Bury St Edmunds

2011 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous Q2.
- Q2 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any quarter in history.
- June 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous June.
- April 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous April.

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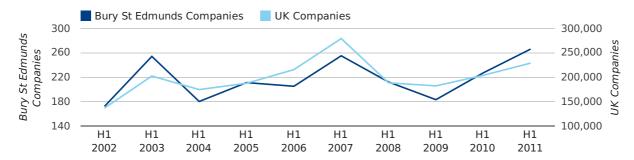
The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2011 a total of 266 companies were formed in Bury St Edmunds. This figure is 17.2% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Bury St Edmunds occurred in 2011 when a total of 266 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	266	228,735
2010	227	203,749
% CHANGE	17.2%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (266)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous Q2.

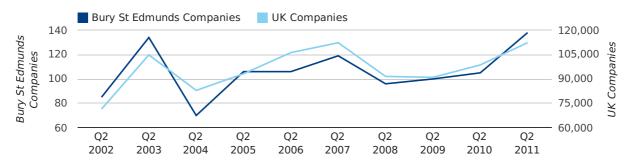
Q2 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 138 companies were registered in Bury St Edmunds during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 31.4% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	138	112,344
2010	105	98,612
% CHANGE	31.4%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (138)	2011 (112,344)

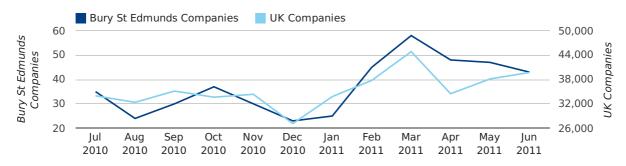
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

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

new companies by month



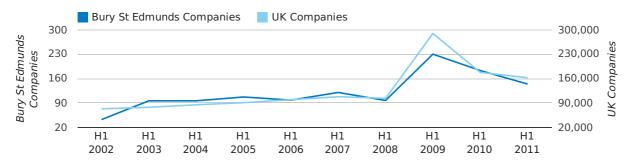
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	48	47	43
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	41	27	37
% CHANGE	17.1%	74.1%	16.2%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (48)	2003 (48)	2011 (43)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 144 companies were dissolved in Bury St Edmunds. This figure is 21.3% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Bury St Edmunds occurred in 2009 when a total of 230 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	144	162,310
2010	183	177,631
% CHANGE	-21.3%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (230)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



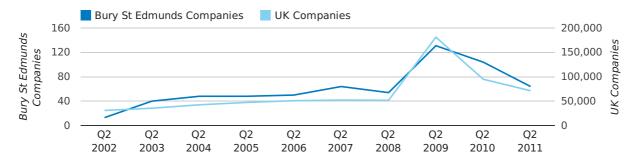
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 64 companies were dissolved in Bury St Edmunds during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 38.5% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

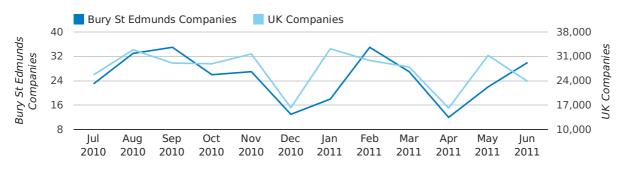
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	64	71,324
2010	104	94,954
% CHANGE	-38.5%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (131)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month

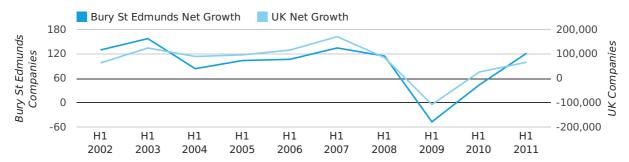


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	12	22	30
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	25	40	39
% CHANGE	-52.0%	-45.0%	-23%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (35)	2009 (63)	2010 (39)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Bury St Edmunds increased by 122 companies. This figure is 177.3% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	122	66,425
2010	44	26,118
% CHANGE	177.3%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (158)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



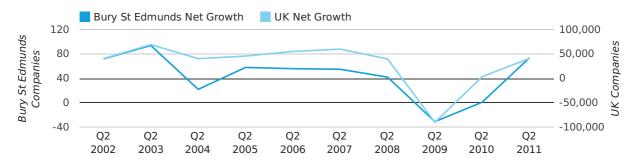
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Bury St Edmunds during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 74 companies.

This represents an increase of 7,300.0% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	74	41,020
2010	1	3,658
% CHANGE	7,300.0%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (94)	2003 (69,274)

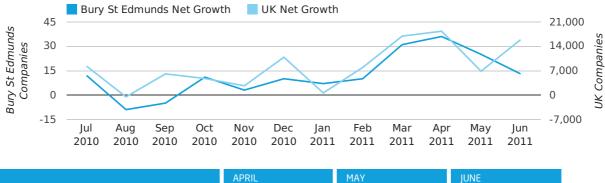
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

April 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous April.

net growth by month

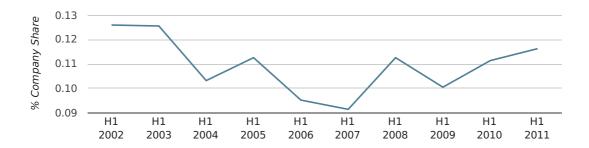


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	36	25	13
NET GROWTH IN 2010	16	-13	-2
% CHANGE	125.0%	-292.3%	-750.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (36)	2003 (43)	2002 (28)

In the first half of 2011 Bury St Edmunds formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BURY ST EDMUNDS
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (0.3%)

company share by half year

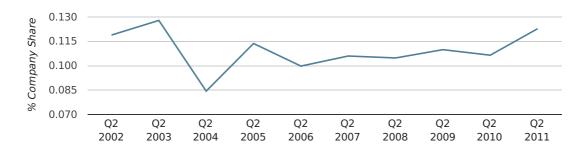


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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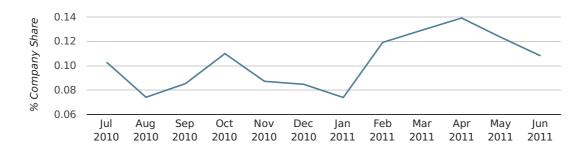
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	BURY ST EDMUNDS
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (0.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



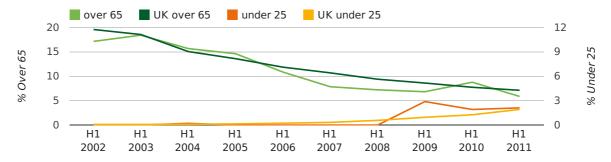
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	13.4%	37.2%	2.9%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.9%)	1982 (0.4%)	1972 (0.7%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 46.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 45.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

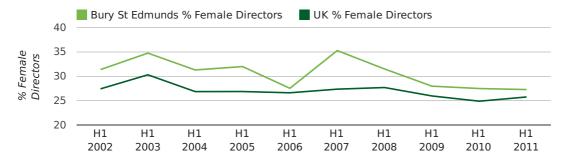
director age by quarter



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

27.3% of all director appointments in Bury St Edmunds in the first half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

director gender by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The record second quarter for female directors in Bury St Edmunds was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

26.1% of all director appointments in Bury St Edmunds in the second quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.1% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



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Previous 12 months (Jun 2010-Jun 2011)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
CENTRE	1.21%	CONSULTING	5.09%
SUFFOLK	1.09%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
S	0.85%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
MANAGEMENT	0.85%	PROPERTY	2.43%
CARE	0.61%	TRADING	2.05%
MEDIA	0.61%	DESIGN	1.94%
PARTNERSHIP	0.61%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
FARM	0.61%	BUSINESS	1.87%
DESIGN	0.61%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
COMMUNITY	0.61%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
М	0.61%	MEDIA	1.73%
SYSTEMS	0.61%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.61%	LONDON	1.60%
ANGLIA	0.61%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CONSULTING	0.61%	J	1.44%
MEDICAL	0.61%	CARE	1.44%
ASSOCIATES	0.49%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
ST	0.49%	IT	1.39%
BUILDING	0.49%	BUILDING	1.32%
SUPPLIES	0.49%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
GROUP	0.49%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
KING	0.49%	М	1.27%
TRADING	0.49%	S	1.23%
DEVELOPMENT	0.49%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
VENTURES	0.49%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	136	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	45	60,758
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	28	16,419
99999 - Dormant Company	27	18,918
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	24	30,647
9999 - Dormant Company	18	20,111
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	14	10,545
74990 - Non-trading company	14	8,481
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	13	7,835
7414 - Business & management consultancy	13	13,053
86220 - Specialists medical practice activities	12	1,246
86210 - General medical practice activities	11	2,048
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	11	3,394
7260 - Other computer related activities	10	7,849
7499 - Non-trading company	9	10,955
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	9	2,257
70100 - Activities of head offices	8	2,632
86900 - Other human health activities	7	4,154
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	7	2,258
56103 - Take-away food shops and mobile food stands	6	1,826