

Stockport

2012 half year business confidence report



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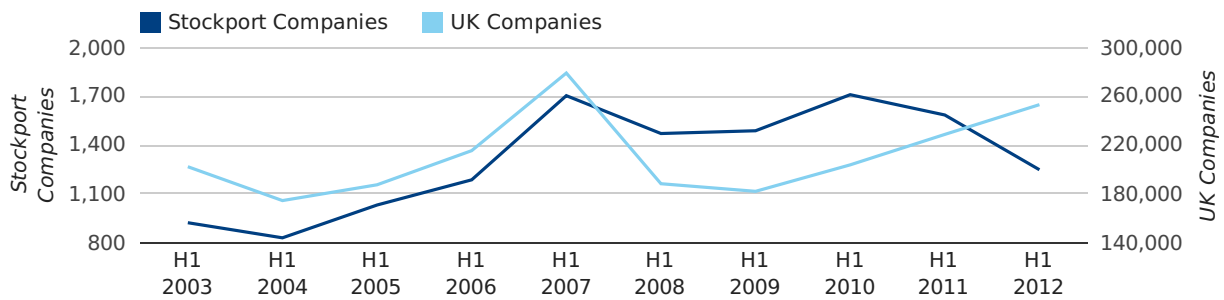
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,248 companies were formed in Stockport. This figure is 21.3% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Stockport occurred in 2010 when a total of 1,710 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STOCKPORT	UK
2012	1,248	253,150
2011	1,585	228,735
% CHANGE	-21.3%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (1,710)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



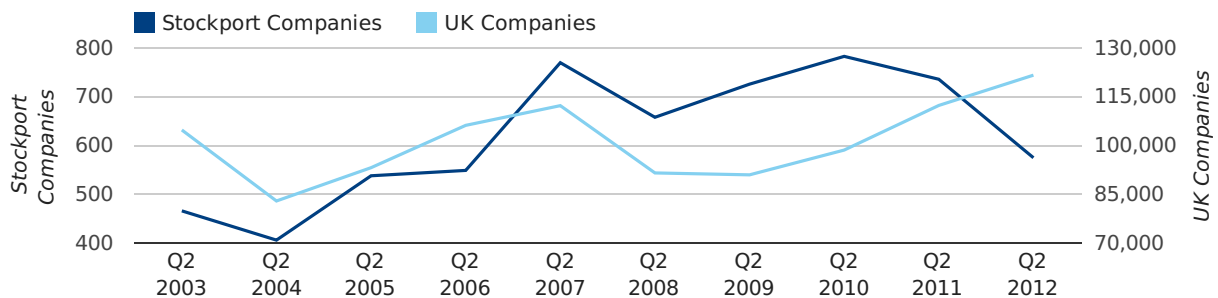
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 575 companies were registered in Stockport during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 21.9% 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)	STOCKPORT	UK
2012	575	121,659
2011	736	112,344
% CHANGE	-21.9%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (783)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	191	228	156
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	224	256	256
% CHANGE	-14.7%	-10.9%	-39.1%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (275)	2007 (278)	2010 (257)

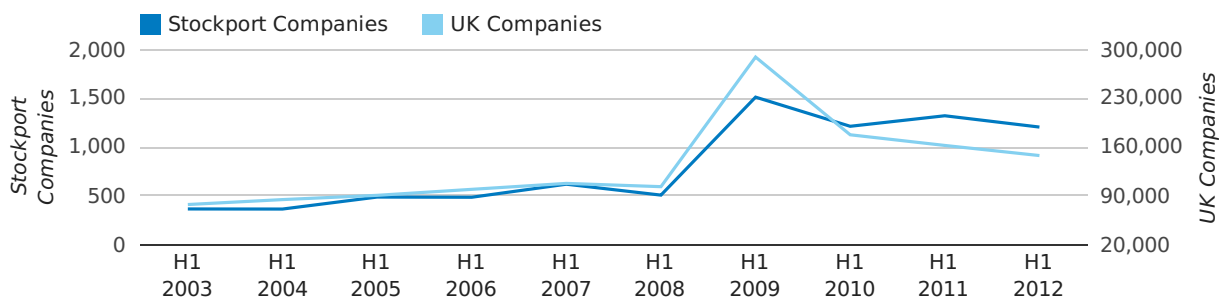
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,205 companies were dissolved in Stockport. This figure is 8.8% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Stockport occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,512 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STOCKPORT	UK
2012	1,205	147,793
2011	1,321	162,310
% CHANGE	-8.8%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,512)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 729 companies were dissolved in Stockport during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 7.4% 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)	STOCKPORT	UK
2012	729	80,217
2011	679	71,324
% CHANGE	7.4%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (907)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

April 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Stockport when compared to any previous April.

dissolved companies by month



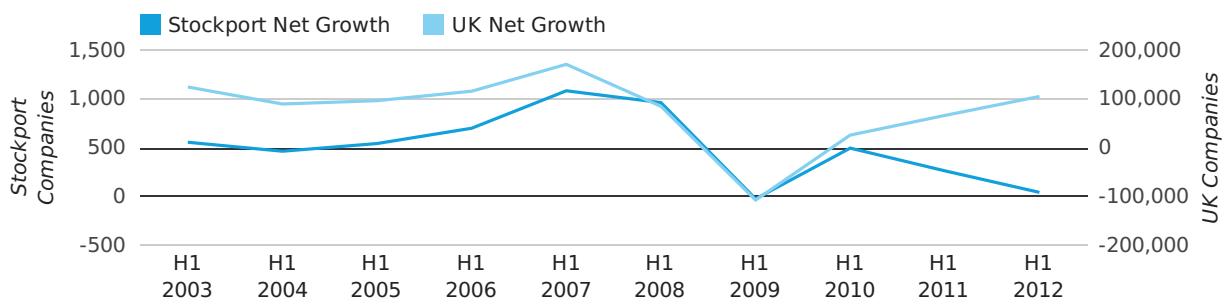
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	263	233	233
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	187	289	203
% CHANGE	40.6%	-19.4%	15%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (263)	2009 (394)	2009 (263)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Stockport increased by 43 companies. This figure is 83.7% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STOCKPORT	UK
2012	43	105,357
2011	264	66,425
% CHANGE	-83.7%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,085)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



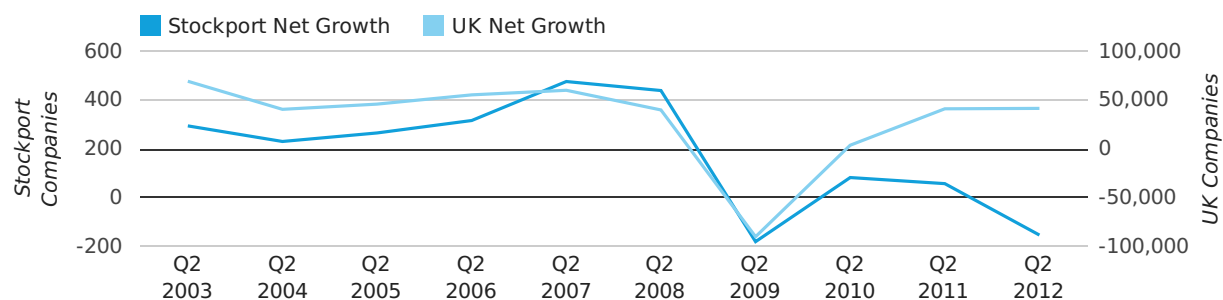
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Stockport during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was -154 companies.

This represents a decrease of 370.2% on the same period last year.

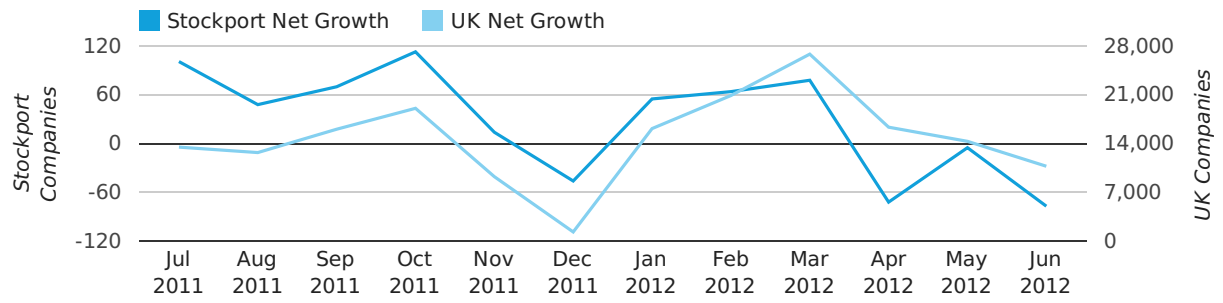
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	STOCKPORT	UK
2012	-154	41,442
2011	57	41,020
% CHANGE	-370.2%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (476)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



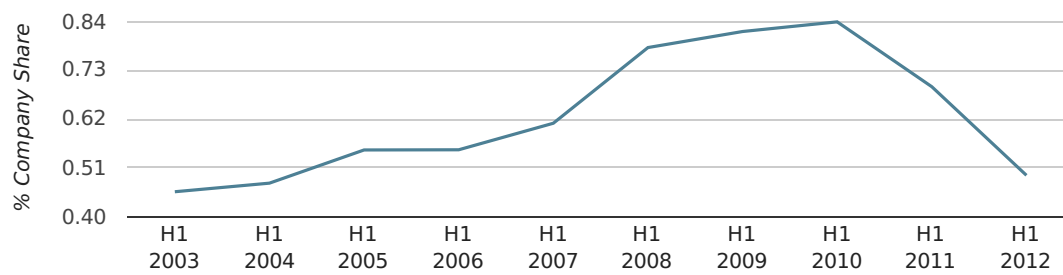
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	-72	-5	-77
NET GROWTH IN 2011	37	-33	53
% CHANGE	-294.6%	-84.8%	-245.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (183)	2007 (152)	2008 (207)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Stockport formed 0.5% of all UK companies. This is less than the 2011 figure of 0.7%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STOCKPORT
2012	0.5%
2011	0.7%
2010	0.8%
2009	0.8%
2008	0.8%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2010 (0.8%)

company share by half year

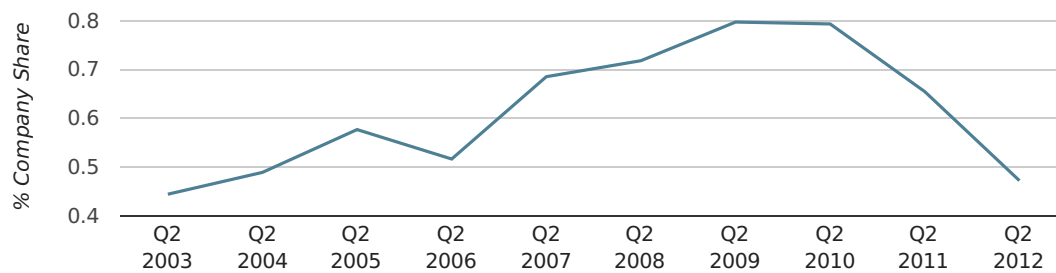


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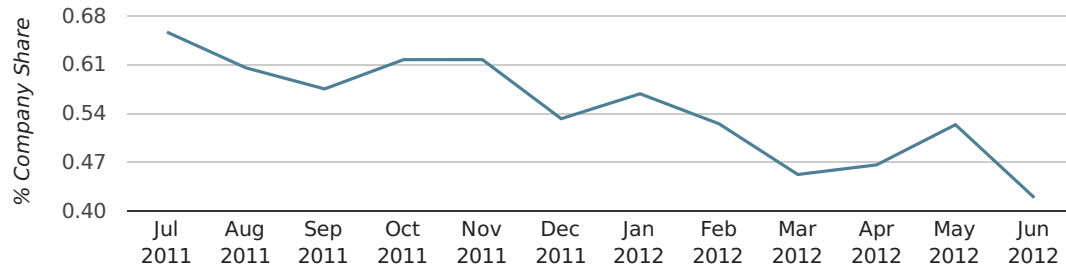
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	STOCKPORT
2012	0.5%
2011	0.7%
2010	0.8%
2009	0.8%
2008	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2009 (0.8%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%
% CHANGE	-28.2%	-21.9%	-34.9%
RECORD YEAR	1970 (0.9%)	1963 (1.0%)	2009 (0.8%)

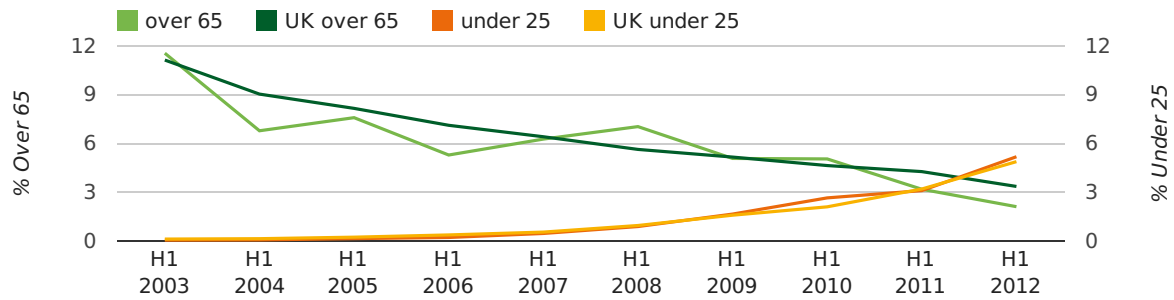
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



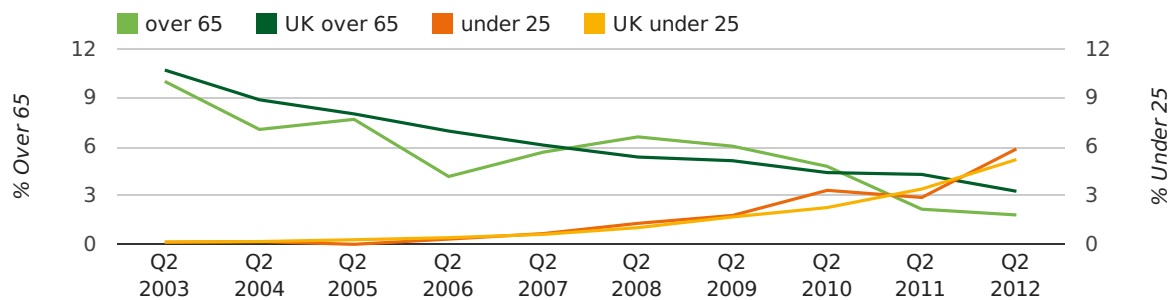
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The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 42.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.9% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

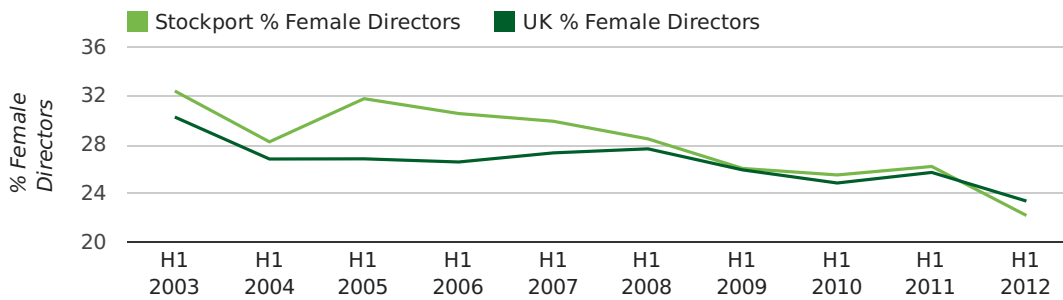


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The record first half year for female directors in Stockport was 1857 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

22.2% of all director appointments in Stockport 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

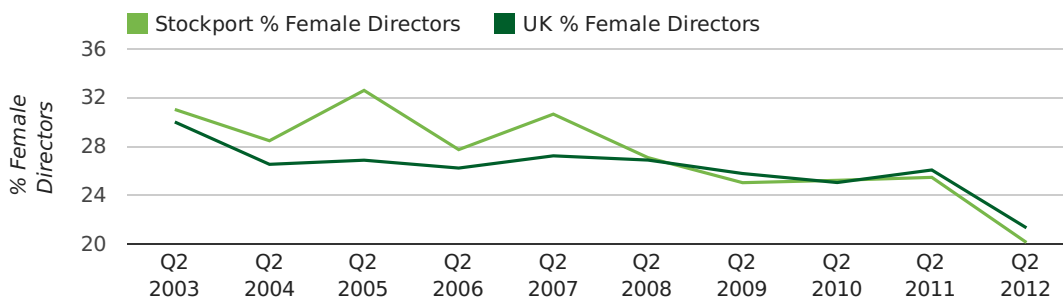


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

20.1% of all director appointments in Stockport 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
NORWAY	1.99%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	1.77%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.74%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
MEDIA	0.98%	PROPERTY	2.35%
OG	0.92%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTANCY	0.76%	DESIGN	1.89%
DESIGN	0.76%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
PROPERTIES	0.67%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
INVEST	0.64%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
MARKETING	0.64%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
ENGINEERING	0.62%	BUSINESS	1.70%
CONSULTANTS	0.62%	MEDIA	1.69%
TRADING	0.56%	LONDON	1.68%
STOCKPORT	0.56%	J	1.57%
BUSINESS	0.56%	GLOBAL	1.51%
CARE	0.53%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
MANCHESTER	0.50%	IT	1.42%
NORDIC	0.50%	CARE	1.31%
J	0.50%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
SERVICE	0.50%	M	1.26%
PROPERTY	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
CHESHIRE	0.48%	BUILDING	1.23%
SYSTEMS	0.45%	SECURITY	1.19%
ENTERPRISES	0.45%	S	1.18%
S	0.42%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,983	244,457
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	1,495	35,447
7487 - Other business activities	1,227	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	104	26,088
9999 - Dormant Company	72	16,469
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	66	14,220
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	65	20,390
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	51	15,280
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	48	10,271
7414 - Business & management consultancy	47	10,978
74990 - Non-trading company	44	9,706
9305 - Other service activities	39	7,926
7260 - Other computer related activities	29	6,456
62090 - Other information technology service activities	25	8,258
62012 - Business and domestic software development	24	4,742
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	24	6,356
7499 - Non-trading company	24	8,023
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	24	4,295
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	22	3,233
56103 - Take-away food shops and mobile food stands	22	3,169