

Dunfermline

q3 2011 business confidence report



headlines

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- September 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Dunfermline when compared to any previous September.
- August 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Dunfermline when compared to any previous August.
- Q3 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Dunfermline when compared to any previous Q3.
- September 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Dunfermline when compared to any previous September.

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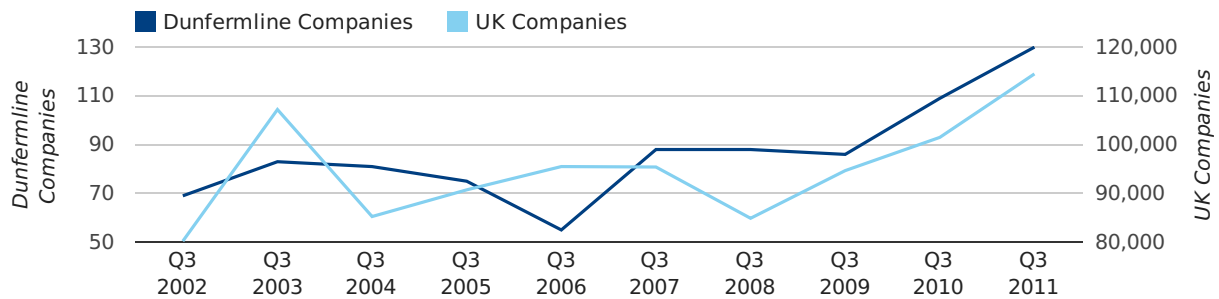
Q3 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Dunfermline when compared to any previous Q3.

A total of 130 companies were registered in Dunfermline during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 19.3% 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)	DUNFERMLINE	UK
2011	130	114,512
2010	109	101,492
% CHANGE	19.3%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (130)	2011 (114,512)

new companies by quarter

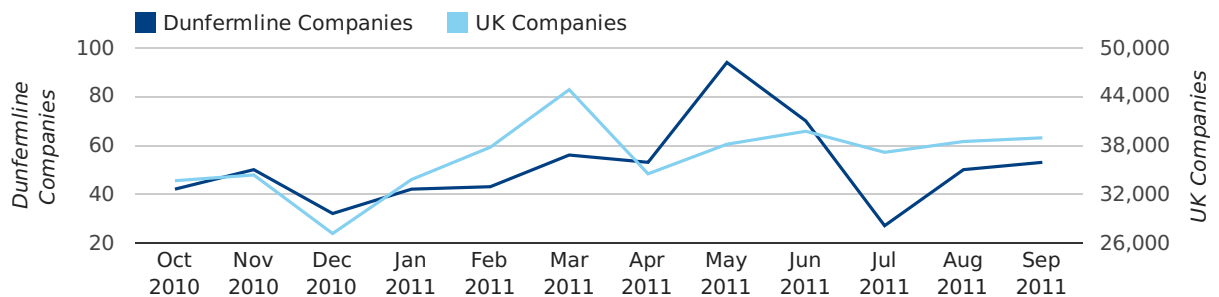


Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

September 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Dunfermline when compared to any previous September.

August 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Dunfermline when compared to any previous August.

new companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	27	50	53
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	40	34	35
% CHANGE	-32.5%	47.1%	51.4%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (40)	2011 (50)	2011 (53)

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

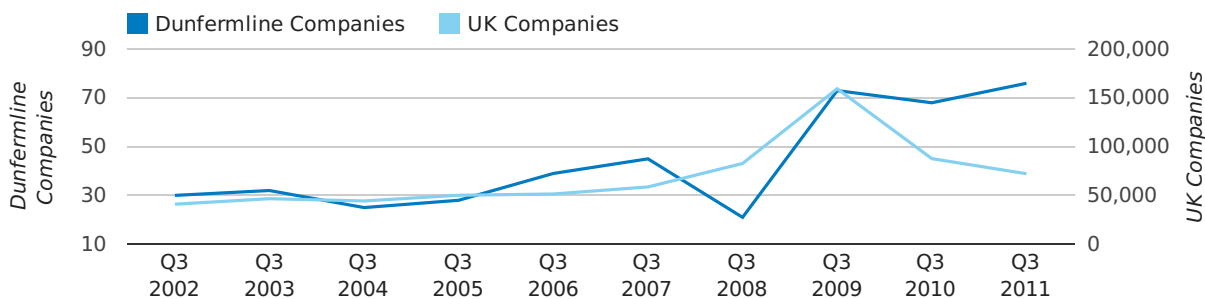
Q3 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Dunfermline when compared to any previous Q3.

A total of 76 companies were dissolved in Dunfermline during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 11.8% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 17.6% against the same period last year.

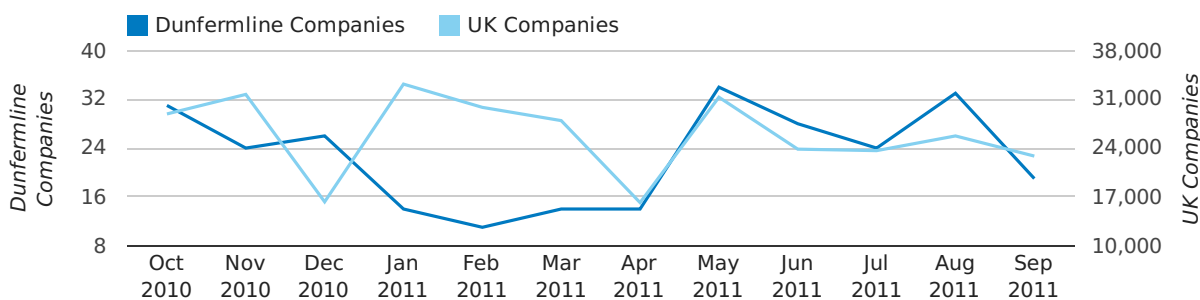
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	DUNFERMLINE	UK
2011	76	72,230
2010	68	87,705
% CHANGE	11.8%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (76)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	24	33	19
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	34	10	24
% CHANGE	-29.4%	230.0%	-21%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (34)	2009 (46)	2010 (24)

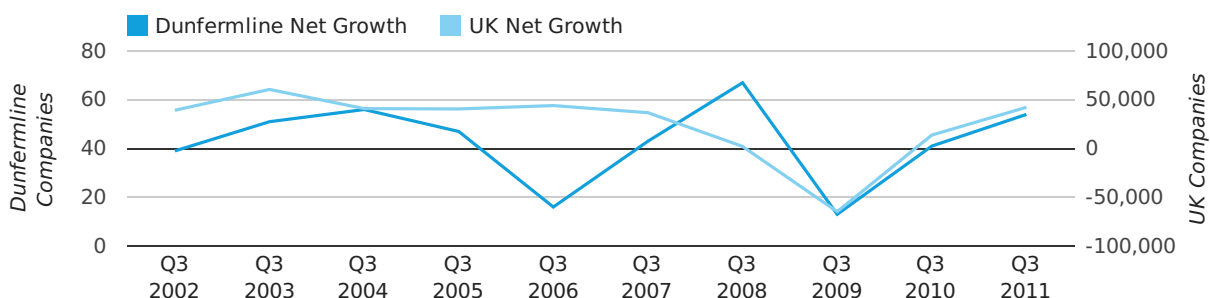
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Dunfermline during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 54 companies.

This represents an increase of 31.7% on the same period last year.

THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	DUNFERMLINE	UK
2011	54	42,282
2010	41	13,787
% CHANGE	31.7%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (67)	2003 (60,597)

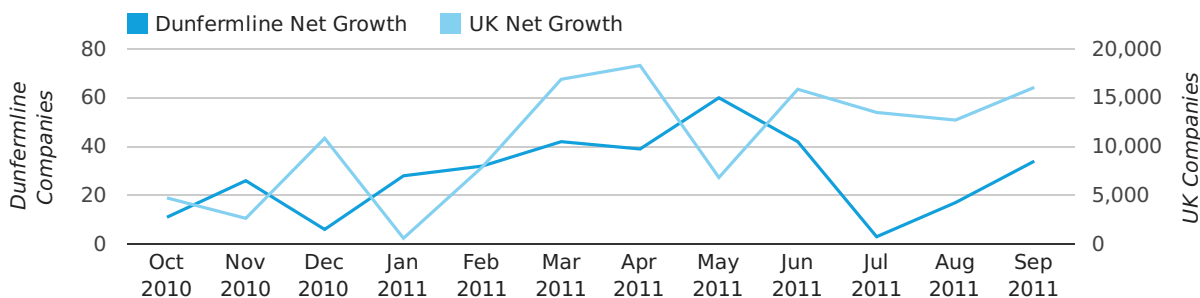
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

September 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Dunfermline when compared to any previous September.

net growth by month



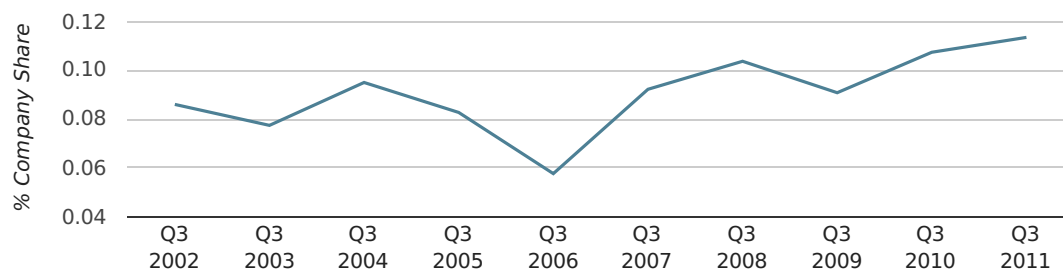
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	3	17	34
NET GROWTH IN 2010	6	24	11
% CHANGE	-50.0%	-29.2%	209.1%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (23)	2007 (31)	2011 (34)

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

In the third quarter of 2011, Dunfermline formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

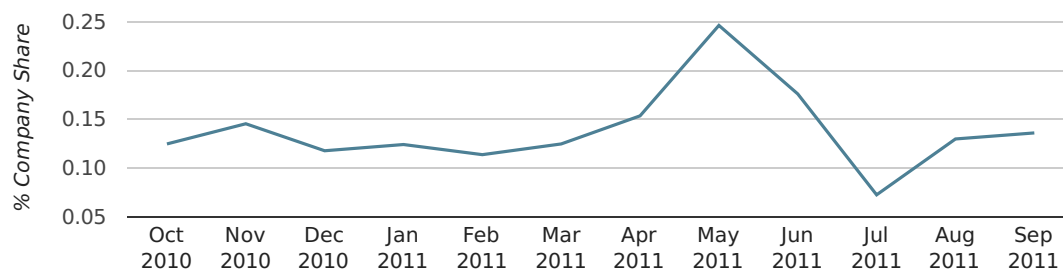
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	DUNFERMLINE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.3%)

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	-38.2%	23.8%	36.7%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.3%)	1966 (0.5%)	1974 (0.3%)

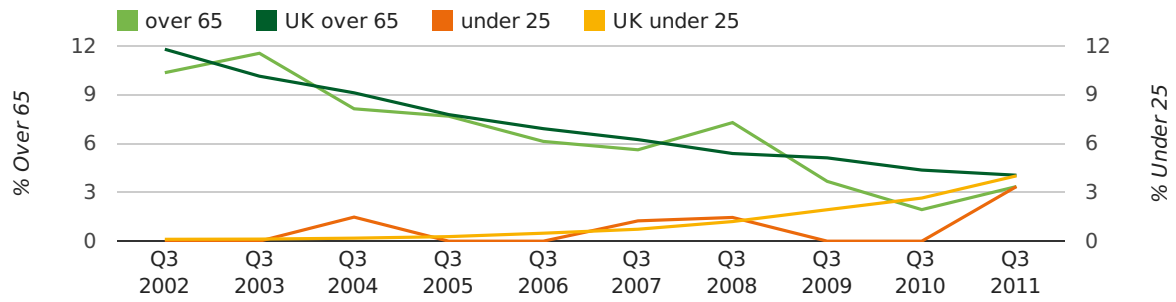
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 43.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.4% 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

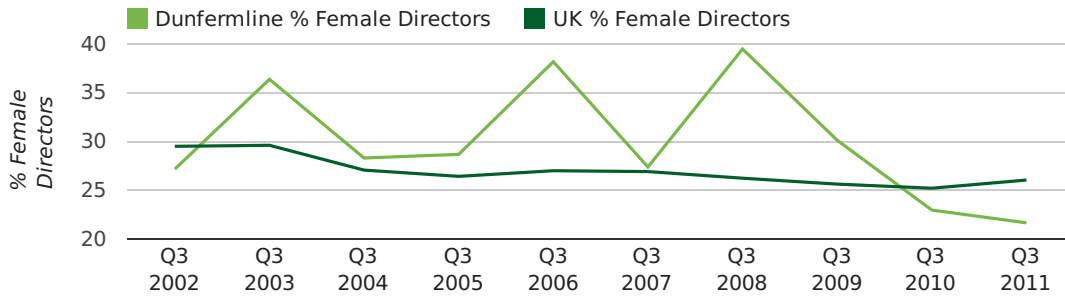


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

21.6% of all director appointments in Dunfermline 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
LP	6.69%	CONSULTING	5.11%
L.P.	3.24%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
MANAGEMENT	2.16%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
(SCOTLAND)	1.83%	PROPERTY	2.41%
CONSULTING	1.40%	TRADING	2.06%
TRADING	1.29%	DESIGN	1.94%
CONSULTANCY	1.19%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
ASSETS	0.86%	BUSINESS	1.82%
GLOBAL	0.86%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
GROUP	0.86%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
TRADE	0.76%	MEDIA	1.72%
SCOTLAND	0.76%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
LOGISTICS	0.76%	LONDON	1.63%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.65%	J	1.47%
FIFE	0.65%	GLOBAL	1.46%
HOUSE	0.65%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
BUSINESS	0.65%	CARE	1.42%
DESIGN	0.65%	IT	1.38%
CARE	0.54%	BUILDING	1.30%
ENGINEERING	0.54%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
DUNFERMLINE	0.54%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
SYSTEMS	0.54%	M	1.25%
CAPITAL	0.54%	ENERGY	1.22%
PROJECT	0.54%	TRAINING	1.21%
R	0.43%	S	1.21%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	265	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	89	65,177
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	46	29,245
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	26	15,760
7414 - Business & management consultancy	17	14,755
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	17	7,551
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	14	10,137
9999 - Dormant Company	9	22,587
7499 - Non-trading company	8	11,543
86230 - Dental practice activities	8	1,365
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	8	8,345
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	8	2,545
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	7	10,018
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	7	6,321
5530 - Restaurants	6	5,640
74990 - Non-trading company	6	8,064
71111 - Architectural activities	5	1,424
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	5	2,179
4542 - Joinery installation	5	895
70100 - Activities of head offices	5	2,479