Angus

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

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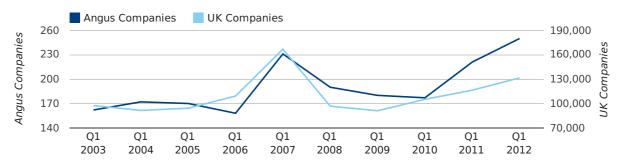
Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Angus when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 250 companies were registered in Angus during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 13.1% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares equally 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)	ANGUS	UK
2012	250	131,491
2011	221	116,391
% CHANGE	13.1%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (250)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

new companies by month



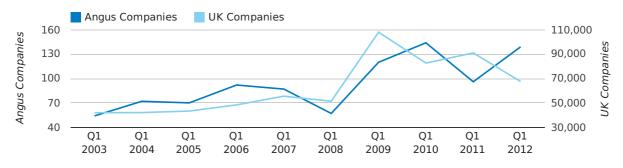
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	67	86	97
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	52	66	103
% CHANGE	28.8%	30.3%	-5.8%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (74)	2012 (86)	2011 (103)

A total of 139 companies were dissolved in Angus during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 44.8% 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)	ANGUS	UK
2012	139	67,576
2011	96	90,986
% CHANGE	44.8%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (144)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	45	57	37
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	37	33	26
% CHANGE	21.6%	72.7%	42%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (46)	2009 (57)	2010 (55)

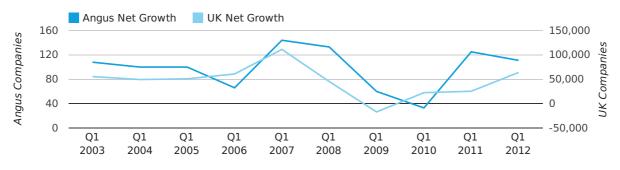
dissolved companies by month

Net company growth for Angus during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 111 companies.

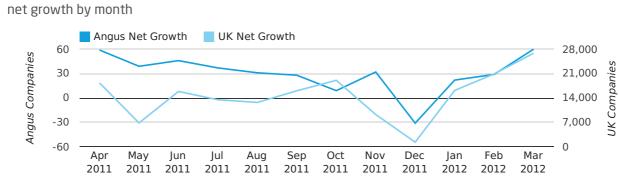
This represents a decrease of 11.2% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	ANGUS	UK
2012	111	63,915
2011	125	25,405
% CHANGE	-11.2%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (144)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

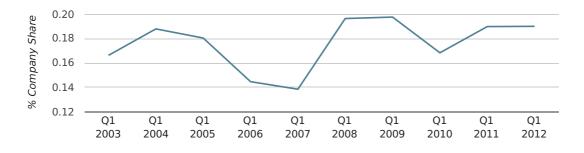


	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	22	29	60
NET GROWTH IN 2011	15	33	77
% CHANGE	46.7%	-12.1%	-22.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (61)	2008 (40)	2011 (77)

In the first quarter of 2012, Angus formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	ANGUS
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1979 (0.5%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



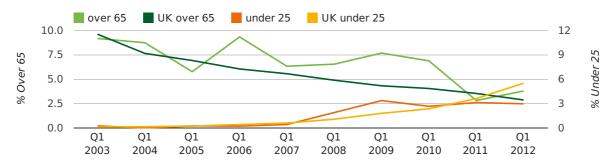
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	10.5%	11.4%	-11.9%
RECORD YEAR	1971 (0.4%)	1968 (1.2%)	1979 (2.4%)

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

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age 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
(DUNDEE)	2.49%	CONSULTING	5.07%
DUNDEE	1.57%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
(SCOTLAND)	1.49%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
PROPERTY	1.28%	PROPERTY	2.37%
ENGINEERING	1.14%	TRADING	2.07%
MANAGEMENT	0.93%	DESIGN	1.93%
SCOTLAND	0.93%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
CONSULTANCY	0.85%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
PROPERTIES	0.78%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.78%	BUSINESS	1.73%
J	0.78%	MEDIA	1.72%
SECURITY	0.71%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
ENERGY	0.64%	LONDON	1.66%
TAXIS	0.64%	J	1.54%
CLEANING	0.57%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
BAR	0.57%	GLOBAL	1.50%
ASSOCIATES	0.50%	IT	1.40%
JOINERY	0.50%	CARE	1.34%
INSPECTION	0.50%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
TAYSIDE	0.50%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
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Н	0.43%	BUILDING	1.24%
CARE	0.43%	ENERGY	1.20%
CONSULTANTS	0.43%	S	1.20%
RESTAURANTS	0.43%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	397	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	100	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	52	35,233
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	33	13,637
99999 - Dormant Company	30	25,084
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	29	9,892
74990 - Non-trading company	22	9,729
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	21	19,704
9999 - Dormant Company	20	18,617
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	19	14,303
43320 - Joinery installation	18	1,262
41100 - Development of building projects	17	4,984
9305 - Other service activities	16	8,818
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	16	4,427
5530 - Restaurants	15	4,633
68100 - Buying and selling of own real estate	13	3,072
56302 - Public houses and bars	13	2,795
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	12	4,132
56103 - Take-away food shops and mobile food stands	12	2,902
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	12	2,832