

Cambridgeshire

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

- January 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Cambridgeshire when compared to any previous January.
- January 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Cambridgeshire when compared to any previous January.

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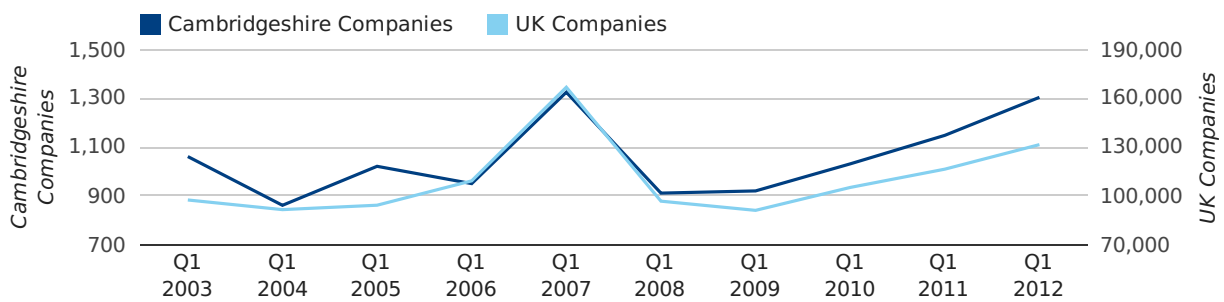
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 1,304 companies were registered in Cambridgeshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 13.6% 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)	CAMBRIDGESHIRE	UK
2012	1,304	131,491
2011	1,148	116,391
% CHANGE	13.6%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,325)	2007 (166,814)

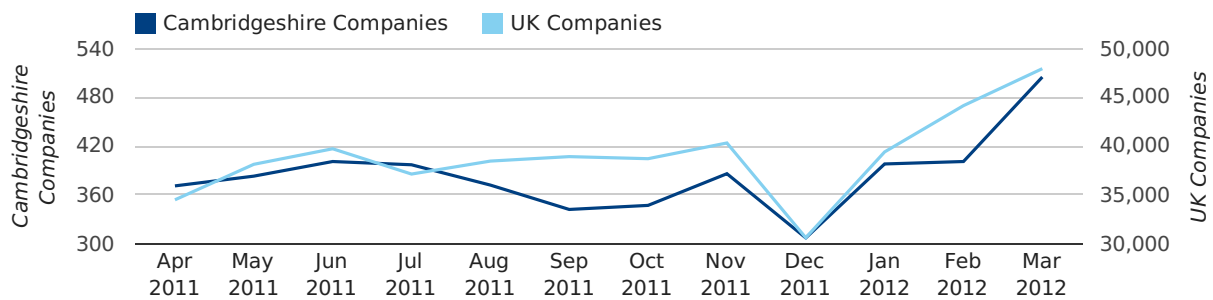
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	398	401	505
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	309	381	458
% CHANGE	28.8%	5.2%	10.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (398)	2005 (416)	2007 (605)

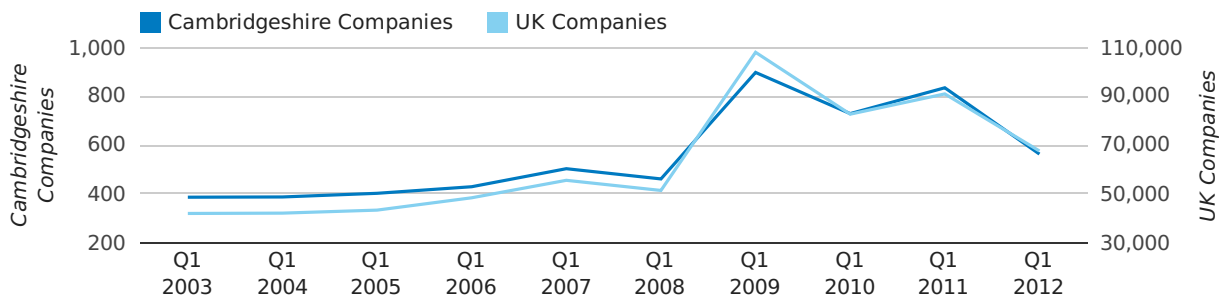
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 563 companies were dissolved in Cambridgeshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 32.6% 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.

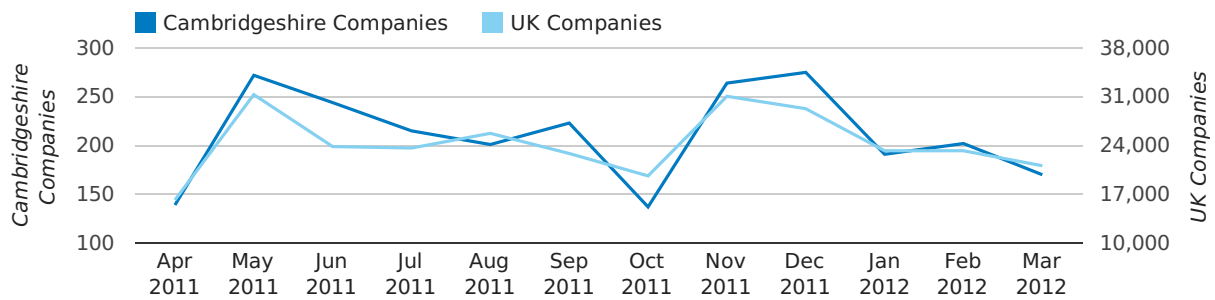
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	CAMBRIDGESHIRE	UK
2012	563	67,576
2011	835	90,986
% CHANGE	-32.6%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (898)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	191	202	170
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	298	251	286
% CHANGE	-35.9%	-19.5%	-41%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (298)	2011 (251)	2009 (481)

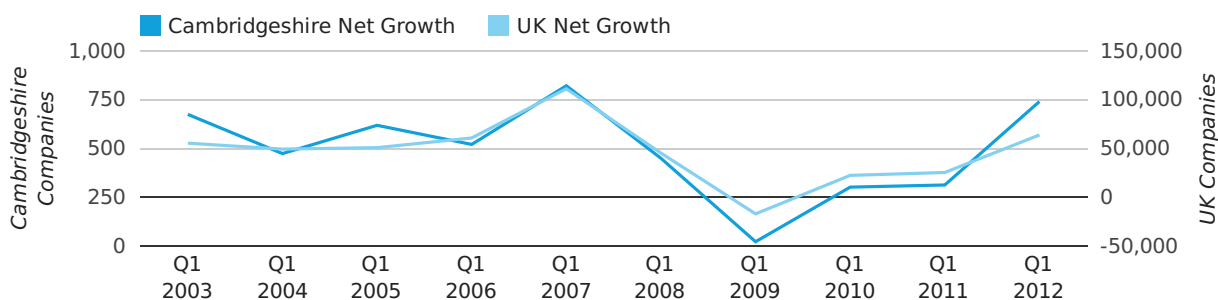
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Cambridgeshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 741 companies.

This represents an increase of 136.7% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	CAMBRIDGESHIRE	UK
2012	741	63,915
2011	313	25,405
% CHANGE	136.7%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (822)	2007 (111,282)

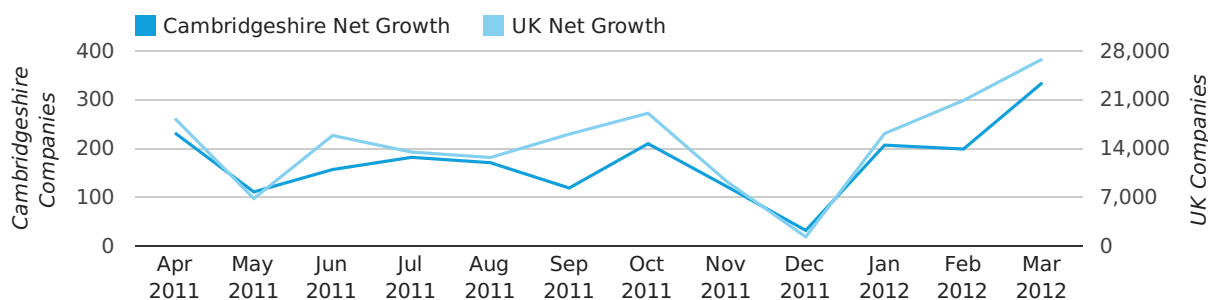
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

net growth by month



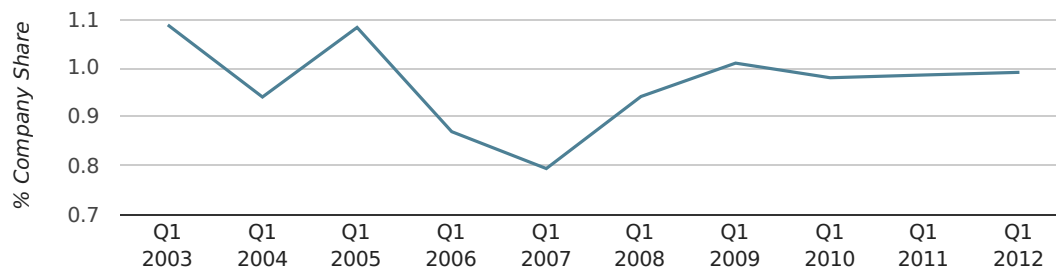
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	207	199	335
NET GROWTH IN 2011	11	130	172
% CHANGE	1,781.8%	53.1%	94.8%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (207)	2005 (288)	2007 (451)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Cambridgeshire formed 1.0% of all UK companies.

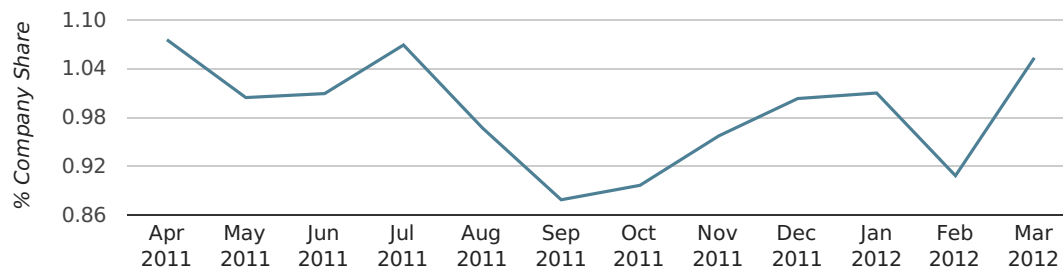
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	CAMBRIDGESHIRE
2012	1.0%
2011	1.0%
2010	1.0%
2009	1.0%
2008	0.9%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1979 (1.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	1.0%	0.9%	1.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.9%	1.0%	1.0%
% CHANGE	10.4%	-10.0%	3.1%
RECORD YEAR	1967 (2.0%)	1979 (1.8%)	1971 (1.8%)

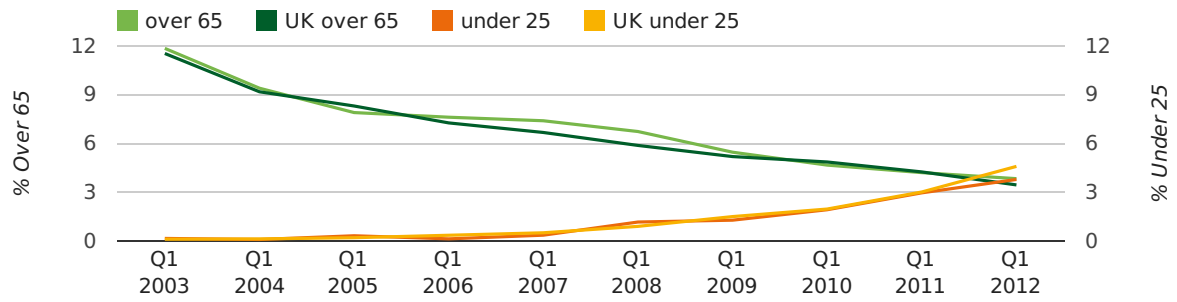
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 43.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age 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
CAMBRIDGE	2.92%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.92%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.90%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
CONSULTANCY	1.38%	PROPERTY	2.37%
ENGINEERING	0.88%	TRADING	2.07%
PROPERTY	0.86%	DESIGN	1.93%
DESIGN	0.82%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
ASSOCIATES	0.81%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
BUSINESS	0.77%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
CARE	0.72%	BUSINESS	1.73%
(CAMBRIDGE)	0.70%	MEDIA	1.72%
CENTRE	0.66%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.57%	LONDON	1.66%
CONSTRUCTION	0.56%	J	1.54%
S	0.56%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
J	0.54%	GLOBAL	1.50%
TRADING	0.54%	IT	1.40%
GLOBAL	0.52%	CARE	1.34%
PROPERTIES	0.52%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
BUILDING	0.52%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
MEDIA	0.50%	M	1.27%
TRAINING	0.50%	BUILDING	1.24%
IT	0.48%	ENERGY	1.20%
PETERBOROUGH	0.48%	S	1.20%
INVESTMENTS	0.48%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,683	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	417	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	292	35,233
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	221	19,704
99999 - Dormant Company	194	25,084
7414 - Business & management consultancy	162	12,113
9999 - Dormant Company	155	18,617
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	154	14,303
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	102	9,892
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	100	13,637
62090 - Other information technology service activities	100	8,145
7260 - Other computer related activities	89	7,154
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	88	6,934
74990 - Non-trading company	88	9,729
9305 - Other service activities	78	8,818
7499 - Non-trading company	69	9,102
62012 - Business and domestic software development	65	4,356
86900 - Other human health activities	62	5,066
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	56	5,169
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	54	4,132