

St Helens

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in St Helens when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in St Helens when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in St Helens when compared to any previous Q2.
- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in St Helens when compared to any previous May.
- April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in St Helens when compared to any previous April.

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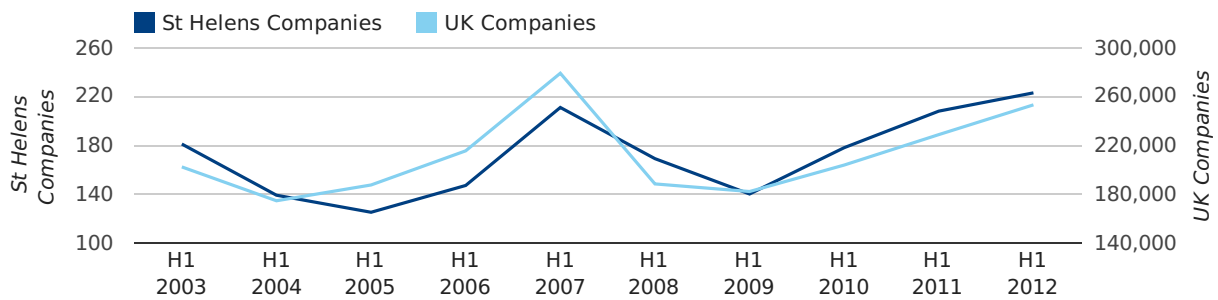
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in St Helens when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 223 companies were formed in St Helens. This figure is 7.2% 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 Helens occurred in 2012 when a total of 223 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ST HELENS	UK
2012	223	253,150
2011	208	228,735
% CHANGE	7.2%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (223)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

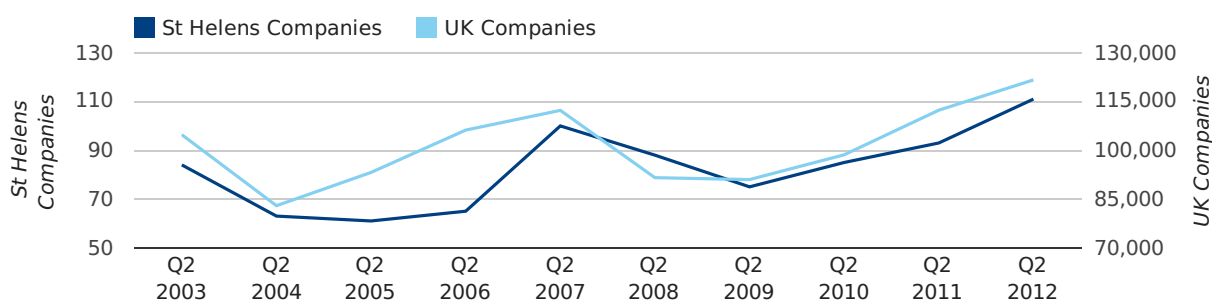
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in St Helens when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 111 companies were registered in St Helens during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 19.4% 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)	ST HELENS	UK
2012	111	121,659
2011	93	112,344
% CHANGE	19.4%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (111)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	44	40	27
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	18	34	41
% CHANGE	144.4%	17.6%	-34.1%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (44)	2012 (40)	2011 (41)

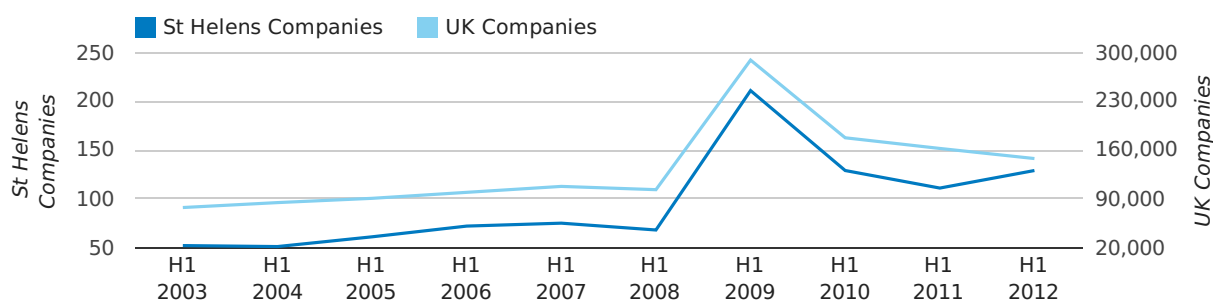
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 129 companies were dissolved in St Helens. This figure is 16.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in St Helens occurred in 2009 when a total of 211 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ST HELENS	UK
2012	129	147,793
2011	111	162,310
% CHANGE	16.2%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (211)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 68 companies were dissolved in St Helens during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 51.1% 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 HELENS	UK
2012	68	80,217
2011	45	71,324
% CHANGE	51.1%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (141)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



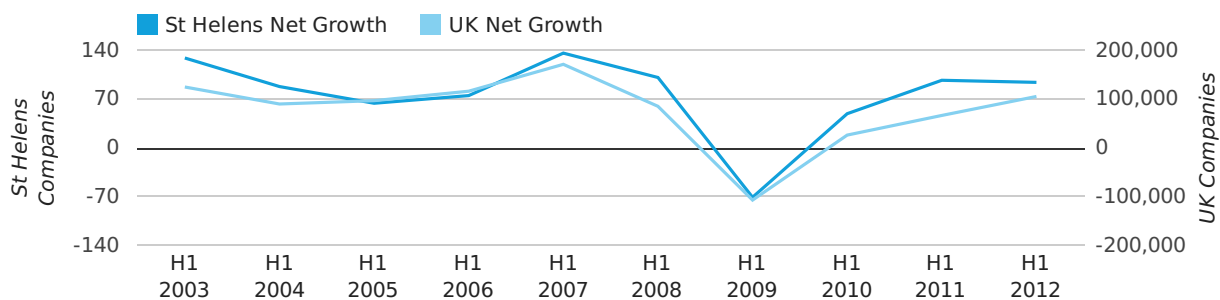
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	10	31	27
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	10	21	14
% CHANGE	0.0%	47.6%	93%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (39)	2009 (51)	2009 (51)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for St Helens increased by 94 companies. This figure is 3.1% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ST HELENS	UK
2012	94	105,357
2011	97	66,425
% CHANGE	-3.1%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (136)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



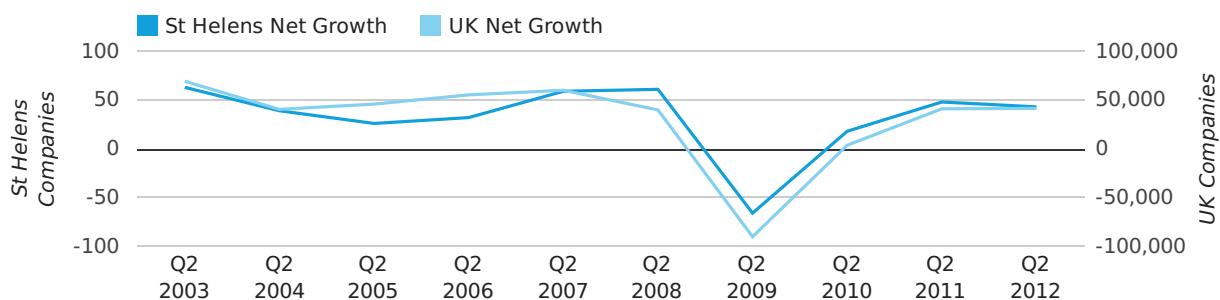
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for St Helens during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 43 companies.

This represents a decrease of 10.4% on the same period last year.

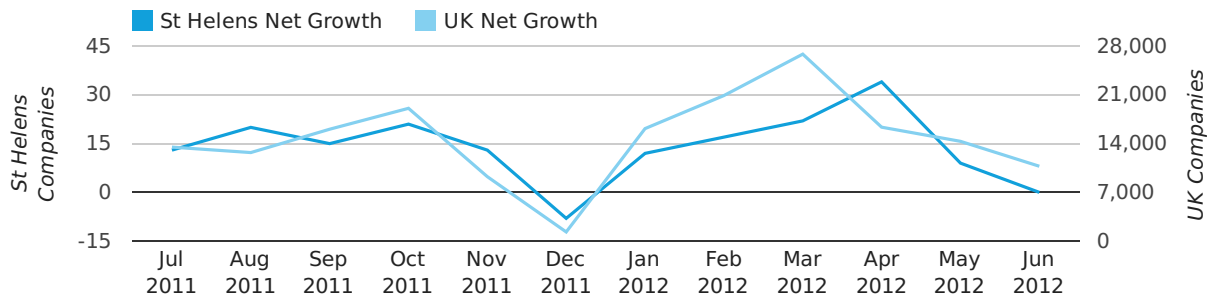
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ST HELENS	UK
2012	43	41,442
2011	48	41,020
% CHANGE	-10.4%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (63)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



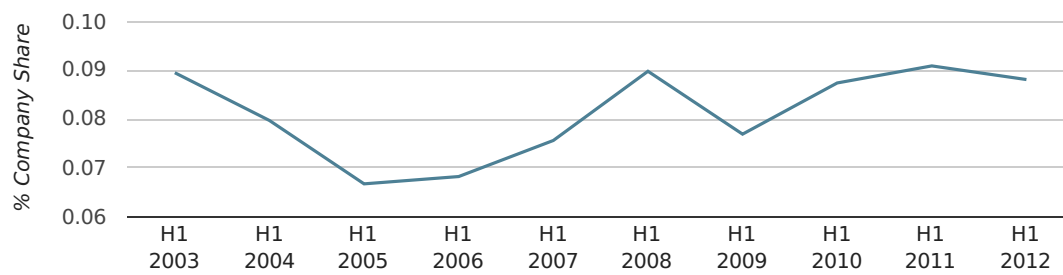
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	34	9	0
NET GROWTH IN 2011	8	13	27
% CHANGE	325.0%	-30.8%	-100.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (38)	2003 (26)	2011 (27)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	ST HELENS
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1976 (0.3%)

company share by half year

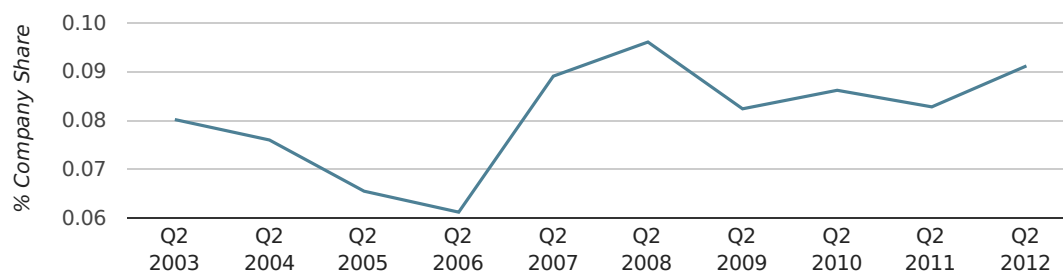


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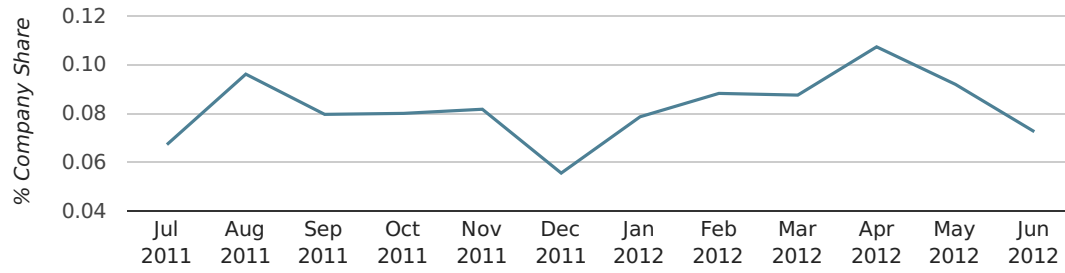
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	ST HELENS
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1976 (0.4%)

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%	0.1%
% CHANGE	105.7%	3.1%	-29.7%
RECORD YEAR	1961 (0.3%)	1964 (0.4%)	1976 (0.6%)

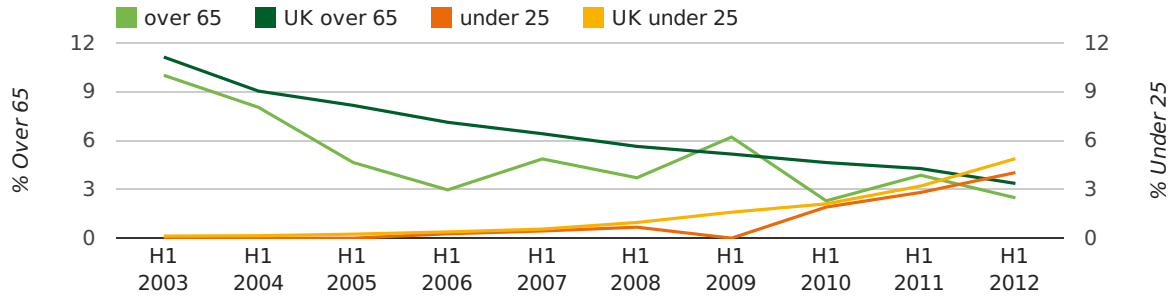
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 41.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



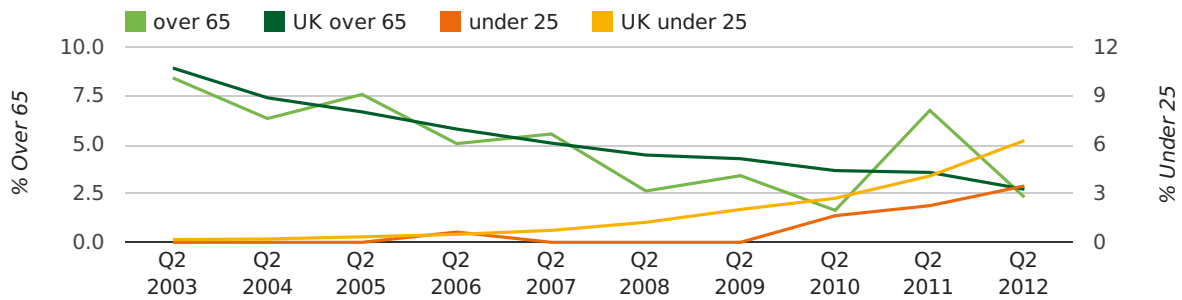
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 40.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

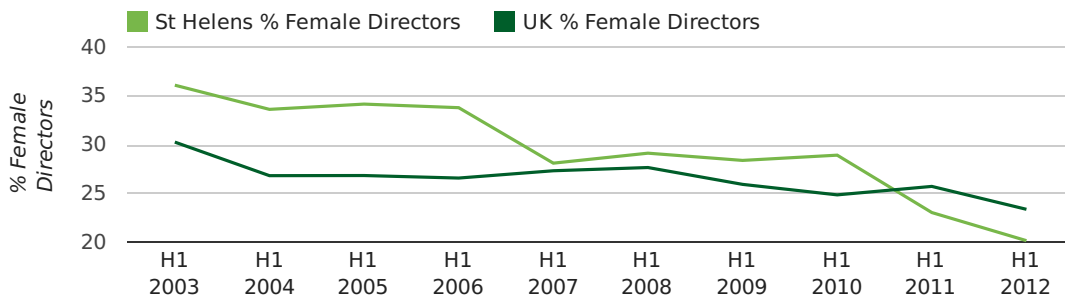


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

20.2% of all director appointments in St Helens 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

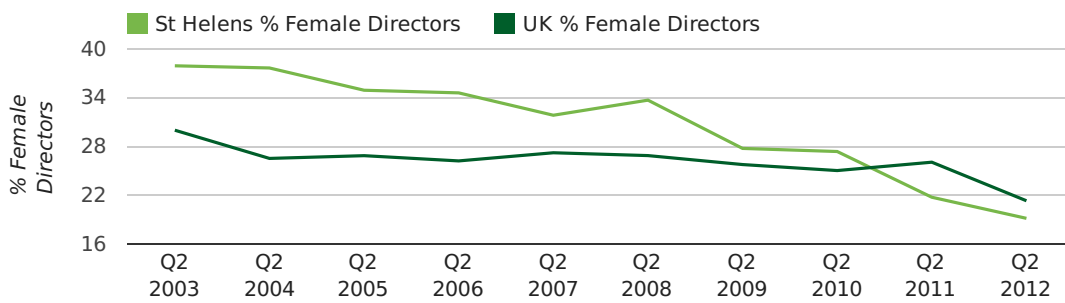


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

19.2% of all director appointments in St Helens 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
TRANSPORT	1.11%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	1.11%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
HEALTHCARE	0.97%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
ST	0.97%	PROPERTY	2.35%
ENERGY	0.97%	TRADING	2.10%
J	0.97%	DESIGN	1.89%
HELENS	0.83%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
LOGISTICS	0.83%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CONSULTANCY	0.70%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
SECURITY	0.70%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
IT	0.70%	BUSINESS	1.70%
CARE	0.70%	MEDIA	1.69%
FINANCIAL	0.70%	LONDON	1.68%
PROPERTY	0.56%	J	1.57%
CONSTRUCTION	0.56%	GLOBAL	1.51%
HIRE	0.56%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
TO	0.56%	IT	1.42%
TRAINING	0.56%	CARE	1.31%
CONSULTANTS	0.56%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
TRADING	0.56%	M	1.26%
KITCHENS	0.56%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.42%	BUILDING	1.23%
ACCOUNTANCY	0.42%	SECURITY	1.19%
RENEWABLE	0.42%	S	1.18%
INSPIRE	0.42%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	209	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	26	47,029
9999 - Dormant Company	18	16,469
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	15	14,220
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	14	20,390
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	12	15,280
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	12	35,447
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	11	10,271
7414 - Business & management consultancy	8	10,978
99999 - Dormant Company	7	26,088
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	6	2,880
43210 - Electrical installation	6	3,557
41100 - Development of building projects	6	5,149
49410 - Freight transport by road	6	2,912
74990 - Non-trading company	6	9,706
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	6	3,818
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	6	4,091
9305 - Other service activities	6	7,926
86220 - Specialists medical practice activities	5	2,003
7260 - Other computer related activities	5	6,456