

# Cardiff

q1 2012 business confidence report



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

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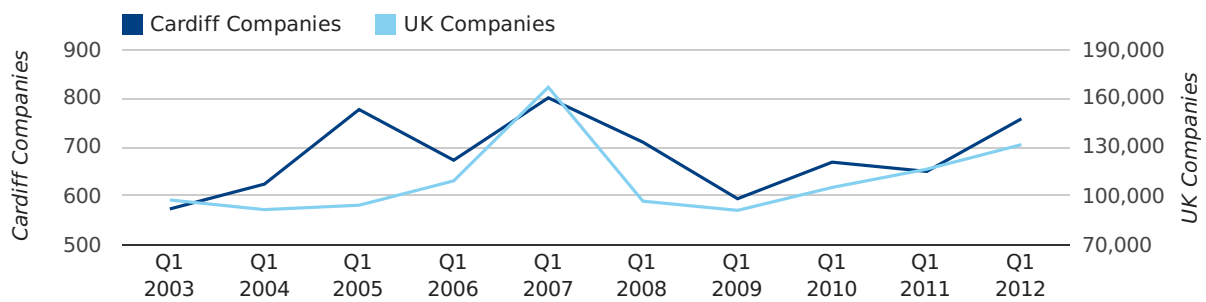
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 758 companies were registered in Cardiff during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 16.6% 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)	CARDIFF	UK
2012	758	131,491
2011	650	116,391
% CHANGE	16.6%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (801)	2007 (166,814)

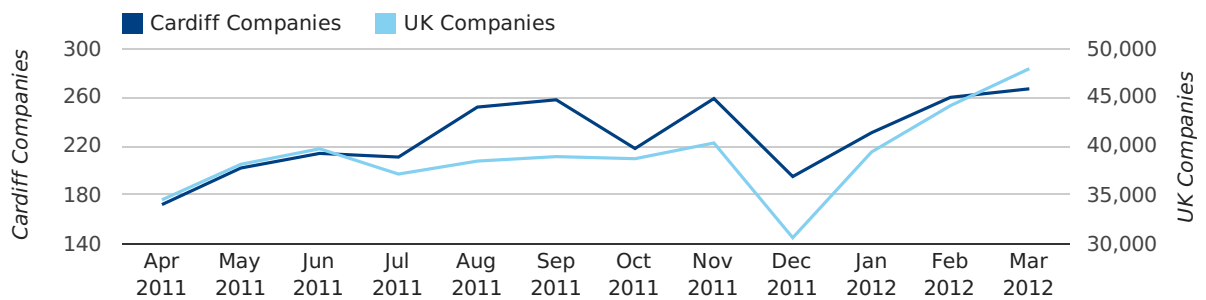
### new companies by quarter



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

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

### new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	231	260	267
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	236	189	225
% CHANGE	-2.1%	37.6%	18.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (249)	2012 (260)	2005 (385)

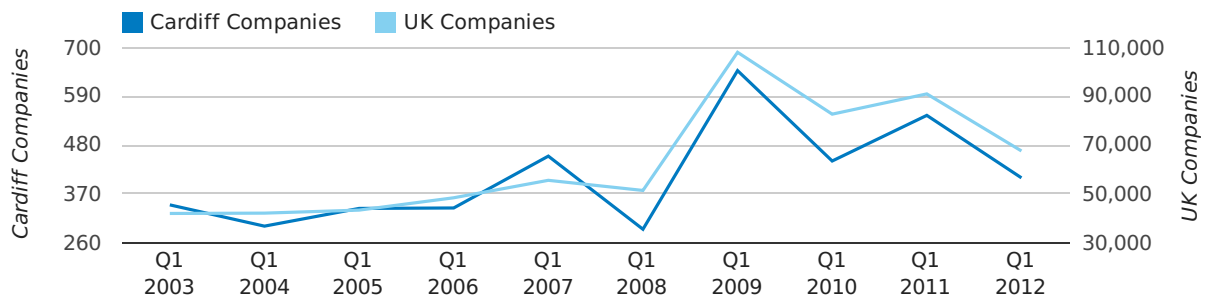
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 406 companies were dissolved in Cardiff during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 25.8% 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)	CARDIFF	UK
2012	406	67,576
2011	547	90,986
% CHANGE	-25.8%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (648)	2009 (108,060)

### dissolved companies by quarter



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

#### dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	128	159	119
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	204	161	182
% CHANGE	-37.3%	-1.2%	-35%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (204)	2008 (165)	2009 (443)

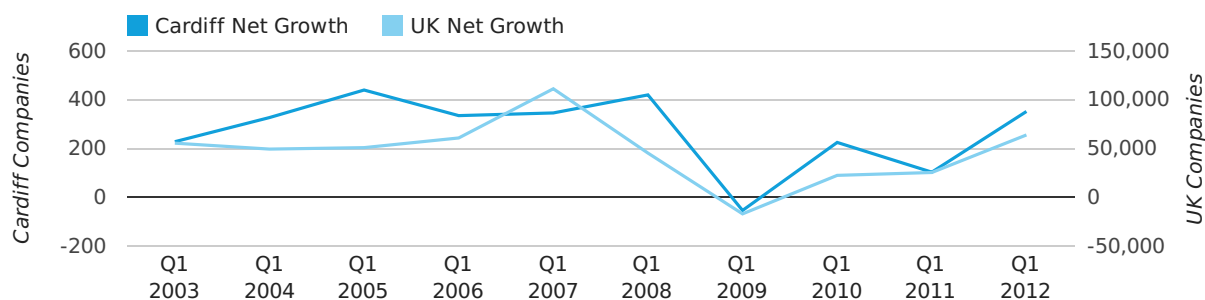
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Cardiff during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 352 companies.

This represents an increase of 241.7% on the same period last year.

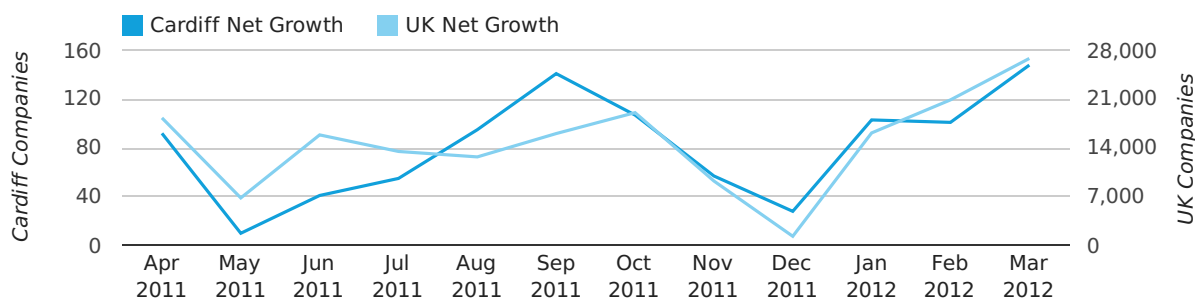
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	CARDIFF	UK
2012	352	63,915
2011	103	25,405
% CHANGE	241.7%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (440)	2007 (111,282)

### net growth by quarter



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

### net growth by month



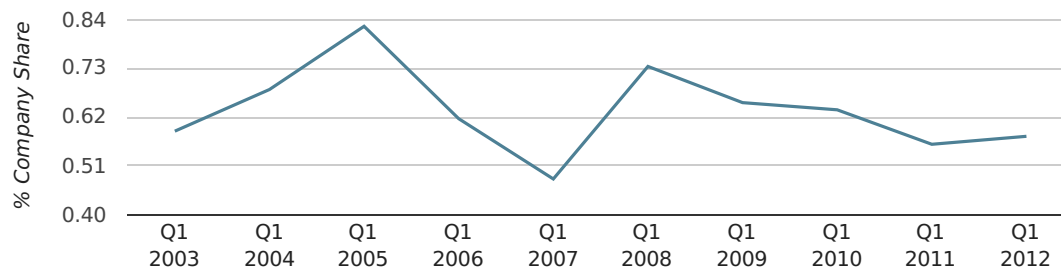
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	103	101	148
NET GROWTH IN 2011	32	28	43
% CHANGE	221.9%	260.7%	244.2%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (129)	2004 (103)	2005 (276)

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

In the first quarter of 2012, Cardiff formed 0.6% of all UK companies.

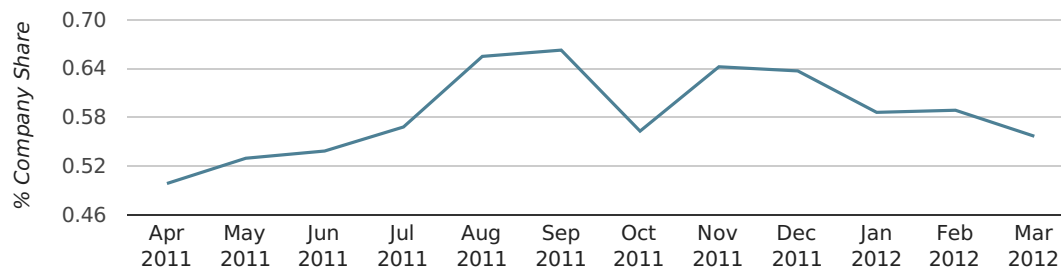
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	CARDIFF
2012	0.6%
2011	0.6%
2010	0.6%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.9%)

### company share by quarter



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

### company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.7%	0.5%	0.5%
% CHANGE	-16.1%	17.7%	11.0%
RECORD YEAR	1961 (1.4%)	1969 (1.3%)	1968 (1.6%)

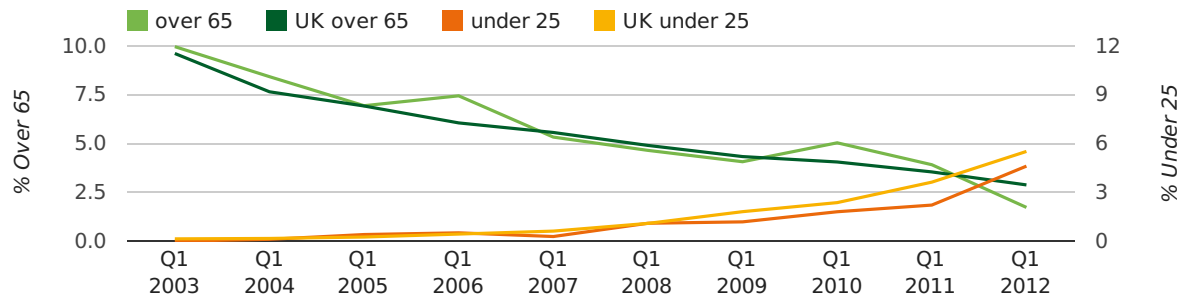
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 41.7.

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

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

#### director age by quarter

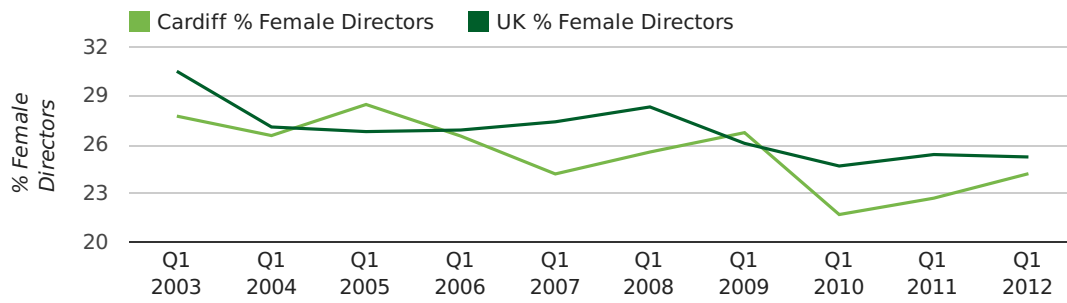


### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

24.2% of all director appointments in Cardiff 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
CARDIFF	1.97%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CO.,	1.94%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.64%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
INTERNATIONAL	1.58%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSULTING	1.42%	TRADING	2.07%
TRADING	1.20%	DESIGN	1.93%
CONSULTANCY	1.04%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
SOLAR	0.87%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
(CARDIFF)	0.85%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
WALES	0.82%	BUSINESS	1.73%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.79%	MEDIA	1.72%
(WALES)	0.76%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
PROPERTIES	0.74%	LONDON	1.66%
ENERGY	0.74%	J	1.54%
DEVELOPMENT	0.71%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
GLOBAL	0.68%	GLOBAL	1.50%
FINANCIAL	0.66%	IT	1.40%
INVESTMENTS	0.63%	CARE	1.34%
PROPERTY	0.63%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CONSULTANTS	0.60%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
CARE	0.55%	M	1.27%
R	0.55%	BUILDING	1.24%
ASSOCIATES	0.55%	ENERGY	1.20%
SECURITY	0.52%	S	1.20%
CENTRE	0.52%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,974	216,665
74990 - Non-trading company	323	9,729
7487 - Other business activities	229	52,735
7499 - Non-trading company	222	9,102
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	110	35,233
99999 - Dormant Company	103	25,084
9999 - Dormant Company	79	18,617
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	75	19,704
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	53	13,637
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	39	9,892
62090 - Other information technology service activities	38	8,145
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	37	14,303
7414 - Business & management consultancy	37	12,113
86230 - Dental practice activities	33	1,834
9305 - Other service activities	33	8,818
5530 - Restaurants	31	4,633
85590 - Other education not elsewhere classified	27	2,786
86900 - Other human health activities	26	5,066
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	25	4,427
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	25	6,934