

Blackpool

q3 2011 business confidence report



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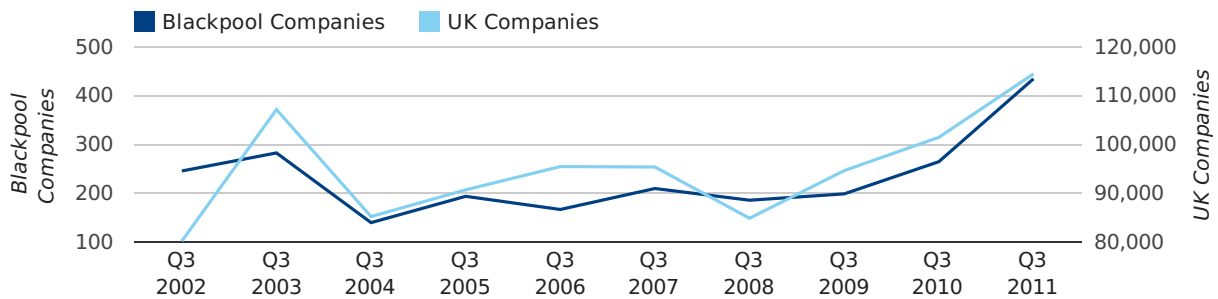
Q3 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackpool when compared to any previous Q3.

A total of 435 companies were registered in Blackpool during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 64.2% 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)	BLACKPOOL	UK
2011	435	114,512
2010	265	101,492
% CHANGE	64.2%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (435)	2011 (114,512)

new companies by quarter



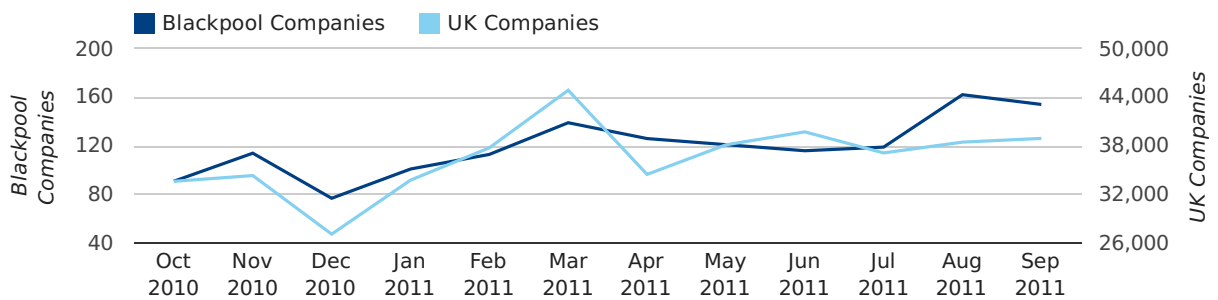
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new companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	119	162	154
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	93	74	98
% CHANGE	28.0%	118.9%	57.1%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (119)	2011 (162)	2011 (154)

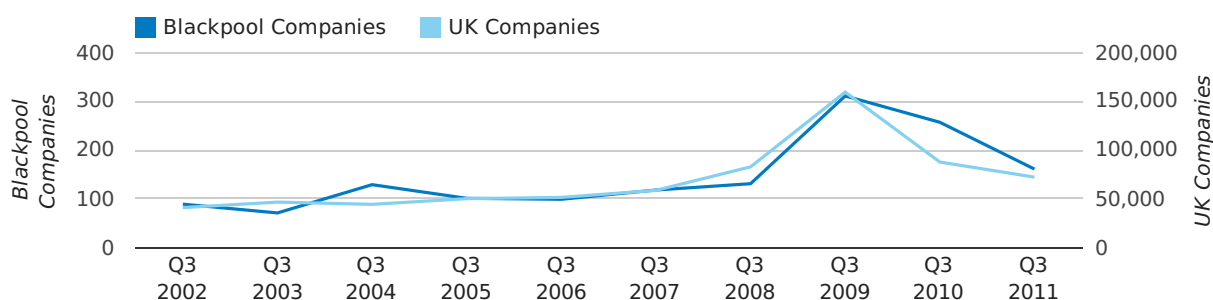
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 161 companies were dissolved in Blackpool during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 37.4% 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.

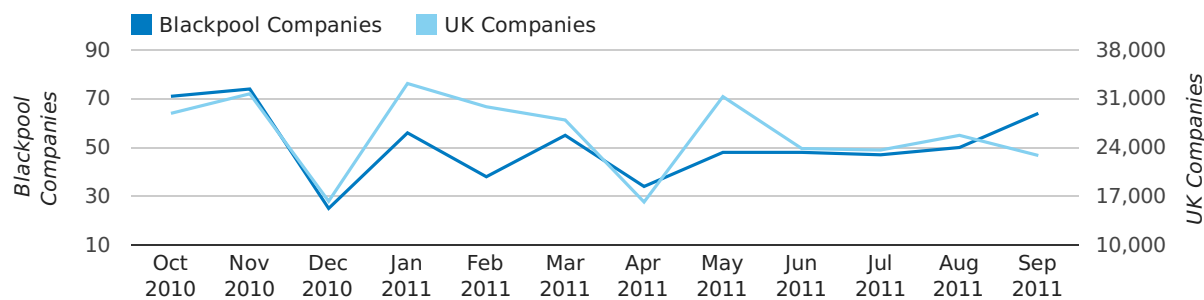
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	BLACKPOOL	UK
2011	161	72,230
2010	257	87,705
% CHANGE	-37.4%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (311)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	47	50	64
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	74	94	89
% CHANGE	-36.5%	-46.8%	-28%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (77)	2008 (98)	2009 (167)

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

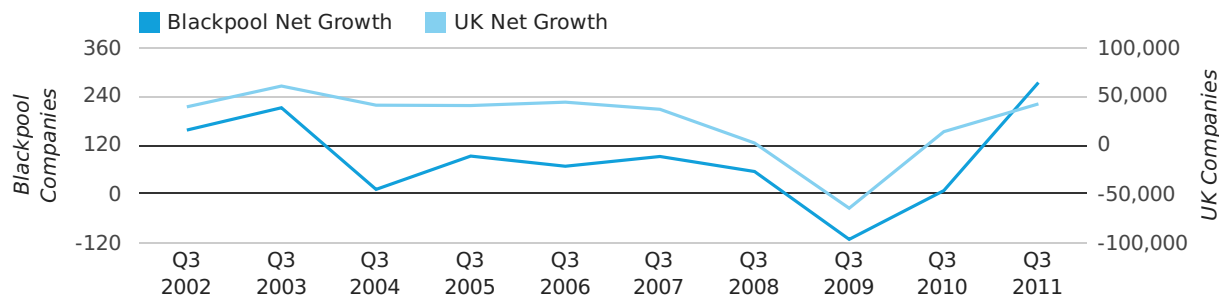
Q3 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Blackpool when compared to any previous Q3.

Net company growth for Blackpool during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 274 companies.

This represents an increase of 3,325.0% on the same period last year.

THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	BLACKPOOL	UK
2011	274	42,282
2010	8	13,787
% CHANGE	3,325.0%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (274)	2003 (60,597)

net growth by quarter



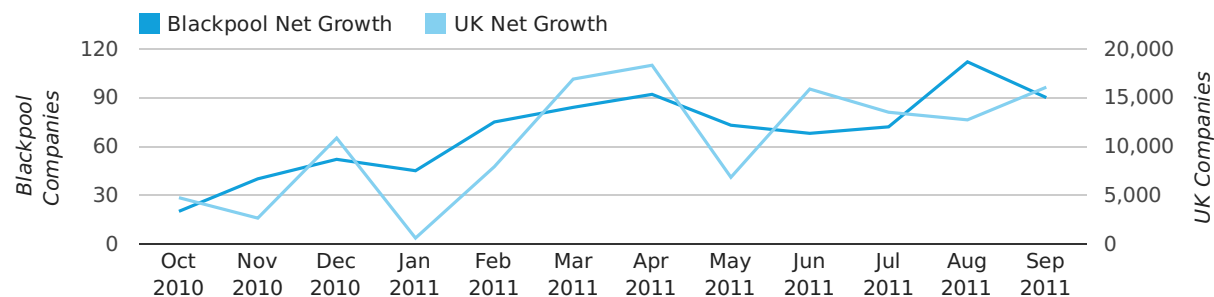
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net growth by month



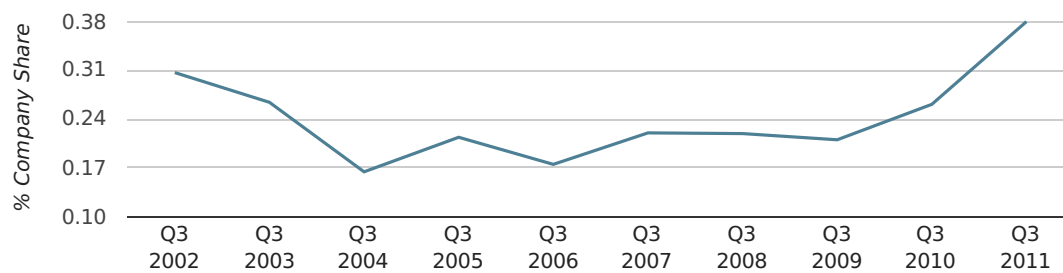
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	72	112	90
NET GROWTH IN 2010	19	-20	9
% CHANGE	278.9%	-660.0%	900.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (72)	2011 (112)	2011 (90)

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

In the third quarter of 2011, Blackpool formed 0.4% of all UK companies.

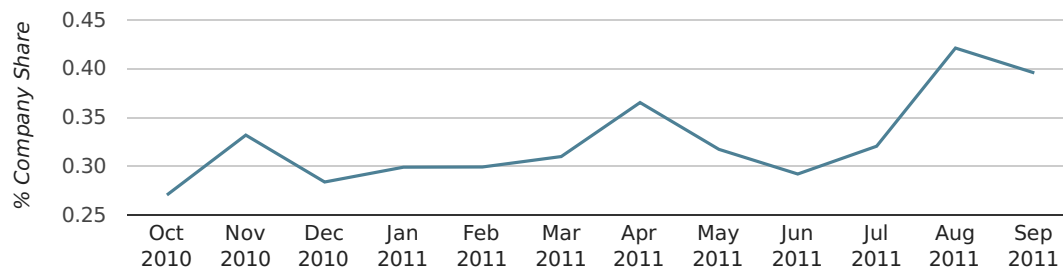
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	BLACKPOOL
2011	0.4%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.5%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%
% CHANGE	17.1%	84.3%	41.9%
RECORD YEAR	1965 (0.6%)	1965 (1.0%)	1975 (0.5%)

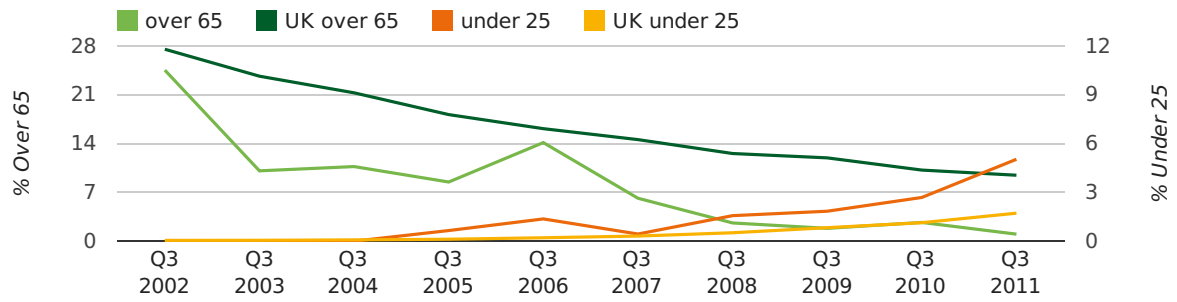
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 40.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

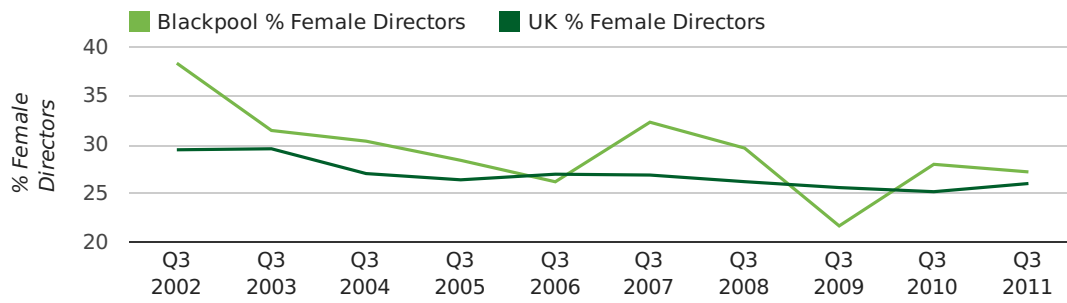


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

27.2% of all director appointments in Blackpool 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
CONSULTING	3.92%	CONSULTING	5.11%
ENGINEERING	2.65%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
METERS	1.72%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
CONSULTANCY	1.42%	PROPERTY	2.41%
IT	1.42%	TRADING	2.06%
MANAGEMENT	1.32%	DESIGN	1.94%
DESIGN	1.03%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
BLACKPOOL	0.98%	BUSINESS	1.82%
PROPERTY	0.83%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
METER	0.78%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
ENERGY	0.64%	MEDIA	1.72%
ELECTRICAL	0.64%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
DATA	0.59%	LONDON	1.63%
CONSULTANTS	0.59%	J	1.47%
METERING	0.59%	GLOBAL	1.46%
SYSTEMS	0.54%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
BUSINESS	0.54%	CARE	1.42%
MEDIA	0.54%	IT	1.38%
C	0.49%	BUILDING	1.30%
(BLACKPOOL)	0.49%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
(NW)	0.49%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
ENTERPRISES	0.49%	M	1.25%
ACTUARIAL	0.49%	ENERGY	1.22%
ASSOCIATES	0.44%	TRAINING	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	402	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	241	65,177
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	120	29,245
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	47	10,137
9999 - Dormant Company	41	22,587
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	40	8,345
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	33	7,551
7499 - Non-trading company	32	11,543
7260 - Other computer related activities	28	8,686
99999 - Dormant Company	28	18,281
9305 - Other service activities	22	10,525
7414 - Business & management consultancy	22	14,755
8512 - Medical practice activities	13	2,427
5510 - Hotels and Motels with (or without) restaurant	13	677
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	13	6,321
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	12	10,018
62090 - Other information technology service activities	12	6,798
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	12	15,760
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	11	3,271
86900 - Other human health activities	11	4,019