

Welwyn Garden City

2012 half year business confidence report



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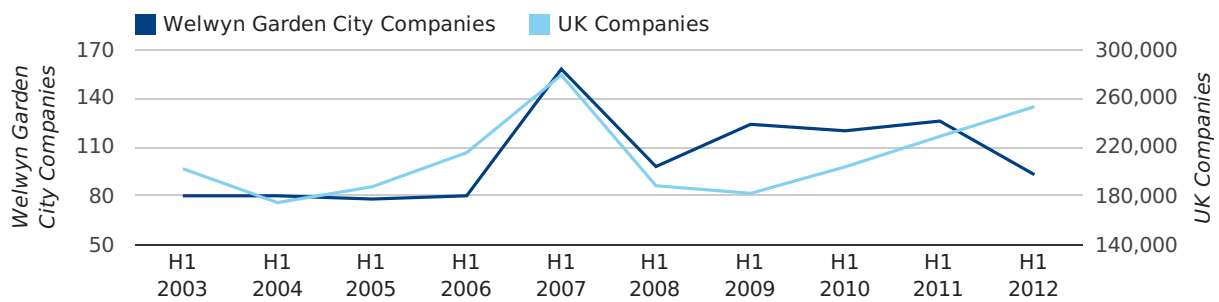
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 93 companies were formed in Welwyn Garden City. This figure is 26.2% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

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
2012	93	253,150
2011	126	228,735
% CHANGE	-26.2%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (158)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



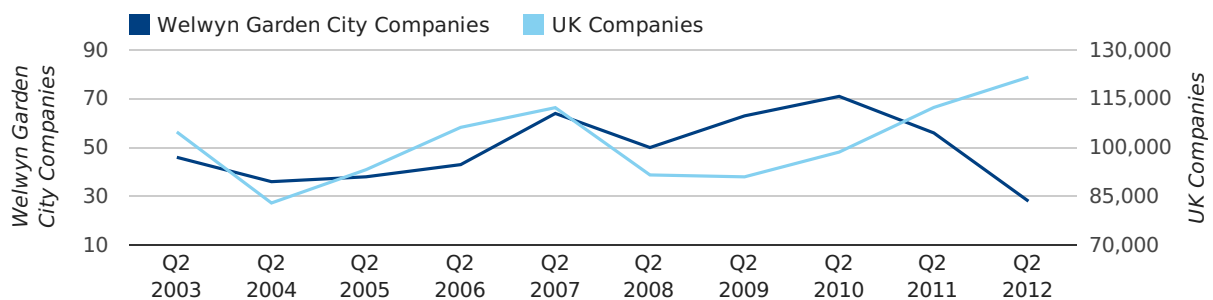
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 28 companies were registered in Welwyn Garden City during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 50.0% 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.

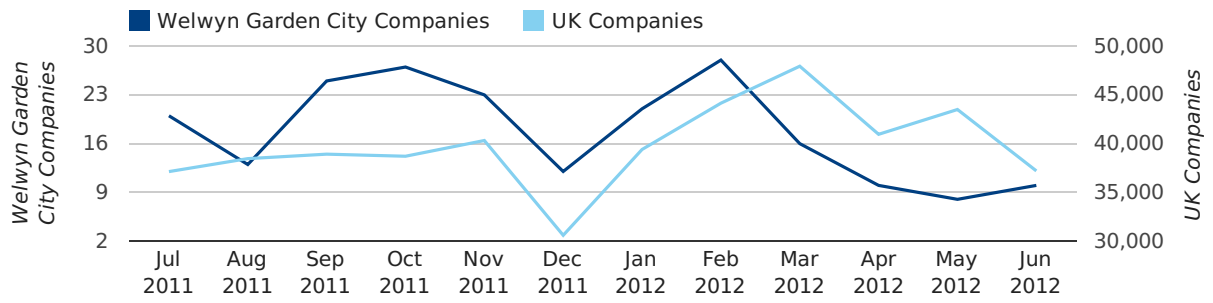
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	UK
2012	28	121,659
2011	56	112,344
% CHANGE	-50.0%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (71)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	10	8	10
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	23	15	18
% CHANGE	-56.5%	-46.7%	-44.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (27)	2010 (26)	2010 (30)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 67 companies were dissolved in Welwyn Garden City. This figure is 3.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

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
2012	67	147,793
2011	65	162,310
% CHANGE	3.1%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (121)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 39 companies were dissolved in Welwyn Garden City during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 56.0% 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)	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	UK
2012	39	80,217
2011	25	71,324
% CHANGE	56.0%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (65)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



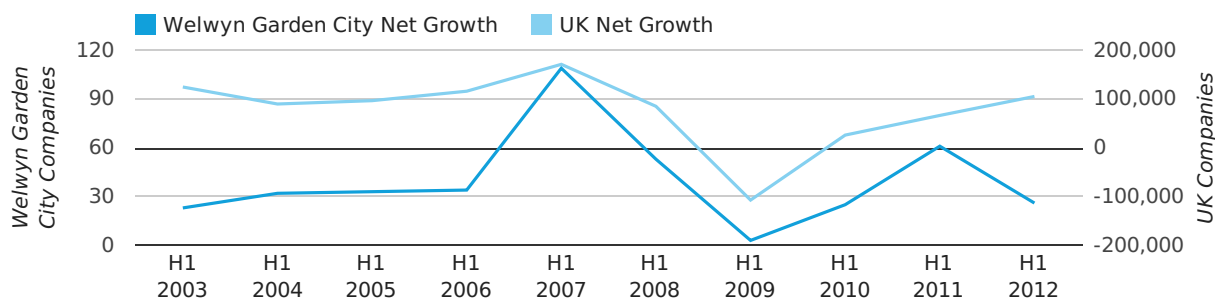
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	9	20	10
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	6	11	8
% CHANGE	50.0%	81.8%	25%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (13)	2009 (27)	2009 (25)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Welwyn Garden City increased by 26 companies. This figure is 57.4% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	UK
2012	26	105,357
2011	61	66,425
% CHANGE	-57.4%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (109)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



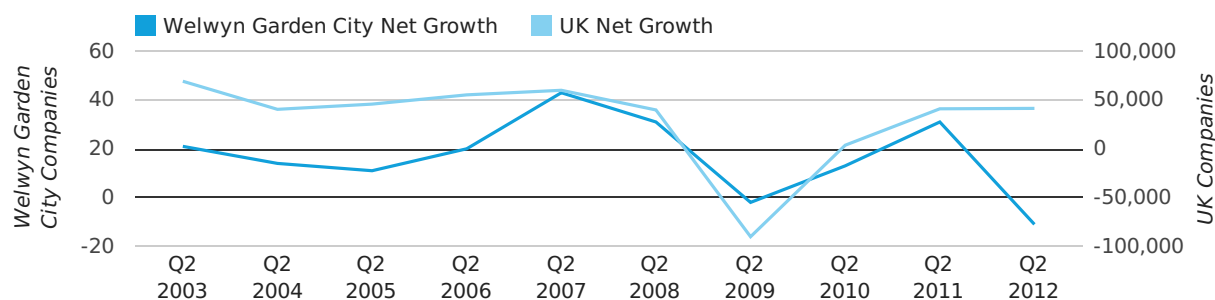
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Welwyn Garden City during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was -11 companies.

This represents a decrease of 135.5% on the same period last year.

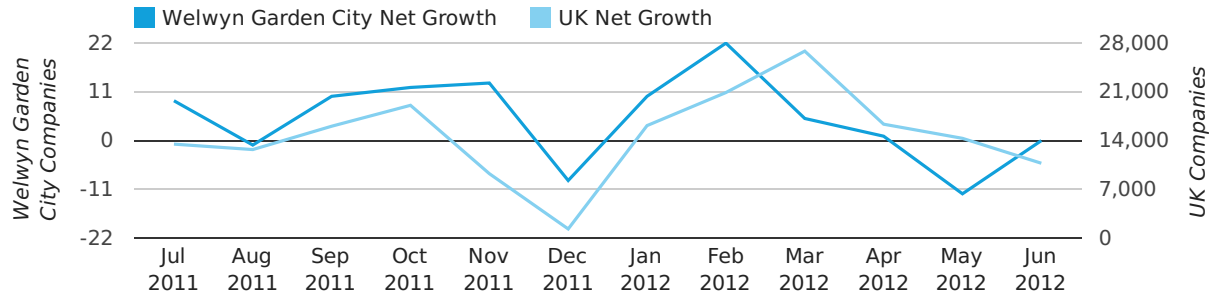
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WELWYN GARDEN CITY	UK
2012	-11	41,442
2011	31	41,020
% CHANGE	-135.5%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (43)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



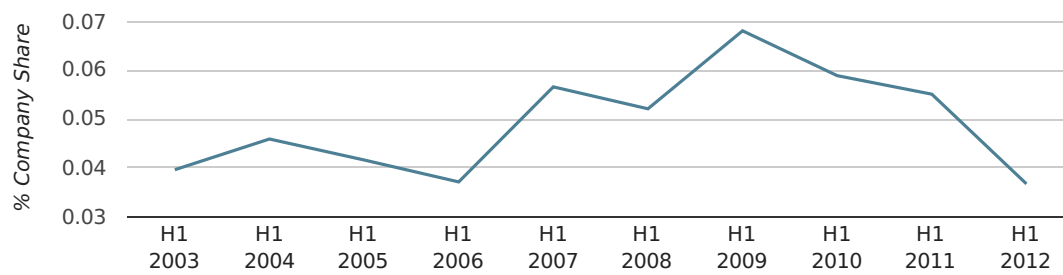
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	1	-12	0
NET GROWTH IN 2011	17	4	10
% CHANGE	-94.1%	-400.0%	-100.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (26)	2006 (15)	2008 (17)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Welwyn Garden City formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is less than the 2011 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WELWYN GARDEN CITY
2012	0.0%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.2%)

company share by half year

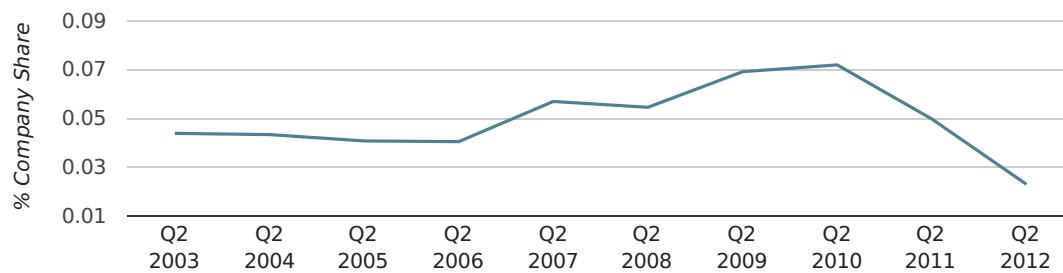


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Welwyn Garden City formed 0.0% of all UK companies.

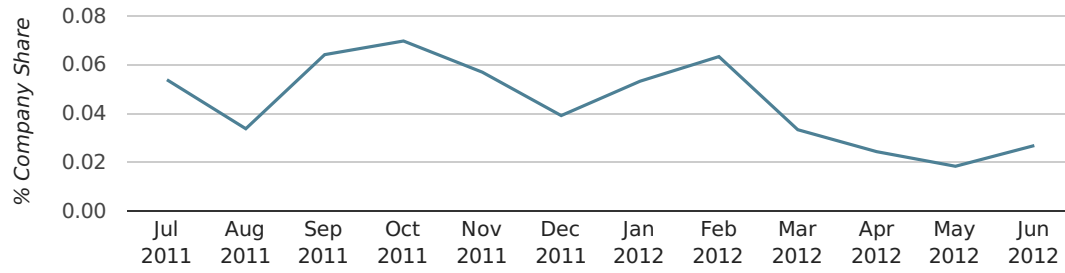
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WELWYN GARDEN CITY
2012	0.0%
2011	0.0%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1962 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	-63.4%	-53.2%	-40.6%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (0.3%)	1966 (0.2%)	1962 (0.4%)

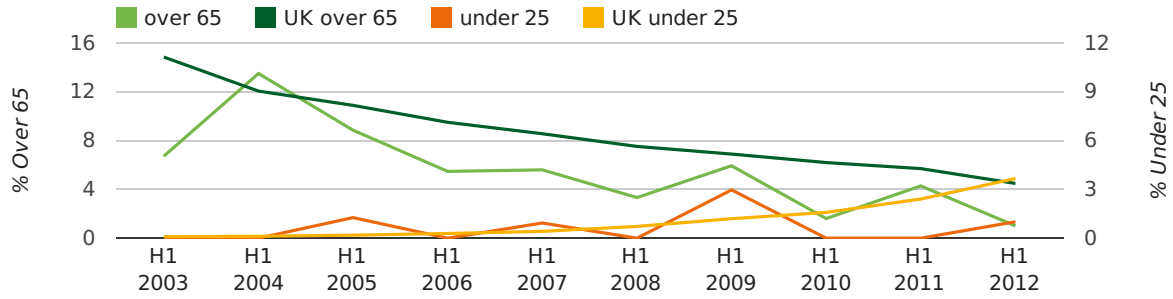
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 47.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



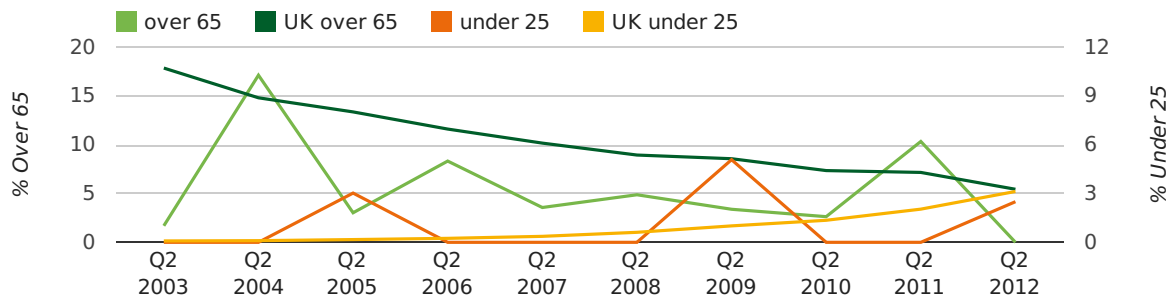
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 44.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 0.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

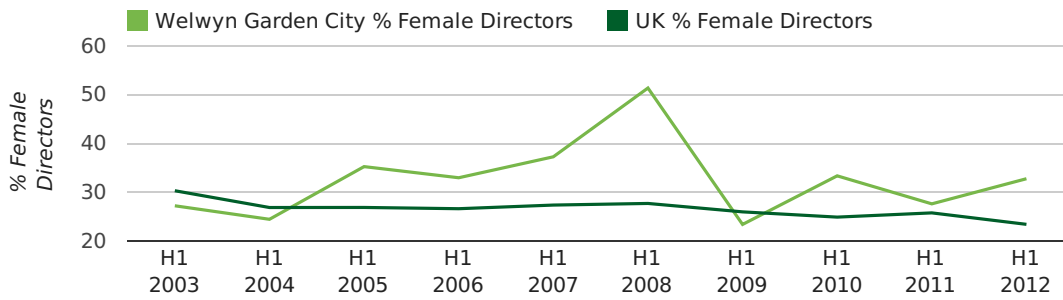


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The record first half year for female directors in Welwyn Garden City was 1857 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

32.7% of all director appointments in Welwyn Garden City 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

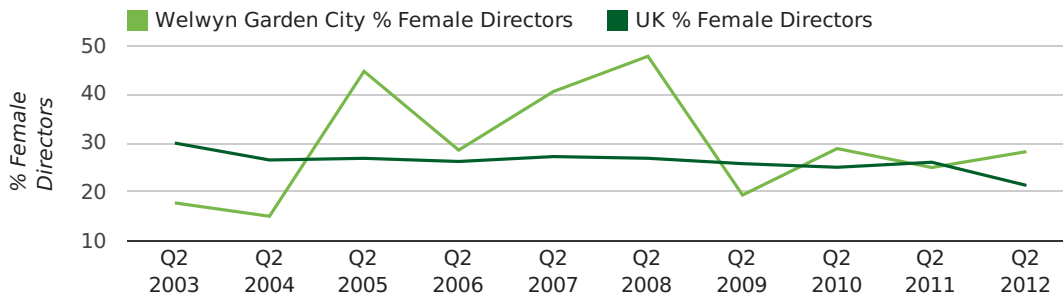


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

28.3% of all director appointments in Welwyn Garden City 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	2.08%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	2.08%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
WELWYN	1.30%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTANTS	1.04%	PROPERTY	2.35%
CONSTRUCTION	1.04%	TRADING	2.10%
(2012)	1.04%	DESIGN	1.89%
VANTAGE	1.04%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
CONSULTANCY	0.78%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
ACCOUNTANCY	0.78%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
SOLAR	0.78%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
PUB	0.78%	BUSINESS	1.70%
GLOBAL	0.78%	MEDIA	1.69%
PROJECT	0.78%	LONDON	1.68%
SYSTEMS	0.78%	J	1.57%
TRADING	0.78%	GLOBAL	1.51%
FOOD	0.78%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
BUSINESS	0.78%	IT	1.42%
MEDIA	0.78%	CARE	1.31%
PROFESSIONAL	0.52%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
MAINTENANCE	0.52%	M	1.26%
CAKES	0.52%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
SCHOOL	0.52%	BUILDING	1.23%
CLARK	0.52%	SECURITY	1.19%
TRAVEL	0.52%	S	1.18%
CLEANING	0.52%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	116	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	25	47,029
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	20	20,390
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	19	15,280
99999 - Dormant Company	16	26,088
9999 - Dormant Company	11	16,469
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	10	10,271
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	8	6,356
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	8	35,447
62090 - Other information technology service activities	7	8,258
7414 - Business & management consultancy	7	10,978
55300 - Recreational vehicle parks, trailer parks and camping grounds	6	108
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	5	14,220
8514 - Other human health activities	5	2,277
9305 - Other service activities	5	7,926
74990 - Non-trading company	5	9,706
7499 - Non-trading company	4	8,023
86900 - Other human health activities	4	5,222
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	4	3,818
43210 - Electrical installation	4	3,557