

Taunton

q1 2012 business confidence report



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- Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Taunton when compared to any quarter in history.
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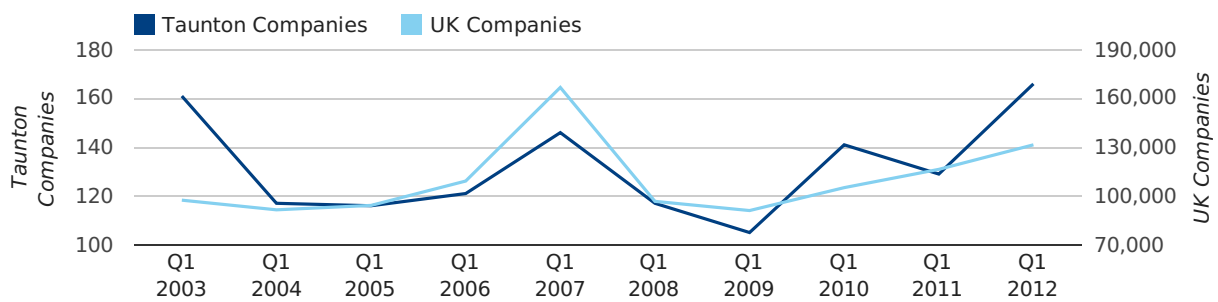
Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Taunton when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 166 companies were registered in Taunton during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 28.7% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares well 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)	TAUNTON	UK
2012	166	131,491
2011	129	116,391
% CHANGE	28.7%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (166)	2007 (166,814)

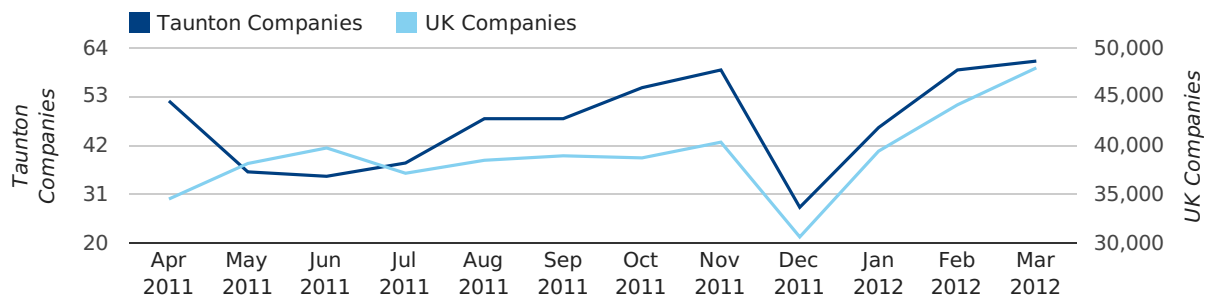
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	46	59	61
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	33	46	50
% CHANGE	39.4%	28.3%	22.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (48)	2012 (59)	2010 (73)

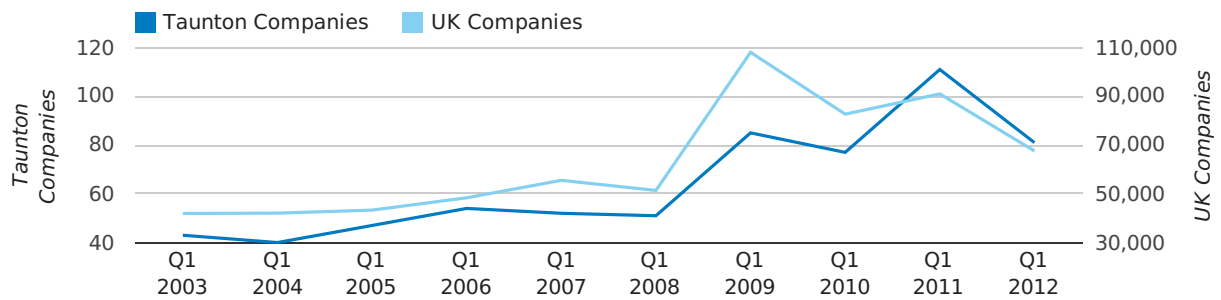
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 81 companies were dissolved in Taunton during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 27.0% 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.

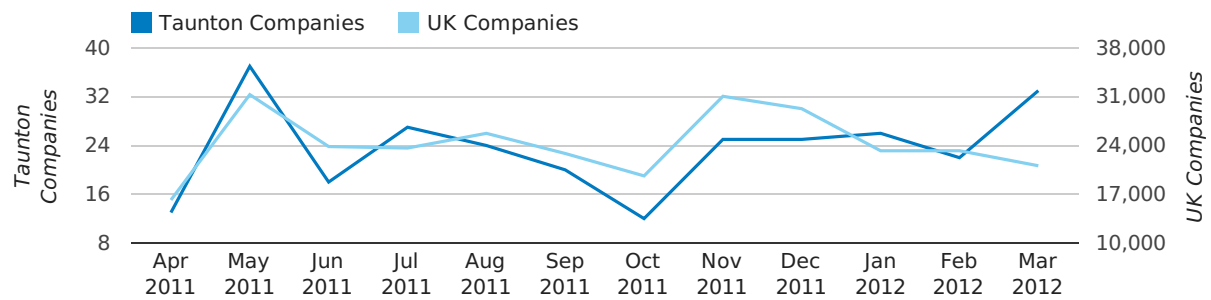
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	TAUNTON	UK
2012	81	67,576
2011	111	90,986
% CHANGE	-27.0%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (111)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	26	22	33
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	50	26	35
% CHANGE	-48.0%	-15.4%	-6%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (50)	2008 (31)	2009 (53)

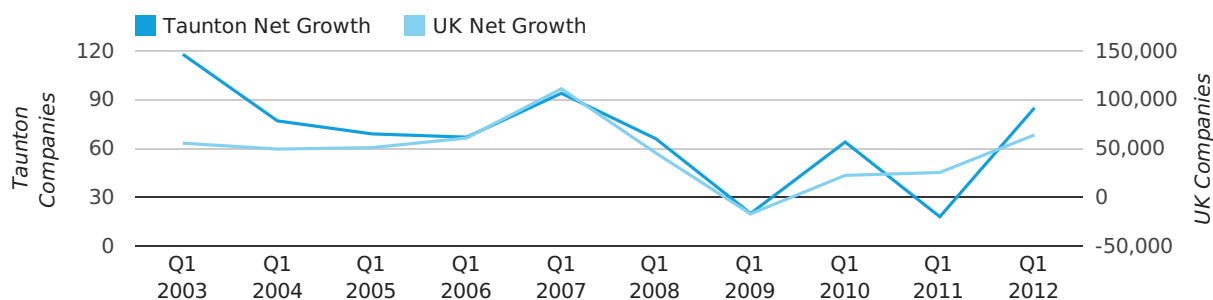
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Taunton during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 85 companies.

This represents an increase of 372.2% on the same period last year.

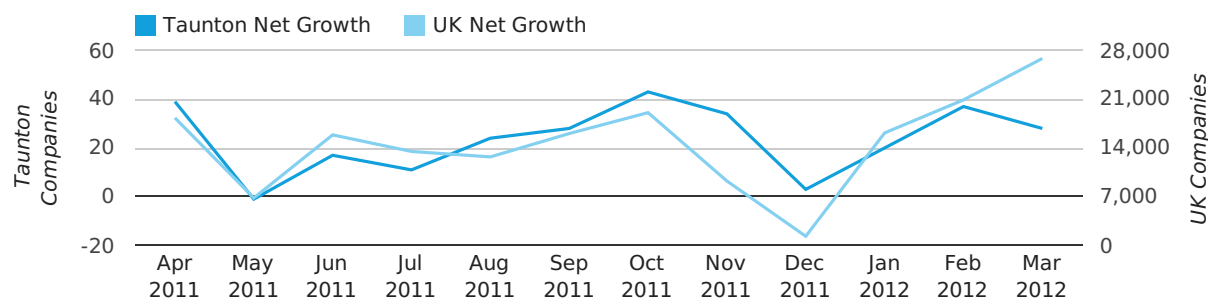
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	TAUNTON	UK
2012	85	63,915
2011	18	25,405
% CHANGE	372.2%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (118)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



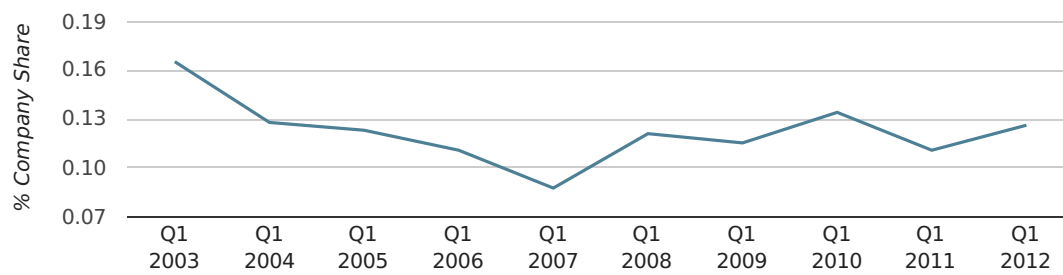
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	20	37	28
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-17	20	15
% CHANGE	-217.6%	85.0%	86.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (29)	2003 (45)	2007 (60)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

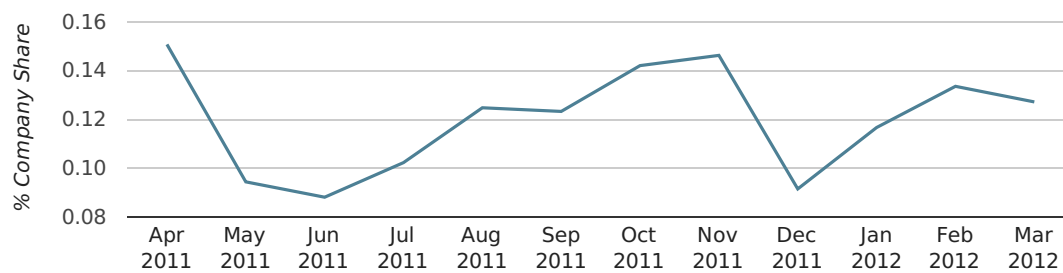
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	TAUNTON
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.3%)

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	19.4%	9.7%	14.1%
RECORD YEAR	1965 (0.5%)	1961 (0.4%)	1968 (0.4%)

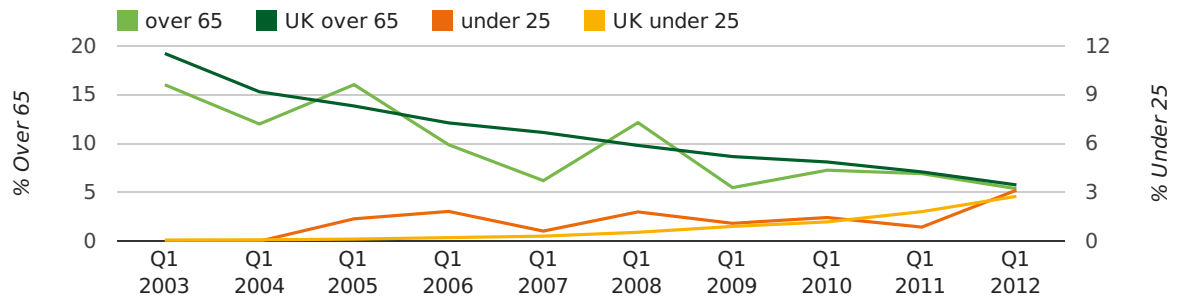
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 47.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

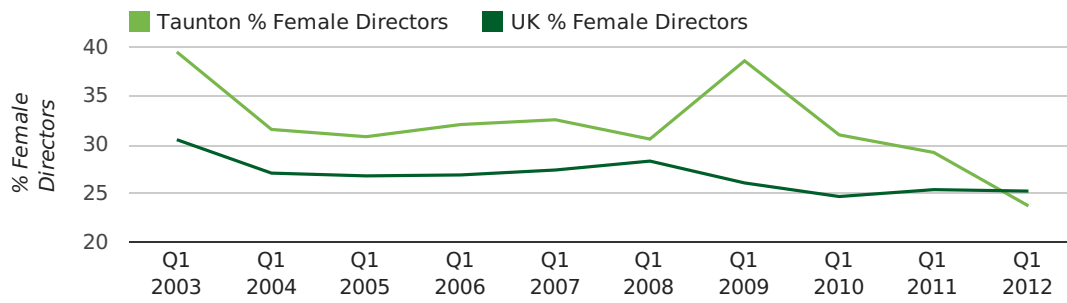


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

23.7% of all director appointments in Taunton 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
12	1.90%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MAR	1.20%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.00%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
TAUNTON	1.00%	PROPERTY	2.37%
WEST	1.00%	TRADING	2.07%
FEB	0.90%	DESIGN	1.93%
MANAGEMENT	0.90%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
CARE	0.90%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
WEST)	0.80%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
HIGHER	0.80%	BUSINESS	1.73%
(SOUTH	0.80%	MEDIA	1.72%
BUSINESS	0.80%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
SOUTH	0.70%	LONDON	1.66%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.70%	J	1.54%
MOORE	0.70%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
CONSULTANCY	0.70%	GLOBAL	1.50%
PROJECTS	0.60%	IT	1.40%
SOUTHWEST	0.60%	CARE	1.34%
CONSULTANTS	0.60%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
FARM	0.60%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
SCARROTT	0.60%	M	1.27%
SCHOOL	0.60%	BUILDING	1.24%
HOUSE	0.50%	ENERGY	1.20%
CONSTRUCTION	0.50%	S	1.20%
ENERGY	0.50%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	160	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	46	52,735
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	35	19,704
99999 - Dormant Company	29	25,084
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41100 - Development of building projects	21	4,984
7414 - Business & management consultancy	20	12,113
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	19	9,892
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	18	35,233
9305 - Other service activities	18	8,818
86900 - Other human health activities	17	5,066
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	12	4,132
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	11	4,427
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	11	5,169
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	11	3,448
64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified	9	3,136
7011 - Development & sell real estate	9	2,092
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	9	6,934
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	8	14,303
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	8	3,228