

# Buckinghamshire

q1 2012 business confidence report



## headlines

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

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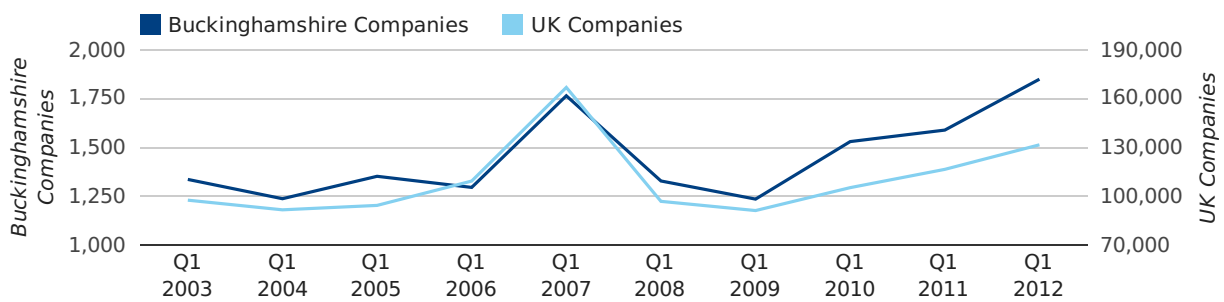
Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Buckinghamshire when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 1,849 companies were registered in Buckinghamshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 16.4% 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)	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	UK
2012	1,849	131,491
2011	1,588	116,391
% CHANGE	16.4%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (1,849)	2007 (166,814)

### new companies by quarter

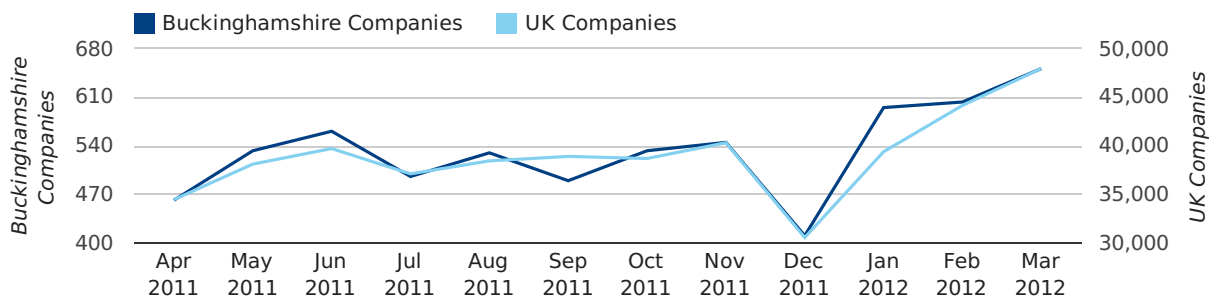


### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

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

### new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	595	603	651
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	491	503	594
% CHANGE	21.2%	19.9%	9.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (595)	2012 (603)	2007 (752)



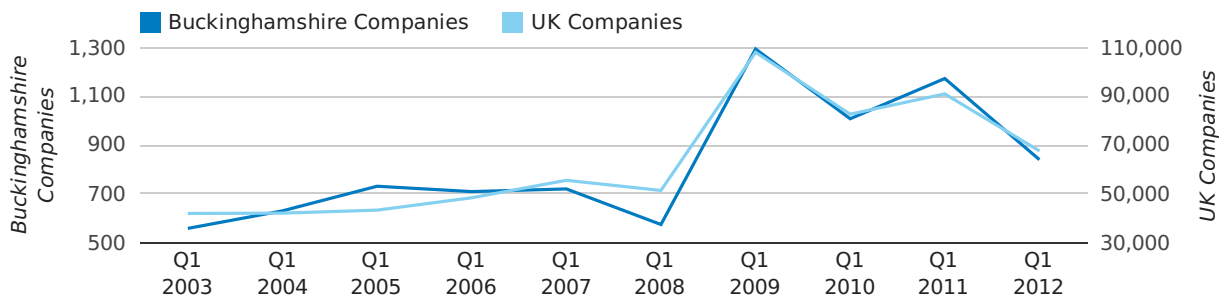
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 840 companies were dissolved in Buckinghamshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 28.4% 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.

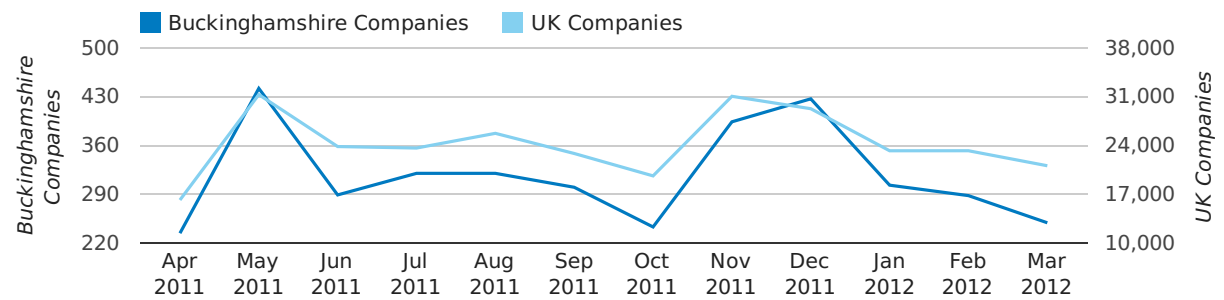
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	UK
2012	840	67,576
2011	1,173	90,986
% CHANGE	-28.4%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,294)	2009 (108,060)

### dissolved companies by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

#### dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	303	288	249
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	411	388	374
% CHANGE	-26.3%	-25.8%	-33%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (411)	2011 (388)	2009 (865)

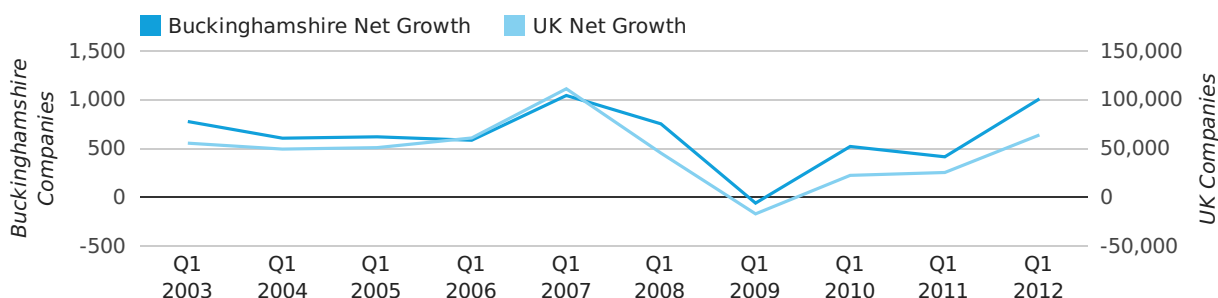
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Buckinghamshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 1,009 companies.

This represents an increase of 143.1% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE	UK
2012	1,009	63,915
2011	415	25,405
% CHANGE	143.1%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,044)	2007 (111,282)

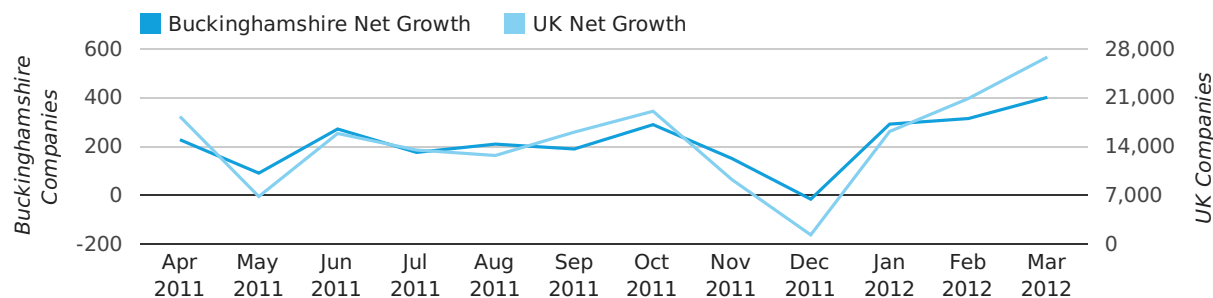
### net growth by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

### net growth by month



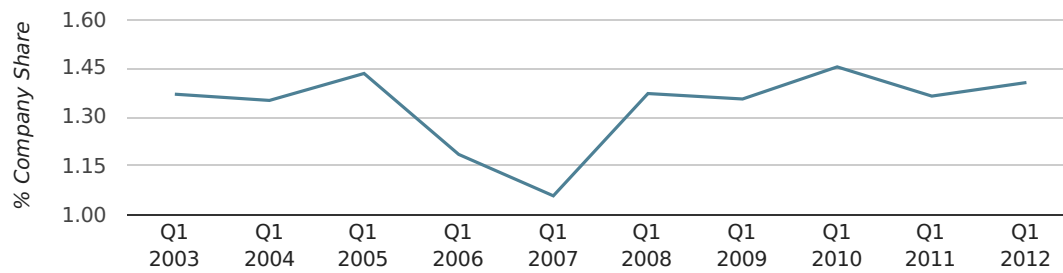
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	292	315	402
NET GROWTH IN 2011	80	115	220
% CHANGE	265.0%	173.9%	82.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (292)	2007 (325)	2007 (509)

### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Buckinghamshire formed 1.4% of all UK companies.

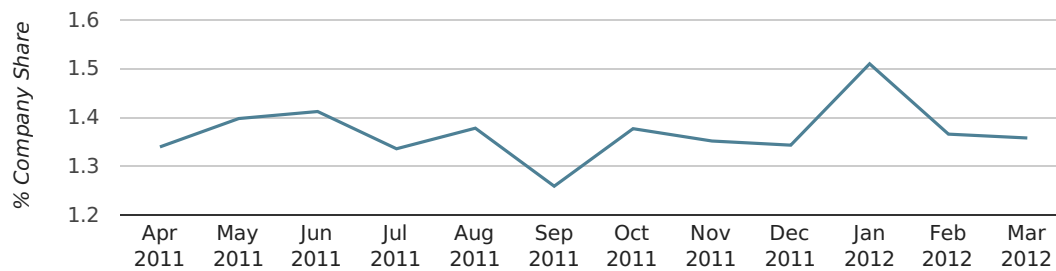
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BUCKINGHAMSHIRE
2012	1.4%
2011	1.4%
2010	1.5%
2009	1.4%
2008	1.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1977 (2.0%)

### company share by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

### company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	1.5%	1.4%	1.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	1.5%	1.3%	1.3%
% CHANGE	3.9%	2.5%	2.5%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (2.6%)	1975 (2.0%)	1968 (2.7%)

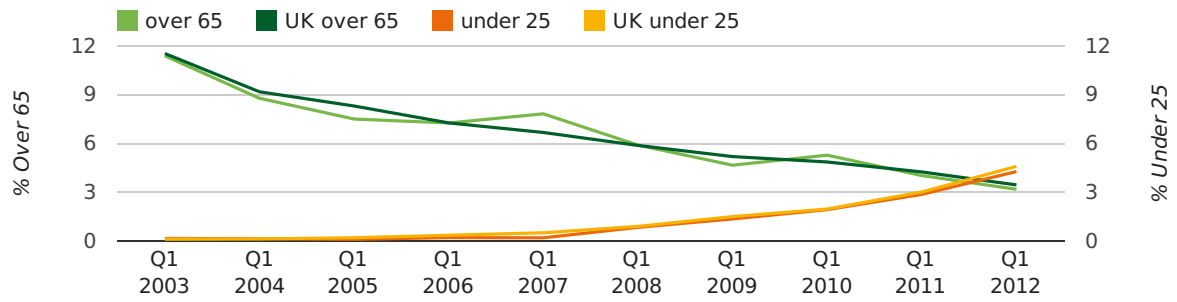
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 43.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.3% 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





## Previous 12 months (Mar 2011-Mar 2012)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &amp;, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
CONSULTING	2.86%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	2.26%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	1.39%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
ASSOCIATES	1.13%	PROPERTY	2.37%
PROPERTY	1.13%	TRADING	2.07%
CONSULTANTS	0.89%	DESIGN	1.93%
DESIGN	0.79%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
IT	0.74%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
TRADING	0.72%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
SYSTEMS	0.69%	BUSINESS	1.73%
BUSINESS	0.67%	MEDIA	1.72%
MK	0.63%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
SALES	0.63%	LONDON	1.66%
ENTERPRISES	0.59%	J	1.54%
MEDIA	0.57%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
CARE	0.56%	GLOBAL	1.50%
INVESTMENTS	0.56%	IT	1.40%
MARKETING	0.54%	CARE	1.34%
J	0.52%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ENGINEERING	0.52%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
GLOBAL	0.50%	M	1.27%
CONSTRUCTION	0.50%	BUILDING	1.24%
CO	0.46%	ENERGY	1.20%
SECURITY	0.46%	S	1.20%
TRAINING	0.46%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

## Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	2,687	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	629	52,735
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	503	19,704
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	450	35,233
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	308	14,303
7414 - Business & management consultancy	306	12,113
99999 - Dormant Company	304	25,084
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62090 - Other information technology service activities	199	8,145
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	197	13,637
74990 - Non-trading company	155	9,729
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	153	9,892
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	145	6,934
9305 - Other service activities	137	8,818
7499 - Non-trading company	126	9,102
7260 - Other computer related activities	111	7,154
62012 - Business and domestic software development	69	4,356
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	67	4,132
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	65	5,169
86900 - Other human health activities	63	5,066