

Shrewsbury

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

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

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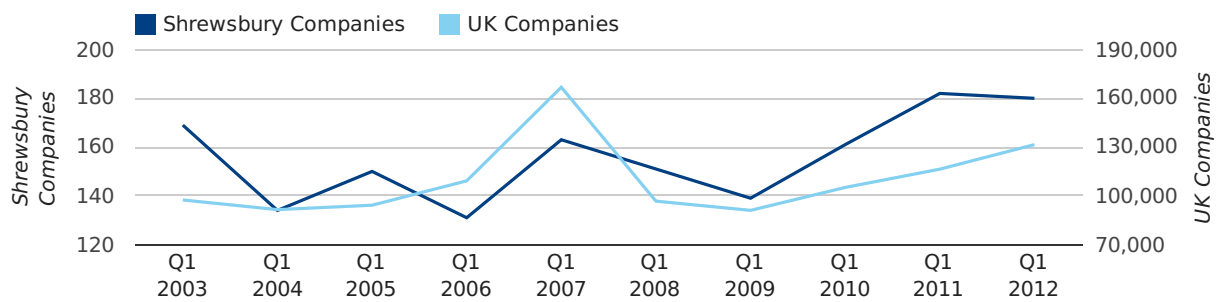
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 180 companies were registered in Shrewsbury during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 1.1% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares badly 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)	SHREWSBURY	UK
2012	180	131,491
2011	182	116,391
% CHANGE	-1.1%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (182)	2007 (166,814)

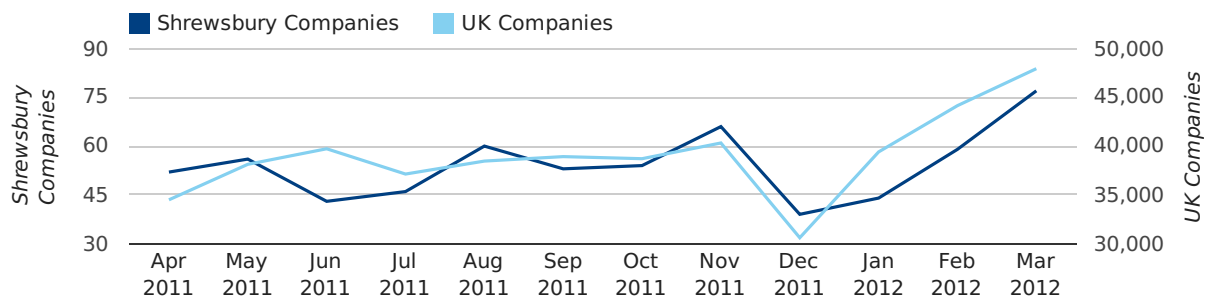
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	44	59	77
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	50	56	76
% CHANGE	-12.0%	5.4%	1.3%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (54)	2012 (59)	2007 (79)

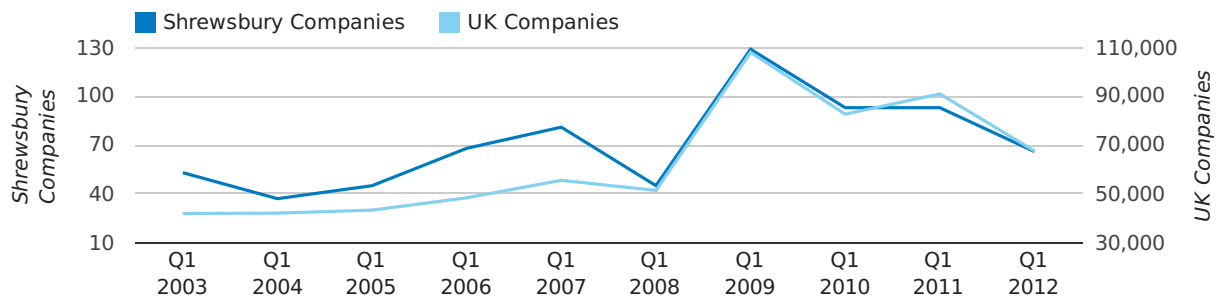
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 66 companies were dissolved in Shrewsbury during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 29.0% 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.

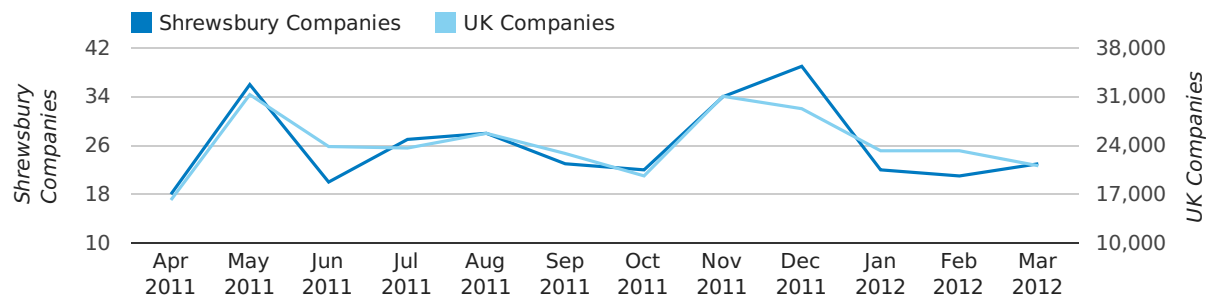
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	SHREWSBURY	UK
2012	66	67,576
2011	93	90,986
% CHANGE	-29.0%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (129)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	22	21	23
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	48	21	24
% CHANGE	-54.2%	0.0%	-4%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (48)	2007 (32)	2009 (78)

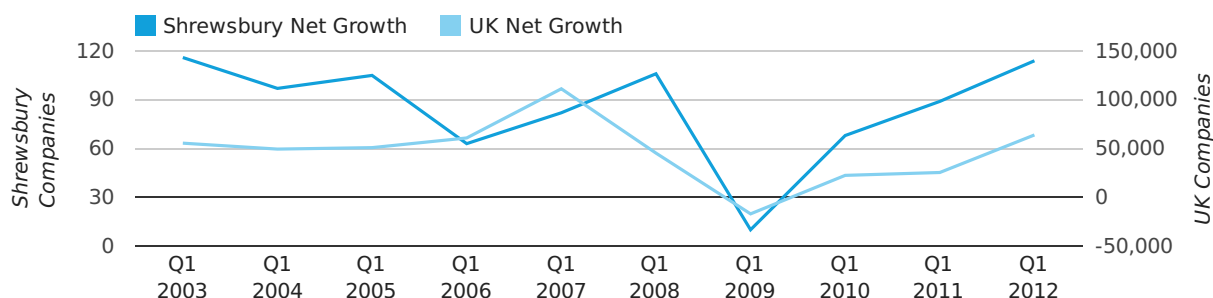
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Shrewsbury during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 114 companies.

This represents an increase of 28.1% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	SHREWSBURY	UK
2012	114	63,915
2011	89	25,405
% CHANGE	28.1%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (116)	2007 (111,282)

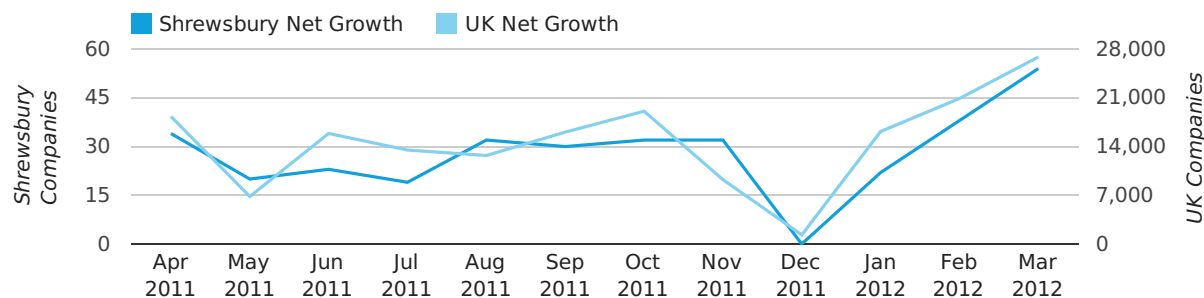
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

net growth by month



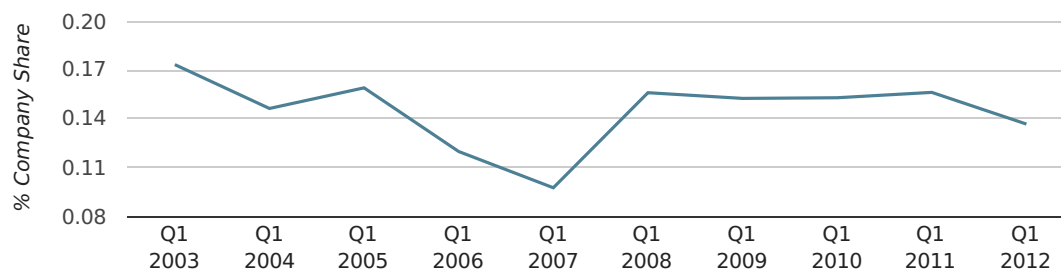
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	22	38	54
NET GROWTH IN 2011	2	35	52
% CHANGE	1,000.0%	8.6%	3.8%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (35)	2012 (38)	2007 (59)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Shrewsbury formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

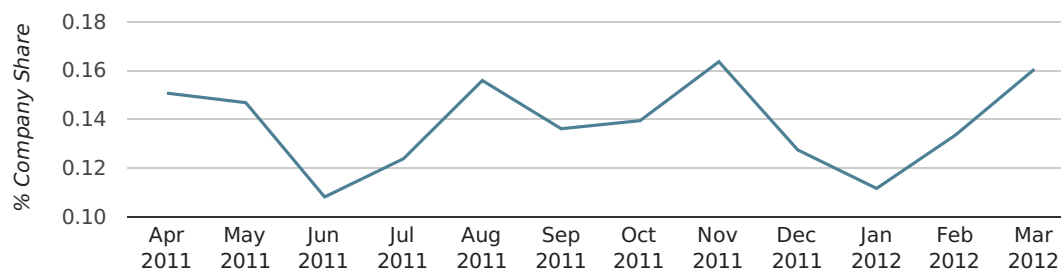
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	SHREWSBURY
2012	0.1%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1970 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-24.5%	-9.9%	-5.3%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.4%)	1987 (0.2%)	1970 (0.5%)

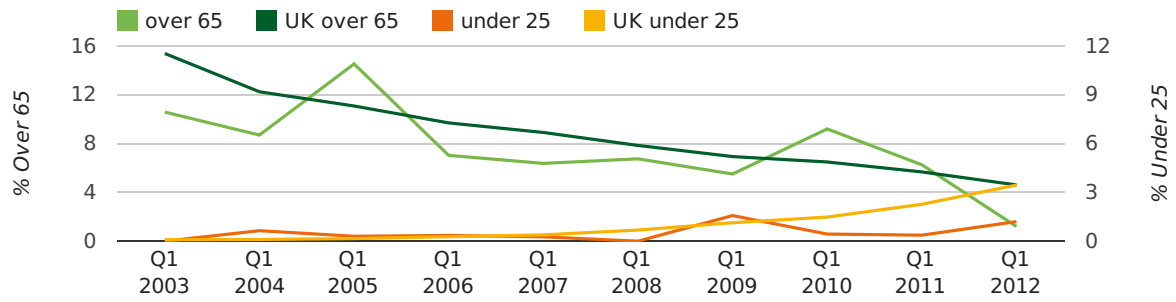
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 45.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

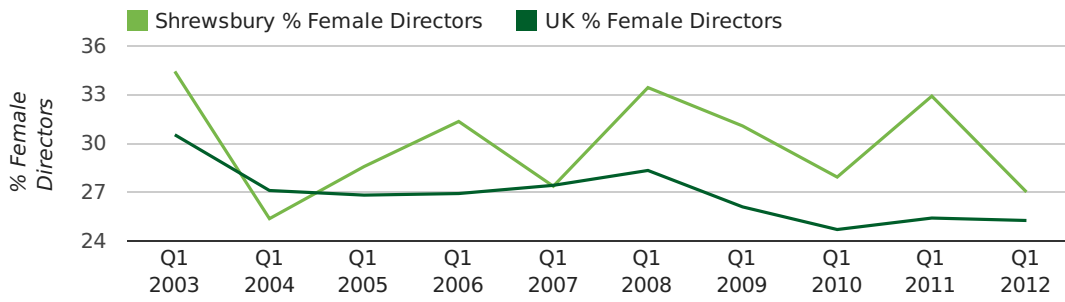


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

27.0% of all director appointments in Shrewsbury 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
MANAGEMENT	1.92%	CONSULTING	5.07%
SHROPSHIRE	1.46%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
SHREWSBURY	1.37%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
CONSULTING	1.19%	PROPERTY	2.37%
PROPERTY	1.19%	TRADING	2.07%
(SHREWSBURY)	1.10%	DESIGN	1.93%
J	0.91%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
CONSULTANCY	0.91%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
ASSOCIATES	0.73%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
DESIGN	0.73%	BUSINESS	1.73%
MARKETING	0.73%	MEDIA	1.72%
ELECTRICAL	0.64%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
R	0.64%	LONDON	1.66%
CIC	0.64%	J	1.54%
C	0.64%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
MEDIA	0.55%	GLOBAL	1.50%
EDUCATION	0.55%	IT	1.40%
SOCIAL	0.55%	CARE	1.34%
CO	0.55%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
S	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
PROPERTIES	0.46%	M	1.27%
DAVID	0.46%	BUILDING	1.24%
FINANCIAL	0.46%	ENERGY	1.20%
HEATING	0.46%	S	1.20%
GROUP	0.46%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	198	216,665
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	48	19,704
7487 - Other business activities	40	52,735
99999 - Dormant Company	37	25,084
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	33	35,233
9999 - Dormant Company	32	18,617
7260 - Other computer related activities	27	7,154
62090 - Other information technology service activities	25	8,145
74990 - Non-trading company	25	9,729
7414 - Business & management consultancy	23	12,113
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	19	9,892
7499 - Non-trading company	17	9,102
98000 - Residents property management	16	3,050
69102 - Solicitors	14	1,363
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	12	13,637
43210 - Electrical installation	12	3,573
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	11	3,228
86900 - Other human health activities	11	5,066
41100 - Development of building projects	10	4,984
56302 - Public houses and bars	9	2,795