

Ashford

q1 2012 business confidence report



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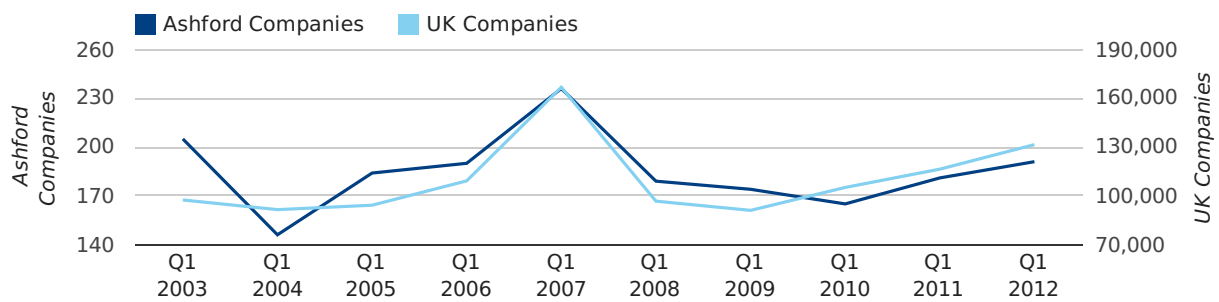
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 191 companies were registered in Ashford during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 5.5% 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.

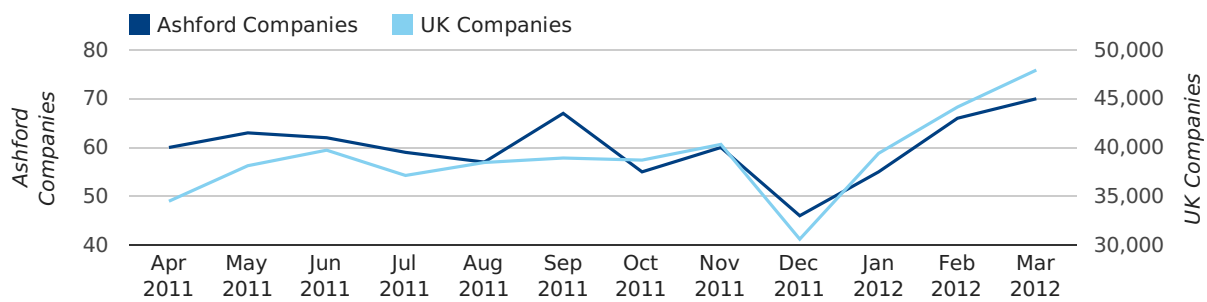
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	ASHFORD	UK
2012	191	131,491
2011	181	116,391
% CHANGE	5.5%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (236)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	55	66	70
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	45	69	67
% CHANGE	22.2%	-4.3%	4.5%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (72)	2003 (73)	2007 (94)

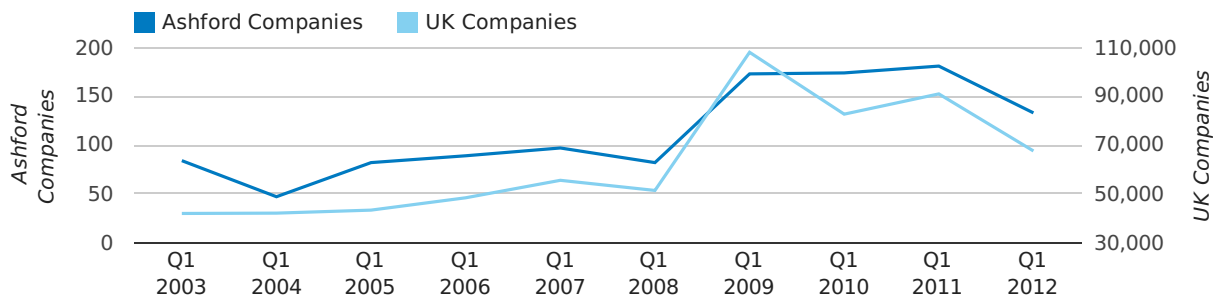
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 133 companies were dissolved in Ashford during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 26.5% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 25.7% against the same period last year.

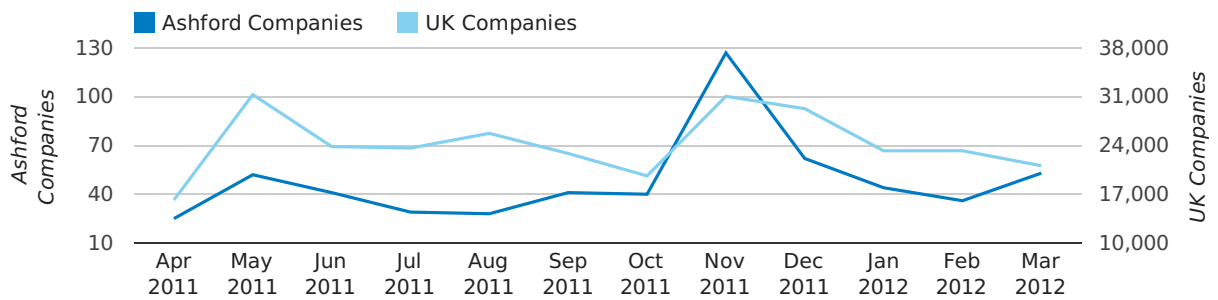
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	ASHFORD	UK
2012	133	67,576
2011	181	90,986
% CHANGE	-26.5%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (181)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	44	36	53
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	61	47	73
% CHANGE	-27.9%	-23.4%	-27%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (61)	2010 (55)	2009 (110)

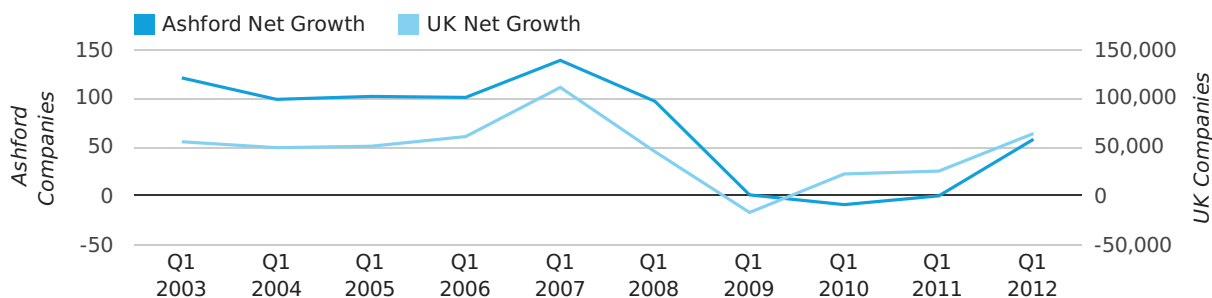
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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 Net company growth for Ashford during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 58 companies.

This represents an increase of 0.0% on the same period last year.

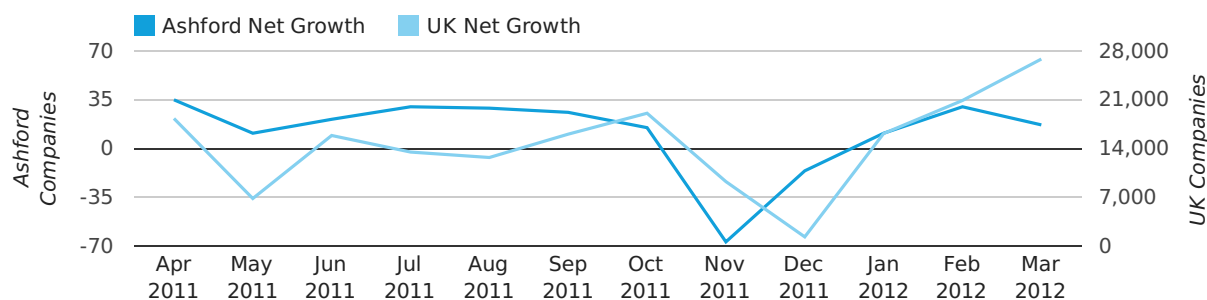
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	ASHFORD	UK
2012	58	63,915
2011	0	25,405
% CHANGE	0.0%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (139)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



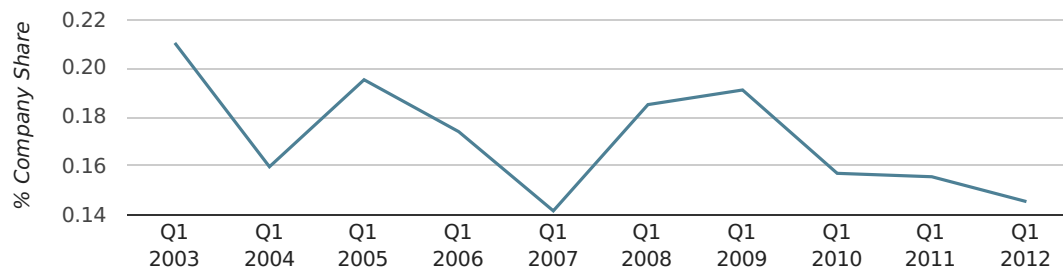
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	11	30	17
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-16	22	-6
% CHANGE	-168.8%	36.4%	-383.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (36)	2007 (51)	2008 (70)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Ashford formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

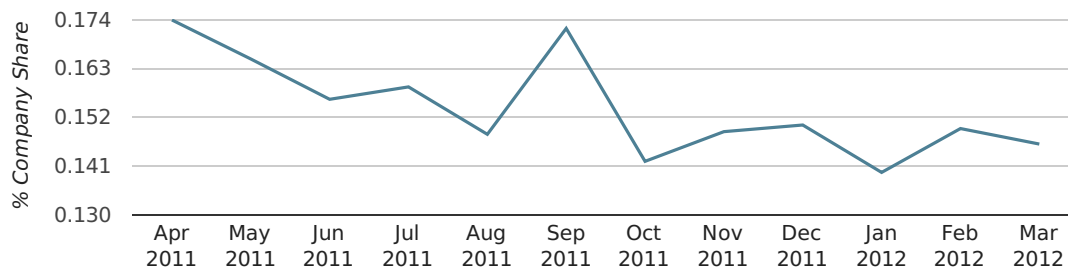
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	ASHFORD
2012	0.1%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1971 (0.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
% CHANGE	4.8%	-18.2%	-2.3%
RECORD YEAR	1971 (0.7%)	1967 (0.4%)	1970 (0.3%)

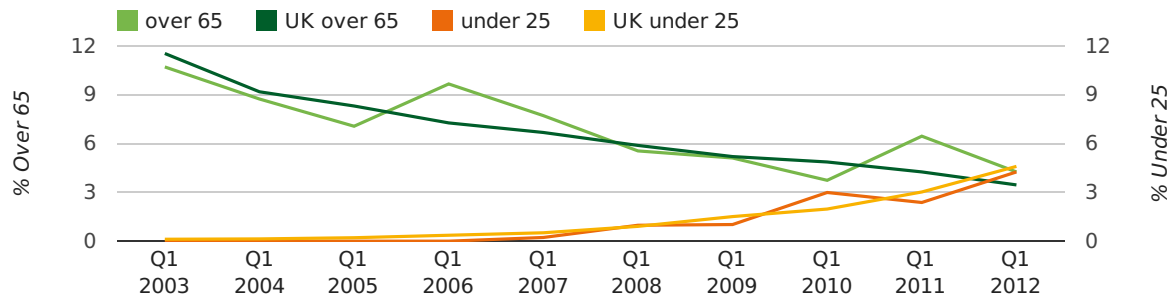
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 43.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

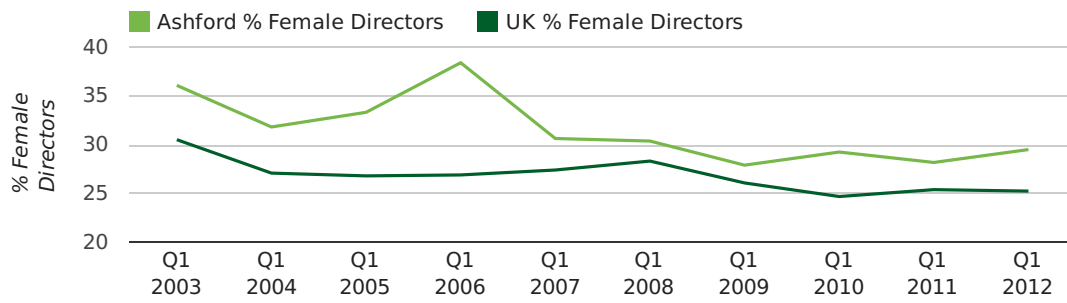


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

29.5% of all director appointments in Ashford 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
CONSULTING	1.57%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.07%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
(KENT)	1.07%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
KENT	1.07%	PROPERTY	2.37%
PROPERTY	0.99%	TRADING	2.07%
ASHFORD	0.91%	DESIGN	1.93%
CONSULTANCY	0.74%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
EAST	0.74%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
GREEN	0.74%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
IT	0.66%	BUSINESS	1.73%
SOUTH	0.66%	MEDIA	1.72%
CONSTRUCTION	0.66%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
BUSINESS	0.66%	LONDON	1.66%
ASSOCIATES	0.66%	J	1.54%
J	0.58%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
B	0.58%	GLOBAL	1.50%
DESIGN	0.58%	IT	1.40%
CENTRE	0.50%	CARE	1.34%
C	0.50%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
JAMES	0.50%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
ELECTRICAL	0.41%	M	1.27%
(ASHFORD)	0.41%	BUILDING	1.24%
PARTNERSHIP	0.41%	ENERGY	1.20%
FOODS	0.41%	S	1.20%
GRACE	0.41%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	269	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	112	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	60	35,233
5132 - Wholesale of meat and meat products	44	212
99999 - Dormant Company	39	25,084
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	33	19,704
9999 - Dormant Company	27	18,617
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	24	14,303
7414 - Business & management consultancy	21	12,113
74990 - Non-trading company	20	9,729
7499 - Non-trading company	18	9,102
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	18	13,637
46320 - Wholesale of meat and meat products	18	199
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	16	9,892
9305 - Other service activities	16	8,818
7260 - Other computer related activities	11	7,154
62012 - Business and domestic software development	11	4,356
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	11	3,439
41100 - Development of building projects	11	4,984
68310 - Real estate agencies	11	2,207