

# Huddersfield

q1 2012 business confidence report



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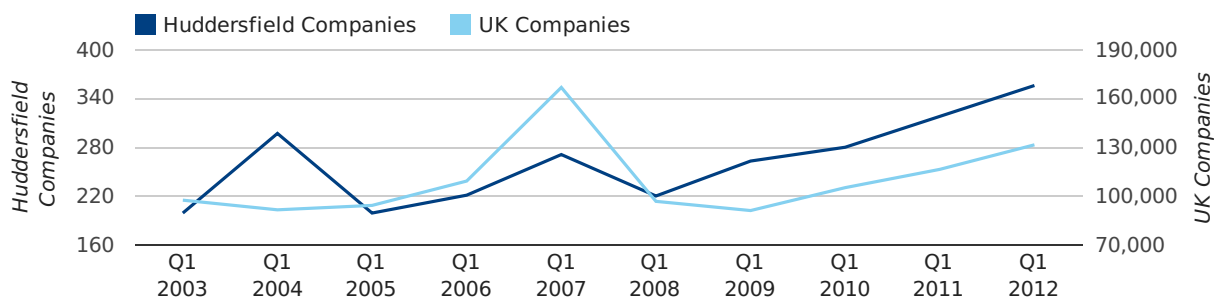
Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Huddersfield when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 356 companies were registered in Huddersfield during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 11.9% 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)	HUDDERSFIELD	UK
2012	356	131,491
2011	318	116,391
% CHANGE	11.9%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (356)	2007 (166,814)

### new companies by quarter



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

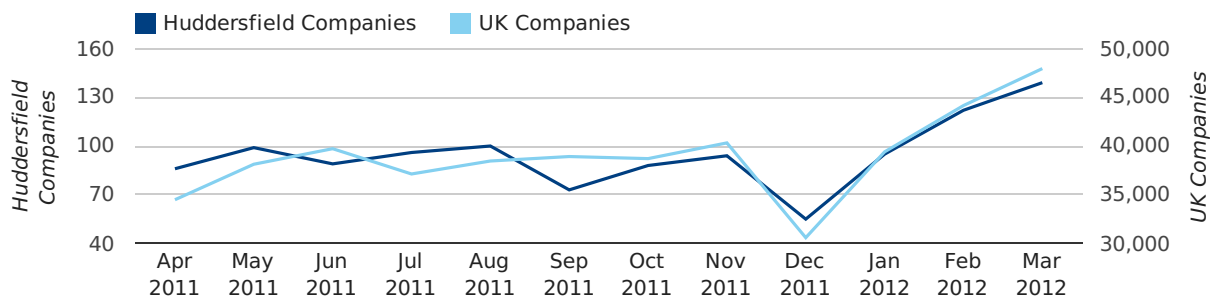
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### new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	95	122	139
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	98	105	115
% CHANGE	-3.1%	16.2%	20.9%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (105)	2012 (122)	2012 (139)

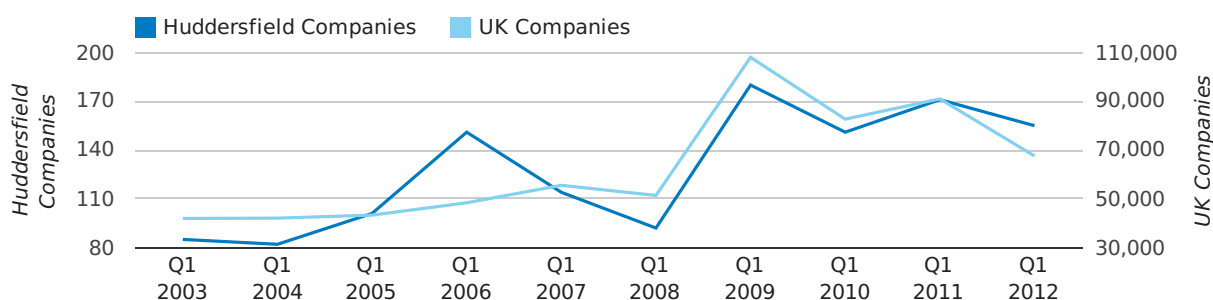
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 155 companies were dissolved in Huddersfield during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 9.4% 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)	HUDDERSFIELD	UK
2012	155	67,576
2011	171	90,986
% CHANGE	-9.4%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (180)	2009 (108,060)

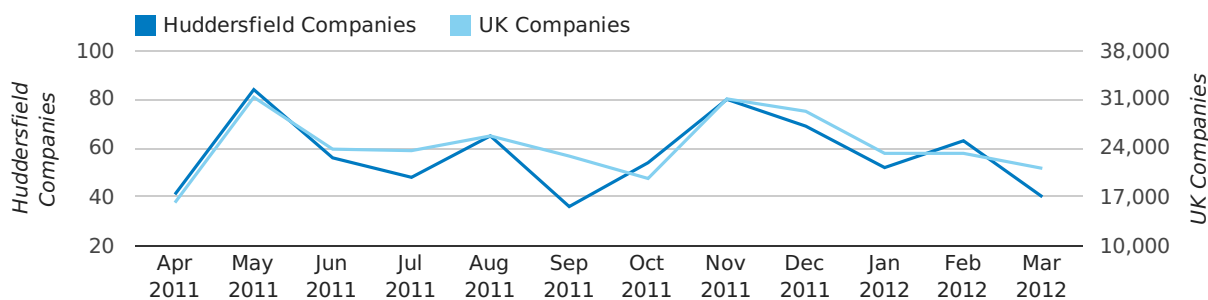
### dissolved companies by quarter



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

February 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Huddersfield when compared to any previous February.

### dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	52	63	40
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	74	47	50
% CHANGE	-29.7%	34.0%	-20%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (74)	2012 (63)	2009 (125)

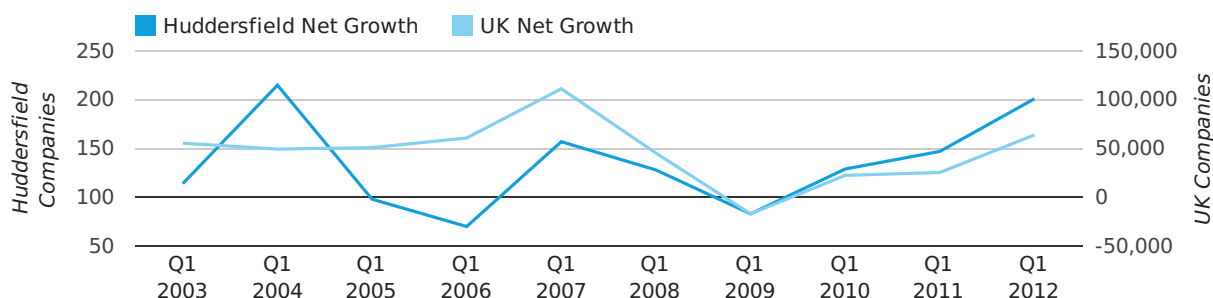
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Huddersfield during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 201 companies.

This represents an increase of 36.7% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	HUDDERSFIELD	UK
2012	201	63,915
2011	147	25,405
% CHANGE	36.7%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (215)	2007 (111,282)

### net growth by quarter

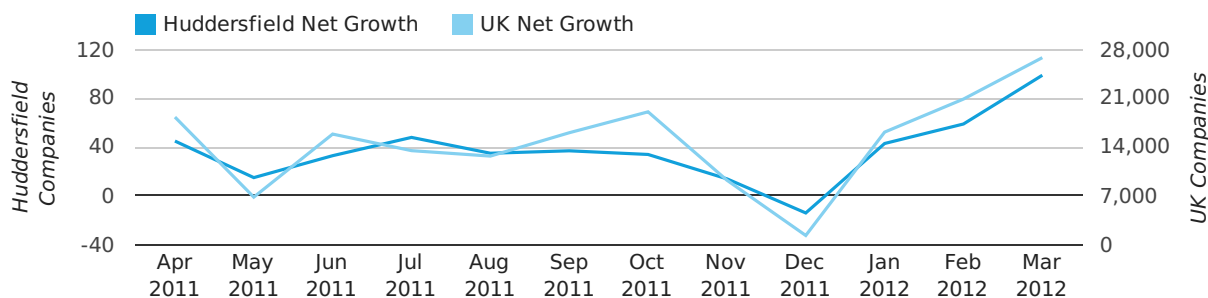


### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

March 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Huddersfield when compared to any previous March.

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### net growth by month



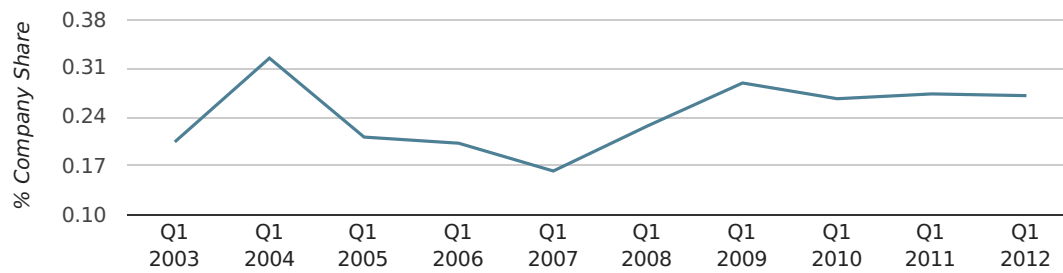
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	43	59	99
NET GROWTH IN 2011	24	58	65
% CHANGE	79.2%	1.7%	52.3%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (81)	2004 (88)	2012 (99)

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

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

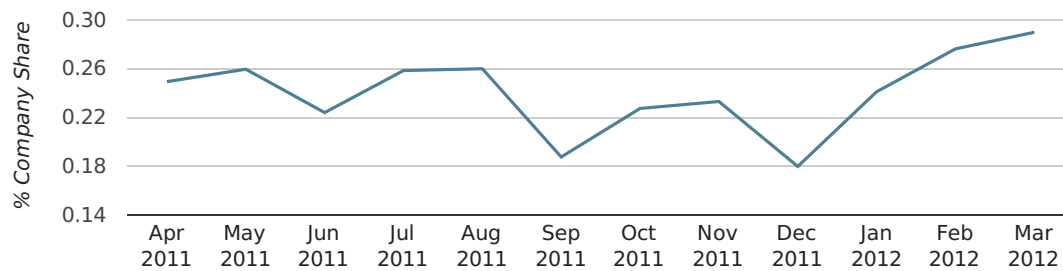
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	HUDDERSFIELD
2012	0.3%
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.4%)

### company share by quarter



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

### company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
% CHANGE	-16.9%	-0.6%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	1965 (0.8%)	1974 (0.6%)	1968 (0.9%)

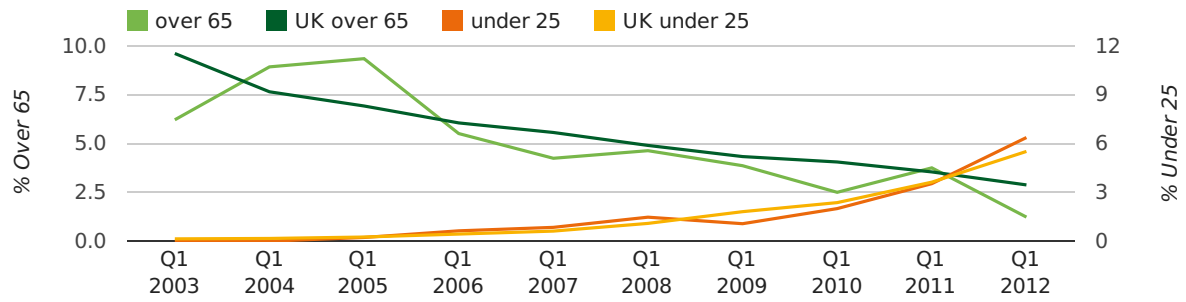
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 41.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

#### director age by quarter



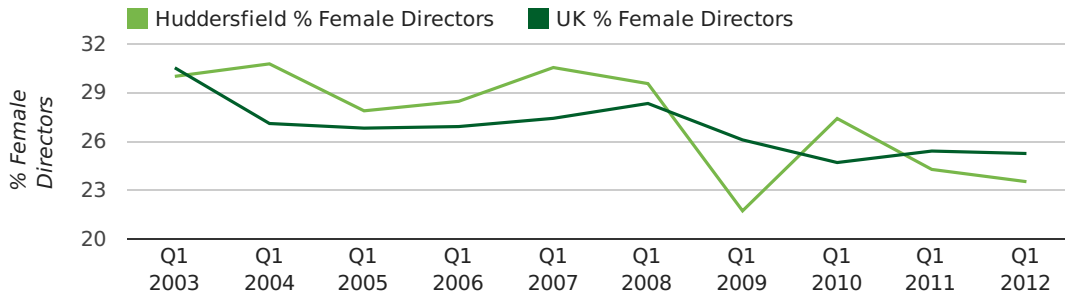


### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

23.5% of all director appointments in Huddersfield 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	1.29%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.17%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	1.06%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
YORKSHIRE	1.06%	PROPERTY	2.37%
PROPERTY	0.95%	TRADING	2.07%
HUDDERSFIELD	0.95%	DESIGN	1.93%
STRATEGIES	0.95%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
TRADING	0.73%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
(HUDDERSFIELD)	0.73%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
CARE	0.73%	BUSINESS	1.73%
CONSTRUCTION	0.62%	MEDIA	1.72%
MEDICAL	0.62%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
CONSULTANTS	0.62%	LONDON	1.66%
MEDIA	0.56%	J	1.54%
(YORKSHIRE)	0.56%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
R	0.50%	GLOBAL	1.50%
GLOBAL	0.50%	IT	1.40%
HAIR	0.50%	CARE	1.34%
BAR	0.50%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
INVESTMENTS	0.50%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
ACADEMY	0.50%	M	1.27%
DESIGN	0.50%	BUILDING	1.24%
SOLAR	0.45%	ENERGY	1.20%
H	0.45%	S	1.20%
ELECTRICAL	0.45%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	485	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	102	52,735
99999 - Dormant Company	77	25,084
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	49	19,704
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	39	35,233
9305 - Other service activities	37	8,818
9999 - Dormant Company	36	18,617
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	35	9,892
86900 - Other human health activities	34	5,066
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	32	14,303
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	30	13,637
7414 - Business & management consultancy	28	12,113
62090 - Other information technology service activities	23	8,145
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	20	5,169
74990 - Non-trading company	20	9,729
7499 - Non-trading company	17	9,102
43210 - Electrical installation	17	3,573
86210 - General medical practice activities	16	2,594
41100 - Development of building projects	15	4,984
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	15	6,934