

Blackburn

q1 2011 business confidence report



headlines

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

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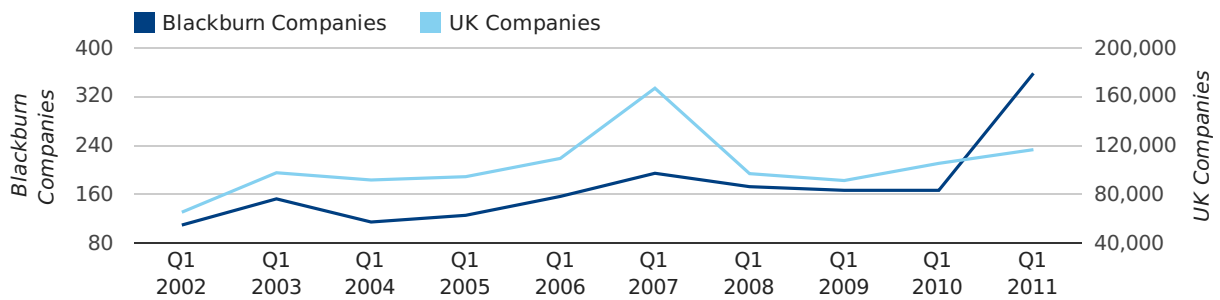
Q1 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 358 companies were registered in Blackburn during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 115.7% 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)	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	358	116,391
2010	166	105,137
% CHANGE	115.7%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (358)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

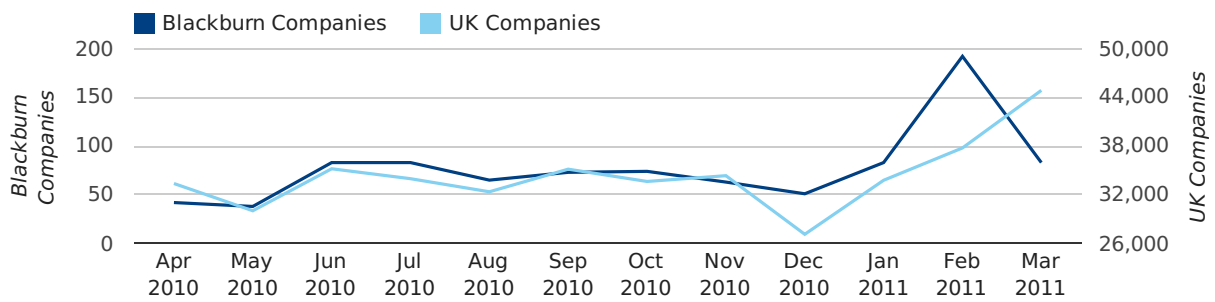
March 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any previous March.

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February 2011 was a record month for company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any month in history.

January 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any previous January.

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	83	192	83
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	50	55	61
% CHANGE	66.0%	249.1%	36.1%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (83)	2011 (192)	2011 (83)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

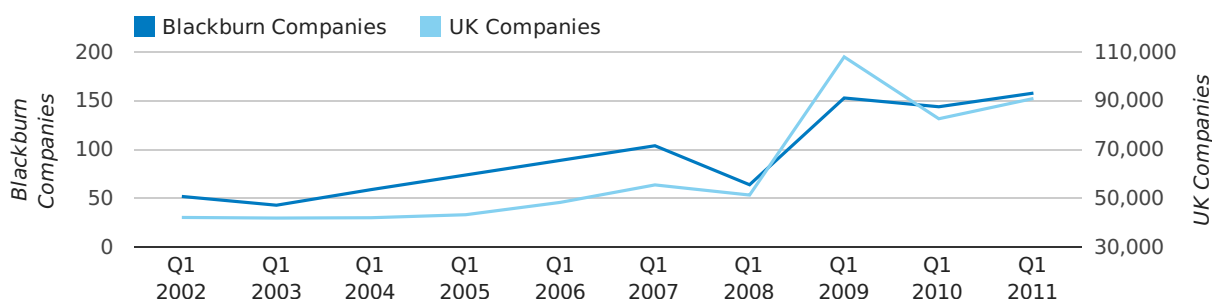
Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Blackburn when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 158 companies were dissolved in Blackburn during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 9.7% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares well 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)	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	158	90,986
2010	144	82,677
% CHANGE	9.7%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (158)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter

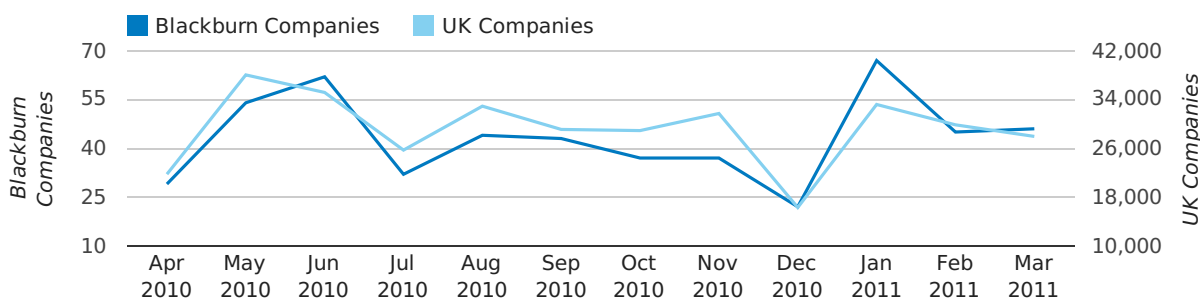


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	67	45	46
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	38	43	63
% CHANGE	76.3%	4.7%	-27%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (67)	2011 (45)	2009 (107)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Q1 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Blackburn when compared to any previous Q1.

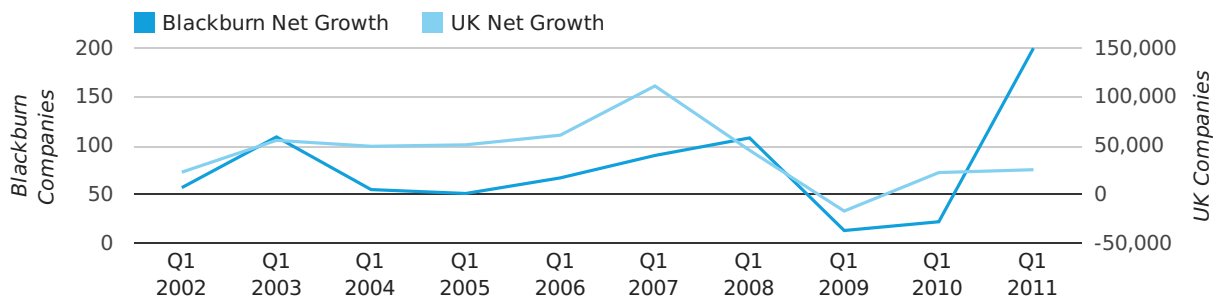
Q1 2011 was a record quarter for net growth in Blackburn when compared to any quarter in history.

Net company growth for Blackburn during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 200 companies.

This represents an increase of 809.1% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	200	25,405
2010	22	22,460
% CHANGE	809.1%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (200)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter

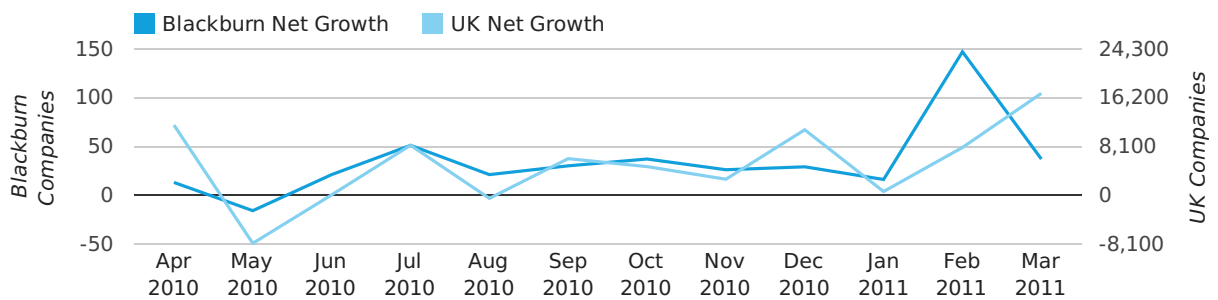


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

February 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Blackburn when compared to any previous February.

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net growth by month



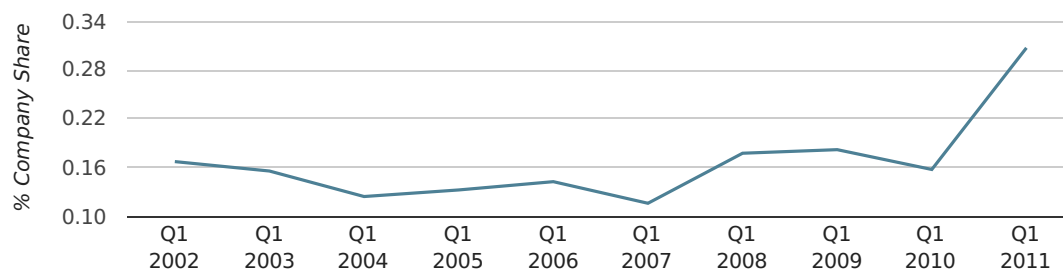
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	16	147	37
NET GROWTH IN 2010	12	12	-2
% CHANGE	33.3%	1,125.0%	-1,950.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (49)	2011 (147)	2008 (66)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Blackburn formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

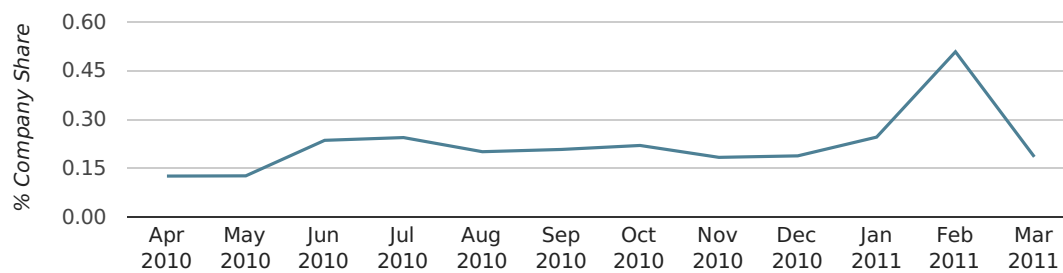
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	BLACKBURN
2011	0.3%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.5%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
% CHANGE	43.2%	207.0%	29.8%
RECORD YEAR	1975 (0.5%)	1968 (1.2%)	1967 (0.5%)

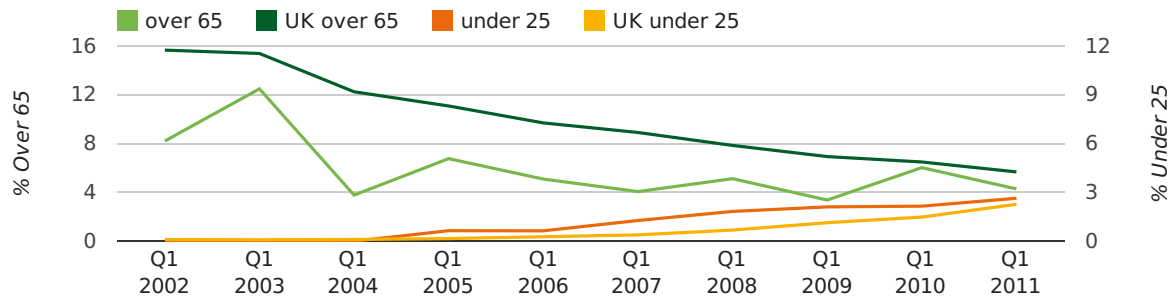
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 42.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

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

director age by quarter

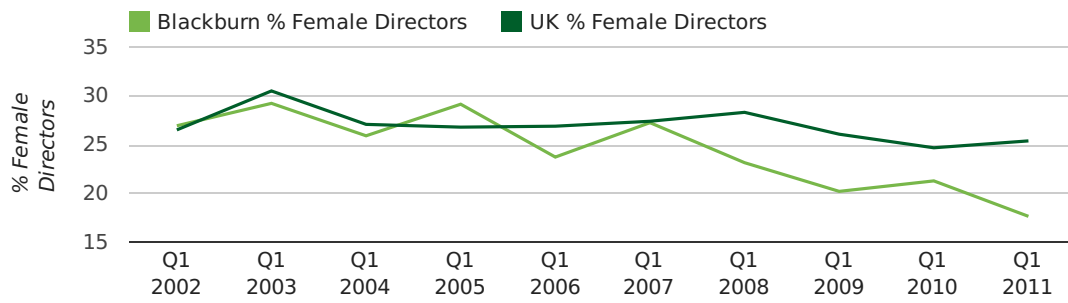


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

17.7% of all director appointments in Blackburn 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
MSTAR	7.12%	CONSULTING	5.04%
MANAGEMENT	1.20%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
BLACKBURN	0.99%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
TRADING	0.85%	PROPERTY	2.38%
PROPERTIES	0.85%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTANCY	0.70%	DESIGN	1.93%
CONSULTING	0.70%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
NORTH	0.63%	BUSINESS	1.87%
HOLDINGS	0.63%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
SYSTEMS	0.56%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
(BLACKBURN)	0.56%	MEDIA	1.69%
WEST	0.56%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
H	0.49%	LONDON	1.60%
CONSTRUCTION	0.49%	CARE	1.45%
PROPERTY	0.49%	J	1.45%
MEDICAL	0.42%	GLOBAL	1.44%
CAR	0.42%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
CARE	0.42%	IT	1.41%
SECURITY	0.42%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
FOODS	0.42%	BUILDING	1.34%
TRAINING	0.42%	M	1.30%
TRUST	0.35%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
TECH	0.35%	S	1.24%
SHOP	0.35%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
SPORTS	0.35%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	387	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	94	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	30	30,253
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	22	10,085
9999 - Dormant Company	20	19,765
99999 - Dormant Company	20	18,336
9305 - Other service activities	19	8,740
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	17	16,150
74990 - Non-trading company	16	8,695
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	14	7,788
70100 - Activities of head offices	14	2,849
7260 - Other computer related activities	13	7,789
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	12	3,895
86210 - General medical practice activities	11	1,874
7440 - Advertising	10	1,814
7499 - Non-trading company	10	11,316
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	9	6,183
86900 - Other human health activities	9	4,092
62090 - Other information technology service activities	8	6,996
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	7	3,436