North Yorkshire

q1 2012 business confidence report



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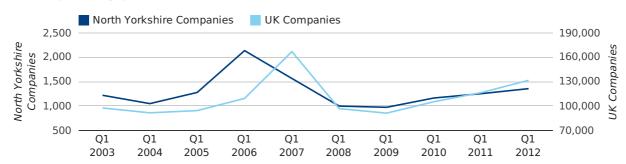
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A total of 1,354 companies were registered in North Yorkshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 8.2% 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.

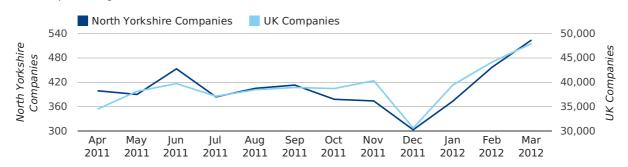
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	NORTH YORKSHIRE	UK
2012	1,354	131,491
2011	1,251	116,391
% CHANGE	8.2%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (2,134)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

new companies by month



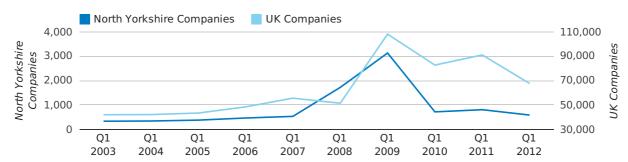
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	373	457	524
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	372	382	497
% CHANGE	0.3%	19.6%	5.4%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (667)	2006 (726)	2006 (741)

A total of 583 companies were dissolved in North Yorkshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 27.4% 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)	NORTH YORKSHIRE	UK
2012	583	67,576
2011	803	90,986
% CHANGE	-27.4%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (3,128)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



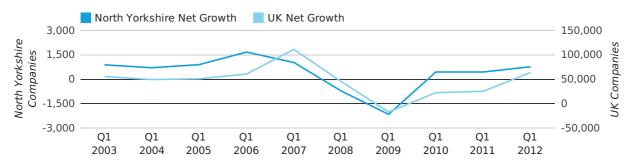
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	185	216	182
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	289	240	274
% CHANGE	-36.0%	-10.0%	-34%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (513)	2008 (1,154)	2009 (2,150)

Net company growth for North Yorkshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 771 companies.

This represents an increase of 72.1% on the same period last year.

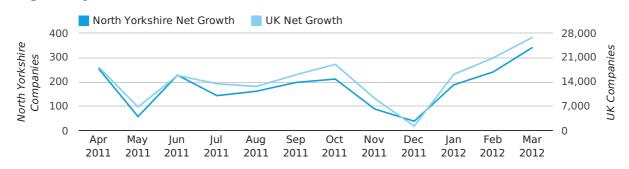
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	NORTH YORKSHIRE	UK
2012	771	63,915
2011	448	25,405
% CHANGE	72.1%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (1,672)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month

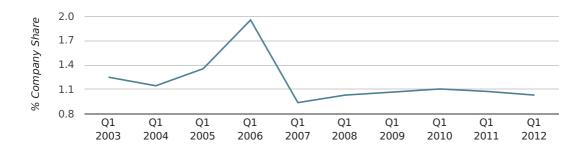


	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	188	241	342
NET GROWTH IN 2011	83	142	223
% CHANGE	126.5%	69.7%	53.4%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (471)	2006 (591)	2006 (610)

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

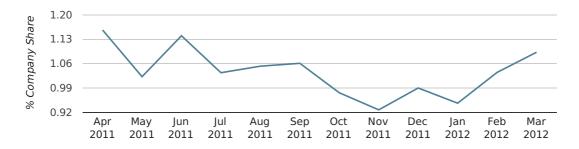
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	NORTH YORKSHIRE
2012	1.0%
2011	1.1%
2010	1.1%
2009	1.1%
2008	1.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2006 (2.0%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



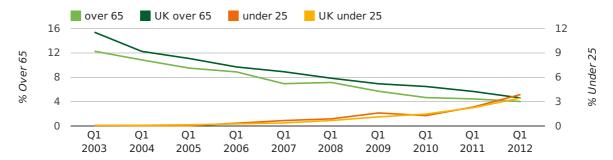
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.9%	1.0%	1.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	1.1%	1.0%	1.1%
% CHANGE	-14.0%	2.3%	-1.4%
RECORD YEAR	1964 (2.5%)	2006 (2.1%)	1963 (2.1%)

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 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter



Previous 12 months (Mar 2011-Mar 2012)

 ${\sf Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, \&, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.}\\$

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	1.91%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	1.53%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
ENGINEERING	1.33%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
YORK	1.30%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSULTANCY	1.14%	TRADING	2.07%
YORKSHIRE	1.01%	DESIGN	1.93%
PROPERTY	0.90%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
С	0.83%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
J	0.78%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
CONSTRUCTION	0.78%	BUSINESS	1.73%
ASSOCIATES	0.73%	MEDIA	1.72%
CONSULTANTS	0.71%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
DESIGN	0.71%	LONDON	1.66%
HARROGATE	0.69%	J	1.54%
ELECTRICAL	0.68%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
BUSINESS	0.66%	GLOBAL	1.50%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.66%	IT	1.40%
ENERGY	0.64%	CARE	1.34%
TRAINING	0.64%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
(YORK)	0.64%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
M	0.61%	М	1.27%
NORTH	0.55%	BUILDING	1.24%
LEISURE	0.55%	ENERGY	1.20%
MEDIA	0.55%	S	1.20%
CENTRE	0.49%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,767	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	425	52,735
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	285	19,704
99999 - Dormant Company	233	25,084
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	218	35,233
9999 - Dormant Company	162	18,617
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	153	9,892
7414 - Business & management consultancy	150	12,113
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	130	13,637
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	103	14,303
74990 - Non-trading company	98	9,729
7499 - Non-trading company	79	9,102
62090 - Other information technology service activities	78	8,145
9305 - Other service activities	72	8,818
41100 - Development of building projects	72	4,984
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	69	3,931
7260 - Other computer related activities	68	7,154
71129 - Other engineering activities	62	2,217
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	61	5,169
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	60	4,132