Dunfermline

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

- Q1 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Dunfermline when compared to any previous Q1.
- March 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Dunfermline when compared to any previous March.
- February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Dunfermline when compared to any previous February.
- Q1 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Dunfermline when compared to any previous Q1.
- March 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Dunfermline when compared to any previous March.
- January 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Dunfermline when compared to any previous January.
- February 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Dunfermline when compared to any previous February.

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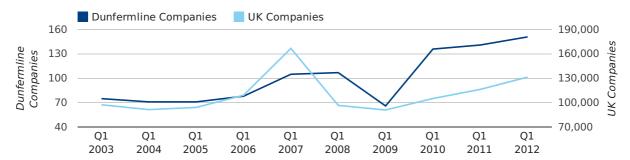
Q1 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Dunfermline when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 151 companies were registered in Dunfermline during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 7.1% 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)	DUNFERMLINE	UK
2012	151	131,491
2011	141	116,391
% CHANGE	7.1%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (151)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter

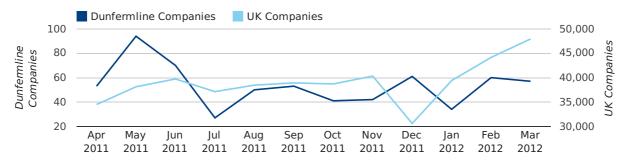


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

March 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Dunfermline when compared to any previous March.

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	34	60	57
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	42	43	56
% CHANGE	-19.0%	39.5%	1.8%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (42)	2012 (60)	2012 (57)

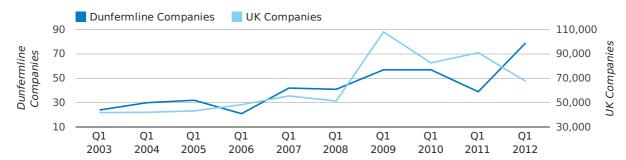
Q1 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Dunfermline when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 79 companies were dissolved in Dunfermline during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 102.6% 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)	DUNFERMLINE	UK
2012	79	67,576
2011	39	90,986
% CHANGE	102.6%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (79)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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January 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Dunfermline when compared to any previous January.

dissolved companies by month



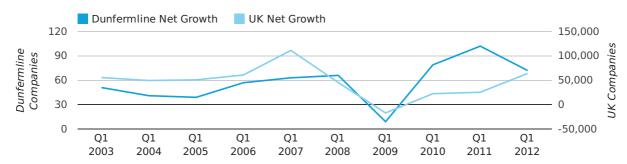
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	38	18	23
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	14	11	14
% CHANGE	171.4%	63.6%	64%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (38)	2010 (25)	2012 (23)

Net company growth for Dunfermline during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 72 companies.

This represents a decrease of 29.4% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	DUNFERMLINE	UK
2012	72	63,915
2011	102	25,405
% CHANGE	-29.4%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (102)	2007 (111,282)

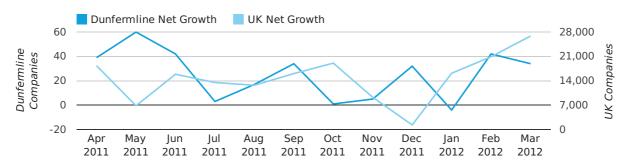
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

February 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Dunfermline when compared to any previous February.

net growth by month

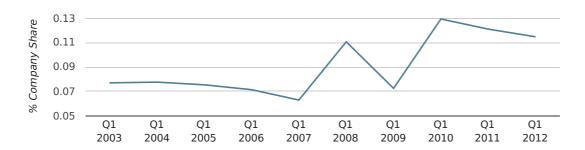


	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	-4	42	34
NET GROWTH IN 2011	28	32	42
% CHANGE	-114.3%	31.3%	-19.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (28)	2012 (42)	2011 (42)

In the first quarter of 2012, Dunfermline formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

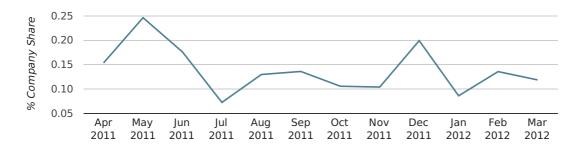
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	DUNFERMLINE
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1988 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



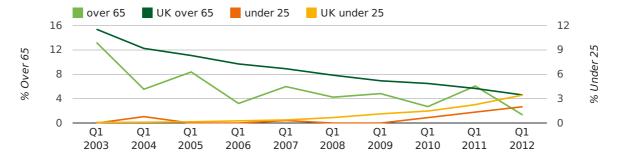
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-30.6%	19.3%	-4.8%
RECORD YEAR	1972 (0.2%)	1967 (0.2%)	1979 (0.8%)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 43.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter



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

21.6% of all director appointments in Dunfermline 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



naming trends $\operatorname{duport} \omega$

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
LP	9.80%	CONSULTING	5.07%
L.P.	4.10%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	2.50%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
TRADING	1.90%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSULTING	1.50%	TRADING	2.07%
CONSULTANCY	1.30%	DESIGN	1.93%
(SCOTLAND)	1.20%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
GROUP	1.20%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
INVESTMENTS	0.90%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
ASSETS	0.90%	BUSINESS	1.73%
ENGINEERING	0.80%	MEDIA	1.72%
BUSINESS	0.80%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
DESIGN	0.70%	LONDON	1.66%
SYSTEMS	0.70%	J	1.54%
DUNFERMLINE	0.70%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
CONTRACTS	0.60%	GLOBAL	1.50%
HOUSE	0.60%	IT	1.40%
ASSOCIATES	0.60%	CARE	1.34%
SCOTLAND	0.60%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
PROJECT	0.60%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
LOGISTICS	0.60%	M	1.27%
ENTERPRISES	0.50%	BUILDING	1.24%
CAPITAL	0.50%	ENERGY	1.20%
TRADE	0.50%	S	1.20%
CORPORATION	0.50%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

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