

# Oxfordshire

q1 2012 business confidence report



## headlines

- February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Oxfordshire when compared to any previous February.
- January 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Oxfordshire when compared to any previous January.
- February 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Oxfordshire when compared to any previous February.
- January 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Oxfordshire when compared to any previous January.

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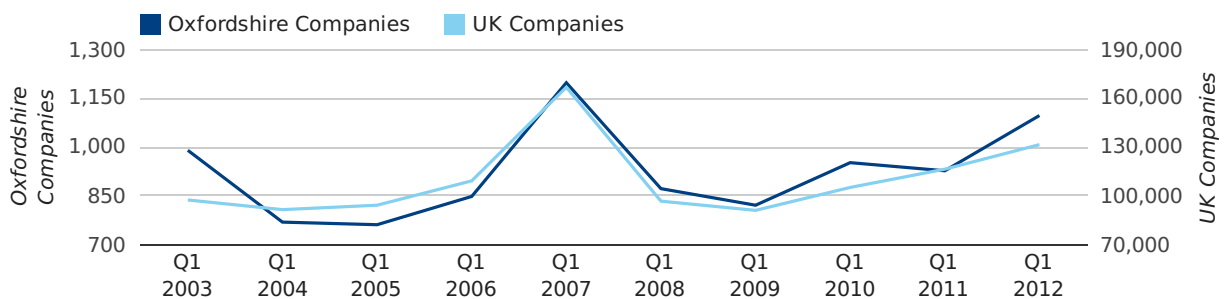
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 1,097 companies were registered in Oxfordshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 18.3% 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)	OXFORDSHIRE	UK
2012	1,097	131,491
2011	927	116,391
% CHANGE	18.3%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,198)	2007 (166,814)

### new companies by quarter

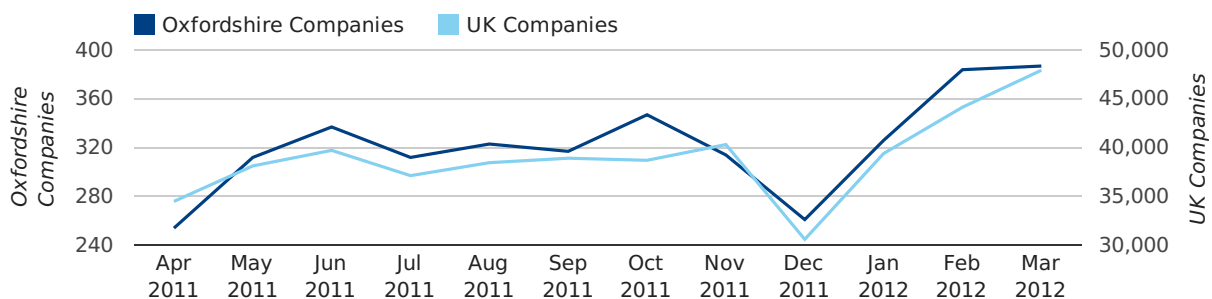


### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

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### new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	326	384	387
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	269	281	377
% CHANGE	21.2%	36.7%	2.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (326)	2012 (384)	2007 (577)

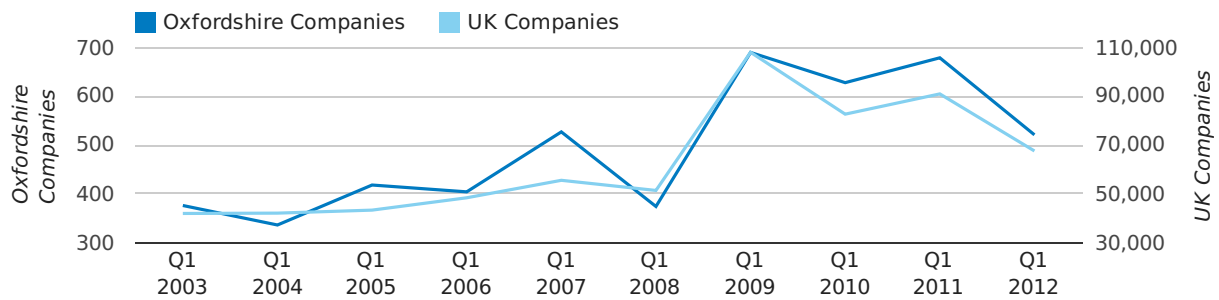
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 521 companies were dissolved in Oxfordshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 23.3% 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)	OXFORDSHIRE	UK
2012	521	67,576
2011	679	90,986
% CHANGE	-23.3%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (690)	2009 (108,060)

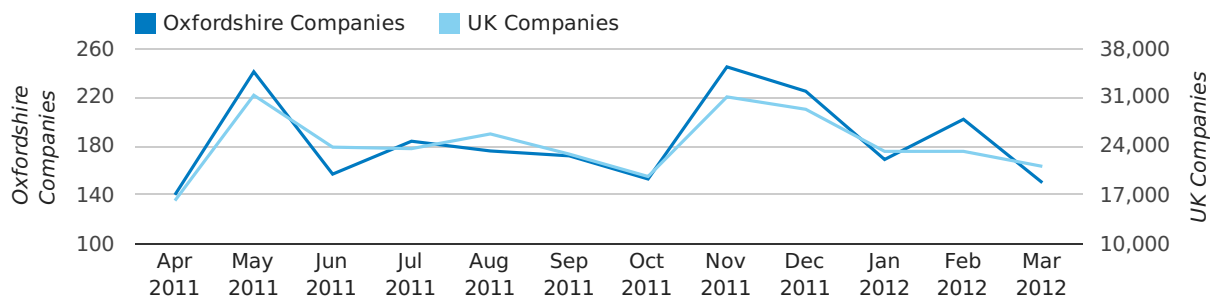
### dissolved companies by quarter



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

February 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Oxfordshire when compared to any previous February.

### dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	169	202	150
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	254	192	233
% CHANGE	-33.5%	5.2%	-36%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (254)	2012 (202)	2009 (429)

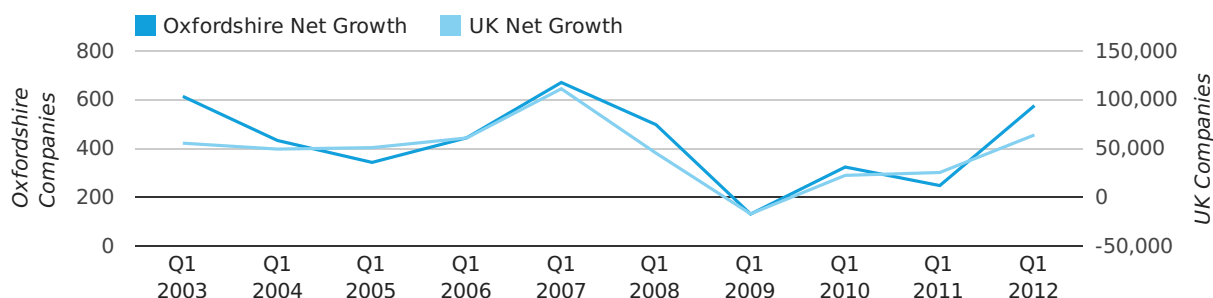
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Oxfordshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 576 companies.

This represents an increase of 132.3% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	OXFORDSHIRE	UK
2012	576	63,915
2011	248	25,405
% CHANGE	132.3%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (671)	2007 (111,282)

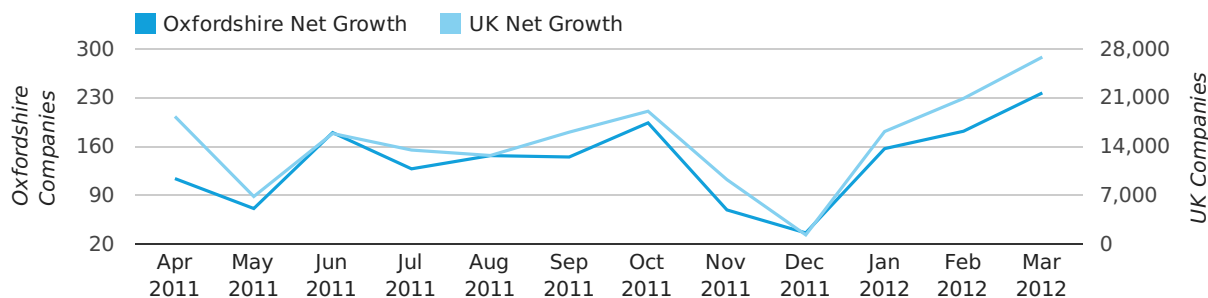
### net growth by quarter



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

January 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Oxfordshire when compared to any previous January.

### net growth by month



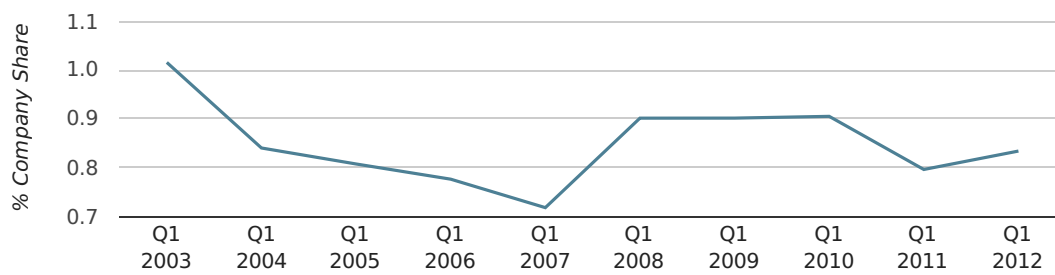
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	157	182	237
NET GROWTH IN 2011	15	89	144
% CHANGE	946.7%	104.5%	64.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (157)	2003 (204)	2007 (412)

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

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

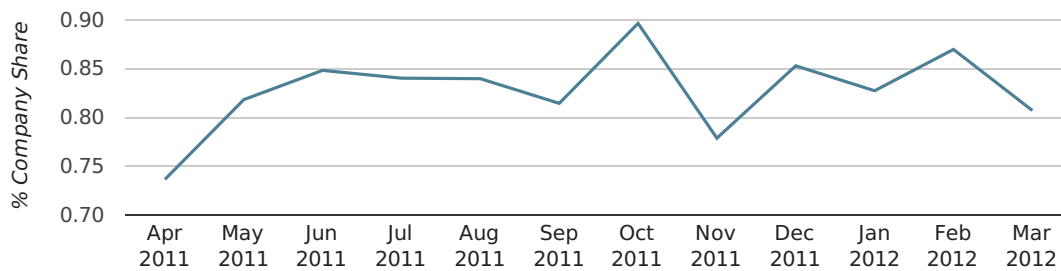
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	OXFORDSHIRE
2012	0.8%
2011	0.8%
2010	0.9%
2009	0.9%
2008	0.9%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1971 (1.4%)

### company share by quarter



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

### company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.8%	0.9%	0.8%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.8%	0.7%	0.8%
% CHANGE	3.9%	16.9%	-4.0%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (2.1%)	1969 (1.7%)	1970 (1.9%)

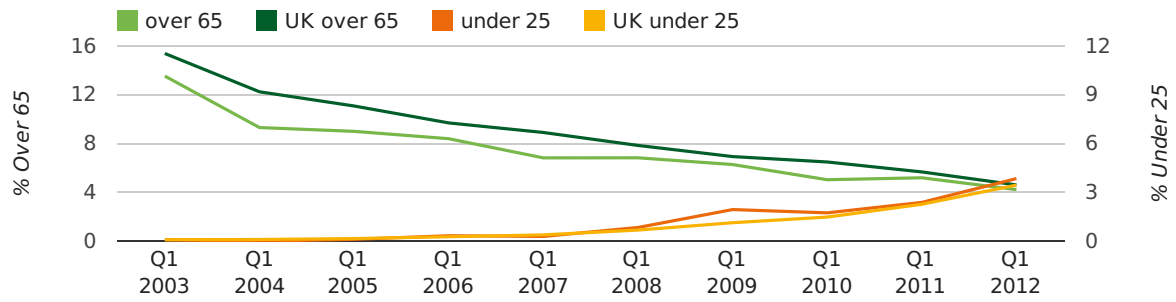
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 45.4.

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 4.2% 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
OXFORD	3.19%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	2.56%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.77%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
CONSULTANCY	1.40%	PROPERTY	2.37%
DESIGN	0.99%	TRADING	2.07%
ENGINEERING	0.81%	DESIGN	1.93%
PROPERTY	0.79%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
ASSOCIATES	0.75%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
BUSINESS	0.73%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
CONSULTANTS	0.63%	BUSINESS	1.73%
MEDIA	0.63%	MEDIA	1.72%
SCHOOL	0.55%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
TRADING	0.55%	LONDON	1.66%
FOR	0.51%	J	1.54%
J	0.49%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.49%	GLOBAL	1.50%
(OXFORD)	0.49%	IT	1.40%
MARKETING	0.47%	CARE	1.34%
CONSTRUCTION	0.45%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
OXFORDSHIRE	0.43%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
HOUSE	0.43%	M	1.27%
PRODUCTIONS	0.43%	BUILDING	1.24%
ACADEMY	0.41%	ENERGY	1.20%
IT	0.41%	S	1.20%
TRAINING	0.41%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%



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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,369	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	363	52,735
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	329	19,704
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	259	35,233
99999 - Dormant Company	184	25,084
7414 - Business & management consultancy	184	12,113
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	157	14,303
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	117	9,892
74990 - Non-trading company	110	9,729
9999 - Dormant Company	107	18,617
62090 - Other information technology service activities	101	8,145
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	99	13,637
7499 - Non-trading company	78	9,102
7260 - Other computer related activities	68	7,154
9305 - Other service activities	67	8,818
62012 - Business and domestic software development	66	4,356
86900 - Other human health activities	61	5,066
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	59	6,934
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	56	4,132
41100 - Development of building projects	54	4,984