

Wigan

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Wigan when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Wigan when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Wigan when compared to any previous Q2.
- June 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Wigan when compared to any previous June.
- April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Wigan when compared to any previous April.
- June 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Wigan when compared to any previous June.

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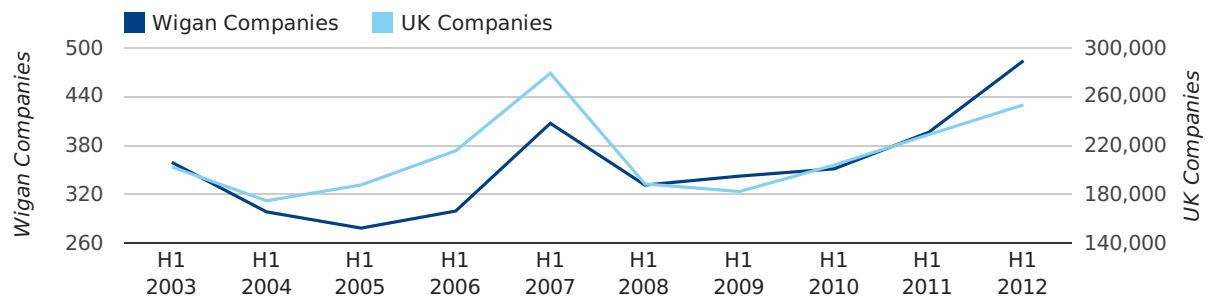
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Wigan when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 484 companies were formed in Wigan. This figure is 22.2% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Wigan occurred in 2012 when a total of 484 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WIGAN	UK
2012	484	253,150
2011	396	228,735
% CHANGE	22.2%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (484)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

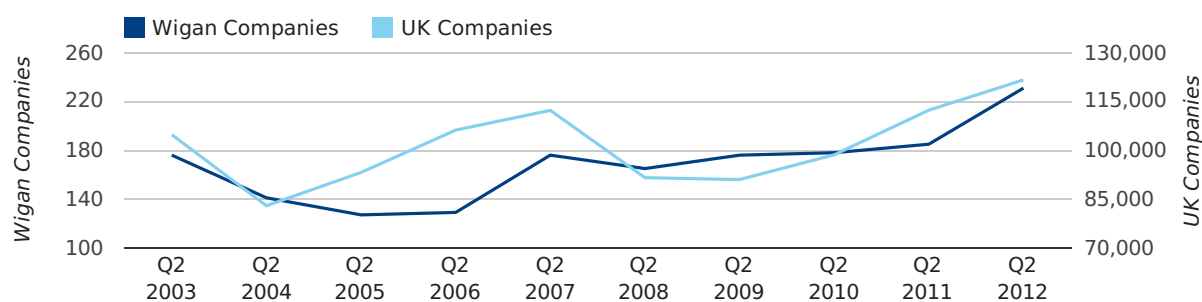
Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Wigan when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 231 companies were registered in Wigan during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 24.9% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well 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)	WIGAN	UK
2012	231	121,659
2011	185	112,344
% CHANGE	24.9%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (231)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

June 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Wigan when compared to any previous June.

April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Wigan when compared to any previous April.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	77	62	92
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	64	44	77
% CHANGE	20.3%	40.9%	19.5%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (77)	2007 (63)	2012 (92)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 235 companies were dissolved in Wigan. This figure is 12.6% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Wigan occurred in 2009 when a total of 393 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WIGAN	UK
2012	235	147,793
2011	269	162,310
% CHANGE	-12.6%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (393)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 135 companies were dissolved in Wigan during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 25.0% 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)	WIGAN	UK
2012	135	80,217
2011	108	71,324
% CHANGE	25.0%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (260)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



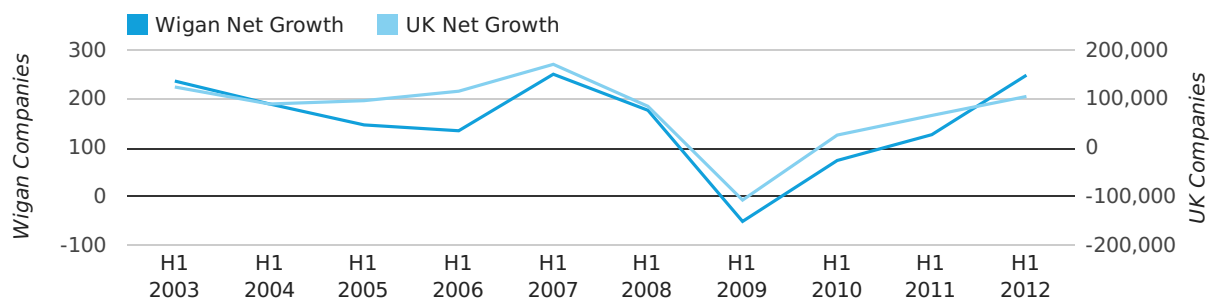
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	37	55	43
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	21	52	35
% CHANGE	76.2%	5.8%	23%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (79)	2009 (104)	2009 (77)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Wigan increased by 249 companies. This figure is 96.1% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WIGAN	UK
2012	249	105,357
2011	127	66,425
% CHANGE	96.1%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (251)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



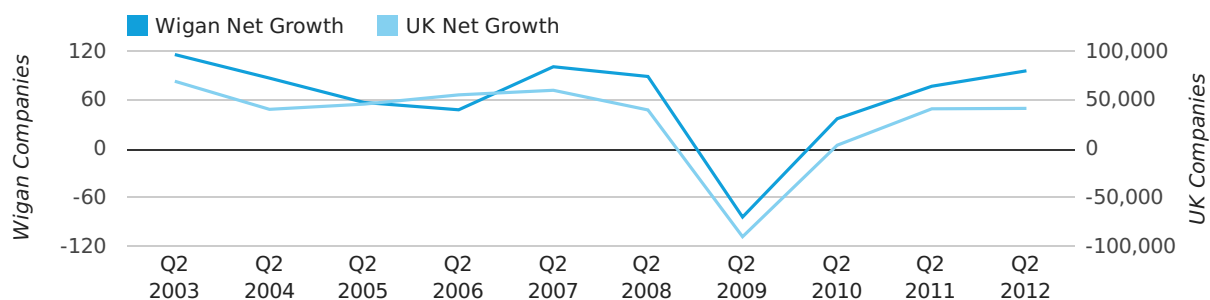
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Wigan during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 96 companies.

This represents an increase of 24.7% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WIGAN	UK
2012	96	41,442
2011	77	41,020
% CHANGE	24.7%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (116)	2003 (69,274)

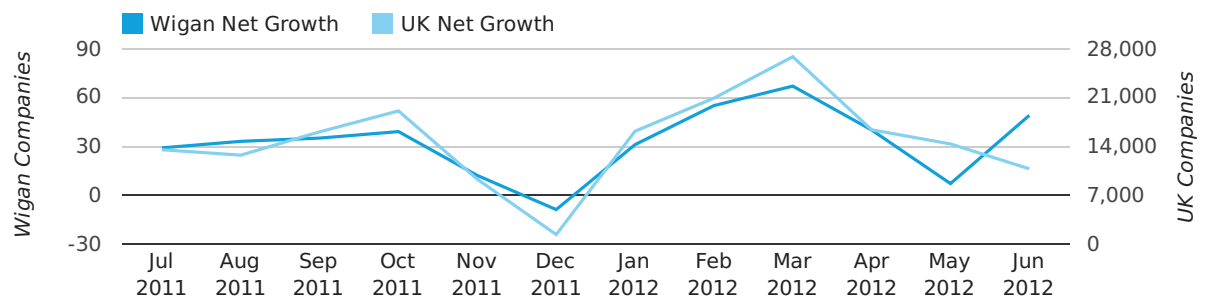
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

June 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Wigan when compared to any previous June.

net growth by month



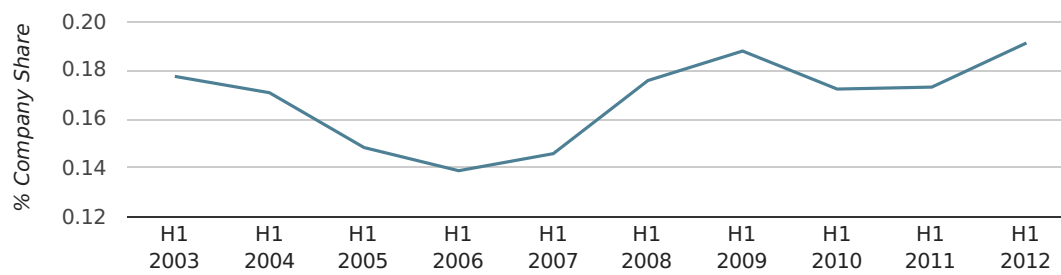
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	40	7	49
NET GROWTH IN 2011	43	-8	42
% CHANGE	-7.0%	-187.5%	16.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (47)	2003 (36)	2012 (49)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WIGAN
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (0.4%)

company share by half year

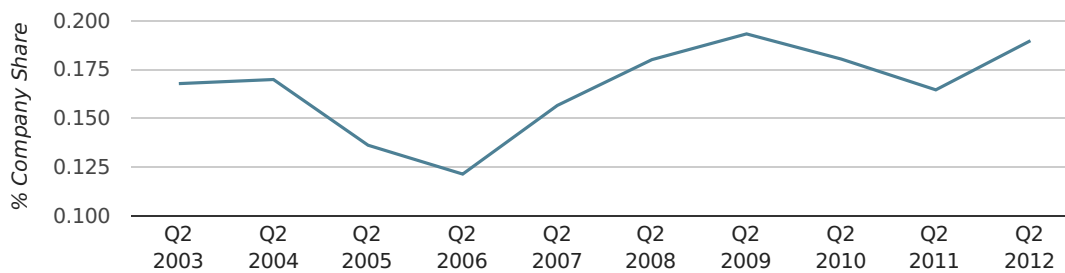


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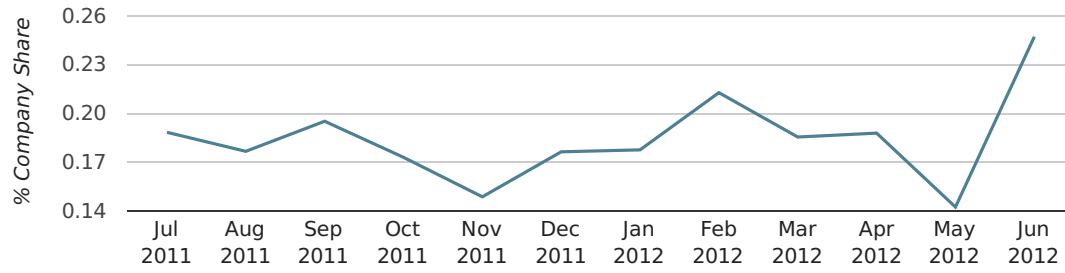
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RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
% CHANGE	1.3%	23.5%	27.6%
RECORD YEAR	1969 (0.4%)	1985 (0.4%)	1969 (0.4%)

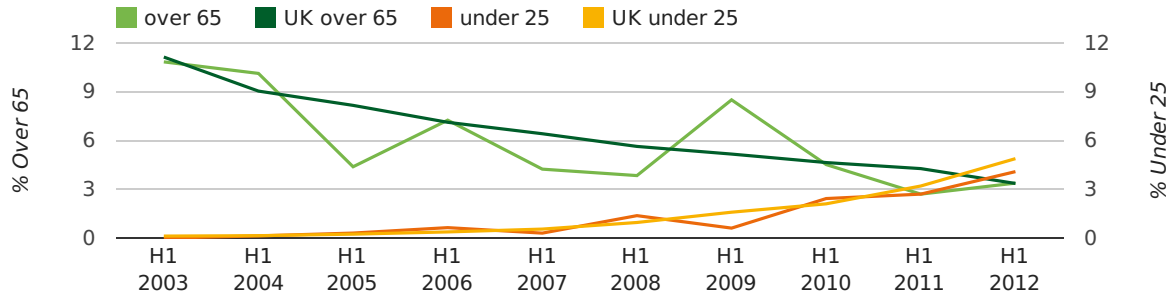
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 42.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

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

director age by half year



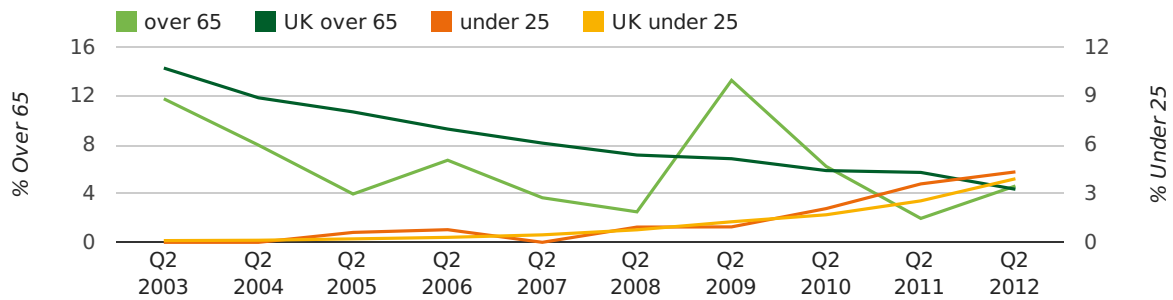
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 43.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.3% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

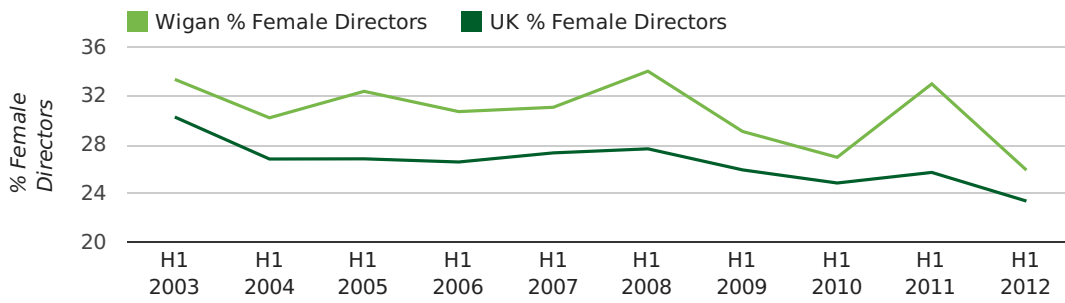


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

25.9% of all director appointments in Wigan 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

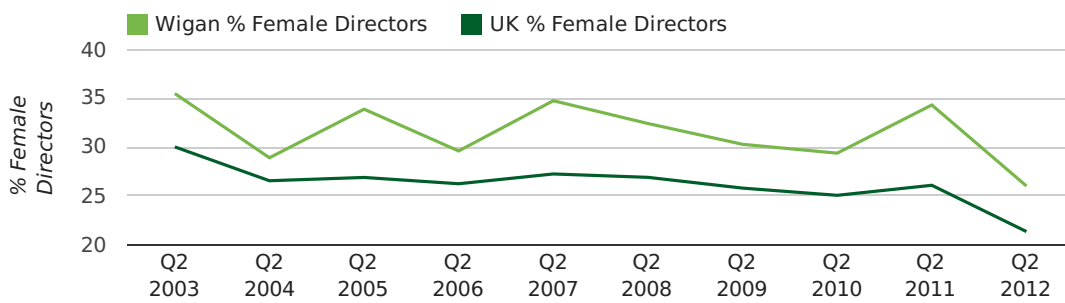


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

26.0% of all director appointments in Wigan 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
(NW)	2.04%	CONSULTING	5.07%
TRANSPORT	1.96%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.82%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
WIGAN	1.24%	PROPERTY	2.35%
D	1.16%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTING	1.09%	DESIGN	1.89%
S	1.09%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
CONSULTANTS	0.87%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CONSULTANCY	0.87%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
ENGINEERING	0.87%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
(WIGAN)	0.80%	BUSINESS	1.70%
J	0.80%	MEDIA	1.69%
ELECTRICAL	0.80%	LONDON	1.68%
BUILDING	0.80%	J	1.57%
M	0.80%	GLOBAL	1.51%
K	0.73%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CONSTRUCTION	0.73%	IT	1.42%
C	0.73%	CARE	1.31%
SUPPLIES	0.73%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
SECURITY	0.65%	M	1.26%
DESIGN	0.65%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
CIC	0.65%	BUILDING	1.23%
NORTHWEST	0.65%	SECURITY	1.19%
TRAINING	0.58%	S	1.18%
NW	0.58%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	397	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	58	47,029
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	33	35,447
99999 - Dormant Company	32	26,088
9999 - Dormant Company	30	16,469
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	26	14,220
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	25	20,390
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	21	10,271
7414 - Business & management consultancy	21	10,978
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	20	15,280
56302 - Public houses and bars	18	2,913
9305 - Other service activities	18	7,926
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	17	4,644
43210 - Electrical installation	17	3,557
43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation	15	2,716
86900 - Other human health activities	13	5,222
41100 - Development of building projects	13	5,149
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	13	4,091
6024 - Freight transport by road	10	1,933
62090 - Other information technology service activities	10	8,258