

Dunstable

q1 2011 business confidence report



headlines

- February 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Dunstable when compared to any previous February.
- January 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Dunstable when compared to any previous January.

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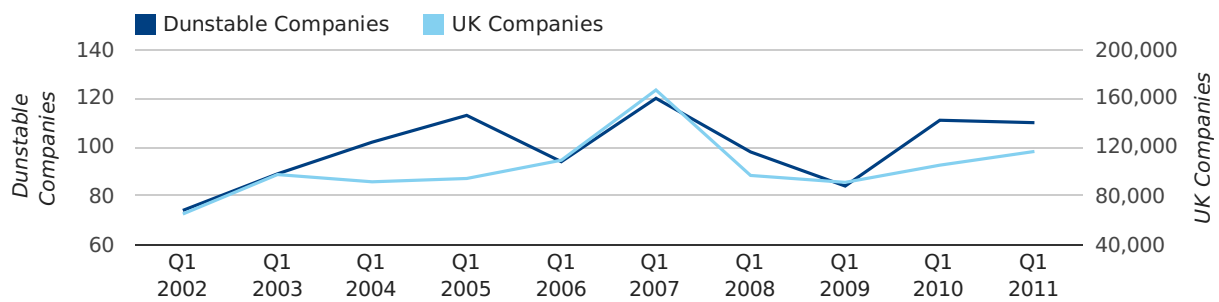
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 110 companies were registered in Dunstable during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 0.9% 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)	DUNSTABLE	UK
2011	110	116,391
2010	111	105,137
% CHANGE	-0.9%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (120)	2007 (166,814)

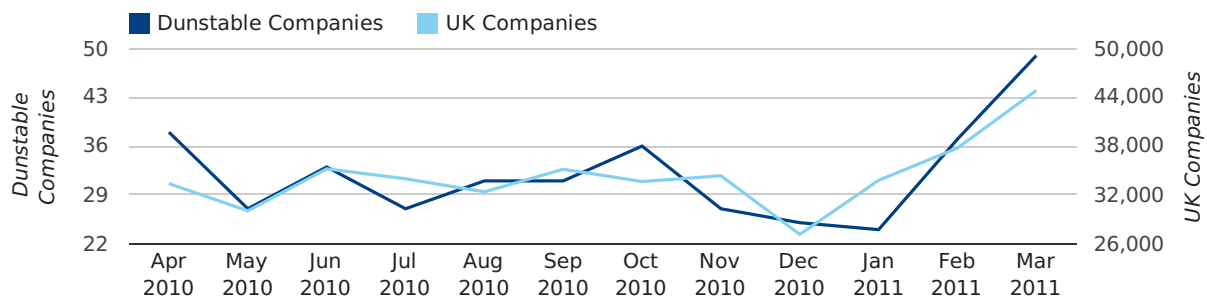
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

February 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Dunstable when compared to any previous February.

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	24	37	49
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	35	32	44
% CHANGE	-31.4%	15.6%	11.4%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (36)	2011 (37)	2007 (59)

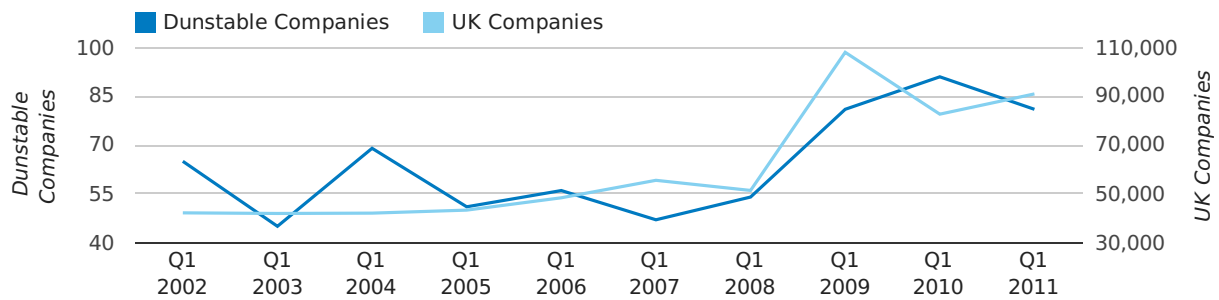
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 81 companies were dissolved in Dunstable during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 11.0% 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)	DUNSTABLE	UK
2011	81	90,986
2010	91	82,677
% CHANGE	-11.0%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (91)	2009 (108,060)

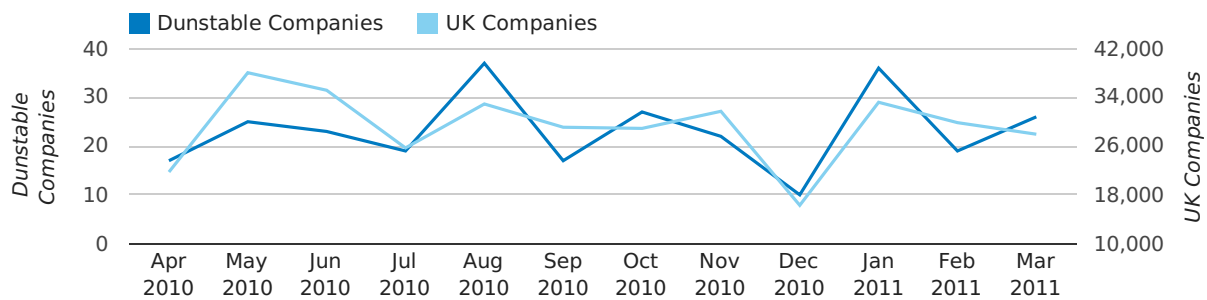
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

January 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Dunstable when compared to any previous January.

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	36	19	26
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	24	30	37
% CHANGE	50.0%	-36.7%	-30%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (36)	2008 (33)	2009 (52)

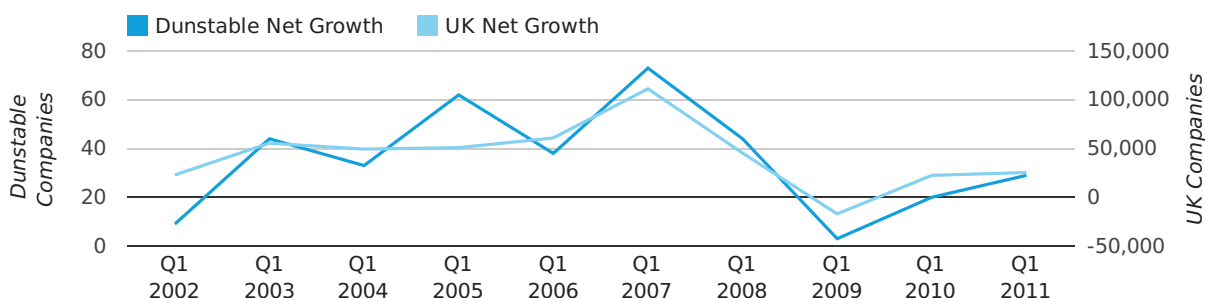
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Dunstable during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 29 companies.

This represents an increase of 45.0% on the same period last year.

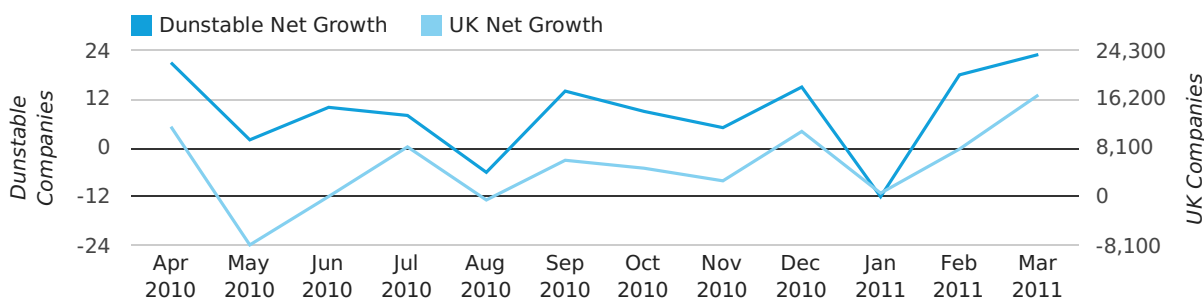
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	DUNSTABLE	UK
2011	29	25,405
2010	20	22,460
% CHANGE	45.0%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (73)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



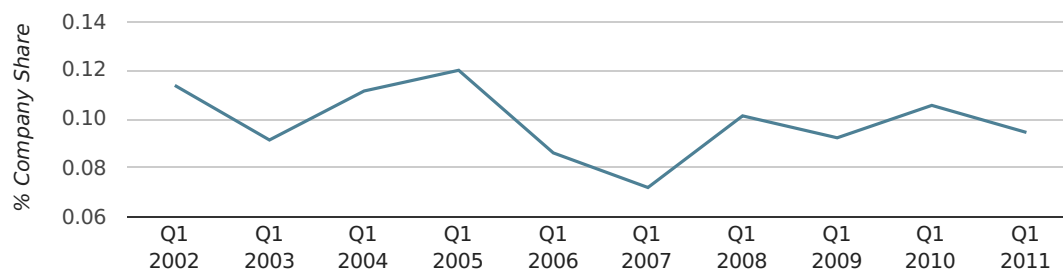
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-12	18	23
NET GROWTH IN 2010	11	2	7
% CHANGE	-209.1%	800.0%	228.6%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (16)	1998 (22)	2007 (46)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Dunstable formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

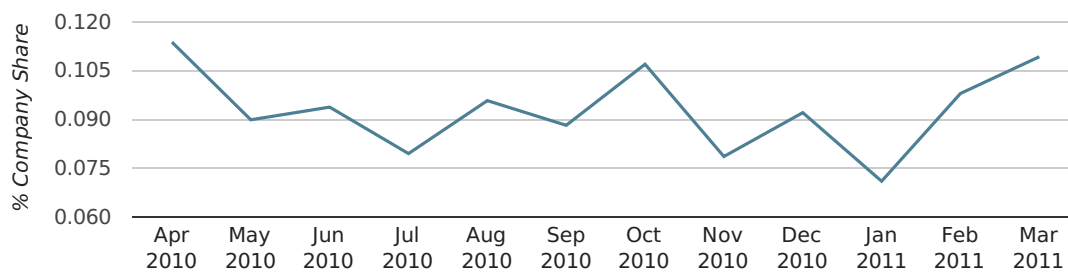
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	DUNSTABLE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (0.2%)

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	-40.9%	1.8%	6.2%
RECORD YEAR	1963 (0.3%)	1964 (0.4%)	1962 (0.3%)

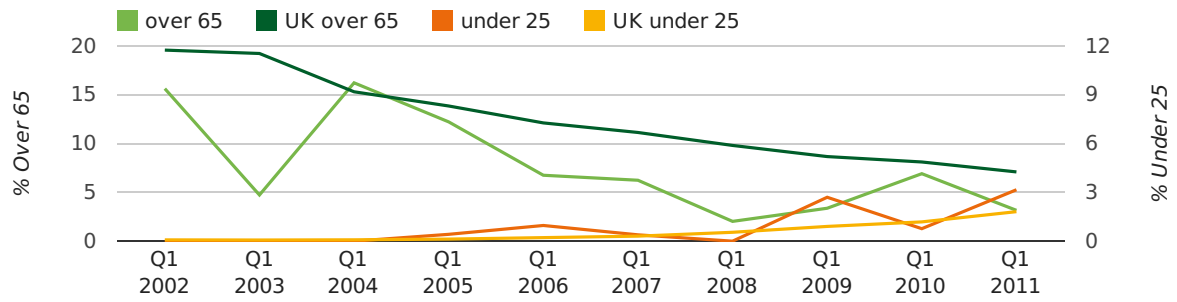
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 43.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

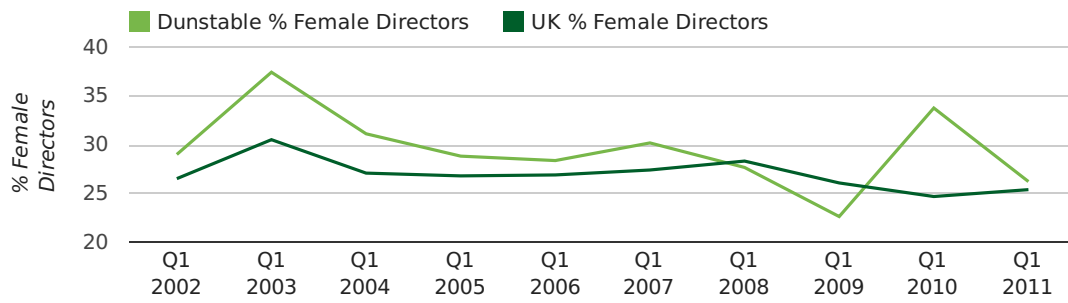


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

26.2% of all director appointments in Dunstable 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
CONSULTANCY	1.46%	CONSULTING	5.04%
DESIGN	1.31%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
CONSULTING	1.31%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
CONSTRUCTION	1.02%	PROPERTY	2.38%
MANAGEMENT	1.02%	TRADING	2.10%
CHICKEN	0.87%	DESIGN	1.93%
FRIED	0.87%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
BURGER	0.87%	BUSINESS	1.87%
KING	0.87%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
COSTA	0.87%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
KENTUCKY	0.87%	MEDIA	1.69%
ENGINEERING	0.87%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
TRANSPORT	0.73%	LONDON	1.60%
ASSOCIATES	0.73%	CARE	1.45%
ELECTRICAL	0.73%	J	1.45%
SYSTEMS	0.73%	GLOBAL	1.44%
PROPERTY	0.73%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
MEDIA	0.58%	IT	1.41%
DUNSTABLE	0.58%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
P	0.58%	BUILDING	1.34%
S	0.58%	M	1.30%
TRADING	0.58%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
K	0.58%	S	1.24%
J	0.58%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
N	0.44%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	150	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	36	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	27	30,253
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	20	16,150
99999 - Dormant Company	19	18,336
9999 - Dormant Company	15	19,765
62090 - Other information technology service activities	14	6,996
7260 - Other computer related activities	13	7,789
7414 - Business & management consultancy	13	12,916
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	12	10,246
74990 - Non-trading company	10	8,695
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	10	2,707
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	9	7,788
41100 - Development of building projects	9	3,921
7499 - Non-trading company	8	11,316
49410 - Freight transport by road	8	2,167
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	7	6,183
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	7	3,436
4533 - Plumbing	7	1,451
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	7	3,097