Blackburn

q3 2011 business confidence report



headlines

- Q3 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any previous Q3.
- September 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any previous September.
- August 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any previous August.
- Q3 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Blackburn when compared to any previous Q3.
- August 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Blackburn when compared to any previous August.

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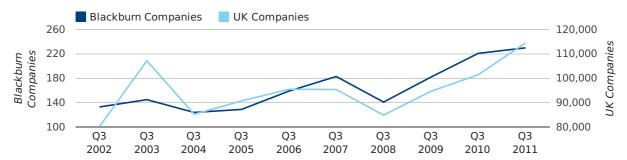
Q3 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any previous Q3.

A total of 230 companies were registered in Blackburn during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 4.1% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares badly 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)	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	230	114,512
2010	221	101,492
% CHANGE	4.1%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (230)	2011 (114,512)

new companies by quarter

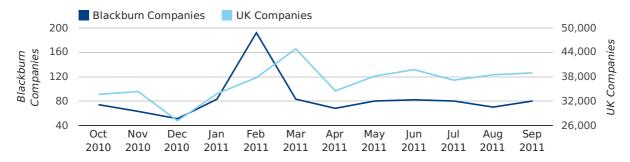


Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

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

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

new companies by month



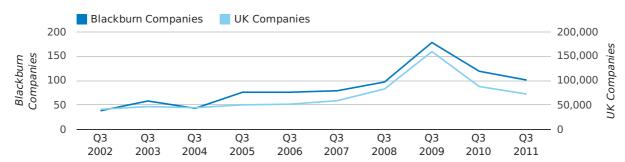
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	80	70	80
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	83	65	73
% CHANGE	-3.6%	7.7%	9.6%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (83)	2011 (70)	2011 (80)

A total of 101 companies were dissolved in Blackburn during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 15.1% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 17.6% against the same period last year.

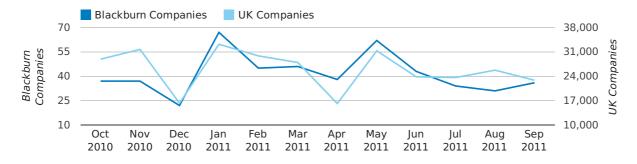
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	101	72,230
2010	119	87,705
% CHANGE	-15.1%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (178)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	34	31	36
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	32	44	43
% CHANGE	6.3%	-29.5%	-16%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (39)	2008 (84)	2009 (86)

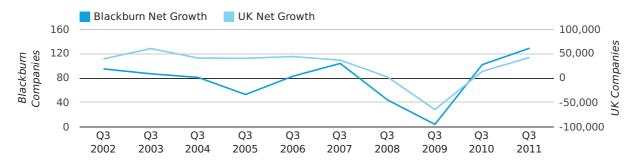
Q3 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Blackburn when compared to any previous Q3.

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

This represents an increase of 26.5% on the same period last year.

THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	129	42,282
2010	102	13,787
% CHANGE	26.5%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (129)	2003 (60,597)

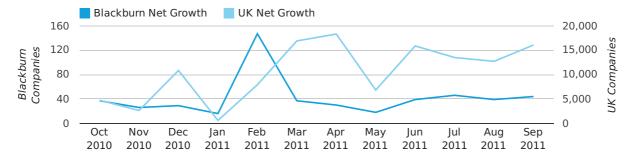
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

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

net growth by month

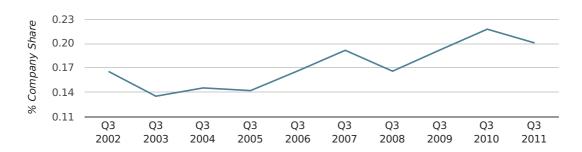


	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	46	39	44
NET GROWTH IN 2010	51	21	30
% CHANGE	-9.8%	85.7%	46.7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (51)	2011 (39)	2008 (46)

In the third quarter of 2011, Blackburn formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

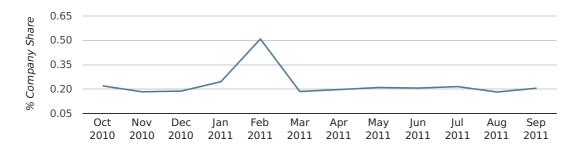
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	BLACKBURN
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1991 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



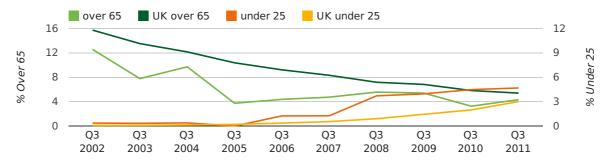
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-11.8%	-9.4%	-1.1%
RECORD YEAR	1978 (0.5%)	1970 (0.4%)	1969 (0.5%)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 42.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

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

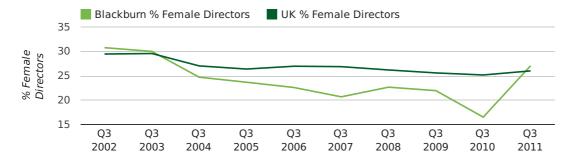
director age by quarter



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

27.1% of all director appointments in Blackburn 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
MSTAR	6.64%	CONSULTING	5.11%
MANAGEMENT	1.12%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
BLACKBURN	1.05%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
CARE	0.79%	PROPERTY	2.41%
TRANSPORT	0.72%	TRADING	2.06%
CENTRE	0.66%	DESIGN	1.94%
MEDICAL	0.66%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
WEST	0.66%	BUSINESS	1.82%
NORTH	0.66%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
Н	0.66%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
CONSULTING	0.59%	MEDIA	1.72%
HOLDINGS	0.59%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
CONSULTANCY	0.59%	LONDON	1.63%
(BLACKBURN)	0.53%	J	1.47%
HEALTHCARE	0.53%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CONSTRUCTION	0.53%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
SHOP	0.46%	CARE	1.42%
Р	0.46%	IT	1.38%
BUSINESS	0.46%	BUILDING	1.30%
ENERGY	0.39%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
SYSTEMS	0.39%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
TRAVEL	0.39%	М	1.25%
DESIGN	0.39%	ENERGY	1.22%
SECURITY	0.39%	TRAINING	1.21%
ENGINEERING	0.39%	S	1.21%

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	431	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	93	65,177
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	31	29,245
9999 - Dormant Company	28	22,587
9305 - Other service activities	27	10,525
99999 - Dormant Company	22	18,281
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	15	10,018
7260 - Other computer related activities	15	8,686
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	14	15,760
74990 - Non-trading company	13	8,064
70100 - Activities of head offices	13	2,479
86210 - General medical practice activities	12	1,986
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	12	3,614
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	12	7,551
7414 - Business & management consultancy	11	14,755
7499 - Non-trading company	11	11,543
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	10	6,321
86900 - Other human health activities	10	4,019
5263 - Other non-store retail sale	9	2,087
7415 - Holding companies including head offices	8	1,904