Sutton Coldfield

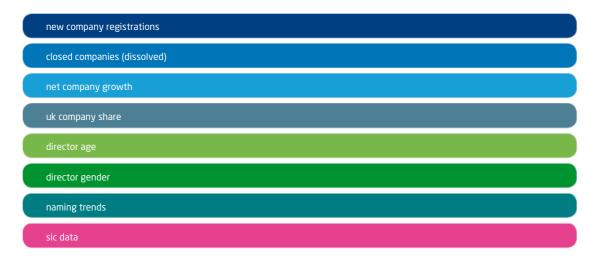
2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

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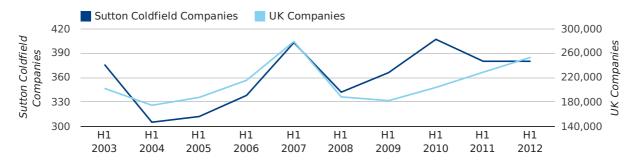


In the first half of 2012 a total of 380 companies were formed in Sutton Coldfield. This figure is 0.0% the same as last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Sutton Coldfield occurred in 2010 when a total of 407 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SUTTON COLDFIELD	UK
2012	380	253,150
2011	380	228,735
% CHANGE	0.0%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (407)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



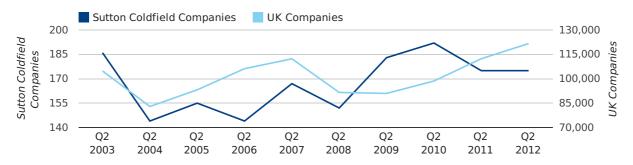
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 175 companies were registered in Sutton Coldfield during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a difference of 0.0% 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)	SUTTON COLDFIELD	UK
2012	175	121,659
2011	175	112,344
% CHANGE	0.0%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (192)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Sutton Coldfield when compared to any previous May.
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new companies by month



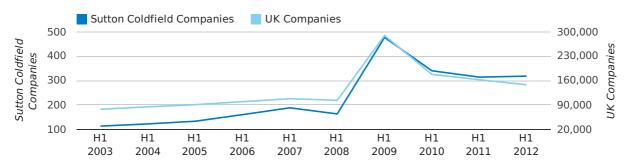
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	70	68	37
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	52	51	72
% CHANGE	34.6%	33.3%	-48.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (70)	2012 (68)	2010 (82)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 318 companies were dissolved in Sutton Coldfield. This figure is 1.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Sutton Coldfield occurred in 2009 when a total of 477 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SUTTON COLDFIELD	UK
2012	318	147,793
2011	314	162,310
% CHANGE	1.3%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (477)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



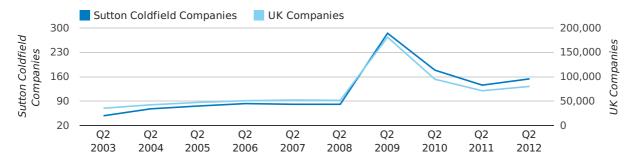
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 154 companies were dissolved in Sutton Coldfield during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 13.2% 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)	SUTTON COLDFIELD	UK
2012	154	80,217
2011	136	71,324
% CHANGE	13.2%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (285)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

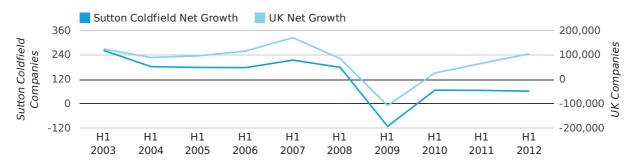


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	44	64	46
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	34	63	39
% CHANGE	29.4%	1.6%	18%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (73)	2009 (126)	2009 (86)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Sutton Coldfield increased by 62 companies. This figure is 6.1% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SUTTON COLDFIELD	UK
2012	62	105,357
2011	66	66,425
% CHANGE	-6.1%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (263)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



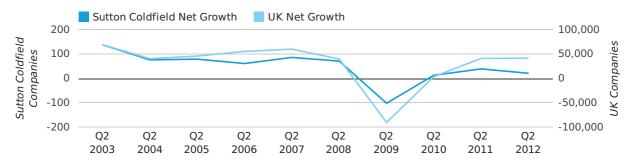
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Sutton Coldfield during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 21 companies.

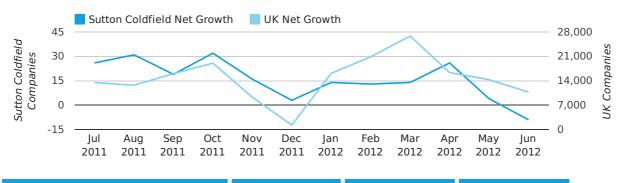
This represents a decrease of 46.2% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SUTTON COLDFIELD	UK
2012	21	41,442
2011	39	41,020
% CHANGE	-46.2%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (138)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



net growth by month

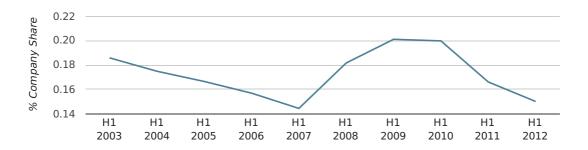


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	26	4	-9
NET GROWTH IN 2011	18	-12	33
% CHANGE	44.4%	-133.3%	-127.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (42)	2002 (49)	2003 (52)

In the first half of 2012 Sutton Coldfield formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.2%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SUTTON COLDFIELD
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1962 (0.4%)

company share by half year

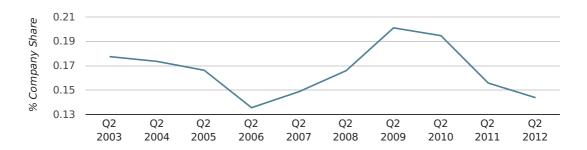


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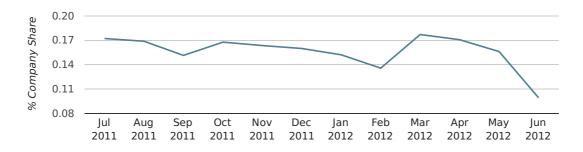
In the second quarter of 2012, Sutton Coldfield formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SUTTON COLDFIELD
2012	0.1%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.5%)

company share by quarter



company share by month



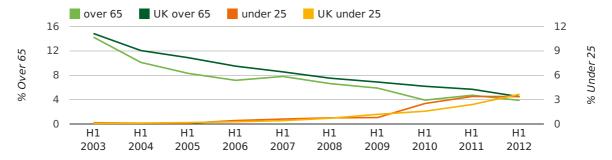
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
% CHANGE	13.3%	16.8%	-45.1%
RECORD YEAR	1961 (0.9%)	1974 (0.6%)	1965 (0.6%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 43.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



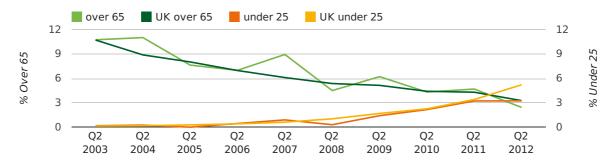
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 42.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.2% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

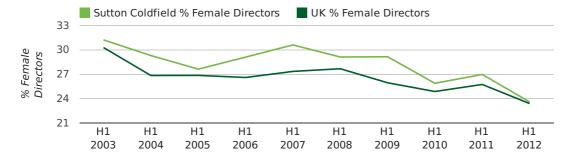
director age by quarter



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

23.6% of all director appointments in Sutton Coldfield 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 Sutton Coldfield was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

22.1% of all director appointments in Sutton Coldfield 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
CONSULTING	2.19%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.02%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
SUTTON	0.94%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
DESIGN	0.94%	PROPERTY	2.35%
CONSULTANCY	0.70%	TRADING	2.10%
ASSOCIATES	0.70%	DESIGN	1.89%
(MIDLANDS)	0.70%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
ELECTRICAL	0.63%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CONSULTANTS	0.63%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
PROPERTY	0.63%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
GREEN	0.55%	BUSINESS	1.70%
SQUARE	0.55%	MEDIA	1.69%
HOME	0.55%	LONDON	1.68%
SYSTEMS	0.47%	J	1.57%
BLUE	0.47%	GLOBAL	1.51%
М	0.47%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
BUSINESS	0.47%	IT	1.42%
PROJECT	0.47%	CARE	1.31%
GROUP	0.47%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ENGINEERING	0.47%	М	1.26%
PROPERTIES	0.39%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
MIDLANDS	0.39%	BUILDING	1.23%
S	0.39%	SECURITY	1.19%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.39%	S	1.18%
COMMUNITY	0.39%	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	361	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	77	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	60	35,447
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	54	20,390
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	49	15,280
9999 - Dormant Company	31	16,469
99999 - Dormant Company	31	26,088
86210 - General medical practice activities	28	2,657
7414 - Business & management consultancy	25	10,978
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	25	14,220
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	23	10,271
7411 - Legal activities	22	1,028
7499 - Non-trading company	22	8,023
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	21	6,356
9305 - Other service activities	19	7,926
8512 - Medical practice activities	16	1,960
86900 - Other human health activities	16	5,222
49410 - Freight transport by road	13	2,912
74990 - Non-trading company	13	9,706
62090 - Other information technology service activities	13	8,258