

West Midlands

2012 half year business confidence report



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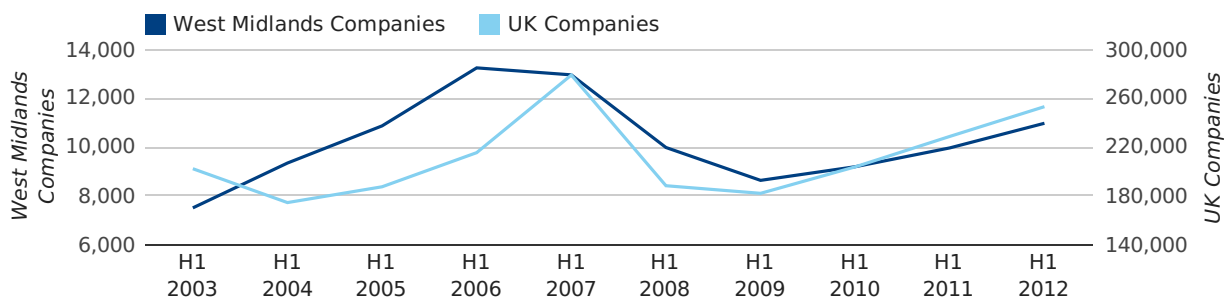
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 10,976 companies were formed in West Midlands. This figure is 10.1% higher than last year, which compares equally to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in West Midlands occurred in 2006 when a total of 13,249 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WEST MIDLANDS	UK
2012	10,976	253,150
2011	9,965	228,735
% CHANGE	10.1%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (13,249)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



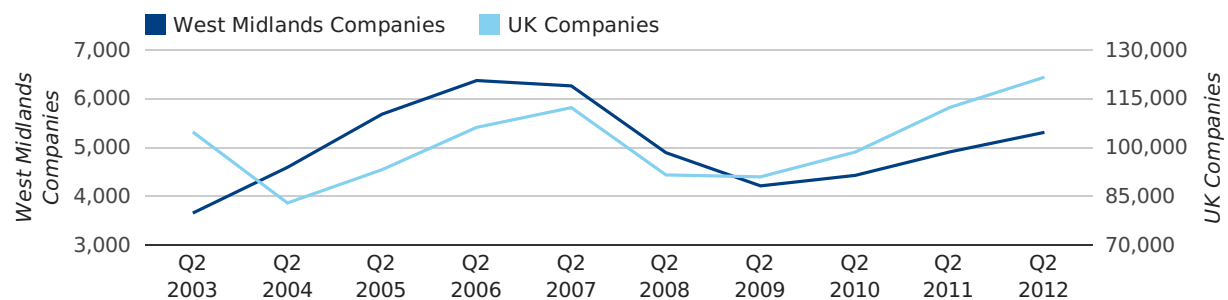
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 5,312 companies were registered in West Midlands during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 8.2% 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)	WEST MIDLANDS	UK
2012	5,312	121,659
2011	4,911	112,344
% CHANGE	8.2%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (6,375)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	1,825	1,840	1,647
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	1,498	1,705	1,708
% CHANGE	21.8%	7.9%	-3.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (2,349)	2006 (2,263)	2006 (2,118)

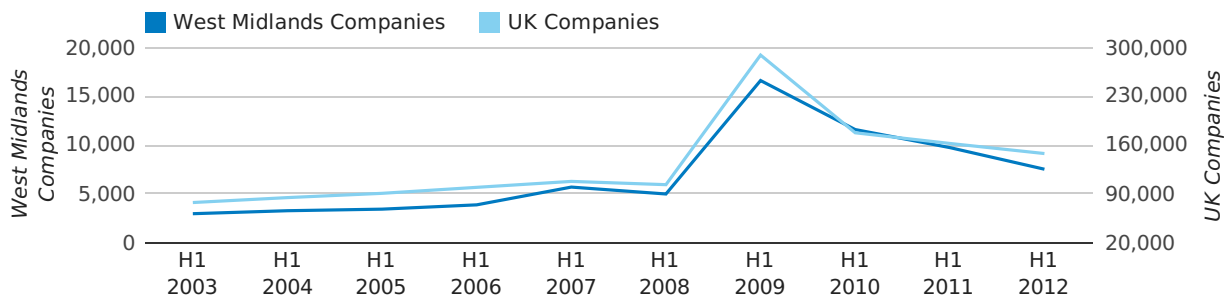
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 7,521 companies were dissolved in West Midlands. This figure is 22.8% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in West Midlands occurred in 2009 when a total of 16,619 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WEST MIDLANDS	UK
2012	7,521	147,793
2011	9,739	162,310
% CHANGE	-22.8%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (16,619)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



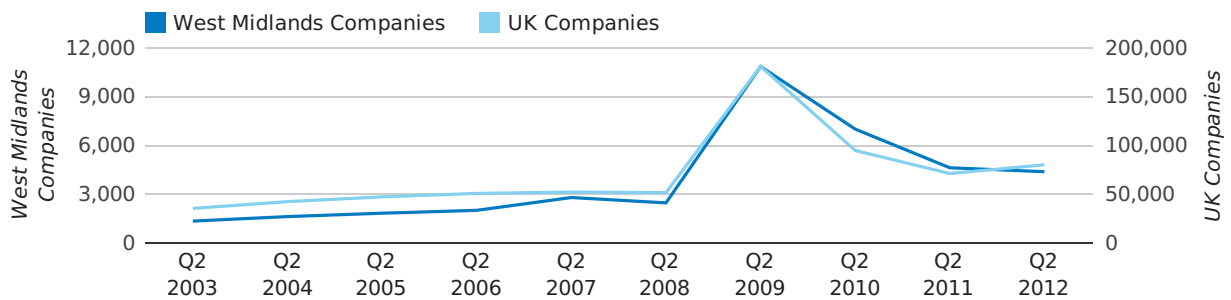
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 4,390 companies were dissolved in West Midlands during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 5.2% 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.

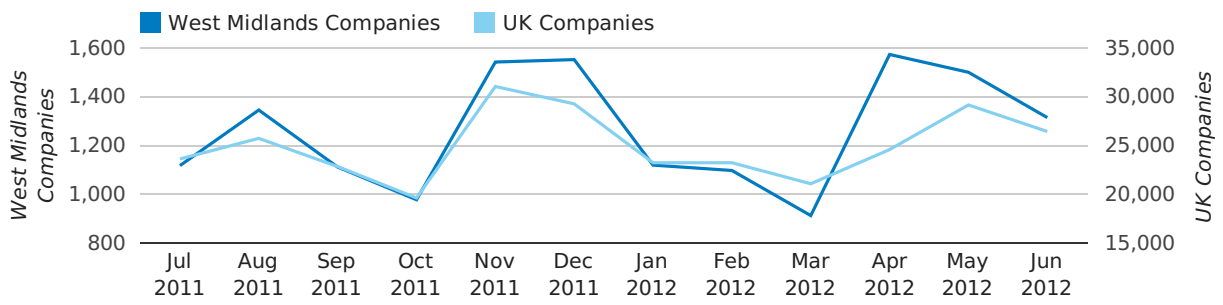
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WEST MIDLANDS	UK
2012	4,390	80,217
2011	4,632	71,324
% CHANGE	-5.2%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (10,865)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



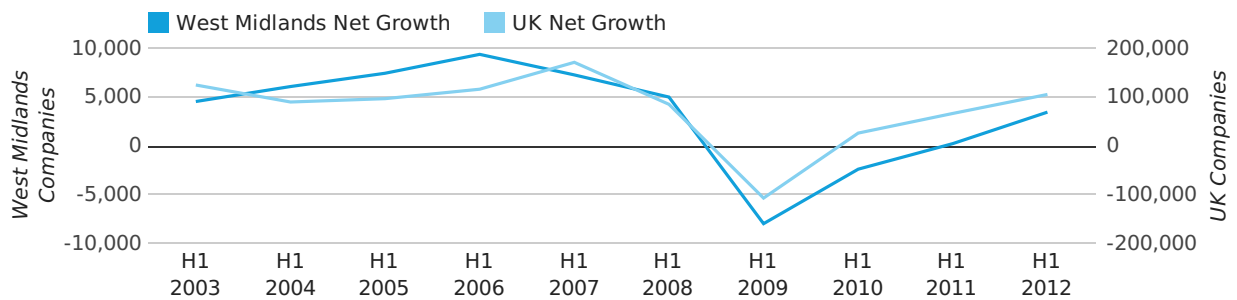
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	1,574	1,501	1,315
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	1,593	1,688	1,351
% CHANGE	-1.2%	-11.1%	-3%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (2,413)	2009 (4,755)	2009 (3,697)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for West Midlands increased by 3,455 companies. This figure is 1,428.8% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WEST MIDLANDS	UK
2012	3,455	105,357
2011	226	66,425
% CHANGE	1,428.8%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (9,383)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



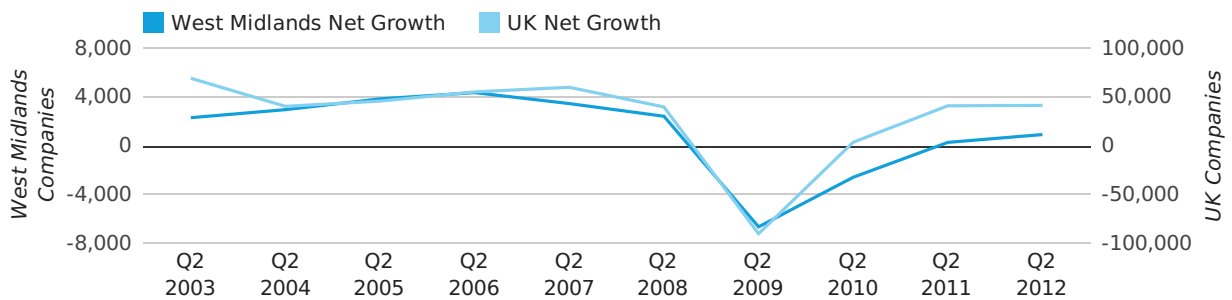
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for West Midlands during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 922 companies.

This represents an increase of 230.5% on the same period last year.

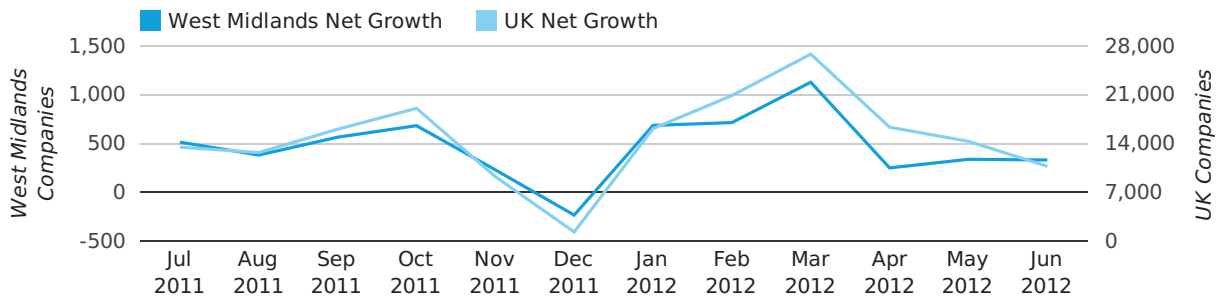
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WEST MIDLANDS	UK
2012	922	41,442
2011	279	41,020
% CHANGE	230.5%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (4,362)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



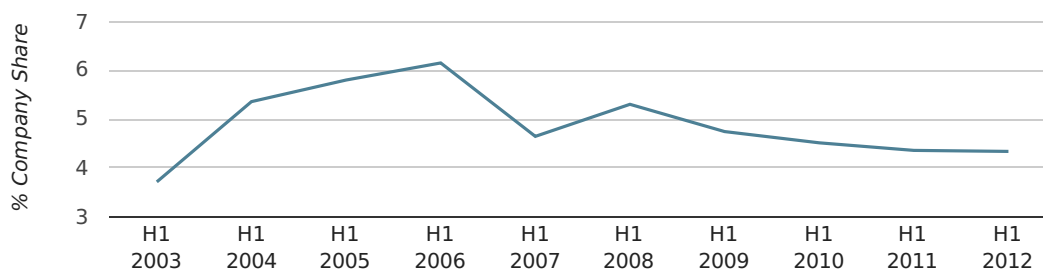
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	251	339	332
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-95	17	357
% CHANGE	-364.2%	1,894.1%	-7.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,771)	2006 (1,715)	2008 (1,348)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 West Midlands formed 4.3% of all UK companies. This is less than the 2011 figure of 4.4%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WEST MIDLANDS
2012	4.3%
2011	4.4%
2010	4.5%
2009	4.7%
2008	5.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (6.3%)

company share by half year

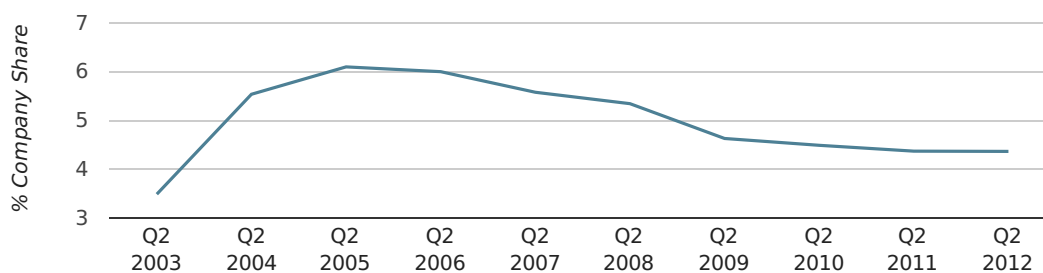


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, West Midlands formed 4.4% of all UK companies.

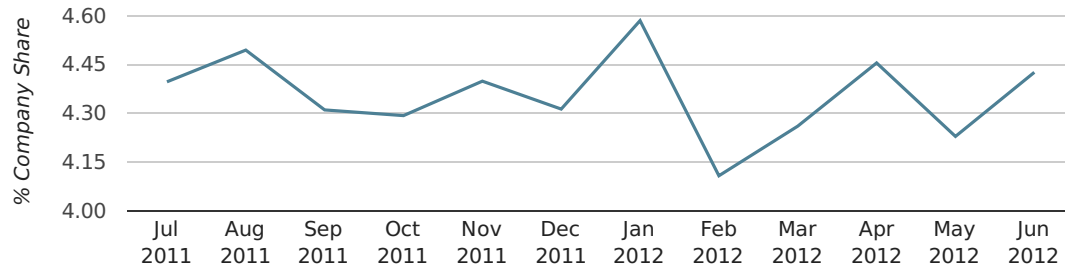
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WEST MIDLANDS
2012	4.4%
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2009	4.6%
2008	5.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (6.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	4.5%	4.2%	4.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	4.3%	4.5%	4.3%
% CHANGE	2.6%	-5.4%	3.0%
RECORD YEAR	1967 (8.6%)	2006 (6.5%)	1964 (7.1%)

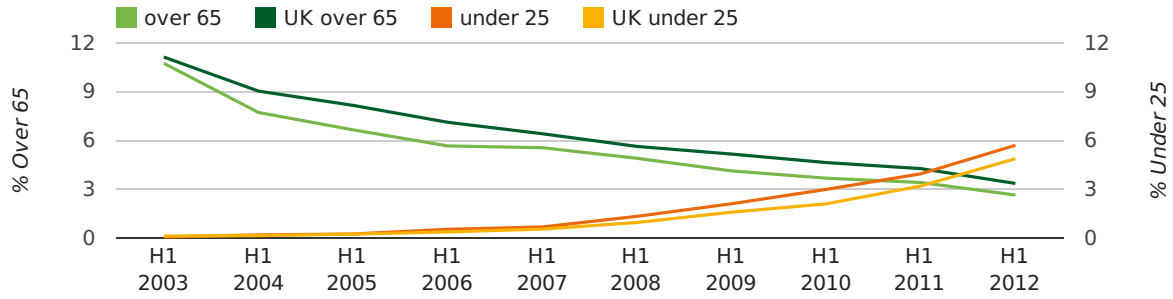
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 41.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



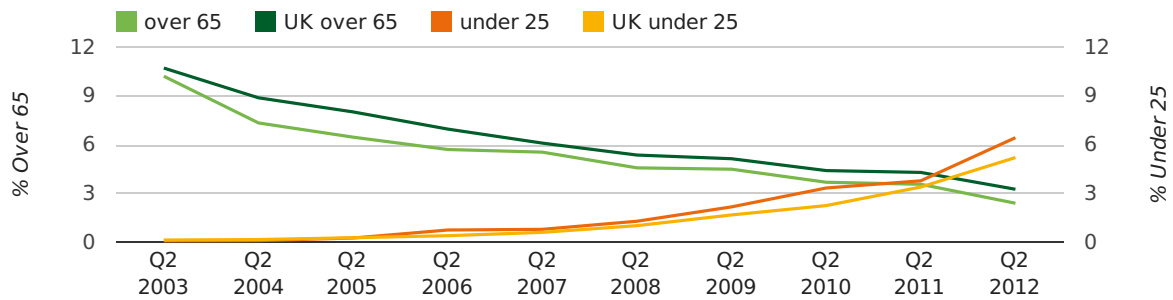
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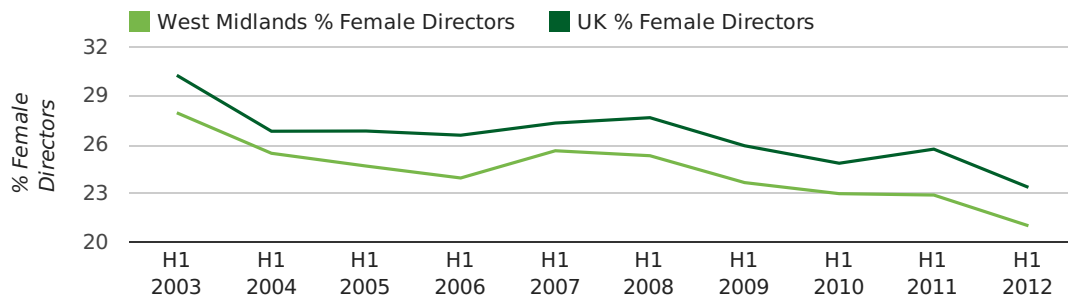


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

21.0% of all director appointments in West Midlands 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	2.21%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	1.84%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	1.52%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
TRADING	1.22%	PROPERTY	2.35%
PROPERTY	1.17%	TRADING	2.10%
CARE	1.15%	DESIGN	1.89%
S	1.07%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
M	1.05%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
DESIGN	1.03%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
J	1.01%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
BUSINESS	0.91%	BUSINESS	1.70%
(MIDLANDS)	0.83%	MEDIA	1.69%
GLOBAL	0.82%	LONDON	1.68%
MIDLANDS	0.80%	J	1.57%
MEDIA	0.80%	GLOBAL	1.51%
BIRMINGHAM	0.79%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CONSTRUCTION	0.79%	IT	1.42%
TRANSPORT	0.79%	CARE	1.31%
ASSOCIATES	0.77%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
SECURITY	0.75%	M	1.26%
CONSULTANTS	0.74%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
PROPERTIES	0.72%	BUILDING	1.23%
INVESTMENTS	0.72%	SECURITY	1.19%
CENTRE	0.71%	S	1.18%
R	0.70%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	11,539	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	2,387	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	2,067	35,447
99999 - Dormant Company	923	26,088
9999 - Dormant Company	628	16,469
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	598	20,390
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	576	15,280
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	493	14,220
56103 - Take-away food shops and mobile food stands	424	3,169
9305 - Other service activities	345	7,926
74990 - Non-trading company	341	9,706
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	332	10,271
7414 - Business & management consultancy	326	10,978
7499 - Non-trading company	287	8,023
62090 - Other information technology service activities	282	8,258
86900 - Other human health activities	278	5,222
7260 - Other computer related activities	262	6,456
5227 - Other retail food etc. specialised	223	897
49410 - Freight transport by road	218	2,912
86210 - General medical practice activities	211	2,657