

Bolton

q1 2012 business confidence report



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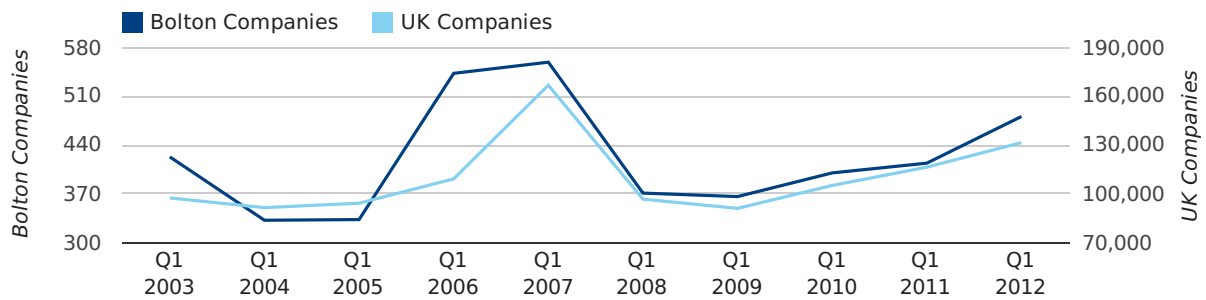
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 481 companies were registered in Bolton during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 16.2% 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)	BOLTON	UK
2012	481	131,491
2011	414	116,391
% CHANGE	16.2%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (559)	2007 (166,814)

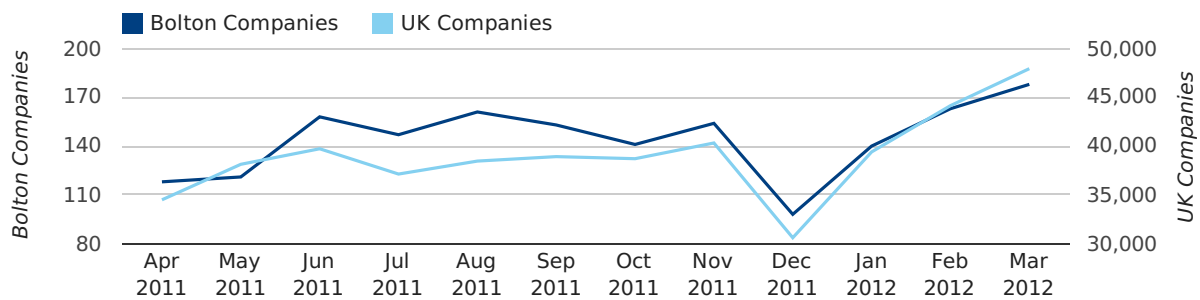
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	140	163	178
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	132	145	137
% CHANGE	6.1%	12.4%	29.9%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (140)	2007 (250)	2006 (346)

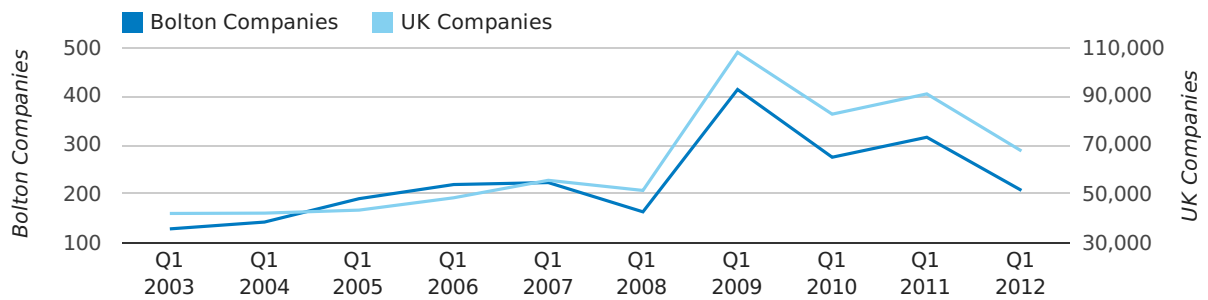
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 207 companies were dissolved in Bolton during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 34.5% 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)	BOLTON	UK
2012	207	67,576
2011	316	90,986
% CHANGE	-34.5%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (414)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	71	59	77
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	111	119	86
% CHANGE	-36.0%	-50.4%	-10%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (111)	2011 (119)	2009 (272)

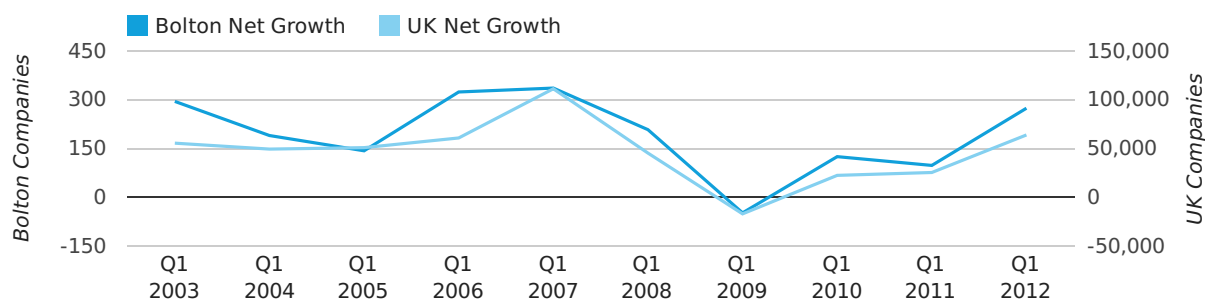
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Bolton during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 274 companies.

This represents an increase of 179.6% on the same period last year.

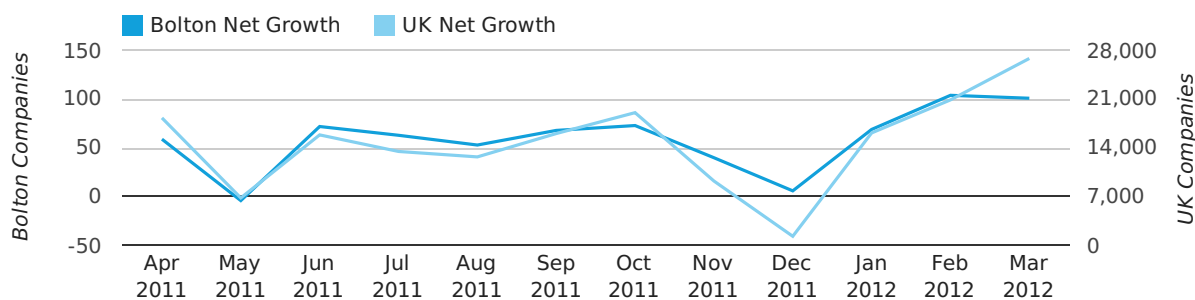
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BOLTON	UK
2012	274	63,915
2011	98	25,405
% CHANGE	179.6%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (336)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



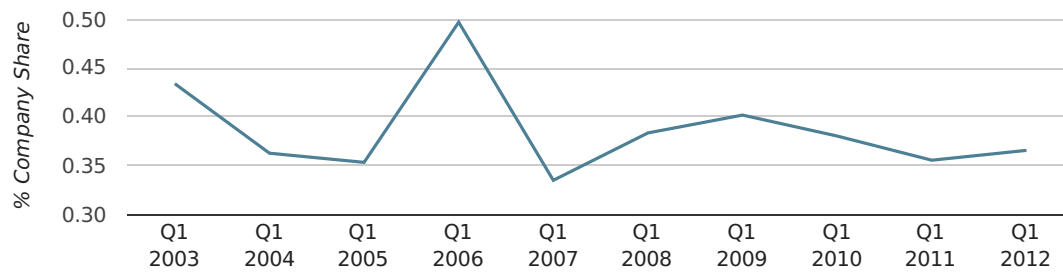
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	69	104	101
NET GROWTH IN 2011	21	26	51
% CHANGE	228.6%	300.0%	98.0%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (85)	2007 (195)	2006 (292)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Bolton formed 0.4% of all UK companies.

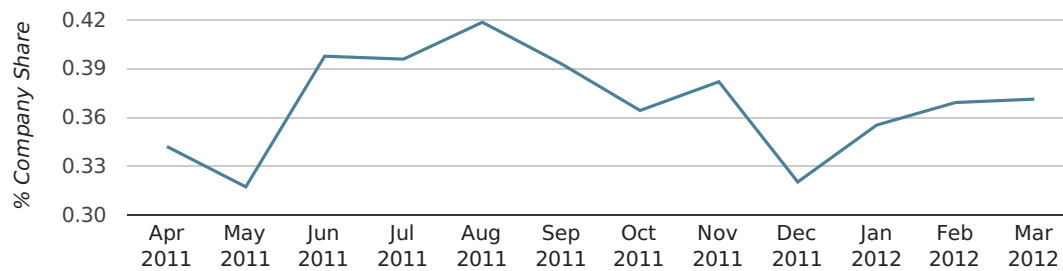
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BOLTON
2012	0.4%
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1978 (0.5%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%
% CHANGE	-9.1%	-3.9%	21.5%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.7%)	1960 (0.8%)	2006 (0.8%)

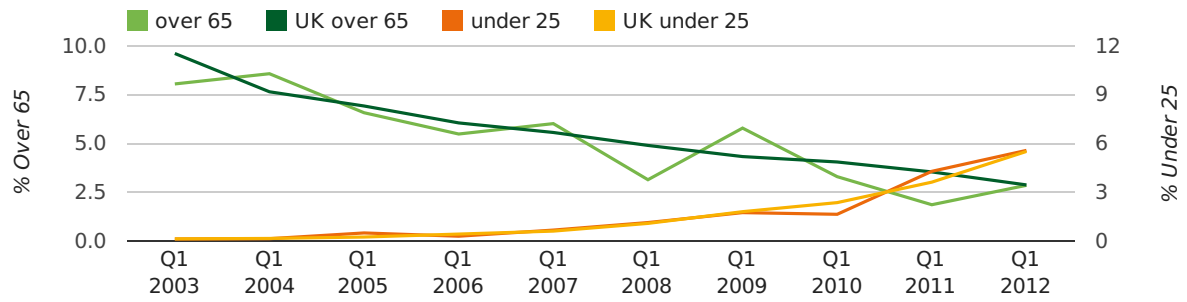
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 41.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

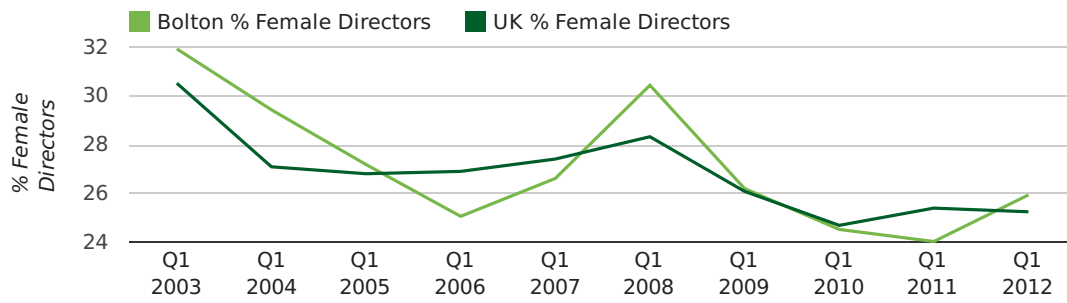


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

25.9% of all director appointments in Bolton 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	1.27%	CONSULTING	5.07%
BOLTON	1.23%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
TRANSPORT	1.07%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
CONSULTANCY	1.02%	PROPERTY	2.37%
(NW)	0.78%	TRADING	2.07%
M	0.74%	DESIGN	1.93%
ELECTRICAL	0.74%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
PROPERTY	0.74%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
SECURITY	0.70%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
CARE	0.70%	BUSINESS	1.73%
CONSULTING	0.70%	MEDIA	1.72%
(BOLTON)	0.70%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
ASSOCIATES	0.66%	LONDON	1.66%
DESIGN	0.66%	J	1.54%
CONSTRUCTION	0.61%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
BEAUTY	0.61%	GLOBAL	1.50%
BUSINESS	0.61%	IT	1.40%
CENTRE	0.57%	CARE	1.34%
D	0.57%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
P	0.53%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
CAR	0.53%	M	1.27%
S	0.53%	BUILDING	1.24%
SUPPLIES	0.49%	ENERGY	1.20%
SOLAR	0.49%	S	1.20%
SEDDON	0.49%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	821	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	198	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	76	35,233
9999 - Dormant Company	61	18,617
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	60	19,704
99999 - Dormant Company	58	25,084
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	44	13,637
86900 - Other human health activities	38	5,066
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	33	14,303
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	32	5,169
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	32	9,892
7414 - Business & management consultancy	30	12,113
9305 - Other service activities	28	8,818
43210 - Electrical installation	24	3,573
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	24	3,931
62090 - Other information technology service activities	24	8,145
7499 - Non-trading company	23	9,102
74990 - Non-trading company	22	9,729
7260 - Other computer related activities	22	7,154
64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified	22	3,136