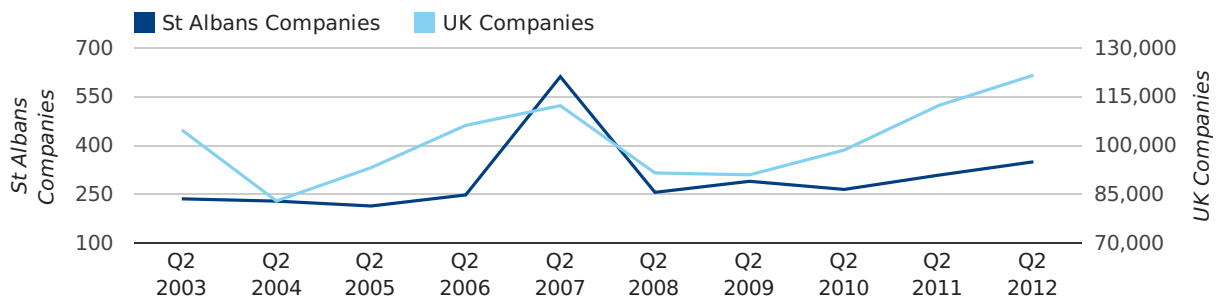
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 350 companies were registered in St Albans during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 13.3% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares equally 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)	ST ALBANS	UK
2012	350	121,659
2011	309	112,344
% CHANGE	13.3%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (612)	2012 (121,659)

### new companies by quarter



## Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

### new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	121	128	101
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	93	89	127
% CHANGE	30.1%	43.8%	-20.5%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (406)	2012 (128)	2011 (127)

### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 470 companies were dissolved in St Albans. This figure is 13.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in St Albans occurred in 2009 when a total of 564 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ST ALBANS	UK
2012	470	147,793
2011	415	162,310
% CHANGE	13.3%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (564)	2009 (289,236)

### dissolved companies by half year



### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 256 companies were dissolved in St Albans during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 43.0% 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)	ST ALBANS	UK
2012	256	80,217
2011	179	71,324
% CHANGE	43.0%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (351)	2009 (181,176)

### dissolved companies by quarter



## Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

June 2012 saw a new record in company closures in St Albans when compared to any previous June.

### dissolved companies by month



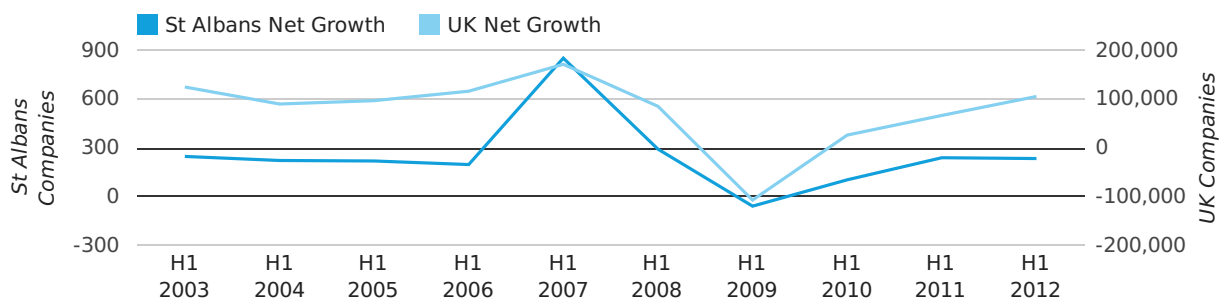
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	75	82	99
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	44	77	58
% CHANGE	70.5%	6.5%	71%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (89)	2009 (167)	2012 (99)

### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for St Albans increased by 234 companies. This figure is 2.1% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ST ALBANS	UK
2012	234	105,357
2011	239	66,425
% CHANGE	-2.1%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (852)	2007 (171,296)

### net growth by half year



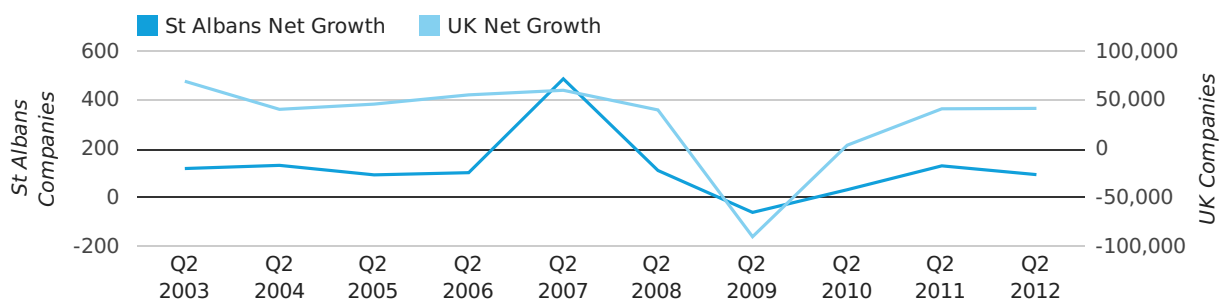
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for St Albans during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 94 companies.

This represents a decrease of 27.7% on the same period last year.

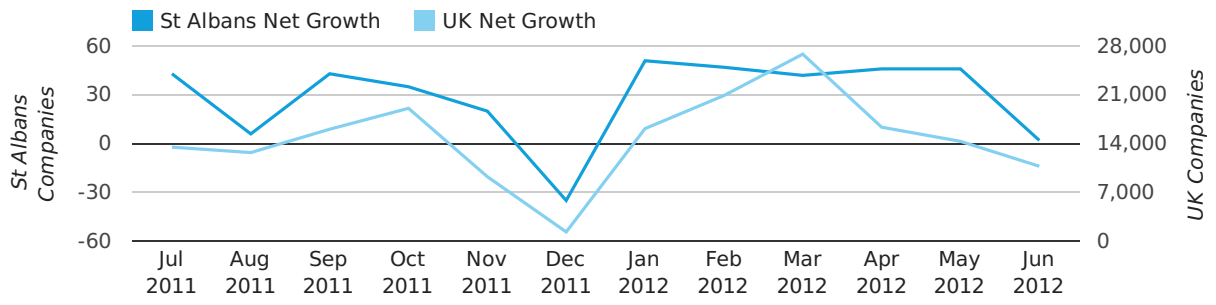
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ST ALBANS	UK
2012	94	41,442
2011	130	41,020
% CHANGE	-27.7%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (487)	2003 (69,274)

### net growth by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

## net growth by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	46	46	2
NET GROWTH IN 2011	49	12	69
% CHANGE	-6.1%	283.3%	-97.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (370)	2003 (50)	2007 (72)

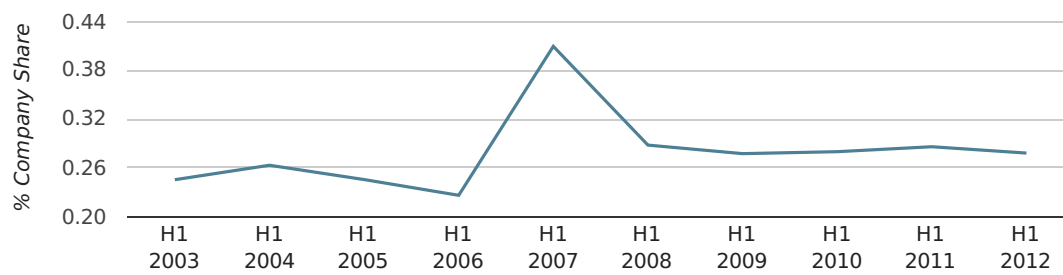


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 St Albans formed 0.3% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ST ALBANS
2012	0.3%
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.7%)

#### company share by half year

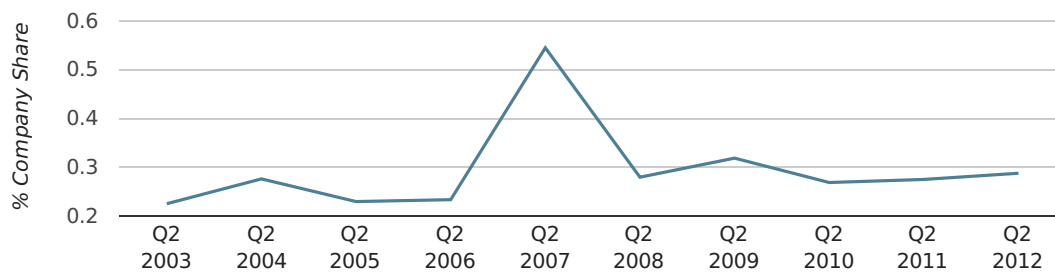


### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, St Albans formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ST ALBANS
2012	0.3%
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.8%)

#### company share by quarter



## Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

### company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%
% CHANGE	9.5%	26.1%	-15.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1.0%)	1967 (0.8%)	1967 (1.1%)

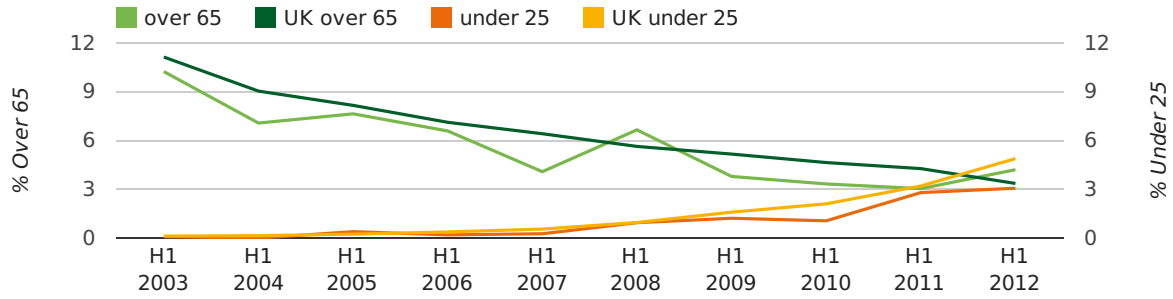
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 43.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

#### director age by half year



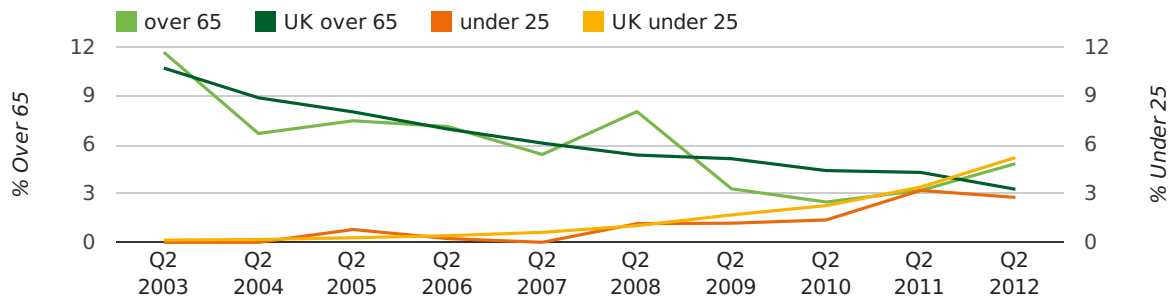
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 43.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.8% 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

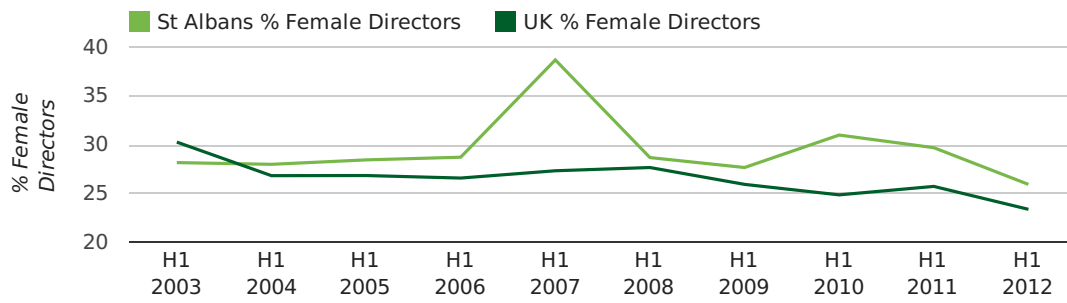


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

25.9% of all director appointments in St Albans 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

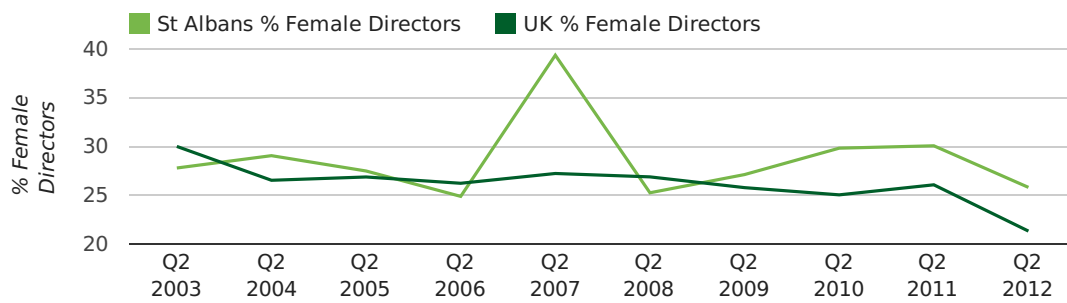


### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

25.8% of all director appointments in St Albans 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, &amp;, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
CONSULTING	2.75%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MEDICAL	1.90%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	1.32%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
ASSOCIATES	1.00%	PROPERTY	2.35%
PROPERTY	0.85%	TRADING	2.10%
MANAGEMENT	0.85%	DESIGN	1.89%
CONSTRUCTION	0.74%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
J	0.74%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
DESIGN	0.69%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
CONSULTANTS	0.69%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
M	0.53%	BUSINESS	1.70%
RECRUITMENT	0.53%	MEDIA	1.69%
MEDIA	0.53%	LONDON	1.68%
LONDON	0.53%	J	1.57%
ENTERPRISES	0.53%	GLOBAL	1.51%
S	0.42%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
IT	0.42%	IT	1.42%
EVENTS	0.42%	CARE	1.31%
K	0.42%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
MARKETING	0.42%	M	1.26%
CENTRE	0.42%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
PROPERTIES	0.37%	BUILDING	1.23%
INVESTMENTS	0.37%	SECURITY	1.19%
FINANCIAL	0.37%	S	1.18%
PARTNERS	0.37%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

## Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	520	244,457
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	157	35,447
7487 - Other business activities	133	47,029
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	108	20,390
86101 - Hospital activities	93	1,455
99999 - Dormant Company	76	26,088
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	61	15,280
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	57	10,271
7414 - Business & management consultancy	53	10,978
8511 - Hospital activities	46	833
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	31	6,356
9999 - Dormant Company	29	16,469
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	29	14,220
62090 - Other information technology service activities	27	8,258
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	24	4,644
7260 - Other computer related activities	20	6,456
41100 - Development of building projects	19	5,149
43210 - Electrical installation	19	3,557
59113 - Television programme production activities	19	1,104
7499 - Non-trading company	18	8,023