

Shropshire

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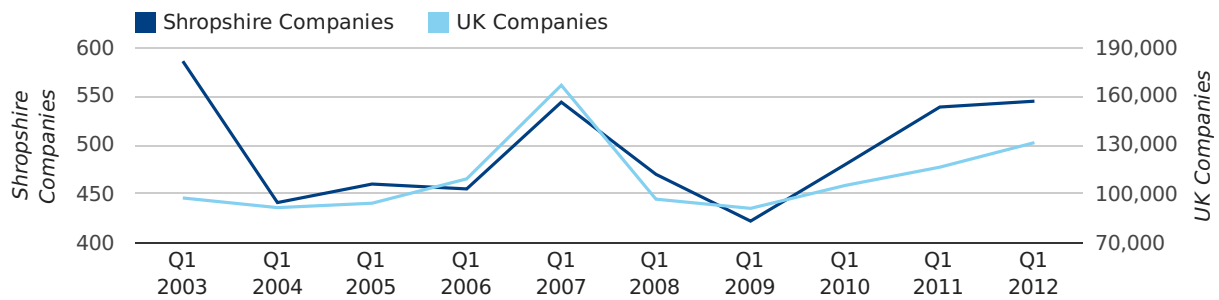
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 545 companies were registered in Shropshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase 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.

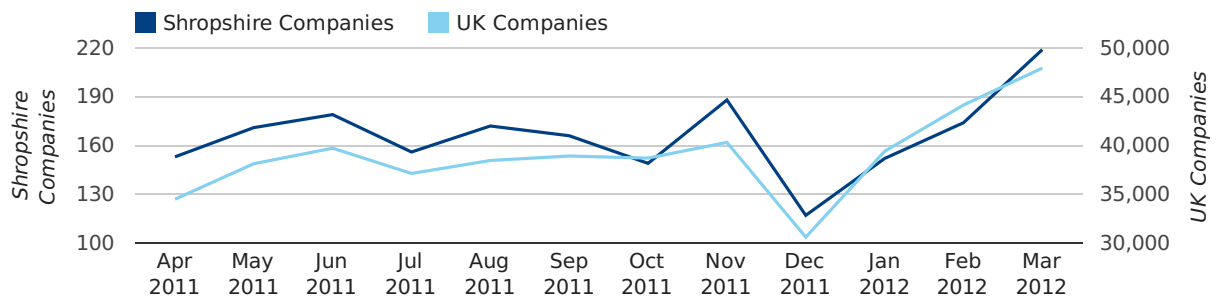
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	SHROPSHIRE	UK
2012	545	131,491
2011	539	116,391
% CHANGE	1.1%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (586)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	152	174	219
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	143	162	234
% CHANGE	6.3%	7.4%	-6.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (177)	2007 (175)	2003 (247)

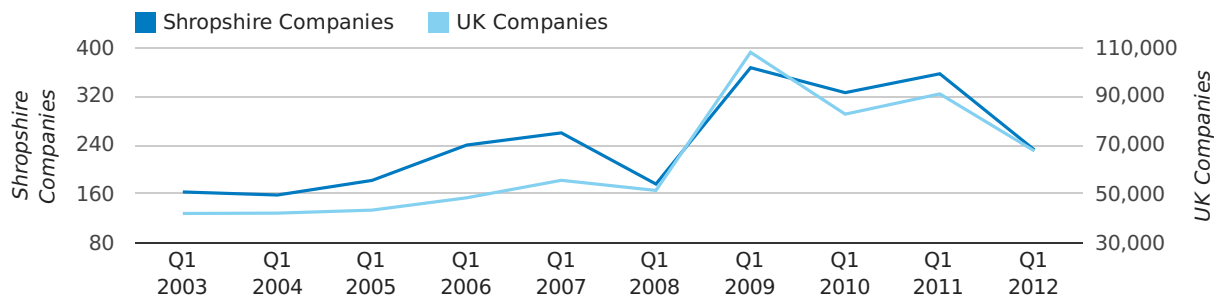
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 232 companies were dissolved in Shropshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 35.0% 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.

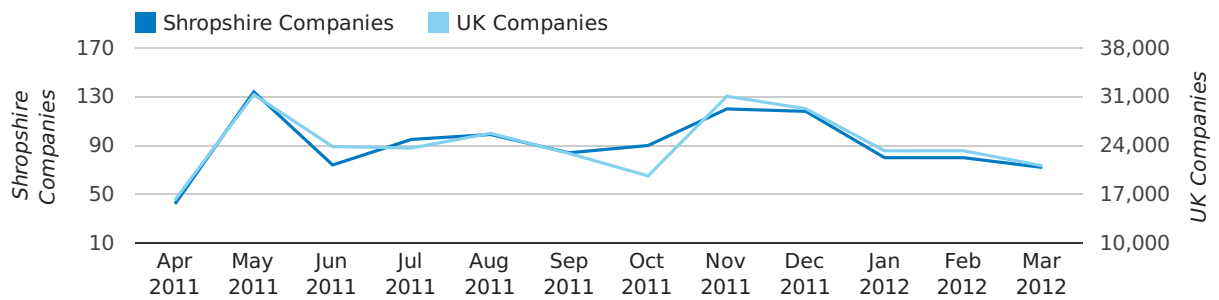
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	SHROPSHIRE	UK
2012	232	67,576
2011	357	90,986
% CHANGE	-35.0%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (367)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	80	80	72
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	153	103	101
% CHANGE	-47.7%	-22.3%	-29%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (153)	2011 (103)	2009 (224)

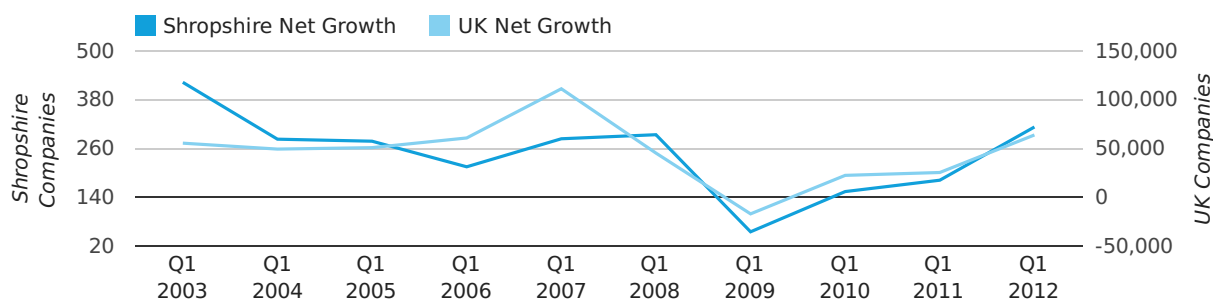
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Shropshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 313 companies.

This represents an increase of 72.0% on the same period last year.

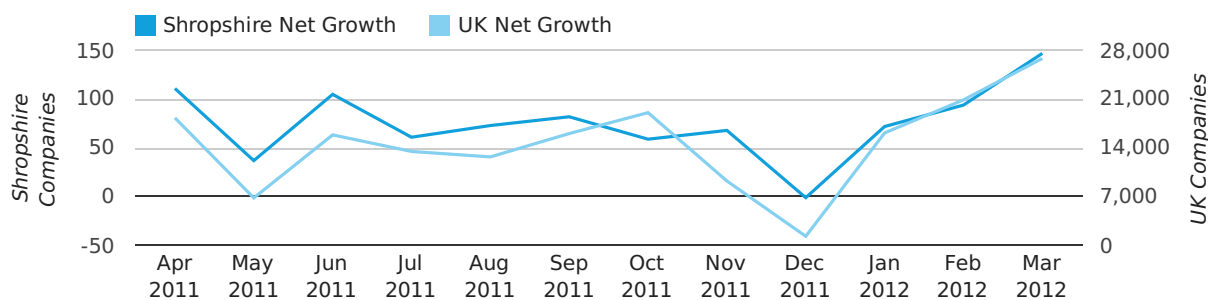
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	SHROPSHIRE	UK
2012	313	63,915
2011	182	25,405
% CHANGE	72.0%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (423)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



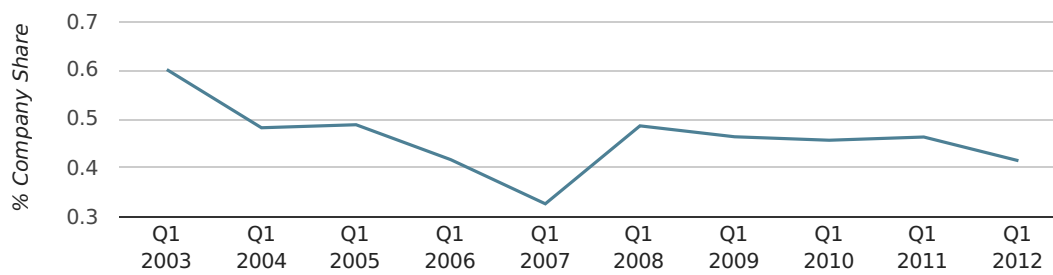
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	72	94	147
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-10	59	133
% CHANGE	-820.0%	59.3%	10.5%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (108)	2003 (109)	2003 (206)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Shropshire formed 0.4% of all UK companies.

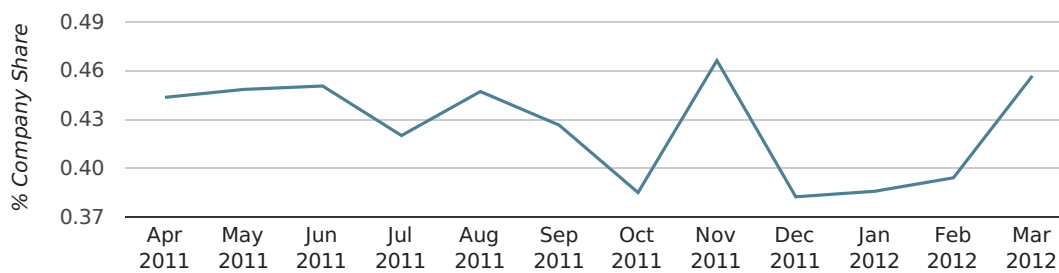
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	SHROPSHIRE
2012	0.4%
2011	0.5%
2010	0.5%
2009	0.5%
2008	0.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.7%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
% CHANGE	-8.9%	-8.1%	-12.5%
RECORD YEAR	1961 (1.0%)	1967 (1.0%)	1963 (0.9%)

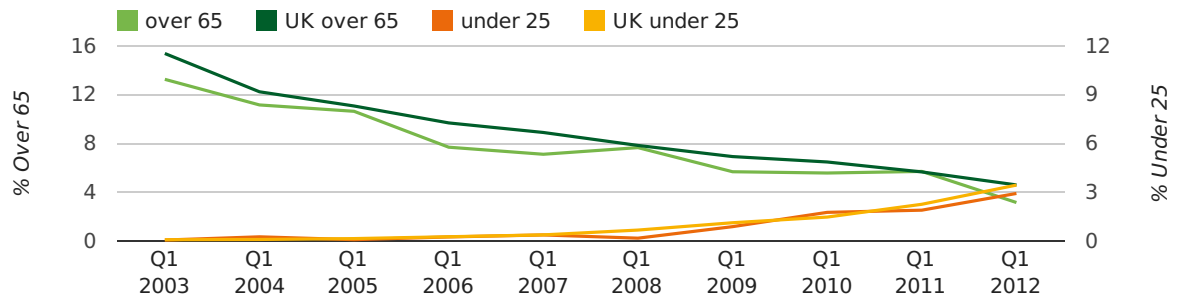
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 45.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.2% 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
SHROPSHIRE	1.50%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	1.36%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.25%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
CONSULTANCY	1.21%	PROPERTY	2.37%
DESIGN	1.11%	TRADING	2.07%
PROPERTY	0.82%	DESIGN	1.93%
ELECTRICAL	0.82%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
J	0.68%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
S	0.64%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
SOLAR	0.61%	BUSINESS	1.73%
ASSOCIATES	0.61%	MEDIA	1.72%
GROUP	0.57%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
SHREWSBURY	0.57%	LONDON	1.66%
ENGINEERING	0.57%	J	1.54%
D	0.54%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
MEDIA	0.54%	GLOBAL	1.50%
TRAINING	0.54%	IT	1.40%
R	0.54%	CARE	1.34%
IT	0.50%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
SYSTEMS	0.50%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.50%	M	1.27%
JONES	0.50%	BUILDING	1.24%
(SHREWSBURY)	0.46%	ENERGY	1.20%
(SHROPSHIRE)	0.46%	S	1.20%
INVESTMENTS	0.46%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	679	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	167	52,735
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	119	19,704
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	114	35,233
9999 - Dormant Company	112	18,617
99999 - Dormant Company	104	25,084
74990 - Non-trading company	64	9,729
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	57	13,637
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	57	14,303
62090 - Other information technology service activities	56	8,145
7414 - Business & management consultancy	55	12,113
7260 - Other computer related activities	51	7,154
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	51	9,892
7499 - Non-trading company	50	9,102
86900 - Other human health activities	33	5,066
9305 - Other service activities	33	8,818
69102 - Solicitors	32	1,363
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	30	6,934
43210 - Electrical installation	28	3,573
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	28	3,228