

Suffolk

2012 half year business confidence report



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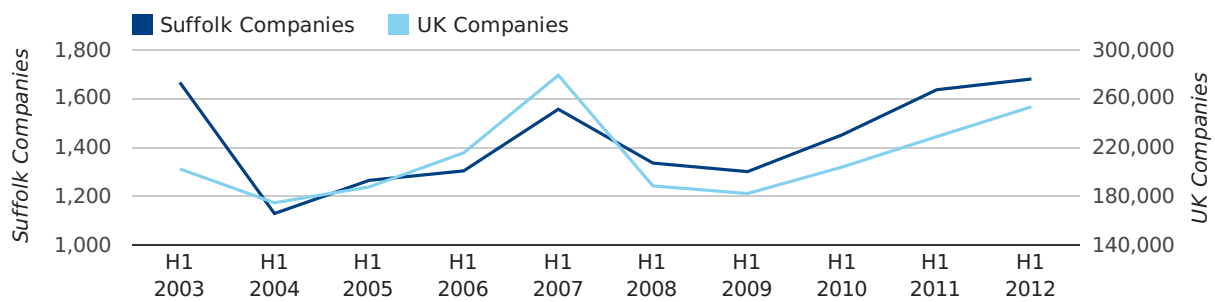
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Suffolk when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 1,680 companies were formed in Suffolk. This figure is 2.7% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Suffolk occurred in 2012 when a total of 1,680 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SUFFOLK	UK
2012	1,680	253,150
2011	1,636	228,735
% CHANGE	2.7%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (1,680)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



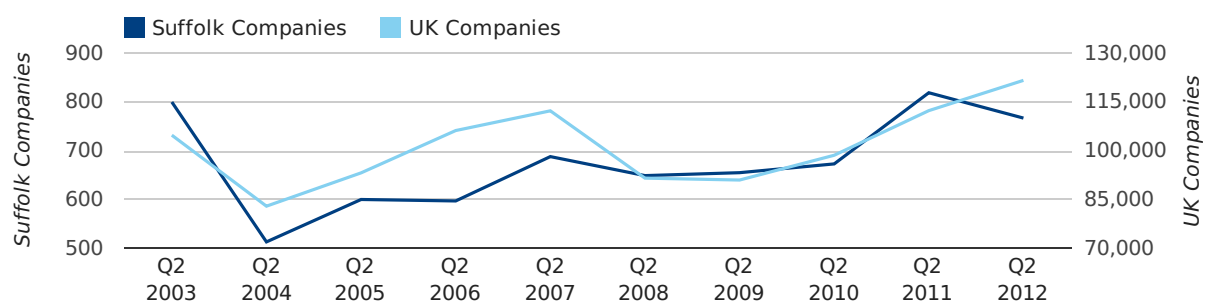
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 767 companies were registered in Suffolk during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 6.3% 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)	SUFFOLK	UK
2012	767	121,659
2011	819	112,344
% CHANGE	-6.3%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (992)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	247	285	235
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	255	303	261
% CHANGE	-3.1%	-5.9%	-10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (668)	2011 (303)	2011 (261)

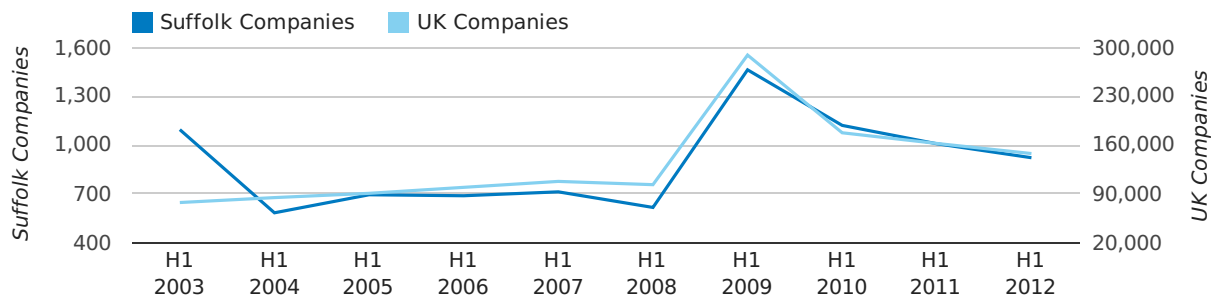
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 922 companies were dissolved in Suffolk. This figure is 8.5% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Suffolk occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,463 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SUFFOLK	UK
2012	922	147,793
2011	1,008	162,310
% CHANGE	-8.5%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,463)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 530 companies were dissolved in Suffolk during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 10.0% 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)	SUFFOLK	UK
2012	530	80,217
2011	482	71,324
% CHANGE	10.0%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (898)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



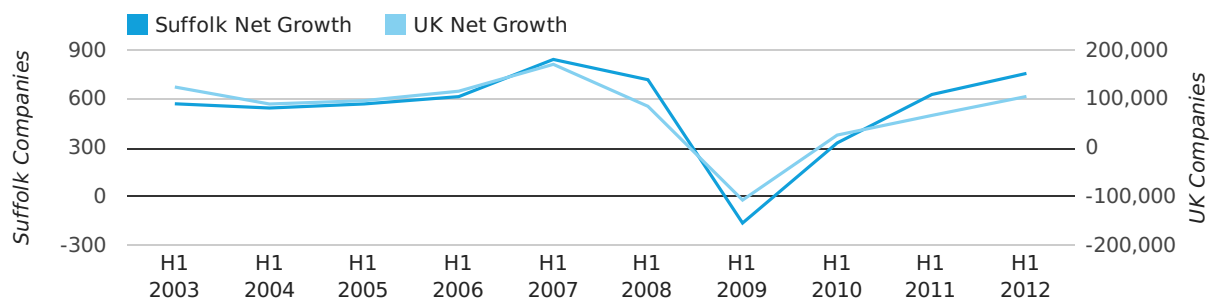
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	152	209	169
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	108	168	206
% CHANGE	40.7%	24.4%	-18%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (565)	2009 (418)	2010 (254)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Suffolk increased by 758 companies. This figure is 20.7% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SUFFOLK	UK
2012	758	105,357
2011	628	66,425
% CHANGE	20.7%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (1,079)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



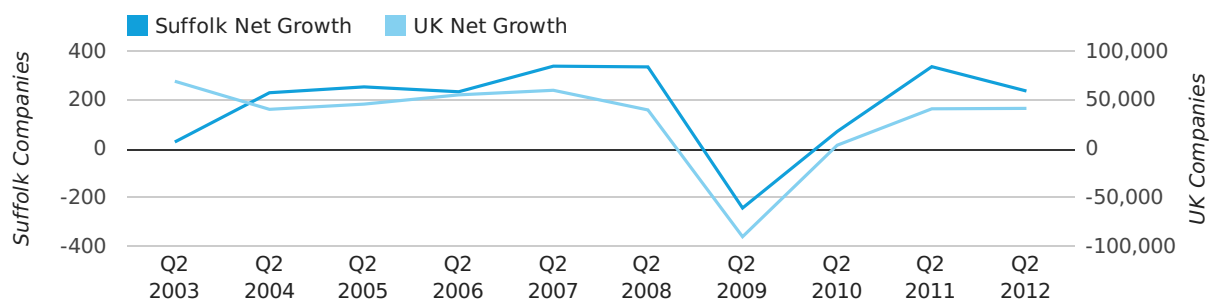
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Suffolk during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 237 companies.

This represents a decrease of 29.7% on the same period last year.

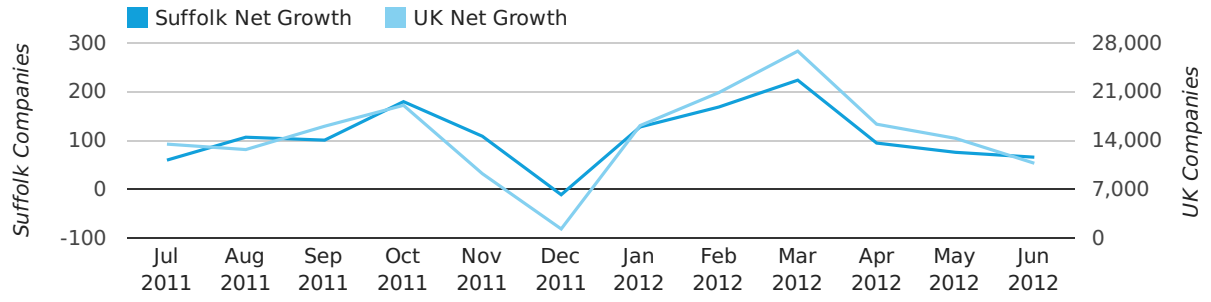
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SUFFOLK	UK
2012	237	41,442
2011	337	41,020
% CHANGE	-29.7%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (800)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



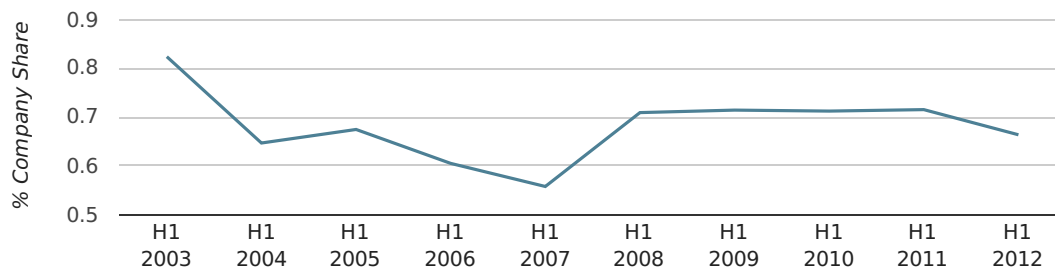
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	95	76	66
NET GROWTH IN 2011	147	135	55
% CHANGE	-35.4%	-43.7%	20.0%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (639)	2003 (155)	2008 (171)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SUFFOLK
2012	0.7%
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (1.4%)

company share by half year

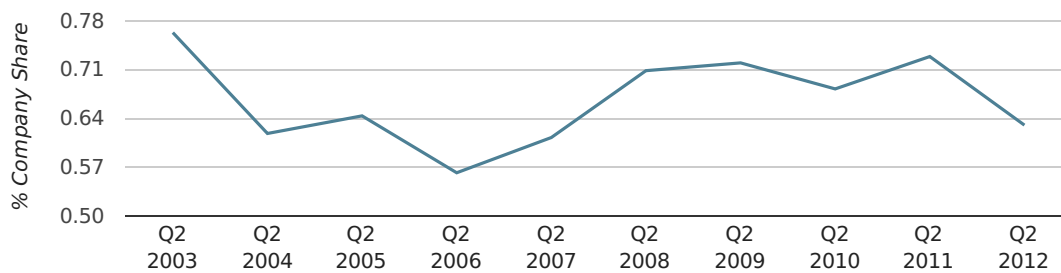


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Suffolk formed 0.6% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SUFFOLK
2012	0.6%
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2000 (1.5%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%
% CHANGE	-18.4%	-17.5%	-3.9%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (3.0%)	1966 (1.3%)	1961 (2.4%)

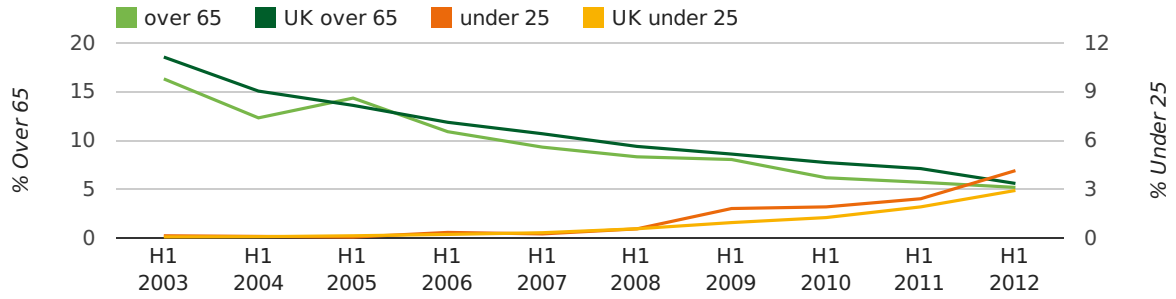
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 45.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



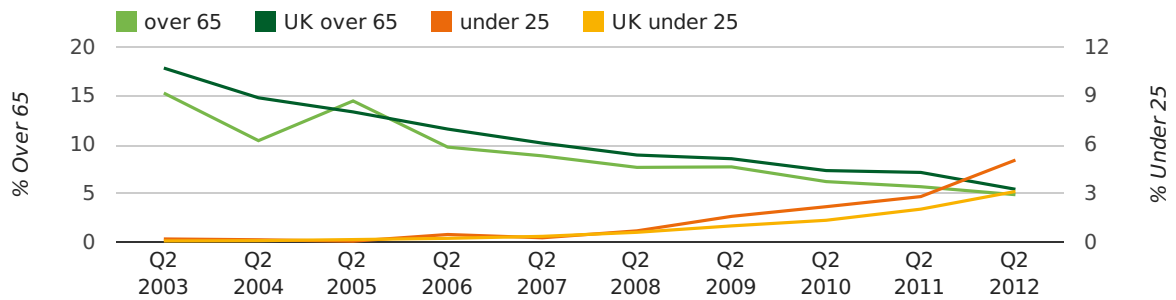
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 44.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.1% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

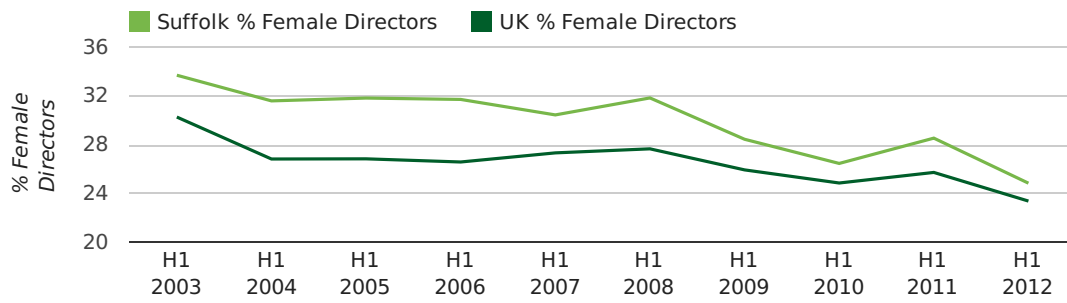


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

24.9% of all director appointments in Suffolk 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



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	2.27%	CONSULTING	5.07%
SUFFOLK	1.54%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.52%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
PROPERTY	1.04%	PROPERTY	2.35%
J	0.97%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTANCY	0.94%	DESIGN	1.89%
DESIGN	0.80%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
EAST	0.77%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
ASSOCIATES	0.75%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
ENGINEERING	0.68%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
BUSINESS	0.68%	BUSINESS	1.70%
ELECTRICAL	0.65%	MEDIA	1.69%
ENERGY	0.65%	LONDON	1.68%
CONSULTANTS	0.63%	J	1.57%
HEATING	0.63%	GLOBAL	1.51%
ANGLIA	0.63%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CARE	0.58%	IT	1.42%
D	0.55%	CARE	1.31%
CONSTRUCTION	0.55%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
YOUR	0.55%	M	1.26%
C	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
GREEN	0.53%	BUILDING	1.23%
S	0.53%	SECURITY	1.19%
LOGISTICS	0.53%	S	1.18%
INVESTMENTS	0.51%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,293	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	285	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	200	35,447
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	168	20,390
99999 - Dormant Company	166	26,088
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96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	97	14,220
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	92	15,280
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	88	10,271
7414 - Business & management consultancy	88	10,978
41100 - Development of building projects	59	5,149
62090 - Other information technology service activities	58	8,258
74990 - Non-trading company	53	9,706
9305 - Other service activities	46	7,926
7499 - Non-trading company	44	8,023
62012 - Business and domestic software development	43	4,742
43210 - Electrical installation	41	3,557
86900 - Other human health activities	39	5,222
7260 - Other computer related activities	38	6,456
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	37	3,233