

# Fife

q1 2012 business confidence report



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- Q1 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Fife when compared to any previous Q1.
- March 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Fife when compared to any previous March.
- Q1 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Fife when compared to any previous Q1.
- March 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Fife when compared to any previous March.
- January 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Fife when compared to any previous January.

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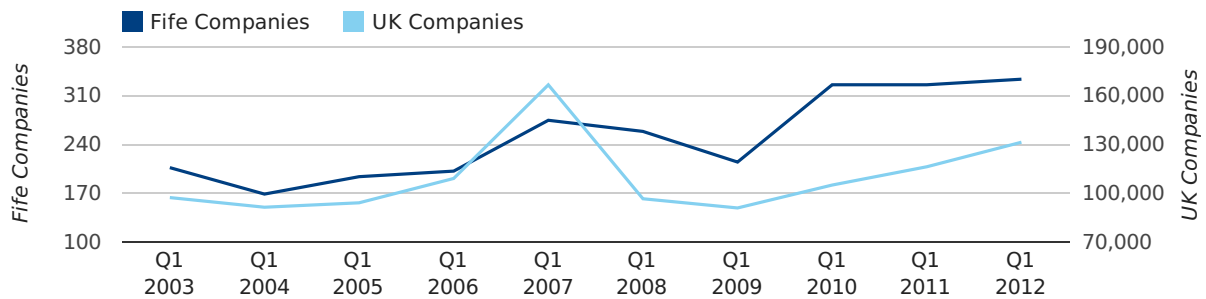
Q1 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Fife when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 334 companies were registered in Fife during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 2.5% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares badly 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)	FIFE	UK
2012	334	131,491
2011	326	116,391
% CHANGE	2.5%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (334)	2007 (166,814)

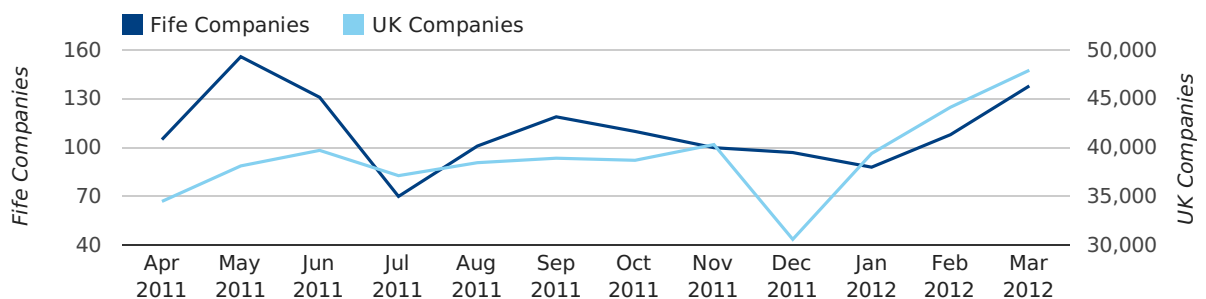
### new companies by quarter



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

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

### new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	88	108	138
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	88	113	125
% CHANGE	0.0%	-4.4%	10.4%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (90)	2011 (113)	2012 (138)

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

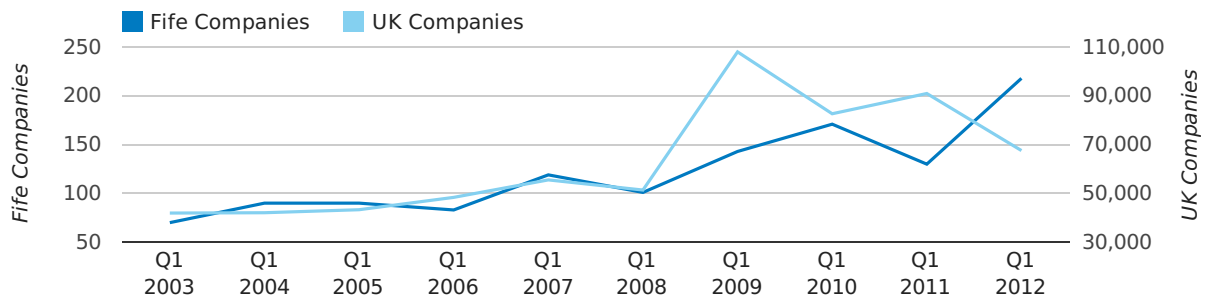
Q1 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Fife when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 218 companies were dissolved in Fife during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 67.7% 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)	FIFE	UK
2012	218	67,576
2011	130	90,986
% CHANGE	67.7%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (218)	2009 (108,060)

### dissolved companies by quarter



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

March 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Fife when compared to any previous March.

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

### dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	86	55	77
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	52	40	38
% CHANGE	65.4%	37.5%	103%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (86)	2010 (62)	2012 (77)

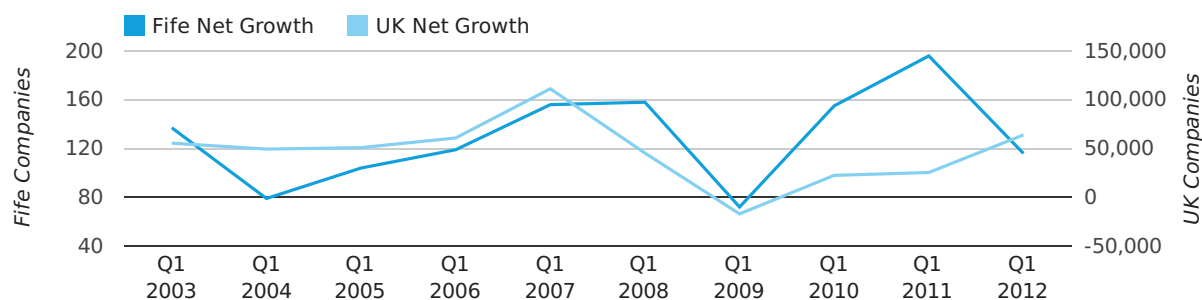
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Fife during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 116 companies.

This represents a decrease of 40.8% on the same period last year.

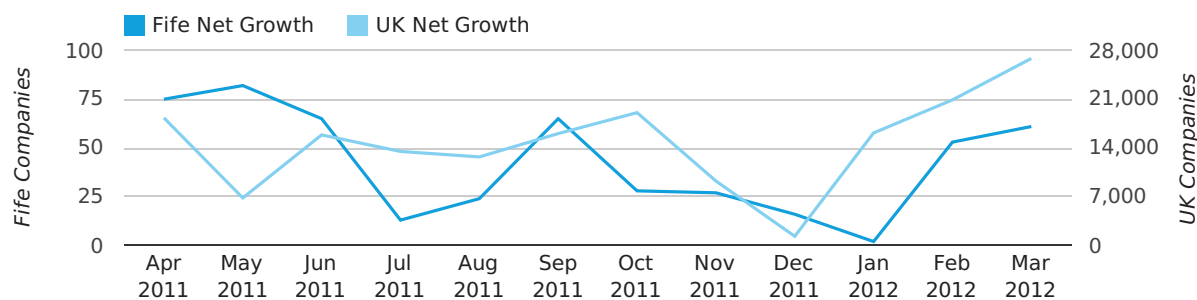
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	FIFE	UK
2012	116	63,915
2011	196	25,405
% CHANGE	-40.8%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (196)	2007 (111,282)

### net growth by quarter



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

### net growth by month



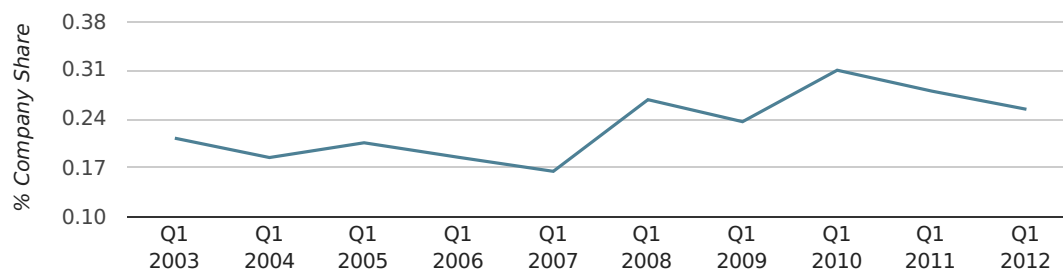
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	2	53	61
NET GROWTH IN 2011	36	73	87
% CHANGE	-94.4%	-27.4%	-29.9%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (51)	2011 (73)	2011 (87)

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

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

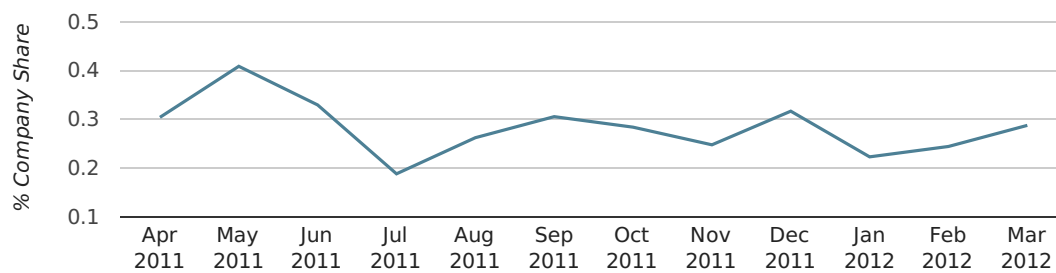
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	FIFE
2012	0.3%
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1988 (0.4%)

### company share by quarter



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

### company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
% CHANGE	-14.3%	-18.2%	3.3%
RECORD YEAR	1969 (0.6%)	1960 (0.6%)	1979 (4.9%)

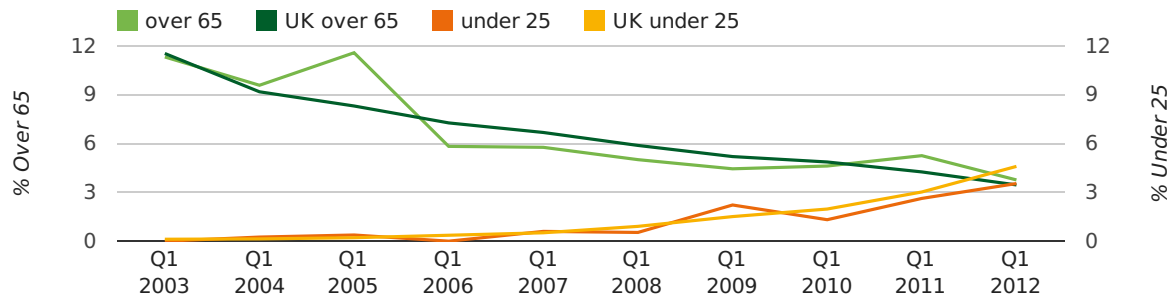
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 44.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.8% 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
LP	4.96%	CONSULTING	5.07%
L.P.	2.08%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.77%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
FIFE	1.52%	PROPERTY	2.37%
(SCOTLAND)	1.11%	TRADING	2.07%
TRADING	1.06%	DESIGN	1.93%
CONSULTING	1.06%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
ENGINEERING	0.96%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
(FIFE)	0.91%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
CONSULTANCY	0.91%	BUSINESS	1.73%
DESIGN	0.86%	MEDIA	1.72%
BUSINESS	0.76%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
INVESTMENTS	0.76%	LONDON	1.66%
GROUP	0.71%	J	1.54%
SCOTLAND	0.66%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
PROPERTY	0.66%	GLOBAL	1.50%
INSPECTION	0.61%	IT	1.40%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.61%	CARE	1.34%
ENTERPRISES	0.61%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ASSOCIATES	0.61%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
CONSTRUCTION	0.56%	M	1.27%
ANDREWS	0.56%	BUILDING	1.24%
SYSTEMS	0.56%	ENERGY	1.20%
M	0.56%	S	1.20%
CONTRACTS	0.51%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%



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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	626	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	167	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	103	35,233
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	65	19,704
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	58	9,892
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	44	14,303
99999 - Dormant Company	35	25,084
9999 - Dormant Company	32	18,617
7414 - Business & management consultancy	29	12,113
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	29	13,637
62090 - Other information technology service activities	18	8,145
71129 - Other engineering activities	17	2,217
7499 - Non-trading company	17	9,102
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	17	5,169
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	17	3,931
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	15	4,427
86230 - Dental practice activities	14	1,834
86900 - Other human health activities	14	5,066
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	14	3,228
56101 - Licensed restaurants	14	1,885