

Gloucester

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

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

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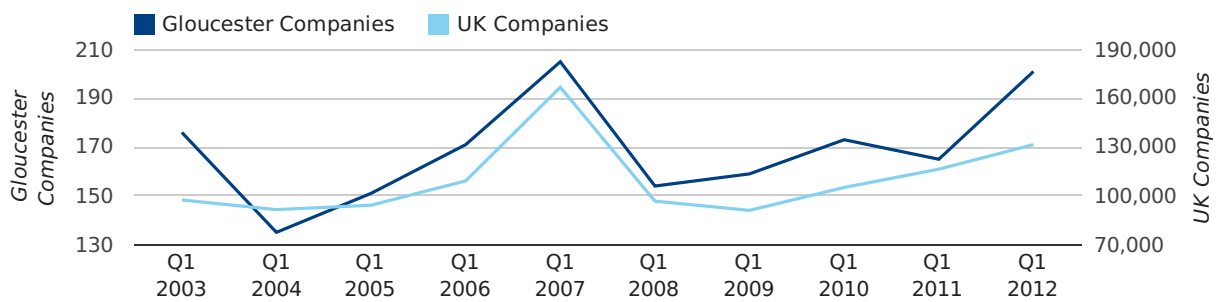
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 201 companies were registered in Gloucester during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 21.8% 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)	GLOUCESTER	UK
2012	201	131,491
2011	165	116,391
% CHANGE	21.8%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (205)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter

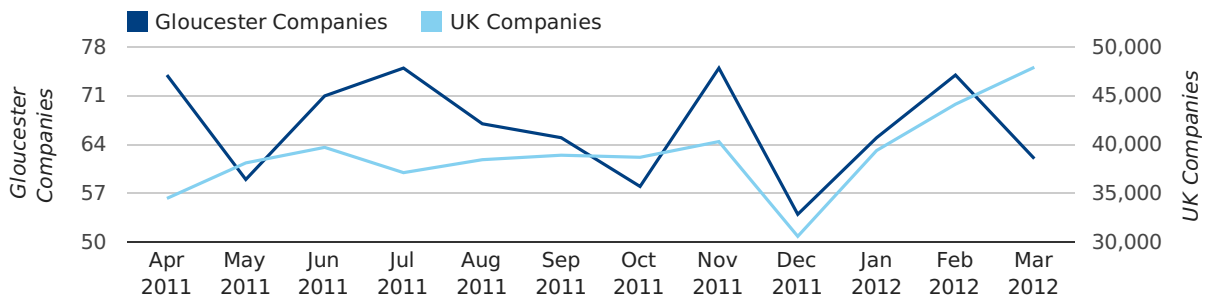


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	65	74	62
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	41	56	68
% CHANGE	58.5%	32.1%	-8.8%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (65)	2012 (74)	2007 (94)

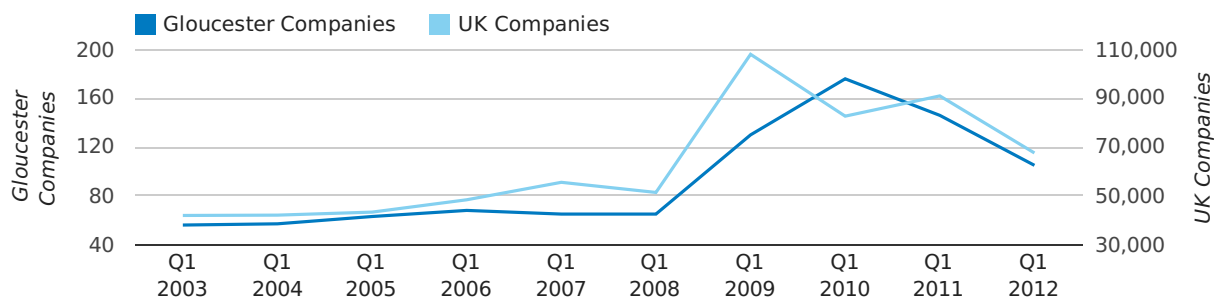
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 105 companies were dissolved in Gloucester during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 28.1% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 25.7% against the same period last year.

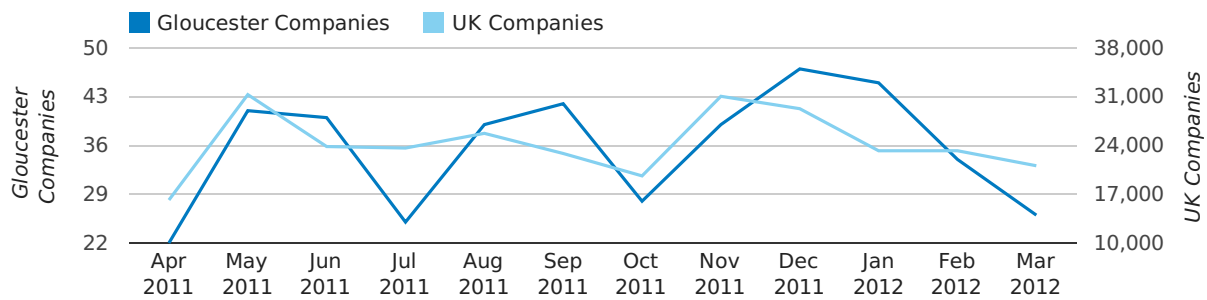
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	GLOUCESTER	UK
2012	105	67,576
2011	146	90,986
% CHANGE	-28.1%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (176)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	45	34	26
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	46	45	55
% CHANGE	-2.2%	-24.4%	-53%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (46)	2010 (70)	2009 (76)

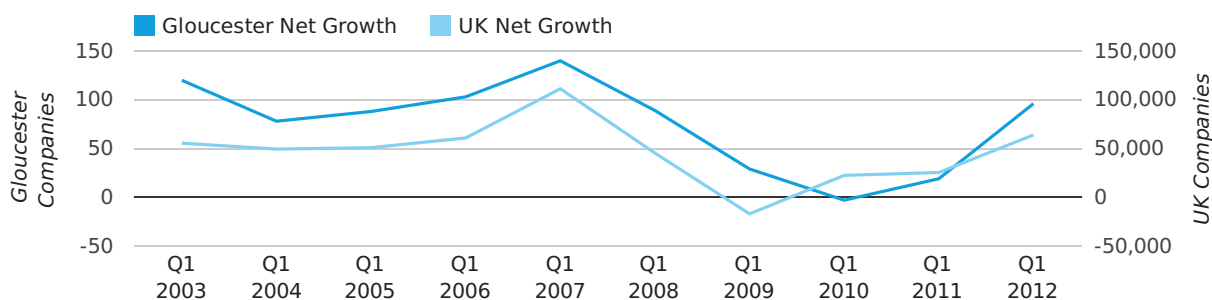
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Gloucester during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 96 companies.

This represents an increase of 405.3% on the same period last year.

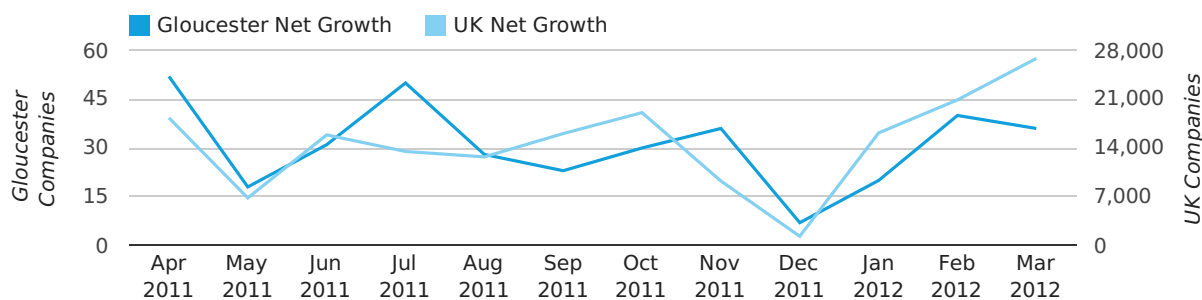
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	GLOUCESTER	UK
2012	96	63,915
2011	19	25,405
% CHANGE	405.3%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (140)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



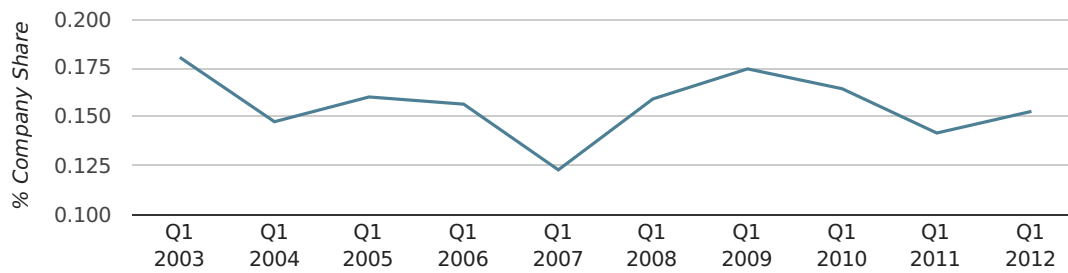
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	20	40	36
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-5	11	13
% CHANGE	-500.0%	263.6%	176.9%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (32)	2007 (45)	2007 (71)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Gloucester formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

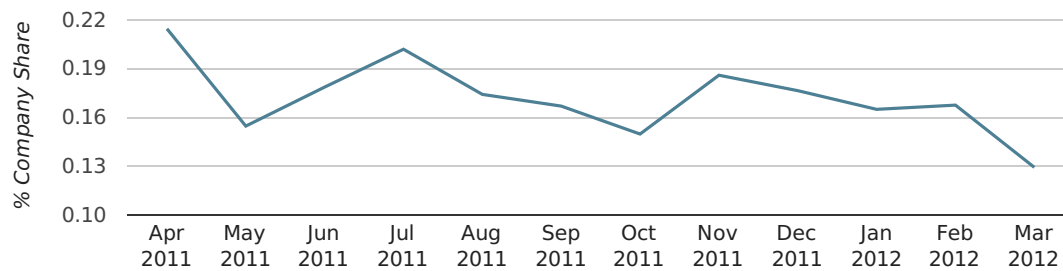
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	GLOUCESTER
2012	0.2%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.6%)

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%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
% CHANGE	35.9%	13.0%	-14.7%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.7%)	1966 (0.8%)	1966 (0.5%)

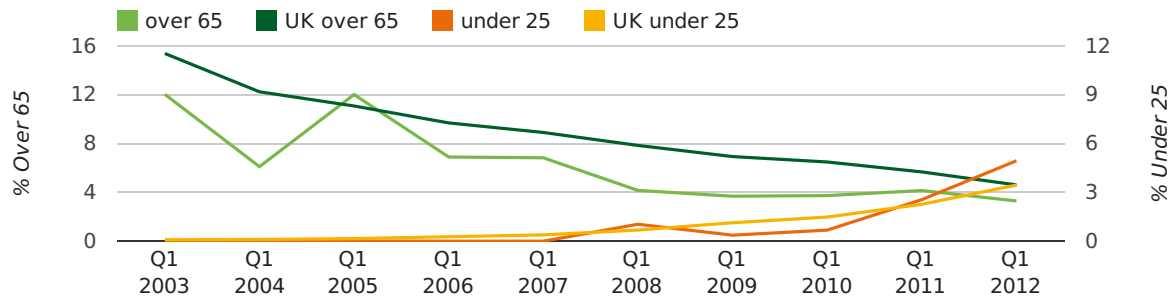
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 42.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

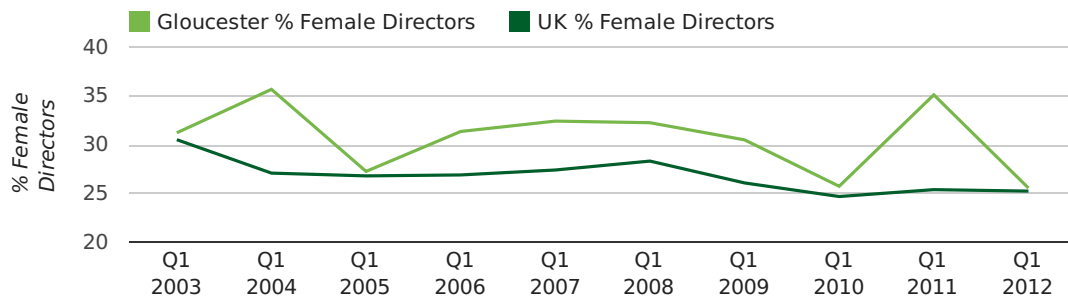


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

25.6% of all director appointments in Gloucester 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	1.52%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTANCY	1.29%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.29%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
GLOUCESTER	1.14%	PROPERTY	2.37%
SCHOOL	0.84%	TRADING	2.07%
BUILDING	0.76%	DESIGN	1.93%
M	0.69%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
ENGINEERING	0.69%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
J	0.61%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.61%	BUSINESS	1.73%
LOGISTICS	0.53%	MEDIA	1.72%
DESIGN	0.53%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
ELECTRICAL	0.53%	LONDON	1.66%
ENERGY	0.53%	J	1.54%
MEDIA	0.53%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
SOLAR	0.46%	GLOBAL	1.50%
CONSTRUCTION	0.46%	IT	1.40%
TECHNOLOGY	0.46%	CARE	1.34%
PROPERTY	0.46%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
MAINTENANCE	0.46%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
CENTRE	0.46%	M	1.27%
(GLOS)	0.46%	BUILDING	1.24%
BUSINESS	0.46%	ENERGY	1.20%
HOME	0.46%	S	1.20%
CARE	0.46%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	291	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	54	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	42	35,233
99999 - Dormant Company	41	25,084
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	40	19,704
9999 - Dormant Company	30	18,617
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	29	14,303
7414 - Business & management consultancy	20	12,113
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	16	9,892
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	16	5,169
43210 - Electrical installation	16	3,573
9305 - Other service activities	13	8,818
74990 - Non-trading company	13	9,729
7499 - Non-trading company	12	9,102
49410 - Freight transport by road	12	2,781
62090 - Other information technology service activities	12	8,145
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	12	6,934
41100 - Development of building projects	11	4,984
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	11	3,439
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	10	4,427