

Wolverhampton

q1 2012 business confidence report



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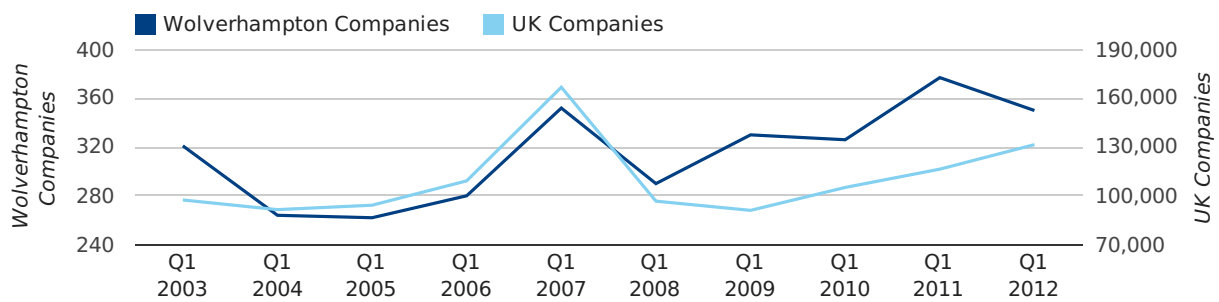
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 350 companies were registered in Wolverhampton during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 7.2% 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)	WOLVERHAMPTON	UK
2012	350	131,491
2011	377	116,391
% CHANGE	-7.2%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (377)	2007 (166,814)

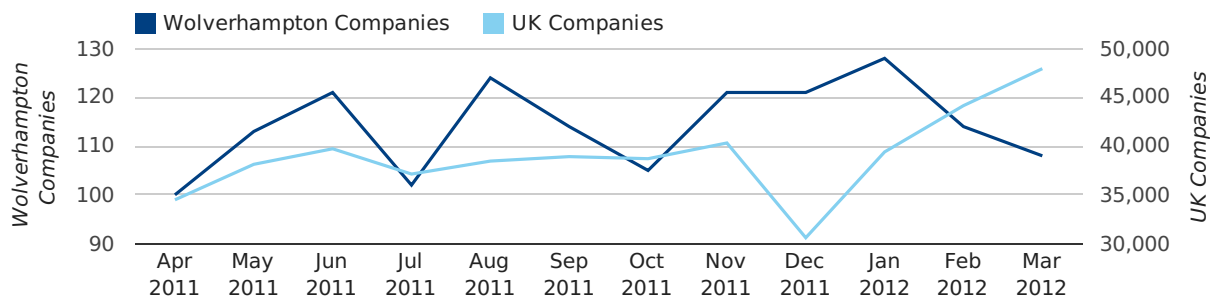
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	128	114	108
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	102	111	164
% CHANGE	25.5%	2.7%	-34.1%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (128)	2007 (118)	2011 (164)

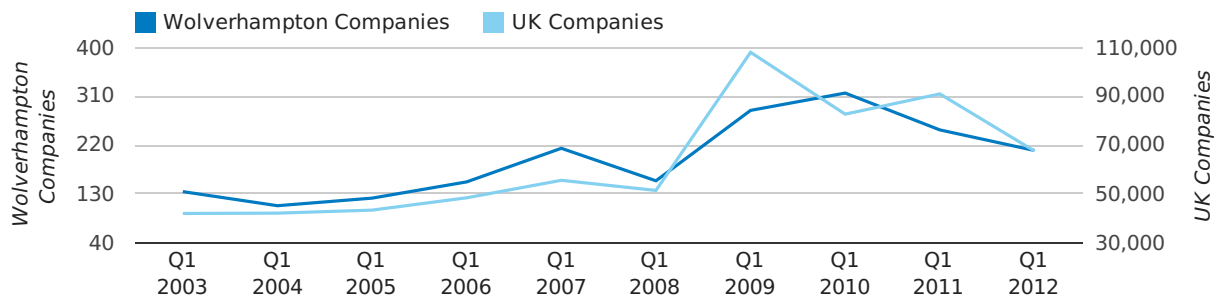
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 210 companies were dissolved in Wolverhampton during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 15.3% 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.

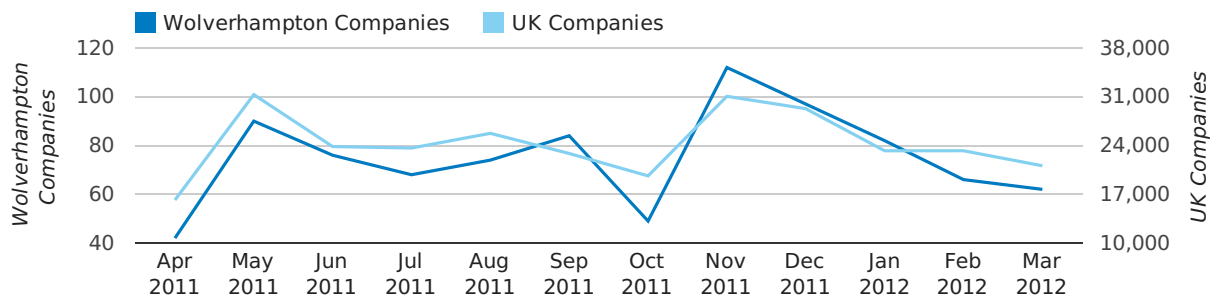
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	WOLVERHAMPTON	UK
2012	210	67,576
2011	248	90,986
% CHANGE	-15.3%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (316)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	82	66	62
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	93	76	79
% CHANGE	-11.8%	-13.2%	-22%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (95)	2010 (116)	2009 (164)

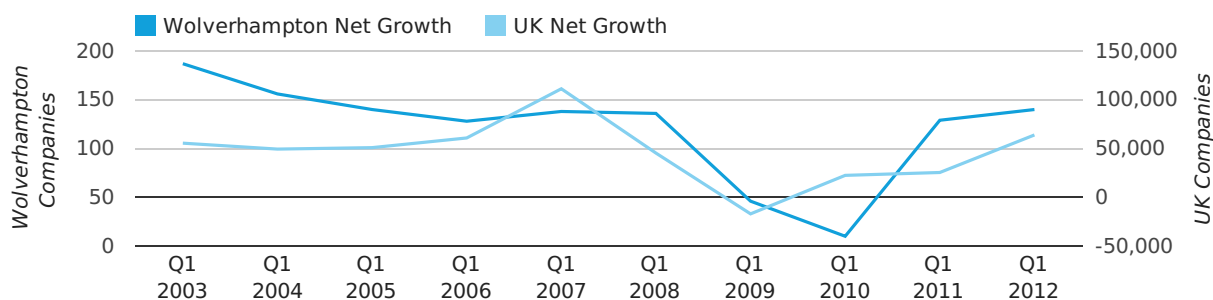
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Wolverhampton during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 140 companies.

This represents an increase of 8.5% on the same period last year.

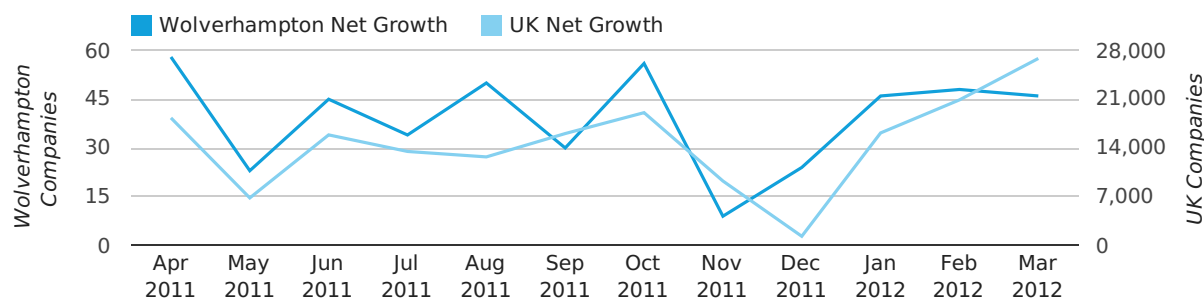
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	WOLVERHAMPTON	UK
2012	140	63,915
2011	129	25,405
% CHANGE	8.5%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (187)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



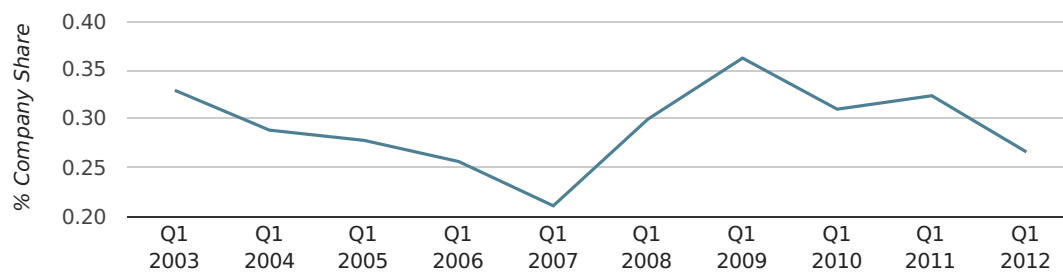
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	46	48	46
NET GROWTH IN 2011	9	35	85
% CHANGE	411.1%	37.1%	-45.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (64)	2006 (69)	2008 (103)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Wolverhampton formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

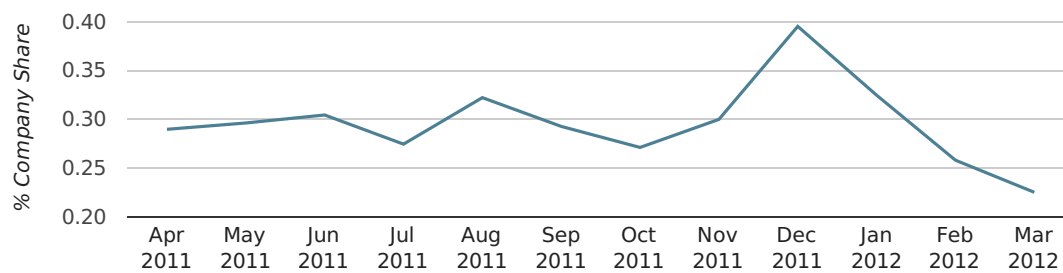
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	WOLVERHAMPTON
2012	0.3%
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.9%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.3%	0.3%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
% CHANGE	7.6%	-12.1%	-38.4%
RECORD YEAR	1963 (1.4%)	1966 (1.4%)	1961 (1.0%)

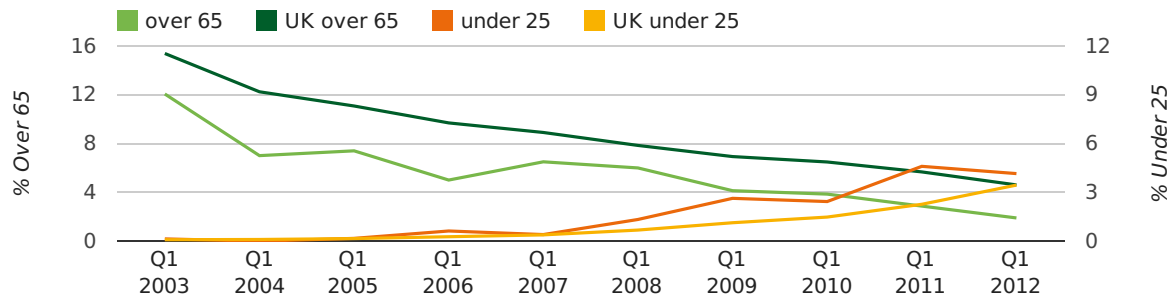
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 42.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

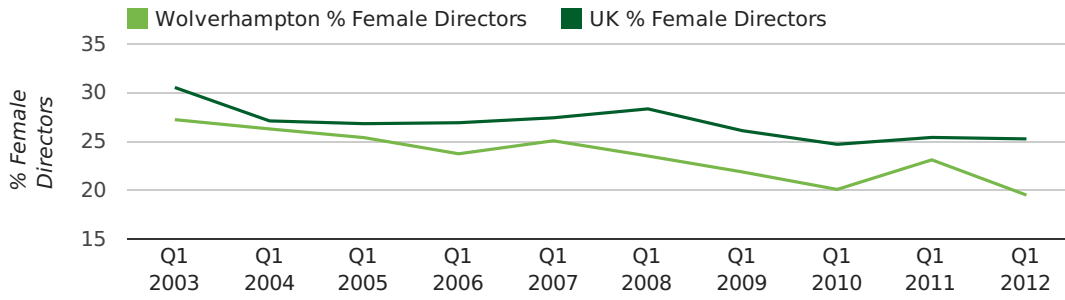


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

19.5% of all director appointments in Wolverhampton 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
DENIM	1.12%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.02%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	0.93%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
CONSULTANCY	0.93%	PROPERTY	2.37%
TRAINING	0.73%	TRADING	2.07%
WOLVERHAMPTON	0.68%	DESIGN	1.93%
J	0.68%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
CARE	0.63%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
SUPPLIES	0.63%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
DESIGN	0.59%	BUSINESS	1.73%
PROPERTIES	0.59%	MEDIA	1.72%
IT	0.54%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
PROPERTY	0.54%	LONDON	1.66%
S	0.54%	J	1.54%
CONSTRUCTION	0.54%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
TRADING	0.54%	GLOBAL	1.50%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.49%	IT	1.40%
ASSOCIATES	0.49%	CARE	1.34%
P	0.49%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
(WOLVERHAMPTON)	0.49%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
EVENTS	0.44%	M	1.27%
GLOBAL	0.44%	BUILDING	1.24%
TRANSPORT	0.44%	ENERGY	1.20%
(MIDLANDS)	0.44%	S	1.20%
FOR	0.44%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	748	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	132	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	69	35,233
99999 - Dormant Company	67	25,084
74990 - Non-trading company	55	9,729
9999 - Dormant Company	54	18,617
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	51	13,637
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	39	19,704
9305 - Other service activities	34	8,818
86900 - Other human health activities	33	5,066
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	28	9,892
7499 - Non-trading company	28	9,102
62090 - Other information technology service activities	26	8,145
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	26	14,303
7414 - Business & management consultancy	22	12,113
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	22	6,934
7260 - Other computer related activities	22	7,154
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	18	2,832
47710 - Retail sale of clothing in specialised stores	18	1,583
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	18	5,169