

Bury St Edmunds

q1 2012 business confidence report



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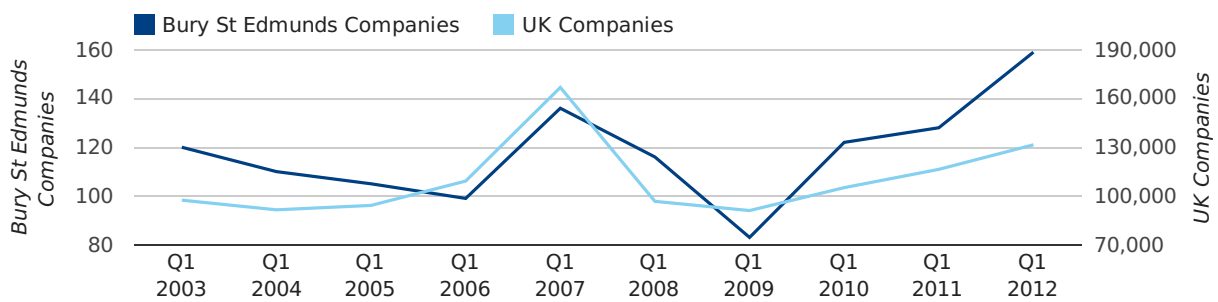
Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 159 companies were registered in Bury St Edmunds during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 24.2% 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)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2012	159	131,491
2011	128	116,391
% CHANGE	24.2%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (159)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter

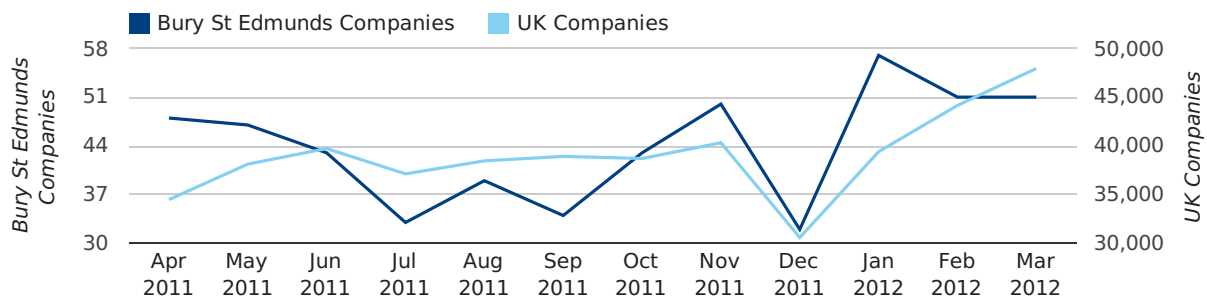


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous February.

January 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous January.

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	57	51	51
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	25	45	58
% CHANGE	128.0%	13.3%	-12.1%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (57)	2012 (51)	2011 (58)

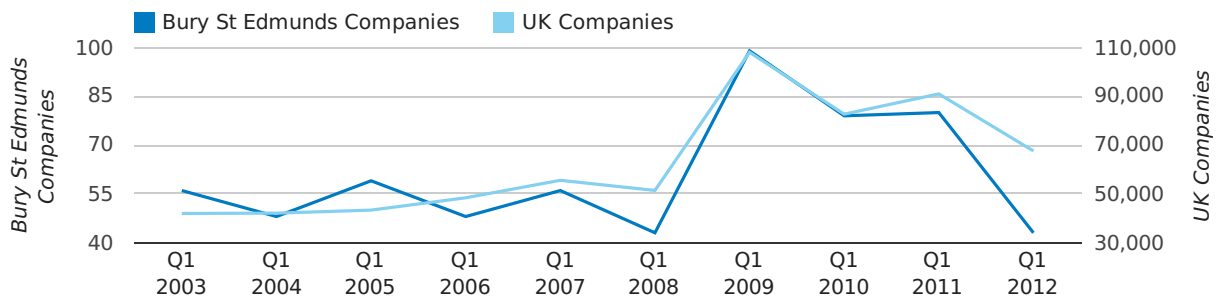
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 43 companies were dissolved in Bury St Edmunds during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 46.3% 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.

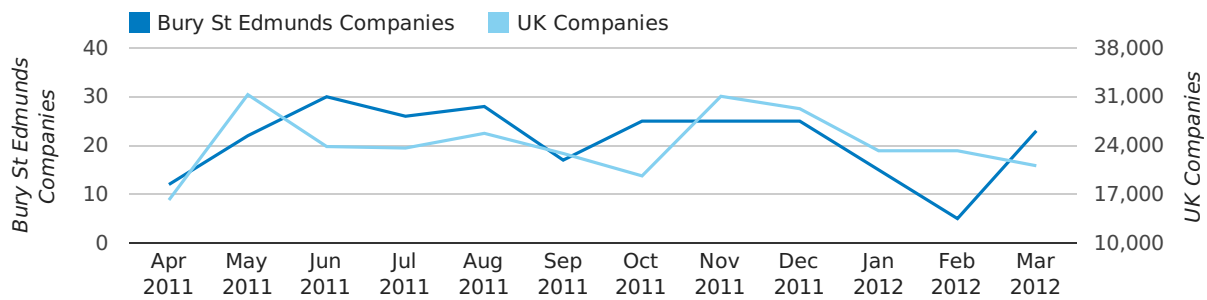
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2012	43	67,576
2011	80	90,986
% CHANGE	-46.3%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (99)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	15	5	23
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	18	35	27
% CHANGE	-16.7%	-85.7%	-15%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (33)	2011 (35)	2009 (53)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Q1 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous Q1.

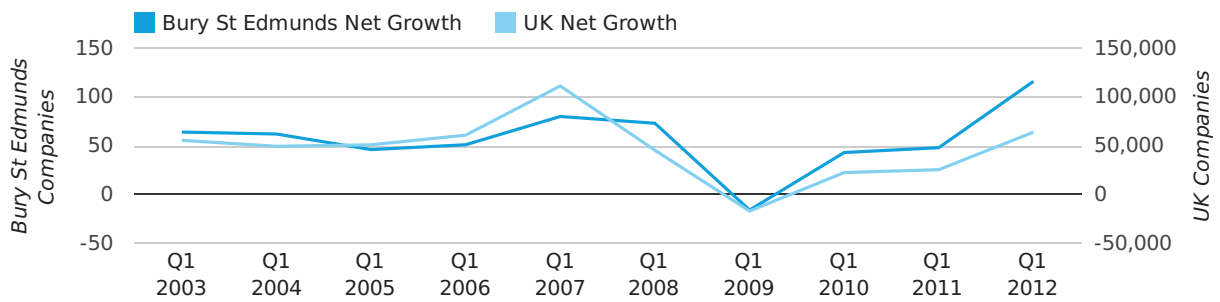
Q1 2012 was a record quarter for net growth in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any quarter in history.

Net company growth for Bury St Edmunds during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 116 companies.

This represents an increase of 141.7% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2012	116	63,915
2011	48	25,405
% CHANGE	141.7%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (116)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



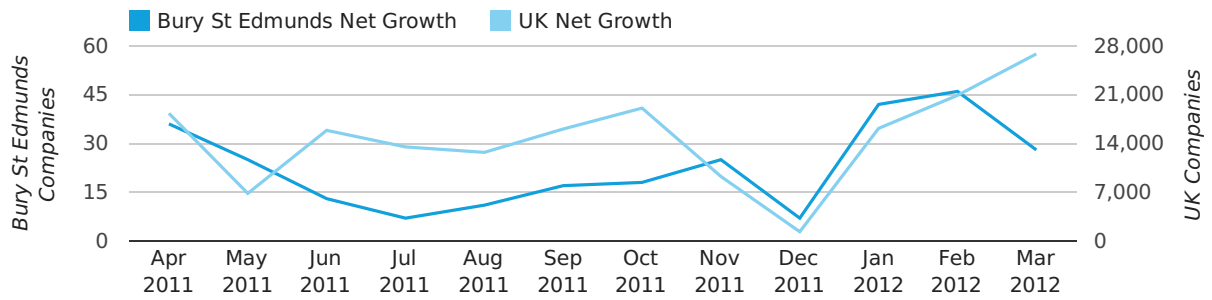
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net growth by month



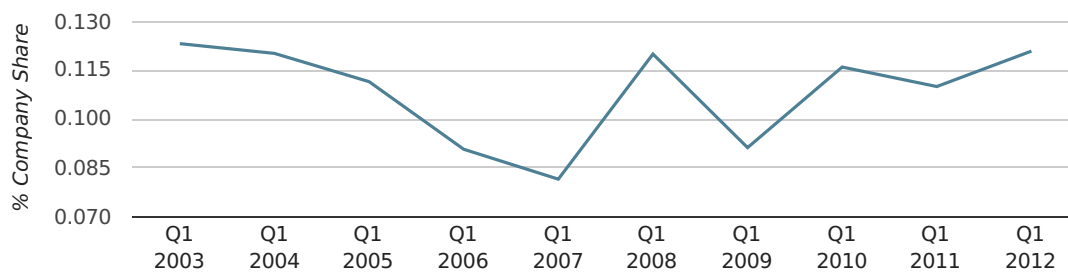
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	42	46	28
NET GROWTH IN 2011	7	10	31
% CHANGE	500.0%	360.0%	-9.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (42)	2012 (46)	2007 (32)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Bury St Edmunds formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

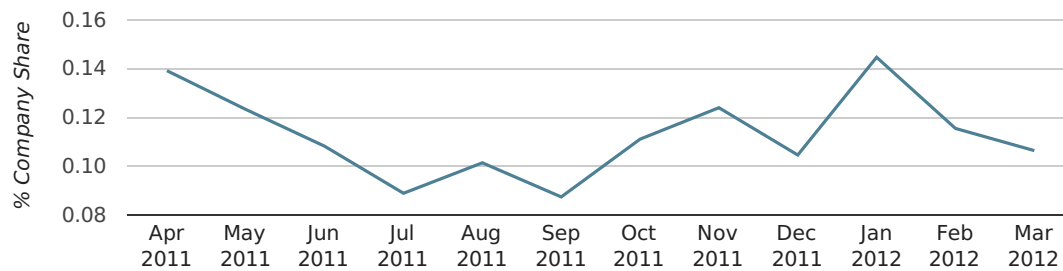
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	BURY ST EDMUNDS
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1978 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	95.5%	-3.1%	-17.7%
RECORD YEAR	1976 (0.3%)	1966 (0.6%)	1969 (0.4%)

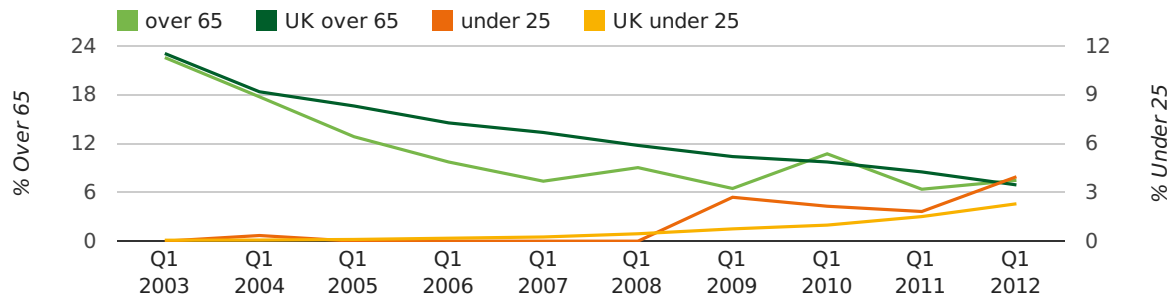
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 45.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 7.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

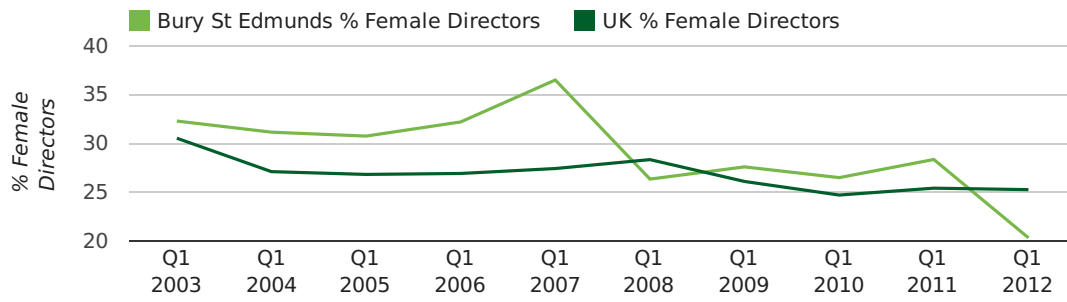


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

20.3% of all director appointments in Bury St Edmunds 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
CONSULTING	1.38%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.16%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
ANGLIA	1.16%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
SUFFOLK	1.06%	PROPERTY	2.37%
EAST	0.74%	TRADING	2.07%
J	0.63%	DESIGN	1.93%
CONSULTANTS	0.63%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
S	0.63%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
ENGINEERING	0.63%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
MEDIA	0.53%	BUSINESS	1.73%
PROPERTIES	0.53%	MEDIA	1.72%
PROPERTY	0.53%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
DATA	0.53%	LONDON	1.66%
CONSTRUCTION	0.53%	J	1.54%
CENTRE	0.53%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.53%	GLOBAL	1.50%
CIC	0.53%	IT	1.40%
CARE	0.53%	CARE	1.34%
BURY	0.53%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ST	0.53%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
GLOBAL	0.42%	M	1.27%
HOUSE	0.42%	BUILDING	1.24%
AUTO	0.42%	ENERGY	1.20%
ROAD	0.42%	S	1.20%
INTERNATIONAL	0.42%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	141	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	50	52,735
99999 - Dormant Company	33	25,084
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	28	19,704
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	26	35,233
9999 - Dormant Company	20	18,617
74990 - Non-trading company	13	9,729
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	13	9,892
86220 - Specialists medical practice activities	13	1,845
7414 - Business & management consultancy	13	12,113
69102 - Solicitors	12	1,363
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	12	2,832
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	12	14,303
41100 - Development of building projects	11	4,984
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	11	4,132
86210 - General medical practice activities	10	2,594
86900 - Other human health activities	9	5,066
70100 - Activities of head offices	8	2,746
7499 - Non-trading company	8	9,102
41202 - Construction of domestic buildings	8	3,052