

Brighton

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

- Q1 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Brighton when compared to any previous Q1.
- Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Brighton when compared to any quarter in history.
- February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Brighton when compared to any previous February.
- January 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Brighton when compared to any previous January.
- January 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Brighton when compared to any previous January.

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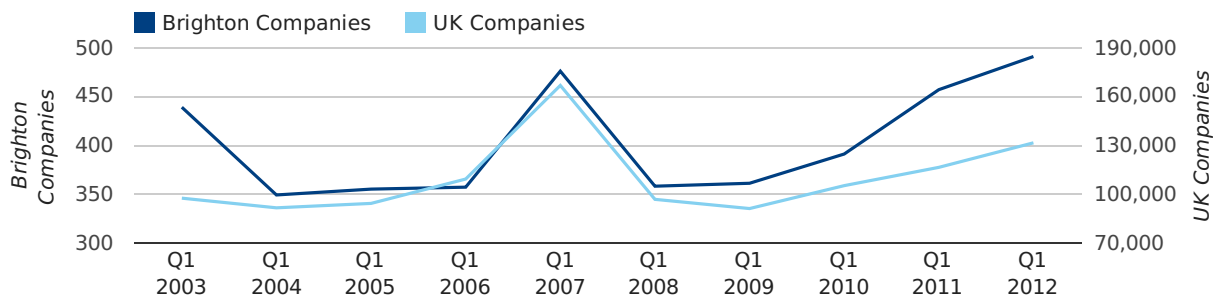
Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Brighton when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 491 companies were registered in Brighton during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 7.4% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares equally 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)	BRIGHTON	UK
2012	491	131,491
2011	457	116,391
% CHANGE	7.4%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (491)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter

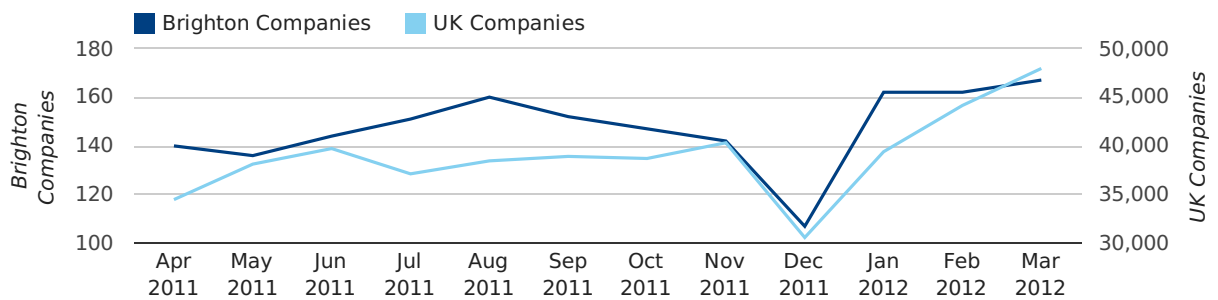


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Brighton when compared to any previous February.

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	162	162	167
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	140	144	173
% CHANGE	15.7%	12.5%	-3.5%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (162)	2012 (162)	2007 (210)

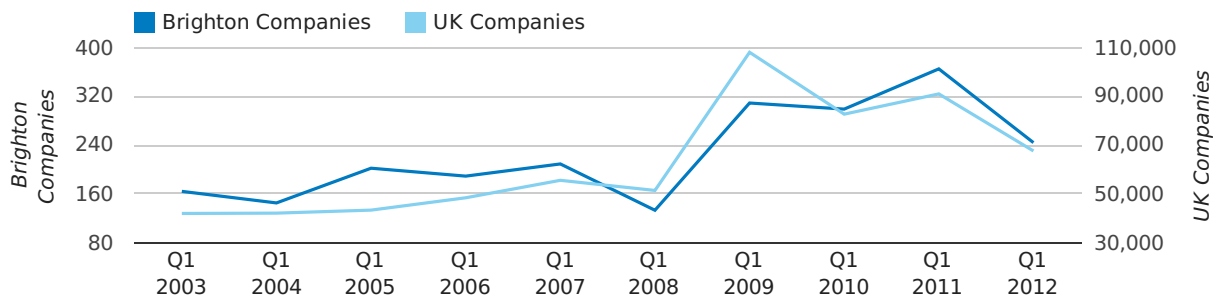
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 244 companies were dissolved in Brighton during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 33.2% 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.

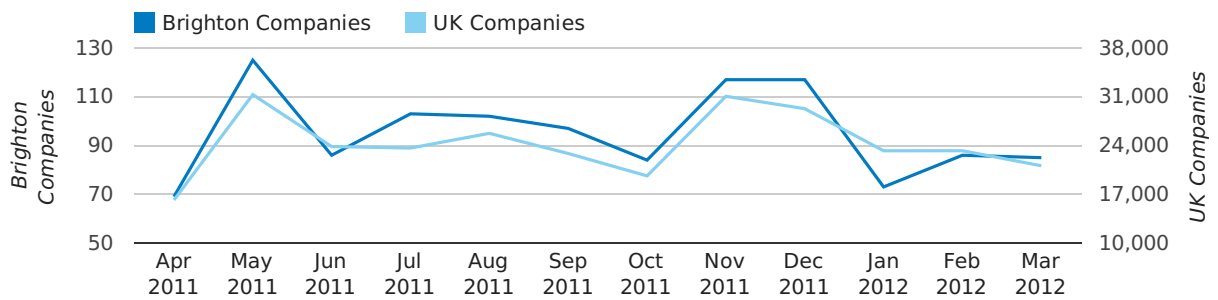
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BRIGHTON	UK
2012	244	67,576
2011	365	90,986
% CHANGE	-33.2%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (365)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	73	86	85
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	144	103	118
% CHANGE	-49.3%	-16.5%	-28%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (144)	2011 (103)	2009 (196)

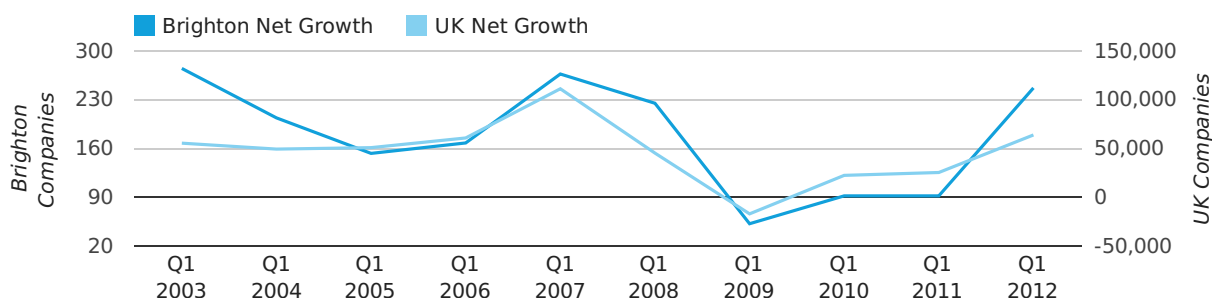
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Brighton during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 247 companies.

This represents an increase of 168.5% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BRIGHTON	UK
2012	247	63,915
2011	92	25,405
% CHANGE	168.5%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (275)	2007 (111,282)

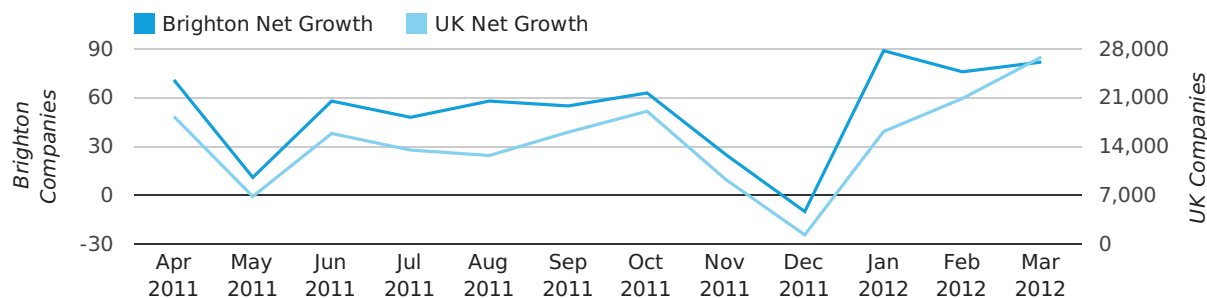
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

net growth by month



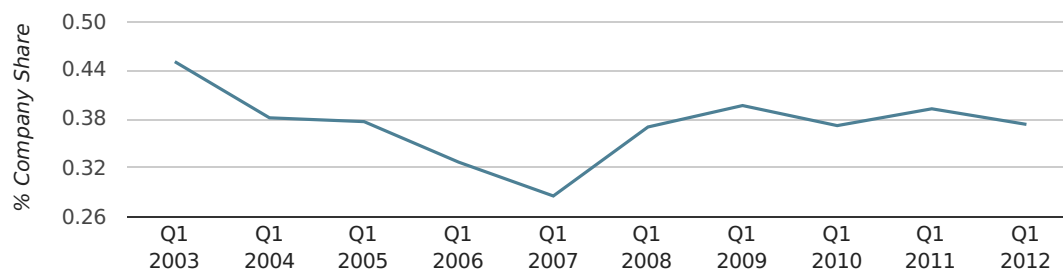
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	89	76	82
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-4	41	55
% CHANGE	-2,325.0%	85.4%	49.1%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (89)	2003 (107)	2008 (148)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

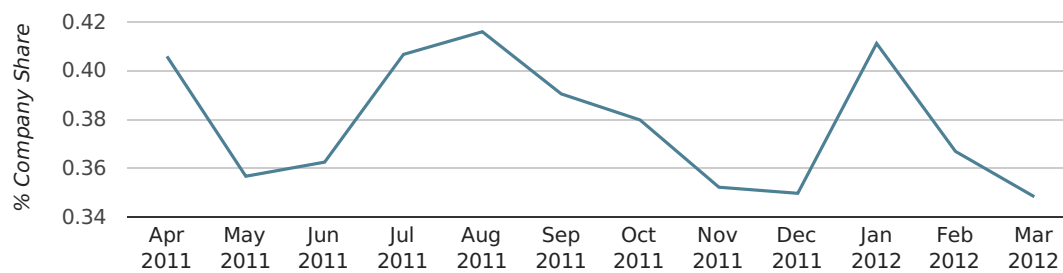
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BRIGHTON
2012	0.4%
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.6%)

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%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
% CHANGE	-0.8%	-3.8%	-9.7%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (0.6%)	1963 (0.9%)	1966 (0.7%)

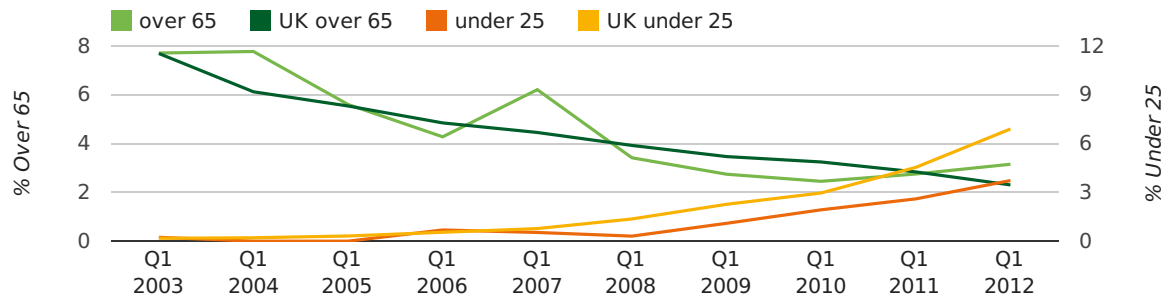
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 42.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

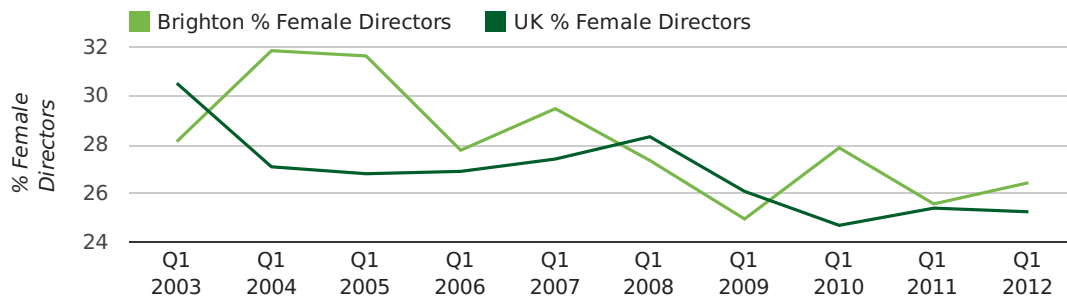


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

26.4% of all director appointments in Brighton 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
BRIGHTON	2.04%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	1.73%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.29%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
CONSULTANCY	1.10%	PROPERTY	2.37%
MEDIA	1.10%	TRADING	2.07%
ROAD	1.06%	DESIGN	1.93%
PROPERTY	0.98%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
SUSSEX	0.98%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
DESIGN	0.86%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
(BRIGHTON)	0.86%	BUSINESS	1.73%
ASSOCIATES	0.59%	MEDIA	1.72%
HOVE	0.59%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
PRODUCTIONS	0.59%	LONDON	1.66%
SOLAR	0.55%	J	1.54%
CARE	0.55%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
CONSTRUCTION	0.55%	GLOBAL	1.50%
CONSULTANTS	0.51%	IT	1.40%
BUSINESS	0.47%	CARE	1.34%
PARTNERS	0.47%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
DIGITAL	0.47%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
HEALTH	0.47%	M	1.27%
IT	0.47%	BUILDING	1.24%
BUILDING	0.47%	ENERGY	1.20%
CLEANING	0.47%	S	1.20%
CO	0.43%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	718	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	225	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	131	35,233
99999 - Dormant Company	78	25,084
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	76	19,704
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	64	14,303
9999 - Dormant Company	58	18,617
62090 - Other information technology service activities	52	8,145
7414 - Business & management consultancy	46	12,113
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	41	13,637
98000 - Residents property management	40	3,050
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	33	6,934
7260 - Other computer related activities	31	7,154
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	31	9,892
5530 - Restaurants	29	4,633
56302 - Public houses and bars	28	2,795
86230 - Dental practice activities	28	1,834
90030 - Artistic creation	27	2,013
9305 - Other service activities	26	8,818
74990 - Non-trading company	26	9,729