

Blackburn

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

- March 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any previous March.
- January 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any previous January.
- February 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Blackburn when compared to any previous February.
- January 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Blackburn when compared to any previous January.

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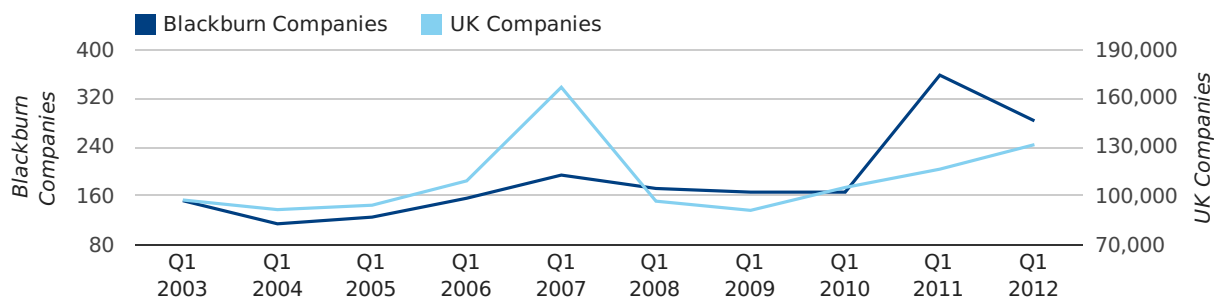
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 283 companies were registered in Blackburn during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 20.9% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares badly 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)	BLACKBURN	UK
2012	283	131,491
2011	358	116,391
% CHANGE	-20.9%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (358)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter

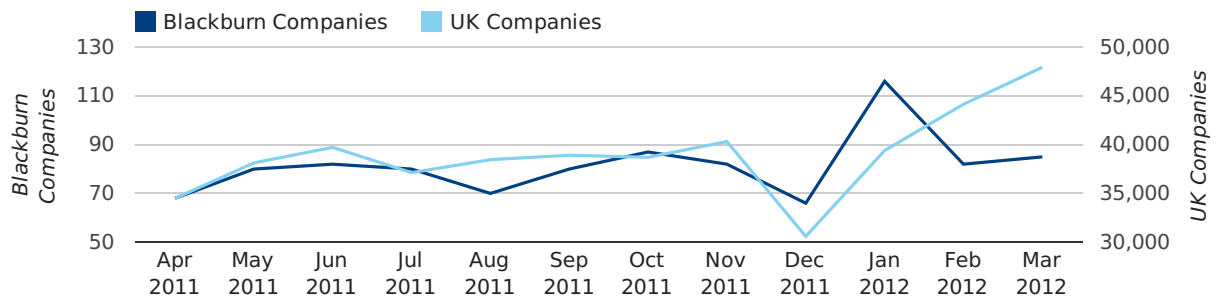


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

March 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any previous March.

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	116	82	85
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	83	192	83
% CHANGE	39.8%	-57.3%	2.4%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (116)	2011 (192)	2012 (85)

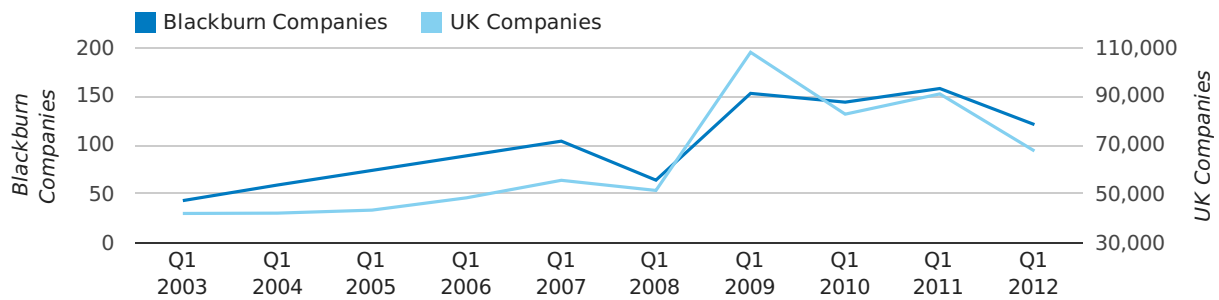
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 121 companies were dissolved in Blackburn during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 23.4% 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)	BLACKBURN	UK
2012	121	67,576
2011	158	90,986
% CHANGE	-23.4%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (158)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

February 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Blackburn when compared to any previous February.

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	32	46	43
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	67	45	46
% CHANGE	-52.2%	2.2%	-7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (67)	2012 (46)	2009 (107)

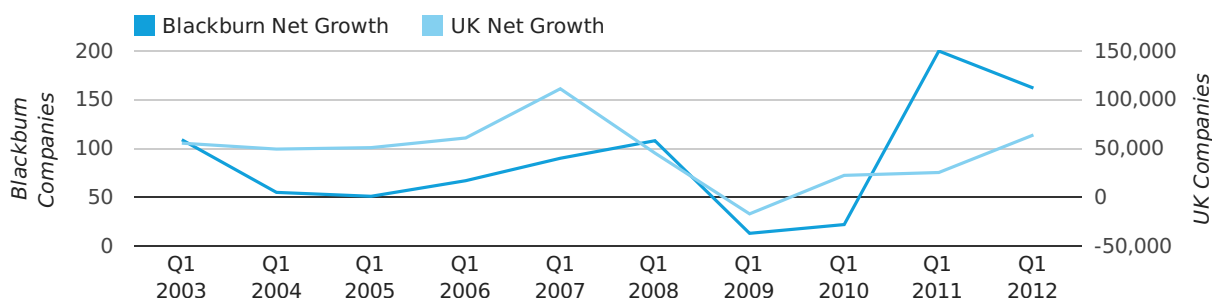
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Blackburn during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 162 companies.

This represents a decrease of 19.0% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BLACKBURN	UK
2012	162	63,915
2011	200	25,405
% CHANGE	-19.0%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (200)	2007 (111,282)

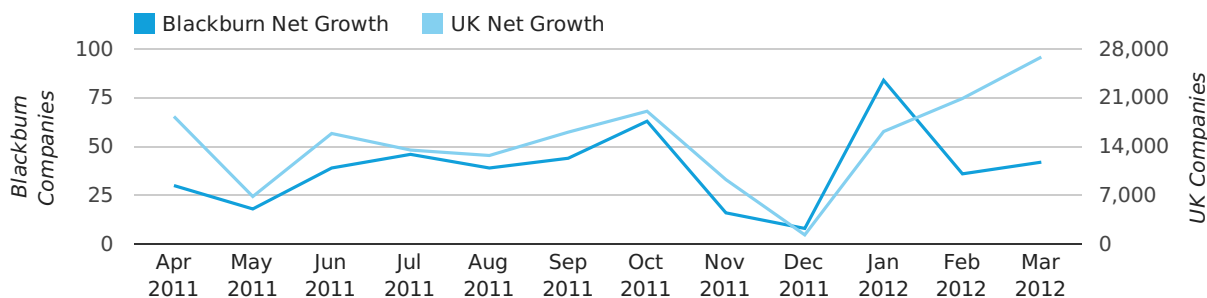
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

January 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Blackburn when compared to any previous January.

net growth by month



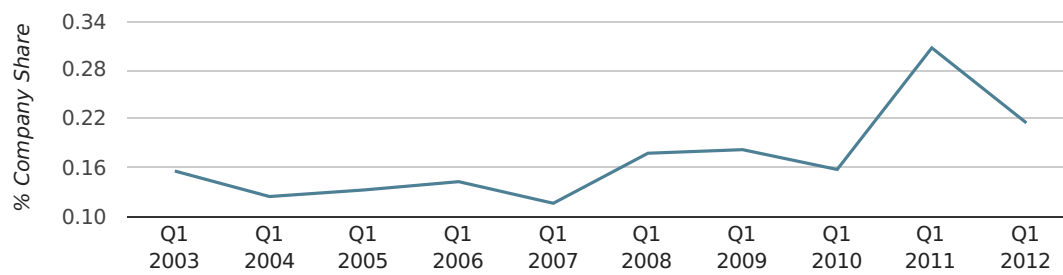
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	84	36	42
NET GROWTH IN 2011	16	147	37
% CHANGE	425.0%	-75.5%	13.5%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (84)	2011 (147)	2008 (66)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

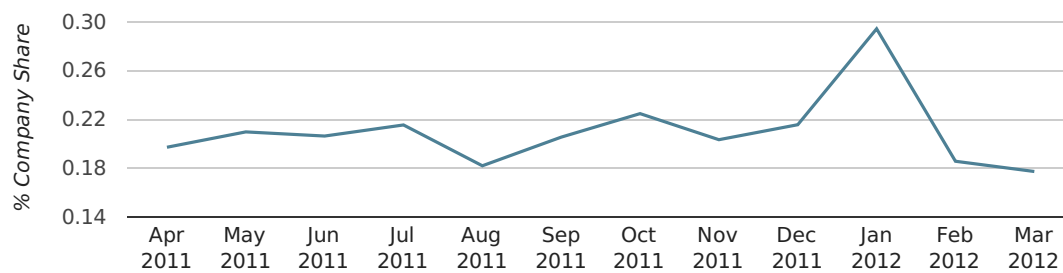
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BLACKBURN
2012	0.2%
2011	0.3%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.5%	0.2%
% CHANGE	19.8%	-63.5%	-4.2%
RECORD YEAR	1975 (0.5%)	1968 (1.2%)	1967 (0.5%)

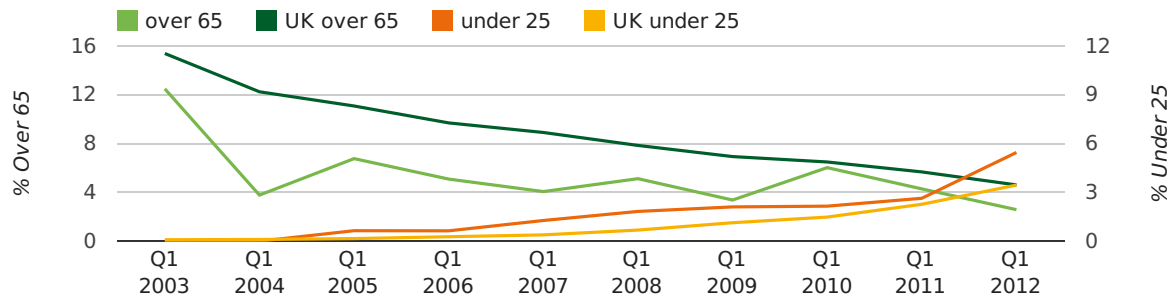
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 42.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

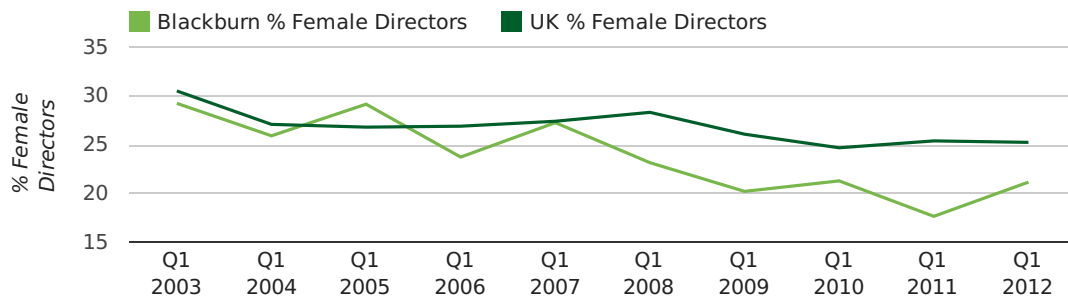


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

21.2% of all director appointments in Blackburn 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	1.44%	CONSULTING	5.07%
BLACKBURN	1.18%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
TRANSPORT	0.79%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
ENERGY	0.79%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CARE	0.72%	TRADING	2.07%
(BLACKBURN)	0.65%	DESIGN	1.93%
CENTRE	0.65%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
R	0.65%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
BUSINESS	0.59%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
SECURITY	0.59%	BUSINESS	1.73%
SUPPORT	0.59%	MEDIA	1.72%
CONSULTANCY	0.59%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
LANCASHIRE	0.59%	LONDON	1.66%
HEALTHCARE	0.59%	J	1.54%
MEDICAL	0.59%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
NORTH	0.52%	GLOBAL	1.50%
H	0.52%	IT	1.40%
MEDIA	0.52%	CARE	1.34%
FOR	0.52%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
WEST	0.52%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
TRADE	0.52%	M	1.27%
HEALTH	0.46%	BUILDING	1.24%
ENGINEERING	0.46%	ENERGY	1.20%
MARKETING	0.46%	S	1.20%
CONSTRUCTION	0.46%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	595	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	76	52,735
99999 - Dormant Company	37	25,084
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	35	35,233
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	34	13,637
9999 - Dormant Company	24	18,617
9305 - Other service activities	23	8,818
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	18	9,892
74990 - Non-trading company	17	9,729
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	17	4,427
70100 - Activities of head offices	17	2,746
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	17	19,704
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	15	14,303
86210 - General medical practice activities	14	2,594
7260 - Other computer related activities	12	7,154
7414 - Business & management consultancy	10	12,113
32990 - Other manufacturing not elsewhere classified	10	1,796
86900 - Other human health activities	10	5,066
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	9	2,832
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	9	3,439