Salford

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

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- February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Salford when compared to any previous February.
- January 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Salford when compared to any previous January.
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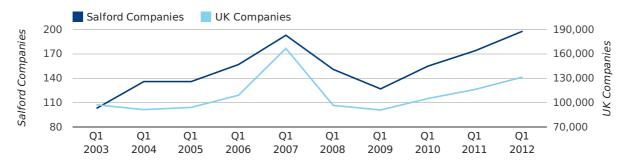
Q1 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Salford when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 198 companies were registered in Salford during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 13.8% 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)	SALFORD	UK
2012	198	131,491
2011	174	116,391
% CHANGE	13.8%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (198)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter

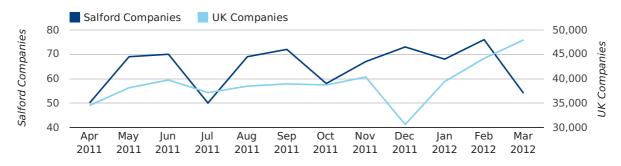


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

January 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Salford when compared to any previous January.

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	68	76	54
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	60	60	54
% CHANGE	13.3%	26.7%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (68)	2012 (76)	2007 (90)

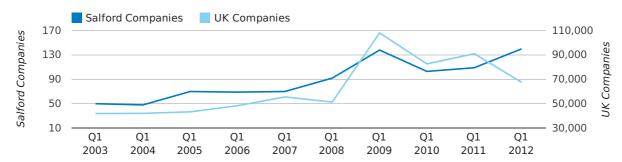
Q1 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Salford when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 140 companies were dissolved in Salford during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 28.4% 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)	SALFORD	UK
2012	140	67,576
2011	109	90,986
% CHANGE	28.4%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (140)	2009 (108,060)

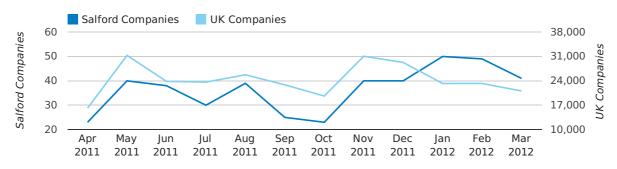
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

January 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Salford when compared to any previous January.

dissolved companies by month



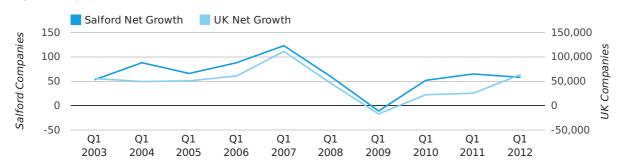
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	50	49	41
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	44	22	43
% CHANGE	13.6%	122.7%	-5%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (50)	2008 (53)	2009 (95)

Net company growth for Salford during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 58 companies.

This represents a decrease of 10.8% on the same period last year.

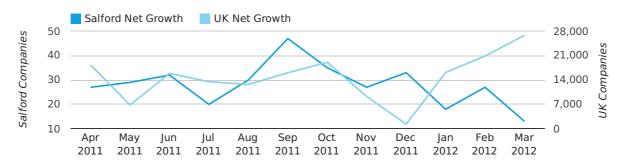
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	SALFORD	UK
2012	58	63,915
2011	65	25,405
% CHANGE	-10.8%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (123)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month

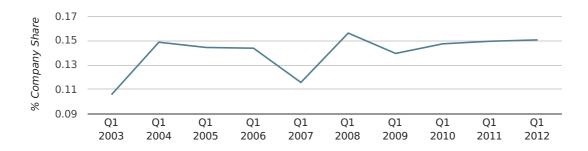


	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	18	27	13
NET GROWTH IN 2011	16	38	11
% CHANGE	12.5%	-28.9%	18.2%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (39)	2004 (47)	2007 (69)

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

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	SALFORD
2012	0.2%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



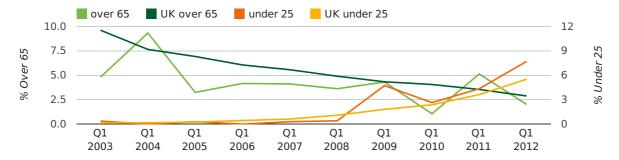
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-2.8%	8.3%	-6.5%
RECORD YEAR	1967 (0.5%)	1967 (0.6%)	1981 (0.4%)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 37.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 7.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

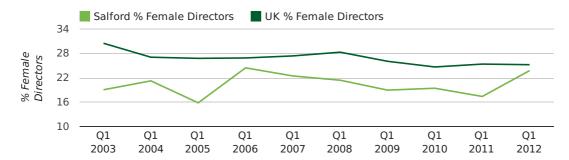
director age by quarter



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

23.8% of all director appointments in Salford 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	1.27%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.11%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MEDIA	0.95%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
(MANCHESTER)	0.87%	PROPERTY	2.37%
TRADING	0.87%	TRADING	2.07%
PROPERTIES	0.79%	DESIGN	1.93%
CONSULTANCY	0.79%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
Н	0.79%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
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PROPERTY	0.71%	BUSINESS	1.73%
(NORTH	0.63%	MEDIA	1.72%
ESTATES	0.63%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
M	0.56%	LONDON	1.66%
CONSTRUCTION	0.56%	J	1.54%
ENGINEERING	0.56%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
TRANSPORT	0.48%	GLOBAL	1.50%
DESIGN	0.48%	IT	1.40%
INN	0.48%	CARE	1.34%
ENERGY	0.48%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
GLOBAL	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
INTERNATIONAL	0.40%	М	1.27%
HOTEL	0.40%	BUILDING	1.24%
HOUSE	0.40%	ENERGY	1.20%
FINANCIAL	0.40%	S	1.20%
INVESTMENT	0.40%	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	401	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	68	52,735
99999 - Dormant Company	62	25,084
7499 - Non-trading company	29	9,102
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	23	35,233
74990 - Non-trading company	21	9,729
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	20	13,637
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	17	14,303
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	14	3,448
70100 - Activities of head offices	13	2,746
7020 - Letting of own property	13	1,548
9305 - Other service activities	12	8,818
68100 - Buying and selling of own real estate	11	3,072
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	11	6,934
9999 - Dormant Company	10	18,617
86230 - Dental practice activities	10	1,834
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	10	19,704
62012 - Business and domestic software development	10	4,356
56302 - Public houses and bars	9	2,795
5248 - Other retail specialised stores	9	1,837