

Walsall

q1 2012 business confidence report



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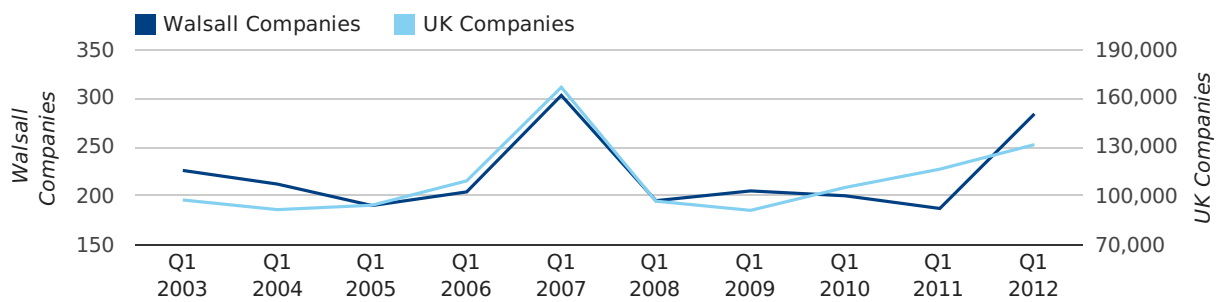
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 284 companies were registered in Walsall during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 51.9% 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)	WALSALL	UK
2012	284	131,491
2011	187	116,391
% CHANGE	51.9%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (303)	2007 (166,814)

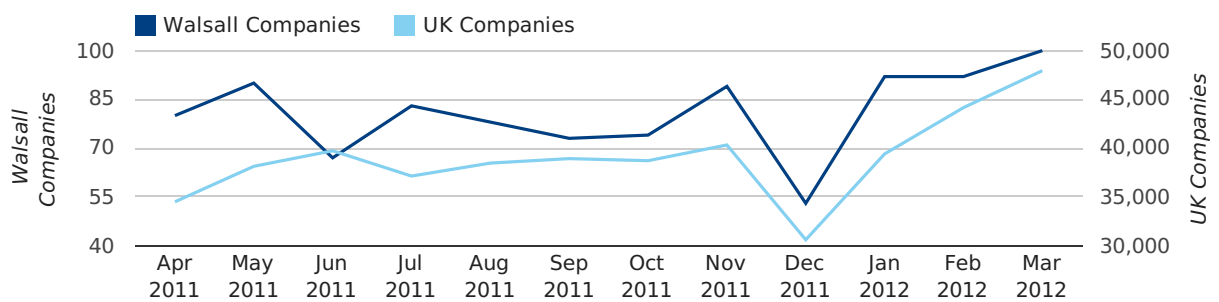
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	92	92	100
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	45	64	78
% CHANGE	104.4%	43.8%	28.2%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (92)	2007 (102)	2007 (117)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 168 companies were dissolved in Walsall during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 29.4% 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.

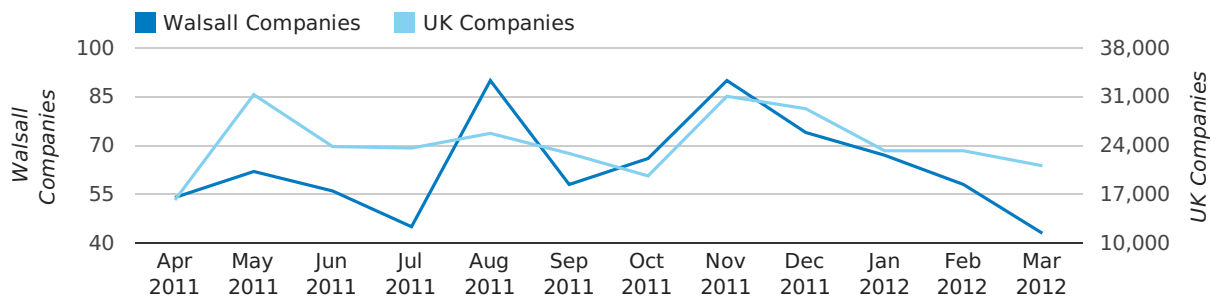
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	WALSALL	UK
2012	168	67,576
2011	238	90,986
% CHANGE	-29.4%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (239)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	67	58	43
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	102	89	47
% CHANGE	-34.3%	-34.8%	-9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (102)	2011 (89)	2009 (150)

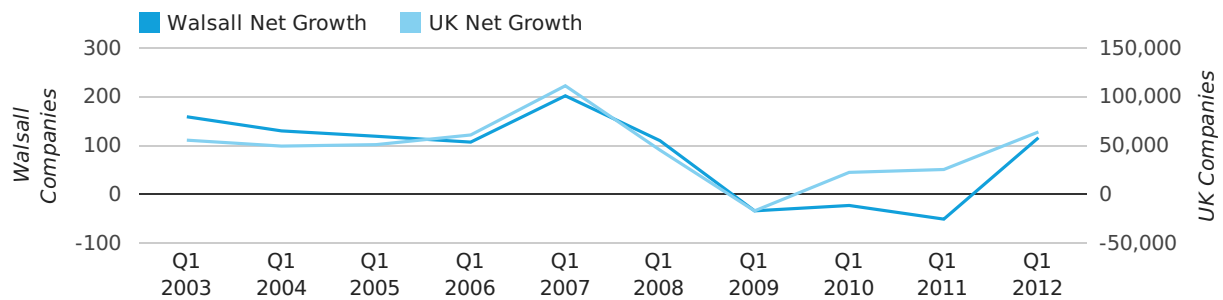
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Walsall during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 116 companies.

This represents an increase of 327.5% on the same period last year.

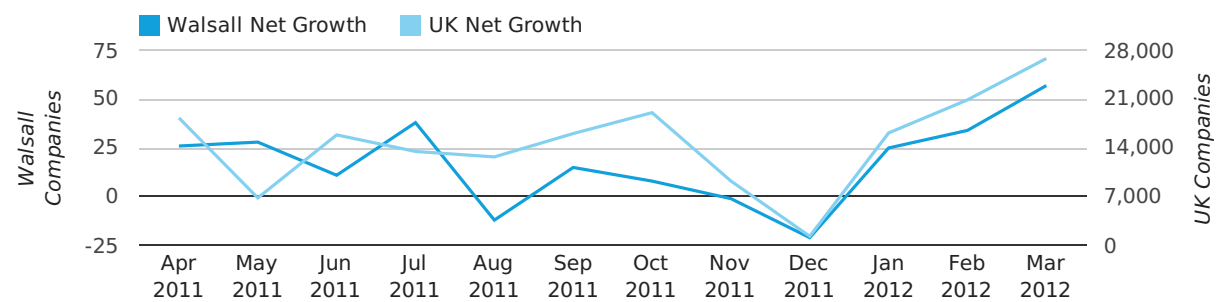
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	WALSALL	UK
2012	116	63,915
2011	-51	25,405
% CHANGE	-327.5%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (202)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



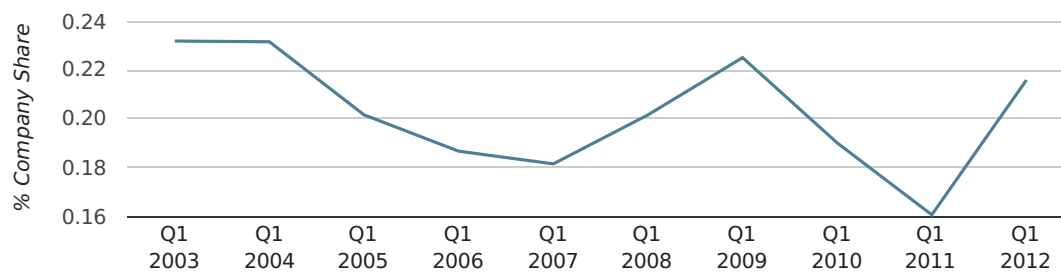
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	25	34	57
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-57	-25	31
% CHANGE	-143.9%	-236.0%	83.9%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (51)	2007 (70)	2007 (81)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

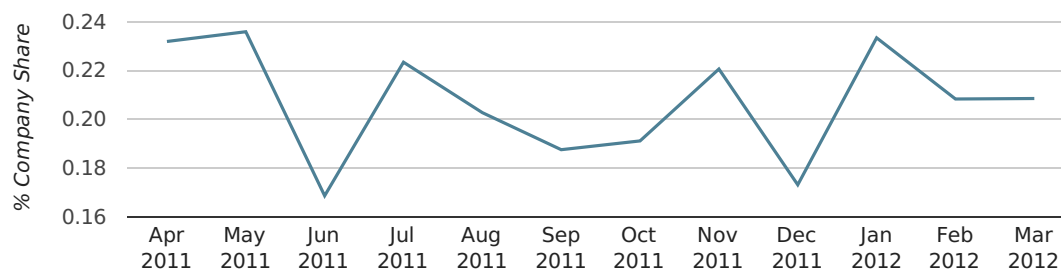
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	WALSALL
2012	0.2%
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1963 (0.4%)

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	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	75.3%	22.9%	20.0%
RECORD YEAR	1976 (0.8%)	1967 (0.8%)	1963 (0.5%)

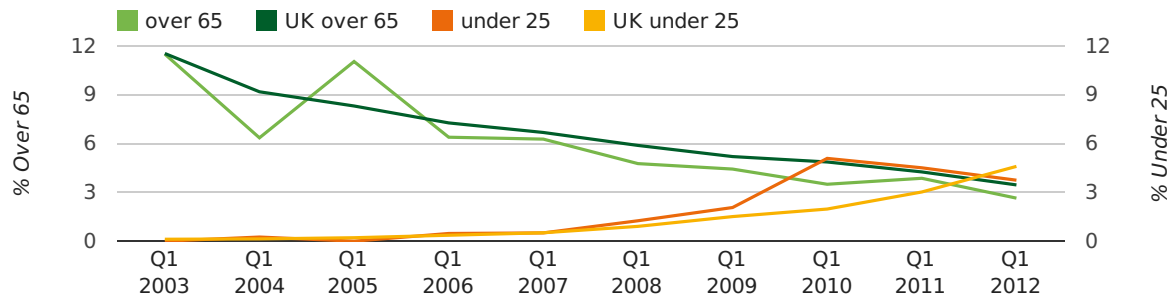
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 42.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

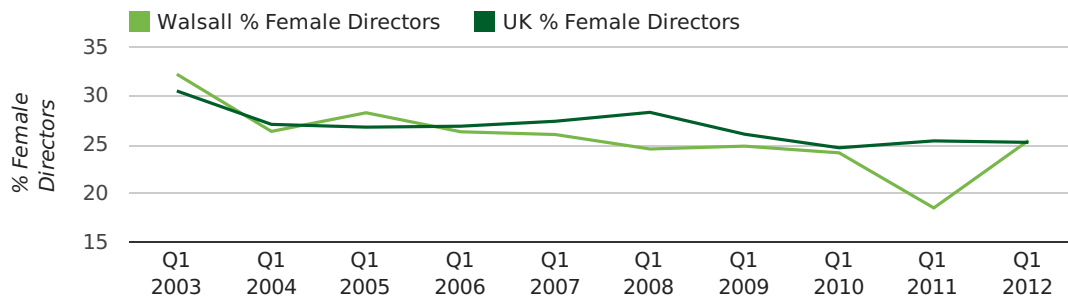


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

25.4% of all director appointments in Walsall 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
ELECTRICAL	1.20%	CONSULTING	5.07%
WALSALL	1.14%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MIDLANDS	1.07%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
(MIDLANDS)	0.80%	PROPERTY	2.37%
HOME	0.80%	TRADING	2.07%
CONSTRUCTION	0.80%	DESIGN	1.93%
CARE	0.74%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
R	0.74%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
HMA	0.67%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
S	0.67%	BUSINESS	1.73%
SECURITY	0.67%	MEDIA	1.72%
HEALTHCARE	0.60%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
(WALSALL)	0.60%	LONDON	1.66%
M	0.60%	J	1.54%
COMMUNITY	0.60%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
TRANSPORT	0.60%	GLOBAL	1.50%
CONSULTING	0.60%	IT	1.40%
TRADING	0.60%	CARE	1.34%
CLEANING	0.60%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
MIDLAND	0.54%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
ACADEMY	0.54%	M	1.27%
ENTERPRISES	0.54%	BUILDING	1.24%
MANAGEMENT	0.54%	ENERGY	1.20%
PROPERTIES	0.54%	S	1.20%
D	0.54%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	463	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	83	52,735
99999 - Dormant Company	50	25,084
9999 - Dormant Company	32	18,617
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	26	35,233
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	25	14,303
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	22	13,637
9305 - Other service activities	20	8,818
49410 - Freight transport by road	17	2,781
41100 - Development of building projects	17	4,984
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	16	19,704
6024 - Freight transport by road	15	2,121
86900 - Other human health activities	15	5,066
4534 - Other building installation	14	1,930
7260 - Other computer related activities	13	7,154
7414 - Business & management consultancy	13	12,113
32990 - Other manufacturing not elsewhere classified	13	1,796
62090 - Other information technology service activities	12	8,145
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	11	5,169
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	11	9,892