

Swansea

2012 half year business confidence report



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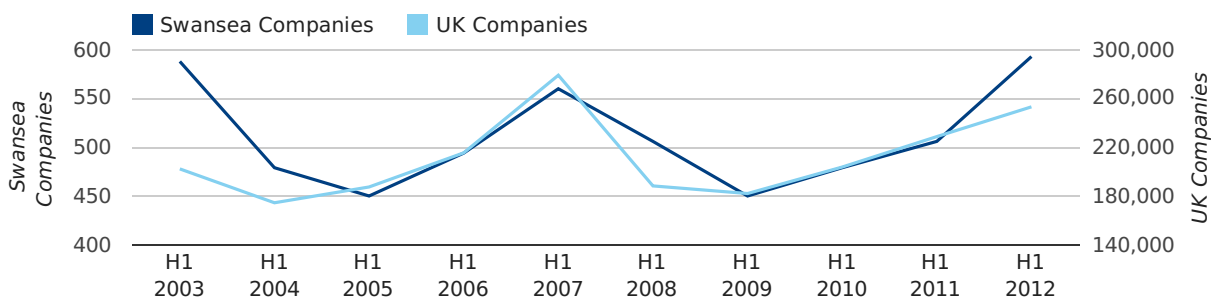
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Swansea when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 593 companies were formed in Swansea. This figure is 17.2% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Swansea occurred in 2012 when a total of 593 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SWANSEA	UK
2012	593	253,150
2011	506	228,735
% CHANGE	17.2%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (593)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 268 companies were registered in Swansea during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 5.5% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares equally 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)	SWANSEA	UK
2012	268	121,659
2011	254	112,344
% CHANGE	5.5%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (271)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	84	94	90
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	84	72	98
% CHANGE	0.0%	30.6%	-8.2%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (94)	2012 (94)	2003 (103)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 389 companies were dissolved in Swansea. This figure is 9.3% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Swansea occurred in 2009 when a total of 677 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SWANSEA	UK
2012	389	147,793
2011	429	162,310
% CHANGE	-9.3%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (677)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 230 companies were dissolved in Swansea during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 23.7% 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)	SWANSEA	UK
2012	230	80,217
2011	186	71,324
% CHANGE	23.7%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (447)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



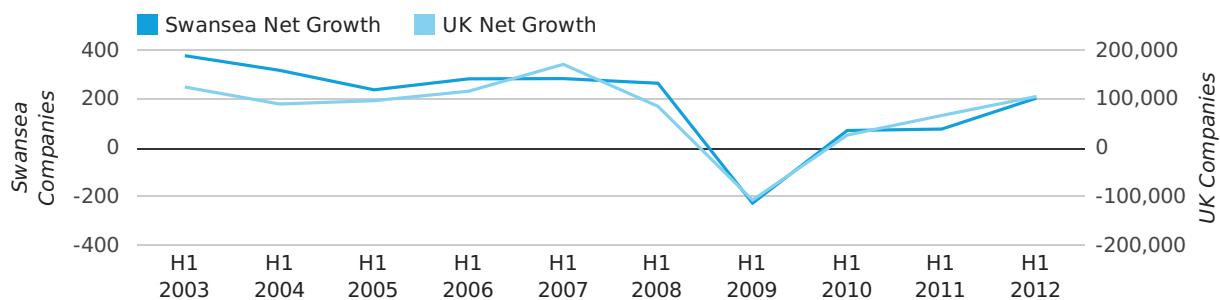
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	58	99	73
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	36	87	63
% CHANGE	61.1%	13.8%	16%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (122)	2009 (198)	2009 (127)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Swansea increased by 204 companies. This figure is 164.9% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SWANSEA	UK
2012	204	105,357
2011	77	66,425
% CHANGE	164.9%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (378)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



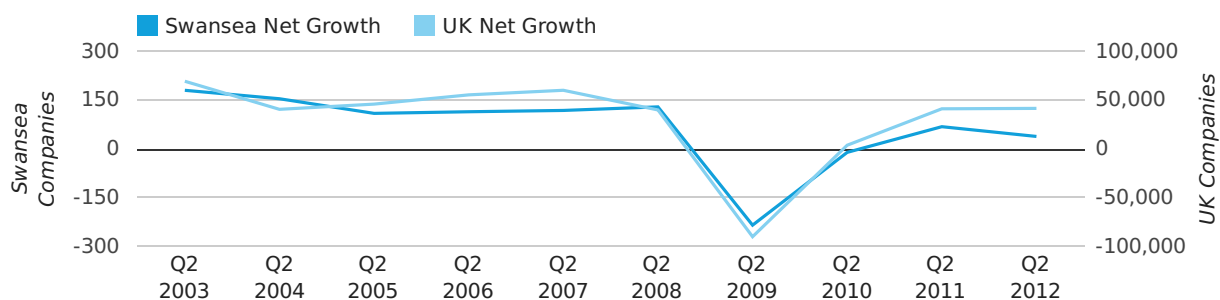
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

This represents a decrease of 44.1% on the same period last year.

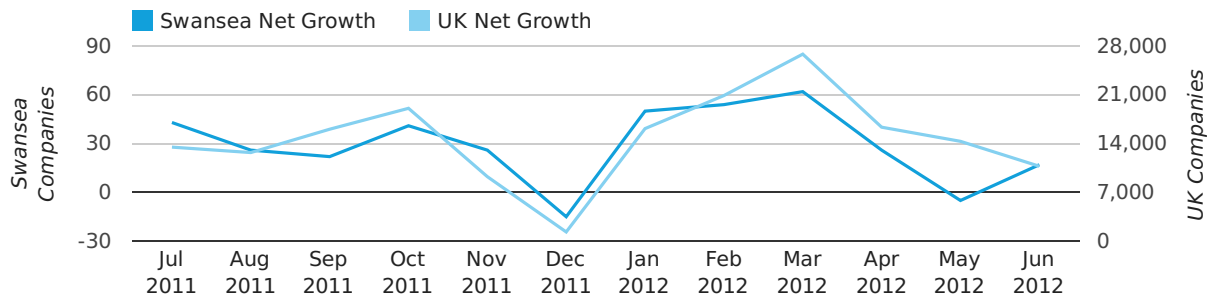
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SWANSEA	UK
2012	38	41,442
2011	68	41,020
% CHANGE	-44.1%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (180)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



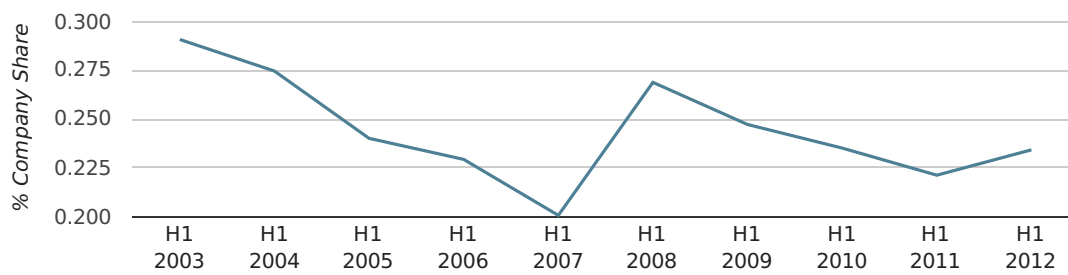
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	26	-5	17
NET GROWTH IN 2011	48	-15	35
% CHANGE	-45.8%	-66.7%	-51.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (58)	2003 (64)	2003 (65)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SWANSEA
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.5%)

company share by half year

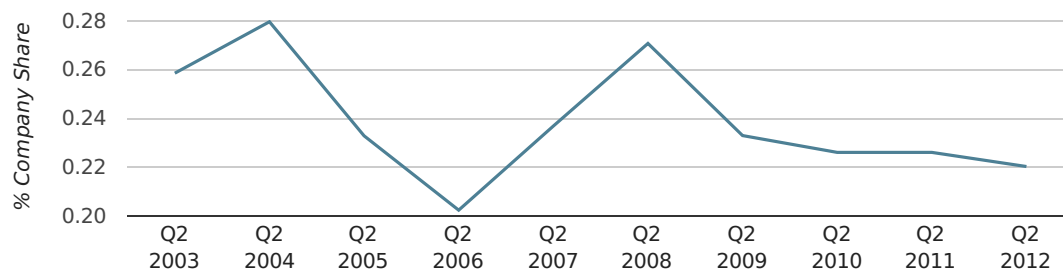


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2011	0.2%
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2008	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1964 (0.6%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-15.8%	14.5%	-1.9%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.9%)	1965 (1.1%)	1964 (0.7%)

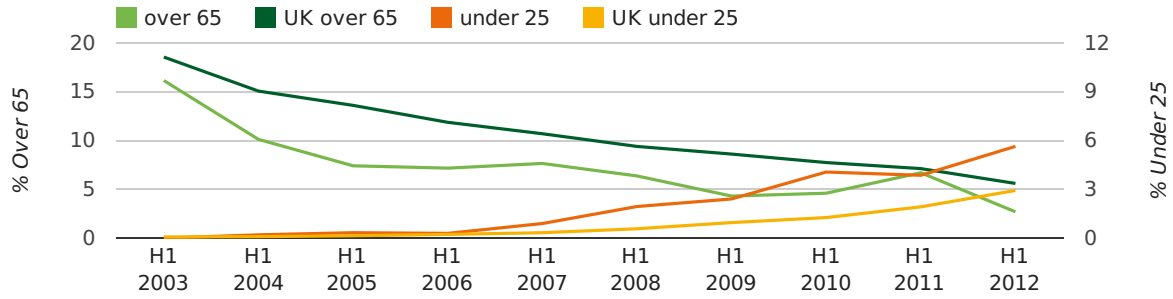
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

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director age by half year



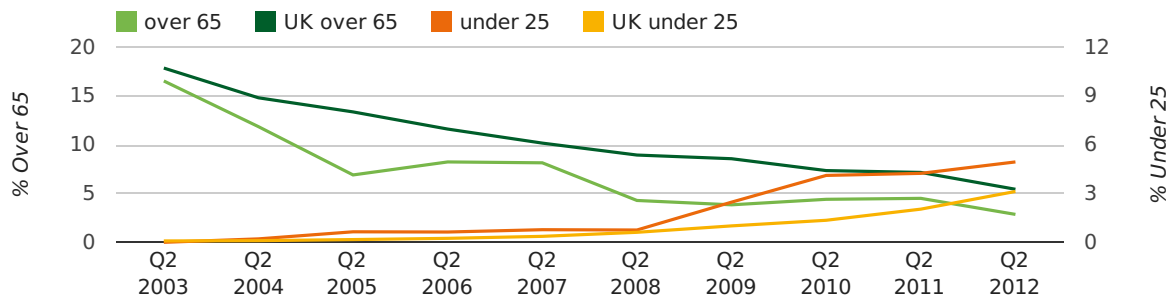
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director age by quarter

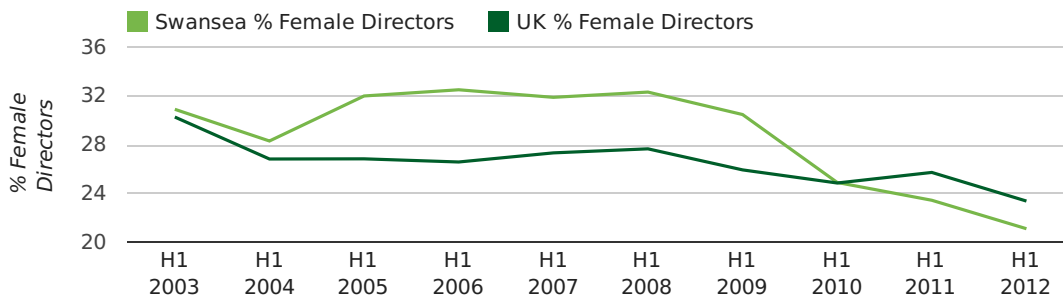


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

21.1% of all director appointments in Swansea 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

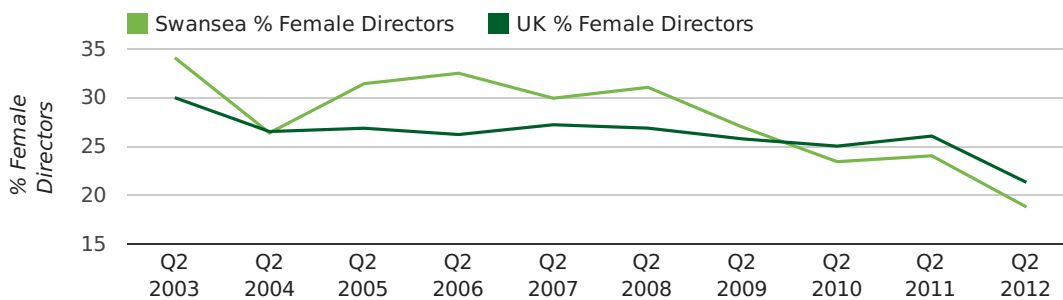


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

18.8% of all director appointments in Swansea 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
SWANSEA	1.58%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.34%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
(WALES)	1.11%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
ELECTRICAL	1.11%	PROPERTY	2.35%
CONSULTANCY	1.05%	TRADING	2.10%
PROPERTY	0.93%	DESIGN	1.89%
GOWER	0.88%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
ENGINEERING	0.76%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
DESIGN	0.76%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
CONSTRUCTION	0.70%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
TRAINING	0.70%	BUSINESS	1.70%
SYSTEMS	0.70%	MEDIA	1.69%
CONSULTING	0.70%	LONDON	1.68%
WALES	0.64%	J	1.57%
MEDIA	0.64%	GLOBAL	1.51%
ENERGY	0.58%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.58%	IT	1.42%
(SWANSEA)	0.58%	CARE	1.31%
SUPPLIES	0.53%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
PROPERTIES	0.53%	M	1.26%
ASSOCIATES	0.53%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
CLEANING	0.47%	BUILDING	1.23%
WALES)	0.47%	SECURITY	1.19%
CENTRE	0.47%	S	1.18%
(SOUTH	0.47%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	592	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	82	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	54	26,088
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	53	35,447
9999 - Dormant Company	46	16,469
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	25	14,220
41100 - Development of building projects	18	5,149
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	18	10,271
86900 - Other human health activities	17	5,222
9305 - Other service activities	17	7,926
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	17	20,390
5530 - Restaurants	16	4,037
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	15	4,091
7260 - Other computer related activities	15	6,456
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	15	4,644
43210 - Electrical installation	15	3,557
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	15	15,280
85590 - Other education not elsewhere classified	14	2,921
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	11	3,233
62090 - Other information technology service activities	11	8,258