Basildon

q1 2011 business confidence report



headlines

- Q1 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Basildon when compared to any previous Q1.
- Q1 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Basildon when compared to any quarter in history.
- March 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Basildon when compared to any previous March.
- March 2011 was a record month for company registrations in Basildon when compared to any month in history.
- February 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Basildon when compared to any previous February.
- Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Basildon when compared to any previous Q1.
- February 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Basildon when compared to any previous February.
- January 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Basildon when compared to any previous January.

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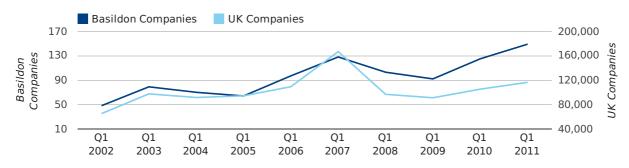
Q1 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Basildon when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 149 companies were registered in Basildon during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 19.2% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares well 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)	BASILDON	UK
2011	149	116,391
2010	125	105,137
% CHANGE	19.2%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (149)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



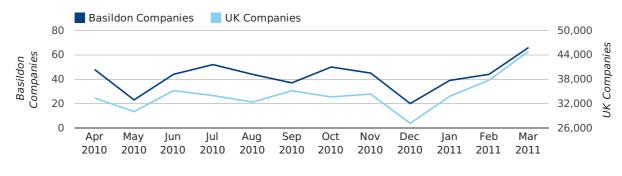
Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

March 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Basildon when compared to any previous March.

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February 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Basildon when compared to any previous February.

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	39	44	66
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	40	38	47
% CHANGE	-2.5%	15.8%	40.4%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (40)	2011 (44)	2011 (66)

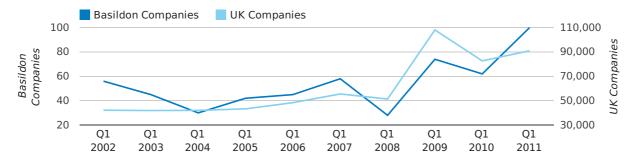
Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Basildon when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 100 companies were dissolved in Basildon during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 61.3% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares poorly 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)	BASILDON	UK
2011	100	90,986
2010	62	82,677
% CHANGE	61.3%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (100)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

February 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Basildon when compared to any previous February.

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



2011 (34)

2009 (52)

2011 (29)

dissolved companies by month

RECORD YEAR

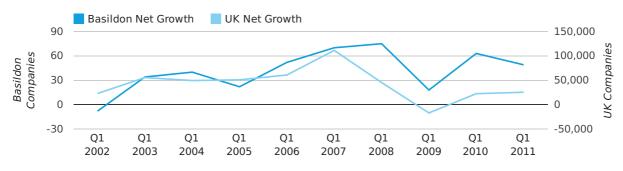
Net company growth for Basildon during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 49 companies.

This represents a decrease of 22.2% on the same period last year.

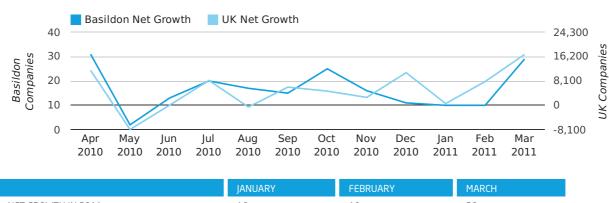
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	BASILDON	UK
2011	49	25,405
2010	63	22,460
% CHANGE	-22.2%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (75)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter

net growth by month



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

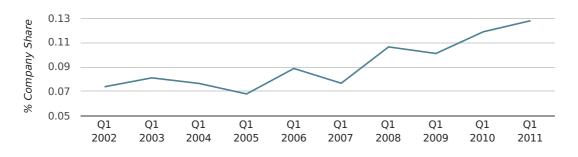


NET GROWTH IN 2011	10	10	29
NET GROWTH IN 2010	16	22	25
% CHANGE	-37.5%	-54.5%	16.0%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (27)	1997 (32)	2007 (38)

In the first quarter of 2011, Basildon formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

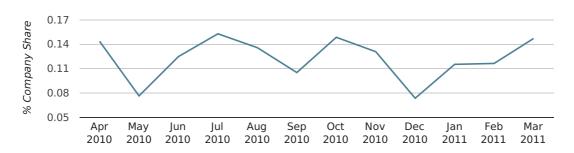
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	BASILDON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



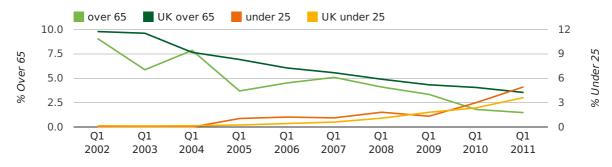
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-15.9%	1.8%	33.9%
RECORD YEAR	1969 (0.4%)	1997 (0.2%)	1965 (0.2%)

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

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter



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

22.9% of all director appointments in Basildon 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
CONSULTANCY	1.94%	CONSULTING	5.04%
ELECTRICAL	1.03%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
ASSOCIATES	1.03%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
CONSULTING	0.91%	PROPERTY	2.38%
ESSEX	0.91%	TRADING	2.10%
ENGINEERING	0.91%	DESIGN	1.93%
MANAGEMENT	0.91%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
DESIGN	0.80%	BUSINESS	1.87%
CONSULTANTS	0.80%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
MEDIA	0.80%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
(ESSEX)	0.68%	MEDIA	1.69%
MAINTENANCE	0.68%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
CARE	0.68%	LONDON	1.60%
С	0.68%	CARE	1.45%
IT	0.68%	J	1.45%
INTERIORS	0.68%	GLOBAL	1.44%
CONTRACTS	0.68%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
TAX	0.57%	IT	1.41%
М	0.57%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
CONSTRUCTION	0.57%	BUILDING	1.34%
OFFICE	0.57%	М	1.30%
COMMUNITY	0.57%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
S	0.57%	S	1.24%
GLOBAL	0.57%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
BUSINESS	0.46%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	225	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	74	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	61	30,253
9999 - Dormant Company	21	19,765
99999 - Dormant Company	18	18,336
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	17	6,183
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	16	16,150
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	15	10,246
7260 - Other computer related activities	13	7,789
9305 - Other service activities	12	8,740
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	10	7,000
7499 - Non-trading company	10	11,316
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	9	10,085
43210 - Electrical installation	8	3,172
62090 - Other information technology service activities	8	6,996
7414 - Business & management consultancy	8	12,916
4531 - Installation electrical wiring etc.	8	2,072
86900 - Other human health activities	8	4,092
5248 - Other retail specialised stores	8	1,957
41201 - Construction of commercial buildings	7	1,498