

Essex

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

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

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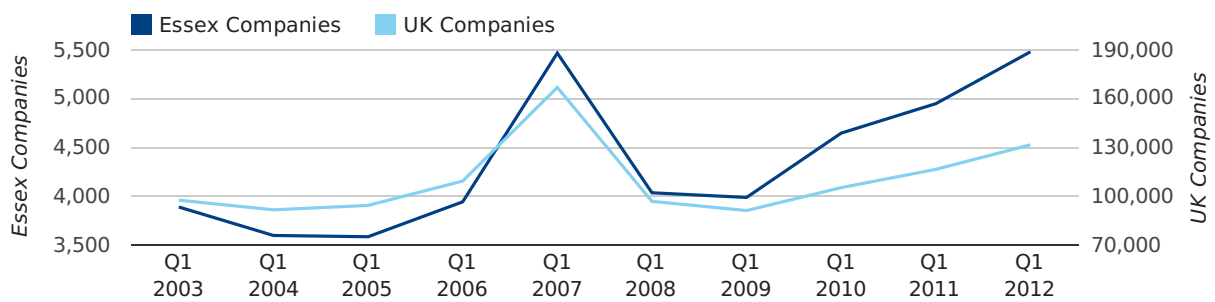
Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Essex when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 5,479 companies were registered in Essex during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 10.8% 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)	ESSEX	UK
2012	5,479	131,491
2011	4,947	116,391
% CHANGE	10.8%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (5,479)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	1,633	1,788	2,058
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	1,365	1,669	1,913
% CHANGE	19.6%	7.1%	7.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (1,633)	2012 (1,788)	2007 (2,390)

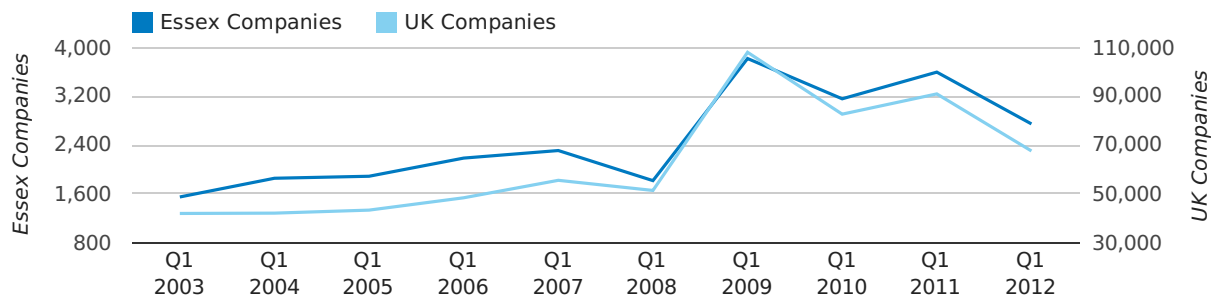
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 2,747 companies were dissolved in Essex during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 23.6% 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)	ESSEX	UK
2012	2,747	67,576
2011	3,597	90,986
% CHANGE	-23.6%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (3,820)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	927	941	879
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	1,388	1,073	1,136
% CHANGE	-33.2%	-12.3%	-23%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (1,388)	2011 (1,073)	2009 (2,582)

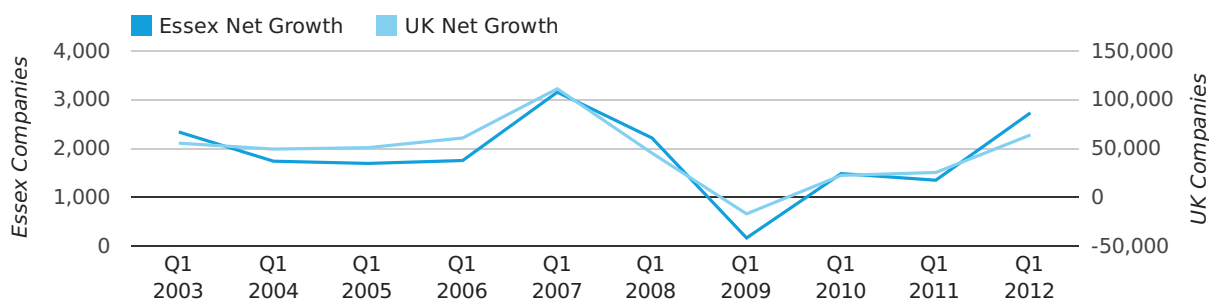
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Essex during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 2,732 companies.

This represents an increase of 102.4% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	ESSEX	UK
2012	2,732	63,915
2011	1,350	25,405
% CHANGE	102.4%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (3,156)	2007 (111,282)

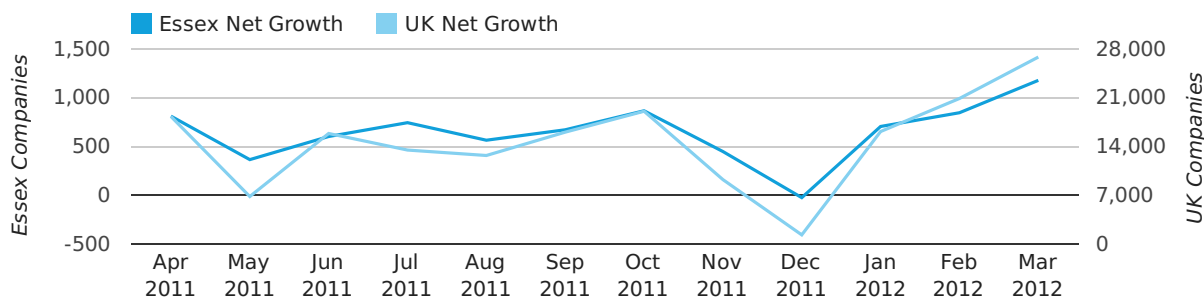
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

net growth by month



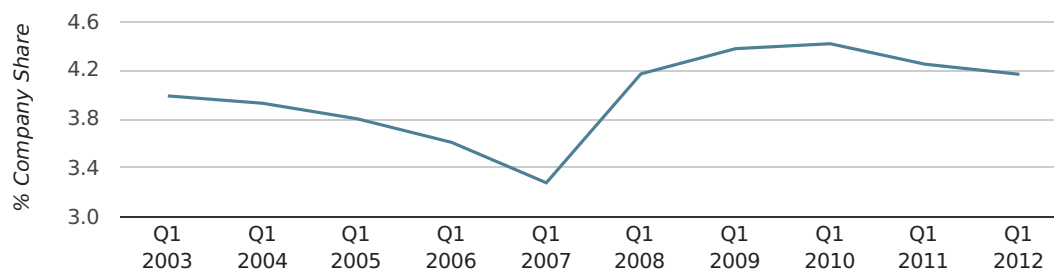
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	706	847	1,179
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-23	596	777
% CHANGE	-3,169.6%	42.1%	51.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (706)	2007 (1,037)	2007 (1,611)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Essex formed 4.2% of all UK companies.

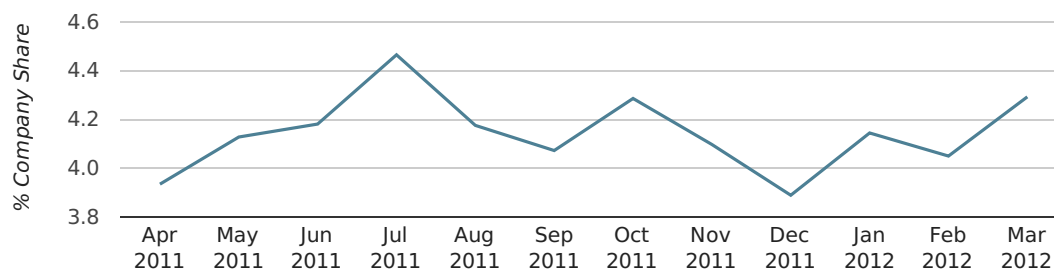
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	ESSEX
2012	4.2%
2011	4.3%
2010	4.4%
2009	4.4%
2008	4.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1997 (4.7%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	4.1%	4.0%	4.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	4.0%	4.4%	4.3%
% CHANGE	2.6%	-8.4%	0.6%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (4.5%)	1994 (5.6%)	1997 (5.2%)

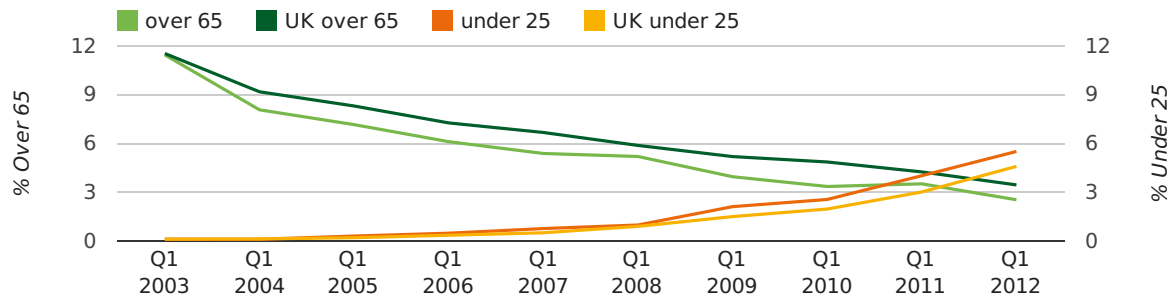
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 41.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.5% 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
CONSULTING	2.50%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	2.26%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	2.09%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
PROPERTY	1.47%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSTRUCTION	1.41%	TRADING	2.07%
ESSEX	1.24%	DESIGN	1.93%
LONDON	1.17%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
CONSULTANTS	1.15%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
ELECTRICAL	1.08%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
TRADING	1.00%	BUSINESS	1.73%
ASSOCIATES	0.98%	MEDIA	1.72%
SECURITY	0.98%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
BUILDING	0.92%	LONDON	1.66%
J	0.88%	J	1.54%
BUSINESS	0.86%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
DESIGN	0.86%	GLOBAL	1.50%
S	0.84%	IT	1.40%
CARE	0.83%	CARE	1.34%
IT	0.79%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
GLOBAL	0.78%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
MEDIA	0.78%	M	1.27%
CLEANING	0.72%	BUILDING	1.24%
M	0.71%	ENERGY	1.20%
INVESTMENTS	0.70%	S	1.20%
ENTERPRISES	0.68%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	9,011	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	2,346	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	1,397	35,233
99999 - Dormant Company	975	25,084
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	810	13,637
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	756	19,704
9999 - Dormant Company	715	18,617
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	715	14,303
7414 - Business & management consultancy	489	12,113
9305 - Other service activities	468	8,818
7499 - Non-trading company	395	9,102
62090 - Other information technology service activities	349	8,145
74990 - Non-trading company	344	9,729
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	330	9,892
7260 - Other computer related activities	329	7,154
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	318	6,934
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	314	5,169
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	266	3,931
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	256	3,228
86900 - Other human health activities	248	5,066