Bury St Edmunds

q3 2011 business confidence report



headlines

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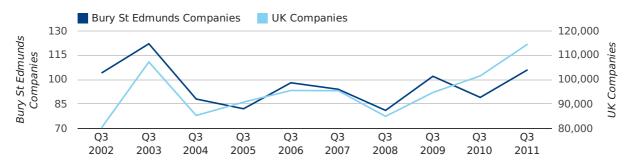


A total of 106 companies were registered in Bury St Edmunds during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 19.1% 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)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	106	114,512
2010	89	101,492
% CHANGE	19.1%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (122)	2011 (114,512)

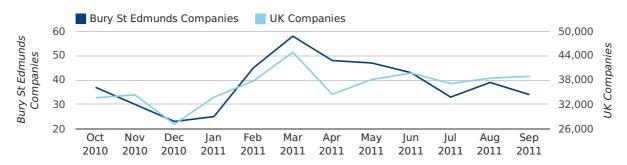
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

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new companies by month



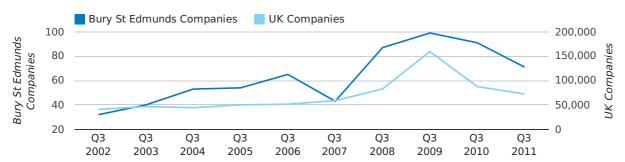
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	33	39	34
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	35	24	30
% CHANGE	-5.7%	62.5%	13.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (41)	2011 (39)	2002 (46)

A total of 71 companies were dissolved in Bury St Edmunds during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 22.0% 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.

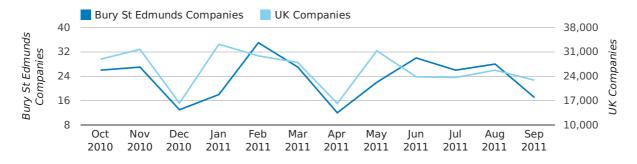
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	71	72,230
2010	91	87,705
% CHANGE	-22.0%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (99)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



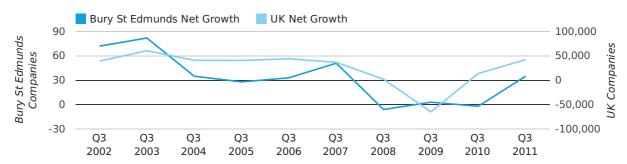
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	26	28	17
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	23	33	35
% CHANGE	13.0%	-15.2%	-51%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (27)	2008 (62)	2009 (45)

Net company growth for Bury St Edmunds during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 35 companies.

This represents an increase of 1,850.0% on the same period last year.

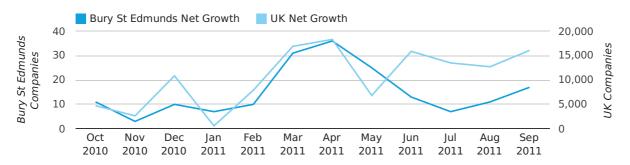
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	35	42,282
2010	-2	13,787
% CHANGE	-1,850.0%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (82)	2003 (60,597)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

net growth by month

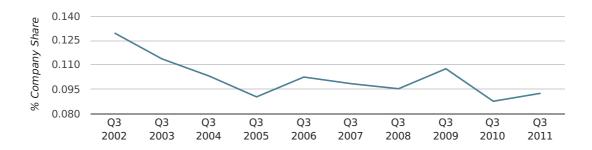


	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	7	11	17
NET GROWTH IN 2010	12	-9	-5
% CHANGE	-41.7%	-222.2%	-440.0%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (25)	2002 (28)	2002 (42)

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

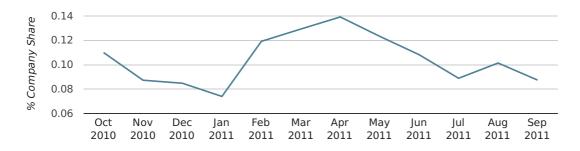
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	BURY ST EDMUNDS
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.5%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



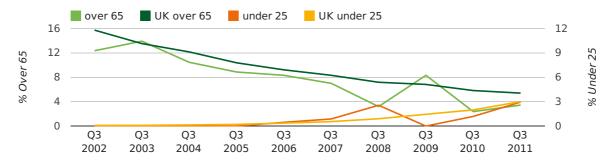
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-13.7%	36.7%	2.3%
RECORD YEAR	1976 (0.4%)	1966 (0.5%)	1966 (0.8%)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 45.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

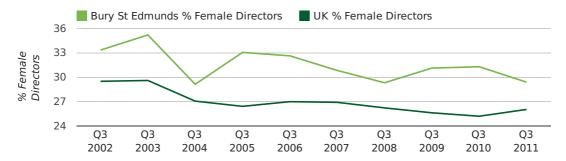
director age by quarter



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

29.4% of all director appointments in Bury St Edmunds 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
SUFFOLK	1.19%	CONSULTING	5.11%
CENTRE	1.19%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
MANAGEMENT	0.95%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
S	0.71%	PROPERTY	2.41%
FARM	0.71%	TRADING	2.06%
ANGLIA	0.71%	DESIGN	1.94%
ST	0.71%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
MEDIA	0.59%	BUSINESS	1.82%
CONSULTING	0.59%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
COMMUNITY	0.59%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.59%	MEDIA	1.72%
ENGINEERING	0.59%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
PARTNERSHIP	0.48%	LONDON	1.63%
D	0.48%	J	1.47%
CIC	0.48%	GLOBAL	1.46%
TRADING	0.48%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
EAST	0.48%	CARE	1.42%
PROPERTIES	0.48%	IT	1.38%
WEST	0.48%	BUILDING	1.30%
GREEN	0.48%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
CONSULTANCY	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
DISTRIBUTION	0.48%	М	1.25%
KING	0.48%	ENERGY	1.22%
DESIGN	0.48%	TRAINING	1.21%
MEDICAL	0.48%	S	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	134	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	54	65,177
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	27	15,760
99999 - Dormant Company	26	18,281
9999 - Dormant Company	23	22,587
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	22	29,245
74990 - Non-trading company	14	8,064
7414 - Business & management consultancy	14	14,755
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	12	10,137
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	12	7,551
86220 - Specialists medical practice activities	12	1,228
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	11	3,271
86210 - General medical practice activities	11	1,986
7499 - Non-trading company	10	11,543
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	9	2,179
70100 - Activities of head offices	8	2,479
9305 - Other service activities	8	10,525
7260 - Other computer related activities	7	8,686
86900 - Other human health activities	7	4,019
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	7	2,191