

# Greater London

q1 2012 business confidence report



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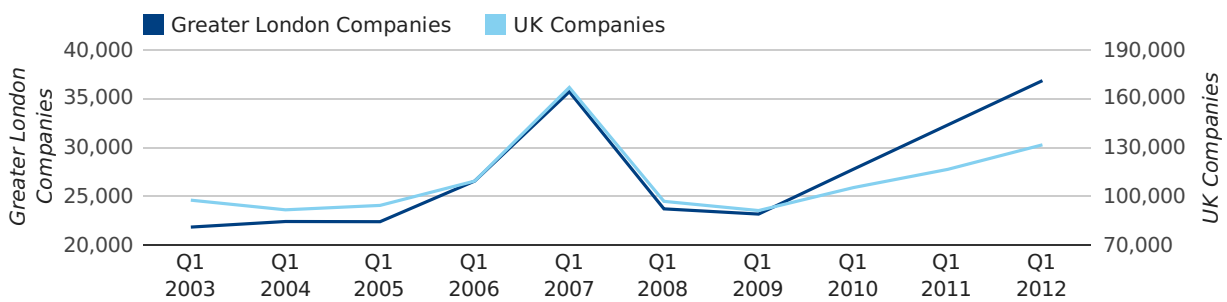
Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Greater London when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 36,832 companies were registered in Greater London during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 14.1% 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)	GREATER LONDON	UK
2012	36,832	131,491
2011	32,289	116,391
% CHANGE	14.1%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (36,832)	2007 (166,814)

### new companies by quarter

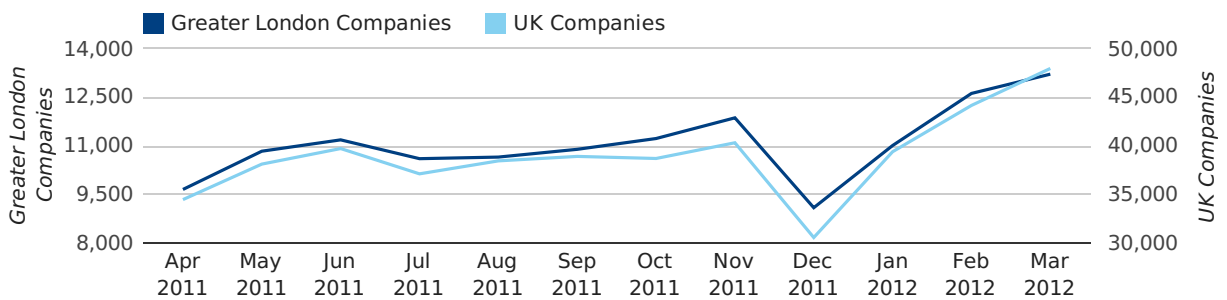


### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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### new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	11,011	12,614	13,207
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	9,614	10,449	12,226
% CHANGE	14.5%	20.7%	8.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (11,011)	2012 (12,614)	2007 (15,821)



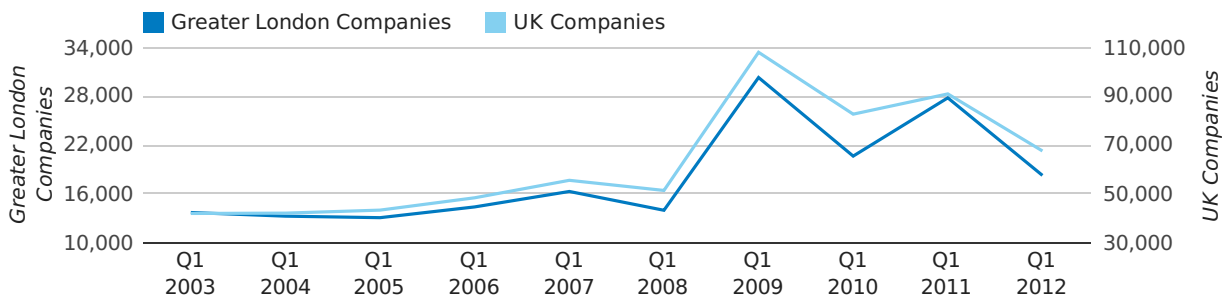
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 18,266 companies were dissolved in Greater London during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 34.3% 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.

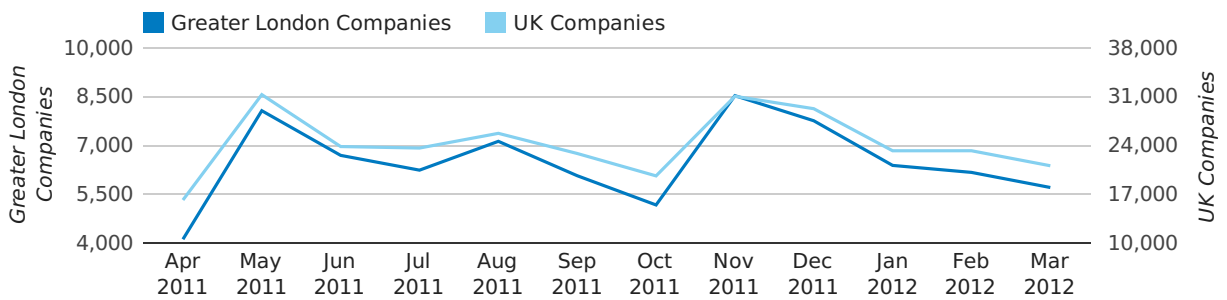
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	GREATER LONDON	UK
2012	18,266	67,576
2011	27,811	90,986
% CHANGE	-34.3%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (30,314)	2009 (108,060)

### dissolved companies by quarter



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

#### dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	6,387	6,172	5,707
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	9,170	11,161	7,480
% CHANGE	-30.3%	-44.7%	-24%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (9,170)	2011 (11,161)	2009 (20,439)

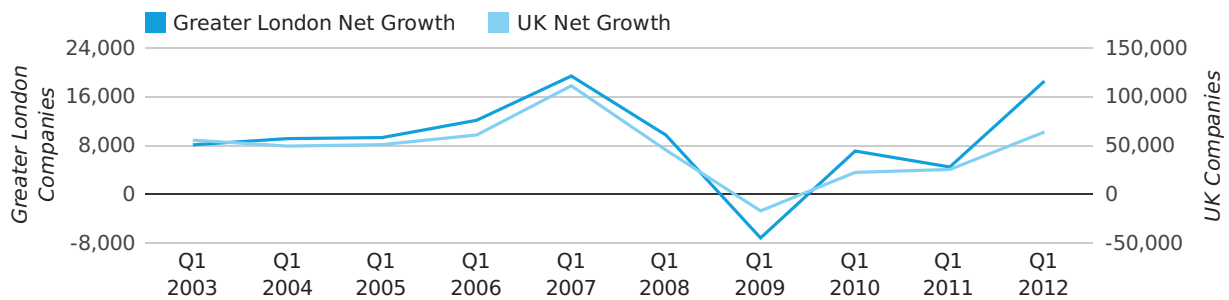
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Greater London during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 18,566 companies.

This represents an increase of 314.6% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	GREATER LONDON	UK
2012	18,566	63,915
2011	4,478	25,405
% CHANGE	314.6%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (19,406)	2007 (111,282)

### net growth by quarter

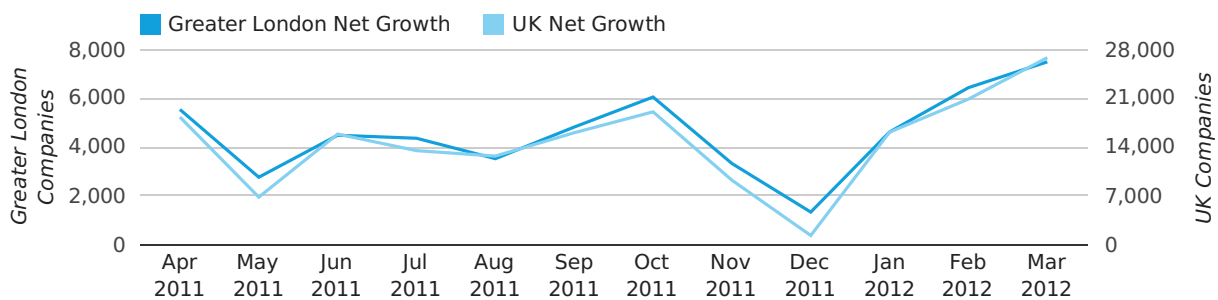


### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

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### net growth by month



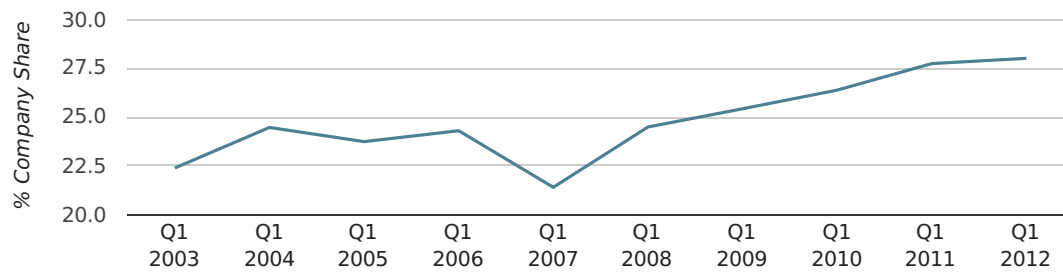
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	4,624	6,442	7,500
NET GROWTH IN 2011	444	-712	4,746
% CHANGE	941.4%	-1,004.8%	58.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (4,624)	2012 (6,442)	2007 (10,308)

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

In the first quarter of 2012, Greater London formed 28.0% of all UK companies.

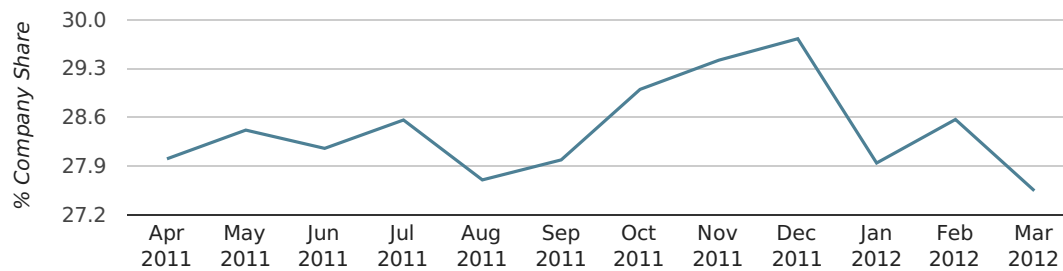
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	GREATER LONDON
2012	28.0%
2011	27.7%
2010	26.4%
2009	25.4%
2008	24.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1999 (30.9%)

### company share by quarter



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

### company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	27.9%	28.6%	27.5%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	28.5%	27.7%	27.3%
% CHANGE	-1.8%	3.3%	1.1%
RECORD YEAR	1999 (31.4%)	2000 (29.9%)	1999 (31.7%)

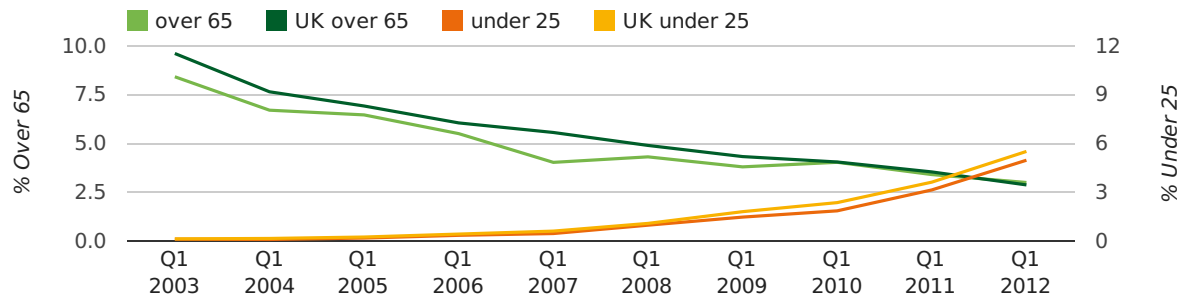
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 40.5.

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 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

#### director age by quarter



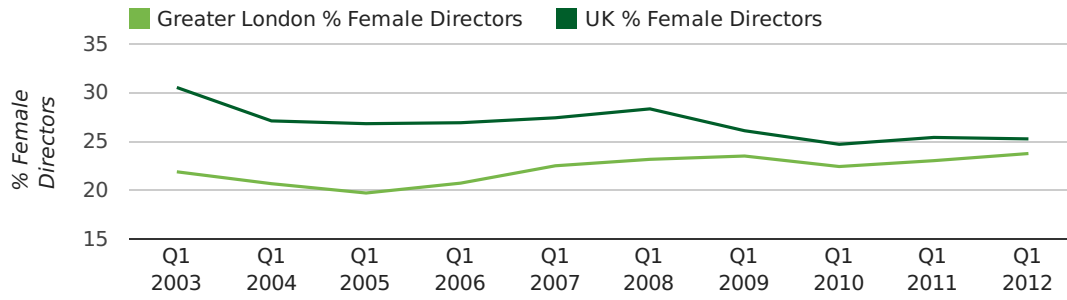


### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

23.8% of all director appointments in Greater London 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	3.83%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	2.91%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
LONDON	2.85%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
TRADING	2.04%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSULTANCY	1.85%	TRADING	2.07%
GLOBAL	1.62%	DESIGN	1.93%
MEDIA	1.55%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
CAPITAL	1.49%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
INVESTMENTS	1.48%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
INTERNATIONAL	1.45%	BUSINESS	1.73%
PROPERTY	1.39%	MEDIA	1.72%
CO.,	1.29%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
BUSINESS	1.22%	LONDON	1.66%
CONSULTANTS	1.11%	J	1.54%
DESIGN	1.09%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
ASSOCIATES	1.08%	GLOBAL	1.50%
PRODUCTIONS	1.07%	IT	1.40%
CONSTRUCTION	0.97%	CARE	1.34%
INVEST	0.96%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
IT	0.91%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
PROPERTIES	0.91%	M	1.27%
PARTNERS	0.90%	BUILDING	1.24%
GROUP	0.89%	ENERGY	1.20%
ENTERPRISES	0.81%	S	1.20%
SECURITY	0.80%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	71,713	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	15,424	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	10,655	35,233
99999 - Dormant Company	9,378	25,084
9999 - Dormant Company	7,153	18,617
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	4,618	19,704
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	4,118	13,637
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	3,865	14,303
7414 - Business & management consultancy	3,116	12,113
9305 - Other service activities	2,743	8,818
74990 - Non-trading company	2,615	9,729
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	2,225	9,892
7499 - Non-trading company	2,204	9,102
62090 - Other information technology service activities	2,190	8,145
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	2,133	6,934
7260 - Other computer related activities	1,846	7,154
5530 - Restaurants	1,317	4,633
62012 - Business and domestic software development	1,254	4,356
64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified	1,170	3,136
41100 - Development of building projects	1,150	4,984