

# Slough

q1 2012 business confidence report



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- Q1 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Slough when compared to any previous Q1.
- Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Slough when compared to any quarter in history.
- March 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Slough when compared to any previous March.
- March 2012 was a record month for company registrations in Slough when compared to any month in history.
- January 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Slough when compared to any previous January.
- Q1 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Slough when compared to any previous Q1.
- Q1 2012 was a record quarter for net growth in Slough when compared to any quarter in history.

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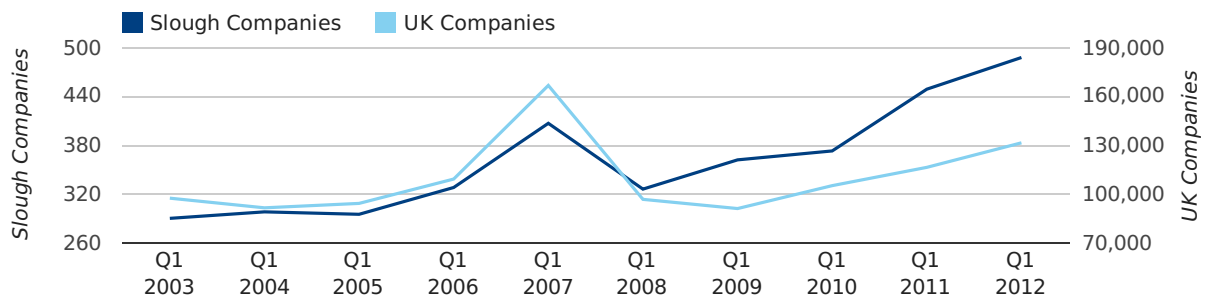
Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Slough when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 488 companies were registered in Slough during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 8.7% 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)	SLOUGH	UK
2012	488	131,491
2011	449	116,391
% CHANGE	8.7%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (488)	2007 (166,814)

### new companies by quarter



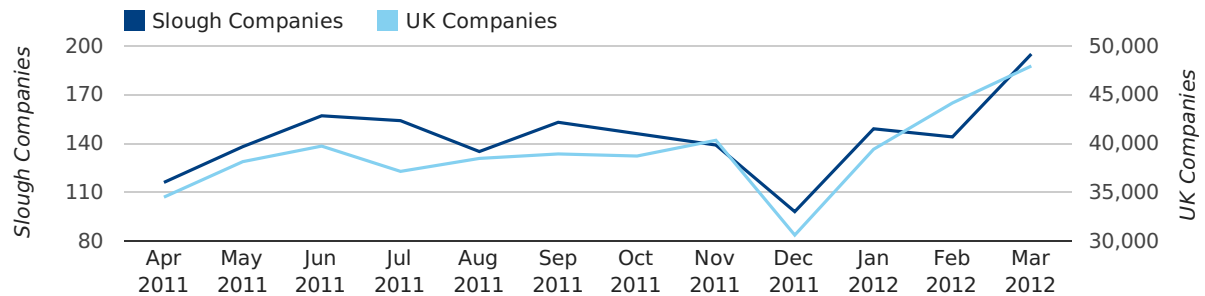
## Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

March 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Slough when compared to any previous March.

March 2012 was a record month for company registrations in Slough when compared to any month in history.

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

### new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	149	144	195
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	144	171	134
% CHANGE	3.5%	-15.8%	45.5%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (149)	2011 (171)	2012 (195)

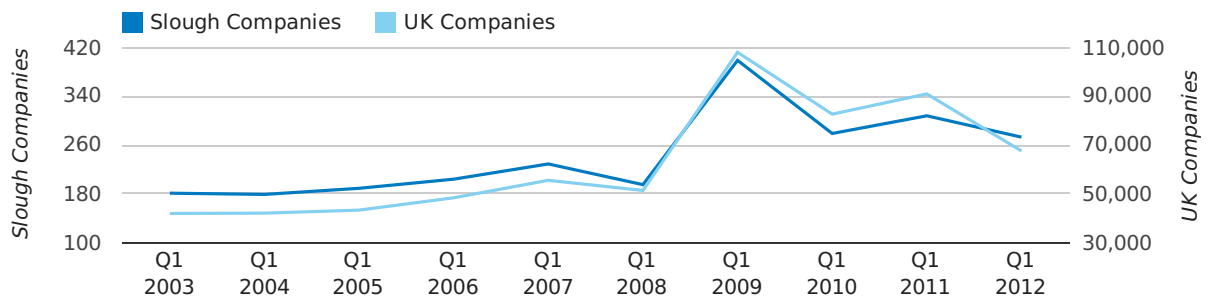
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 273 companies were dissolved in Slough during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 11.4% 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)	SLOUGH	UK
2012	273	67,576
2011	308	90,986
% CHANGE	-11.4%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (399)	2009 (108,060)

### dissolved companies by quarter



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

#### dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	89	93	91
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	116	93	99
% CHANGE	-23.3%	0.0%	-8%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (116)	2008 (112)	2009 (290)

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

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

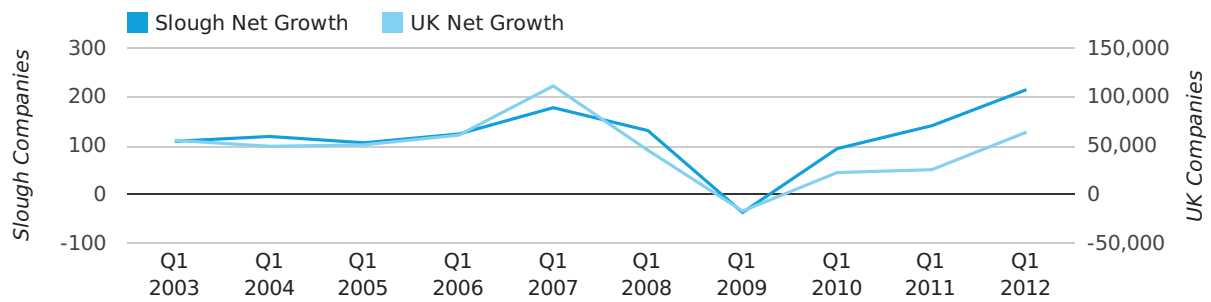
Q1 2012 was a record quarter for net growth in Slough when compared to any quarter in history.

Net company growth for Slough during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 215 companies.

This represents an increase of 52.5% on the same period last year.

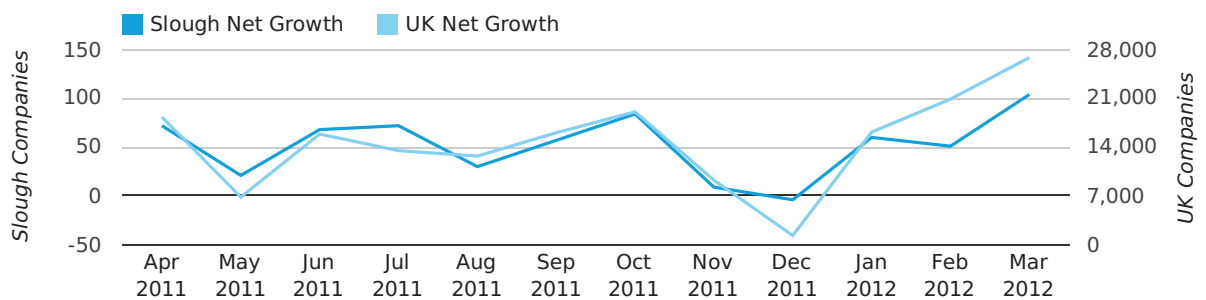
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	SLOUGH	UK
2012	215	63,915
2011	141	25,405
% CHANGE	52.5%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (215)	2007 (111,282)

### net growth by quarter



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

### net growth by month



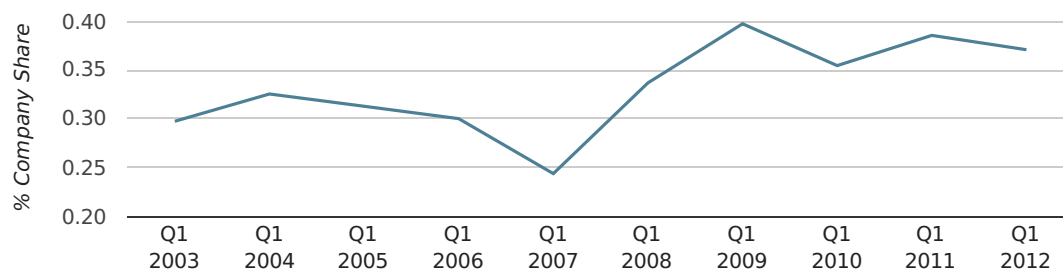
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	60	51	104
NET GROWTH IN 2011	28	78	35
% CHANGE	114.3%	-34.6%	197.1%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (61)	2011 (78)	2008 (119)

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

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

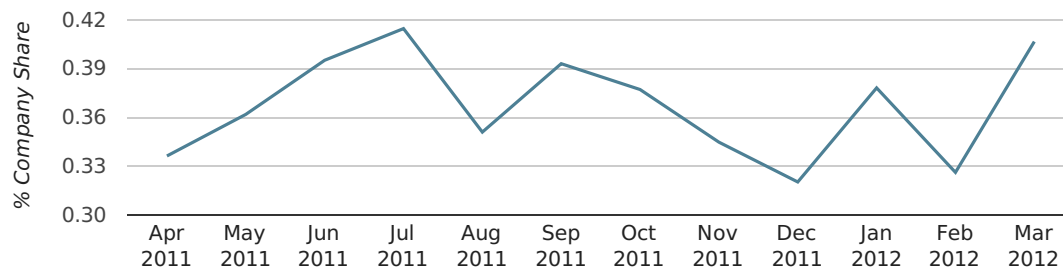
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	SLOUGH
2012	0.4%
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1992 (0.5%)

### company share by quarter



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

### company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.5%	0.3%
% CHANGE	-11.3%	-28.0%	36.1%
RECORD YEAR	1971 (0.6%)	1971 (0.5%)	1970 (0.7%)

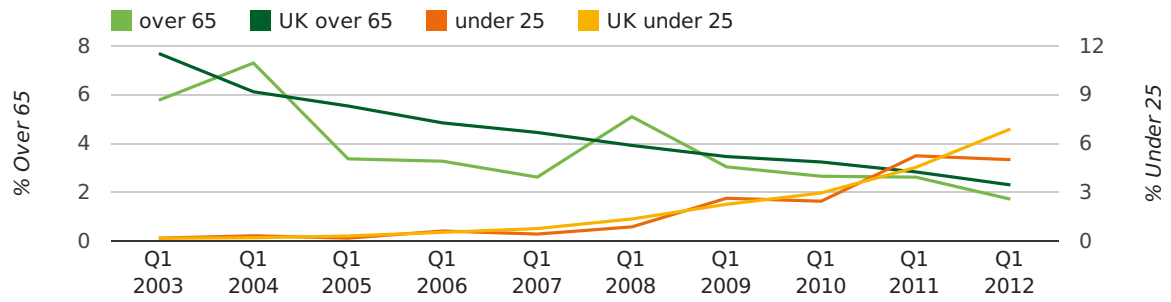
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 39.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

#### director age by quarter



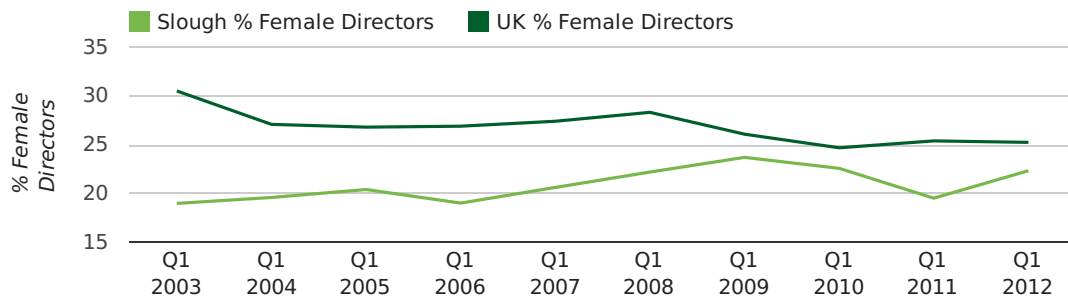


### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

22.3% of all director appointments in Slough 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	1.83%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.22%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	1.14%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
IT	1.06%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSTRUCTION	0.85%	TRADING	2.07%
CONSULTANTS	0.73%	DESIGN	1.93%
TRADING	0.73%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
BUSINESS	0.65%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
ASSOCIATES	0.61%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
SLOUGH	0.57%	BUSINESS	1.73%
CARE	0.57%	MEDIA	1.72%
S	0.57%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
MEDIA	0.53%	LONDON	1.66%
GLOBAL	0.53%	J	1.54%
SYSTEMS	0.53%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
INVESTMENTS	0.49%	GLOBAL	1.50%
ENGINEERING	0.45%	IT	1.40%
HOUSE	0.45%	CARE	1.34%
ENTERPRISES	0.45%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
LOGISTICS	0.41%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
TECHNOLOGIES	0.41%	M	1.27%
TRANSPORT	0.41%	BUILDING	1.24%
TRAVEL	0.41%	ENERGY	1.20%
CLAIMS	0.41%	S	1.20%
LONDON	0.41%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	968	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	142	52,735
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	139	14,303
7414 - Business & management consultancy	85	12,113
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	77	35,233
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	68	19,704
9999 - Dormant Company	61	18,617
99999 - Dormant Company	53	25,084
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	50	6,934
7260 - Other computer related activities	48	7,154
62090 - Other information technology service activities	47	8,145
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	45	13,637
9305 - Other service activities	32	8,818
7499 - Non-trading company	32	9,102
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	29	9,892
74990 - Non-trading company	26	9,729
86900 - Other human health activities	23	5,066
62012 - Business and domestic software development	23	4,356
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	23	4,132
96020 - Hairdressing and other beauty treatment	21	2,798