

Leicester

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

- Q1 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous Q1.
- Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Leicester when compared to any quarter in history.
- March 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous March.
- March 2012 was a record month for company registrations in Leicester when compared to any month in history.
- February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous February.
- January 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous January.
- February 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Leicester when compared to any previous February.

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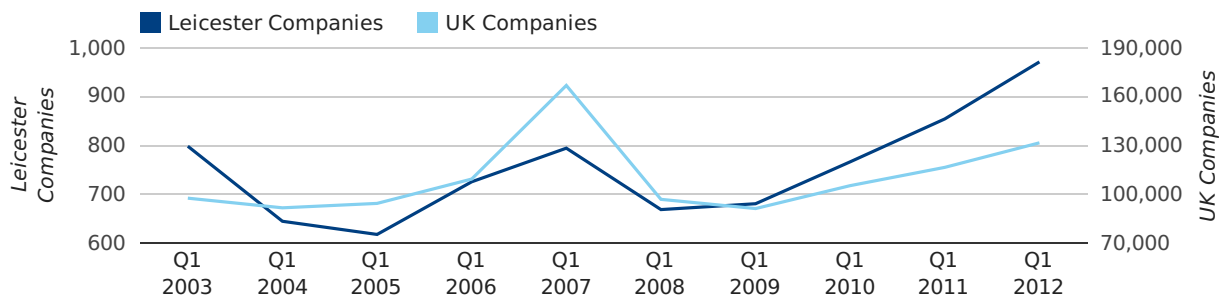
Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Leicester when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 971 companies were registered in Leicester during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 13.7% 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)	LEICESTER	UK
2012	971	131,491
2011	854	116,391
% CHANGE	13.7%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (971)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

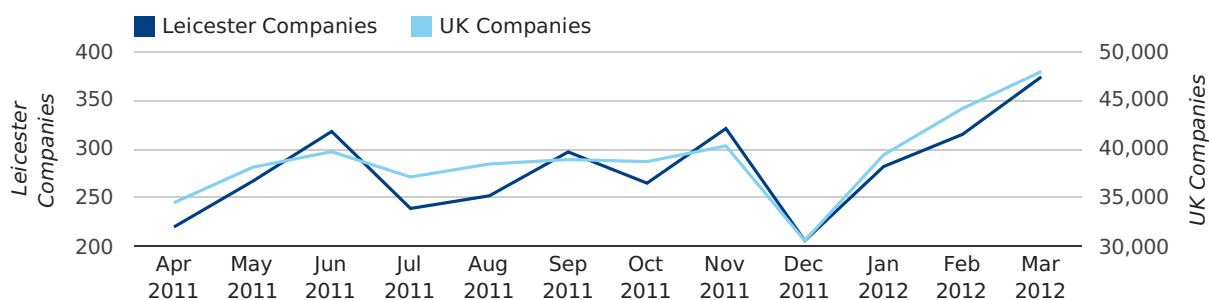
March 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous March.

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

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	282	315	374
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	246	289	319
% CHANGE	14.6%	9.0%	17.2%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (282)	2012 (315)	2012 (374)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 513 companies were dissolved in Leicester during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 17.3% 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)	LEICESTER	UK
2012	513	67,576
2011	620	90,986
% CHANGE	-17.3%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (620)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	182	190	141
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	251	178	191
% CHANGE	-27.5%	6.7%	-26%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (251)	2012 (190)	2009 (393)

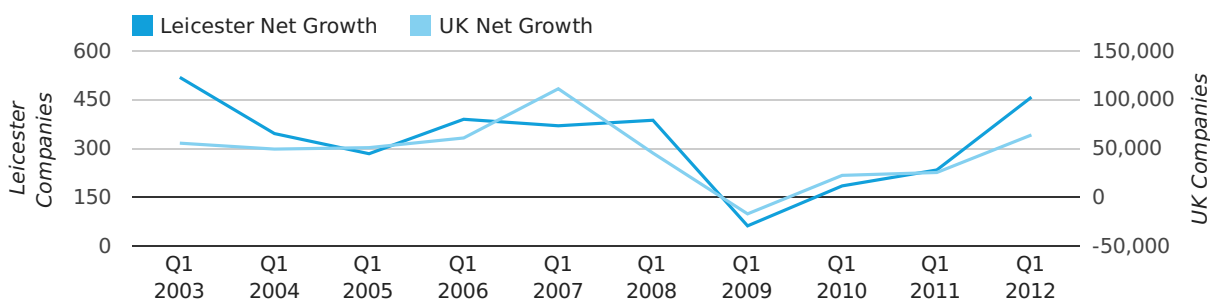
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Leicester during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 458 companies.

This represents an increase of 95.7% on the same period last year.

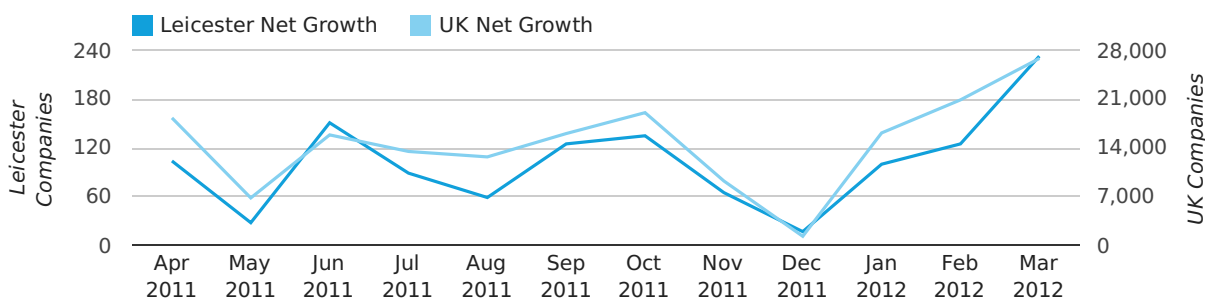
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	LEICESTER	UK
2012	458	63,915
2011	234	25,405
% CHANGE	95.7%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (519)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



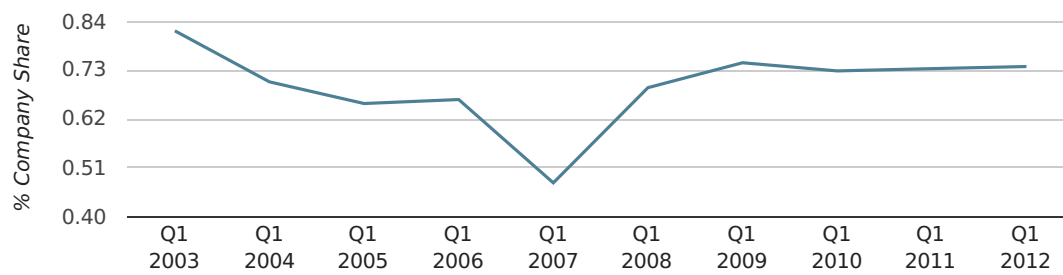
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	100	125	233
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-5	111	128
% CHANGE	-2,100.0%	12.6%	82.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (143)	2003 (168)	2008 (238)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Leicester formed 0.7% of all UK companies.

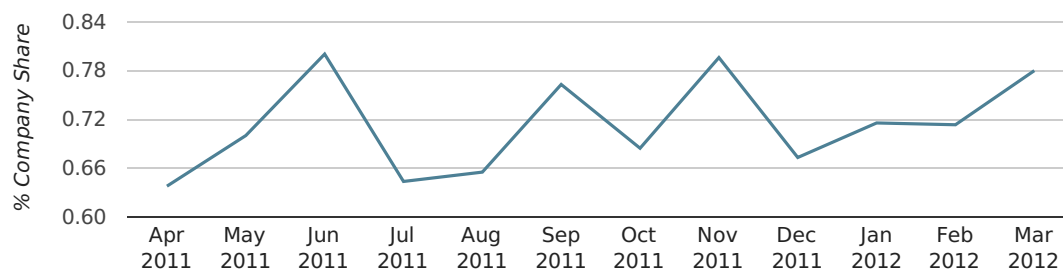
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	LEICESTER
2012	0.7%
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1971 (1.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%
% CHANGE	-1.7%	-6.8%	9.7%
RECORD YEAR	1971 (1.8%)	1969 (1.7%)	1973 (1.2%)

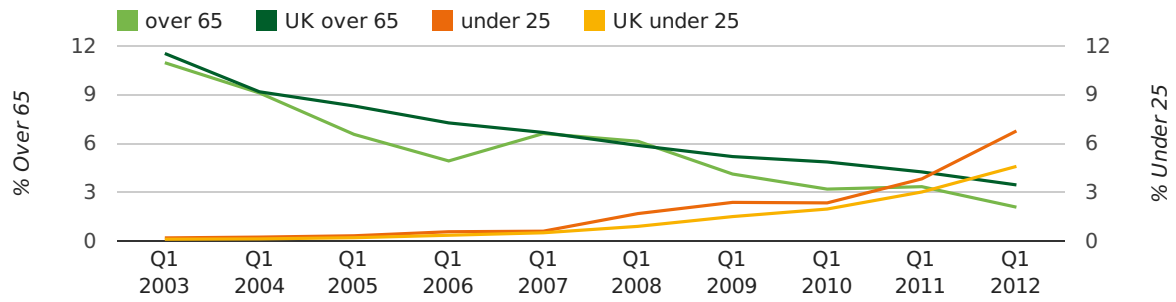
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 41.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

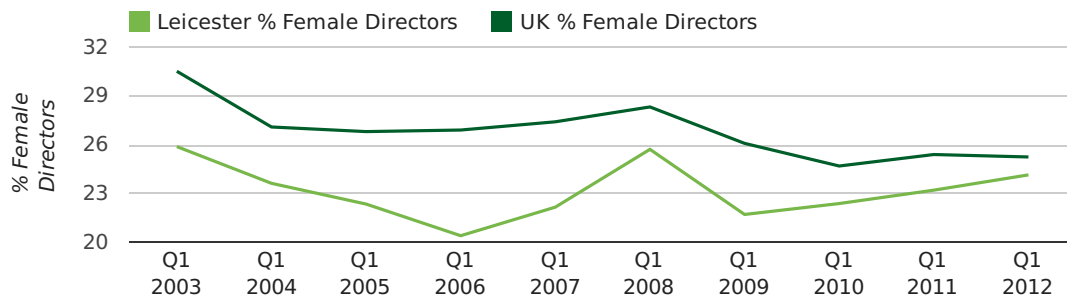


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

24.1% of all director appointments in Leicester 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
(LEICESTER)	1.97%	CONSULTING	5.07%
LEICESTER	1.85%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.42%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
CONSULTING	1.28%	PROPERTY	2.37%
TRADING	1.02%	TRADING	2.07%
CONSULTANCY	0.88%	DESIGN	1.93%
CARE	0.83%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
S	0.78%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
PROPERTY	0.78%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
INVESTMENTS	0.71%	BUSINESS	1.73%
CONSULTANTS	0.71%	MEDIA	1.72%
IT	0.71%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
J	0.69%	LONDON	1.66%
DESIGN	0.69%	J	1.54%
M	0.64%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
BUSINESS	0.62%	GLOBAL	1.50%
CLOTHING	0.59%	IT	1.40%
MEDIA	0.59%	CARE	1.34%
GLOBAL	0.59%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ASSOCIATES	0.57%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
R	0.57%	M	1.27%
TRAINING	0.55%	BUILDING	1.24%
COMMUNITY	0.50%	ENERGY	1.20%
ELECTRICAL	0.47%	S	1.20%
FASHIONS	0.45%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,513	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	299	52,735
99999 - Dormant Company	168	25,084
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	147	35,233
9999 - Dormant Company	128	18,617
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	111	19,704
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	103	13,637
86900 - Other human health activities	63	5,066
9305 - Other service activities	63	8,818
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	57	14,303
7414 - Business & management consultancy	56	12,113
49410 - Freight transport by road	44	2,781
7499 - Non-trading company	43	9,102
7260 - Other computer related activities	43	7,154
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	42	9,892
74990 - Non-trading company	42	9,729
62090 - Other information technology service activities	42	8,145
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	40	4,132
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	40	3,439
6024 - Freight transport by road	39	2,121