

Greater Manchester

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

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

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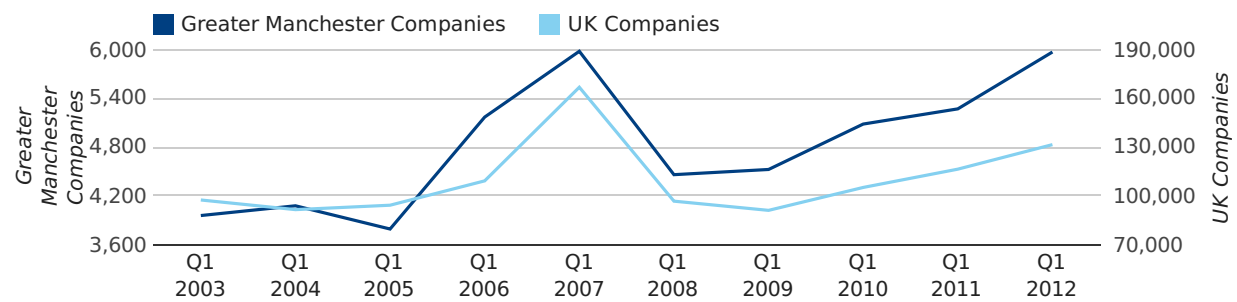
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 5,970 companies were registered in Greater Manchester during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 13.3% 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 MANCHESTER	UK
2012	5,970	131,491
2011	5,270	116,391
% CHANGE	13.3%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (5,979)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter

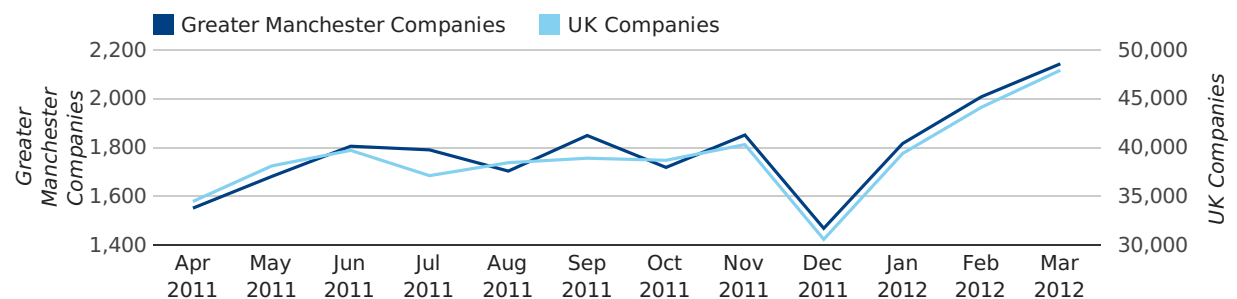


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	1,817	2,009	2,144
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	1,547	1,748	1,975
% CHANGE	17.5%	14.9%	8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (1,817)	2012 (2,009)	2007 (2,489)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 3,166 companies were dissolved in Greater Manchester during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 25.1% 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.

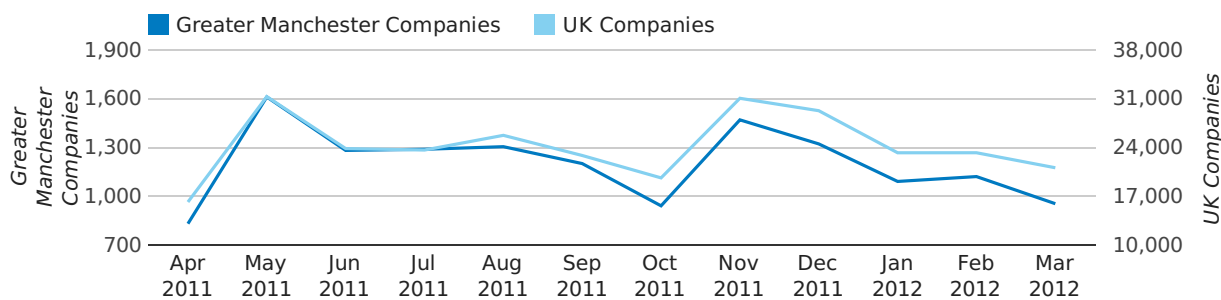
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	GREATER MANCHESTER	UK
2012	3,166	67,576
2011	4,225	90,986
% CHANGE	-25.1%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (4,773)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	1,091	1,121	954
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	1,572	1,332	1,321
% CHANGE	-30.6%	-15.8%	-28%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (1,572)	2011 (1,332)	2009 (2,905)

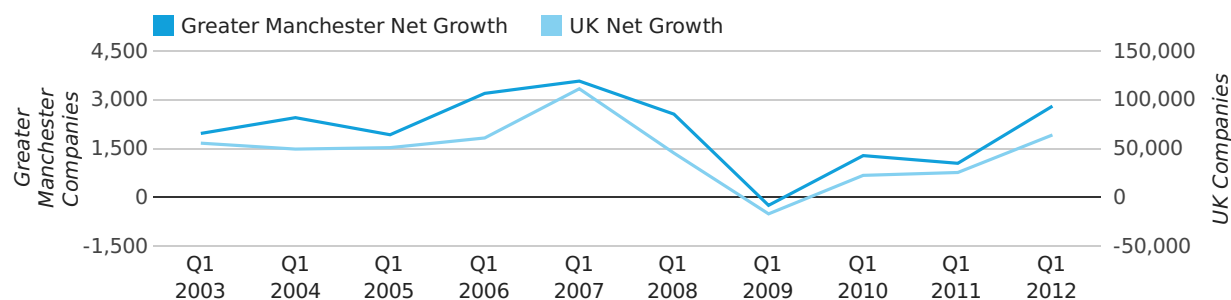
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Greater Manchester during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 2,804 companies.

This represents an increase of 168.3% on the same period last year.

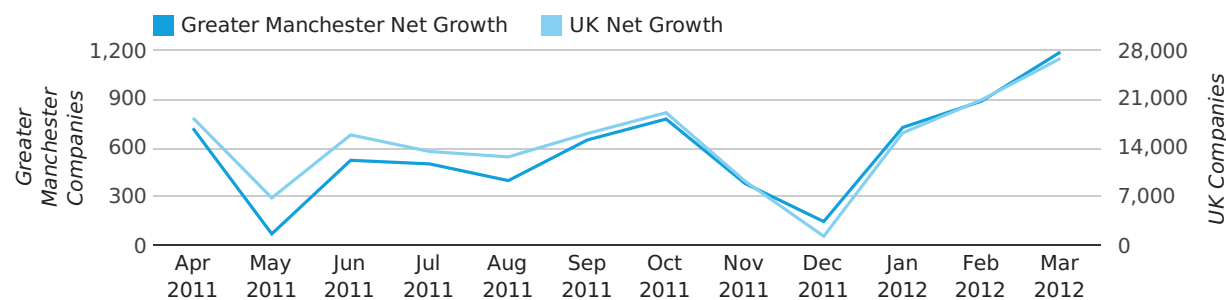
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	GREATER MANCHESTER	UK
2012	2,804	63,915
2011	1,045	25,405
% CHANGE	168.3%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (3,575)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



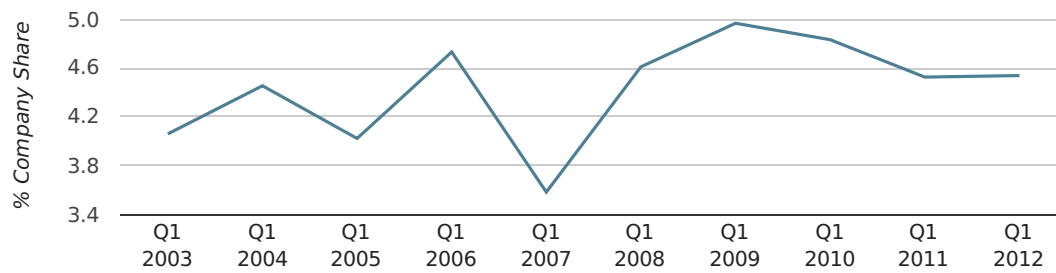
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	726	888	1,190
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-25	416	654
% CHANGE	-3,004.0%	113.5%	82.0%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (726)	2007 (1,217)	2006 (1,904)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Greater Manchester formed 4.5% of all UK companies.

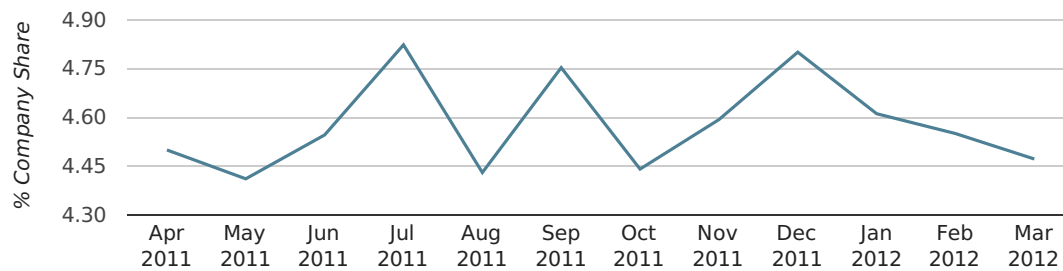
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	GREATER MANCHESTER
2012	4.5%
2011	4.5%
2010	4.8%
2009	5.0%
2008	4.6%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1983 (5.8%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	4.6%	4.6%	4.5%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	4.6%	4.6%	4.4%
% CHANGE	0.7%	-1.7%	1.6%
RECORD YEAR	1983 (6.4%)	1965 (6.4%)	1968 (6.0%)

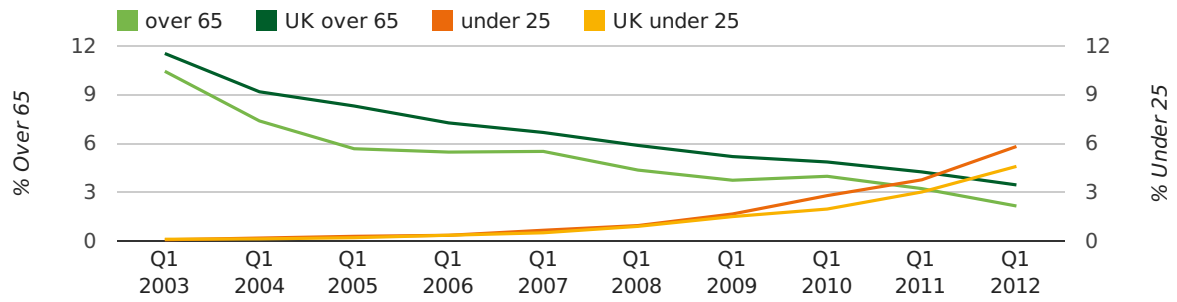
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 41.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.2% 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
MANAGEMENT	2.36%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	2.06%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	1.61%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
TRADING	1.21%	PROPERTY	2.37%
ENGINEERING	1.20%	TRADING	2.07%
PROPERTY	1.18%	DESIGN	1.93%
MANCHESTER	1.16%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
MEDIA	1.09%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
DESIGN	1.00%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
PROPERTIES	0.99%	BUSINESS	1.73%
CONSULTANTS	0.98%	MEDIA	1.72%
CONSTRUCTION	0.91%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
ASSOCIATES	0.82%	LONDON	1.66%
GLOBAL	0.76%	J	1.54%
MEDICAL	0.74%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
SECURITY	0.74%	GLOBAL	1.50%
J	0.74%	IT	1.40%
BUSINESS	0.74%	CARE	1.34%
M	0.71%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
TRAINING	0.71%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
INVESTMENTS	0.71%	M	1.27%
S	0.70%	BUILDING	1.24%
IT	0.68%	ENERGY	1.20%
BUILDING	0.67%	S	1.20%
MARKETING	0.66%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	11,101	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	3,867	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	2,903	35,233
99999 - Dormant Company	827	25,084
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	731	13,637
9999 - Dormant Company	694	18,617
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	556	19,704
9305 - Other service activities	474	8,818
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	415	9,892
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	411	14,303
7414 - Business & management consultancy	390	12,113
74990 - Non-trading company	354	9,729
7499 - Non-trading company	290	9,102
7260 - Other computer related activities	274	7,154
86210 - General medical practice activities	263	2,594
62090 - Other information technology service activities	261	8,145
86900 - Other human health activities	258	5,066
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	255	4,427
5530 - Restaurants	254	4,633
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	246	5,169