

Bishop's Stortford

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

- February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Bishop's Stortford when compared to any previous February.
- February 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Bishop's Stortford when compared to any previous February.
- February 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Bishop's Stortford when compared to any previous February.

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A total of 155 companies were registered in Bishop's Stortford during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 33.6% 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)	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	UK
2012	155	131,491
2011	116	116,391
% CHANGE	33.6%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	1999 (160)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter

Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Bishop's Stortford when compared to any previous February.

new companies by month

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	45	62	48
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	41	31	44
% CHANGE	9.8%	100.0%	9.1%
RECORD YEAR	1999 (115)	2012 (62)	2007 (74)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 56 companies were dissolved in Bishop's Stortford during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 27.3% 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)	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	UK
2012	56	67,576
2011	77	90,986
% CHANGE	-27.3%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (270)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter

Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

February 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Bishop's Stortford when compared to any previous February.

dissolved companies by month

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	20	25	11
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	31	21	25
% CHANGE	-35.5%	19.0%	-56%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (31)	2012 (25)	2006 (239)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Bishop's Stortford during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 99 companies.

This represents an increase of 153.8% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	UK
2012	99	63,915
2011	39	25,405
% CHANGE	153.8%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	1999 (138)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter

Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

February 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Bishop's Stortford when compared to any previous February.

net growth by month

	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	25	37	37
NET GROWTH IN 2011	10	10	19
% CHANGE	150.0%	270.0%	94.7%
RECORD YEAR	1999 (105)	2012 (37)	2007 (54)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Bishop's Stortford formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BISHOP'S STORTFORD
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1999 (0.3%)

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%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-5.9%	71.0%	2.0%
RECORD YEAR	1999 (0.8%)	1967 (0.4%)	1969 (0.4%)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 45.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.3% 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 Bishop's Stortford was in 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

24.2% of all director appointments in Bishop's Stortford 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	1.85%	CONSULTING	5.07%
DESIGN	0.98%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	0.86%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
ASSOCIATES	0.86%	PROPERTY	2.37%
INTERIORS	0.74%	TRADING	2.07%
HOME	0.62%	DESIGN	1.93%
CONSULTANTS	0.62%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
BUILDERS	0.62%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
HOLDING	0.49%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
SERVICE	0.49%	BUSINESS	1.73%
AVIATION	0.49%	MEDIA	1.72%
HOMES	0.49%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
J	0.49%	LONDON	1.66%
ELECTRICAL	0.49%	J	1.54%
CONTRACTORS	0.49%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
BESPOKE	0.49%	GLOBAL	1.50%
S	0.49%	IT	1.40%
INVESTMENTS	0.49%	CARE	1.34%
LOGISTICS	0.49%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ENTERPRISES	0.49%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
MANAGEMENT	0.49%	M	1.27%
CONTRACTING	0.37%	BUILDING	1.24%
PROFESSIONAL	0.37%	ENERGY	1.20%
CREST	0.37%	S	1.20%
THREMHALL	0.37%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	169	216,665
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	44	35,233
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	37	19,704
7487 - Other business activities	36	52,735
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	20	14,303
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	20	13,637
99999 - Dormant Company	20	25,084
7414 - Business & management consultancy	17	12,113
9999 - Dormant Company	17	18,617
62090 - Other information technology service activities	12	8,145
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	12	9,892
9305 - Other service activities	11	8,818
7412 - Accounting, auditing; tax consult	9	2,379
7260 - Other computer related activities	9	7,154
4545 - Other building completion	8	2,196
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	7	6,934
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	6	3,129
74990 - Non-trading company	6	9,729
41100 - Development of building projects	5	4,984
93290 - Other amusement and recreation activities not elsewhere classified	5	1,757