

Bishop's Stortford

2011 annual business confidence report



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- November 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bishop's Stortford when compared to any previous November.
- November 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Bishop's Stortford when compared to any previous November.

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Annual Data (2011)

A total of 418 companies were formed in Bishop's Stortford in 2011. This total is 11.2% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	UK
2011	418	452,870
2010	376	400,358
2009	351	362,675
2008	345	349,203
2007	398	457,649
RECORD YEAR	1999 (488)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year

Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 205 companies were formed in Bishop's Stortford. This figure is 27.3% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Bishop's Stortford occurred in 1999 when a total of 257 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	UK
2011	205	224,135
2010	161	196,609
% CHANGE	27.3%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	1999 (257)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year

Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 92 companies were registered in Bishop's Stortford during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 19.5% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares equally to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 15.3% against the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	UK
2011	92	109,623
2010	77	95,117
% CHANGE	19.5%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (93)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter

Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

November 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bishop's Stortford when compared to any previous November.

new companies by month

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	32	36	24
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	24	24	29
% CHANGE	33.3%	50.0%	-17.2%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (35)	2011 (36)	2010 (29)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 287 companies were dissolved in Bishop's Stortford in 2011. This total is 7.5% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	UK
2011	287	314,523
2010	267	342,232
2009	392	533,773
2008	171	237,901
2007	167	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2006 (462)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year

Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 132 companies were dissolved in Bishop's Stortford. This figure is 14.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Bishop's Stortford occurred in 2003 when a total of 221 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	UK
2011	132	152,213
2010	115	164,601
% CHANGE	14.8%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (221)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year

Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 78 companies were dissolved in Bishop's Stortford during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 66.0% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 4.0% against the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	UK
2011	78	79,983
2010	47	76,896
% CHANGE	66.0%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (84)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter

Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

November 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Bishop's Stortford when compared to any previous November.

dissolved companies by month

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	20	35	23
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	14	18	15
% CHANGE	42.9%	94.4%	53%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (59)	2011 (35)	2009 (31)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 131 companies were added to the company register for Bishop's Stortford in 2011. This number represents growth of 34.8% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 22 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 1999 when the Bishop's Stortford company register grew by 398 companies.

YEAR	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	UK
2011	131	138,347
2010	109	58,126
2009	-41	-171,098
2008	174	111,302
2007	231	237,354
RECORD YEAR	1999 (398)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Bishop's Stortford increased by 73 companies. This figure is 58.7% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	UK
2011	73	71,922
2010	46	32,008
% CHANGE	58.7%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	1999 (212)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year

Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Bishop's Stortford during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 14 companies.

This represents a decrease of 53.3% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BISHOP'S STORTFORD	UK
2011	14	29,640
2010	30	18,221
% CHANGE	-53.3%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	1999 (69)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter

Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	12	1	1
NET GROWTH IN 2010	10	6	14
% CHANGE	20.0%	-83.3%	-92.9%
RECORD YEAR	1999 (29)	1999 (25)	2006 (15)

Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Bishop's Stortford formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Bishop's Stortford was responsible for 0.1% of all UK companies.

YEAR	BISHOP'S STORTFORD
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1999 (0.2%)

company share by year

Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Bishop's Stortford formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BISHOP'S STORTFORD
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.3%)

company share by half year

Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, Bishop's Stortford formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BISHOP'S STORTFORD
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.2%)

company share by quarter

Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	15.8%	27.8%	-26.7%
RECORD YEAR	1970 (0.5%)	1971 (0.3%)	1968 (0.4%)

Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 44.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year

Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 45.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year

Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 43.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

Annual Data (2011)

The record year for female directors in Bishop's Stortford was 1857 when 36.4% of all directors were female.

The percentage of female directors in Bishop's Stortford in 2011 was 29.0%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The record second half year for female directors in Bishop's Stortford was 1860 when 42.9% of all directors were female.

30.2% of all director appointments in Bishop's Stortford in the second half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

director gender by half year

Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The record fourth quarter for female directors in Bishop's Stortford was in 1977 when 31.1% of all directors were female.

28.7% of all director appointments in Bishop's Stortford in the fourth quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.3% for the same period.

director gender by quarter

Previous 12 months (Dec 2010-Dec 2011)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
CONSULTING	1.72%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTANCY	1.06%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
DESIGN	0.79%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
MANAGEMENT	0.79%	PROPERTY	2.37%
ASSOCIATES	0.79%	TRADING	2.07%
INTERIORS	0.66%	DESIGN	1.92%
AVIATION	0.53%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
PROPERTY	0.53%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
STORTFORD	0.53%	BUSINESS	1.78%
HOMES	0.53%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
J	0.53%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
PROFESSIONAL	0.53%	MEDIA	1.71%
HOME	0.53%	LONDON	1.63%
R	0.53%	J	1.51%
SERVICE	0.53%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
BEAUTY	0.53%	GLOBAL	1.46%
BUILDING	0.53%	IT	1.41%
TRADING	0.53%	CARE	1.39%
M	0.40%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
ENTERPRISES	0.40%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
THREMHALL	0.40%	M	1.27%
CREST	0.40%	BUILDING	1.26%
HR	0.40%	ENERGY	1.25%
LOGISTICS	0.40%	S	1.20%
TEAM	0.40%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	151	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	39	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	38	32,483
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	31	17,765
99999 - Dormant Company	21	21,846
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	19	12,072
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	18	11,768
9999 - Dormant Company	18	20,199
7414 - Business & management consultancy	17	13,034
9305 - Other service activities	14	9,492
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	11	8,671
62090 - Other information technology service activities	10	7,493
7260 - Other computer related activities	9	7,667
7412 - Accounting, auditing; tax consult	9	2,496
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	8	7,398
4545 - Other building completion	8	2,369
98000 - Residents property management	7	2,874
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	6	2,832
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	6	2,699
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	5	3,342