Nottingham

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

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- Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Nottingham when compared to any quarter in history.
- February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Nottingham when compared to any previous February.
- February 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Nottingham when compared to any previous February.

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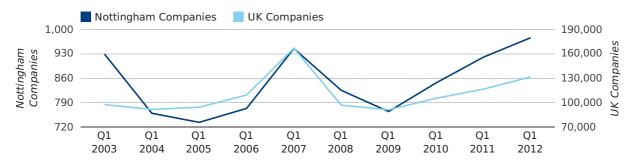
Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Nottingham when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 976 companies were registered in Nottingham during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 6.1% 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)	NOTTINGHAM	UK
2012	976	131,491
2011	920	116,391
% CHANGE	6.1%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (976)	2007 (166,814)

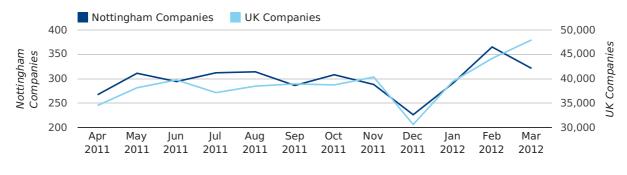
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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new companies by month



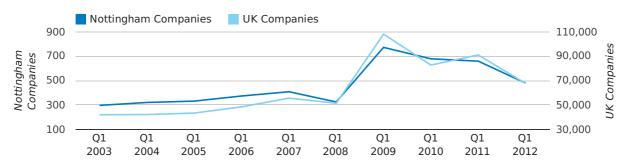
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	290	365	321
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	265	302	353
% CHANGE	9.4%	20.9%	-9.1%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (305)	2012 (365)	2002 (460)

A total of 479 companies were dissolved in Nottingham during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 27.3% 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.

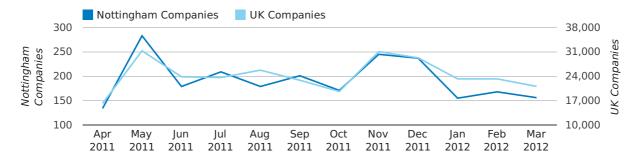
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	NOTTINGHAM	UK
2012	479	67,576
2011	659	90,986
% CHANGE	-27.3%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (772)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



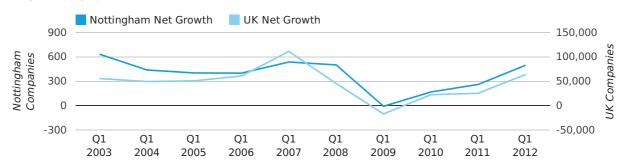
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	155	168	156
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	216	205	238
% CHANGE	-28.2%	-18.0%	-34%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (216)	2011 (205)	2009 (433)

Net company growth for Nottingham during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 497 companies.

This represents an increase of 90.4% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	NOTTINGHAM	UK
2012	497	63,915
2011	261	25,405
% CHANGE	90.4%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (633)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

February 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Nottingham when compared to any previous February.

net growth by month

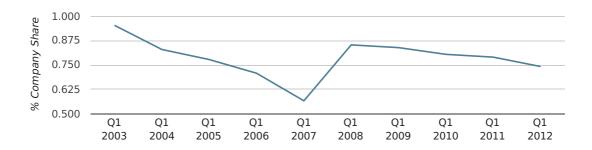


	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	135	197	165
NET GROWTH IN 2011	49	97	115
% CHANGE	175.5%	103.1%	43.5%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (185)	2012 (197)	2002 (370)

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

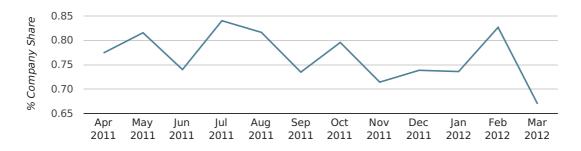
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	NOTTINGHAM
2012	0.7%
2011	0.8%
2010	0.8%
2009	0.8%
2008	0.9%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1974 (1.6%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



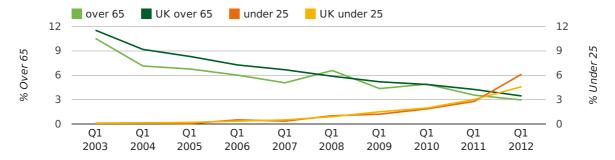
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.8%	0.8%	0.8%
% CHANGE	-6.2%	3.4%	-14.9%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (2.6%)	1975 (1.7%)	2002 (1.9%)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 42.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter



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

25.7% of all director appointments in Nottingham 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
CONSULTING	1.89%	CONSULTING	5.07%
NOTTINGHAM	1.73%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	1.23%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
MANAGEMENT	1.19%	PROPERTY	2.37%
PROPERTY	0.90%	TRADING	2.07%
CARE	0.88%	DESIGN	1.93%
ASSOCIATES	0.83%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
(NOTTINGHAM)	0.83%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
ELECTRICAL	0.83%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
DESIGN	0.81%	BUSINESS	1.73%
PROPERTIES	0.72%	MEDIA	1.72%
ENGINEERING	0.70%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
TRAINING	0.67%	LONDON	1.66%
BUILDING	0.65%	J	1.54%
BUSINESS	0.65%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
SYSTEMS	0.63%	GLOBAL	1.50%
SECURITY	0.63%	IT	1.40%
S	0.63%	CARE	1.34%
J	0.61%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CONSULTANTS	0.58%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
HOLDINGS	0.58%	М	1.27%
CONSTRUCTION	0.58%	BUILDING	1.24%
Р	0.56%	ENERGY	1.20%
MIDLANDS	0.56%	S	1.20%
MEDIA	0.54%	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	1,418	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	344	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	207	35,233
99999 - Dormant Company	167	25,084
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	147	19,704
9999 - Dormant Company	115	18,617
7414 - Business & management consultancy	113	12,113
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	112	14,303
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	97	13,637
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	82	9,892
62090 - Other information technology service activities	67	8,145
7260 - Other computer related activities	61	7,154
74990 - Non-trading company	60	9,729
7499 - Non-trading company	55	9,102
9305 - Other service activities	51	8,818
86900 - Other human health activities	50	5,066
43210 - Electrical installation	48	3,573
41100 - Development of building projects	45	4,984
61200 - Wireless telecommunications activities	43	363
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	43	3,439