

Tamworth

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

- January 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Tamworth when compared to any previous January.
- Q1 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Tamworth when compared to any previous Q1.

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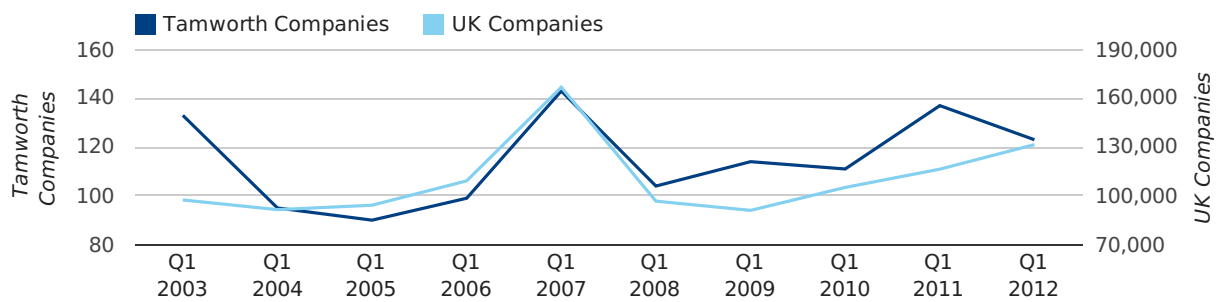
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 123 companies were registered in Tamworth during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 10.2% 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)	TAMWORTH	UK
2012	123	131,491
2011	137	116,391
% CHANGE	-10.2%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (143)	2007 (166,814)

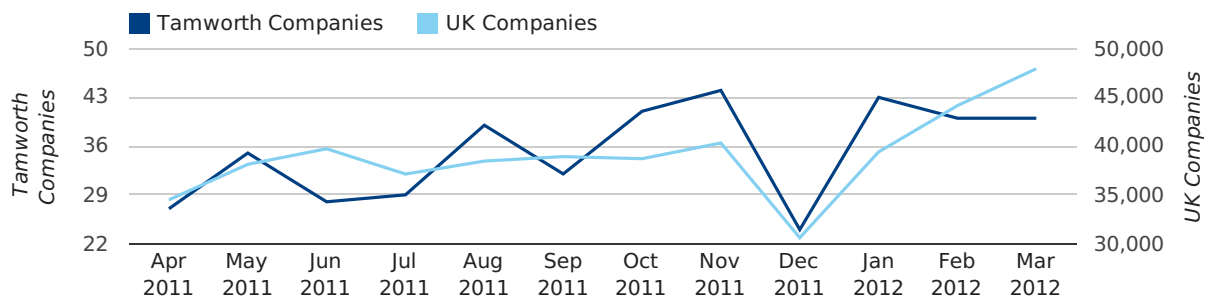
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	43	40	40
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	35	43	59
% CHANGE	22.9%	-7.0%	-32.2%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (43)	2007 (52)	2003 (59)

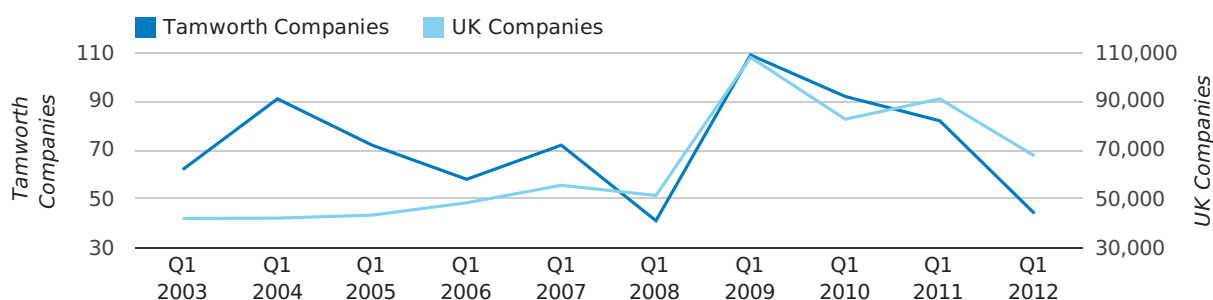
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 44 companies were dissolved in Tamworth during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 46.3% 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.

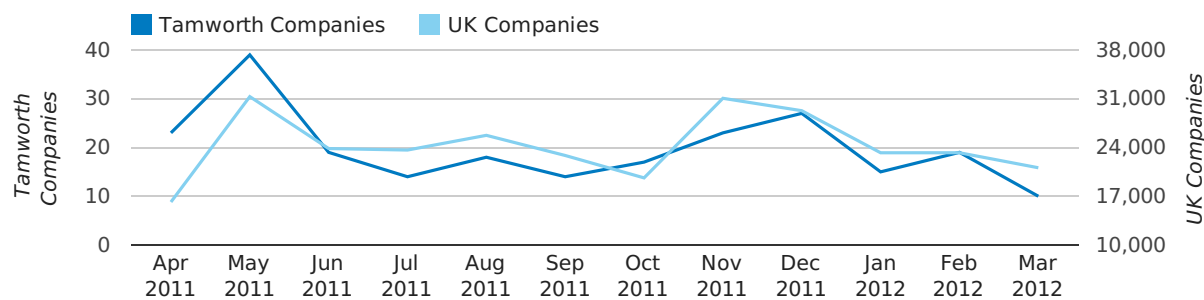
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	TAMWORTH	UK
2012	44	67,576
2011	82	90,986
% CHANGE	-46.3%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (109)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	15	19	10
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	31	19	32
% CHANGE	-51.6%	0.0%	-69%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (31)	2009 (28)	2009 (57)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

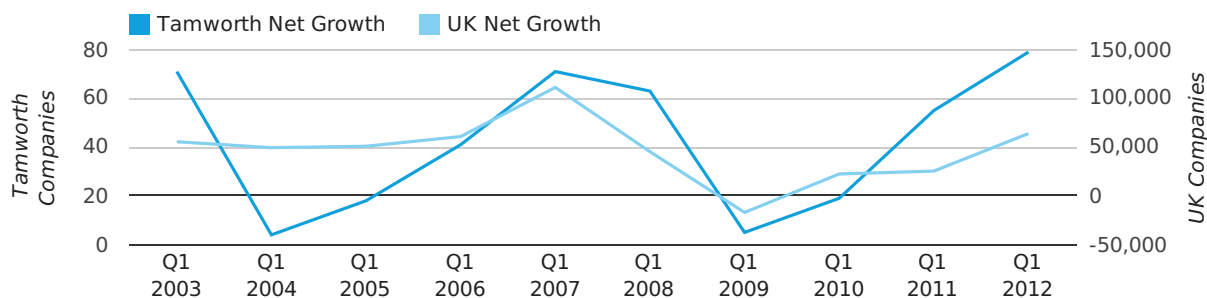
Q1 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Tamworth when compared to any previous Q1.

Net company growth for Tamworth during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 79 companies.

This represents an increase of 43.6% on the same period last year.

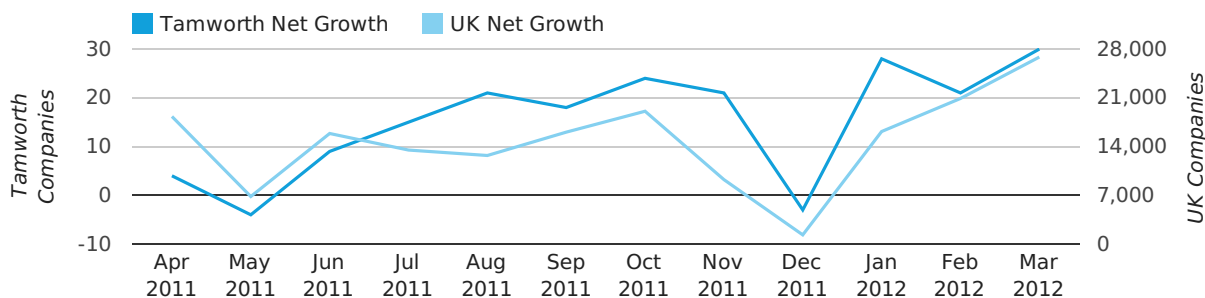
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	TAMWORTH	UK
2012	79	63,915
2011	55	25,405
% CHANGE	43.6%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (79)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



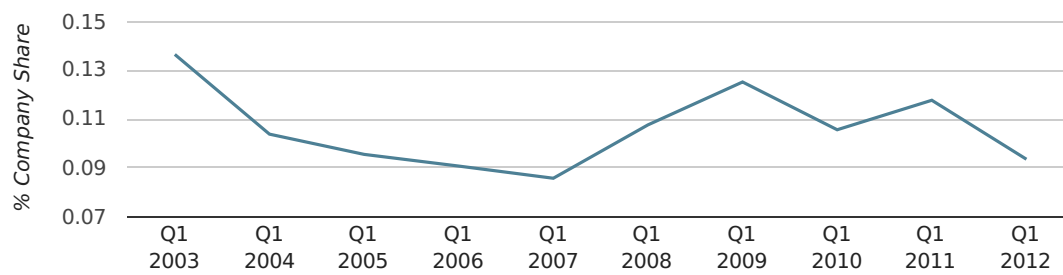
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	28	21	30
NET GROWTH IN 2011	4	24	27
% CHANGE	600.0%	-12.5%	11.1%
RECORD YEAR	1998 (33)	2007 (28)	2008 (41)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

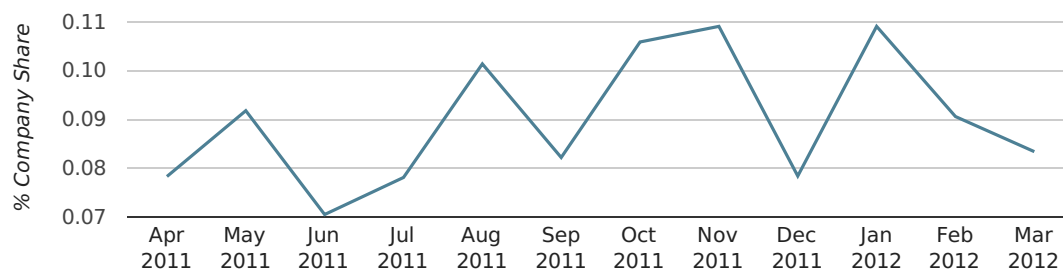
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	TAMWORTH
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1975 (0.3%)

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	5.3%	-20.5%	-36.6%
RECORD YEAR	1971 (0.4%)	1968 (0.6%)	1975 (0.5%)

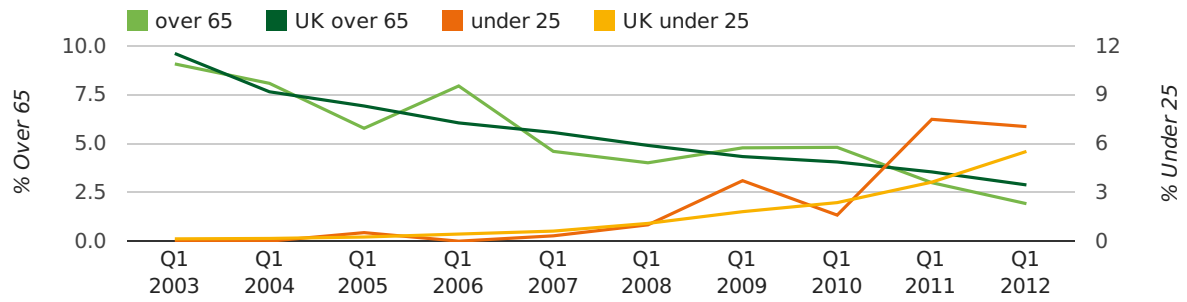
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 41.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 7.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

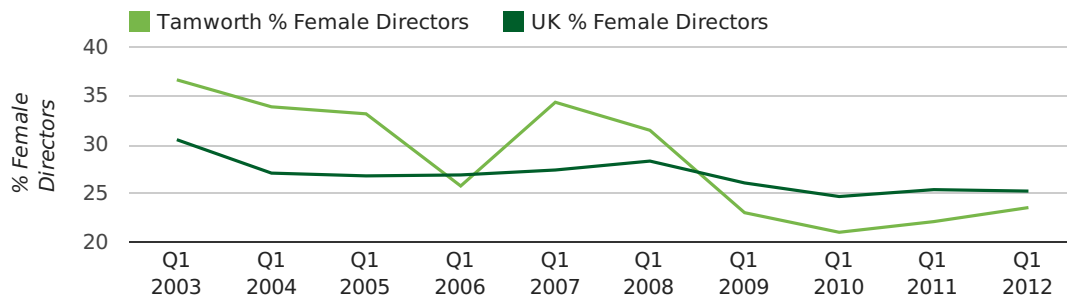


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

23.6% of all director appointments in Tamworth 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
TAMWORTH	1.46%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	1.20%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
TRANSPORT	1.20%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
J	1.20%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSULTANCY	1.20%	TRADING	2.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.20%	DESIGN	1.93%
ELECTRICAL	0.93%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
M	0.93%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
(MIDLANDS)	0.93%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
LOGISTICS	0.80%	BUSINESS	1.73%
DRIVING	0.80%	MEDIA	1.72%
DESIGN	0.80%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
BUILDING	0.66%	LONDON	1.66%
S	0.66%	J	1.54%
(TAMWORTH)	0.66%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
INSTALLATIONS	0.66%	GLOBAL	1.50%
FACILITIES	0.53%	IT	1.40%
BUSINESS	0.53%	CARE	1.34%
HOME	0.53%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ENTERPRISES	0.53%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
C	0.53%	M	1.27%
PROPERTY	0.53%	BUILDING	1.24%
LEISURE	0.53%	ENERGY	1.20%
ONE	0.53%	S	1.20%
TOTAL	0.53%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	198	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	63	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	27	35,233
99999 - Dormant Company	25	25,084
43210 - Electrical installation	15	3,573
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	14	9,892
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	13	19,704
9999 - Dormant Company	13	18,617
7414 - Business & management consultancy	12	12,113
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	12	13,637
49410 - Freight transport by road	10	2,781
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	10	14,303
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	9	2,832
93290 - Other amusement and recreation activities not elsewhere classified	9	1,757
9305 - Other service activities	8	8,818
43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation	8	2,693
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	8	3,931
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	8	4,427
62090 - Other information technology service activities	7	8,145
4525 - Other special trades construction	7	1,547