

Belfast

q3 2011 business confidence report



headlines

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- July 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Belfast when compared to any previous July.

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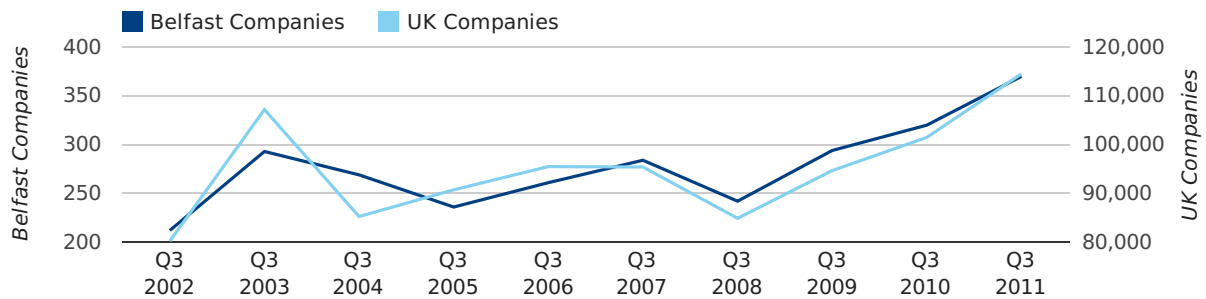
Q3 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Belfast when compared to any previous Q3.

A total of 370 companies were registered in Belfast during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 15.6% 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)	BELFAST	UK
2011	370	114,512
2010	320	101,492
% CHANGE	15.6%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (370)	2011 (114,512)

new companies by quarter



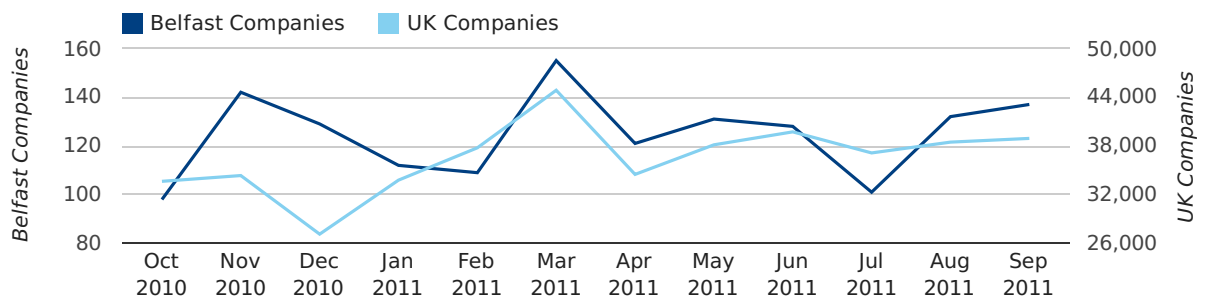
Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

September 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Belfast when compared to any previous September.

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July 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Belfast when compared to any previous July.

new companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	101	132	137
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	76	110	134
% CHANGE	32.9%	20.0%	2.2%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (101)	2011 (132)	2011 (137)

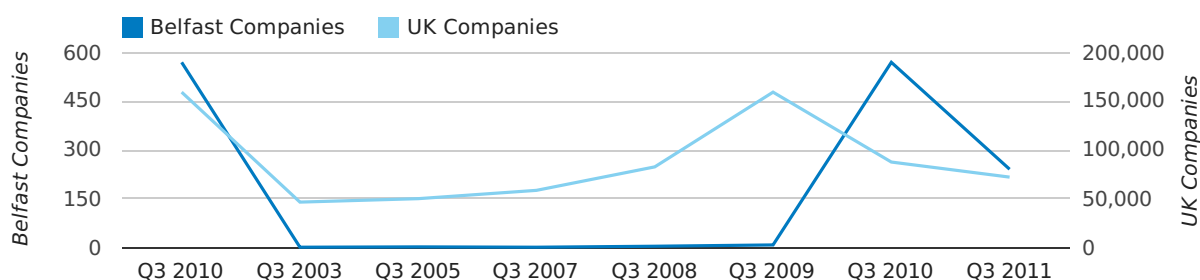
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 241 companies were dissolved in Belfast during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 57.7% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 17.6% against the same period last year.

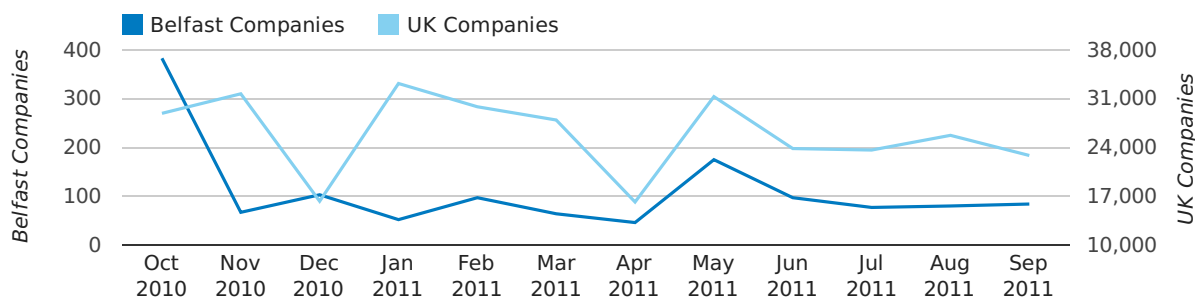
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	BELFAST	UK
2011	241	72,230
2010	570	87,705
% CHANGE	-57.7%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (570)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	77	80	84
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	87	189	294
% CHANGE	-11.5%	-57.7%	-71%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (87)	2010 (189)	2010 (294)

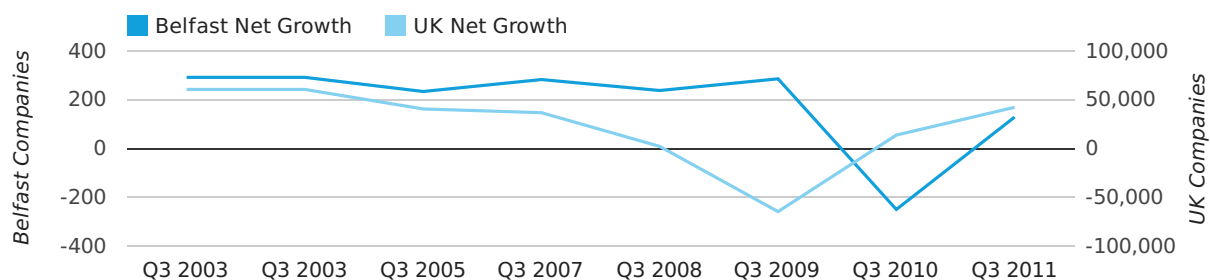
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Belfast during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 129 companies.

This represents an increase of 151.6% on the same period last year.

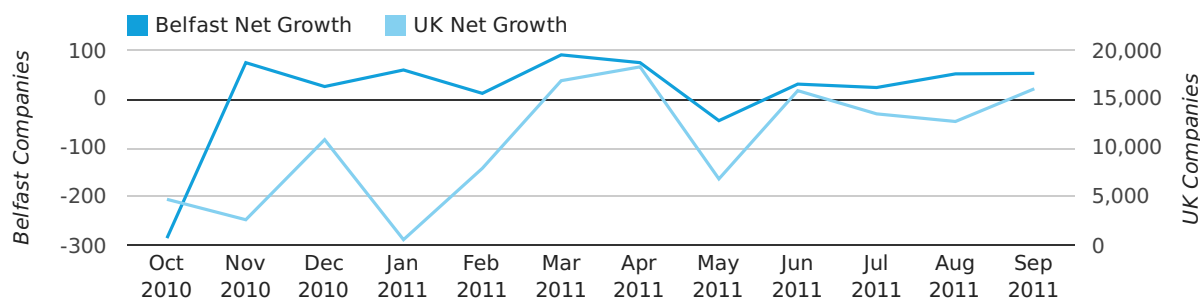
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	BELFAST	UK
2011	129	42,282
2010	-250	13,787
% CHANGE	-151.6%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (292)	2003 (60,597)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

net growth by month



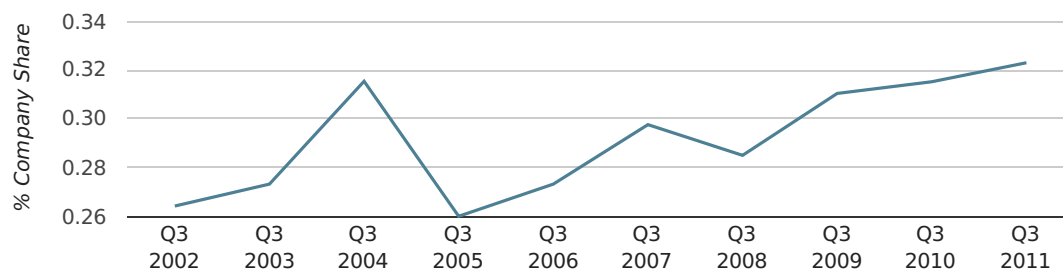
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	24	52	53
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-11	-79	-160
% CHANGE	-318.2%	-165.8%	-133.1%
RECORD YEAR	1999 (60)	2003 (87)	2009 (119)

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

In the third quarter of 2011, Belfast formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

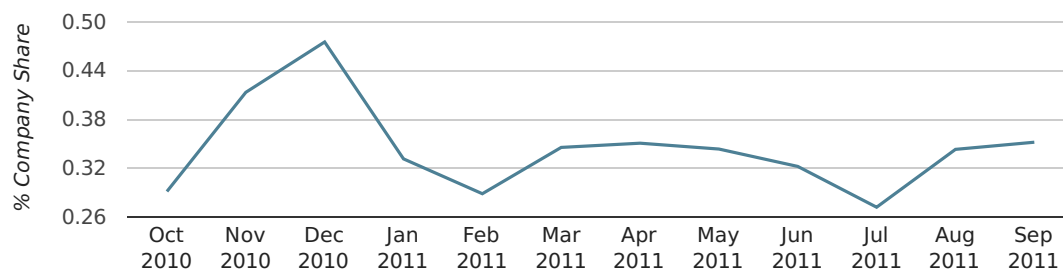
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	BELFAST
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (1.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.3%	0.4%
% CHANGE	21.6%	1.0%	-7.7%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (1.7%)	1970 (1.5%)	1962 (1.5%)

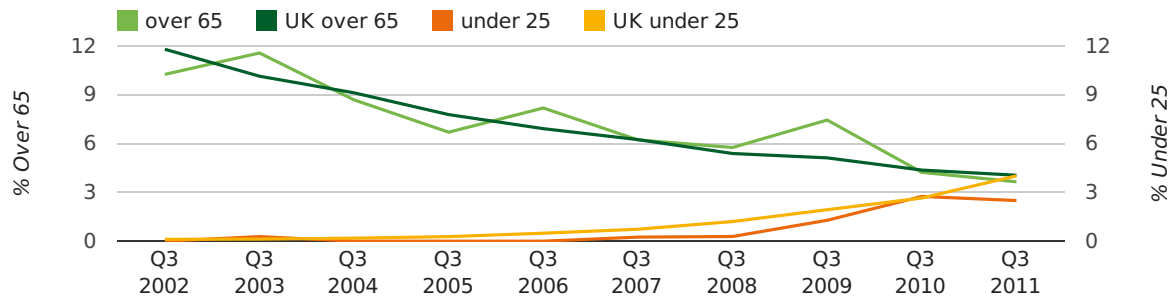
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 43.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

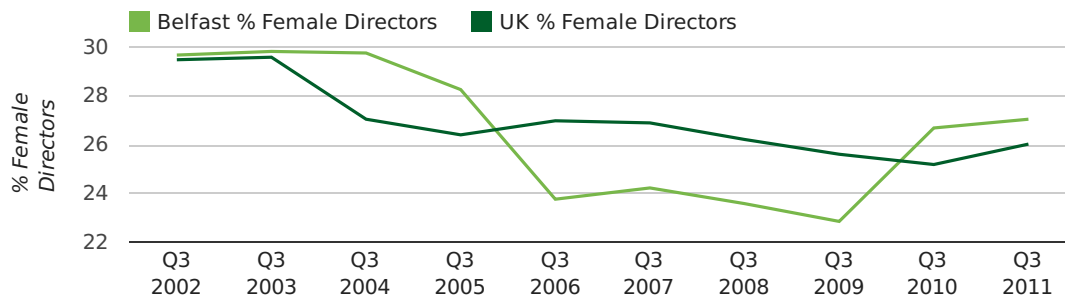


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

27.1% of all director appointments in Belfast 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
(NI)	2.68%	CONSULTING	5.11%
DR.	2.59%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
MANAGEMENT	2.40%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
(N.I.)	1.37%	PROPERTY	2.41%
BELFAST	1.22%	TRADING	2.06%
LAGAN	1.18%	DESIGN	1.94%
TRADING	1.18%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
IRELAND	0.99%	BUSINESS	1.82%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.94%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
NI	0.85%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
ENTERPRISES	0.85%	MEDIA	1.72%
CONSULTING	0.80%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
MEDICAL	0.71%	LONDON	1.63%
PROPERTY	0.71%	J	1.47%
CONSULTANCY	0.66%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CO	0.66%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
MR.	0.61%	CARE	1.42%
DESIGN	0.61%	IT	1.38%
PROF.	0.61%	BUILDING	1.30%
C.I.C.	0.52%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
PROPERTIES	0.52%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
CARE	0.52%	M	1.25%
M	0.52%	ENERGY	1.22%
ELECTRICAL	0.52%	TRAINING	1.21%
NORTHERN	0.47%	S	1.21%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	432	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	143	65,177
9999 - Dormant Company	90	22,587
99999 - Dormant Company	71	18,281
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	49	29,245
86210 - General medical practice activities	38	1,986
98000 - Residents property management	30	2,664
8512 - Medical practice activities	28	2,427
7415 - Holding companies including head offices	28	1,904
7499 - Non-trading company	27	11,543
7414 - Business & management consultancy	27	14,755
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	26	6,321
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	26	10,018
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	26	15,760
41100 - Development of building projects	25	3,697
5530 - Restaurants	25	5,640
74990 - Non-trading company	24	8,064
56101 - Licensed restaurants	21	2,332
9305 - Other service activities	20	10,525
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	20	8,345