

South Yorkshire

q1 2012 business confidence report



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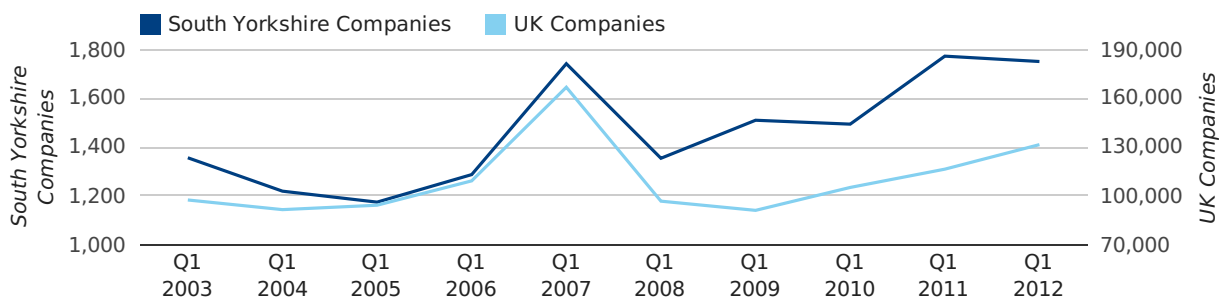
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 1,751 companies were registered in South Yorkshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 1.2% 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)	SOUTH YORKSHIRE	UK
2012	1,751	131,491
2011	1,773	116,391
% CHANGE	-1.2%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (1,773)	2007 (166,814)

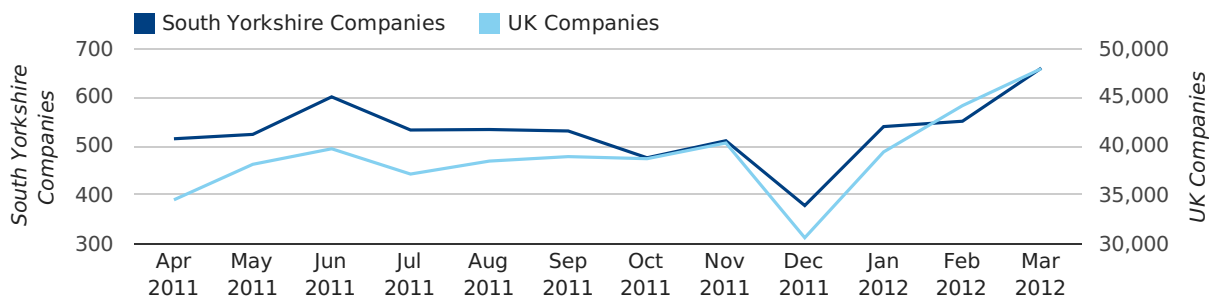
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	540	551	660
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	509	556	708
% CHANGE	6.1%	-0.9%	-6.8%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (540)	2011 (556)	2007 (754)

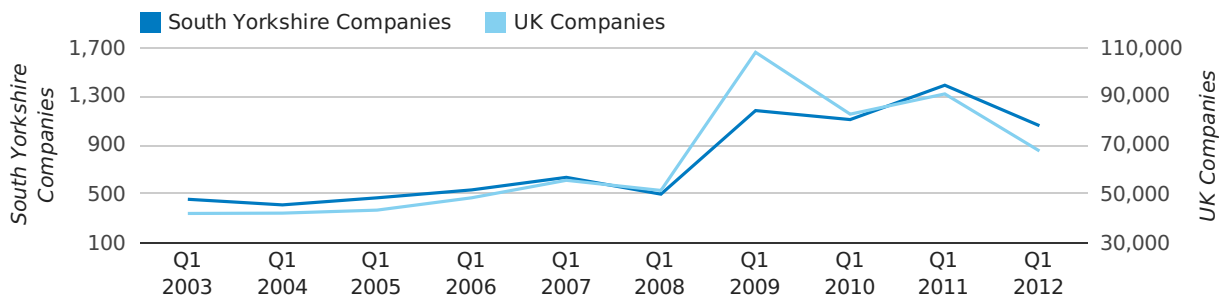
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 1,059 companies were dissolved in South Yorkshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 23.9% 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.

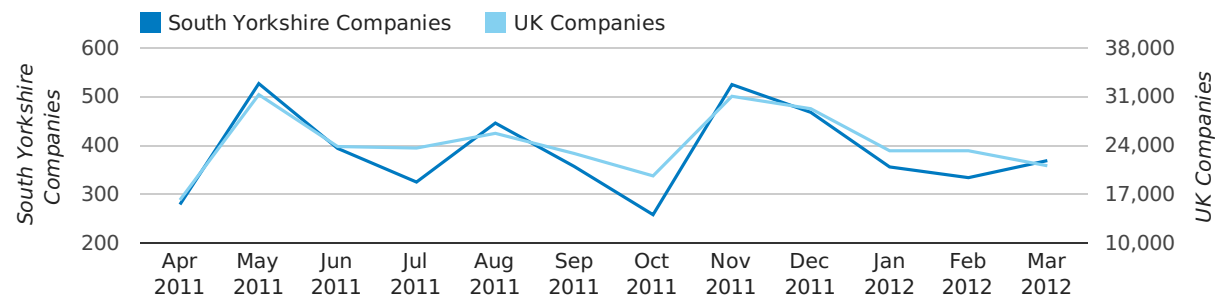
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	SOUTH YORKSHIRE	UK
2012	1,059	67,576
2011	1,391	90,986
% CHANGE	-23.9%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (1,391)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	356	334	369
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	530	418	443
% CHANGE	-32.8%	-20.1%	-17%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (530)	2011 (418)	2009 (751)

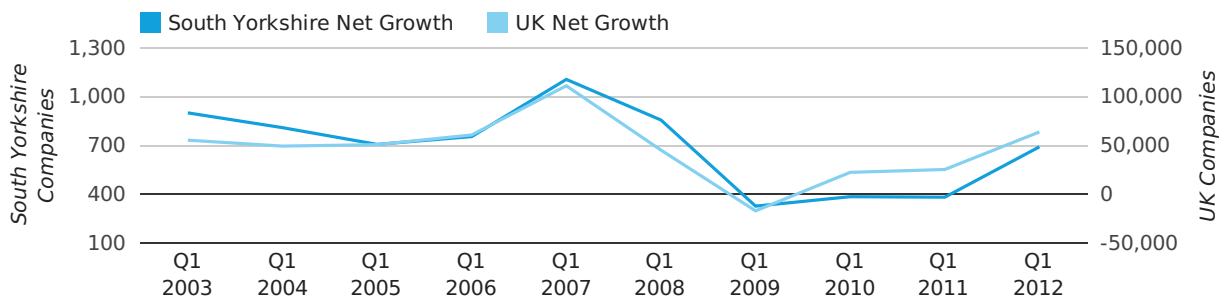
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for South Yorkshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 692 companies.

This represents an increase of 81.2% on the same period last year.

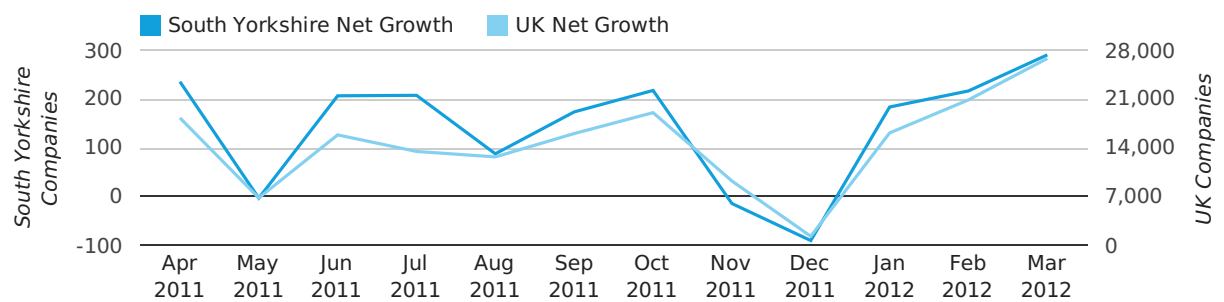
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	SOUTH YORKSHIRE	UK
2012	692	63,915
2011	382	25,405
% CHANGE	81.2%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,107)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



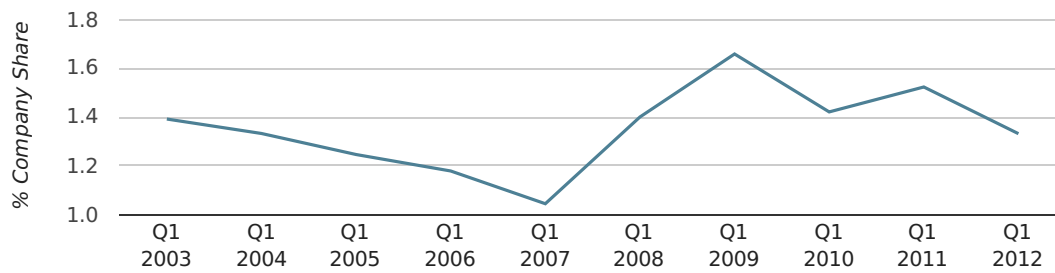
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	184	217	291
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-21	138	265
% CHANGE	-976.2%	57.2%	9.8%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (251)	2007 (342)	2007 (533)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, South Yorkshire formed 1.3% of all UK companies.

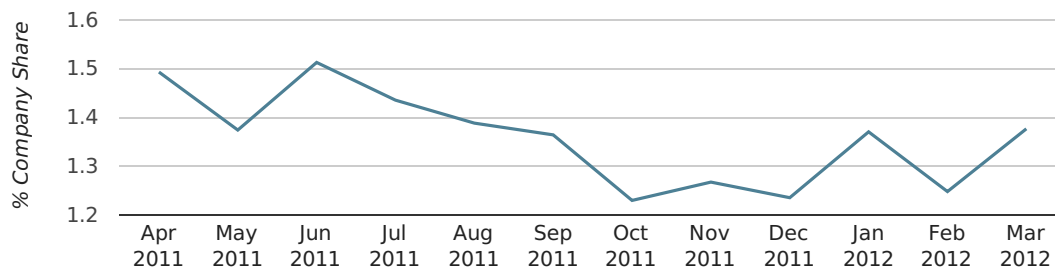
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	SOUTH YORKSHIRE
2012	1.3%
2011	1.5%
2010	1.4%
2009	1.7%
2008	1.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (2.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	1.4%	1.2%	1.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	1.5%	1.5%	1.6%
% CHANGE	-9.0%	-15.2%	-12.8%
RECORD YEAR	1969 (2.7%)	1974 (2.4%)	2000 (2.1%)

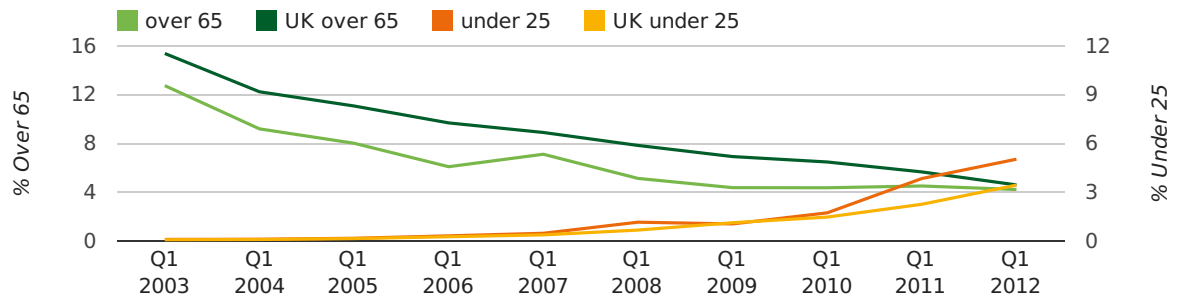
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 42.7.

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 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
MANAGEMENT	1.74%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTANCY	1.24%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
PROPERTY	1.13%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
YORKSHIRE	1.08%	PROPERTY	2.37%
ENERGY	1.07%	TRADING	2.07%
SOLAR	1.04%	DESIGN	1.93%
CONSULTING	0.99%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
MY	0.92%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
ELECTRICAL	0.83%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
CONSTRUCTION	0.81%	BUSINESS	1.73%
J	0.74%	MEDIA	1.72%
CONSULTANTS	0.74%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
M	0.72%	LONDON	1.66%
CARE	0.65%	J	1.54%
S	0.65%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
FREE	0.65%	GLOBAL	1.50%
TRADING	0.64%	IT	1.40%
ENGINEERING	0.64%	CARE	1.34%
RENEWABLE	0.63%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
(YORKSHIRE)	0.63%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
PROPERTIES	0.63%	M	1.27%
BUSINESS	0.61%	BUILDING	1.24%
ASSOCIATES	0.61%	ENERGY	1.20%
DESIGN	0.61%	S	1.20%
TRAINING	0.58%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	3,512	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	784	52,735
99999 - Dormant Company	361	25,084
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	351	35,233
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	268	13,637
9999 - Dormant Company	232	18,617
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	210	19,704
74990 - Non-trading company	158	9,729
7414 - Business & management consultancy	147	12,113
9305 - Other service activities	112	8,818
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	106	14,303
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	102	9,892
62090 - Other information technology service activities	101	8,145
7499 - Non-trading company	98	9,102
43210 - Electrical installation	85	3,573
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	83	3,931
5530 - Restaurants	82	4,633
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	80	5,169
7260 - Other computer related activities	77	7,154
41100 - Development of building projects	74	4,984