

Wrexham

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Wrexham when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Wrexham when compared to any half year in history.
- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Wrexham when compared to any previous May.
- April 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Wrexham when compared to any previous April.

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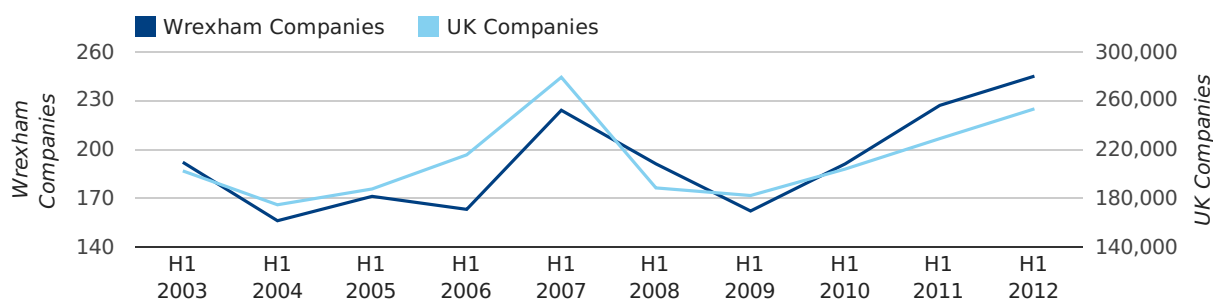
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in Wrexham when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 245 companies were formed in Wrexham. This figure is 7.9% higher than last year, which compares equally to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Wrexham occurred in 2012 when a total of 245 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WREXHAM	UK
2012	245	253,150
2011	227	228,735
% CHANGE	7.9%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (245)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



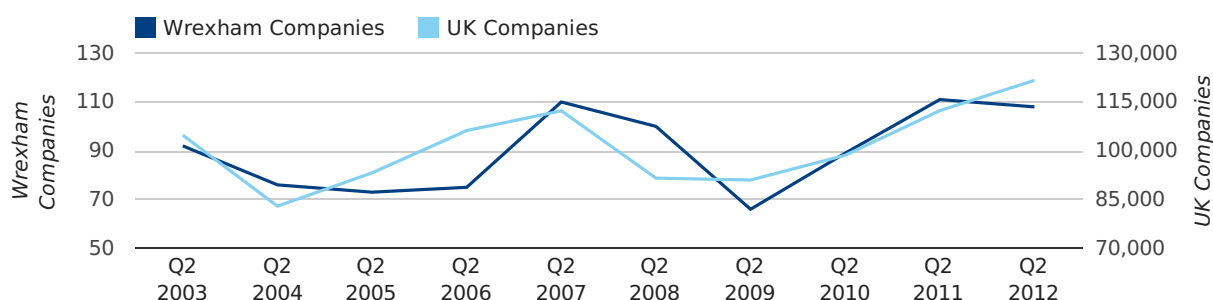
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 108 companies were registered in Wrexham during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 2.7% 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)	WREXHAM	UK
2012	108	121,659
2011	111	112,344
% CHANGE	-2.7%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (111)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

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

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	42	42	24
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	43	34	34
% CHANGE	-2.3%	23.5%	-29.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (48)	2012 (42)	2008 (37)

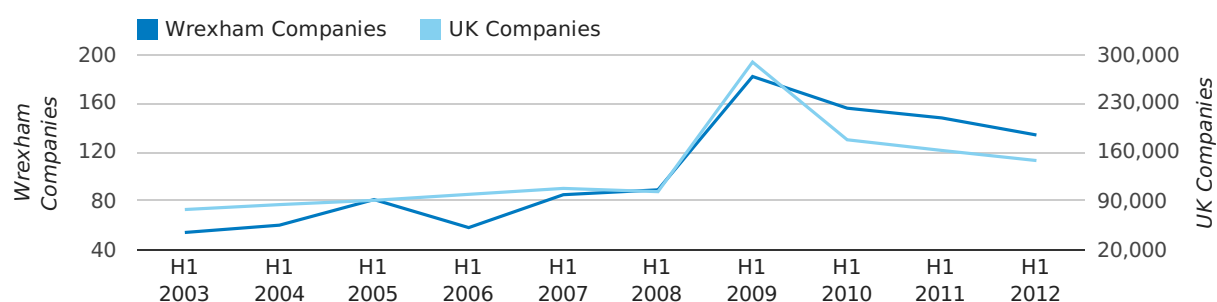
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 134 companies were dissolved in Wrexham. This figure is 9.5% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Wrexham occurred in 2009 when a total of 182 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WREXHAM	UK
2012	134	147,793
2011	148	162,310
% CHANGE	-9.5%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (182)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 69 companies were dissolved in Wrexham during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 3.0% 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)	WREXHAM	UK
2012	69	80,217
2011	67	71,324
% CHANGE	3.0%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (96)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

April 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Wrexham when compared to any previous April.

dissolved companies by month



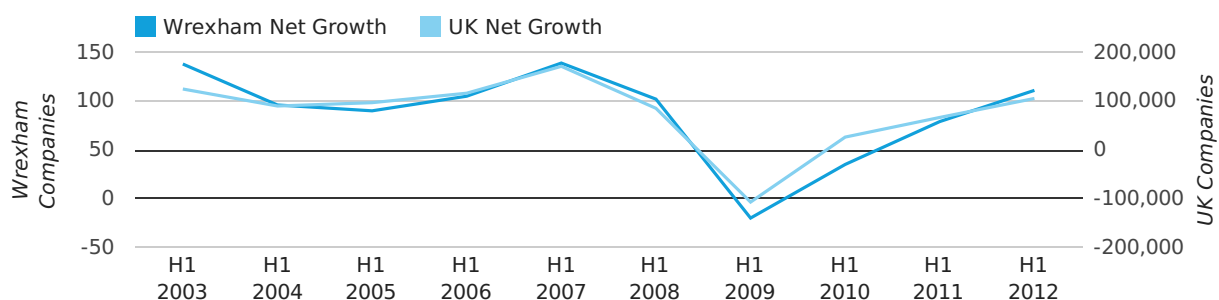
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	23	19	27
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	12	28	27
% CHANGE	91.7%	-32.1%	0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (23)	2009 (47)	2010 (30)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Wrexham increased by 111 companies. This figure is 40.5% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WREXHAM	UK
2012	111	105,357
2011	79	66,425
% CHANGE	40.5%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (139)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



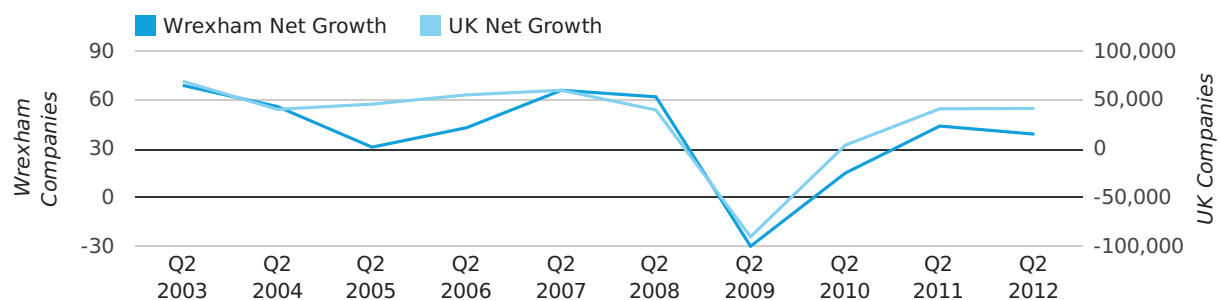
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Wrexham during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 39 companies.

This represents a decrease of 11.4% on the same period last year.

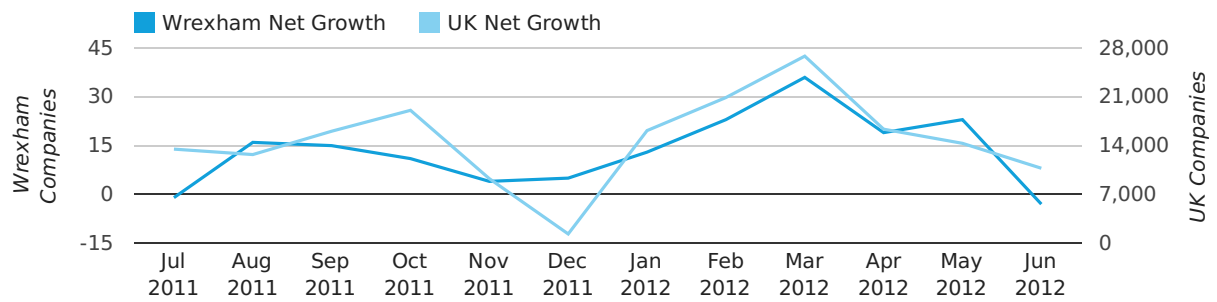
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WREXHAM	UK
2012	39	41,442
2011	44	41,020
% CHANGE	-11.4%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (69)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



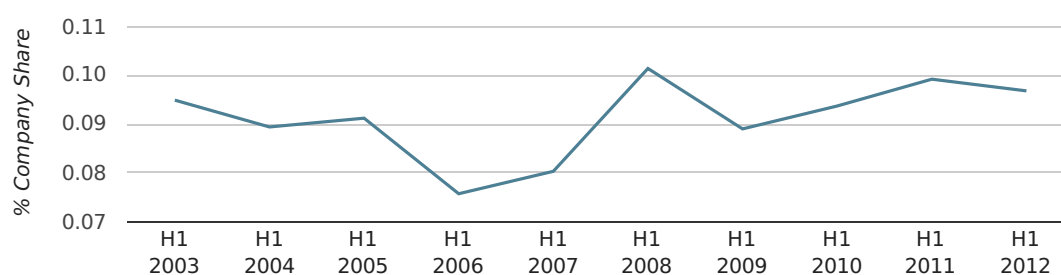
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	19	23	-3
NET GROWTH IN 2011	31	6	7
% CHANGE	-38.7%	283.3%	-142.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (38)	2003 (27)	2008 (34)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Wrexham formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WREXHAM
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1975 (0.2%)

company share by half year

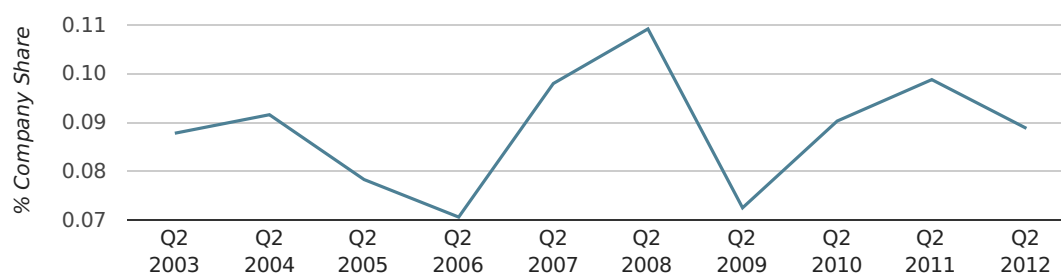


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2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1975 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-17.8%	8.3%	-24.6%
RECORD YEAR	1974 (0.4%)	1975 (0.3%)	1968 (0.3%)

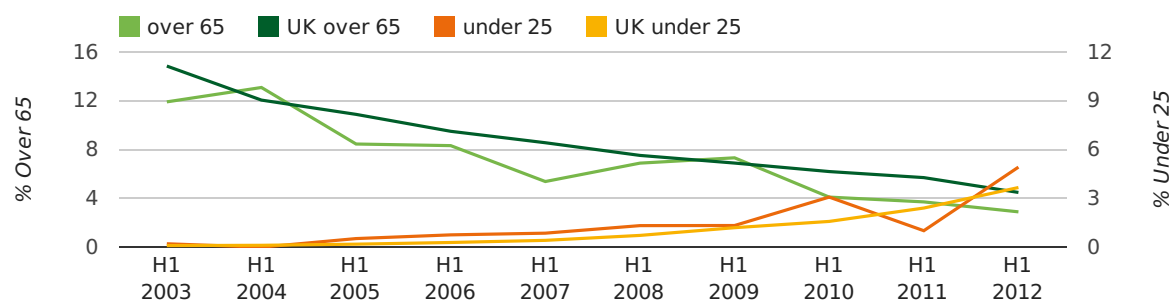
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 42.9.

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

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



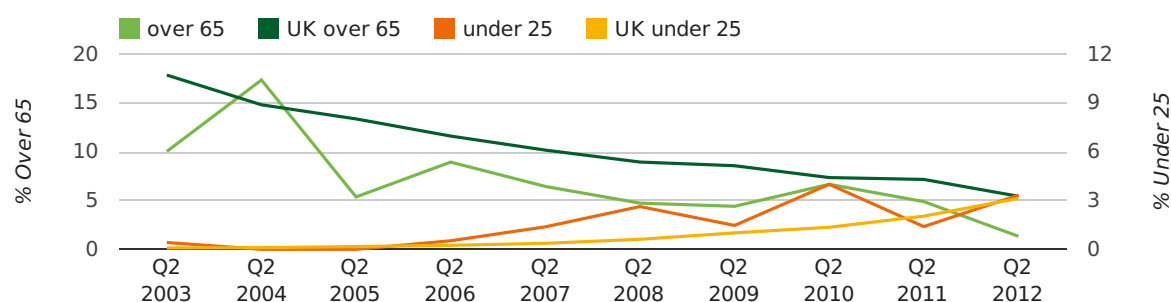
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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 3.3% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

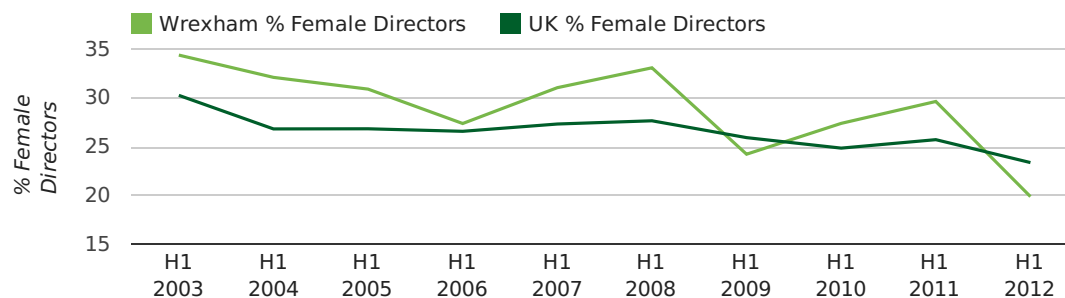


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

19.9% of all director appointments in Wrexham 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

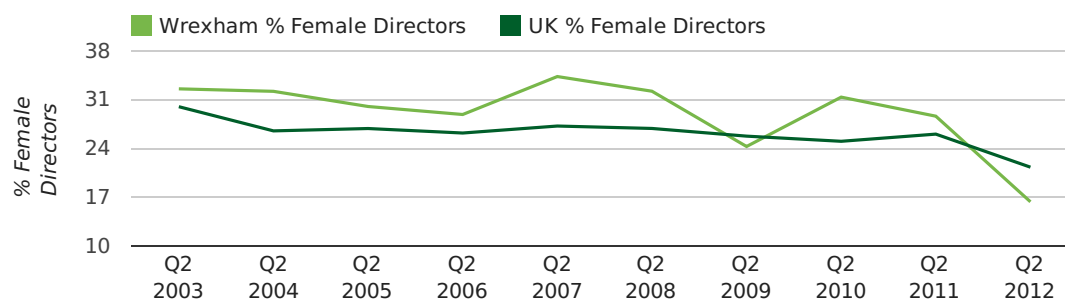


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

16.4% of all director appointments in Wrexham 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
ENGINEERING	1.28%	CONSULTING	5.07%
WREXHAM	1.28%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
(WREXHAM)	1.15%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
MANAGEMENT	0.90%	PROPERTY	2.35%
D	0.90%	TRADING	2.10%
PROPERTIES	0.77%	DESIGN	1.89%
CAR	0.64%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
CONSULTING	0.64%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
JOINERY	0.51%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
TRANSPORT	0.51%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.51%	BUSINESS	1.70%
C	0.51%	MEDIA	1.69%
HEATING	0.51%	LONDON	1.68%
K	0.51%	J	1.57%
BUSINESS	0.51%	GLOBAL	1.51%
J	0.51%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
SECURITY	0.51%	IT	1.42%
NORTH	0.51%	CARE	1.31%
H	0.51%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
HOUSE	0.51%	M	1.26%
G	0.51%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
ELECTRICAL	0.51%	BUILDING	1.23%
ENERGY	0.51%	SECURITY	1.19%
WELDING	0.51%	S	1.18%
TRAINING	0.38%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	180	244,457
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	33	20,390
99999 - Dormant Company	27	26,088
7487 - Other business activities	24	47,029
9999 - Dormant Company	18	16,469
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	15	35,447
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	13	15,280
62090 - Other information technology service activities	13	8,258
7260 - Other computer related activities	12	6,456
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	12	14,220
56302 - Public houses and bars	12	2,913
74990 - Non-trading company	10	9,706
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	10	4,644
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	9	10,271
7414 - Business & management consultancy	8	10,978
41100 - Development of building projects	8	5,149
43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation	6	2,716
43210 - Electrical installation	6	3,557
96020 - Hairdressing and other beauty treatment	6	2,993
5540 - Bars	6	1,709