

Leeds

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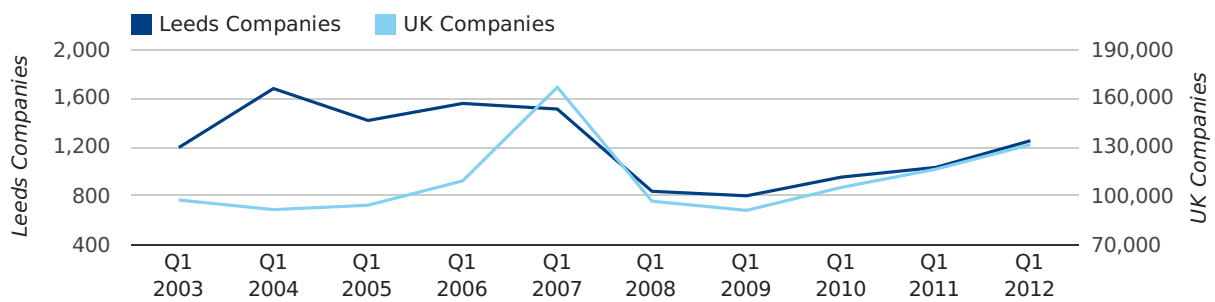
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 1,252 companies were registered in Leeds during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 21.2% 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.

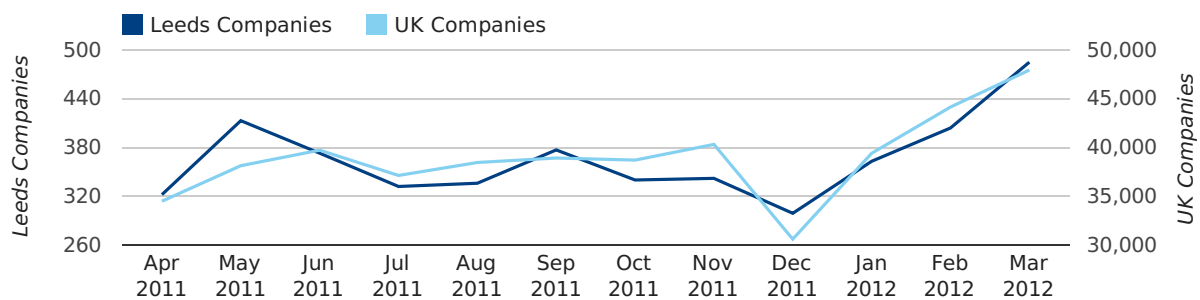
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	LEEDS	UK
2012	1,252	131,491
2011	1,033	116,391
% CHANGE	21.2%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (1,680)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	363	404	485
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	277	369	387
% CHANGE	31.0%	9.5%	25.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (495)	2004 (639)	2006 (626)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 709 companies were dissolved in Leeds during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 20.2% 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)	LEEDS	UK
2012	709	67,576
2011	889	90,986
% CHANGE	-20.2%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (3,912)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	218	246	245
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	351	272	266
% CHANGE	-37.9%	-9.6%	-8%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (351)	2011 (272)	2009 (3,558)

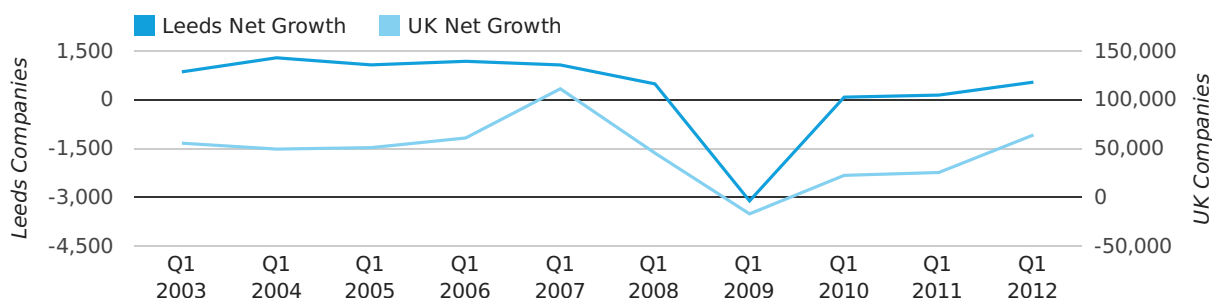
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Leeds during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 543 companies.

This represents an increase of 277.1% on the same period last year.

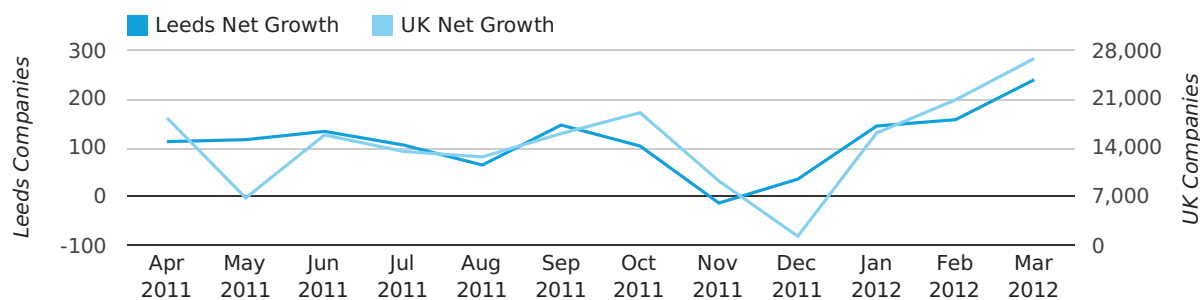
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	LEEDS	UK
2012	543	63,915
2011	144	25,405
% CHANGE	277.1%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (1,292)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



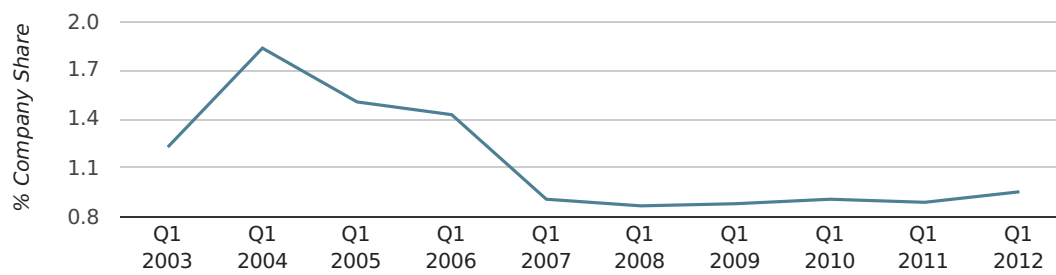
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	145	158	240
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-74	97	121
% CHANGE	-295.9%	62.9%	98.3%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (336)	2004 (537)	2006 (532)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Leeds formed 1.0% of all UK companies.

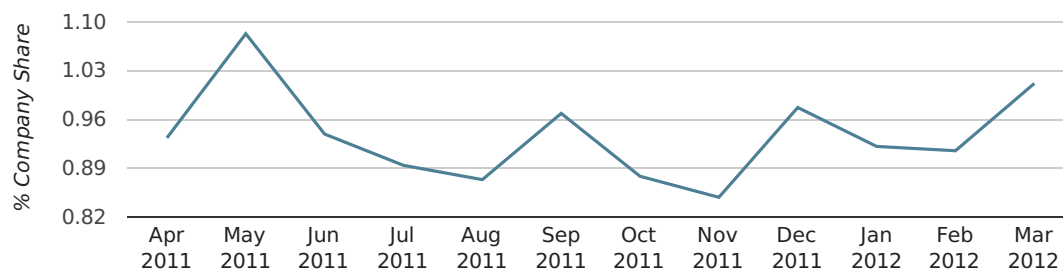
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	LEEDS
2012	1.0%
2011	0.9%
2010	0.9%
2009	0.9%
2008	0.9%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (2.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.9%	0.9%	1.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.8%	1.0%	0.9%
% CHANGE	12.4%	-6.4%	17.2%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (3.1%)	1969 (2.3%)	1968 (2.2%)

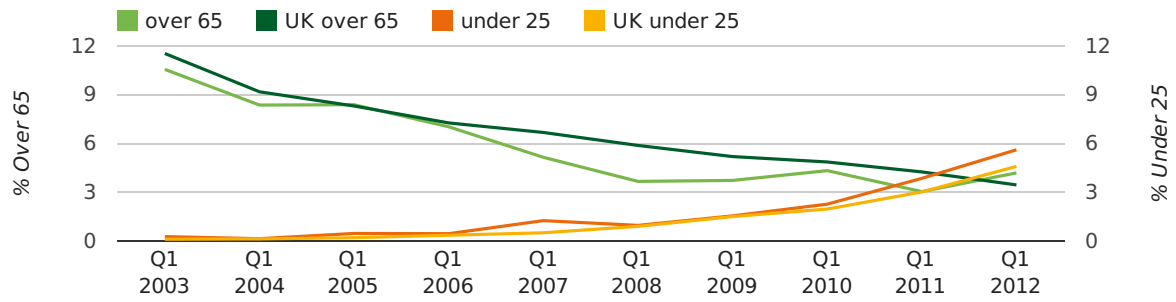
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 42.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

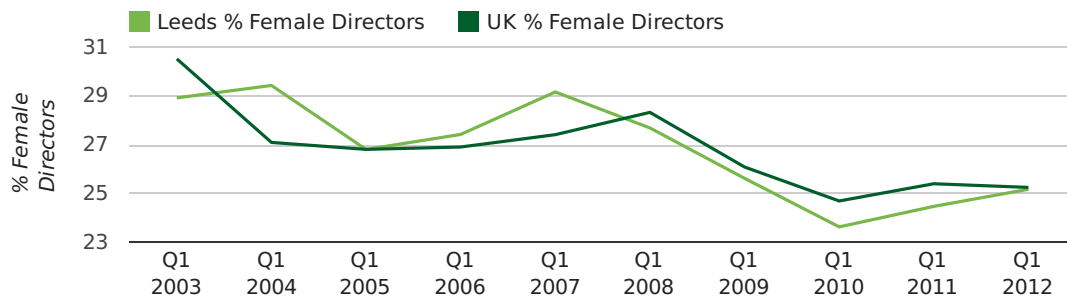


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

25.2% of all director appointments in Leeds 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
MANAGEMENT	1.93%	CONSULTING	5.07%
LEEDS	1.87%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.58%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
(LEEDS)	1.33%	PROPERTY	2.37%
PROPERTY	1.32%	TRADING	2.07%
CONSULTANCY	1.16%	DESIGN	1.93%
(YORKSHIRE)	0.93%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
TRADING	0.86%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
YORKSHIRE	0.78%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
J	0.74%	BUSINESS	1.73%
CARE	0.74%	MEDIA	1.72%
ASSOCIATES	0.72%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
CONSTRUCTION	0.69%	LONDON	1.66%
DESIGN	0.67%	J	1.54%
INVESTMENTS	0.67%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
MEDICAL	0.67%	GLOBAL	1.50%
PROPERTIES	0.65%	IT	1.40%
ENERGY	0.63%	CARE	1.34%
M	0.61%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CONSULTANTS	0.61%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
BUSINESS	0.59%	M	1.27%
MEDIA	0.59%	BUILDING	1.24%
HOUSE	0.55%	ENERGY	1.20%
RECRUITMENT	0.53%	S	1.20%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.51%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,997	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	320	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	192	35,233
99999 - Dormant Company	169	25,084
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	156	19,704
9999 - Dormant Company	152	18,617
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	144	14,303
7414 - Business & management consultancy	115	12,113
74990 - Non-trading company	108	9,729
7499 - Non-trading company	78	9,102
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	76	6,934
7260 - Other computer related activities	74	7,154
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	71	13,637
86900 - Other human health activities	70	5,066
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	69	9,892
9305 - Other service activities	69	8,818
62090 - Other information technology service activities	59	8,145
5530 - Restaurants	49	4,633
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	48	3,448
41100 - Development of building projects	45	4,984