

Aberdeen

q1 2011 business confidence report



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- January 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Aberdeen when compared to any previous January.

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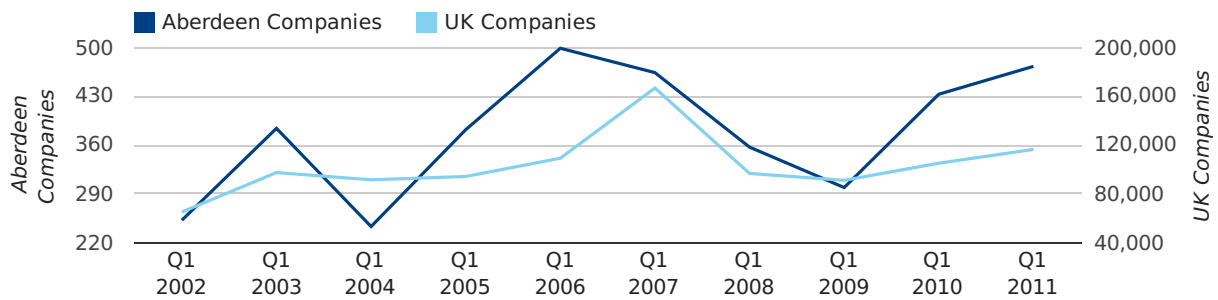
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 473 companies were registered in Aberdeen during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 9.2% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares equally to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 10.7% against the same period last year.

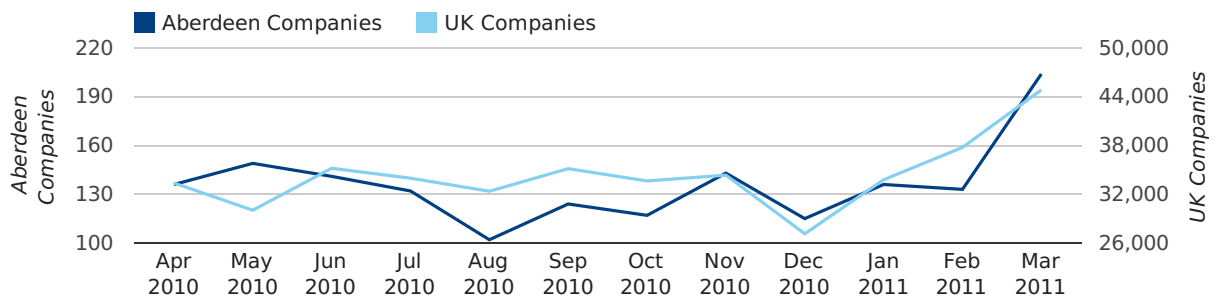
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	ABERDEEN	UK
2011	473	116,391
2010	433	105,137
% CHANGE	9.2%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (499)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	136	133	204
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	119	139	175
% CHANGE	14.3%	-4.3%	16.6%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (199)	2005 (198)	2001 (275)

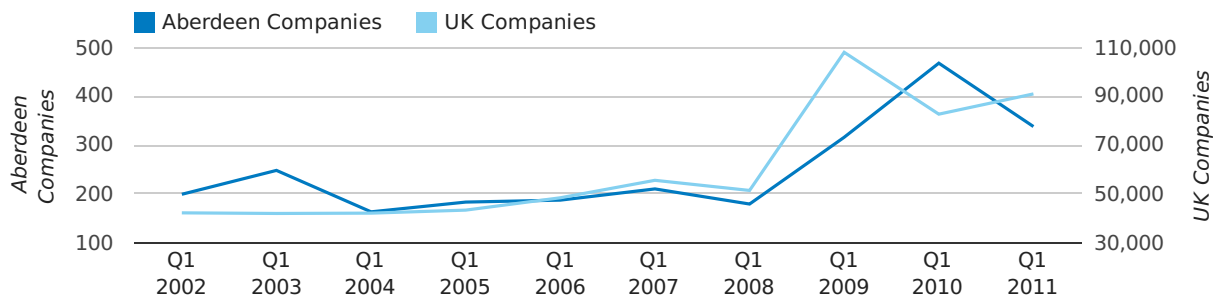
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 338 companies were dissolved in Aberdeen during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 27.8% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 10.0% against the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	ABERDEEN	UK
2011	338	90,986
2010	468	82,677
% CHANGE	-27.8%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (468)	2009 (108,060)

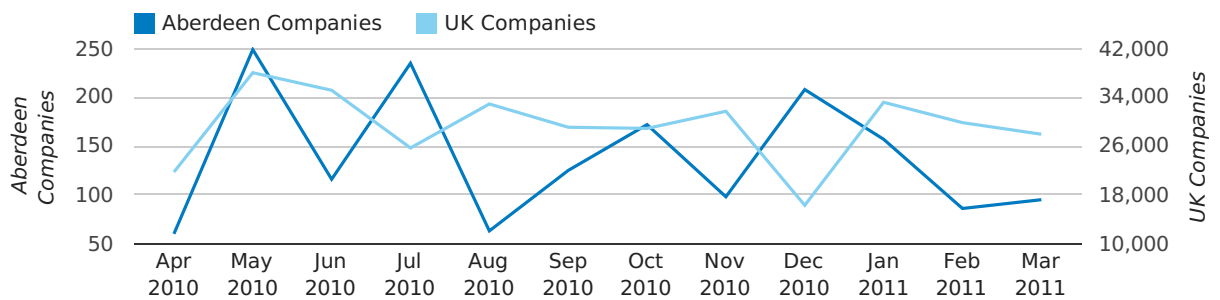
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

January 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Aberdeen when compared to any previous January.

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	157	86	95
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	98	163	207
% CHANGE	60.2%	-47.2%	-54%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (157)	2010 (163)	2010 (207)

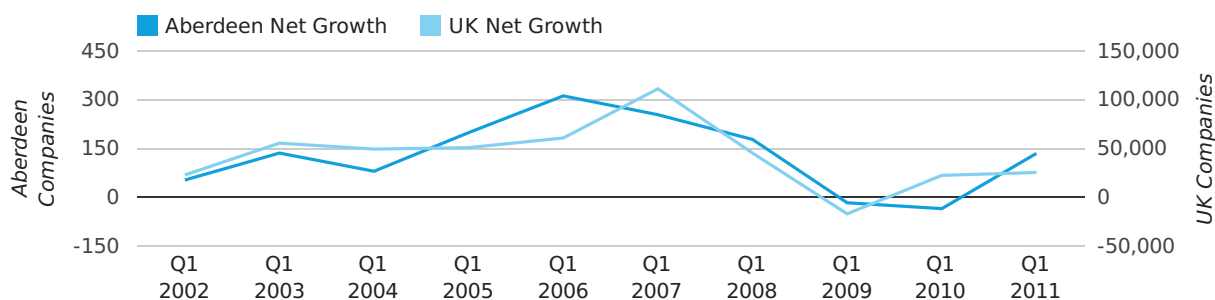
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Aberdeen during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 135 companies.

This represents an increase of 485.7% on the same period last year.

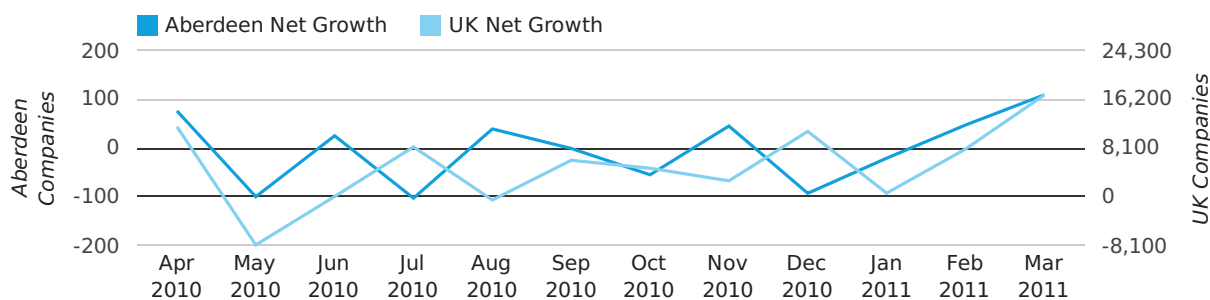
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	ABERDEEN	UK
2011	135	25,405
2010	-35	22,460
% CHANGE	-485.7%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (312)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



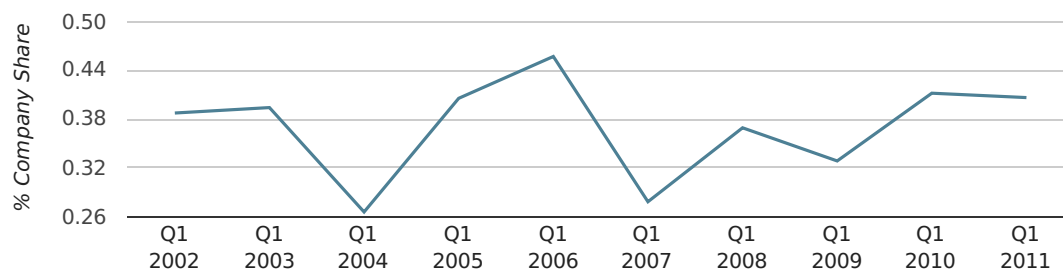
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-21	47	109
NET GROWTH IN 2010	21	-24	-32
% CHANGE	-200.0%	-295.8%	-440.6%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (152)	2005 (142)	2001 (202)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Aberdeen formed 0.4% of all UK companies.

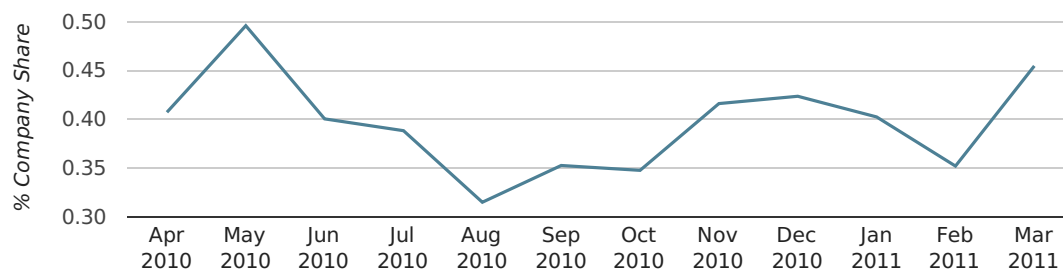
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	ABERDEEN
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.4%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1992 (0.9%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
% CHANGE	-1.4%	-15.8%	11.2%
RECORD YEAR	1991 (1.1%)	1990 (1.2%)	1979 (5.7%)

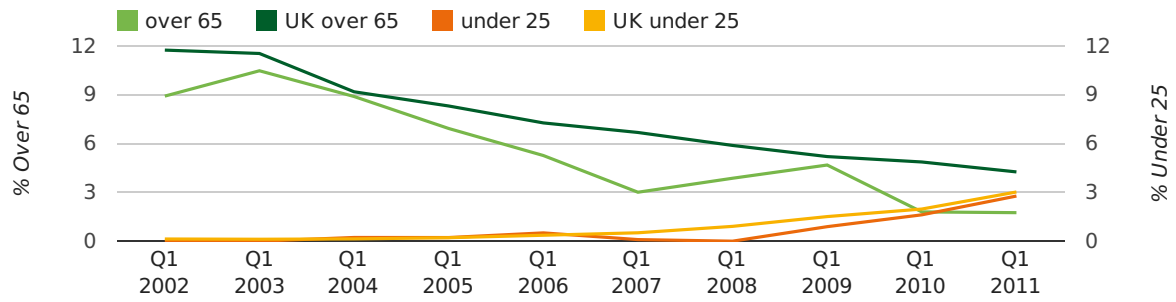
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 43.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

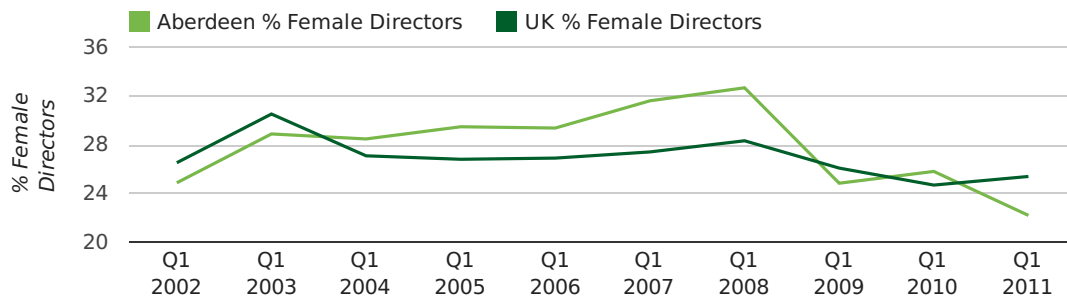


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

22.2% of all director appointments in Aberdeen in the first quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.4% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Mar 2010-Mar 2011)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
ENGINEERING	5.04%	CONSULTING	5.04%
ABERDEEN	2.75%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
CONSULTING	2.03%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
(ABERDEEN)	1.89%	PROPERTY	2.38%
CONSULTANTS	1.80%	TRADING	2.10%
SUBSEA	1.62%	DESIGN	1.93%
CONSULTANCY	1.58%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
MANAGEMENT	1.53%	BUSINESS	1.87%
ENERGY	1.44%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
DESIGN	1.40%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
(SCOTLAND)	0.90%	MEDIA	1.69%
OFFSHORE	0.90%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
PROJECT	0.77%	LONDON	1.60%
SCOTLAND	0.72%	CARE	1.45%
ENTERPRISES	0.68%	J	1.45%
MARINE	0.68%	GLOBAL	1.44%
OIL	0.68%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
S	0.63%	IT	1.41%
DRILLING	0.59%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
GAS	0.59%	BUILDING	1.34%
GLOBAL	0.59%	M	1.30%
INSPECTION	0.59%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
J	0.54%	S	1.24%
G	0.54%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
PROPERTY	0.54%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	589	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	361	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	302	30,253
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	143	7,788
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	67	16,150
7414 - Business & management consultancy	65	12,916
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	52	10,085
09100 - Support activities for petroleum and natural gas extraction	51	312
71129 - Other engineering activities	46	1,590
1120 - Services to oil and gas extraction	39	250
9305 - Other service activities	37	8,740
5530 - Restaurants	30	4,898
9999 - Dormant Company	30	19,765
74990 - Non-trading company	29	8,695
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	22	10,246
99999 - Dormant Company	22	18,336
7499 - Non-trading company	21	11,316
06100 - Extraction of crude petroleum	20	177
71121 - Engineering design activities for industrial process and production	17	382
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	17	3,895