Warrington

q1 2012 business confidence report



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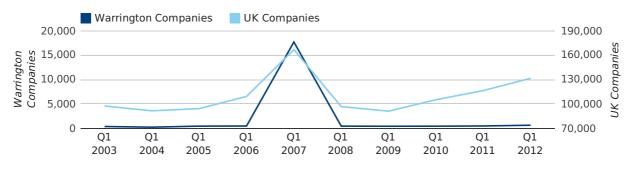
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A total of 625 companies were registered in Warrington during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

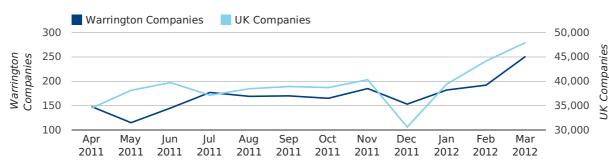
This figure is an increase of 32.7% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.0% against the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	WARRINGTON	UK
2012	625	131,491
2011	471	116,391
% CHANGE	32.7%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (17,697)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	182	192	251
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	115	181	175
% CHANGE	58.3%	6.1%	43.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,500)	2007 (13,443)	2007 (2,754)

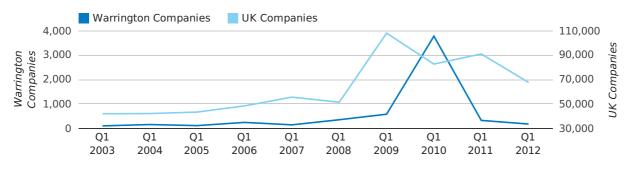
new companies by month

A total of 173 companies were dissolved in Warrington during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 46.4% 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.

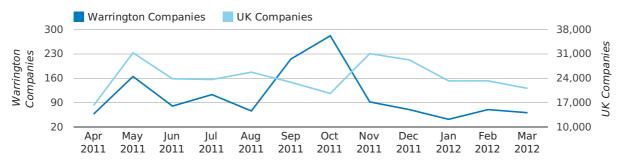
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	WARRINGTON	UK
2012	173	67,576
2011	323	90,986
% CHANGE	-46.4%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (3,779)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



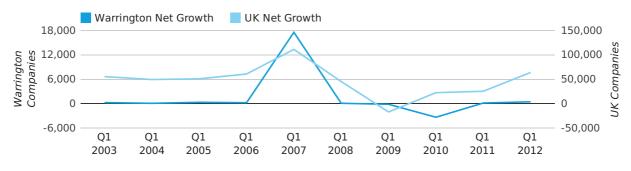
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	42	70	61
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	131	82	110
% CHANGE	-67.9%	-14.6%	-45%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (3,502)	2008 (210)	2009 (440)

Net company growth for Warrington during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 452 companies.

This represents an increase of 205.4% on the same period last year.

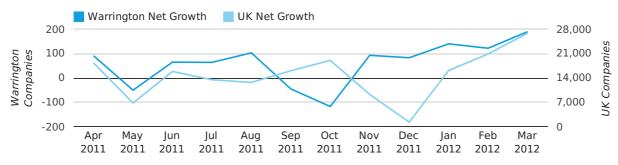
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	WARRINGTON	UK
2012	452	63,915
2011	148	25,405
% CHANGE	205.4%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (17,557)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month

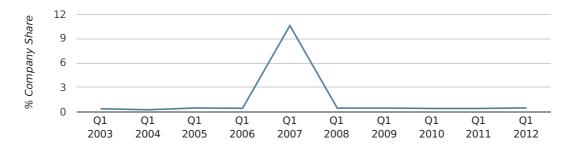


	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	140	122	190
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-16	99	65
% CHANGE	-975.0%	23.2%	192.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,446)	2007 (13,403)	2007 (2,708)

In the first quarter of 2012, Warrington formed 0.5% of all UK companies.

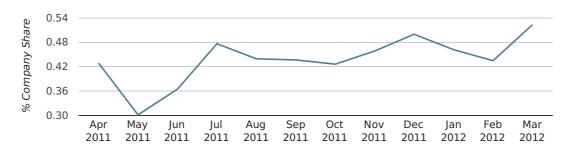
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	WARRINGTON
2012	0.5%
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.5%
2008	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2007 (10.6%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



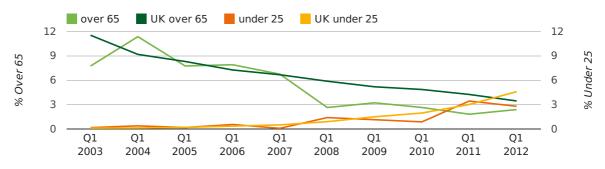
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.5%	0.4%
% CHANGE	35.7%	-9.3%	34.2%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (3.7%)	2007 (23.1%)	2007 (4.1%)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 44.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter



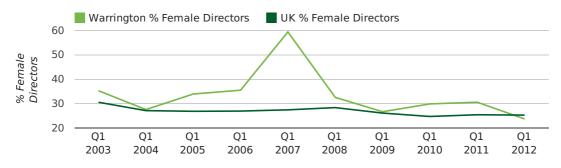
director gender

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

23.7% of all director appointments in Warrington 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
ENGINEERING	6.82%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	2.80%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	2.80%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
DESIGN	2.77%	PROPERTY	2.37%
MANAGEMENT	1.90%	TRADING	2.07%
CONSULTANTS	1.19%	DESIGN	1.93%
PROJECT	0.97%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
J	0.90%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
ASSOCIATES	0.90%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
PROJECTS	0.86%	BUSINESS	1.73%
WARRINGTON	0.72%	MEDIA	1.72%
DESIGNS	0.72%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
IT	0.65%	LONDON	1.66%
TECHNICAL	0.65%	J	1.54%
SYSTEMS	0.61%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
PROPERTY	0.61%	GLOBAL	1.50%
CAD	0.61%	IT	1.40%
CHESHIRE	0.61%	CARE	1.34%
ELECTRICAL	0.57%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
BUSINESS	0.57%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
Μ	0.54%	М	1.27%
Р	0.50%	BUILDING	1.24%
ENERGY	0.47%	ENERGY	1.20%
SAFETY	0.43%	S	1.20%
С	0.43%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%



Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	925	35,233
None Supplied	553	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	510	52,735
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	72	19,704
99999 - Dormant Company	49	25,084
9999 - Dormant Company	49	18,617
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	48	13,637
7414 - Business & management consultancy	43	12,113
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	43	9,892
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	39	14,303
62090 - Other information technology service activities	36	8,145
9305 - Other service activities	22	8,818
74990 - Non-trading company	22	9,729
62012 - Business and domestic software development	19	4,356
7260 - Other computer related activities	18	7,154
41100 - Development of building projects	18	4,984
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	18	6,934
7499 - Non-trading company	17	9,102
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	17	5,169
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	16	3,931