

Northamptonshire

q1 2012 business confidence report



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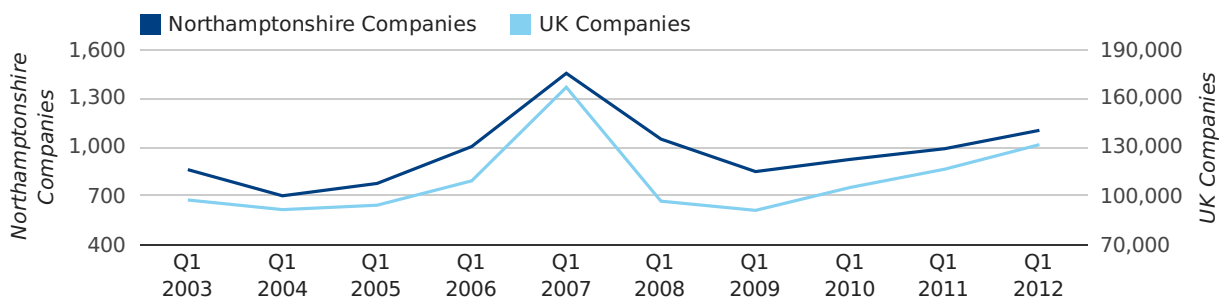
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 1,103 companies were registered in Northamptonshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 11.4% 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)	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	UK
2012	1,103	131,491
2011	990	116,391
% CHANGE	11.4%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,454)	2007 (166,814)

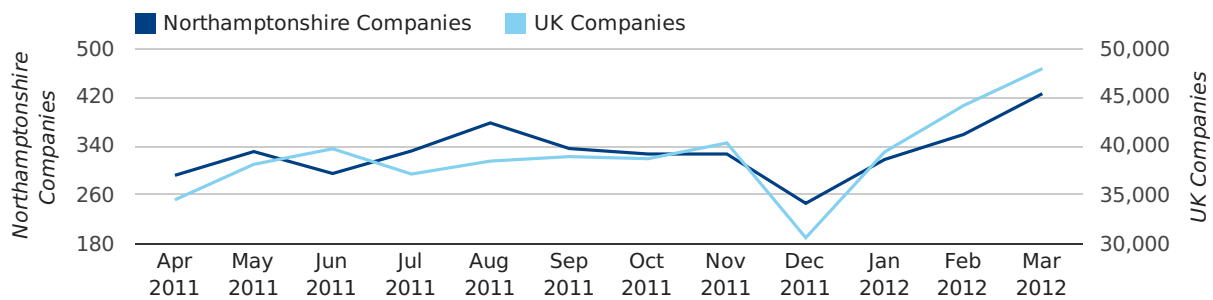
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	318	359	426
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	278	313	399
% CHANGE	14.4%	14.7%	6.8%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (456)	2012 (359)	2007 (817)

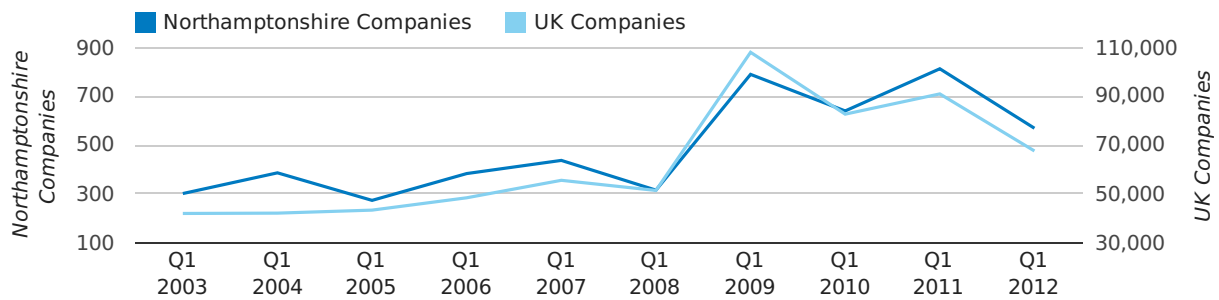
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 569 companies were dissolved in Northamptonshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 30.0% 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.

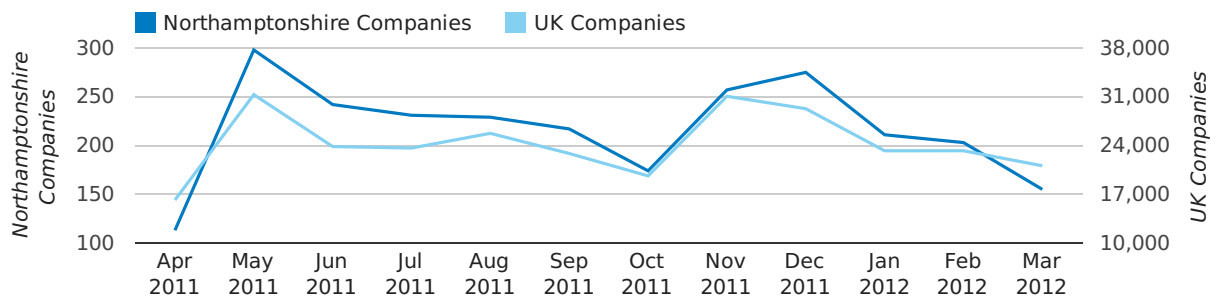
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	UK
2012	569	67,576
2011	813	90,986
% CHANGE	-30.0%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (813)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	211	203	155
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	319	222	272
% CHANGE	-33.9%	-8.6%	-43%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (319)	2011 (222)	2009 (528)

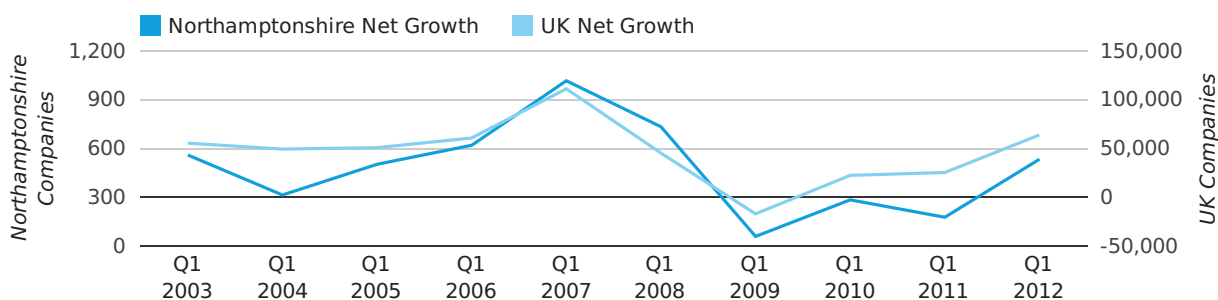
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Northamptonshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 534 companies.

This represents an increase of 201.7% on the same period last year.

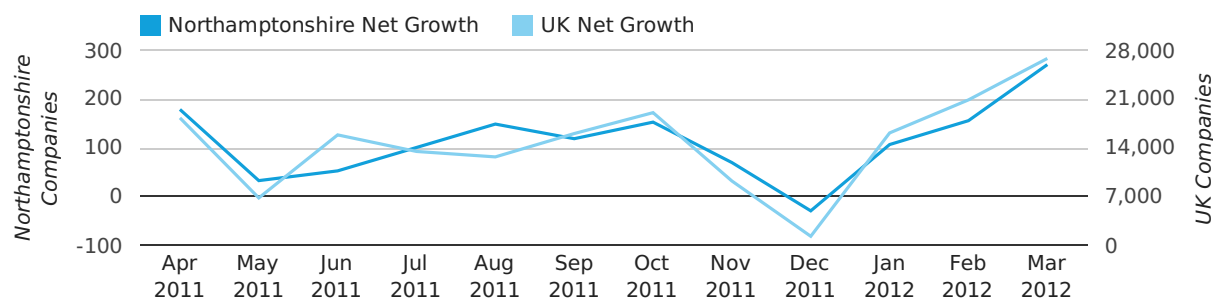
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE	UK
2012	534	63,915
2011	177	25,405
% CHANGE	201.7%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,017)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



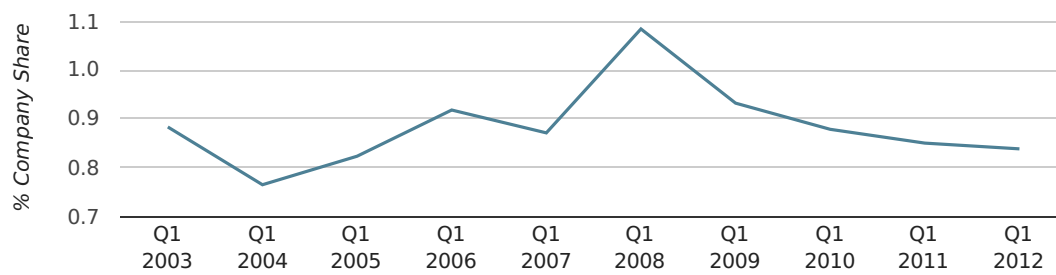
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	107	156	271
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-41	91	127
% CHANGE	-361.0%	71.4%	113.4%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (320)	2005 (175)	2007 (680)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Northamptonshire formed 0.8% of all UK companies.

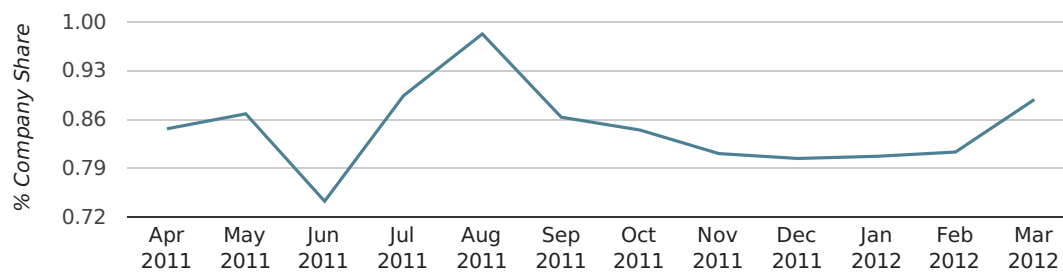
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	NORTHAMPTONSHIRE
2012	0.8%
2011	0.9%
2010	0.9%
2009	0.9%
2008	1.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1975 (1.6%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.8%	0.8%	0.9%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.8%	0.8%	0.9%
% CHANGE	-1.9%	-1.9%	-0.1%
RECORD YEAR	1975 (2.5%)	1963 (1.5%)	1961 (1.5%)

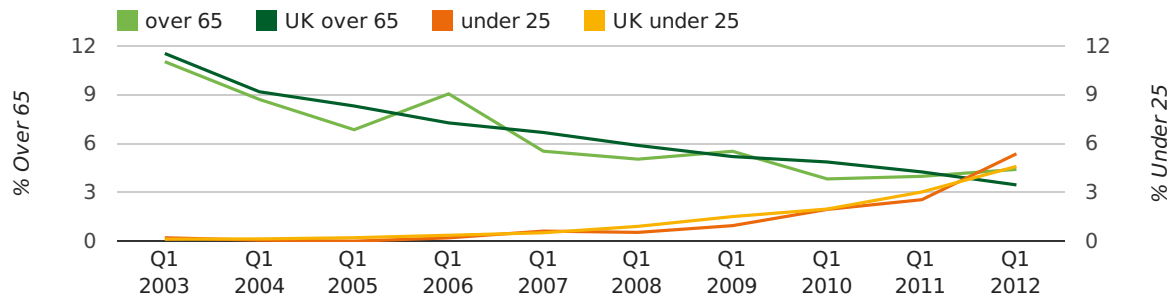
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 42.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age 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	1.56%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	1.56%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CO.,	1.54%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
CONSULTANCY	1.24%	PROPERTY	2.37%
TRANSPORT	0.91%	TRADING	2.07%
TRADING	0.91%	DESIGN	1.93%
INTERNATIONAL	0.89%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
ENGINEERING	0.79%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
PROPERTY	0.77%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
ASSOCIATES	0.73%	BUSINESS	1.73%
BUSINESS	0.71%	MEDIA	1.72%
CARE	0.69%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
CONSULTANTS	0.69%	LONDON	1.66%
MEDIA	0.63%	J	1.54%
TECHNOLOGY	0.61%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
IT	0.61%	GLOBAL	1.50%
J	0.57%	IT	1.40%
DESIGN	0.57%	CARE	1.34%
CONSTRUCTION	0.55%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ELECTRICAL	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
TRAINING	0.51%	M	1.27%
LOGISTICS	0.49%	BUILDING	1.24%
GROUP	0.49%	ENERGY	1.20%
R	0.47%	S	1.20%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.47%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,688	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	435	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	303	35,233
74990 - Non-trading company	277	9,729
99999 - Dormant Company	242	25,084
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	224	19,704
7499 - Non-trading company	192	9,102
9999 - Dormant Company	186	18,617
7414 - Business & management consultancy	141	12,113
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	105	14,303
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	100	13,637
49410 - Freight transport by road	99	2,781
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	83	9,892
6024 - Freight transport by road	72	2,121
9305 - Other service activities	66	8,818
7260 - Other computer related activities	62	7,154
62090 - Other information technology service activities	61	8,145
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	60	6,934
86900 - Other human health activities	46	5,066
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	43	2,832