

Aberdeen

q3 2011 business confidence report



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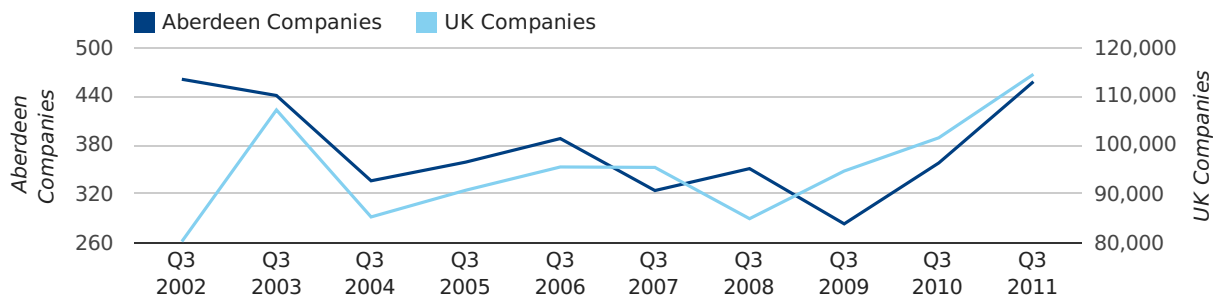
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 458 companies were registered in Aberdeen during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 27.9% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.8% against the same period last year.

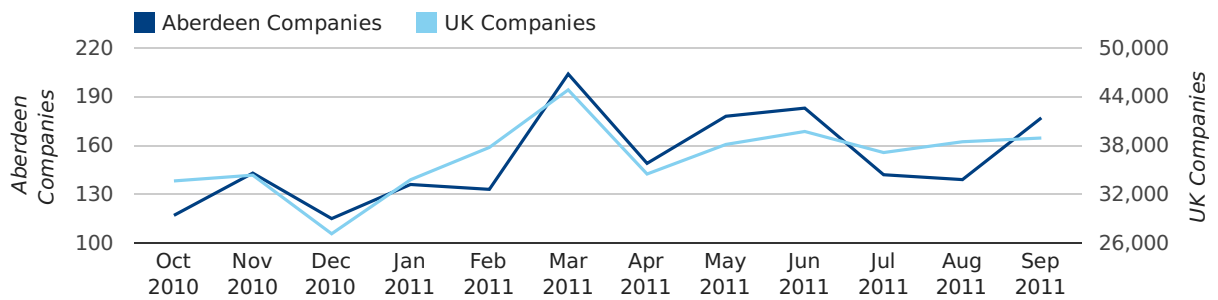
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	ABERDEEN	UK
2011	458	114,512
2010	358	101,492
% CHANGE	27.9%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (461)	2011 (114,512)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

new companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	142	139	177
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	132	102	124
% CHANGE	7.6%	36.3%	42.7%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (165)	2002 (194)	2003 (185)

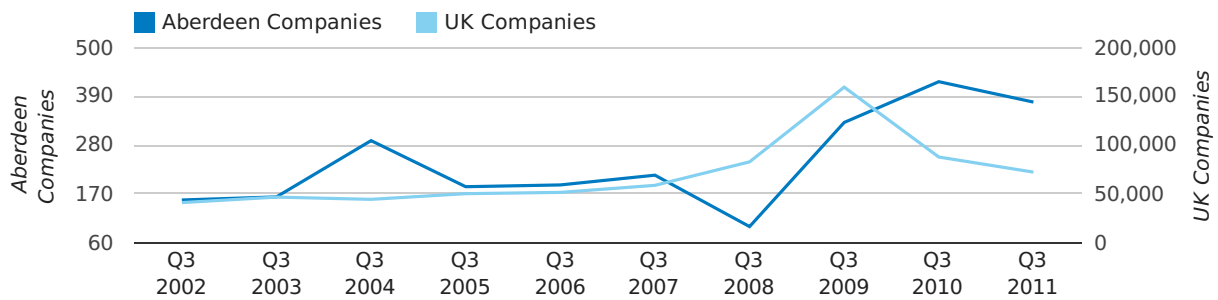
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 377 companies were dissolved in Aberdeen during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 10.9% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 17.6% against the same period last year.

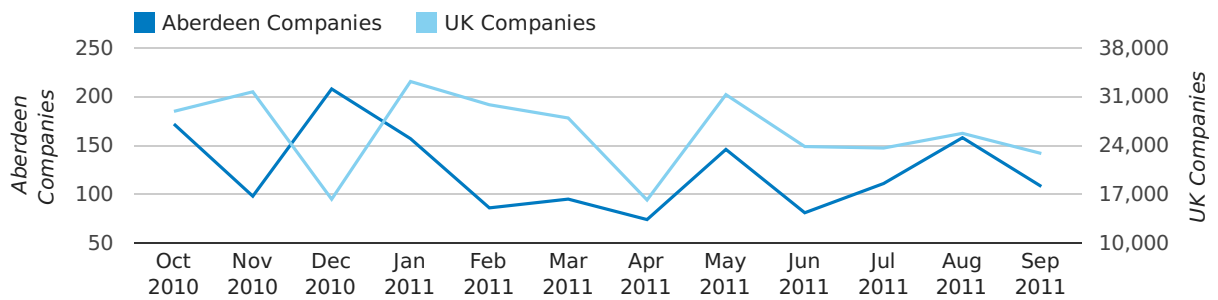
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	ABERDEEN	UK
2011	377	72,230
2010	423	87,705
% CHANGE	-10.9%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (423)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	111	158	108
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	235	63	125
% CHANGE	-52.8%	150.8%	-14%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (235)	2009 (173)	2010 (125)

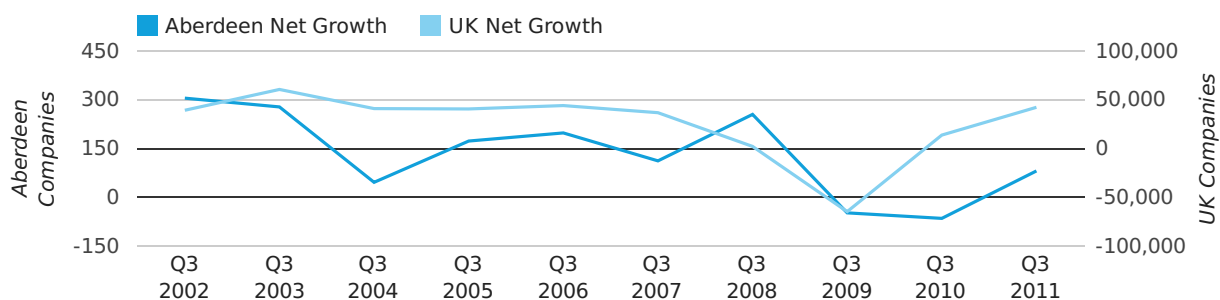
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Aberdeen during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 81 companies.

This represents an increase of 224.6% on the same period last year.

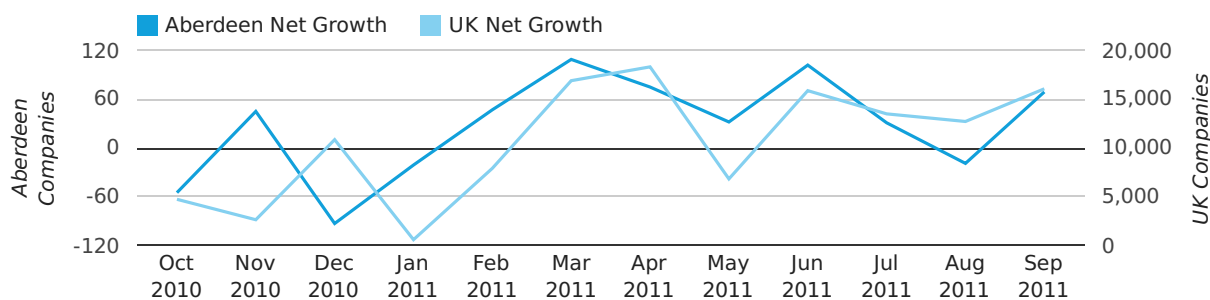
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	ABERDEEN	UK
2011	81	42,282
2010	-65	13,787
% CHANGE	-224.6%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (305)	2003 (60,597)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

net growth by month



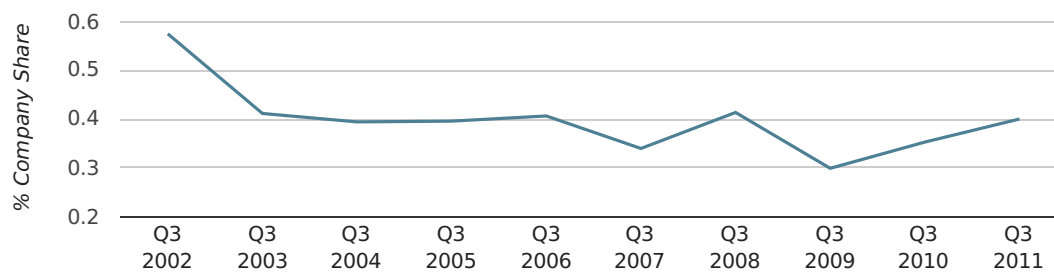
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	31	-19	69
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-103	39	-1
% CHANGE	-130.1%	-148.7%	-7,000.0%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (110)	2002 (134)	2008 (137)

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

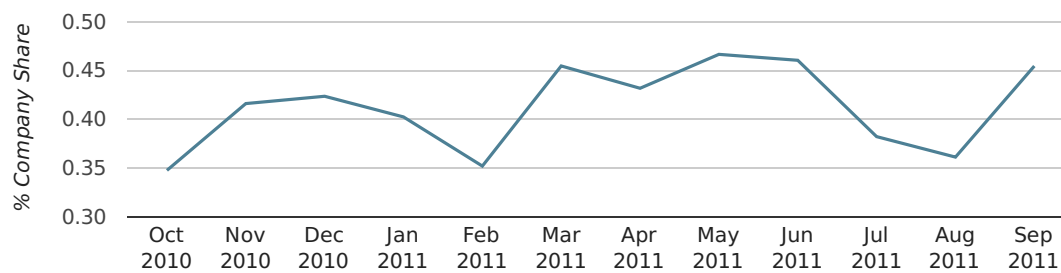
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	ABERDEEN
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.4%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1989 (0.9%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
% CHANGE	-1.6%	14.7%	28.9%
RECORD YEAR	1975 (0.8%)	1989 (1.0%)	2001 (1.0%)

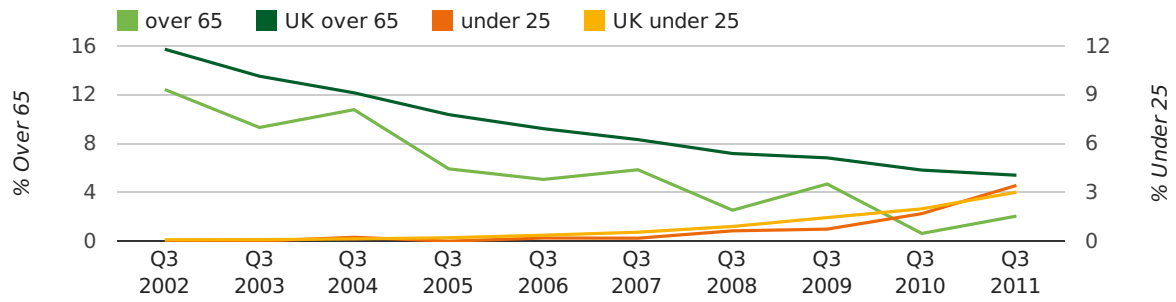
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 41.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

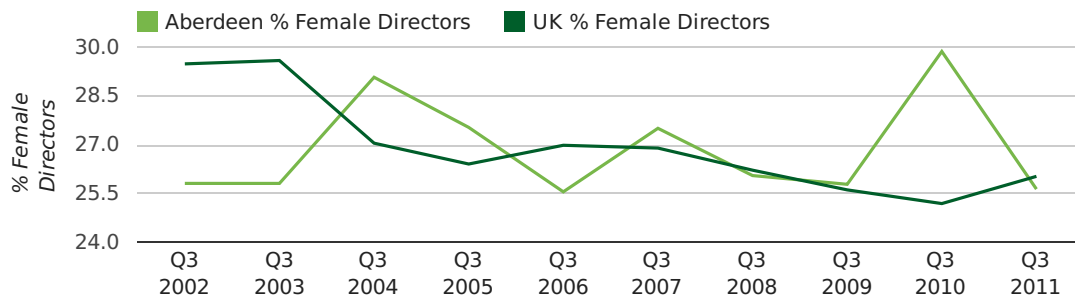


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The record third quarter for female directors in Aberdeen was in 1862 when 50.0% of all directors were female.

25.6% of all director appointments in Aberdeen in the third quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.0% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Sep 2010-Sep 2011)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
ENGINEERING	6.06%	CONSULTING	5.11%
ABERDEEN	2.70%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
CONSULTANCY	2.03%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
DESIGN	1.99%	PROPERTY	2.41%
SUBSEA	1.99%	TRADING	2.06%
CONSULTING	1.87%	DESIGN	1.94%
(ABERDEEN)	1.66%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
MANAGEMENT	1.58%	BUSINESS	1.82%
CONSULTANTS	1.49%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ENERGY	1.37%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
OFFSHORE	1.04%	MEDIA	1.72%
OIL	0.91%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
PROJECT	0.79%	LONDON	1.63%
PLANNING	0.75%	J	1.47%
GLOBAL	0.66%	GLOBAL	1.46%
GAS	0.66%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
INSPECTION	0.62%	CARE	1.42%
DRILLING	0.62%	IT	1.38%
PROPERTIES	0.54%	BUILDING	1.30%
PROPERTY	0.54%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
RESOURCES	0.54%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
TECHNOLOGY	0.54%	M	1.25%
SCOTLAND	0.54%	ENERGY	1.22%
(SCOTLAND)	0.50%	TRAINING	1.21%
INTEGRITY	0.50%	S	1.21%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	605	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	378	65,177
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	292	29,245
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	163	7,551
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	74	15,760
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	68	10,018
7414 - Business & management consultancy	68	14,755
71129 - Other engineering activities	53	1,565
09100 - Support activities for petroleum and natural gas extraction	47	276
9999 - Dormant Company	43	22,587
1120 - Services to oil and gas extraction	40	239
9305 - Other service activities	36	10,525
74990 - Non-trading company	31	8,064
5530 - Restaurants	27	5,640
99999 - Dormant Company	23	18,281
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	22	10,137
7499 - Non-trading company	21	11,543
71122 - Engineering related scientific and technical consulting activities	21	673
7260 - Other computer related activities	16	8,686
06100 - Extraction of crude petroleum	15	170