

Bradford

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

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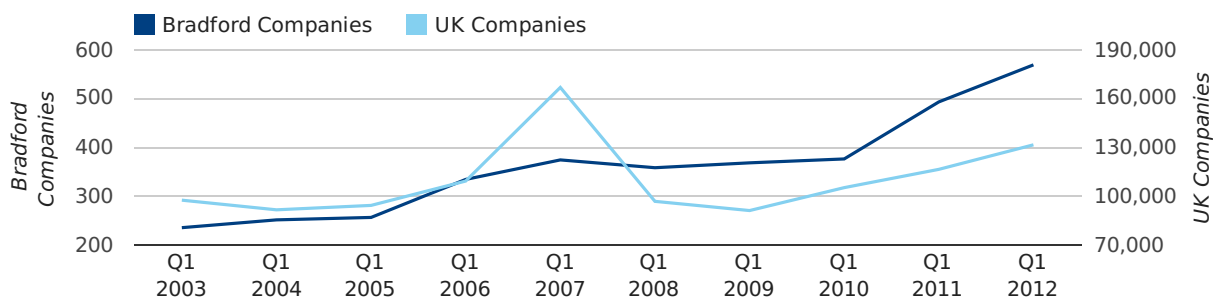
Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Bradford when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 569 companies were registered in Bradford during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 15.4% 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)	BRADFORD	UK
2012	569	131,491
2011	493	116,391
% CHANGE	15.4%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (569)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

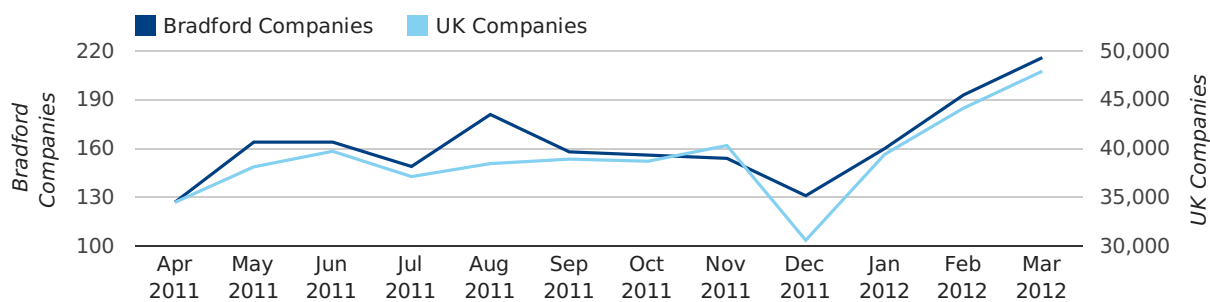
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new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	160	193	216
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	149	159	185
% CHANGE	7.4%	21.4%	16.8%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (160)	2012 (193)	2012 (216)

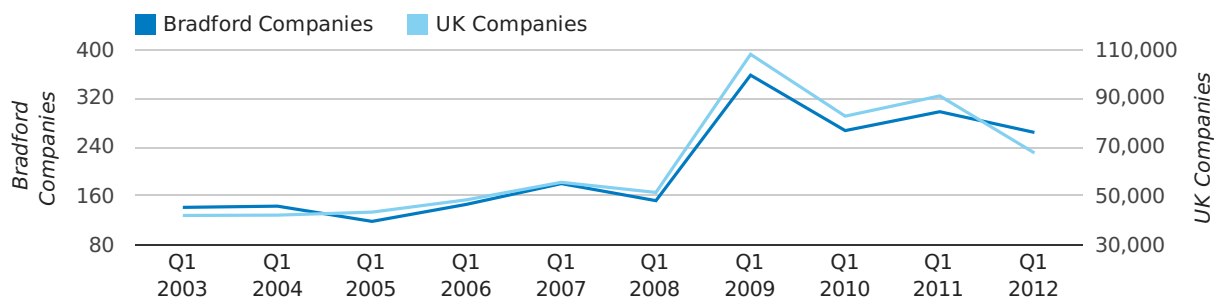
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 264 companies were dissolved in Bradford during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 11.4% 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.

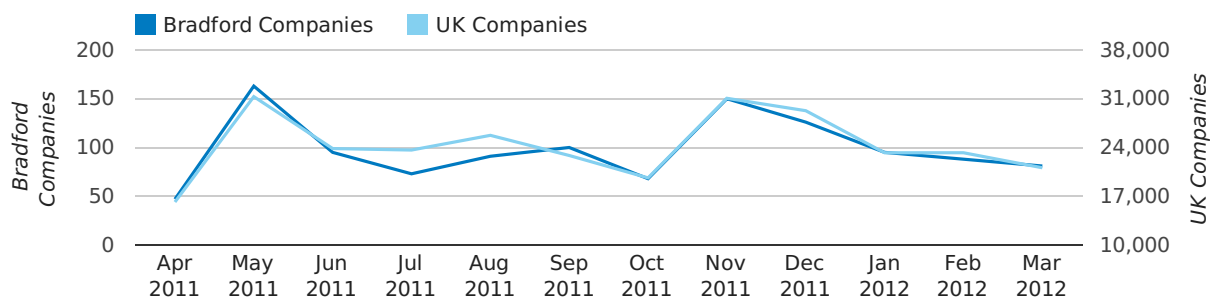
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BRADFORD	UK
2012	264	67,576
2011	298	90,986
% CHANGE	-11.4%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (358)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	95	88	81
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	96	94	108
% CHANGE	-1.0%	-6.4%	-25%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (96)	2011 (94)	2009 (257)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Q1 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Bradford when compared to any previous Q1.

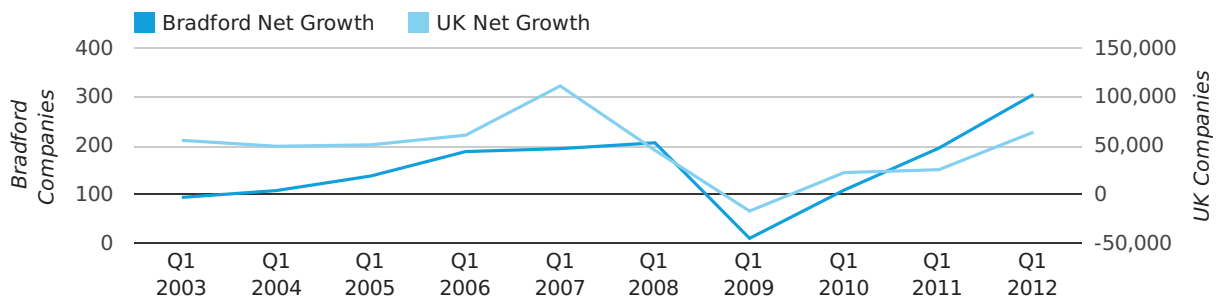
Q1 2012 was a record quarter for net growth in Bradford when compared to any quarter in history.

Net company growth for Bradford during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 305 companies.

This represents an increase of 56.4% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BRADFORD	UK
2012	305	63,915
2011	195	25,405
% CHANGE	56.4%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (305)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

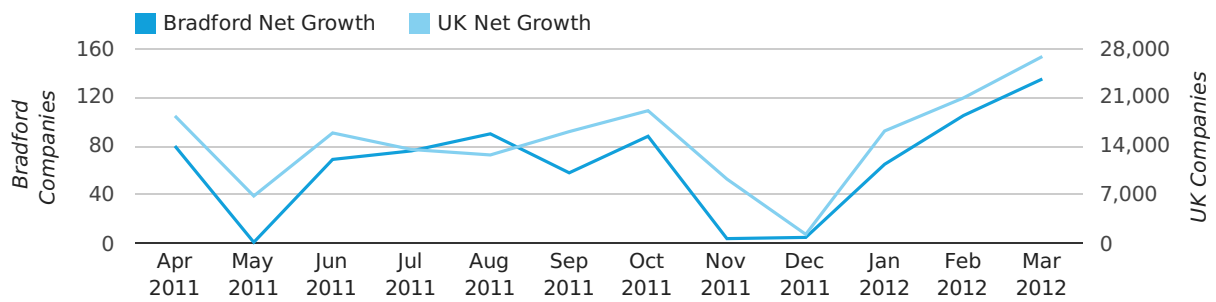
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net growth by month



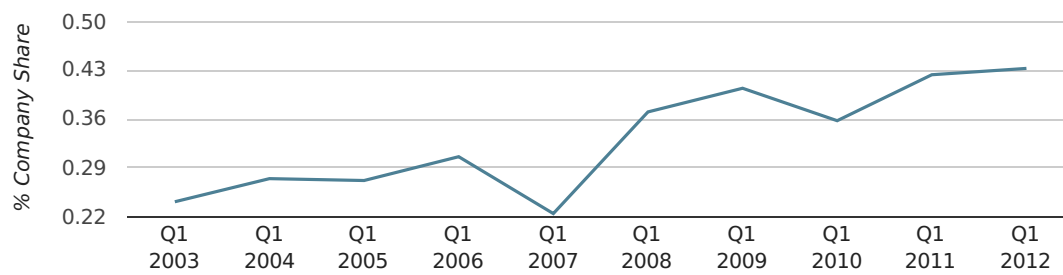
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	65	105	135
NET GROWTH IN 2011	53	65	77
% CHANGE	22.6%	61.5%	75.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (65)	2012 (105)	2012 (135)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

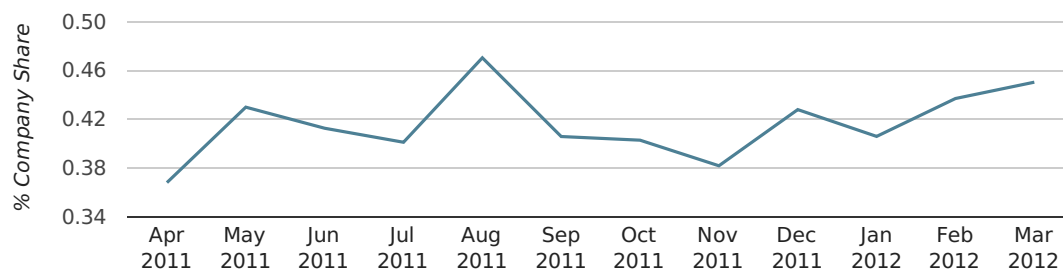
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BRADFORD
2012	0.4%
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.9%)

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%	0.5%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
% CHANGE	-7.9%	3.8%	9.2%
RECORD YEAR	1963 (0.8%)	1960 (1.0%)	1967 (1.0%)

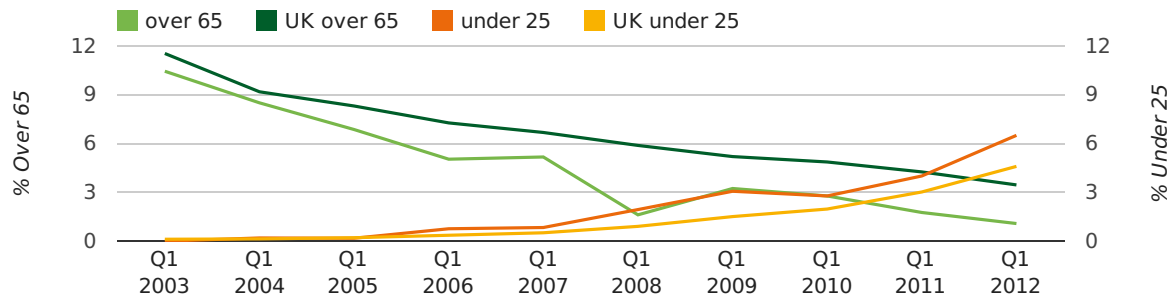
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 39.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

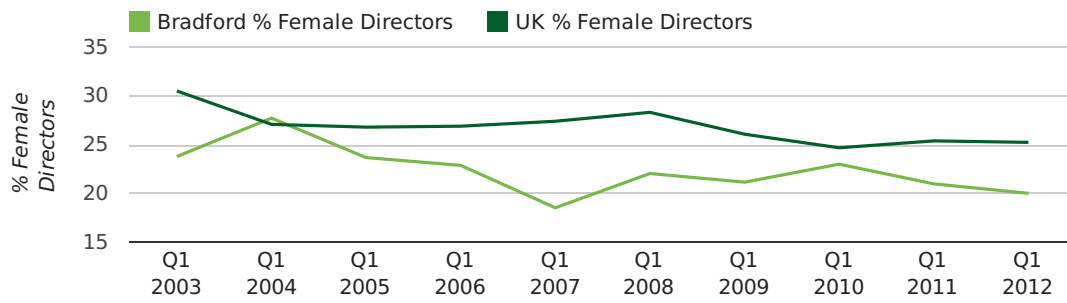


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

20.0% of all director appointments in Bradford 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	1.03%	CONSULTING	5.07%
YORKSHIRE	1.03%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
BRADFORD	1.00%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
TRADING	0.92%	PROPERTY	2.37%
(YORKSHIRE)	0.89%	TRADING	2.07%
PROPERTIES	0.78%	DESIGN	1.93%
CONSULTANCY	0.70%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
IT	0.66%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
M	0.66%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
S	0.66%	BUSINESS	1.73%
CARE	0.63%	MEDIA	1.72%
(BRADFORD)	0.59%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
MARKETING	0.55%	LONDON	1.66%
CENTRE	0.52%	J	1.54%
ENTERPRISES	0.52%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
ASSOCIATES	0.52%	GLOBAL	1.50%
PUB	0.52%	IT	1.40%
CONSULTING	0.52%	CARE	1.34%
CAR	0.52%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
LEISURE	0.52%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
PROPERTY	0.48%	M	1.27%
INVESTMENTS	0.48%	BUILDING	1.24%
BUSINESS	0.48%	ENERGY	1.20%
DESIGN	0.44%	S	1.20%
ENERGY	0.44%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,214	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	189	52,735
5540 - Bars	100	1,978
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	93	35,233
56302 - Public houses and bars	81	2,795
9999 - Dormant Company	70	18,617
99999 - Dormant Company	49	25,084
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	41	13,637
74990 - Non-trading company	37	9,729
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	36	19,704
86900 - Other human health activities	36	5,066
9305 - Other service activities	35	8,818
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	31	14,303
7414 - Business & management consultancy	26	12,113
8514 - Other human health activities	24	2,480
7499 - Non-trading company	23	9,102
45112 - Sale of used cars and light motor vehicles	20	1,387
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	19	4,427
7032 - Manage real estate, fee or contract	19	2,097
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	19	9,892