

Wakefield

q1 2012 business confidence report



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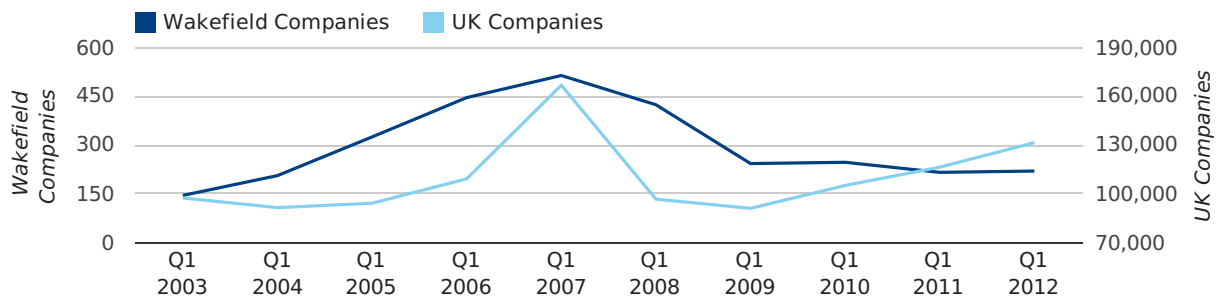
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 220 companies were registered in Wakefield during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 1.9% 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.

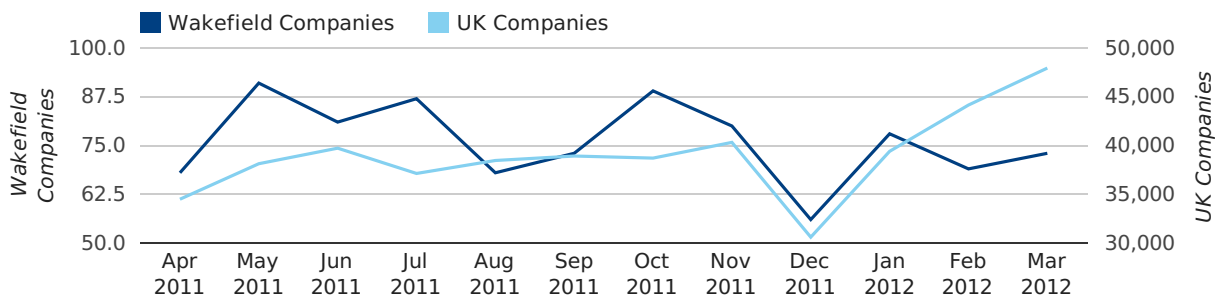
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	WAKEFIELD	UK
2012	220	131,491
2011	216	116,391
% CHANGE	1.9%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (514)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	78	69	73
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	68	63	85
% CHANGE	14.7%	9.5%	-14.1%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (168)	2007 (167)	2007 (194)

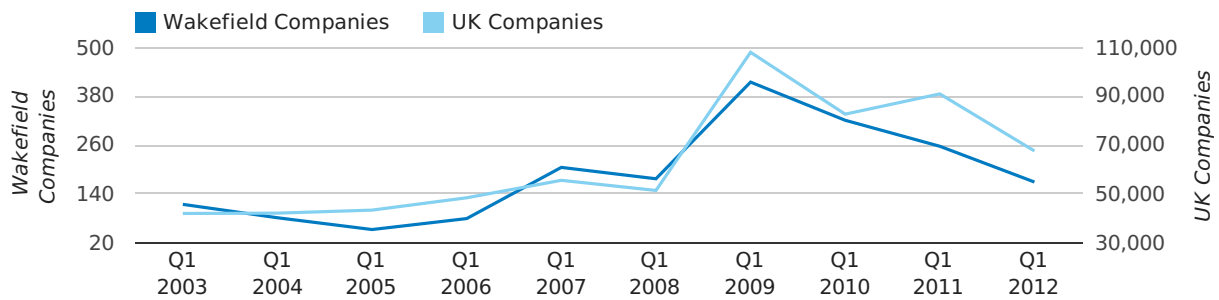
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 169 companies were dissolved in Wakefield during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 34.2% 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.

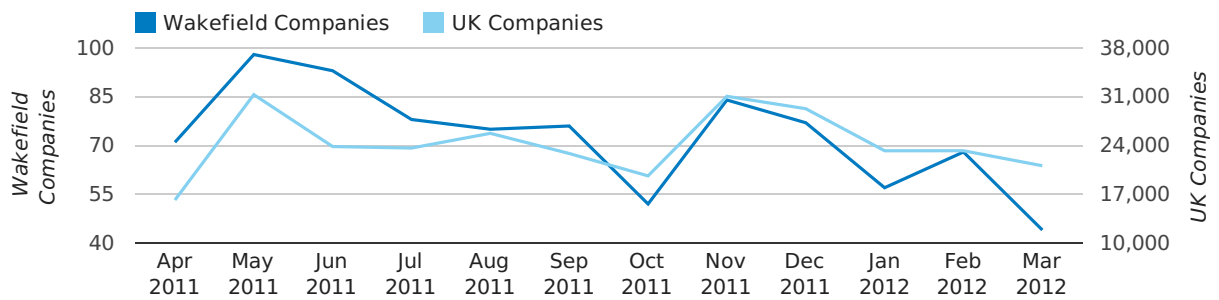
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	WAKEFIELD	UK
2012	169	67,576
2011	257	90,986
% CHANGE	-34.2%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (415)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	57	68	44
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	94	70	93
% CHANGE	-39.4%	-2.9%	-53%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (94)	2010 (123)	2009 (328)

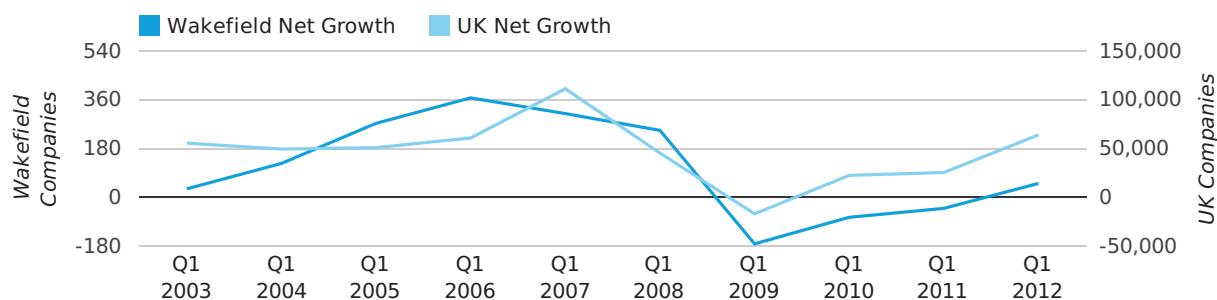
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Wakefield during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 51 companies.

This represents an increase of 224.4% on the same period last year.

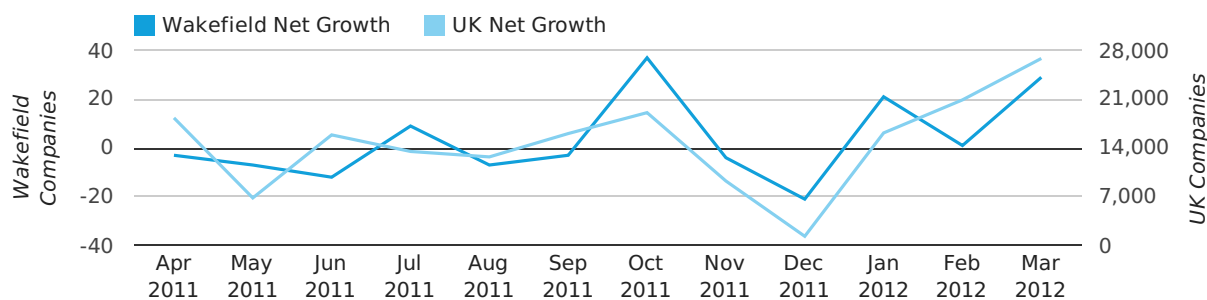
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	WAKEFIELD	UK
2012	51	63,915
2011	-41	25,405
% CHANGE	-224.4%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (367)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



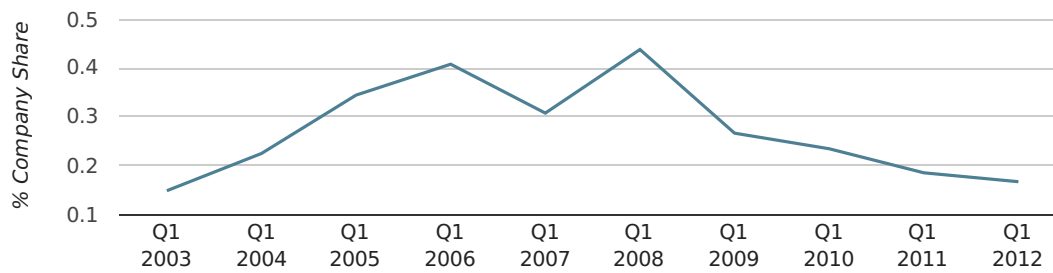
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	21	1	29
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-26	-7	-8
% CHANGE	-180.8%	-114.3%	-462.5%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (138)	2005 (109)	2008 (143)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Wakefield formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

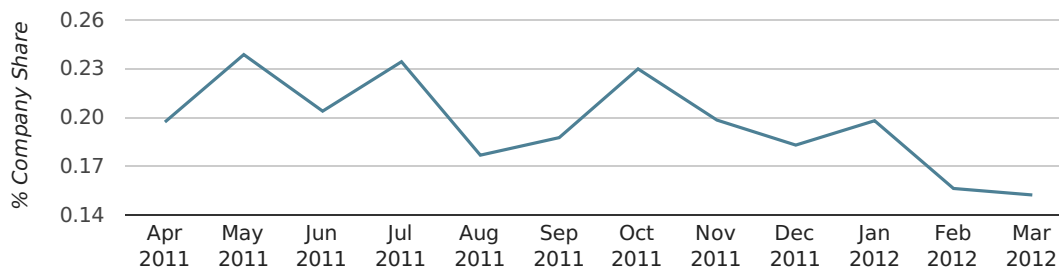
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	WAKEFIELD
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2008 (0.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-1.6%	-6.3%	-19.6%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (0.5%)	1965 (0.7%)	2008 (0.4%)

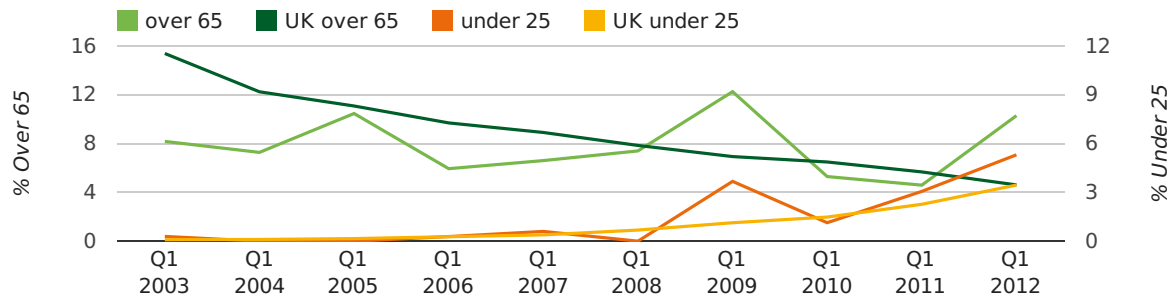
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 44.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 10.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

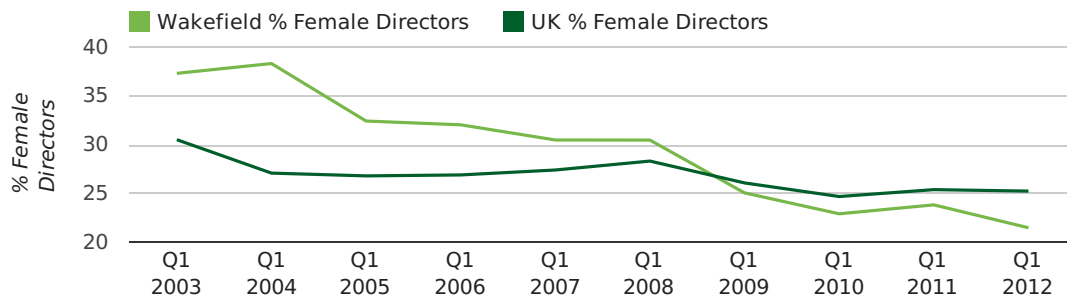


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

21.5% of all director appointments in Wakefield 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
CONSULTING	1.87%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.80%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	0.87%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
WAKEFIELD	0.87%	PROPERTY	2.37%
DESIGN	0.80%	TRADING	2.07%
YORKSHIRE	0.80%	DESIGN	1.93%
ACADEMY	0.67%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
BUSINESS	0.60%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
MEDIA	0.60%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
SERVICE	0.60%	BUSINESS	1.73%
GLOBAL	0.53%	MEDIA	1.72%
(YORKSHIRE)	0.53%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
CONSULTANTS	0.53%	LONDON	1.66%
TRAINING	0.53%	J	1.54%
ASSOCIATES	0.53%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
CONSTRUCTION	0.53%	GLOBAL	1.50%
UND	0.47%	IT	1.40%
B	0.47%	CARE	1.34%
(WAKEFIELD)	0.47%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
LOGISTICS	0.47%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
ENGINEERING	0.47%	M	1.27%
ELECTRICAL	0.47%	BUILDING	1.24%
INVESTMENTS	0.40%	ENERGY	1.20%
TRADING	0.40%	S	1.20%
CENTRE	0.40%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	630	216,665
7499 - Non-trading company	91	9,102
74990 - Non-trading company	69	9,729
7487 - Other business activities	54	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	48	35,233
99999 - Dormant Company	36	25,084
7414 - Business & management consultancy	26	12,113
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	26	19,704
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	23	14,303
7260 - Other computer related activities	20	7,154
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	19	13,637
7440 - Advertising	15	1,628
9305 - Other service activities	15	8,818
62090 - Other information technology service activities	14	8,145
9999 - Dormant Company	14	18,617
86900 - Other human health activities	14	5,066
41100 - Development of building projects	13	4,984
6024 - Freight transport by road	12	2,121
73110 - Advertising agencies	11	2,000
33200 - Installation of industrial machinery and equipment	10	415