

Rochdale

q1 2012 business confidence report



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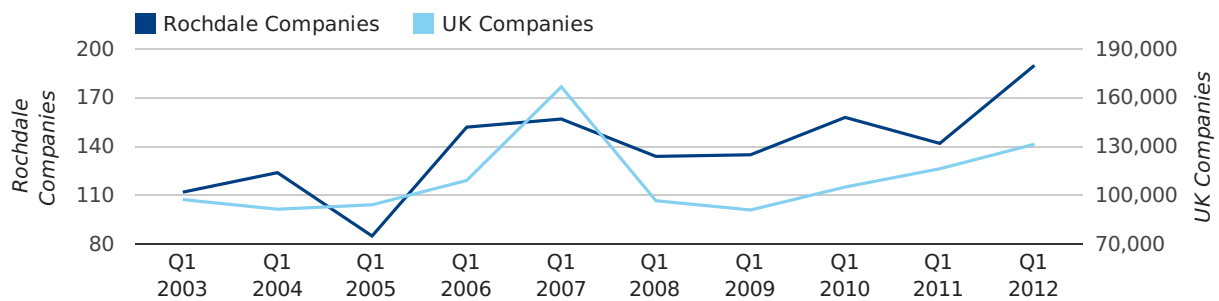
Q1 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Rochdale when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 190 companies were registered in Rochdale during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 33.8% 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)	ROCHDALE	UK
2012	190	131,491
2011	142	116,391
% CHANGE	33.8%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (190)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	56	77	57
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	40	45	57
% CHANGE	40.0%	71.1%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (56)	2012 (77)	2010 (68)

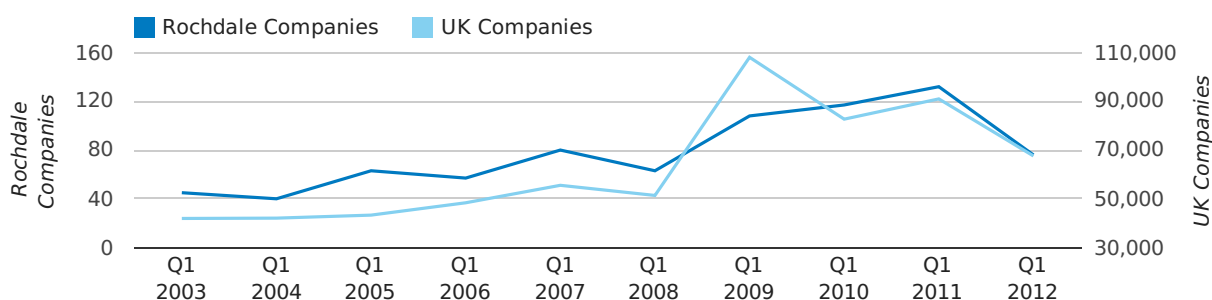
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 76 companies were dissolved in Rochdale during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 42.4% 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.

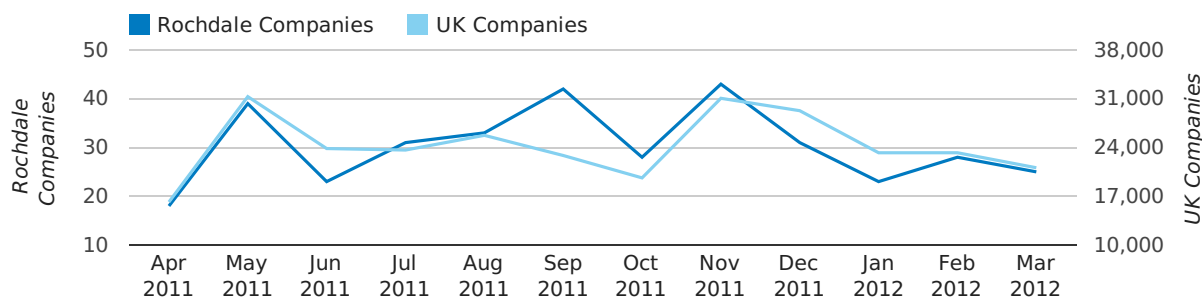
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	ROCHDALE	UK
2012	76	67,576
2011	132	90,986
% CHANGE	-42.4%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (132)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	23	28	25
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	55	40	37
% CHANGE	-58.2%	-30.0%	-32%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (55)	2011 (40)	2009 (72)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

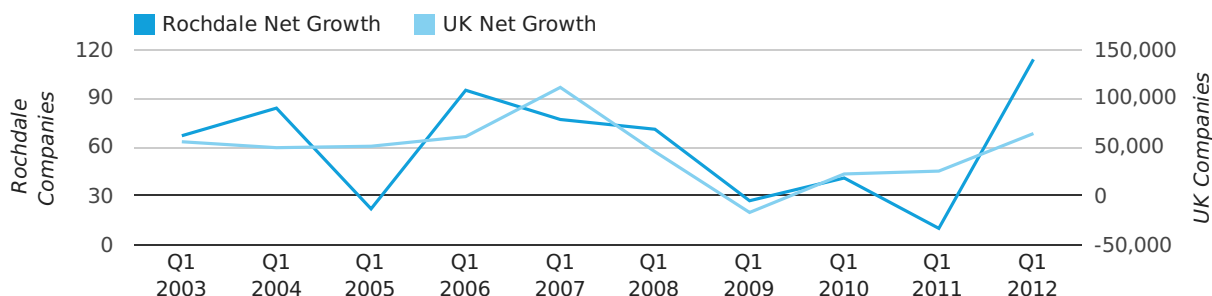
Q1 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Rochdale when compared to any previous Q1.

Net company growth for Rochdale during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 114 companies.

This represents an increase of 1,040.0% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	ROCHDALE	UK
2012	114	63,915
2011	10	25,405
% CHANGE	1,040.0%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (114)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter

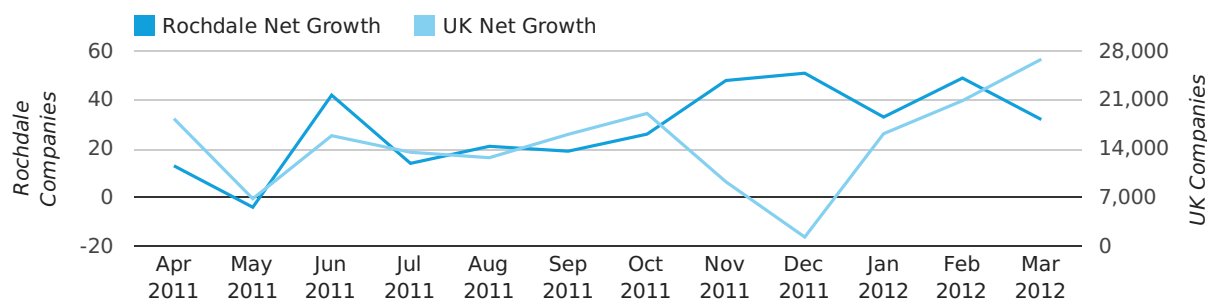


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

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net growth by month



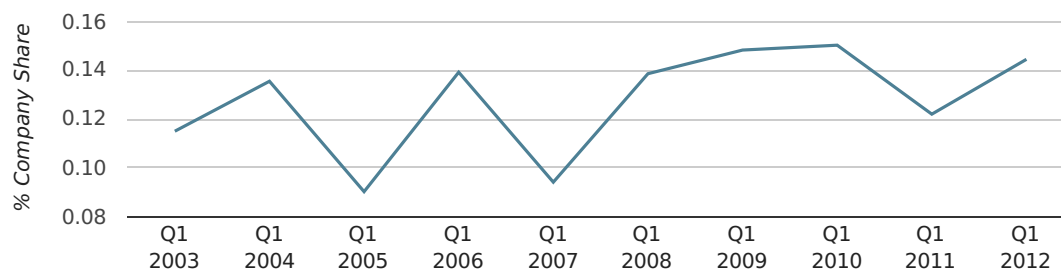
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	33	49	32
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-15	5	20
% CHANGE	-320.0%	880.0%	60.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (33)	2012 (49)	2006 (50)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Rochdale formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

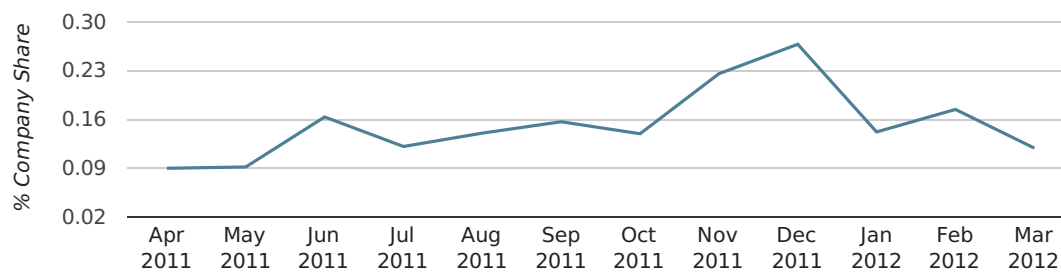
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	ROCHDALE
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	20.0%	46.3%	-6.5%
RECORD YEAR	1969 (0.4%)	1968 (0.6%)	1968 (0.7%)

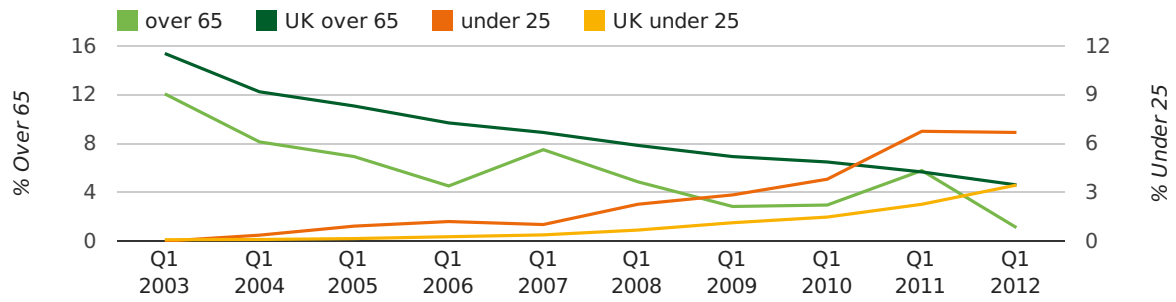
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 40.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

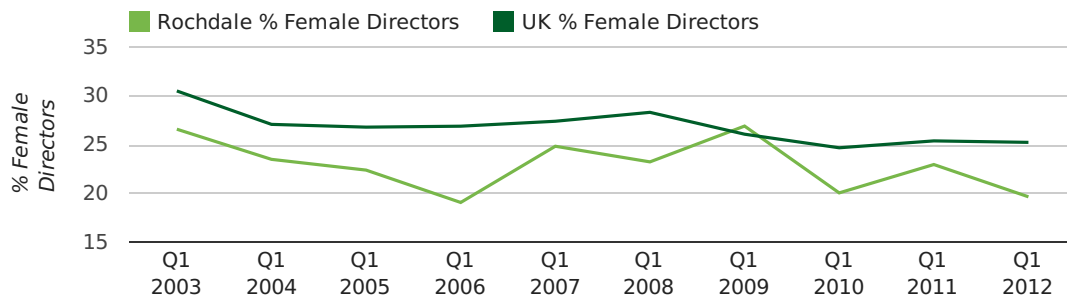


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

19.7% of all director appointments in Rochdale 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
TRADING	2.61%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.39%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
SHOP	0.96%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
INT	0.87%	PROPERTY	2.37%
COLLECTIONS	0.78%	TRADING	2.07%
PROPERTY	0.78%	DESIGN	1.93%
CONSULTING	0.78%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
(ROCHDALE)	0.70%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
CONSTRUCTION	0.70%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
ROCHDALE	0.70%	BUSINESS	1.73%
CONSULTANCY	0.70%	MEDIA	1.72%
(Nw)	0.61%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
INVESTMENTS	0.61%	LONDON	1.66%
M	0.61%	J	1.54%
NORTHWEST	0.61%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
EMPIRE	0.52%	GLOBAL	1.50%
S	0.52%	IT	1.40%
HOUSE	0.52%	CARE	1.34%
GLOBAL	0.52%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
SECURITY	0.52%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
ENGINEERING	0.52%	M	1.27%
TRAINING	0.44%	BUILDING	1.24%
CENTRE	0.44%	ENERGY	1.20%
BUSINESS	0.44%	S	1.20%
PROJECTS	0.44%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	340	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	93	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	78	35,233
9999 - Dormant Company	17	18,617
99999 - Dormant Company	16	25,084
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	14	13,637
7414 - Business & management consultancy	13	12,113
9305 - Other service activities	12	8,818
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	12	9,892
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	12	14,303
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	10	19,704
86900 - Other human health activities	10	5,066
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	9	3,439
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	8	3,931
86210 - General medical practice activities	8	2,594
56101 - Licensed restaurants	7	1,885
56103 - Take-away food shops and mobile food stands	6	2,902
8512 - Medical practice activities	6	2,116
74990 - Non-trading company	6	9,729
86101 - Hospital activities	6	1,414