

Birmingham

q1 2011 business confidence report



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

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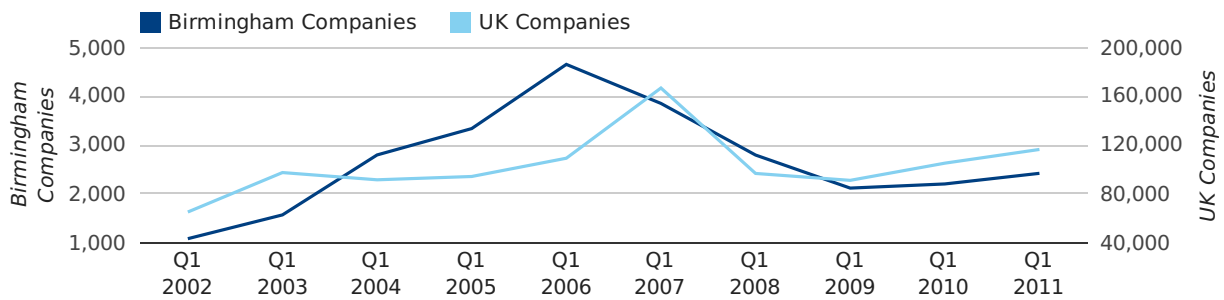
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 2,420 companies were registered in Birmingham during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 9.9% 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.

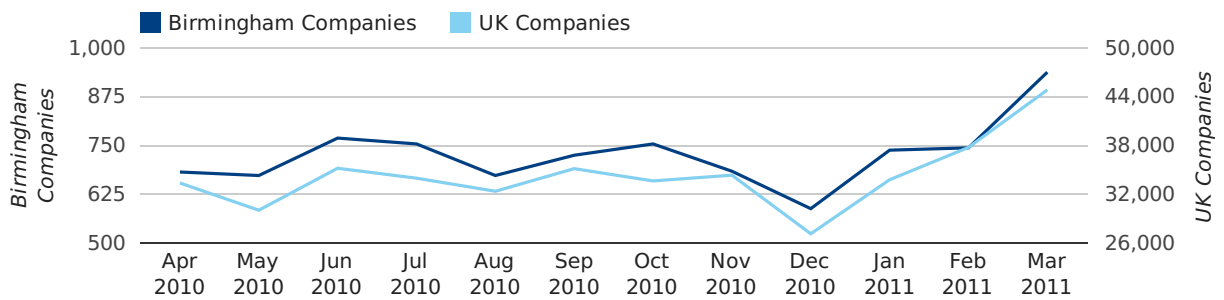
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	BIRMINGHAM	UK
2011	2,420	116,391
2010	2,202	105,137
% CHANGE	9.9%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (4,655)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	738	744	938
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	626	706	870
% CHANGE	17.9%	5.4%	7.8%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (1,499)	2006 (1,363)	2006 (1,793)

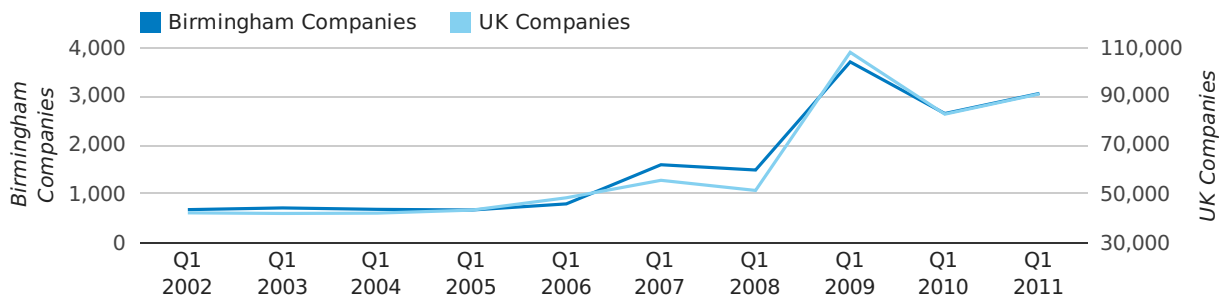
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 3,059 companies were dissolved in Birmingham during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 15.6% 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)	BIRMINGHAM	UK
2011	3,059	90,986
2010	2,647	82,677
% CHANGE	15.6%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (3,706)	2009 (108,060)

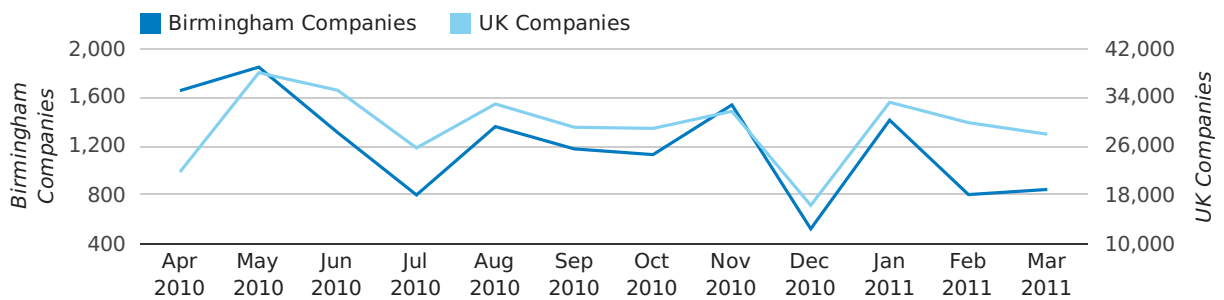
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	1,413	802	844
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	661	824	1,162
% CHANGE	113.8%	-2.7%	-27%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (1,413)	2009 (903)	2009 (2,297)

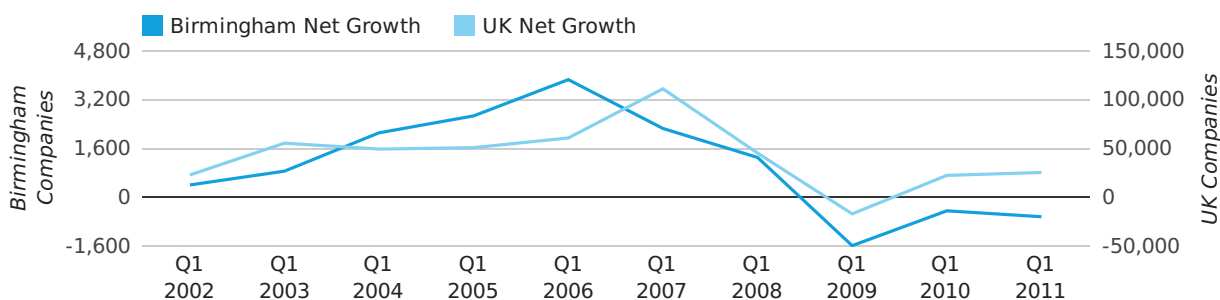
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Birmingham during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was -639 companies.

This represents a decrease of 43.6% on the same period last year.

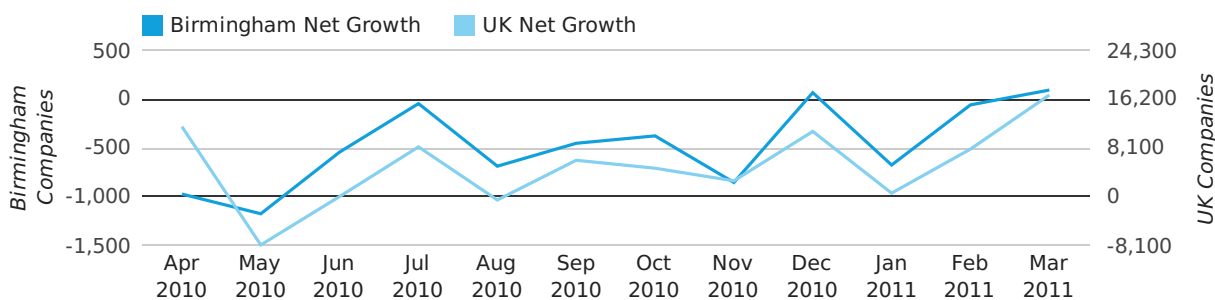
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	BIRMINGHAM	UK
2011	-639	25,405
2010	-445	22,460
% CHANGE	43.6%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (3,862)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



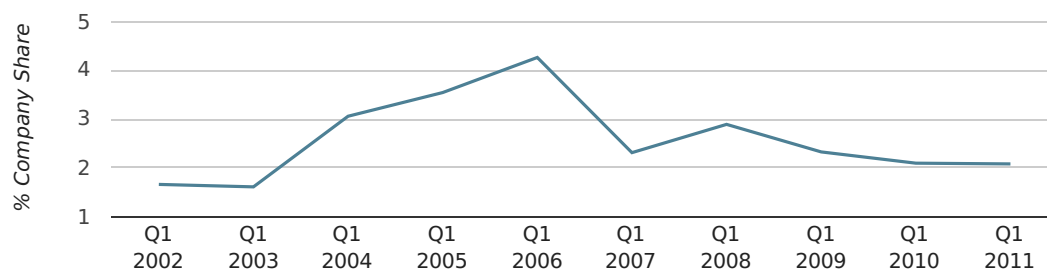
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-675	-58	94
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-35	-118	-292
% CHANGE	1,828.6%	-50.8%	-132.2%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (1,171)	2006 (1,124)	2006 (1,567)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Birmingham formed 2.1% of all UK companies.

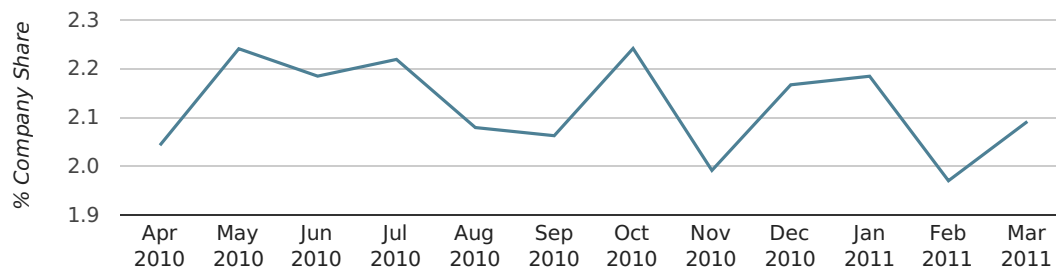
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	BIRMINGHAM
2011	2.1%
2010	2.1%
2009	2.3%
2008	2.9%
2007	2.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2006 (4.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	2.2%	2.0%	2.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	2.1%	2.1%	2.0%
% CHANGE	1.7%	-7.3%	2.8%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (4.7%)	2006 (4.0%)	2006 (4.1%)

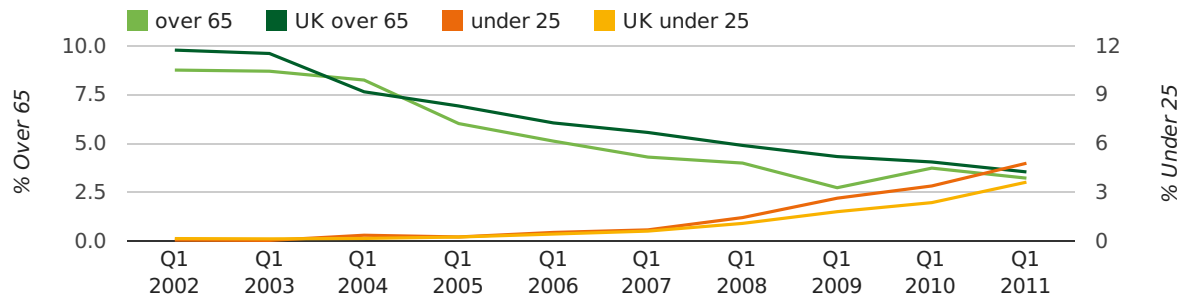
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 41.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

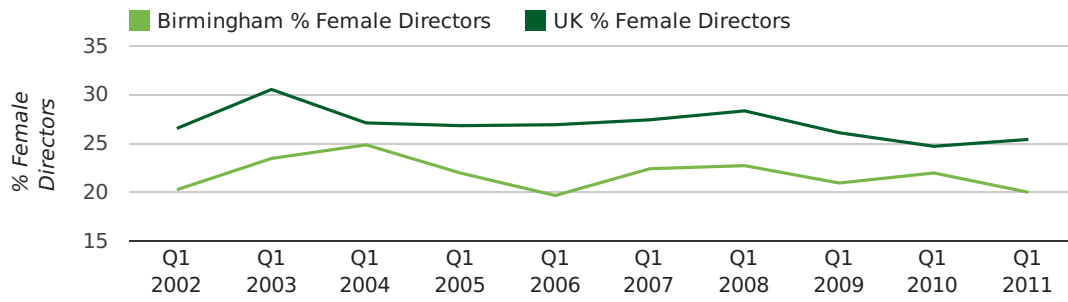


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

20.0% of all director appointments in Birmingham 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
MANAGEMENT	2.02%	CONSULTING	5.04%
TRADING	1.46%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
(GB)	1.24%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
CONSULTING	1.19%	PROPERTY	2.38%
BIRMINGHAM	1.13%	TRADING	2.10%
CARE	0.98%	DESIGN	1.93%
CONSULTANCY	0.87%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
PROPERTY	0.85%	BUSINESS	1.87%
BUSINESS	0.74%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
CENTRE	0.71%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
MEDIA	0.69%	MEDIA	1.69%
GLOBAL	0.68%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
COMMUNITY	0.67%	LONDON	1.60%
(BIRMINGHAM)	0.65%	CARE	1.45%
M	0.65%	J	1.45%
DESIGN	0.65%	GLOBAL	1.44%
ASSOCIATES	0.65%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
PROPERTIES	0.62%	IT	1.41%
(MIDLANDS)	0.62%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
SECURITY	0.60%	BUILDING	1.34%
(10)	0.59%	M	1.30%
S	0.59%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
MIDLANDS	0.58%	S	1.24%
MARKETING	0.56%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
TRADE	0.56%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	4,812	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	3,749	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	1,908	30,253
5227 - Other retail food etc. specialised	318	1,149
9999 - Dormant Company	299	19,765
99999 - Dormant Company	277	18,336
5530 - Restaurants	222	4,898
7499 - Non-trading company	184	11,316
9305 - Other service activities	163	8,740
56103 - Take-away food shops and mobile food stands	157	1,765
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	157	10,085
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	147	16,150
7414 - Business & management consultancy	140	12,916
74990 - Non-trading company	121	8,695
7260 - Other computer related activities	112	7,789
86900 - Other human health activities	111	4,092
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	96	10,246
56101 - Licensed restaurants	93	2,736
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	83	7,788
62090 - Other information technology service activities	82	6,996