

Dunstable

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

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

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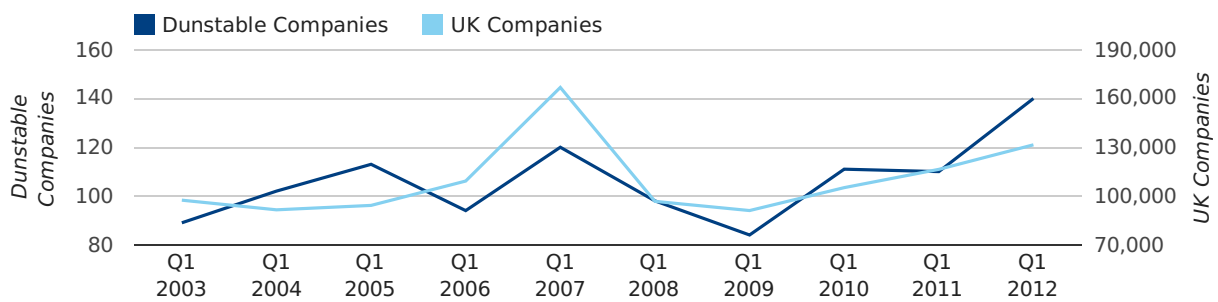
Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Dunstable when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 140 companies were registered in Dunstable during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 27.3% 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)	DUNSTABLE	UK
2012	140	131,491
2011	110	116,391
% CHANGE	27.3%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (140)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter

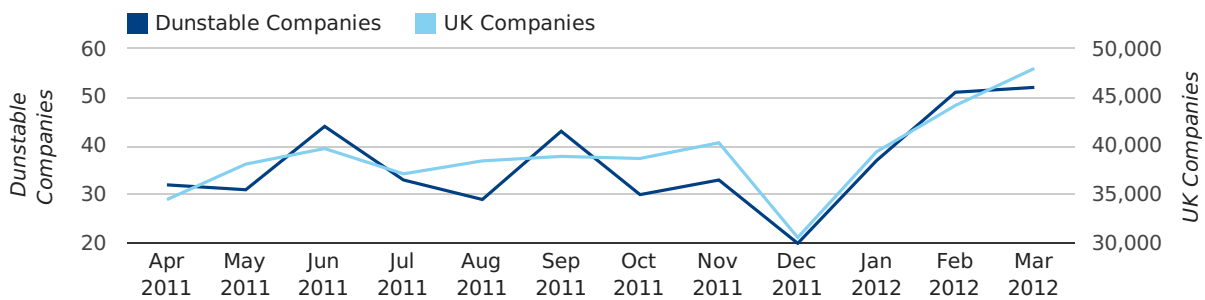


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	37	51	52
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	24	37	49
% CHANGE	54.2%	37.8%	6.1%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (37)	2012 (51)	2007 (59)

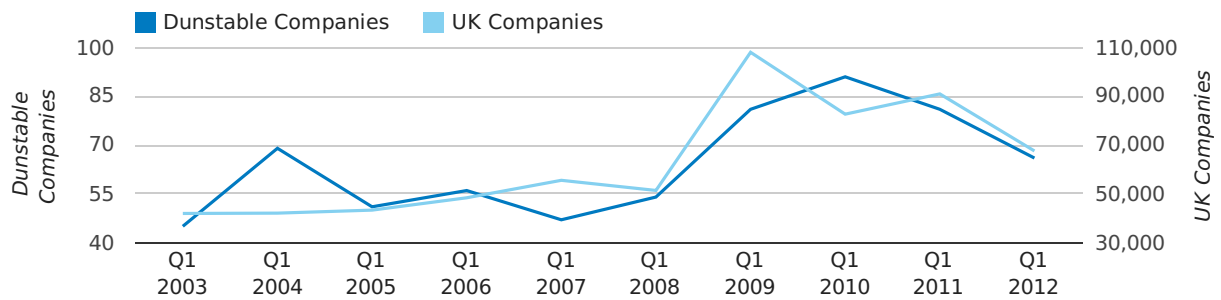
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 66 companies were dissolved in Dunstable during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 18.5% 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.

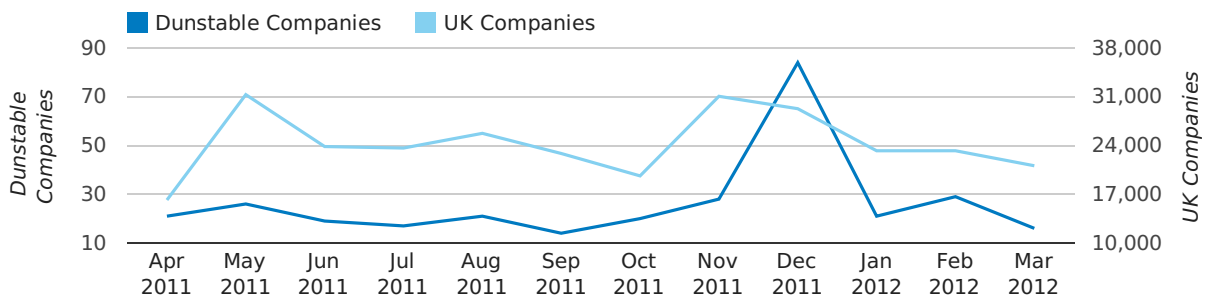
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	DUNSTABLE	UK
2012	66	67,576
2011	81	90,986
% CHANGE	-18.5%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (91)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	21	29	16
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	36	19	26
% CHANGE	-41.7%	52.6%	-38%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (36)	2008 (33)	2009 (52)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

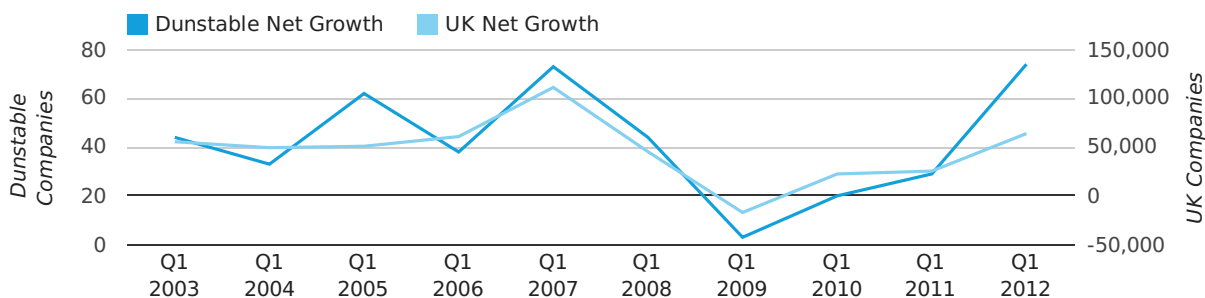
Q1 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Dunstable when compared to any previous Q1.

Net company growth for Dunstable during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 74 companies.

This represents an increase of 155.2% on the same period last year.

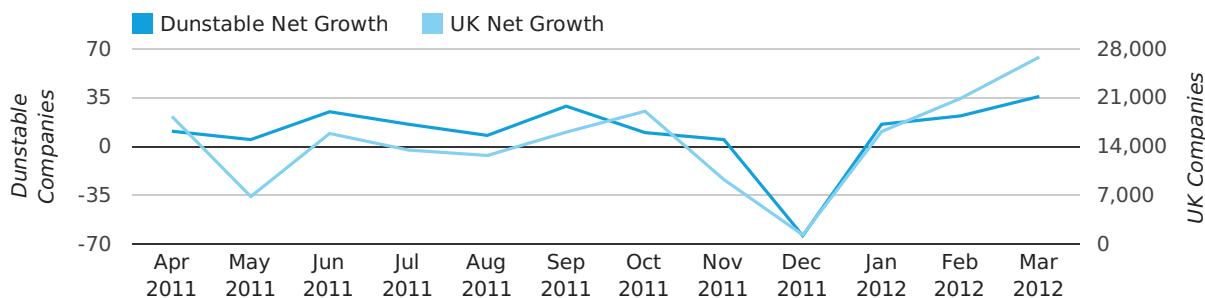
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	DUNSTABLE	UK
2012	74	63,915
2011	29	25,405
% CHANGE	155.2%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (74)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



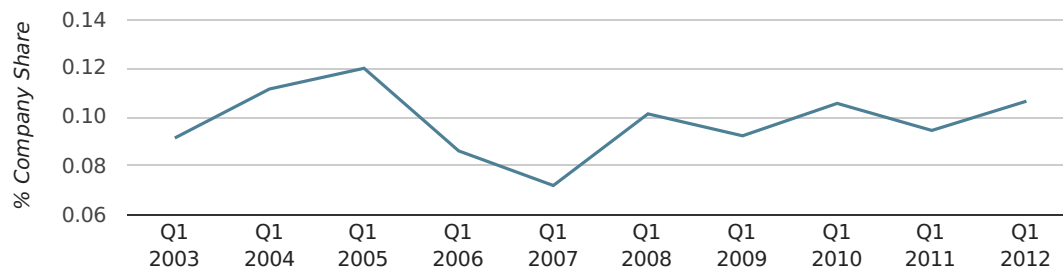
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	16	22	36
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-12	18	23
% CHANGE	-233.3%	22.2%	56.5%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (16)	2007 (22)	2007 (46)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

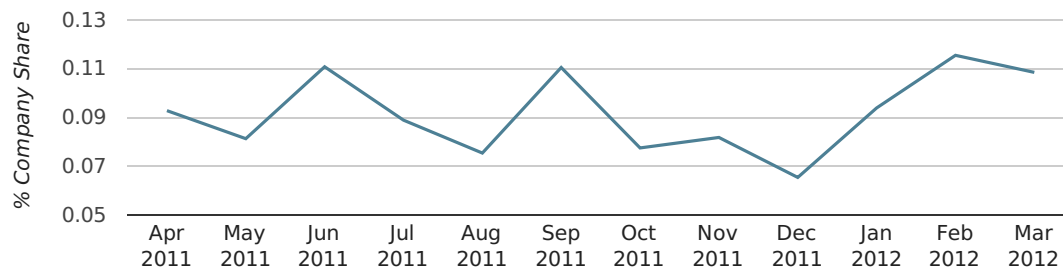
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	DUNSTABLE
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (0.2%)

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	32.3%	17.9%	-0.7%
RECORD YEAR	1963 (0.3%)	1964 (0.4%)	1962 (0.3%)

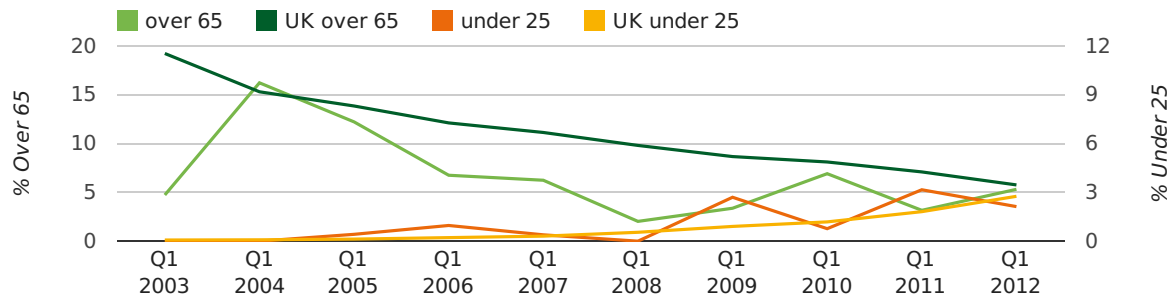
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 44.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

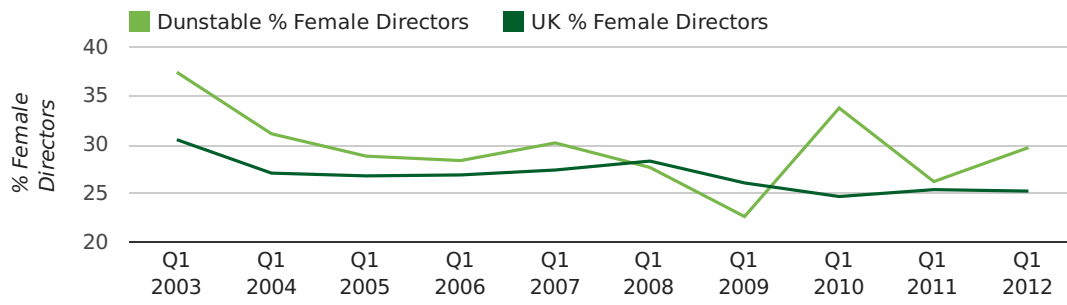


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

29.7% of all director appointments in Dunstable 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	2.13%	CONSULTING	5.07%
ASSOCIATES	1.06%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
BUILDING	0.93%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
CONSULTANCY	0.93%	PROPERTY	2.37%
MANAGEMENT	0.93%	TRADING	2.07%
ELECTRICAL	0.80%	DESIGN	1.93%
J	0.80%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
DUNSTABLE	0.80%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
PROPERTY	0.80%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
REGIS	0.66%	BUSINESS	1.73%
CLEAN	0.66%	MEDIA	1.72%
TRAINING	0.66%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
TRANSPORT	0.66%	LONDON	1.66%
HOUSE	0.66%	J	1.54%
24SEVEN	0.66%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
C	0.66%	GLOBAL	1.50%
CONSULTANTS	0.53%	IT	1.40%
CALL	0.53%	CARE	1.34%
PLANT	0.53%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
S	0.53%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
P	0.53%	M	1.27%
ACADEMY	0.53%	BUILDING	1.24%
MEDIA	0.53%	ENERGY	1.20%
MAINTENANCE	0.53%	S	1.20%
SUPPLIES	0.53%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	156	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	38	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	35	35,233
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	28	19,704
9999 - Dormant Company	19	18,617
62090 - Other information technology service activities	18	8,145
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	17	14,303
99999 - Dormant Company	16	25,084
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	15	13,637
49410 - Freight transport by road	14	2,781
7414 - Business & management consultancy	13	12,113
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	13	9,892
7260 - Other computer related activities	10	7,154
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	9	3,931
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	9	6,934
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	8	3,228
41202 - Construction of domestic buildings	7	3,052
74990 - Non-trading company	7	9,729
41100 - Development of building projects	6	4,984
90030 - Artistic creation	6	2,013