Stroud

2012 half year business confidence report





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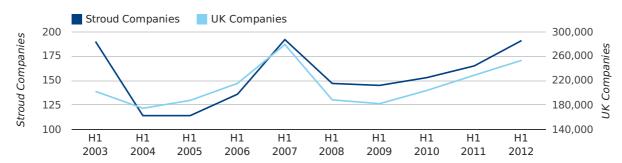


In the first half of 2012 a total of 191 companies were formed in Stroud. This figure is 15.8% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Stroud occurred in 2007 when a total of 192 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STROUD	UK
2012	191	253,150
2011	165	228,735
% CHANGE	15.8%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (192)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



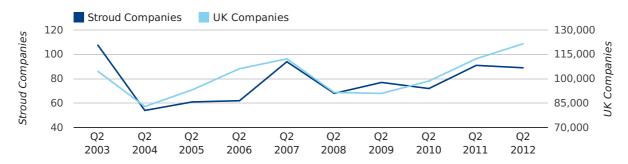
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 89 companies were registered in Stroud during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

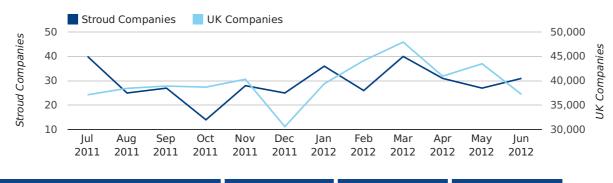
This figure is a decrease of 2.2% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	STROUD	UK
2012	89	121,659
2011	91	112,344
% CHANGE	-2.2%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (108)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



new companies by month



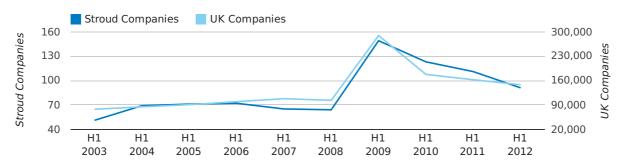
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	31	27	31
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	26	32	33
% CHANGE	19.2%	-15.6%	-6.1%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (35)	2003 (41)	2011 (33)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 91 companies were dissolved in Stroud. This figure is 18.0% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Stroud occurred in 2009 when a total of 149 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STROUD	UK
2012	91	147,793
2011	111	162,310
% CHANGE	-18.0%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (149)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



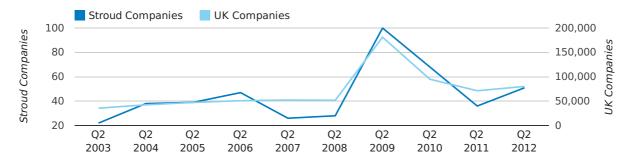
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 51 companies were dissolved in Stroud during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 41.7% 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)	STROUD	UK
2012	51	80,217
2011	36	71,324
% CHANGE	41.7%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (100)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011

% CHANGE

RECORD YEAR



24

-16.7%

2009 (43)

9

89%

2009 (34)

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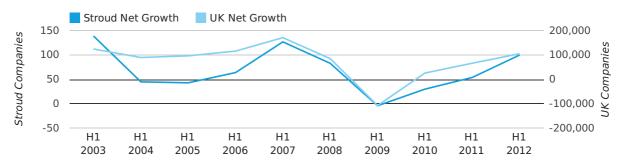
366.7%

2009 (23)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Stroud increased by 100 companies. This figure is 85.2% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STROUD	UK
2012	100	105,357
2011	54	66,425
% CHANGE	85.2%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (139)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



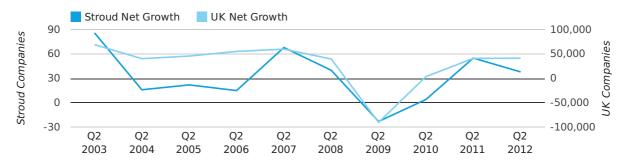
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Stroud during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 38 companies.

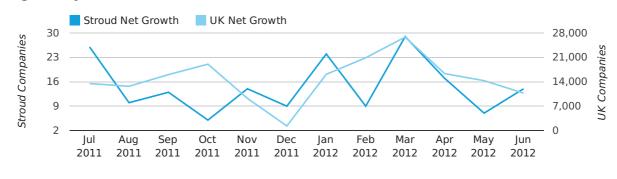
This represents a decrease of 30.9% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	STROUD	UK
2012	38	41,442
2011	55	41,020
% CHANGE	-30.9%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (86)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



net growth by month

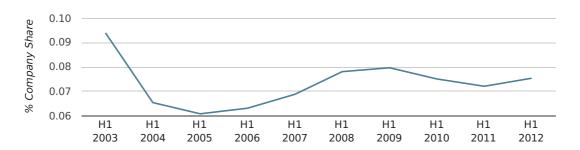


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	17	7	14
NET GROWTH IN 2011	23	8	24
% CHANGE	-26.1%	-12.5%	-41.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (31)	2003 (35)	2003 (26)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STROUD
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.2%)

company share by half year

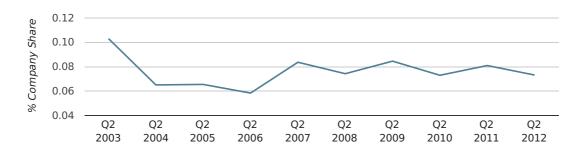


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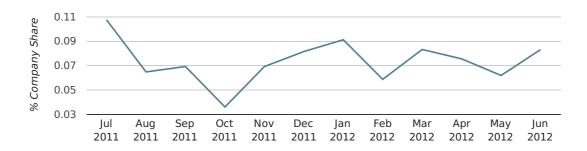
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SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	STROUD
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.4%)

company share by quarter



company share by month



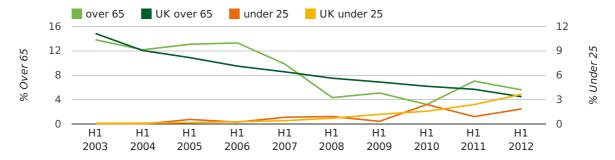
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	0.4%	-26.0%	0.2%
RECORD YEAR	1961 (0.5%)	1961 (0.5%)	1972 (0.5%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 47.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



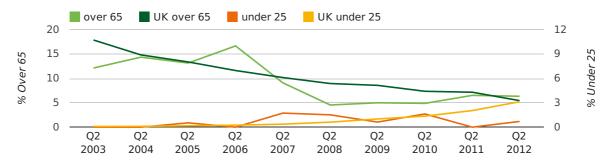
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 48.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 0.7% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

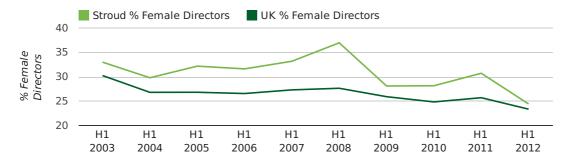
director age by quarter



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

24.4% of all director appointments in Stroud 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

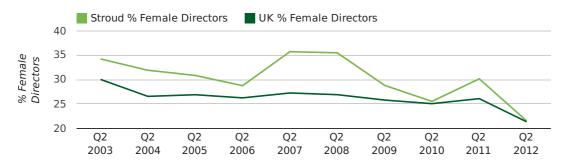


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

21.5% of all director appointments in Stroud 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%
ASSOCIATES	1.23%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
STROUD	1.23%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
DESIGN	1.08%	PROPERTY	2.35%
BUILDING	0.92%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTING	0.92%	DESIGN	1.89%
GREEN	0.92%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
(STROUD)	0.92%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CONSULTANCY	0.92%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
BUSINESS	0.77%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
COTSWOLD	0.77%	BUSINESS	1.70%
SCH00L	0.77%	MEDIA	1.69%
HOME	0.61%	LONDON	1.68%
TRADING	0.61%	J	1.57%
VP	0.61%	GLOBAL	1.51%
GLOBAL	0.46%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
SOUTH	0.46%	IT	1.42%
PROPERTY	0.46%	CARE	1.31%
MARKETING	0.46%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
STEPHEN	0.46%	M	1.26%
PLUMBING	0.46%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
SECURITY	0.46%	BUILDING	1.23%
CLEANING	0.46%	SECURITY	1.19%
VALLEYS	0.46%	S	1.18%
PLANNING	0.46%	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	139	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	30	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	25	35,447
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	19	20,390
99999 - Dormant Company	17	26,088
7414 - Business & management consultancy	14	10,978
85590 - Other education not elsewhere classified	12	2,921
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	12	10,271
62012 - Business and domestic software development	11	4,742
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	9	14,220
9305 - Other service activities	8	7,926
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	7	15,280
9999 - Dormant Company	7	16,469
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	7	4,644
74990 - Non-trading company	7	9,706
62090 - Other information technology service activities	7	8,258
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	6	4,295
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	6	6,356
63990 - Other information service activities not elsewhere classified	6	2,456
7420 - Architectural, technical consult	6	1,348