

Stockport

q1 2012 business confidence report



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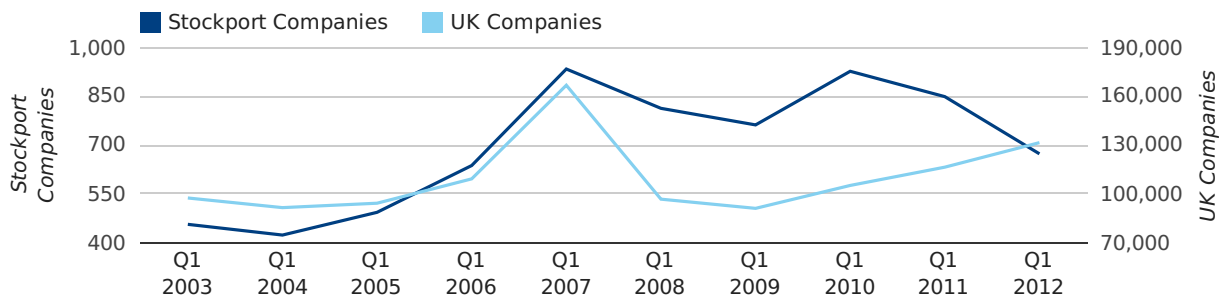
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 673 companies were registered in Stockport during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 20.7% 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.

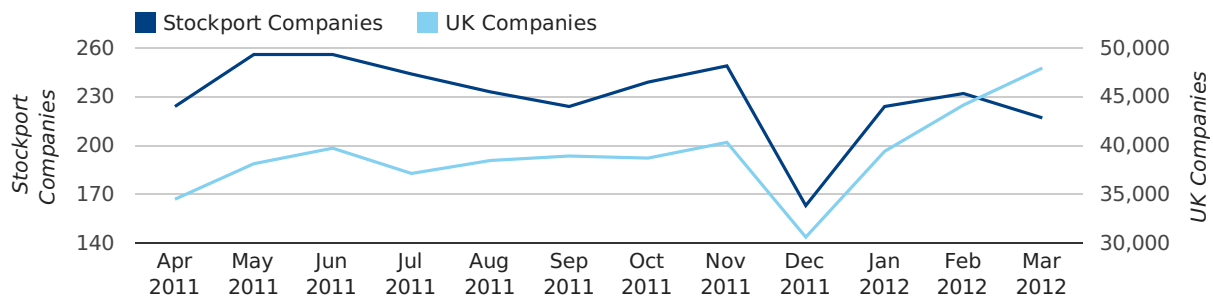
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	STOCKPORT	UK
2012	673	131,491
2011	849	116,391
% CHANGE	-20.7%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (934)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	224	232	217
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	261	262	326
% CHANGE	-14.2%	-11.5%	-33.4%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (319)	2010 (296)	2007 (360)

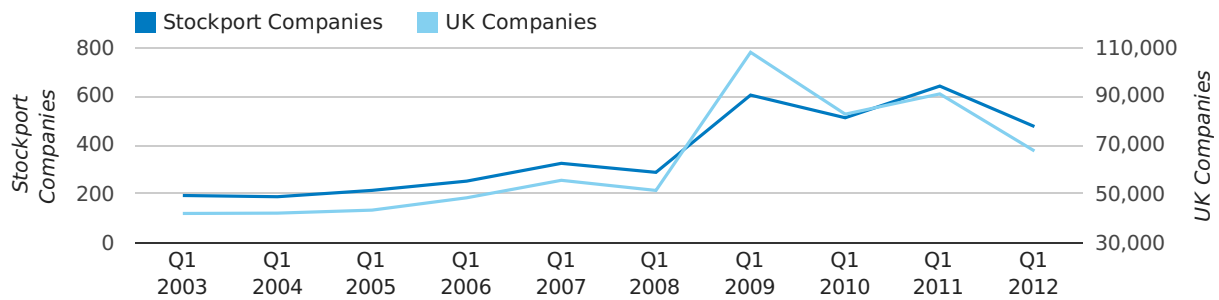
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 476 companies were dissolved in Stockport during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 25.9% 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.

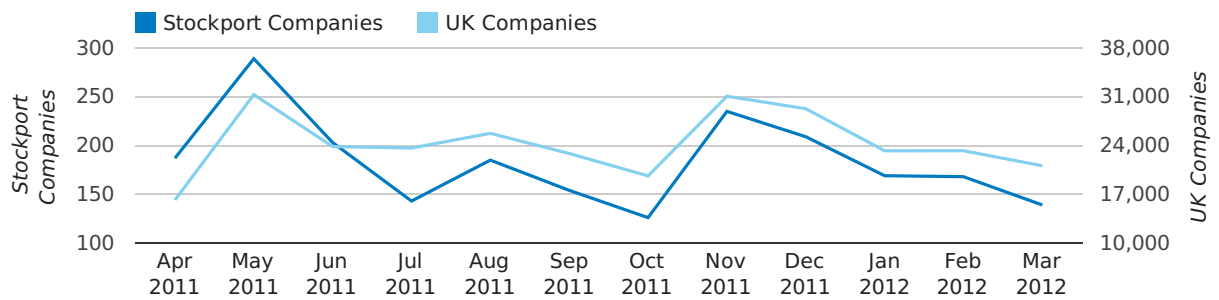
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	STOCKPORT	UK
2012	476	67,576
2011	642	90,986
% CHANGE	-25.9%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (642)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	169	168	139
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	205	212	225
% CHANGE	-17.6%	-20.8%	-38%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (205)	2011 (212)	2009 (400)

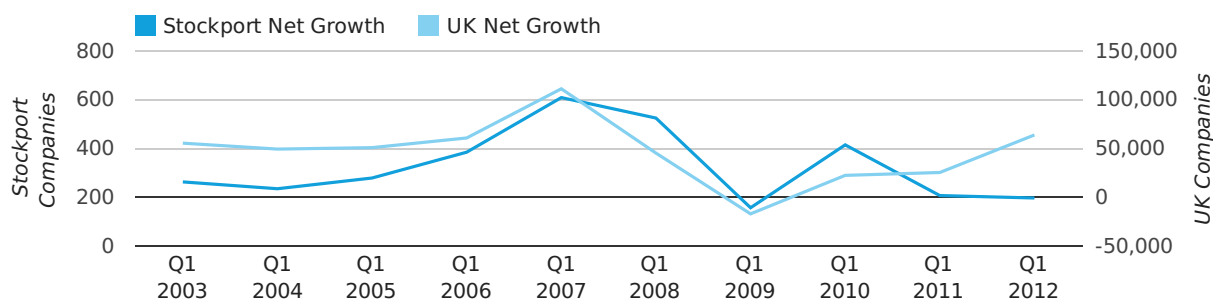
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Stockport during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 197 companies.

This represents a decrease of 4.8% on the same period last year.

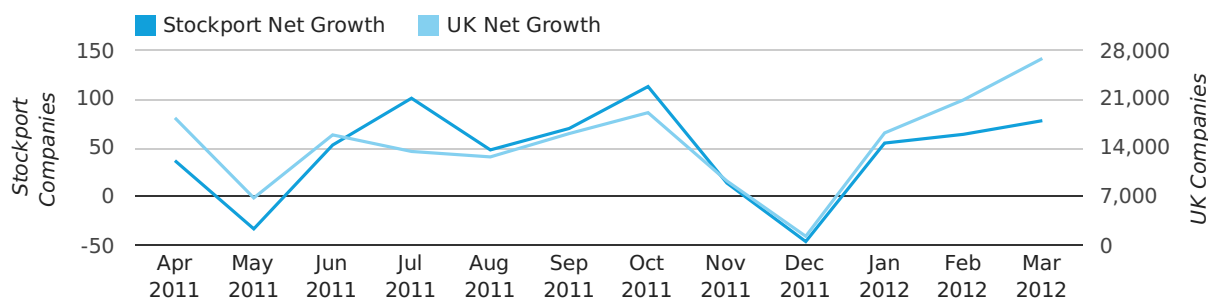
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	STOCKPORT	UK
2012	197	63,915
2011	207	25,405
% CHANGE	-4.8%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (609)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



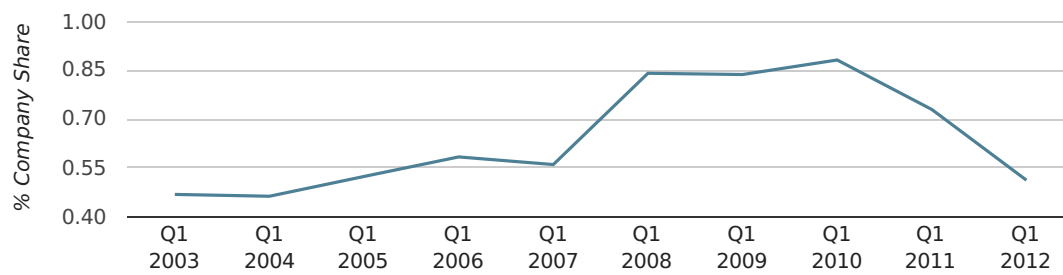
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	55	64	78
NET GROWTH IN 2011	56	50	101
% CHANGE	-1.8%	28.0%	-22.8%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (199)	2007 (196)	2007 (256)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Stockport formed 0.5% of all UK companies.

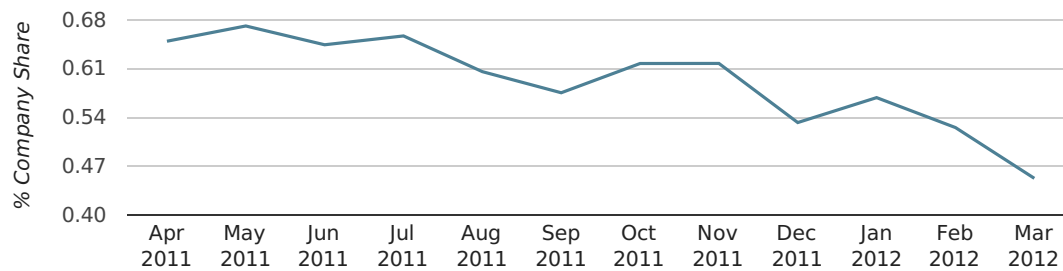
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	STOCKPORT
2012	0.5%
2011	0.7%
2010	0.9%
2009	0.8%
2008	0.8%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2010 (0.9%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.6%	0.5%	0.5%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%
% CHANGE	-26.4%	-24.3%	-37.7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (1.1%)	2010 (0.9%)	2009 (0.8%)

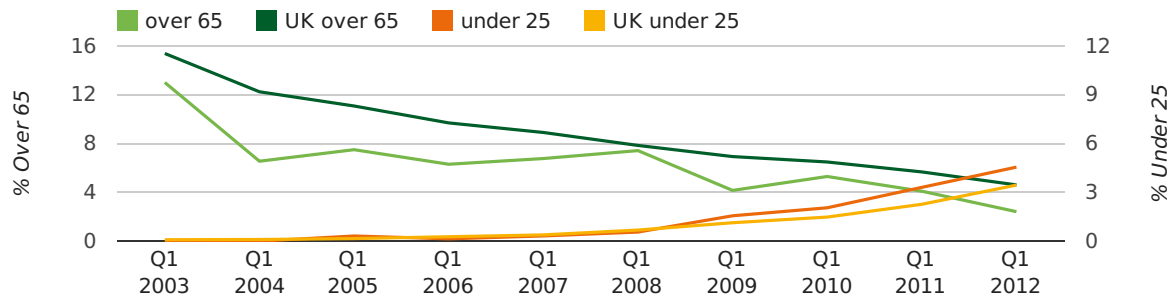
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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 4.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

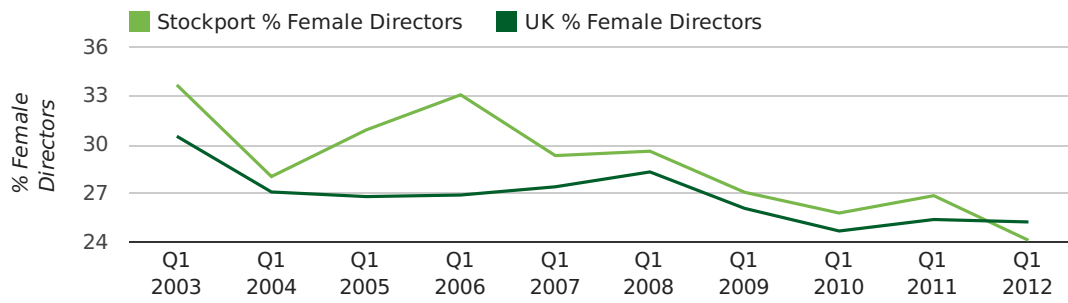


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

24.1% of all director appointments in Stockport 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
NORWAY	2.55%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	1.81%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.43%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
OG	1.20%	PROPERTY	2.37%
MEDIA	0.98%	TRADING	2.07%
CONSULTANCY	0.77%	DESIGN	1.93%
INVEST	0.77%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
DESIGN	0.72%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
ENGINEERING	0.69%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
MARKETING	0.64%	BUSINESS	1.73%
TRADING	0.58%	MEDIA	1.72%
NORDIC	0.58%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
BUSINESS	0.56%	LONDON	1.66%
BYGG	0.56%	J	1.54%
CONSULTANTS	0.50%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
SERVICE	0.50%	GLOBAL	1.50%
STOCKPORT	0.48%	IT	1.40%
PROPERTIES	0.48%	CARE	1.34%
NORGE	0.45%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CARE	0.45%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
J	0.43%	M	1.27%
PROPERTY	0.43%	BUILDING	1.24%
CONSULT	0.43%	ENERGY	1.20%
CHESHIRE	0.43%	S	1.20%
BUILDING	0.40%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,763	216,665
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	1,523	35,233
7487 - Other business activities	1,387	52,735
99999 - Dormant Company	102	25,084
9999 - Dormant Company	83	18,617
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	65	13,637
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	64	19,704
7414 - Business & management consultancy	52	12,113
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	51	14,303
74990 - Non-trading company	50	9,729
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	43	9,892
9305 - Other service activities	41	8,818
7260 - Other computer related activities	31	7,154
7499 - Non-trading company	30	9,102
62090 - Other information technology service activities	27	8,145
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	26	6,934
62012 - Business and domestic software development	24	4,356
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	23	4,132
64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified	23	3,136
5530 - Restaurants	21	4,633