

# Suffolk

q1 2012 business confidence report



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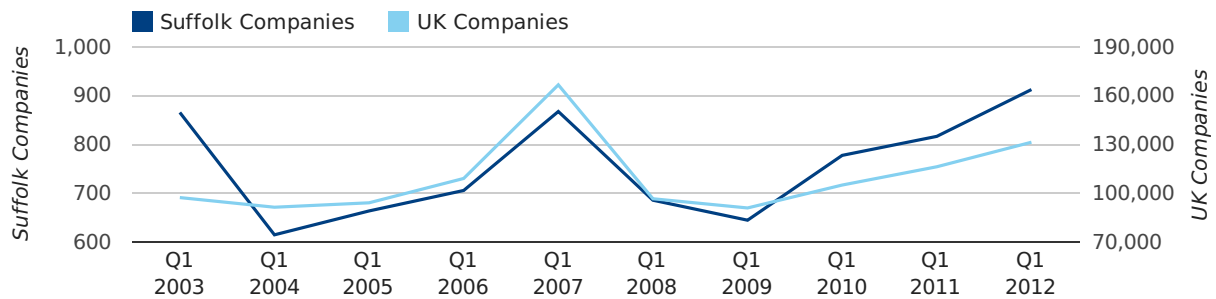
Q1 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Suffolk when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 913 companies were registered in Suffolk during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 11.8% 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)	SUFFOLK	UK
2012	913	131,491
2011	817	116,391
% CHANGE	11.8%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (913)	2007 (166,814)

### new companies by quarter

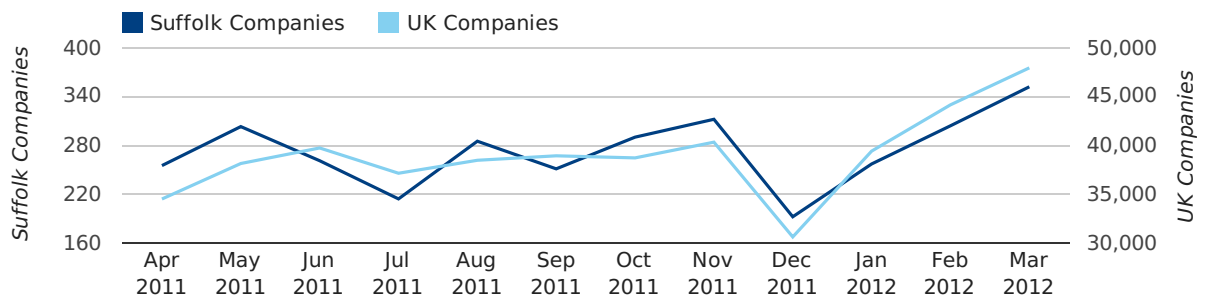


### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Suffolk when compared to any previous February.

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

### new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	257	304	352
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	209	275	333
% CHANGE	23.0%	10.5%	5.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (257)	2012 (304)	2007 (370)

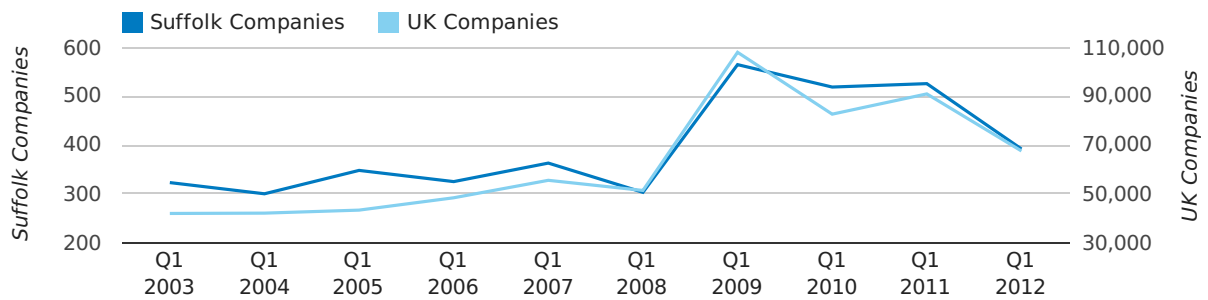
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 392 companies were dissolved in Suffolk during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 25.5% 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)	SUFFOLK	UK
2012	392	67,576
2011	526	90,986
% CHANGE	-25.5%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (565)	2009 (108,060)

### dissolved companies by quarter



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

### dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	129	135	128
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	197	160	169
% CHANGE	-34.5%	-15.6%	-24%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (197)	2008 (170)	2009 (313)

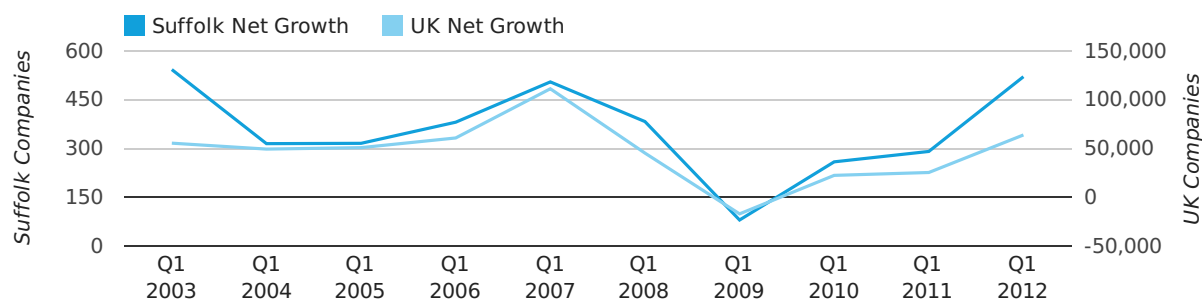
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Suffolk during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 521 companies.

This represents an increase of 79.0% on the same period last year.

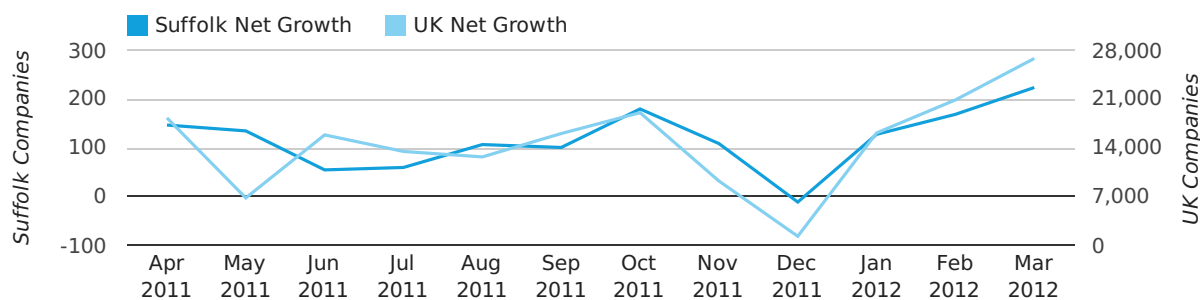
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	SUFFOLK	UK
2012	521	63,915
2011	291	25,405
% CHANGE	79.0%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (543)	2007 (111,282)

### net growth by quarter



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

### net growth by month



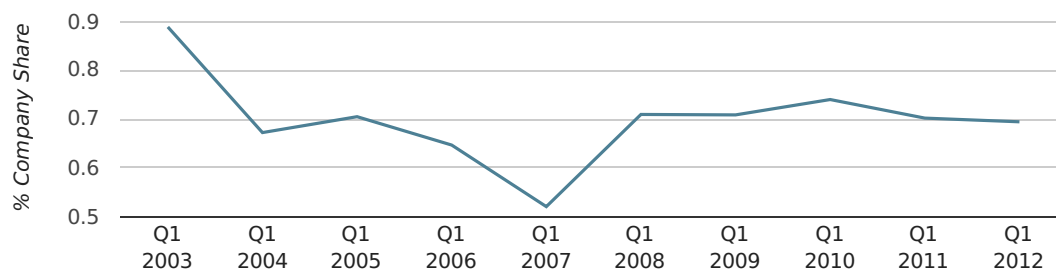
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	128	169	224
NET GROWTH IN 2011	12	115	164
% CHANGE	966.7%	47.0%	36.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (129)	2003 (195)	2007 (261)

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

In the first quarter of 2012, Suffolk formed 0.7% of all UK companies.

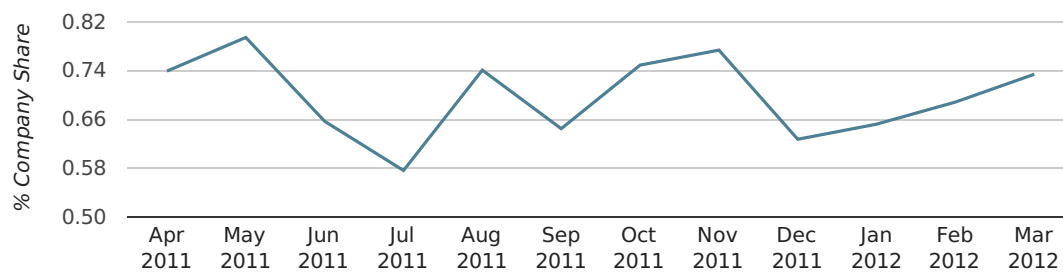
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	SUFFOLK
2012	0.7%
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1976 (1.3%)

### company share by quarter



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

### company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.6%	0.7%	0.7%
% CHANGE	5.4%	-5.4%	-1.1%
RECORD YEAR	1976 (1.5%)	1966 (1.4%)	1961 (1.5%)

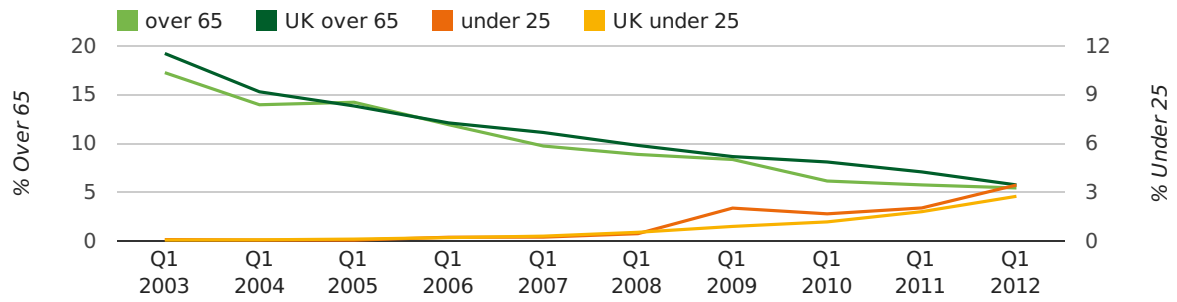
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 45.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

#### director age by quarter



## Previous 12 months (Mar 2011-Mar 2012)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &amp;, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	1.67%	CONSULTING	5.07%
SUFFOLK	1.59%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.38%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
CONSULTANCY	1.07%	PROPERTY	2.37%
J	1.05%	TRADING	2.07%
PROPERTY	1.02%	DESIGN	1.93%
DESIGN	0.79%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
ANGLIA	0.71%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
ELECTRICAL	0.71%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
CARE	0.71%	BUSINESS	1.73%
EAST	0.71%	MEDIA	1.72%
ASSOCIATES	0.69%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
ENGINEERING	0.69%	LONDON	1.66%
CONSULTANTS	0.62%	J	1.54%
CONSTRUCTION	0.62%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
HEATING	0.59%	GLOBAL	1.50%
BUSINESS	0.59%	IT	1.40%
TRADING	0.57%	CARE	1.34%
SCHOOL	0.57%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
YOUR	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
S	0.55%	M	1.27%
ENERGY	0.52%	BUILDING	1.24%
GREEN	0.52%	ENERGY	1.20%
MEDIA	0.52%	S	1.20%
D	0.52%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%



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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,075	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	315	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	209	35,233
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	168	19,704
99999 - Dormant Company	153	25,084
9999 - Dormant Company	118	18,617
7414 - Business & management consultancy	96	12,113
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	91	14,303
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	87	13,637
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	77	9,892
62090 - Other information technology service activities	64	8,145
74990 - Non-trading company	62	9,729
41100 - Development of building projects	59	4,984
7499 - Non-trading company	51	9,102
9305 - Other service activities	48	8,818
7260 - Other computer related activities	43	7,154
86900 - Other human health activities	42	5,066
62012 - Business and domestic software development	41	4,356
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	40	5,169
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	40	4,132