

# County Down

q1 2012 business confidence report



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- Q1 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in County Down when compared to any previous Q1.
- Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in County Down when compared to any quarter in history.
- February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in County Down when compared to any previous February.
- February 2012 was a record month for company registrations in County Down when compared to any month in history.
- January 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in County Down when compared to any previous January.
- February 2012 saw a new record in company closures in County Down when compared to any previous February.

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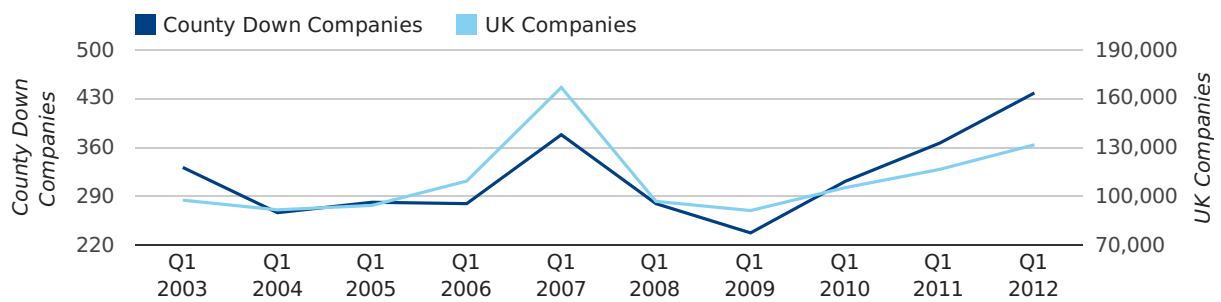
Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in County Down when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 438 companies were registered in County Down during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 19.7% 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)	COUNTY DOWN	UK
2012	438	131,491
2011	366	116,391
% CHANGE	19.7%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (438)	2007 (166,814)

### new companies by quarter



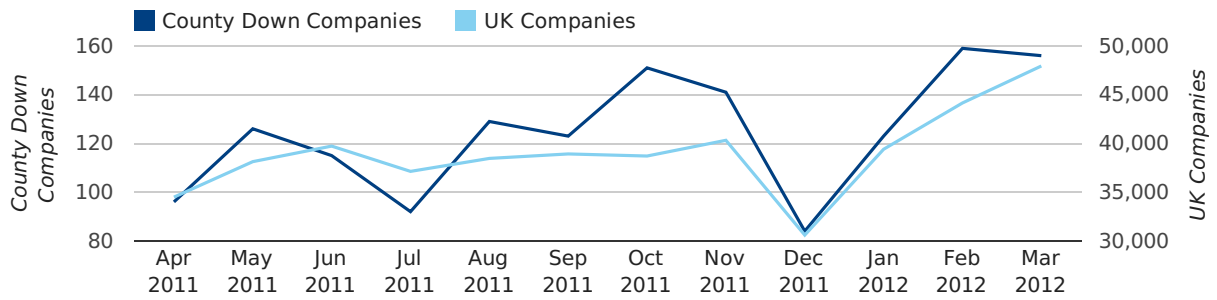
## Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

February 2012 was a record month for company registrations in County Down when compared to any month in history.

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

### new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	123	159	156
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	101	107	158
% CHANGE	21.8%	48.6%	-1.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (123)	2012 (159)	2011 (158)

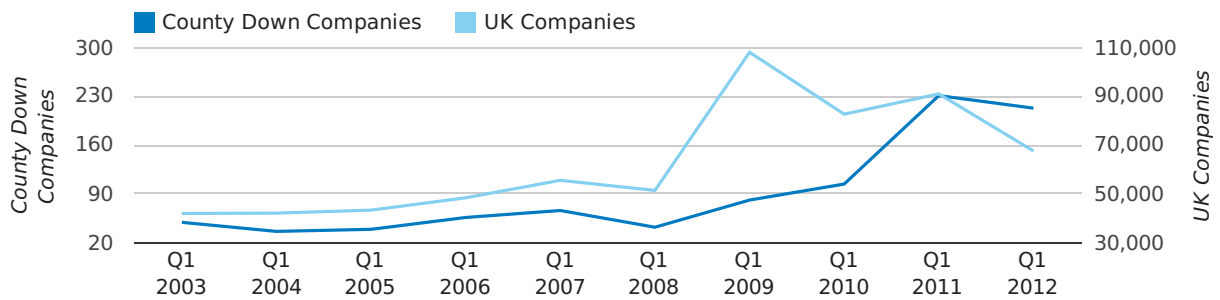
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 213 companies were dissolved in County Down during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 7.8% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares poorly 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)	COUNTY DOWN	UK
2012	213	67,576
2011	231	90,986
% CHANGE	-7.8%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (231)	2009 (108,060)

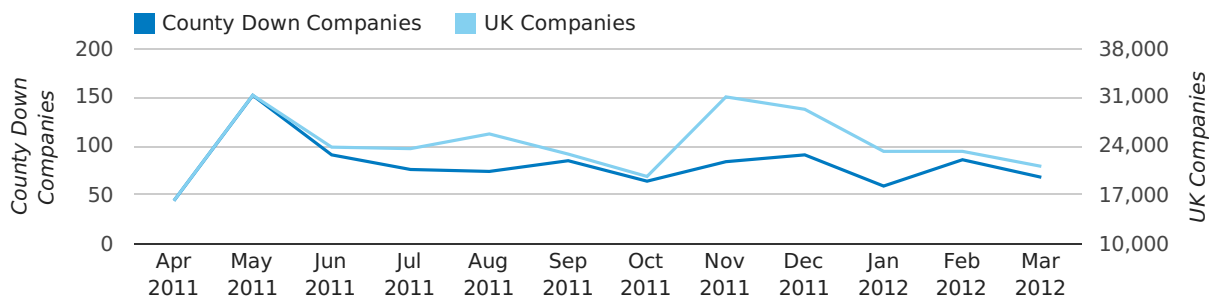
### dissolved companies by quarter



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

February 2012 saw a new record in company closures in County Down when compared to any previous February.

### dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	59	86	68
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	66	76	89
% CHANGE	-10.6%	13.2%	-24%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (66)	2012 (86)	2011 (89)

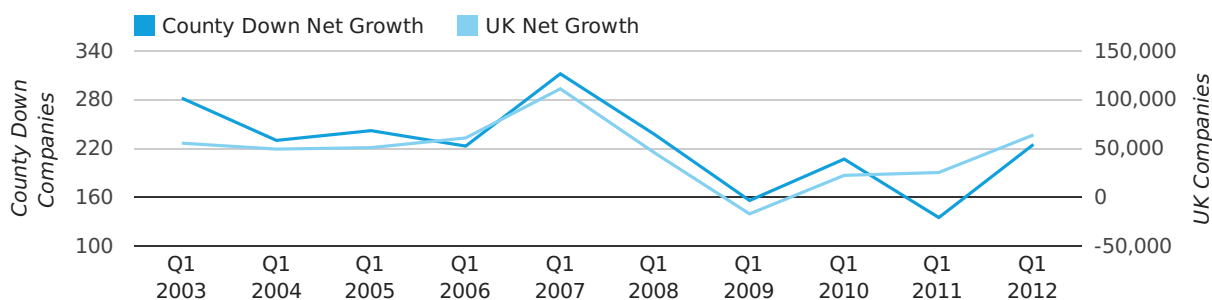
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for County Down during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 225 companies.

This represents an increase of 66.7% on the same period last year.

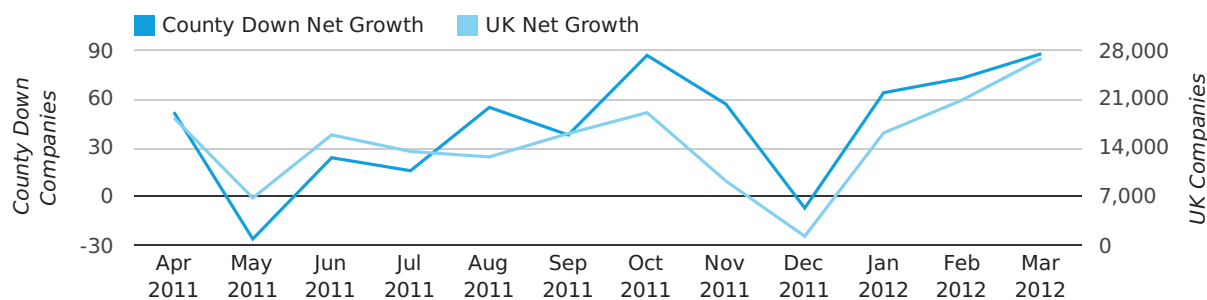
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	COUNTY DOWN	UK
2012	225	63,915
2011	135	25,405
% CHANGE	66.7%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (312)	2007 (111,282)

### net growth by quarter



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

### net growth by month



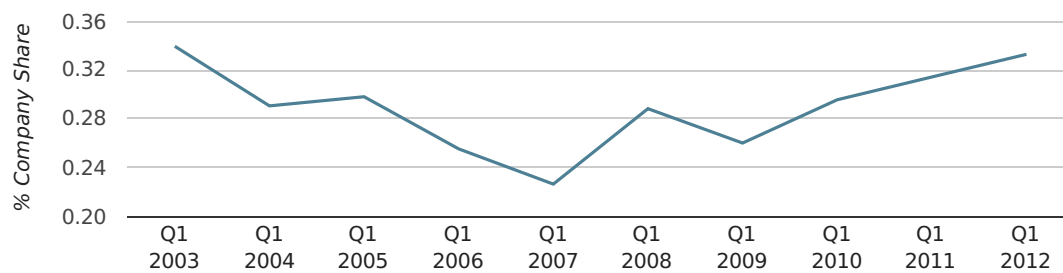
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	64	73	88
NET GROWTH IN 2011	35	31	69
% CHANGE	82.9%	135.5%	27.5%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (82)	2007 (108)	2003 (125)

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

In the first quarter of 2012, County Down formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

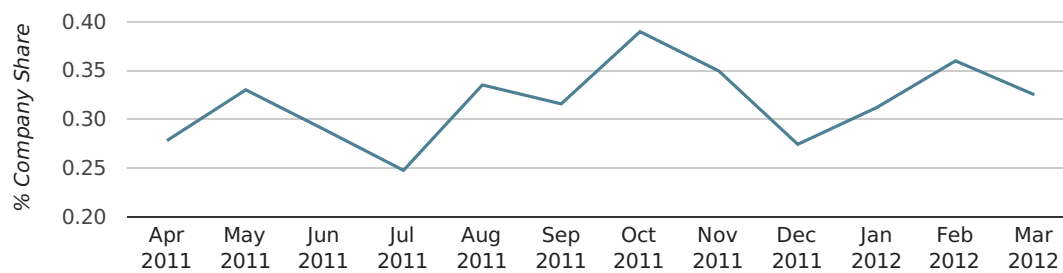
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	COUNTY DOWN
2012	0.3%
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1977 (0.9%)

### company share by quarter



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

### company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
% CHANGE	4.4%	27.1%	-7.6%
RECORD YEAR	1964 (0.9%)	1962 (1.3%)	1979 (5.7%)

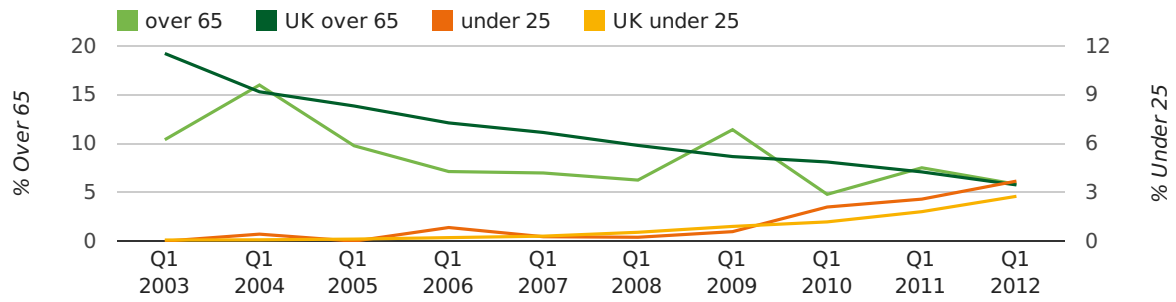
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 43.7.

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 5.8% 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
(NI)	2.52%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.37%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSTRUCTION	1.10%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
TRADING	1.05%	PROPERTY	2.37%
PROPERTIES	0.92%	TRADING	2.07%
ENGINEERING	0.87%	DESIGN	1.93%
(N.I.)	0.82%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
ENERGY	0.78%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
PROPERTY	0.78%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
ENTERPRISES	0.78%	BUSINESS	1.73%
DESIGN	0.78%	MEDIA	1.72%
NI	0.73%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
RETAIL	0.64%	LONDON	1.66%
CONTRACTS	0.64%	J	1.54%
CONSULTANCY	0.64%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.60%	GLOBAL	1.50%
COMMUNITY	0.60%	IT	1.40%
GREEN	0.55%	CARE	1.34%
LEISURE	0.55%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
DIRECT	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
CARE	0.55%	M	1.27%
CONSULTING	0.55%	BUILDING	1.24%
S	0.55%	ENERGY	1.20%
TRANSPORT	0.50%	S	1.20%
ELECTRICAL	0.50%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	500	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	119	52,735
99999 - Dormant Company	94	25,084
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	64	35,233
9999 - Dormant Company	62	18,617
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	37	19,704
41100 - Development of building projects	34	4,984
7414 - Business & management consultancy	31	12,113
74990 - Non-trading company	27	9,729
9305 - Other service activities	27	8,818
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	26	3,448
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	24	5,169
5530 - Restaurants	22	4,633
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	21	14,303
7499 - Non-trading company	21	9,102
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	20	13,637
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	19	9,892
49410 - Freight transport by road	19	2,781
41202 - Construction of domestic buildings	19	3,052
98000 - Residents property management	18	3,050