

# Oxford

q1 2012 business confidence report



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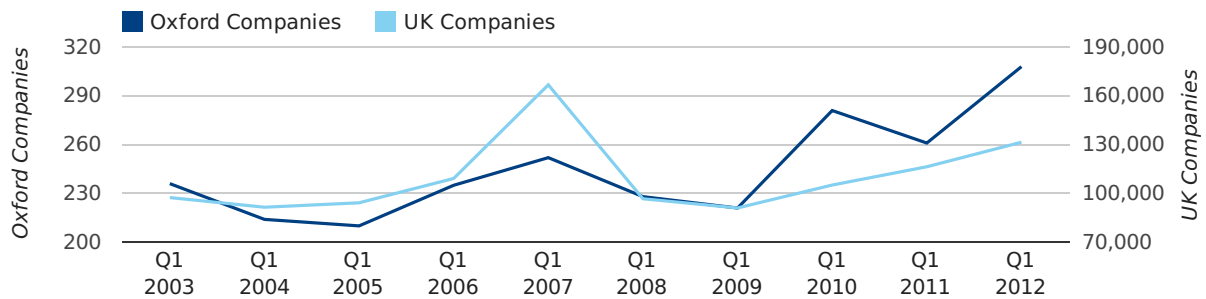
Q1 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Oxford when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 308 companies were registered in Oxford during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 18.0% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares well 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)	OXFORD	UK
2012	308	131,491
2011	261	116,391
% CHANGE	18.0%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (308)	2007 (166,814)

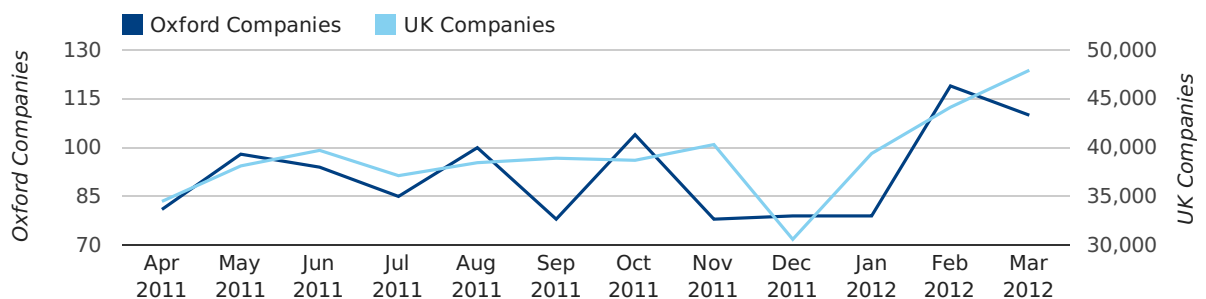
### new companies by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

### new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	79	119	110
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	71	76	114
% CHANGE	11.3%	56.6%	-3.5%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (84)	2012 (119)	2011 (114)

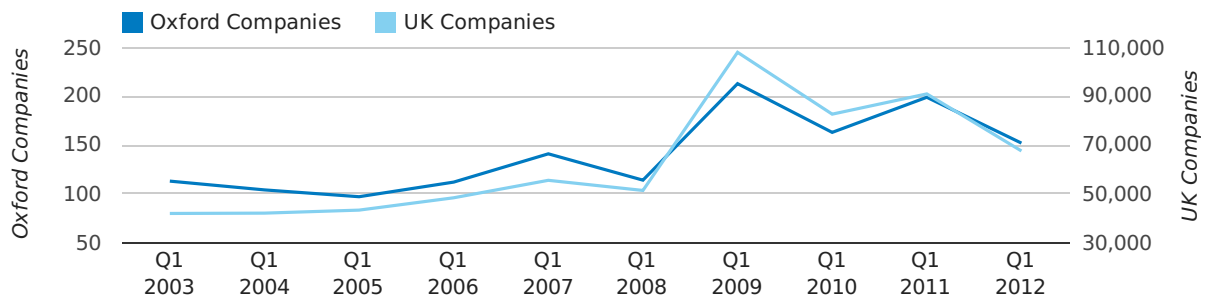
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 152 companies were dissolved in Oxford during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 23.6% 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)	OXFORD	UK
2012	152	67,576
2011	199	90,986
% CHANGE	-23.6%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (213)	2009 (108,060)

### dissolved companies by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

#### dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	54	49	49
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	70	53	76
% CHANGE	-22.9%	-7.5%	-36%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (70)	2008 (58)	2009 (142)

### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

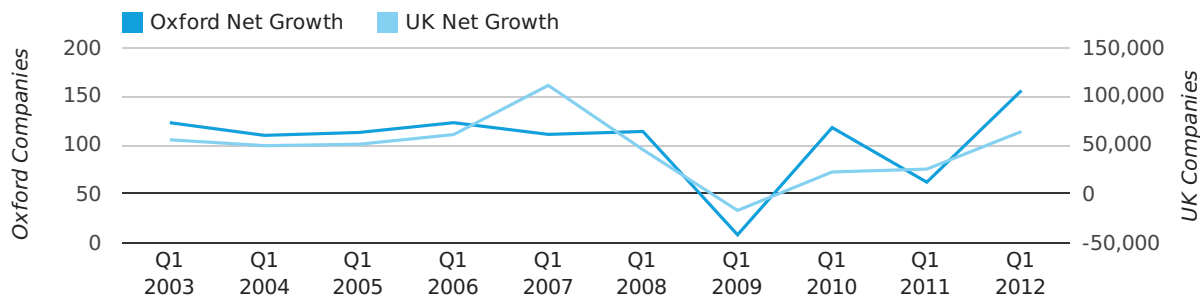
Q1 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Oxford when compared to any previous Q1.

Net company growth for Oxford during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 156 companies.

This represents an increase of 151.6% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	OXFORD	UK
2012	156	63,915
2011	62	25,405
% CHANGE	151.6%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (156)	2007 (111,282)

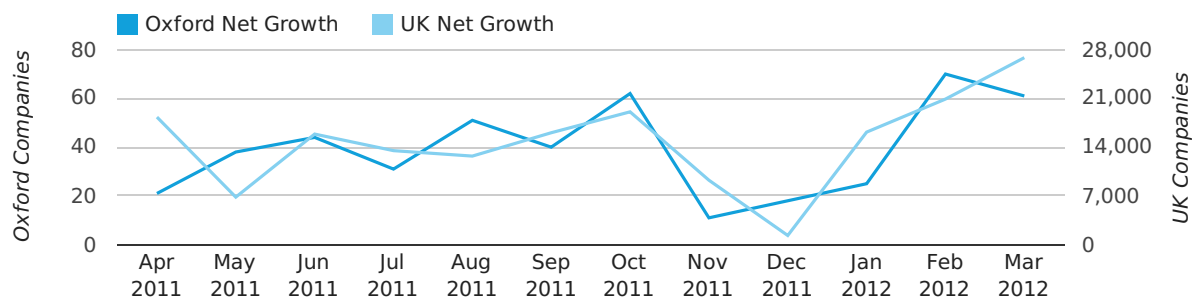
### net growth by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

### net growth by month



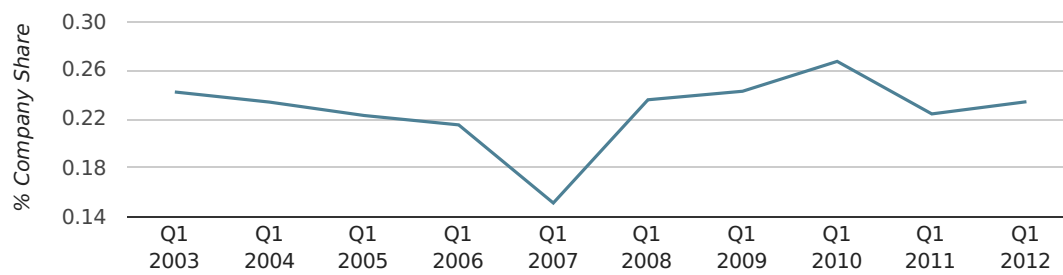
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	25	70	61
NET GROWTH IN 2011	1	23	38
% CHANGE	2,400.0%	204.3%	60.5%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (40)	2012 (70)	2008 (88)

### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

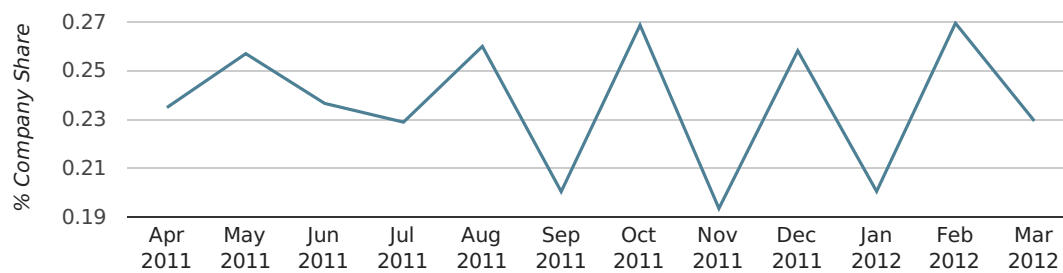
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	OXFORD
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.6%)

### company share by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

### company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.2%	0.3%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.3%
% CHANGE	-4.6%	33.9%	-9.8%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (1.3%)	1964 (0.8%)	1966 (0.5%)

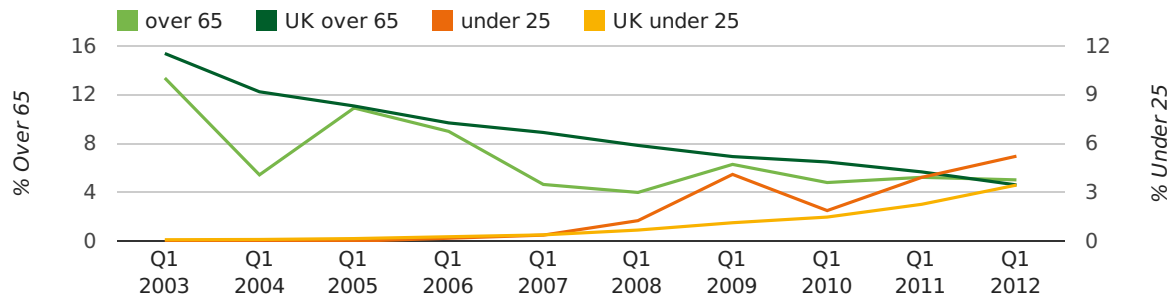
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 44.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

#### director age by quarter

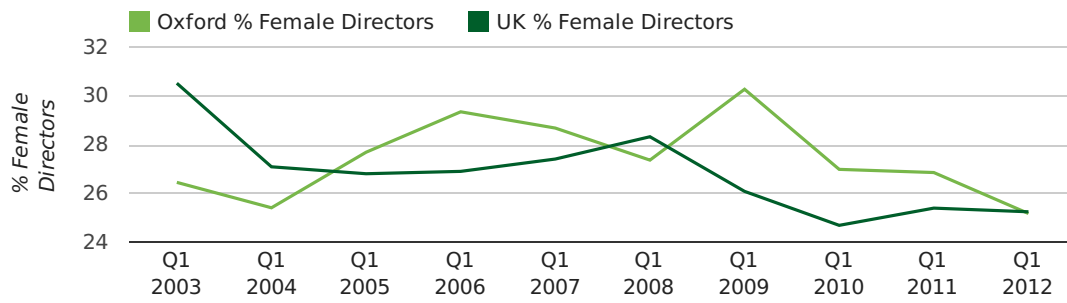


### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

25.2% of all director appointments in Oxford 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, &amp;, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
OXFORD	5.62%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	2.14%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.51%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
HELIOX	1.16%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSULTANCY	0.93%	TRADING	2.07%
DESIGN	0.93%	DESIGN	1.93%
PROPERTY	0.70%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
TRADING	0.70%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
FOR	0.70%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
SCHOOL	0.64%	BUSINESS	1.73%
EDUCATION	0.58%	MEDIA	1.72%
INTERNATIONAL	0.58%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.58%	LONDON	1.66%
CONSTRUCTION	0.58%	J	1.54%
ACADEMY	0.58%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
SECURITY	0.52%	GLOBAL	1.50%
(OXFORD)	0.52%	IT	1.40%
CONSULTANTS	0.52%	CARE	1.34%
IT	0.52%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
COMMUNITY	0.52%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
MEDICAL	0.46%	M	1.27%
ASSOCIATES	0.46%	BUILDING	1.24%
CHURCH	0.41%	ENERGY	1.20%
BUSINESS	0.41%	S	1.20%
CO	0.41%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

## Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	469	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	88	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	85	35,233
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	68	19,704
74990 - Non-trading company	52	9,729
99999 - Dormant Company	49	25,084
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	43	14,303
7414 - Business & management consultancy	41	12,113
9999 - Dormant Company	37	18,617
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	35	13,637
9305 - Other service activities	29	8,818
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	29	9,892
62090 - Other information technology service activities	23	8,145
7260 - Other computer related activities	22	7,154
86900 - Other human health activities	21	5,066
7499 - Non-trading company	19	9,102
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	18	6,934
62012 - Business and domestic software development	18	4,356
5530 - Restaurants	18	4,633
86101 - Hospital activities	18	1,414