

Bury St Edmunds

q1 2011 business confidence report



headlines

- March 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous March.
- March 2011 was a record month for company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any month in history.
- February 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous February.
- February 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous February.

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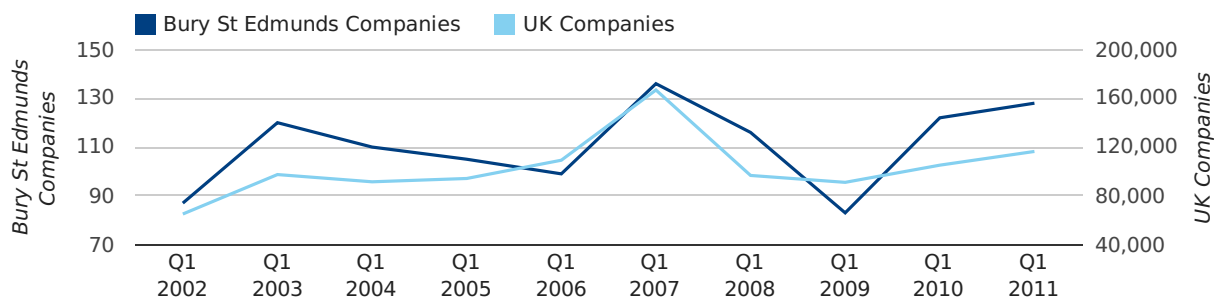
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 128 companies were registered in Bury St Edmunds during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 4.9% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares badly 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)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	128	116,391
2010	122	105,137
% CHANGE	4.9%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (136)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



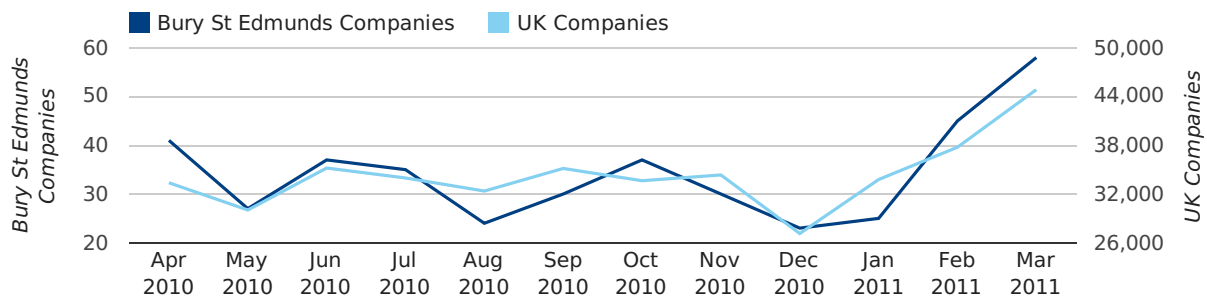
Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

March 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous March.

March 2011 was a record month for company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any month in history.

February 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous February.

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	25	45	58
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	33	35	54
% CHANGE	-24.2%	28.6%	7.4%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (45)	2011 (45)	2011 (58)

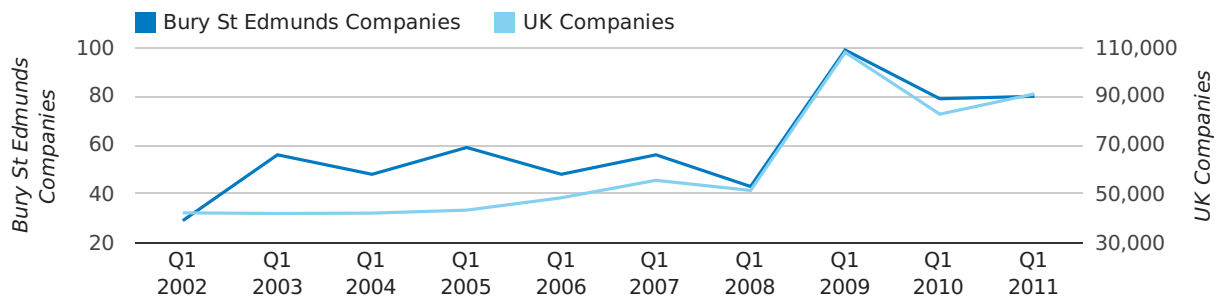
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 80 companies were dissolved in Bury St Edmunds during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 1.3% 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)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	80	90,986
2010	79	82,677
% CHANGE	1.3%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (99)	2009 (108,060)

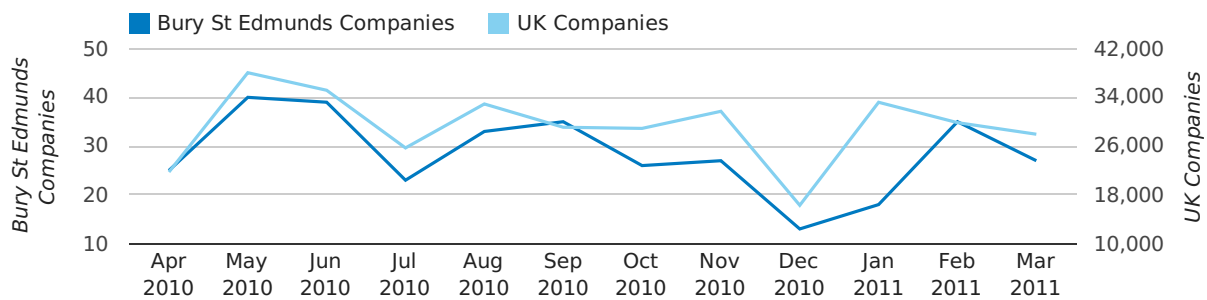
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

February 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous February.

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	18	35	27
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	33	20	26
% CHANGE	-45.5%	75.0%	4%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (33)	2011 (35)	2009 (53)

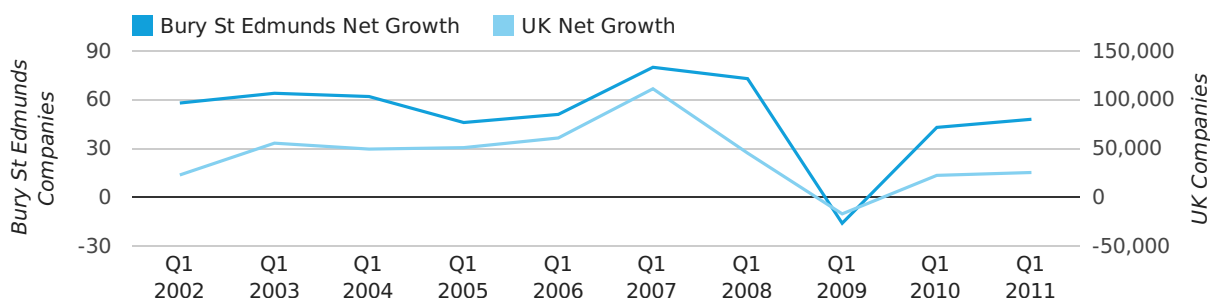
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Bury St Edmunds during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 48 companies.

This represents an increase of 11.6% on the same period last year.

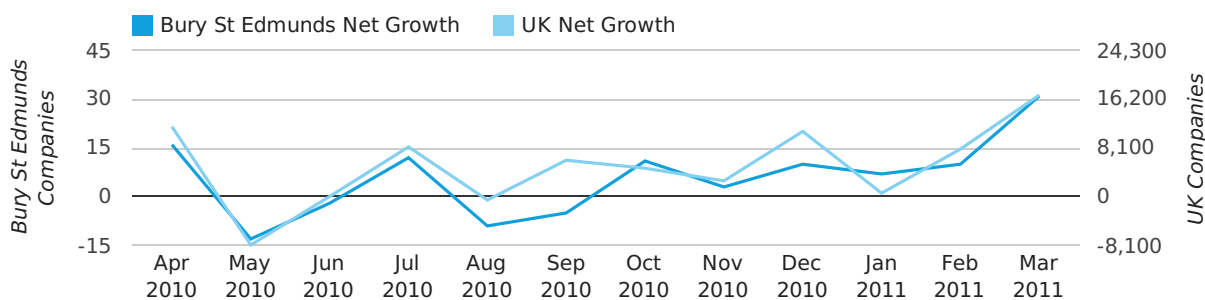
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	48	25,405
2010	43	22,460
% CHANGE	11.6%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (80)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



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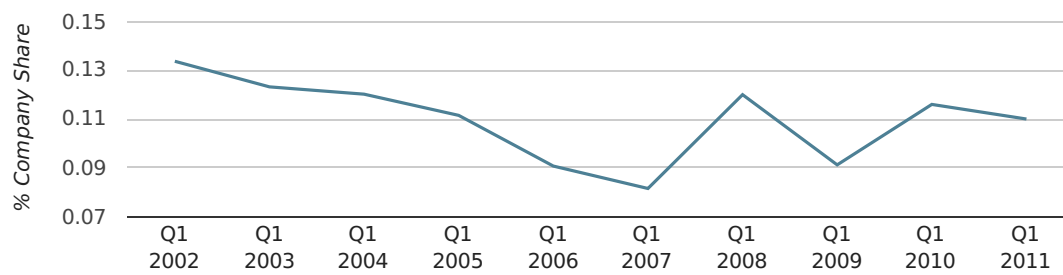
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	7	10	31
NET GROWTH IN 2010	0	15	28
% CHANGE	0.0%	-33.3%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (29)	2007 (33)	2007 (32)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Bury St Edmunds formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

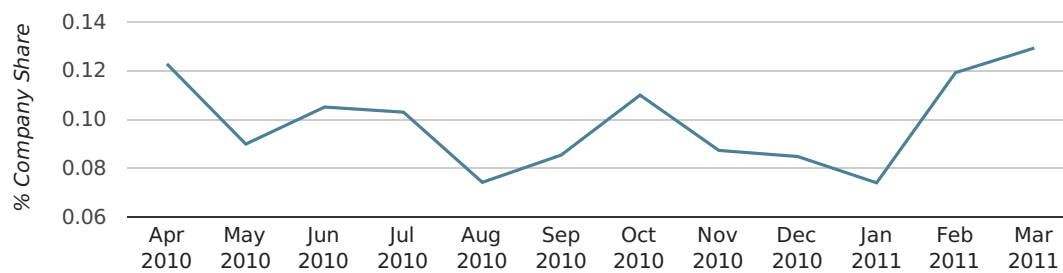
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	BURY ST EDMUNDS
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1978 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-34.6%	13.1%	2.5%
RECORD YEAR	1976 (0.3%)	1966 (0.6%)	1969 (0.4%)

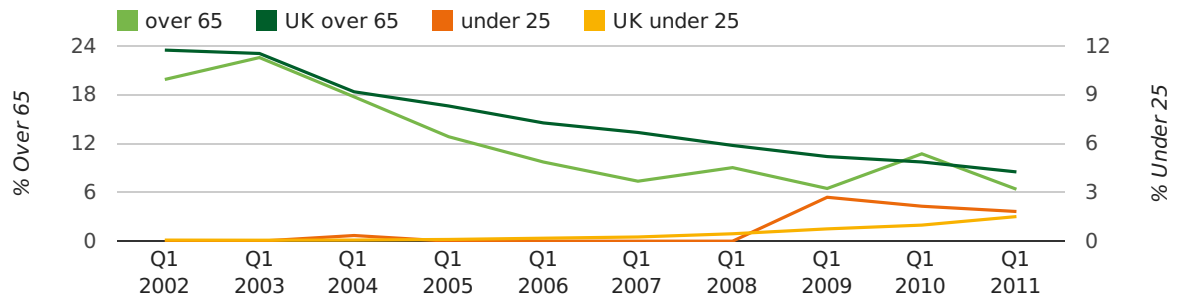
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 46.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

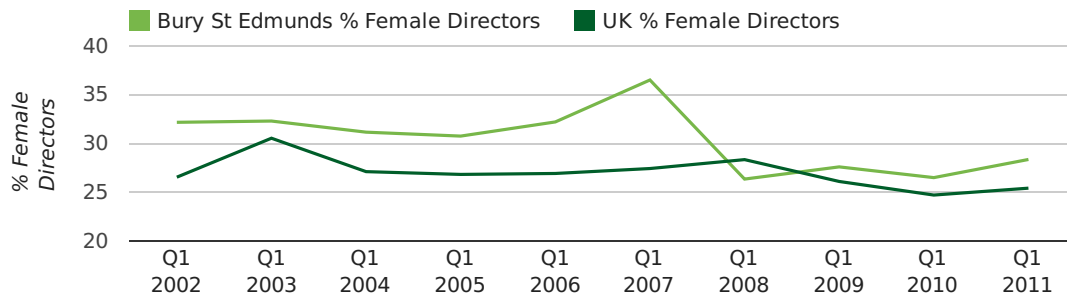


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

28.3% of all director appointments in Bury St Edmunds 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
MANAGEMENT	1.30%	CONSULTING	5.04%
SUFFOLK	1.04%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
HOUSE	0.91%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
CENTRE	0.91%	PROPERTY	2.38%
SYSTEMS	0.78%	TRADING	2.10%
CARE	0.78%	DESIGN	1.93%
DESIGN	0.78%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
FARM	0.78%	BUSINESS	1.87%
ASSOCIATES	0.65%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
PARTNERSHIP	0.65%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
MEDIA	0.65%	MEDIA	1.69%
M	0.52%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
ANGLIA	0.52%	LONDON	1.60%
KING	0.52%	CARE	1.45%
GREENE	0.52%	J	1.45%
GROUP	0.52%	GLOBAL	1.44%
ENGINEERING	0.52%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
MEDICAL	0.52%	IT	1.41%
BUILDING	0.52%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
TRADING	0.52%	BUILDING	1.34%
S	0.52%	M	1.30%
SUPPLIES	0.39%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
FOR	0.39%	S	1.24%
CONSULTING	0.39%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
LITTLE	0.39%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	138	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	44	60,968
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	29	16,150
99999 - Dormant Company	27	18,336
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	25	30,253
9999 - Dormant Company	16	19,765
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	15	10,246
7414 - Business & management consultancy	14	12,916
86220 - Specialists medical practice activities	13	1,120
74990 - Non-trading company	13	8,695
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	11	7,788
86210 - General medical practice activities	11	1,874
7260 - Other computer related activities	10	7,789
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	10	3,436
7499 - Non-trading company	9	11,316
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	9	2,259
70100 - Activities of head offices	9	2,849
86900 - Other human health activities	8	4,092
9305 - Other service activities	8	8,740
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	7	3,895