

Macclesfield

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

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- Q1 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Macclesfield when compared to any previous Q1.
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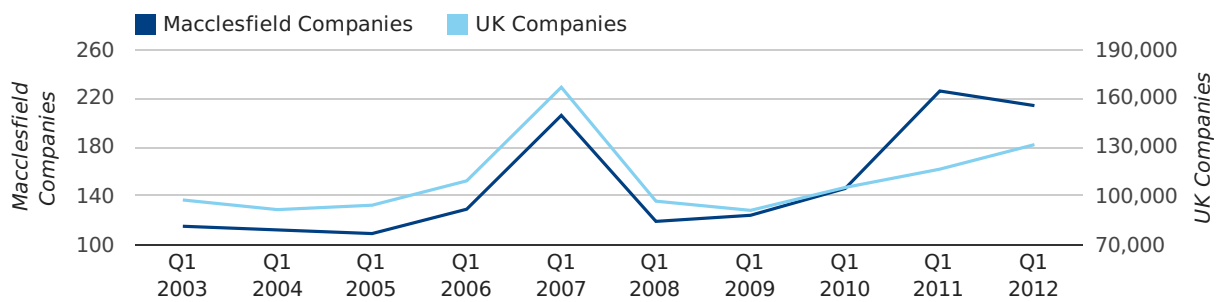
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 214 companies were registered in Macclesfield during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 5.3% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares badly 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)	MACCLESFIELD	UK
2012	214	131,491
2011	226	116,391
% CHANGE	-5.3%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (226)	2007 (166,814)

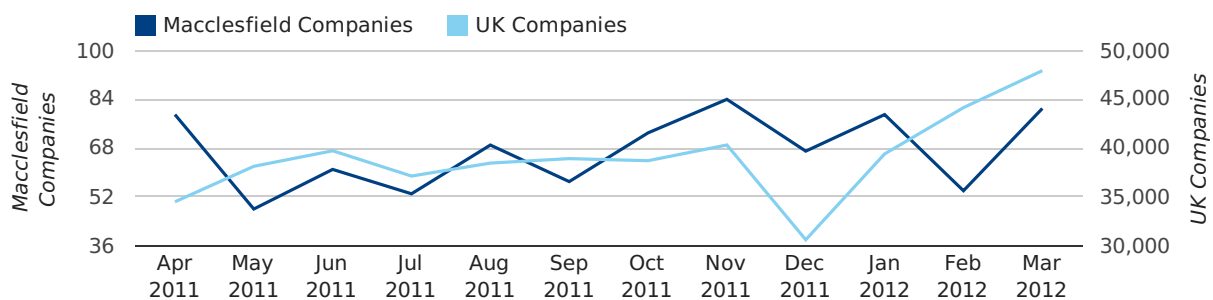
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	79	54	81
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	43	76	107
% CHANGE	83.7%	-28.9%	-24.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (79)	2011 (76)	2007 (107)

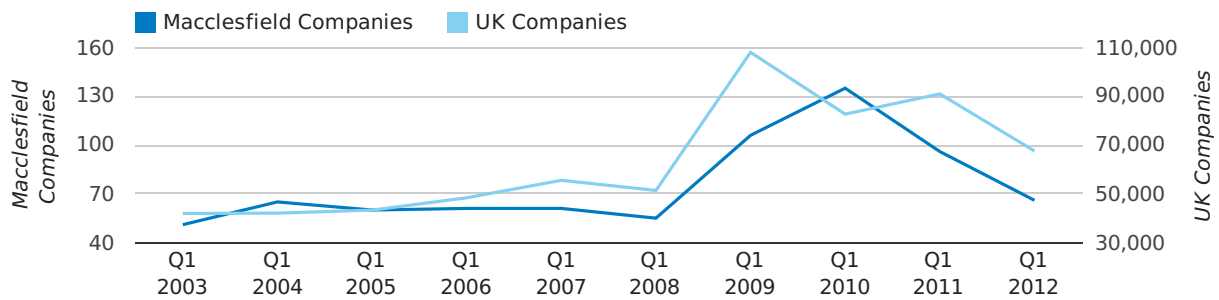
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 66 companies were dissolved in Macclesfield during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 31.3% 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.

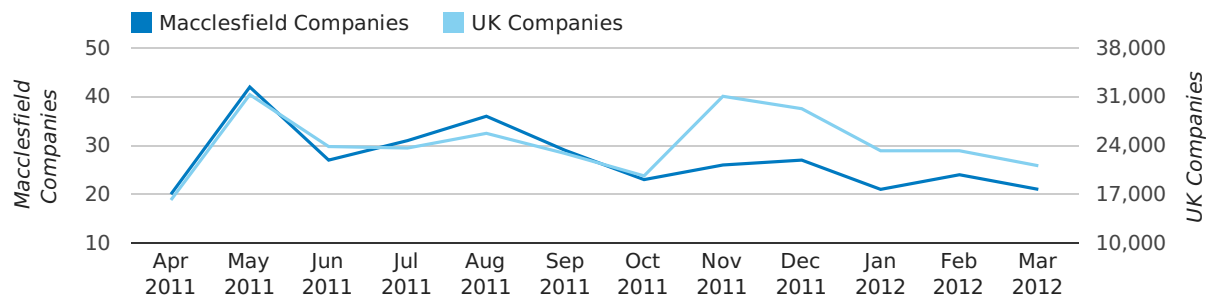
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	MACCLESFIELD	UK
2012	66	67,576
2011	96	90,986
% CHANGE	-31.3%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (135)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	21	24	21
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	36	29	31
% CHANGE	-41.7%	-17.2%	-32%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (36)	2010 (43)	2010 (67)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

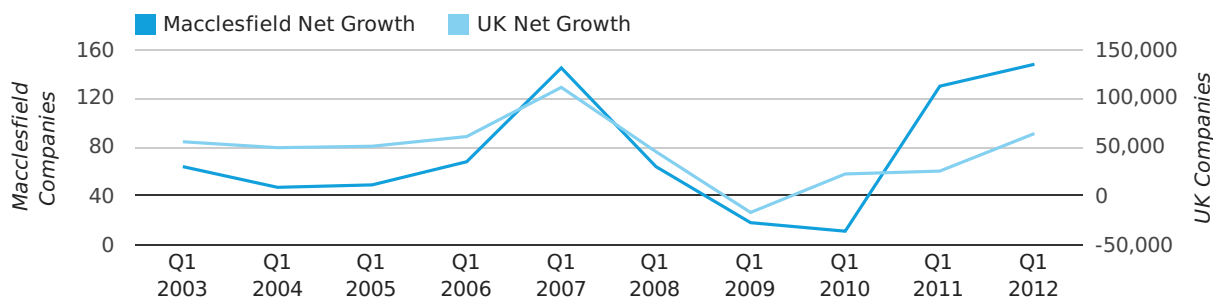
Q1 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Macclesfield when compared to any previous Q1.

Net company growth for Macclesfield during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 148 companies.

This represents an increase of 13.8% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	MACCLESFIELD	UK
2012	148	63,915
2011	130	25,405
% CHANGE	13.8%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (148)	2007 (111,282)

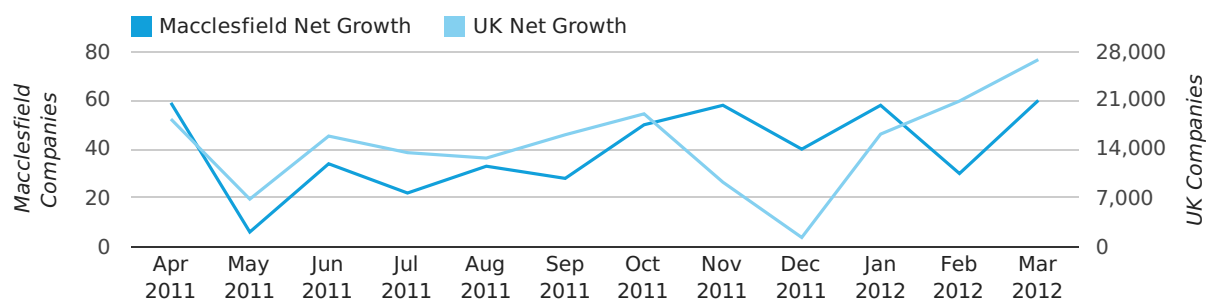
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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net growth by month



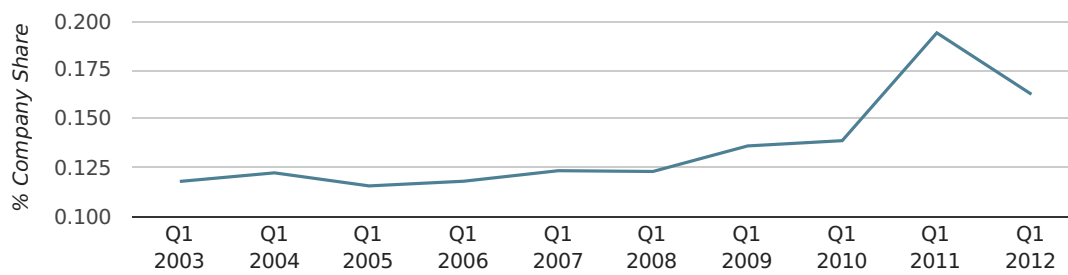
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	58	30	60
NET GROWTH IN 2011	7	47	76
% CHANGE	728.6%	-36.2%	-21.1%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (58)	2011 (47)	2007 (92)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Macclesfield formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

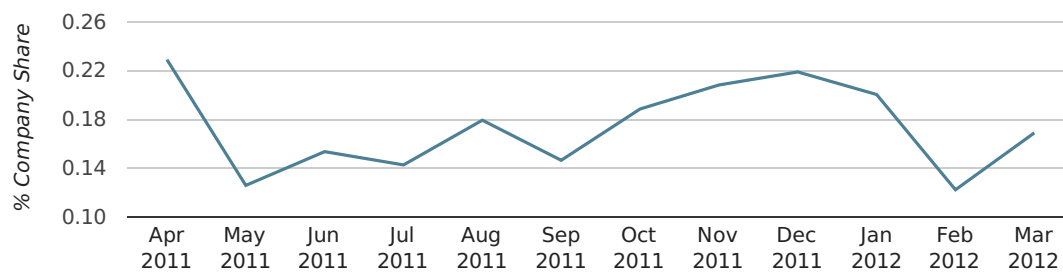
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	MACCLESFIELD
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	57.5%	-39.2%	-29.2%
RECORD YEAR	1970 (0.6%)	1963 (0.4%)	1961 (0.5%)

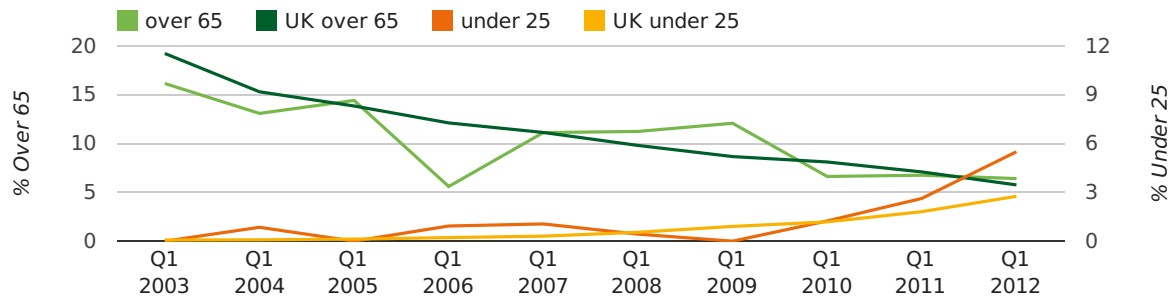
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 44.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

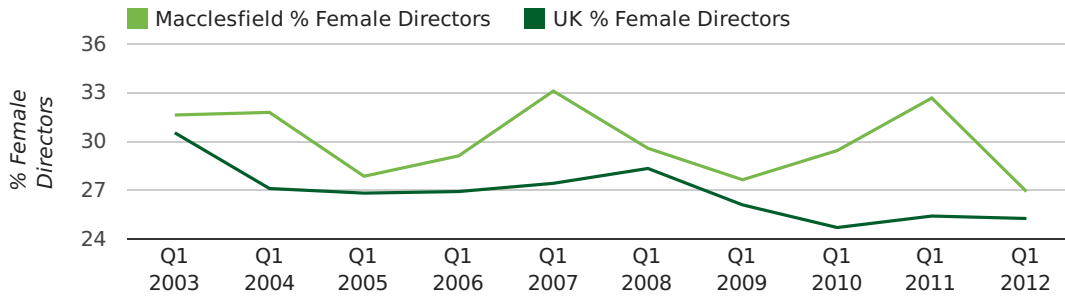


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

26.9% of all director appointments in Macclesfield 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	1.71%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	1.55%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
PARTNERS	1.16%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
CONSULTANTS	0.93%	PROPERTY	2.37%
TRADING	0.85%	TRADING	2.07%
ASSOCIATES	0.85%	DESIGN	1.93%
DESIGN	0.78%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
MARKETING	0.78%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
GLOBAL	0.62%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
BUSINESS	0.62%	BUSINESS	1.73%
CONSULTANCY	0.62%	MEDIA	1.72%
SECURITY	0.54%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
TRAINING	0.54%	LONDON	1.66%
CHESHIRE	0.54%	J	1.54%
IT	0.54%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
MEDIA	0.54%	GLOBAL	1.50%
FINANCE	0.54%	IT	1.40%
INVEST	0.54%	CARE	1.34%
CLEANING	0.47%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
HEALTH	0.47%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
PROPERTY	0.47%	M	1.27%
(MACCLESFIELD)	0.47%	BUILDING	1.24%
INTERNATIONAL	0.39%	ENERGY	1.20%
CORPORATE	0.39%	S	1.20%
DIGITAL	0.39%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	322	216,665
99999 - Dormant Company	58	25,084
7487 - Other business activities	55	52,735
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	42	19,704
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	41	35,233
9999 - Dormant Company	30	18,617
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	27	9,892
7414 - Business & management consultancy	26	12,113
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	25	14,303
62090 - Other information technology service activities	21	8,145
74990 - Non-trading company	16	9,729
9305 - Other service activities	12	8,818
41202 - Construction of domestic buildings	11	3,052
7499 - Non-trading company	10	9,102
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	10	13,637
73110 - Advertising agencies	9	2,000
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	9	4,132
7260 - Other computer related activities	9	7,154
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	9	6,934
62012 - Business and domestic software development	8	4,356