

Birmingham

q1 2012 business confidence report



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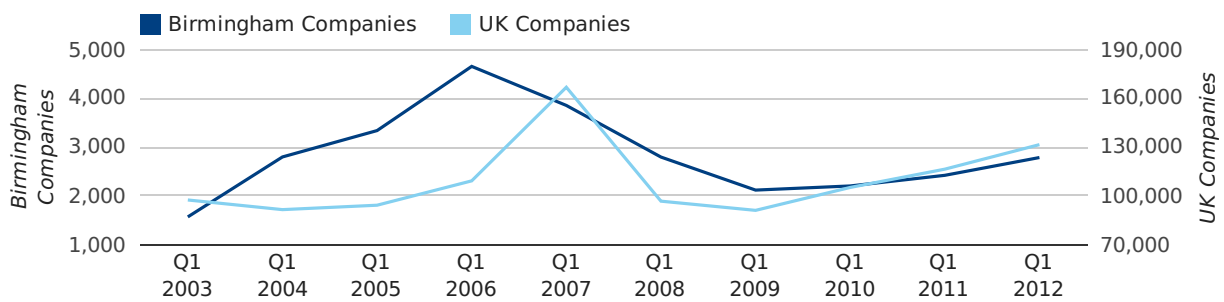
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 2,785 companies were registered in Birmingham during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 15.1% 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.

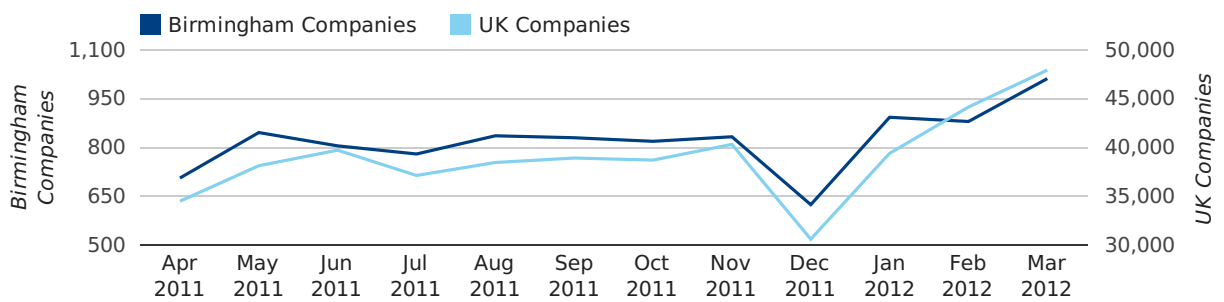
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BIRMINGHAM	UK
2012	2,785	131,491
2011	2,420	116,391
% CHANGE	15.1%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (4,655)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	893	880	1,012
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	738	744	938
% CHANGE	21.0%	18.3%	7.9%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (1,499)	2006 (1,363)	2006 (1,793)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 1,685 companies were dissolved in Birmingham during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 44.9% 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.

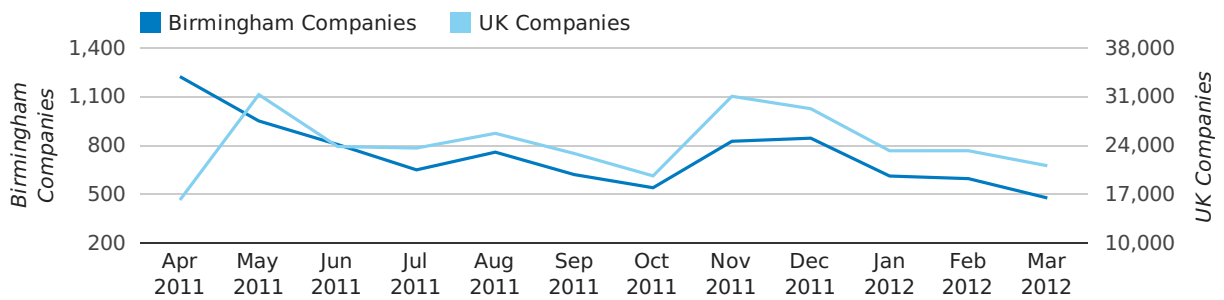
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BIRMINGHAM	UK
2012	1,685	67,576
2011	3,059	90,986
% CHANGE	-44.9%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (3,706)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	612	596	477
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	1,413	802	844
% CHANGE	-56.7%	-25.7%	-43%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (1,413)	2009 (903)	2009 (2,297)

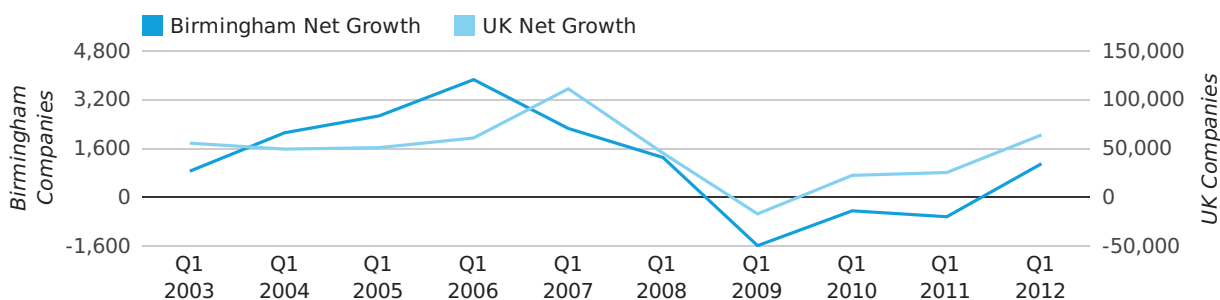
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Birmingham during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 1,100 companies.

This represents an increase of 272.1% on the same period last year.

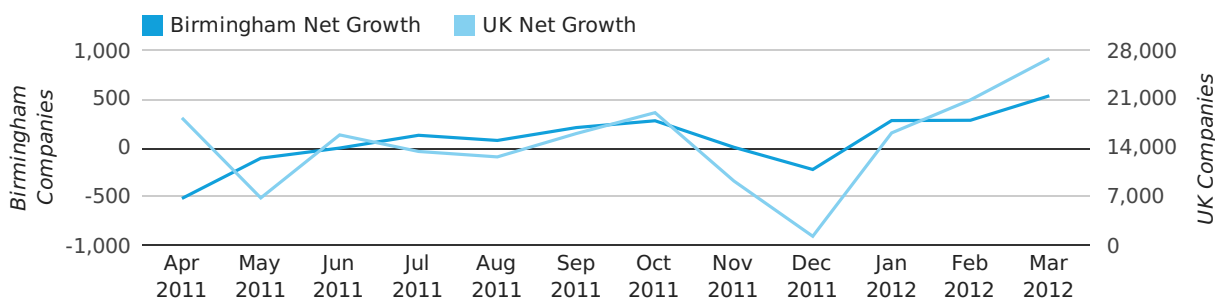
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BIRMINGHAM	UK
2012	1,100	63,915
2011	-639	25,405
% CHANGE	-272.1%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (3,862)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



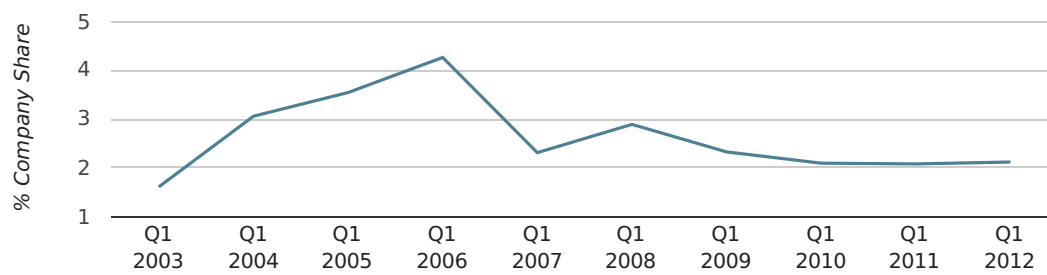
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	281	284	535
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-675	-58	94
% CHANGE	-141.6%	-589.7%	469.1%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (1,171)	2006 (1,124)	2006 (1,567)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Birmingham formed 2.1% of all UK companies.

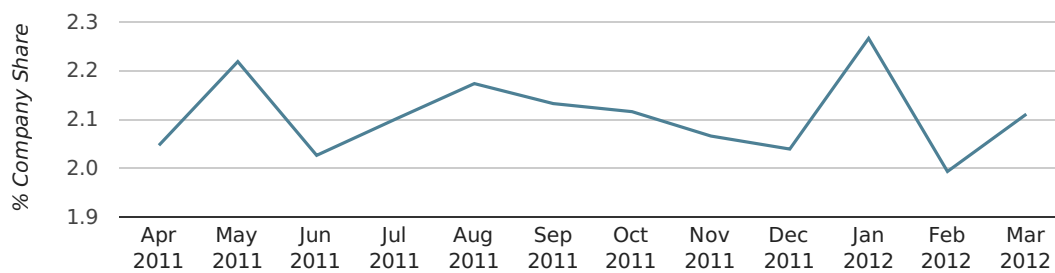
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BIRMINGHAM
2012	2.1%
2011	2.1%
2010	2.1%
2009	2.3%
2008	2.9%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2006 (4.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	2.3%	2.0%	2.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	2.2%	2.0%	2.1%
% CHANGE	3.7%	1.2%	0.9%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (4.7%)	2006 (4.0%)	2006 (4.1%)

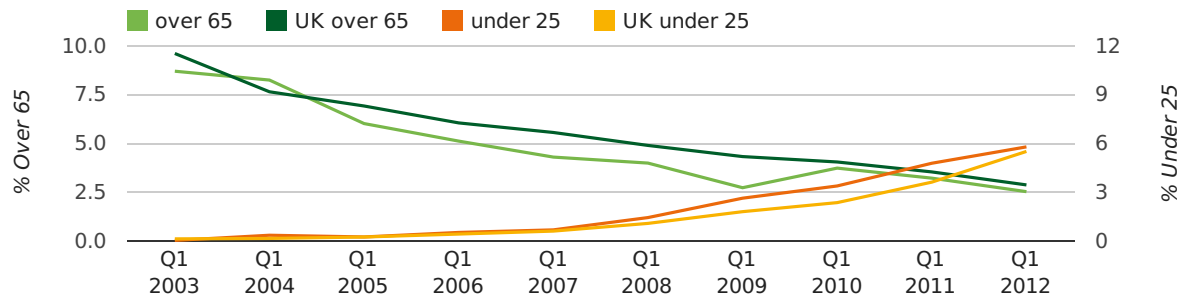
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 40.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

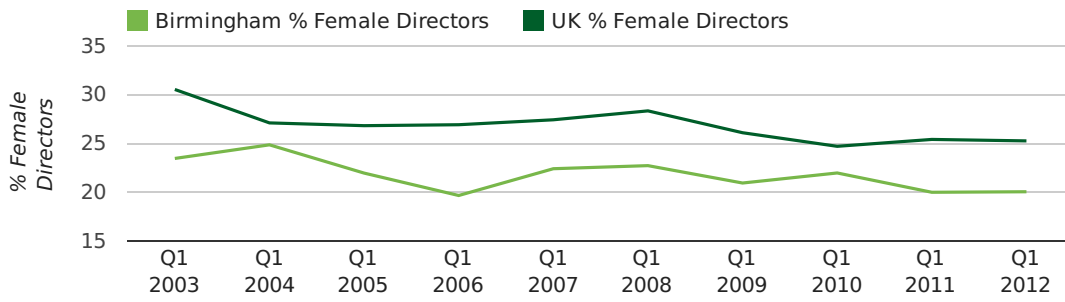


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

20.0% of all director appointments in Birmingham 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
MANAGEMENT	2.07%	CONSULTING	5.07%
TRADING	1.17%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
BIRMINGHAM	1.14%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
CONSULTANCY	1.12%	PROPERTY	2.37%
PROPERTY	1.08%	TRADING	2.07%
CONSULTING	1.07%	DESIGN	1.93%
CARE	0.99%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
M	0.93%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
S	0.87%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
GLOBAL	0.78%	BUSINESS	1.73%
DESIGN	0.77%	MEDIA	1.72%
MEDIA	0.72%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
HOUSE	0.72%	LONDON	1.66%
J	0.72%	J	1.54%
CONSULTANTS	0.70%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
BUSINESS	0.67%	GLOBAL	1.50%
K	0.66%	IT	1.40%
INVESTMENTS	0.64%	CARE	1.34%
CENTRE	0.64%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
(30)	0.63%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
COMMUNITY	0.63%	M	1.27%
CONSTRUCTION	0.62%	BUILDING	1.24%
D	0.60%	ENERGY	1.20%
SECURITY	0.59%	S	1.20%
MIDLANDS	0.58%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	5,246	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	1,732	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	1,496	35,233
99999 - Dormant Company	423	25,084
9999 - Dormant Company	331	18,617
56103 - Take-away food shops and mobile food stands	316	2,902
5227 - Other retail food etc. specialised	242	1,033
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	202	13,637
5530 - Restaurants	188	4,633
9305 - Other service activities	180	8,818
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	173	19,704
7499 - Non-trading company	156	9,102
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	138	14,303
74990 - Non-trading company	137	9,729
7414 - Business & management consultancy	130	12,113
86900 - Other human health activities	128	5,066
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	109	9,892
7260 - Other computer related activities	93	7,154
62090 - Other information technology service activities	92	8,145
86210 - General medical practice activities	86	2,594