

Bristol

q3 2011 business confidence report



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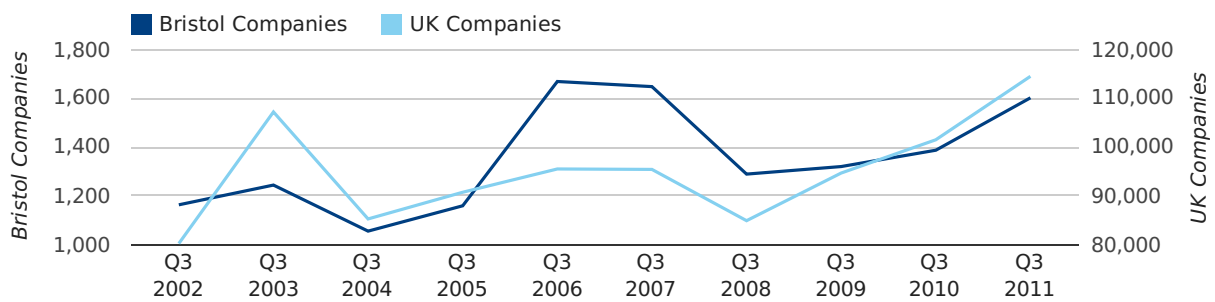
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 1,602 companies were registered in Bristol during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 15.5% 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) | BRISTOL | UK |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 1,602 | 114,512 |
| 2010 | 1,387 | 101,492 |
| % CHANGE | 15.5% | 12.8% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2006 (1,669) | 2011 (114,512) |

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

new companies by month



| | JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 519 | 544 | 539 |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2010 | 462 | 454 | 471 |
| % CHANGE | 12.3% | 19.8% | 14.4% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2007 (597) | 2006 (592) | 2006 (558) |

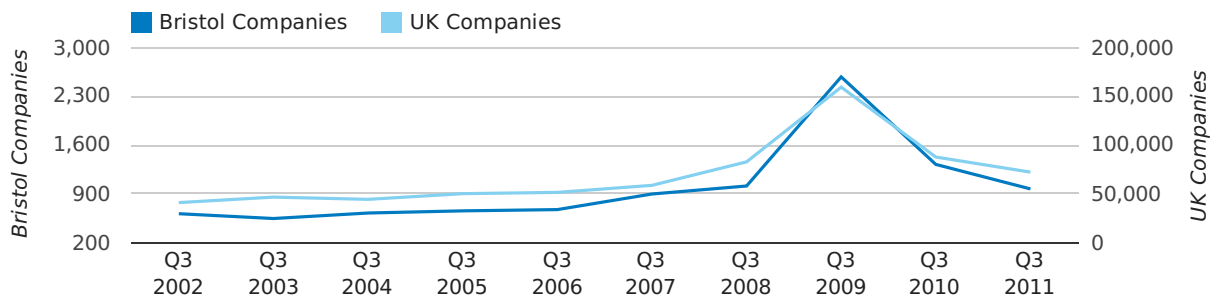
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 970 companies were dissolved in Bristol during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 26.6% 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.

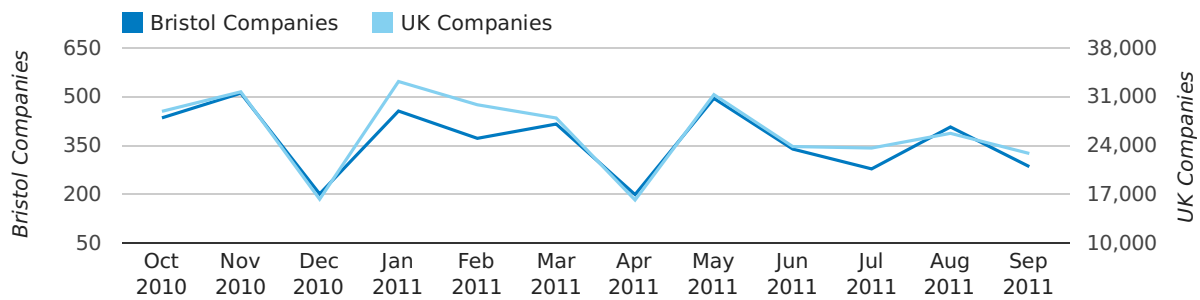
| THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011) | BRISTOL | UK |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 970 | 72,230 |
| 2010 | 1,322 | 87,705 |
| % CHANGE | -26.6% | -17.6% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (2,579) | 2009 (159,401) |

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



| | JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 278 | 407 | 285 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010 | 386 | 485 | 451 |
| % CHANGE | -28.0% | -16.1% | -37% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2010 (386) | 2008 (800) | 2009 (1,587) |

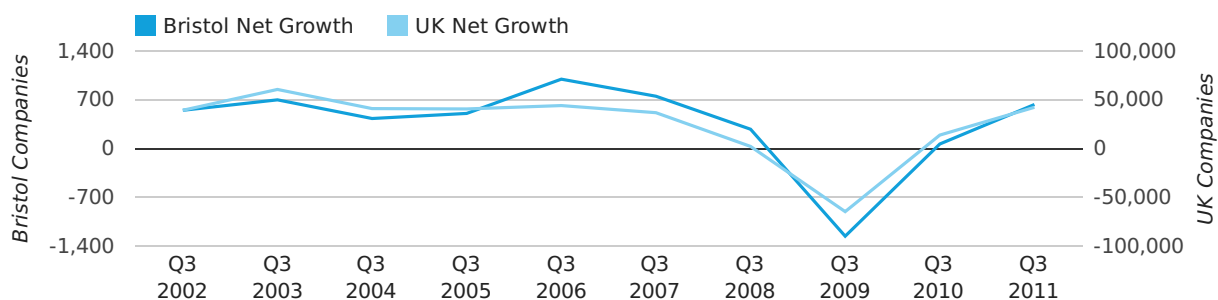
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Bristol during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 632 companies.

This represents an increase of 872.3% on the same period last year.

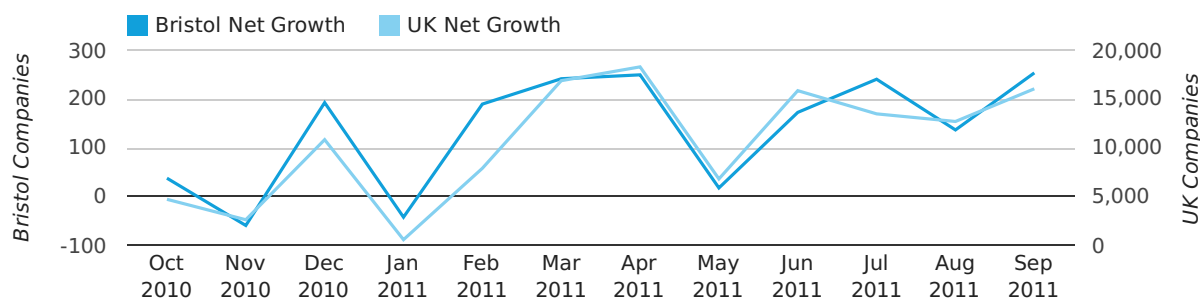
| THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011) | BRISTOL | UK |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 2011 | 632 | 42,282 |
| 2010 | 65 | 13,787 |
| % CHANGE | 872.3% | 206.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2006 (996) | 2003 (60,597) |

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

net growth by month



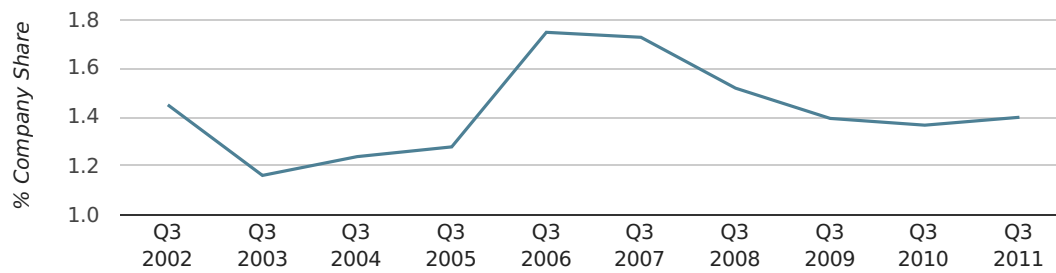
| | JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 241 | 137 | 254 |
| NET GROWTH IN 2010 | 76 | -31 | 20 |
| % CHANGE | 217.1% | -541.9% | 1,170.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2008 (426) | 2006 (336) | 2006 (366) |

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

In the third quarter of 2011, Bristol formed 1.4% of all UK companies.

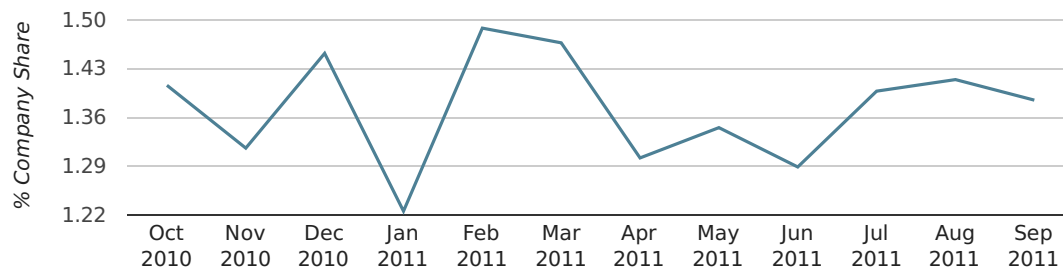
| THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011) | BRISTOL |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 1.4% |
| 2010 | 1.4% |
| 2009 | 1.4% |
| 2008 | 1.5% |
| 2007 | 1.7% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1982 (1.8%) |

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



| | JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 1.4% | 1.4% | 1.4% |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010 | 1.4% | 1.4% | 1.3% |
| % CHANGE | 2.8% | 0.8% | 3.4% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1966 (2.4%) | 1981 (2.2%) | 1961 (2.3%) |

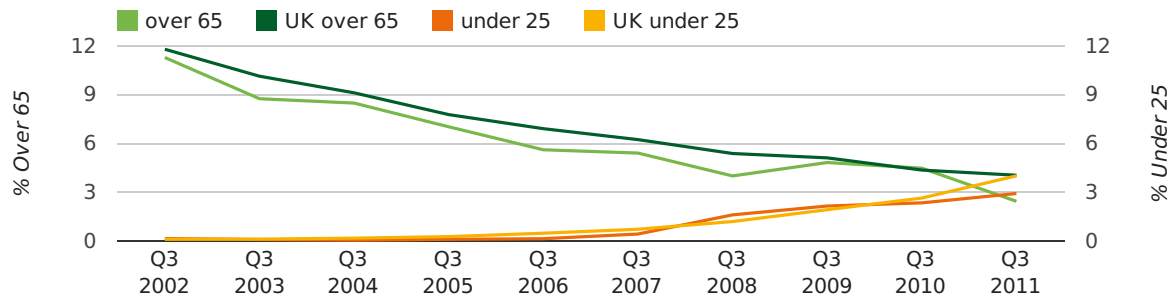
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 45.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

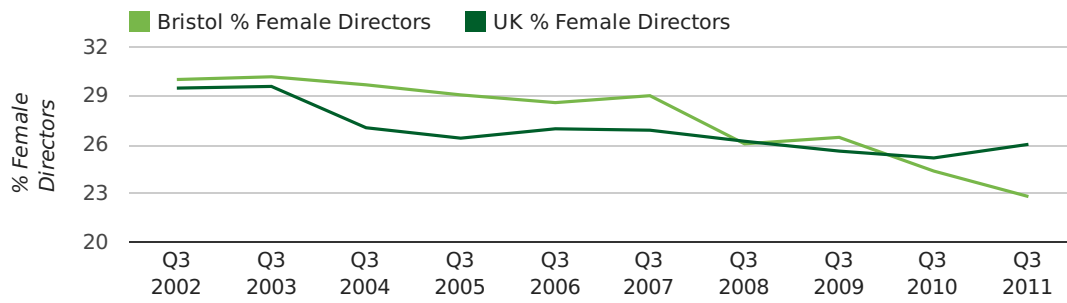


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

22.8% of all director appointments in Bristol 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 |
|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| MANAGEMENT | 2.26% | CONSULTING | 5.11% |
| CONSULTING | 2.13% | MANAGEMENT | 4.75% |
| BRISTOL | 2.10% | CONSULTANCY | 3.19% |
| (BRISTOL) | 1.56% | PROPERTY | 2.41% |
| SOLAR | 1.09% | TRADING | 2.06% |
| PROPERTY | 1.09% | DESIGN | 1.94% |
| CONSULTANCY | 1.07% | ASSOCIATES | 1.85% |
| MEDIA | 0.93% | BUSINESS | 1.82% |
| DESIGN | 0.89% | CONSULTANTS | 1.76% |
| J | 0.83% | ENGINEERING | 1.74% |
| IT | 0.80% | MEDIA | 1.72% |
| ASSOCIATES | 0.77% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.72% |
| WEST | 0.66% | LONDON | 1.63% |
| BUILDING | 0.64% | J | 1.47% |
| BUSINESS | 0.63% | GLOBAL | 1.46% |
| ENGINEERING | 0.62% | INVESTMENTS | 1.43% |
| M | 0.60% | CARE | 1.42% |
| TGC | 0.59% | IT | 1.38% |
| CONSULTANTS | 0.57% | BUILDING | 1.30% |
| ELECTRICAL | 0.54% | PROPERTIES | 1.28% |
| CARE | 0.53% | ELECTRICAL | 1.27% |
| SYSTEMS | 0.53% | M | 1.25% |
| CONSTRUCTION | 0.53% | ENERGY | 1.22% |
| CLEANING | 0.53% | TRAINING | 1.21% |
| SOUTH | 0.53% | S | 1.21% |

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| None Supplied | 3,333 | 204,493 |
| 7487 - Other business activities | 605 | 65,177 |
| 7499 - Non-trading company | 450 | 11,543 |
| 99999 - Dormant Company | 372 | 18,281 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 230 | 29,245 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 205 | 22,587 |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management | 199 | 15,760 |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy | 184 | 14,755 |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities | 147 | 10,137 |
| 7260 - Other computer related activities | 123 | 8,686 |
| 9305 - Other service activities | 115 | 10,525 |
| 74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified | 110 | 7,551 |
| 7222 - Other software consultancy and supply | 96 | 8,345 |
| 4521 - General construction & civil engineering | 94 | 6,321 |
| 62090 - Other information technology service activities | 87 | 6,798 |
| 74990 - Non-trading company | 78 | 8,064 |
| 68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate | 72 | 3,614 |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified | 70 | 10,018 |
| 98000 - Residents property management | 59 | 2,664 |
| 5530 - Restaurants | 54 | 5,640 |