

# Aberdeenshire

q1 2012 business confidence report



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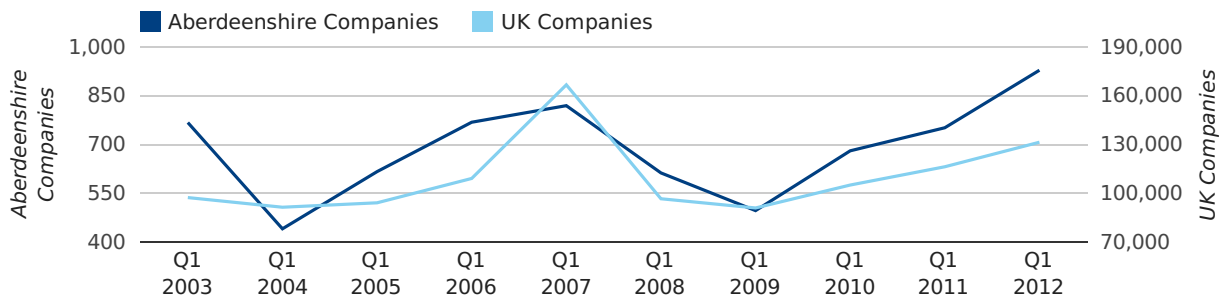
Q1 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Aberdeenshire when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 929 companies were registered in Aberdeenshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 23.5% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.0% against the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	ABERDEENSHIRE	UK
2012	929	131,491
2011	752	116,391
% CHANGE	23.5%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (929)	2007 (166,814)

### new companies by quarter

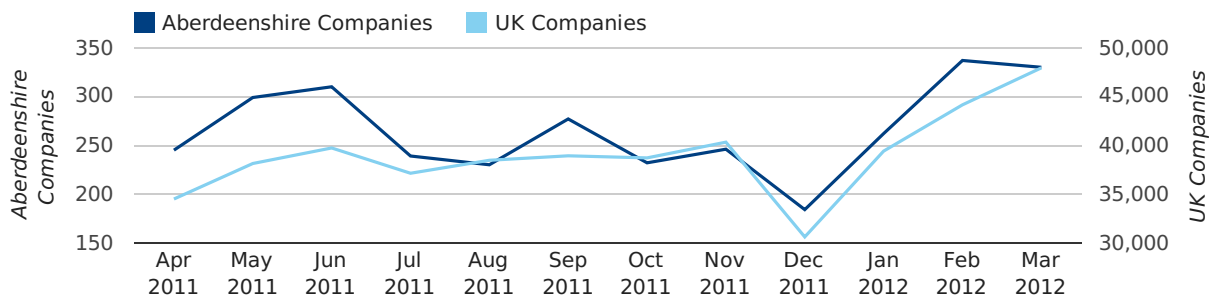


### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Aberdeenshire when compared to any previous February.

January 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Aberdeenshire when compared to any previous January.

### new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	262	337	330
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	208	207	337
% CHANGE	26.0%	62.8%	-2.1%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (262)	2012 (337)	2007 (387)

### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Q1 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Aberdeenshire when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 718 companies were dissolved in Aberdeenshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 49.0% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 25.7% against the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	ABERDEENSHIRE	UK
2012	718	67,576
2011	482	90,986
% CHANGE	49.0%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (718)	2009 (108,060)

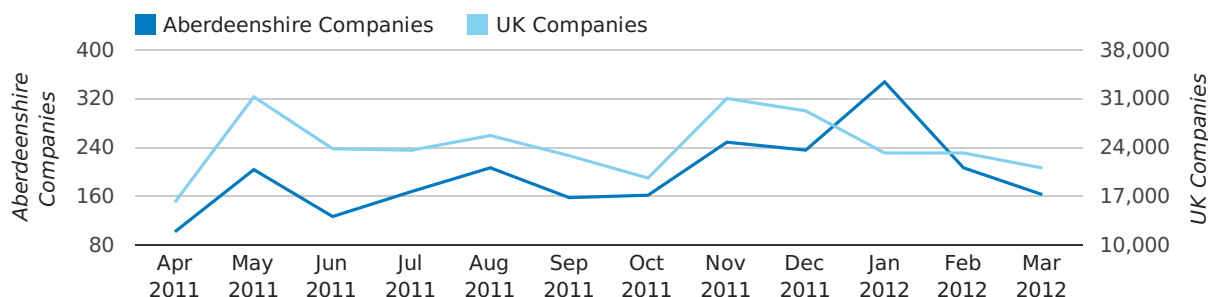
### dissolved companies by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

January 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Aberdeenshire when compared to any previous January.

### dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	348	207	163
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	210	132	140
% CHANGE	65.7%	56.8%	16%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (348)	2010 (213)	2010 (245)

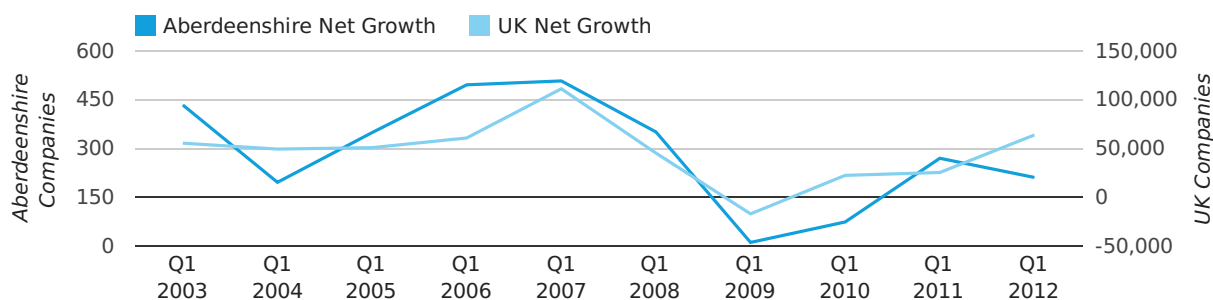
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Aberdeenshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 211 companies.

This represents a decrease of 21.9% on the same period last year.

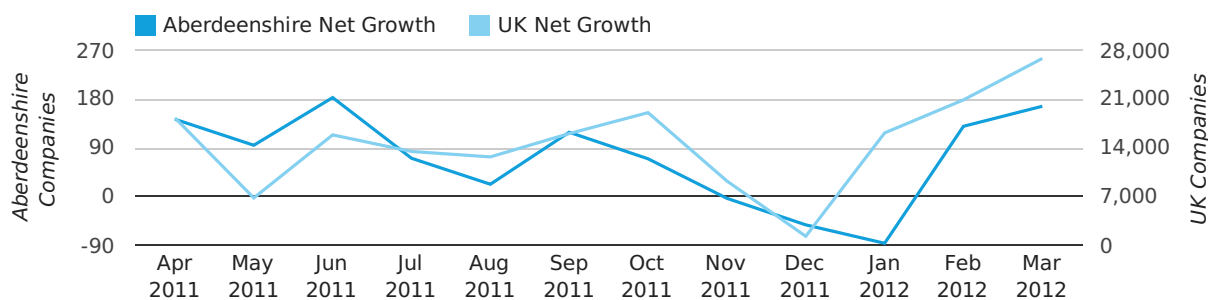
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	ABERDEENSHIRE	UK
2012	211	63,915
2011	270	25,405
% CHANGE	-21.9%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (508)	2007 (111,282)

### net growth by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

### net growth by month



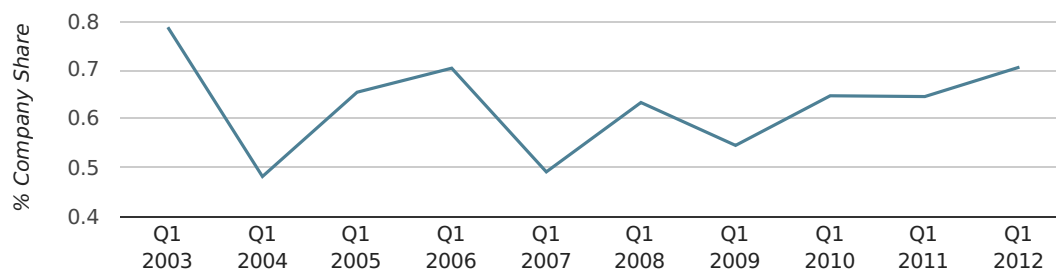
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	-86	130	167
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-2	75	197
% CHANGE	4,200.0%	73.3%	-15.2%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (189)	2005 (196)	2007 (234)

### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Aberdeenshire formed 0.7% of all UK companies.

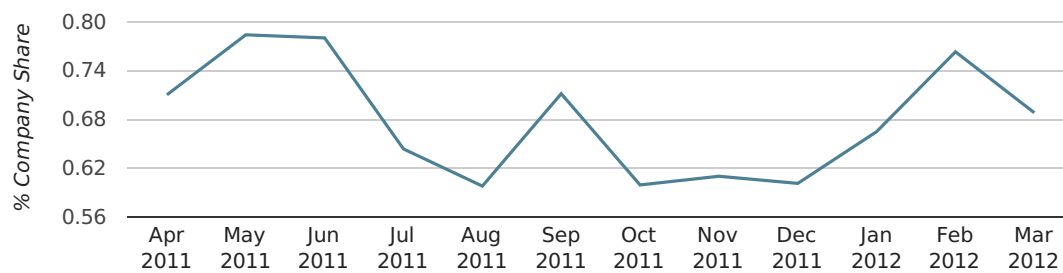
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	ABERDEENSHIRE
2012	0.7%
2011	0.6%
2010	0.6%
2009	0.5%
2008	0.6%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1991 (1.4%)

### company share by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

### company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.6%	0.5%	0.8%
% CHANGE	8.0%	39.2%	-8.4%
RECORD YEAR	1991 (1.6%)	1990 (1.7%)	1979 (8.1%)

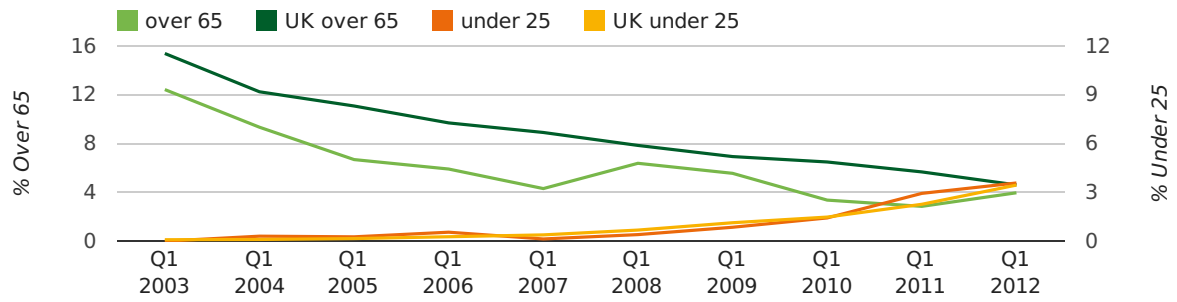
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 43.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

#### director age by quarter

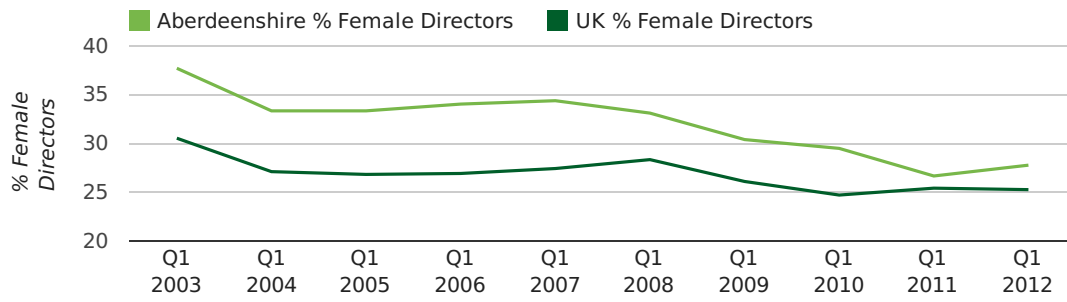


### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The record first quarter for female directors in Aberdeenshire was in 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

27.8% of all director appointments in Aberdeenshire in the first quarter of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.3% for the same period.

#### director gender by quarter





## Previous 12 months (Mar 2011-Mar 2012)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
ENGINEERING	6.59%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTANCY	2.09%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
DESIGN	2.01%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
CONSULTING	1.96%	PROPERTY	2.37%
ENERGY	1.96%	TRADING	2.07%
CONSULTANTS	1.73%	DESIGN	1.93%
ABERDEEN	1.62%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
MANAGEMENT	1.57%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
SUBSEA	1.33%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
(ABERDEEN)	1.18%	BUSINESS	1.73%
WELL	0.97%	MEDIA	1.72%
OFFSHORE	0.94%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
PROJECT	0.89%	LONDON	1.66%
J	0.81%	J	1.54%
BUSINESS	0.73%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
ELECTRICAL	0.73%	GLOBAL	1.50%
TECHNICAL	0.71%	IT	1.40%
PROPERTIES	0.68%	CARE	1.34%
OIL	0.63%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
DRILLING	0.63%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
SAFETY	0.63%	M	1.27%
JOINERY	0.63%	BUILDING	1.24%
OILFIELD	0.63%	ENERGY	1.20%
PROPERTY	0.60%	S	1.20%
MARINE	0.60%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

## Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	930	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	483	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	460	35,233
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	294	9,892
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	176	13,637
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	157	19,704
71129 - Other engineering activities	133	2,217
09100 - Support activities for petroleum and natural gas extraction	130	272
7414 - Business & management consultancy	79	12,113
99999 - Dormant Company	61	25,084
71122 - Engineering related scientific and technical consulting activities	61	1,011
1120 - Services to oil and gas extraction	59	182
74990 - Non-trading company	56	9,729
9305 - Other service activities	51	8,818
9999 - Dormant Company	51	18,617
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	42	14,303
5530 - Restaurants	33	4,633
06100 - Extraction of crude petroleum	32	197
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	32	4,427
71121 - Engineering design activities for industrial process and production	30	513