

Stourbridge

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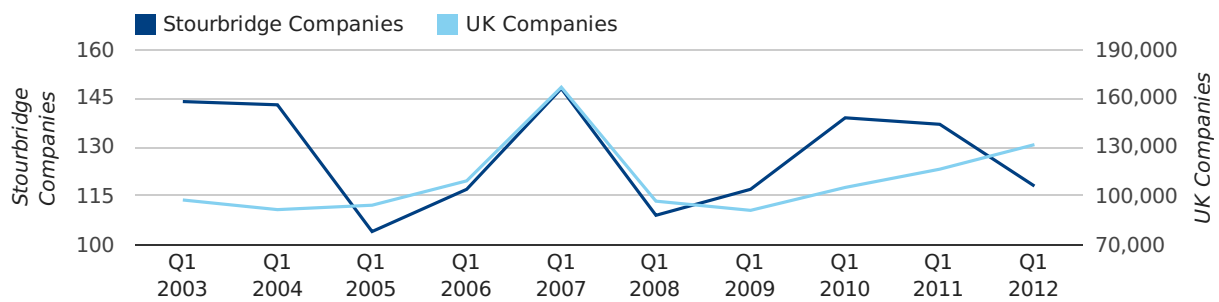
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 118 companies were registered in Stourbridge during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 13.9% 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.

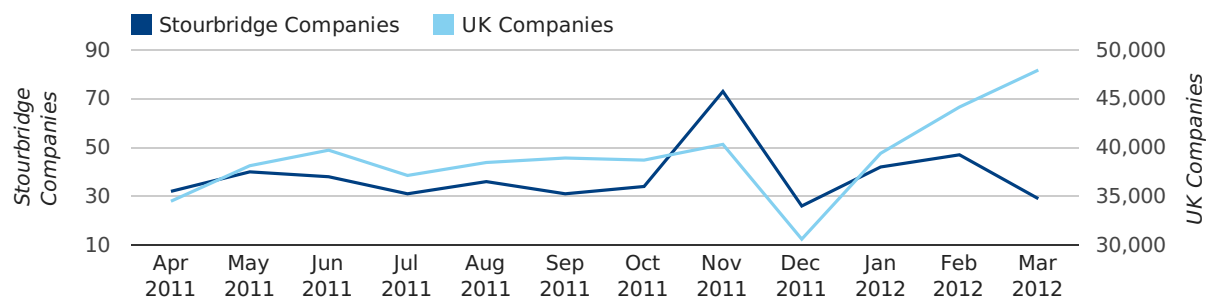
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2012	118	131,491
2011	137	116,391
% CHANGE	-13.9%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (148)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	42	47	29
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	44	36	57
% CHANGE	-4.5%	30.6%	-49.1%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (45)	2003 (51)	2010 (62)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 51 companies were dissolved in Stourbridge during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 46.9% 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.

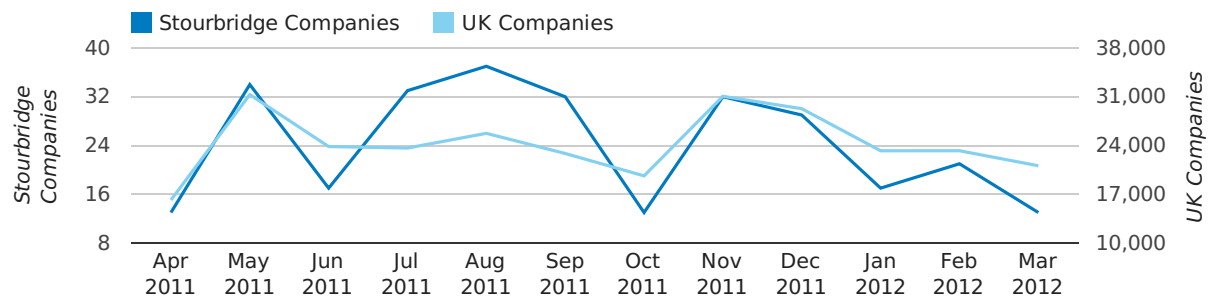
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2012	51	67,576
2011	96	90,986
% CHANGE	-46.9%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (113)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	17	21	13
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	36	30	30
% CHANGE	-52.8%	-30.0%	-57%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (36)	2010 (38)	2009 (64)

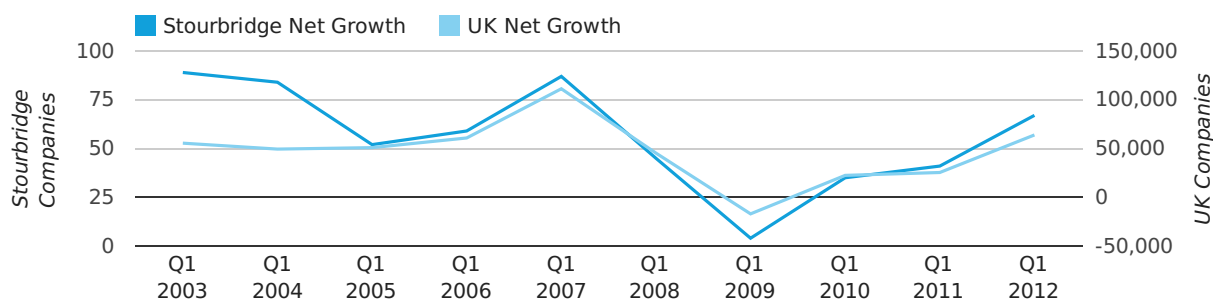
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Stourbridge during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 67 companies.

This represents an increase of 63.4% on the same period last year.

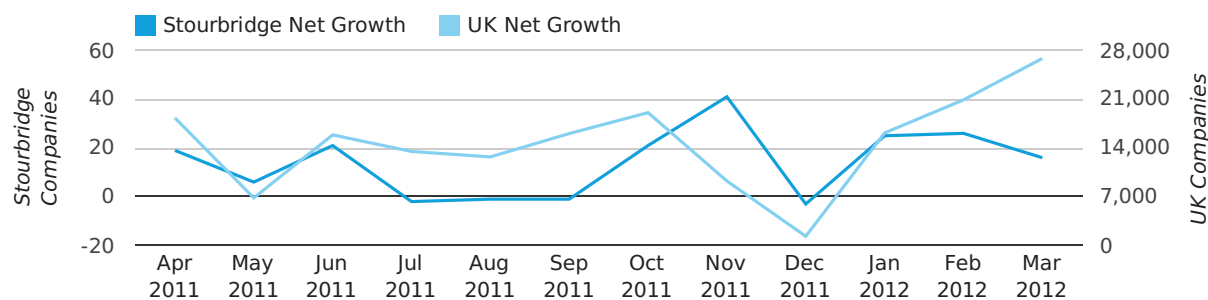
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2012	67	63,915
2011	41	25,405
% CHANGE	63.4%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (89)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



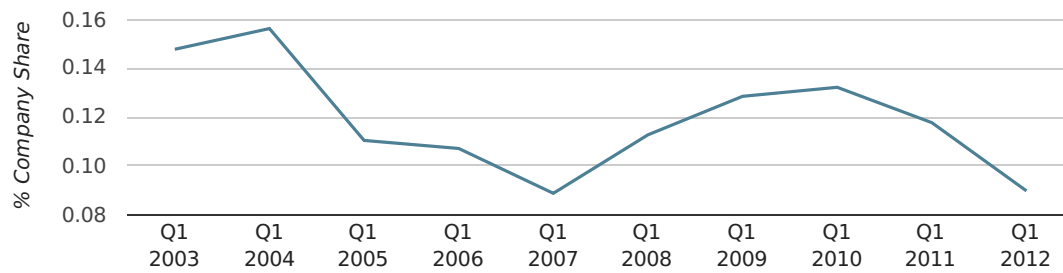
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	25	26	16
NET GROWTH IN 2011	8	6	27
% CHANGE	212.5%	333.3%	-40.7%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (28)	2003 (38)	2007 (43)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

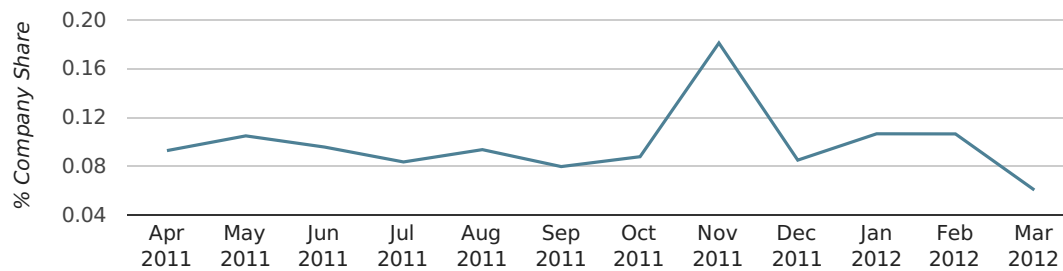
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	STOURBRIDGE
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (0.3%)

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%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-18.1%	11.8%	-52.4%
RECORD YEAR	1964 (0.6%)	1965 (0.4%)	1963 (0.4%)

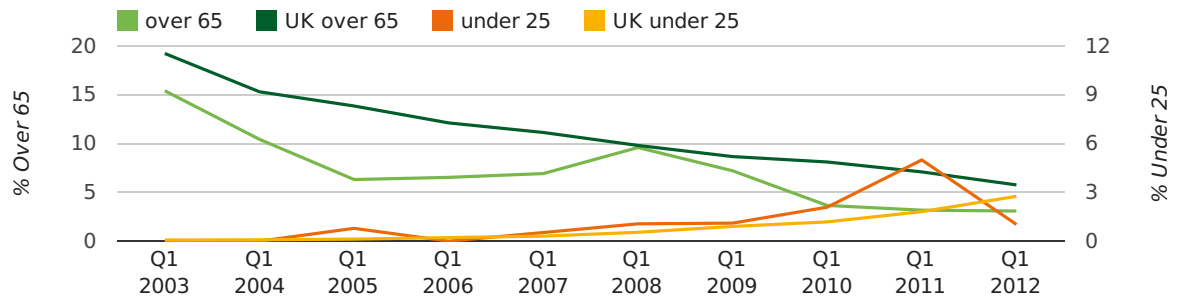
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 44.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

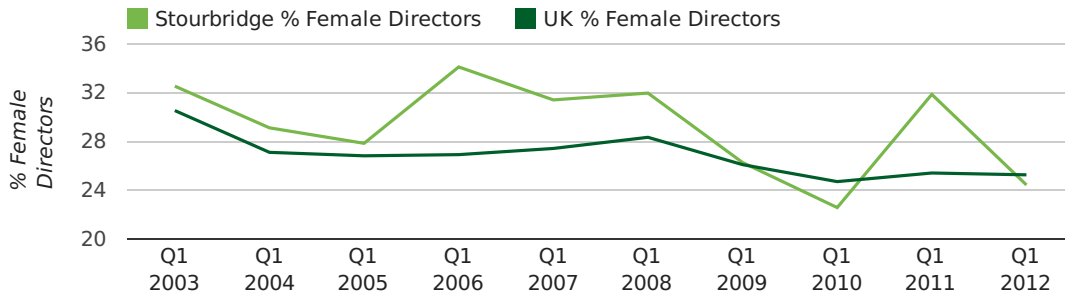


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

24.4% of all director appointments in Stourbridge 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
W	3.63%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	2.42%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.09%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
PROPERTY	1.09%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSULTANCY	0.85%	TRADING	2.07%
DESIGN	0.85%	DESIGN	1.93%
(MIDLANDS)	0.73%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
SOLAR	0.73%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
ASSOCIATES	0.73%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
RIVERS	0.60%	BUSINESS	1.73%
FIVE	0.60%	MEDIA	1.72%
J	0.60%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
BUSINESS	0.60%	LONDON	1.66%
HOLDINGS	0.48%	J	1.54%
STOURBRIDGE	0.48%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
T	0.48%	GLOBAL	1.50%
TRANSPORT	0.48%	IT	1.40%
B	0.48%	CARE	1.34%
PARTNERSHIP	0.48%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CO	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
MIDLANDS	0.48%	M	1.27%
INVESTMENTS	0.48%	BUILDING	1.24%
ENGINEERING	0.48%	ENERGY	1.20%
PROPERTIES	0.48%	S	1.20%
FINANCIAL	0.48%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	197	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	88	52,735
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	33	9,892
99999 - Dormant Company	25	25,084
74990 - Non-trading company	24	9,729
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	23	35,233
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	20	19,704
9999 - Dormant Company	18	18,617
7499 - Non-trading company	17	9,102
41100 - Development of building projects	13	4,984
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	12	14,303
86900 - Other human health activities	10	5,066
32990 - Other manufacturing not elsewhere classified	10	1,796
7414 - Business & management consultancy	9	12,113
7260 - Other computer related activities	9	7,154
62090 - Other information technology service activities	8	8,145
9305 - Other service activities	8	8,818
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	7	13,637
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	7	5,169
49410 - Freight transport by road	7	2,781