

Brighton

q1 2011 business confidence report



headlines

- Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Brighton when compared to any previous Q1.
- February 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Brighton when compared to any previous February.
- January 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Brighton when compared to any previous January.

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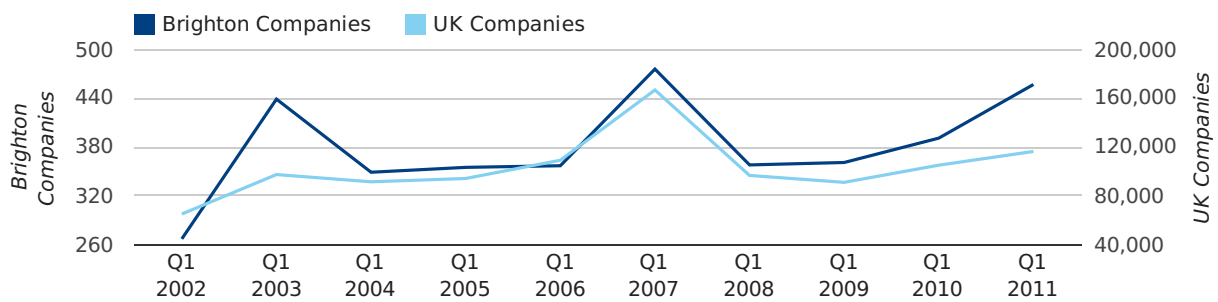
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 457 companies were registered in Brighton during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 16.9% 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.

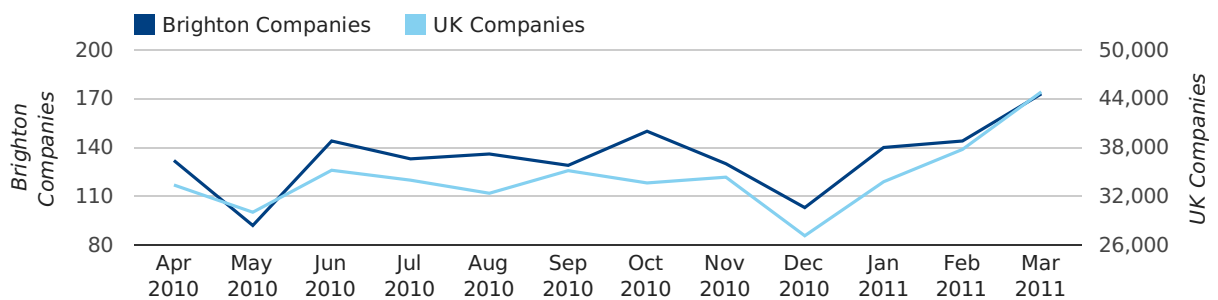
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	BRIGHTON	UK
2011	457	116,391
2010	391	105,137
% CHANGE	16.9%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (476)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	140	144	173
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	110	126	155
% CHANGE	27.3%	14.3%	11.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (150)	2003 (151)	2007 (210)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

A total of 365 companies were dissolved in Brighton during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 22.1% 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)	BRIGHTON	UK
2011	365	90,986
2010	299	82,677
% CHANGE	22.1%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (365)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter

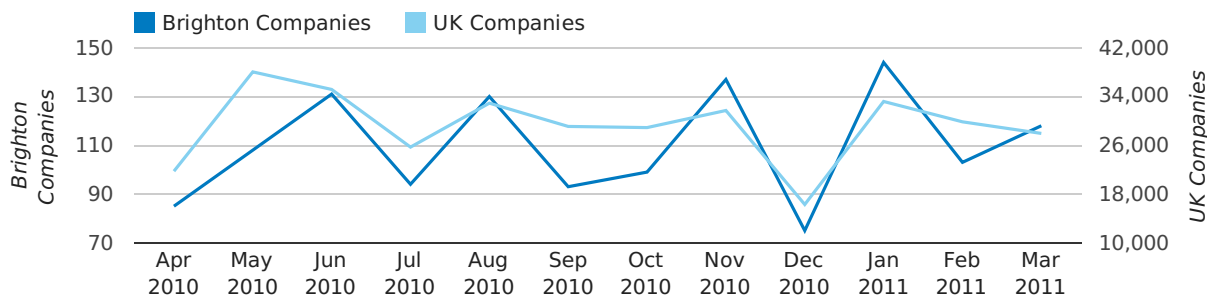


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	144	103	118
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	78	102	119
% CHANGE	84.6%	1.0%	-1%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (144)	2011 (103)	2009 (196)

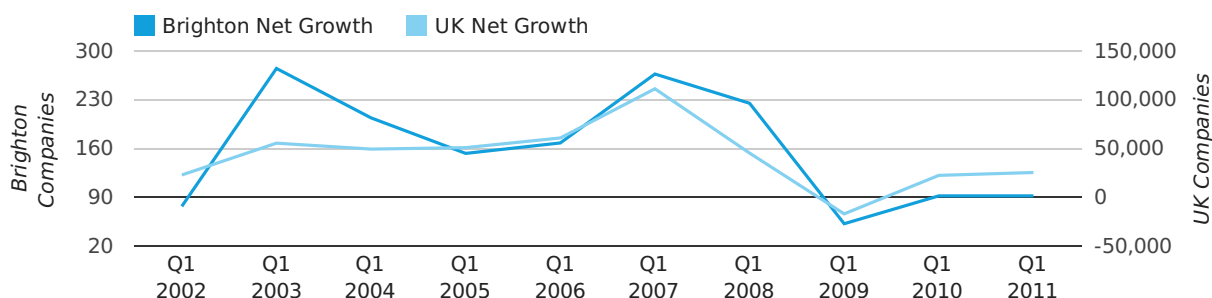
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Brighton during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 92 companies.

This represents an increase of 0.0% on the same period last year.

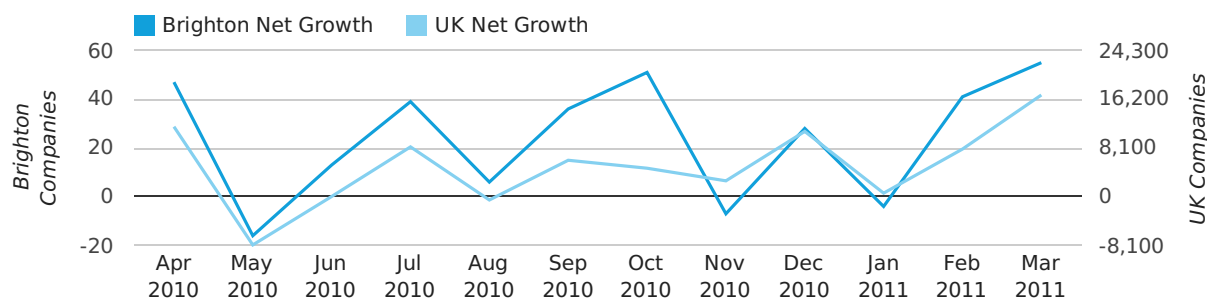
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	BRIGHTON	UK
2011	92	25,405
2010	92	22,460
% CHANGE	0.0%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (275)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



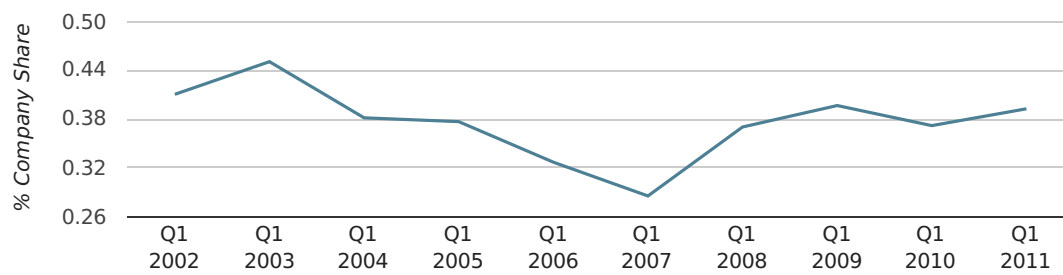
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-4	41	55
NET GROWTH IN 2010	32	24	36
% CHANGE	-112.5%	70.8%	52.8%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (83)	2003 (107)	2008 (148)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Brighton formed 0.4% of all UK companies.

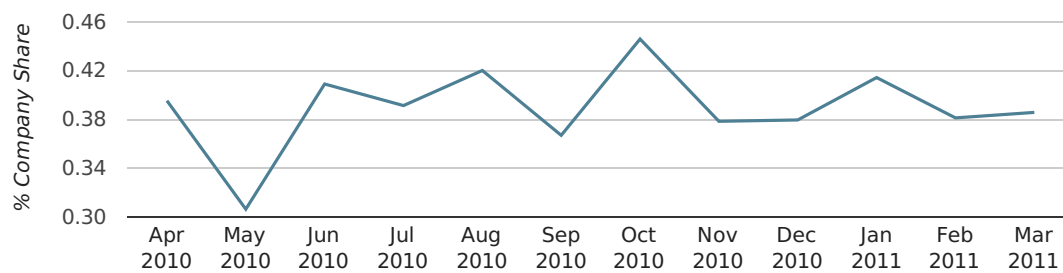
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	BRIGHTON
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.6%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
% CHANGE	9.8%	0.5%	6.5%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (0.6%)	1963 (0.9%)	1966 (0.7%)

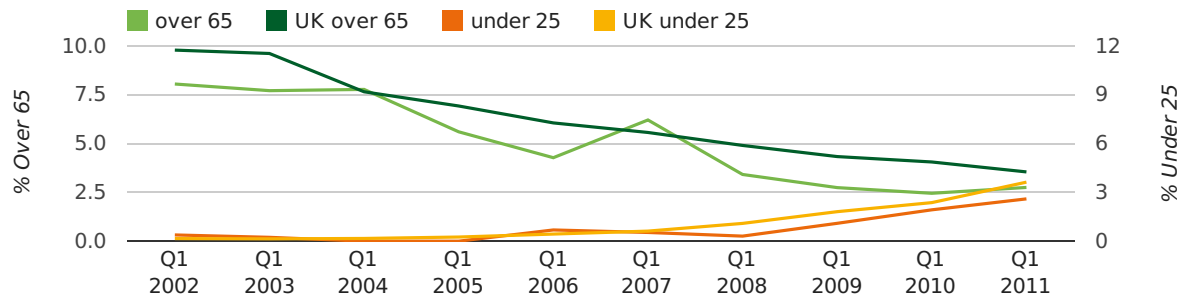
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 41.9.

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 2.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

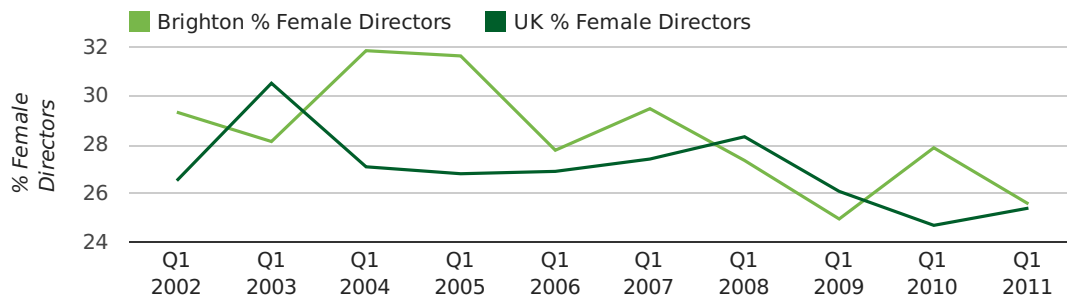


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

25.6% of all director appointments in Brighton 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
BRIGHTON	2.54%	CONSULTING	5.04%
CONSULTING	2.07%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
MANAGEMENT	1.55%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
MEDIA	1.25%	PROPERTY	2.38%
DESIGN	1.08%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTANCY	1.03%	DESIGN	1.93%
SUSSEX	0.99%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
(BRIGHTON)	0.90%	BUSINESS	1.87%
ROAD	0.77%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
PROPERTY	0.77%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ASSOCIATES	0.77%	MEDIA	1.69%
BUSINESS	0.65%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
PRODUCTIONS	0.65%	LONDON	1.60%
ENTERPRISES	0.60%	CARE	1.45%
CONSTRUCTION	0.52%	J	1.45%
BUILDING	0.52%	GLOBAL	1.44%
PROJECT	0.52%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
HOVE	0.52%	IT	1.41%
TRADING	0.52%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
EVENTS	0.52%	BUILDING	1.34%
INVESTMENTS	0.52%	M	1.30%
CLINIC	0.47%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
CATERING	0.47%	S	1.24%
TRAINING	0.47%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
PROPERTIES	0.47%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	691	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	234	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	119	30,253
99999 - Dormant Company	70	18,336
9999 - Dormant Company	69	19,765
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	60	16,150
7414 - Business & management consultancy	55	12,916
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	53	10,246
62090 - Other information technology service activities	47	6,996
7499 - Non-trading company	44	11,316
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	42	7,000
98000 - Residents property management	42	3,154
7260 - Other computer related activities	35	7,789
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	32	10,085
5530 - Restaurants	29	4,898
59111 - Motion picture production activities	24	1,248
90030 - Artistic creation	24	1,535
9305 - Other service activities	21	8,740
56302 - Public houses and bars	21	1,825
86900 - Other human health activities	21	4,092