

# West Yorkshire

q1 2012 business confidence report



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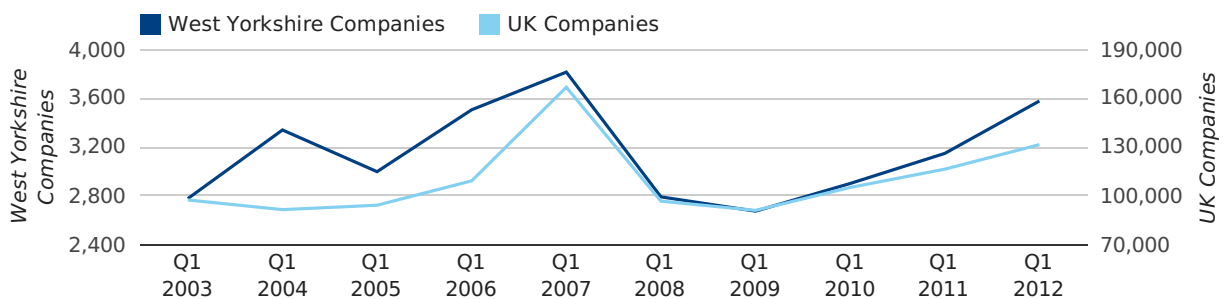
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 3,578 companies were registered in West Yorkshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 13.7% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares equally 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) | WEST YORKSHIRE | UK             |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2012                                | 3,578          | 131,491        |
| 2011                                | 3,148          | 116,391        |
| % CHANGE                            | 13.7%          | 13.0%          |
| RECORD YEAR                         | 2007 (3,815)   | 2007 (166,814) |

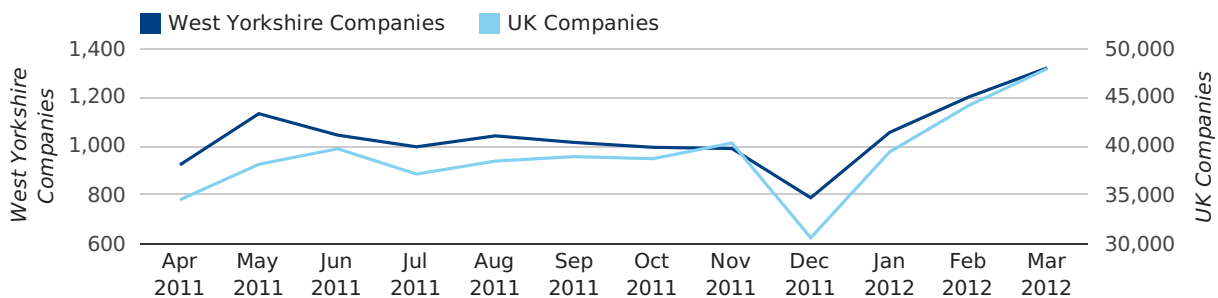
### new companies by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

### new companies by month



|                       | JANUARY      | FEBRUARY     | MARCH        |
|-----------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2012 | 1,056        | 1,201        | 1,321        |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 920          | 1,033        | 1,195        |
| % CHANGE              | 14.8%        | 16.3%        | 10.5%        |
| RECORD YEAR           | 2007 (1,204) | 2012 (1,201) | 2007 (1,498) |

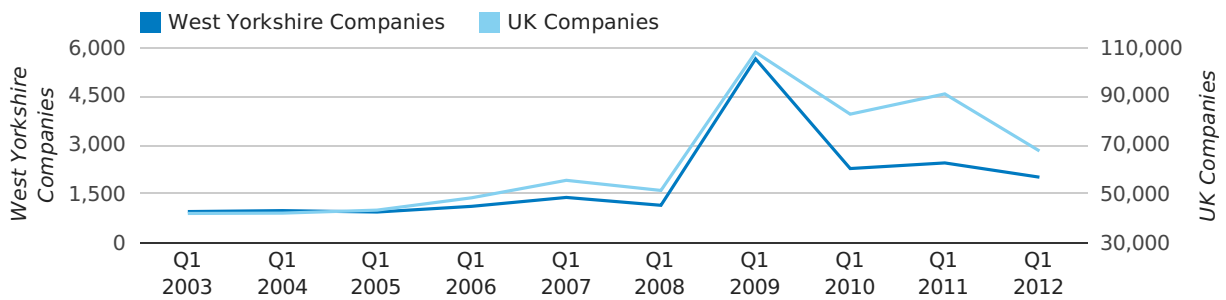
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 2,011 companies were dissolved in West Yorkshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 17.9% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 25.7% against the same period last year.

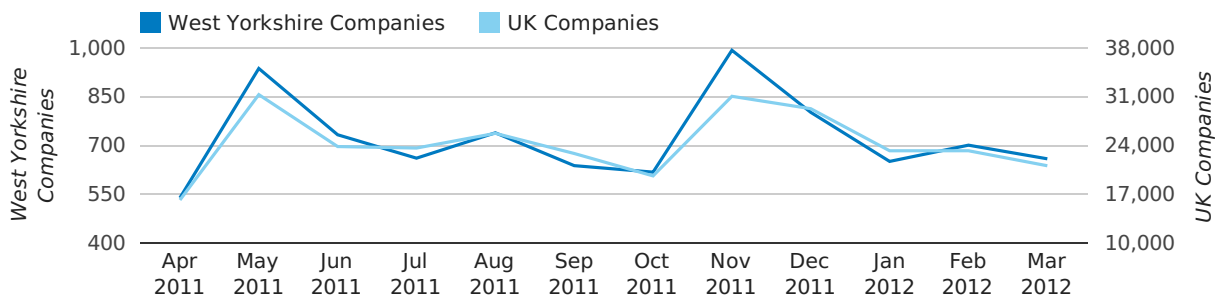
| FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012) | WEST YORKSHIRE | UK             |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2012                                | 2,011          | 67,576         |
| 2011                                | 2,450          | 90,986         |
| % CHANGE                            | -17.9%         | -25.7%         |
| RECORD YEAR                         | 2009 (5,652)   | 2009 (108,060) |

### dissolved companies by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

#### dissolved companies by month



|                          | JANUARY    | FEBRUARY   | MARCH        |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012 | 651        | 701        | 659          |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 923        | 741        | 786          |
| % CHANGE                 | -29.5%     | -5.4%      | -16%         |
| RECORD YEAR              | 2011 (923) | 2011 (741) | 2009 (4,792) |

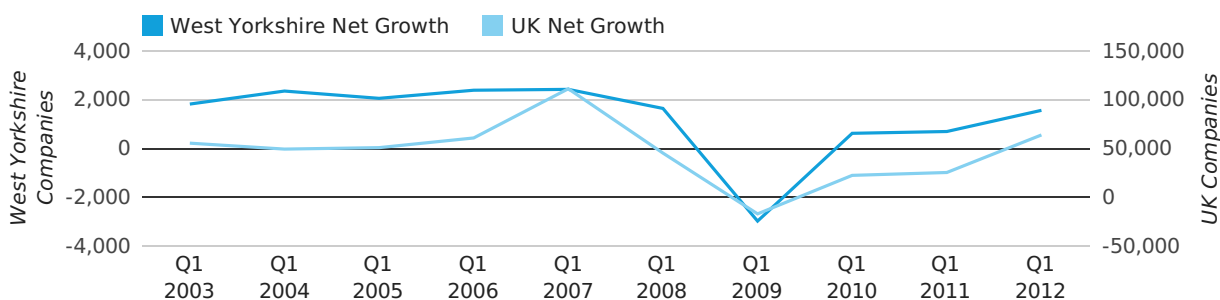
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for West Yorkshire during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 1,567 companies.

This represents an increase of 124.5% on the same period last year.

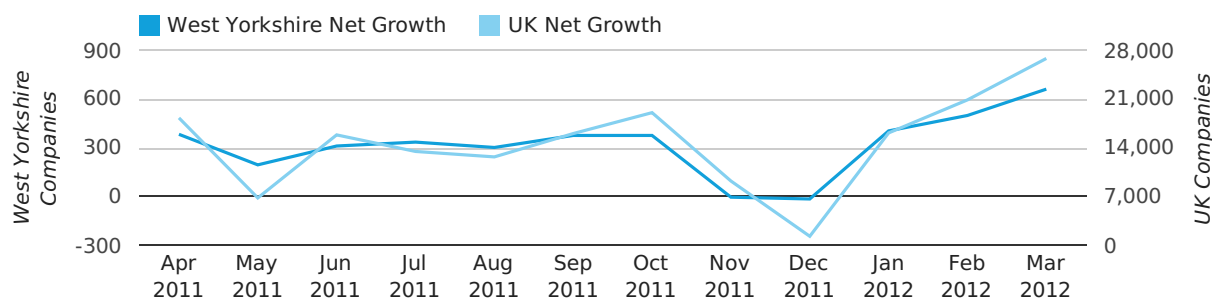
| FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012) | WEST YORKSHIRE | UK             |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| 2012                                | 1,567          | 63,915         |
| 2011                                | 698            | 25,405         |
| % CHANGE                            | 124.5%         | 151.6%         |
| RECORD YEAR                         | 2007 (2,427)   | 2007 (111,282) |

### net growth by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

### net growth by month



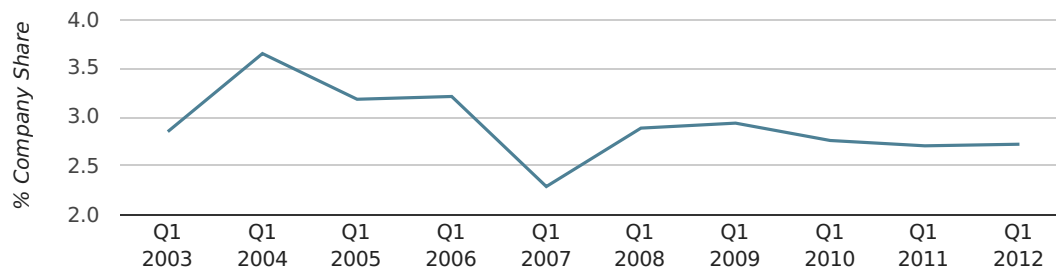
|                    | JANUARY    | FEBRUARY   | MARCH        |
|--------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2012 | 405        | 500        | 662          |
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | -3         | 292        | 409          |
| % CHANGE           | -13,600.0% | 71.2%      | 61.9%        |
| RECORD YEAR        | 2007 (683) | 2004 (949) | 2006 (1,071) |

### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, West Yorkshire formed 2.7% of all UK companies.

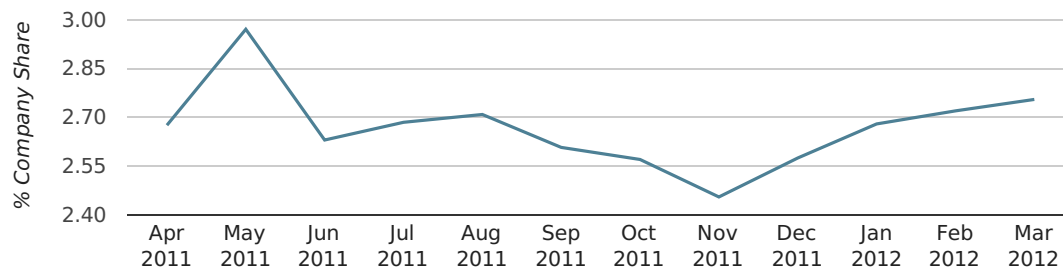
| FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012) | WEST YORKSHIRE |
|-------------------------------------|----------------|
| 2012                                | 2.7%           |
| 2011                                | 2.7%           |
| 2010                                | 2.8%           |
| 2009                                | 2.9%           |
| 2008                                | 2.9%           |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)            | 1968 (4.3%)    |

### company share by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

### company share by month



|                            | JANUARY     | FEBRUARY    | MARCH       |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012 | 2.7%        | 2.7%        | 2.8%        |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 2.7%        | 2.7%        | 2.7%        |
| % CHANGE                   | -1.6%       | -0.6%       | 3.4%        |
| RECORD YEAR                | 1965 (4.5%) | 1960 (4.7%) | 1968 (5.4%) |

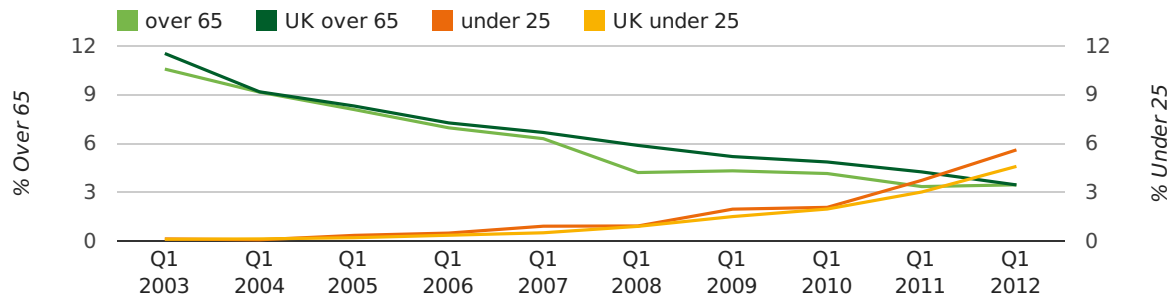
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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 5.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

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

#### director age by quarter



## Previous 12 months (Mar 2011-Mar 2012)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &amp;, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

| WORD         | PERCENTAGE | UK WORD      | UK PERCENTAGE |
|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| MANAGEMENT   | 2.18%      | CONSULTING   | 5.07%         |
| CONSULTING   | 1.75%      | MANAGEMENT   | 4.74%         |
| CONSULTANCY  | 1.43%      | CONSULTANCY  | 3.30%         |
| YORKSHIRE    | 1.34%      | PROPERTY     | 2.37%         |
| PROPERTY     | 1.29%      | TRADING      | 2.07%         |
| (YORKSHIRE)  | 1.22%      | DESIGN       | 1.93%         |
| LEEDS        | 0.98%      | ENGINEERING  | 1.86%         |
| DESIGN       | 0.95%      | ASSOCIATES   | 1.84%         |
| TRADING      | 0.93%      | CONSULTANTS  | 1.79%         |
| PROPERTIES   | 0.89%      | BUSINESS     | 1.73%         |
| CONSTRUCTION | 0.88%      | MEDIA        | 1.72%         |
| ASSOCIATES   | 0.86%      | CONSTRUCTION | 1.72%         |
| CARE         | 0.86%      | LONDON       | 1.66%         |
| J            | 0.85%      | J            | 1.54%         |
| M            | 0.82%      | INVESTMENTS  | 1.51%         |
| BUSINESS     | 0.78%      | GLOBAL       | 1.50%         |
| (LEEDS)      | 0.75%      | IT           | 1.40%         |
| INVESTMENTS  | 0.72%      | CARE         | 1.34%         |
| S            | 0.71%      | PROPERTIES   | 1.31%         |
| CONSULTANTS  | 0.70%      | ELECTRICAL   | 1.27%         |
| ELECTRICAL   | 0.69%      | M            | 1.27%         |
| DEVELOPMENTS | 0.68%      | BUILDING     | 1.24%         |
| IT           | 0.66%      | ENERGY       | 1.20%         |
| ENERGY       | 0.65%      | S            | 1.20%         |
| MEDICAL      | 0.63%      | ENTERPRISES  | 1.19%         |



## Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE   | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| None Supplied  | 6,157               | 216,665      |
| 7487 - Other business activities   | 1,048               | 52,735       |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified               | 581                 | 35,233       |
| 99999 - Dormant Company  | 511                 | 25,084       |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management                | 478                 | 19,704       |
| 9999 - Dormant Company   | 459                 | 18,617       |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities                                    | 339                 | 14,303       |
| 74990 - Non-trading company  | 311                 | 9,729        |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy   | 308                 | 12,113       |
| 7499 - Non-trading company   | 278                 | 9,102        |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified                                | 270                 | 13,637       |
| 74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified | 238                 | 9,892        |
| 9305 - Other service activities  | 226                 | 8,818        |
| 86900 - Other human health activities  | 207                 | 5,066        |
| 56302 - Public houses and bars   | 195                 | 2,795        |
| 7260 - Other computer related activities   | 193                 | 7,154        |
| 62090 - Other information technology service activities                                  | 186                 | 8,145        |
| 5540 - Bars  | 176                 | 1,978        |
| 7222 - Other software consultancy and supply   | 160                 | 6,934        |
| 41100 - Development of building projects   | 142                 | 4,984        |