Welwyn Garden City

2011 half year business confidence report



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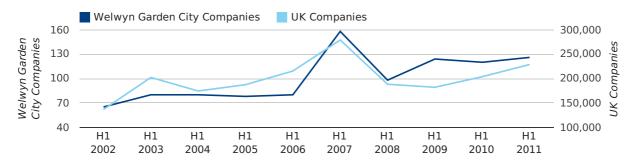
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In the first half of 2011 a total of 126 companies were formed in Welwyn Garden City. This figure is 5.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Welwyn Garden City occurred in 2007 when a total of 158 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	UK
2011	126	228,735
2010	120	203,749
% CHANGE	5.0%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (158)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year

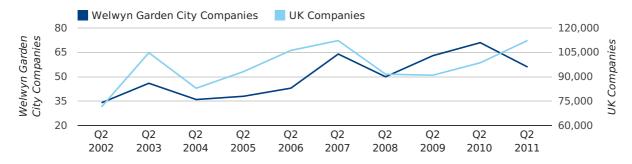


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

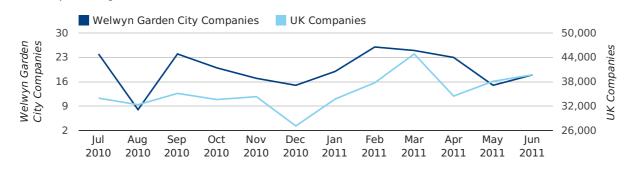
A total of 56 companies were registered in Welwyn Garden City during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 21.1% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	UK
2011	56	112,344
2010	71	98,612
% CHANGE	-21.1%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (71)	2011 (112,344)



new companies by quarter



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	23	15	18
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	15	26	30
% CHANGE	53.3%	-42.3%	-40.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (27)	2010 (26)	2010 (30)

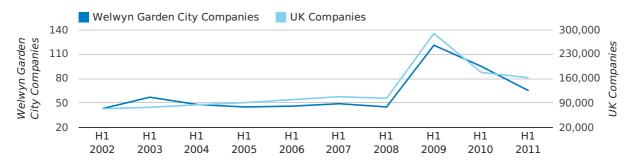
new companies by month

In the first half of 2011 a total of 65 companies were dissolved in Welwyn Garden City. This figure is 31.6% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Welwyn Garden City occurred in 2009 when a total of 121 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	UK
2011	65	162,310
2010	95	177,631
% CHANGE	-31.6%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (121)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year

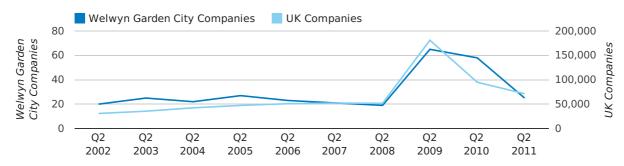


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 25 companies were dissolved in Welwyn Garden City during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 56.9% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	UK
2011	25	71,324
2010	58	94,954
% CHANGE	-56.9%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (65)	2009 (181,176)



dissolved companies by quarter

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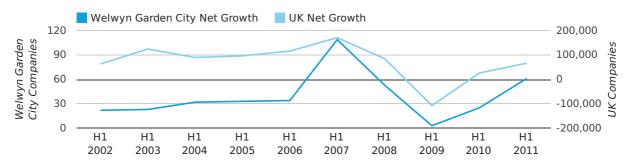
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	6	11	8
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	10	26	22
% CHANGE	-40.0%	-57.7%	-64%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (13)	2009 (27)	2009 (25)

dissolved companies by month

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Welwyn Garden City increased by 61 companies. This figure is 144.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	UK
2011	61	66,425
2010	25	26,118
% CHANGE	144.0%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (109)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year

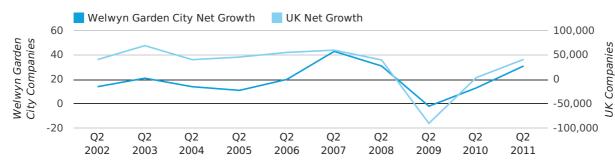


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Welwyn Garden City during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 31 companies.

This represents an increase of 138.5% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	UK
2011	31	41,020
2010	13	3,658
% CHANGE	138.5%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (43)	2003 (69,274)



net growth by quarter

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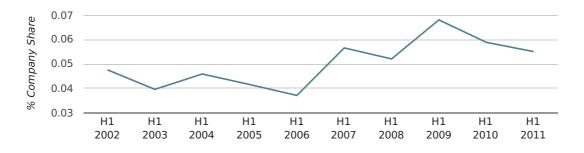
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	17	4	10
NET GROWTH IN 2010	5	0	8
% CHANGE	240.0%	0.0%	25.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (26)	2006 (15)	2008 (17)

net growth by month

In the first half of 2011 Welwyn Garden City formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WELWYN GARDEN CITY
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.2%)

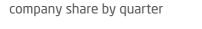
company share by half year

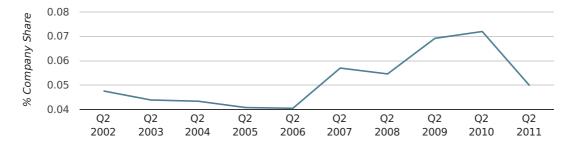


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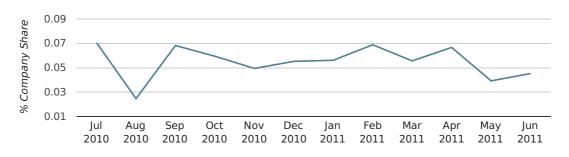
In the second quarter of 2011, Welwyn Garden City formed 0.0% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	WELWYN GARDEN CITY
2011	0.0%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1962 (0.2%)





company share by month



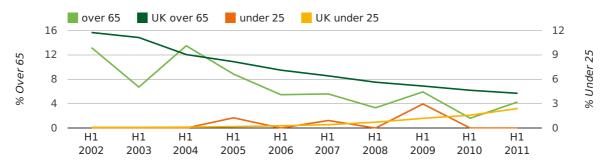
	APRIL	ΜΑΥ	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	48.6%	-54.6%	-46.8%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (0.3%)	1966 (0.2%)	1962 (0.4%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 44.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 0.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year

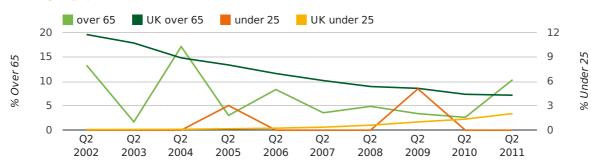


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 48.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 0.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 10.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

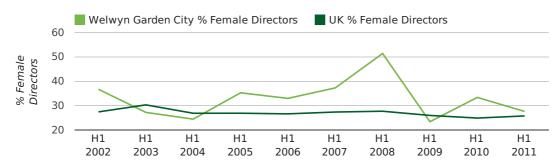


director age by quarter

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

27.6% of all director appointments in Welwyn Garden City in the first half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

director gender by half year

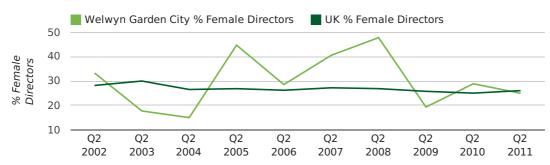


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

25.0% of all director appointments in Welwyn Garden City in the second quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.1% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Jun 2010-Jun 2011)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
CONSULTANCY	2.39%	CONSULTING	5.09%
ELECTRICAL	1.19%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
CONSULTANTS	0.95%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
FINANCIAL	0.72%	PROPERTY	2.43%
CONSULTING	0.72%	TRADING	2.05%
EDUCATION	0.72%	DESIGN	1.94%
SUPPORT	0.72%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
PERSONNEL	0.72%	BUSINESS	1.87%
SPORTS	0.72%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
LEISURE	0.72%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ENTERPRISE	0.72%	MEDIA	1.73%
CONTRACTORS	0.72%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
BUILDING	0.72%	LONDON	1.60%
CAR	0.72%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CLEANING	0.72%	J	1.44%
SURENDRAN	0.48%	CARE	1.44%
EUROPE	0.48%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
MIKE	0.48%	IT	1.39%
OPALRANGE	0.48%	BUILDING	1.32%
TRADING	0.48%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
DESIGN	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
CONCRETE	0.48%	М	1.27%
RECRUITMENT	0.48%	S	1.23%
ALL	0.48%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
WAY	0.48%	SYSTEMS	1.20%



Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	104	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	35	60,758
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	13	10,545
99999 - Dormant Company	13	18,918
9999 - Dormant Company	11	20,111
55300 - Recreational vehicle parks, trailer parks and camping grounds	10	96
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	10	7,835
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	9	30,647
7260 - Other computer related activities	8	7,849
62090 - Other information technology service activities	8	7,095
7414 - Business & management consultancy	7	13,053
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	7	16,419
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	7	7,143
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	6	10,322
86900 - Other human health activities	6	4,154
7499 - Non-trading company	5	10,955
9305 - Other service activities	5	9,063
5540 - Bars	5	2,141
74990 - Non-trading company	5	8,481
8514 - Other human health activities	5	2,515