

Gloucester

q1 2011 business confidence report



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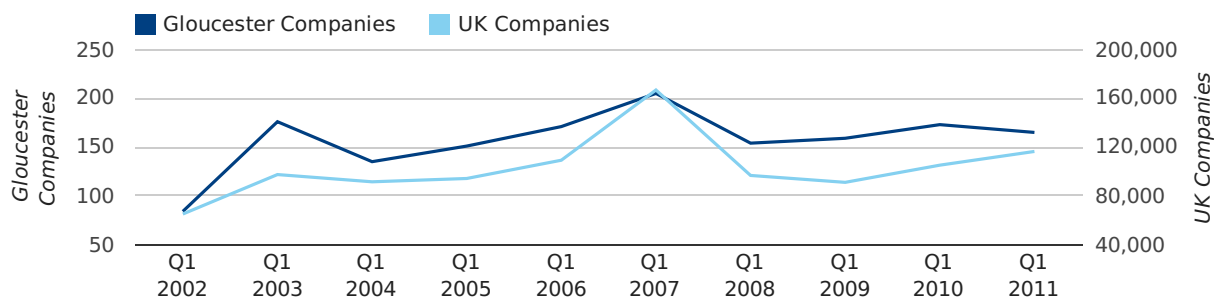
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 165 companies were registered in Gloucester during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 4.6% 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.

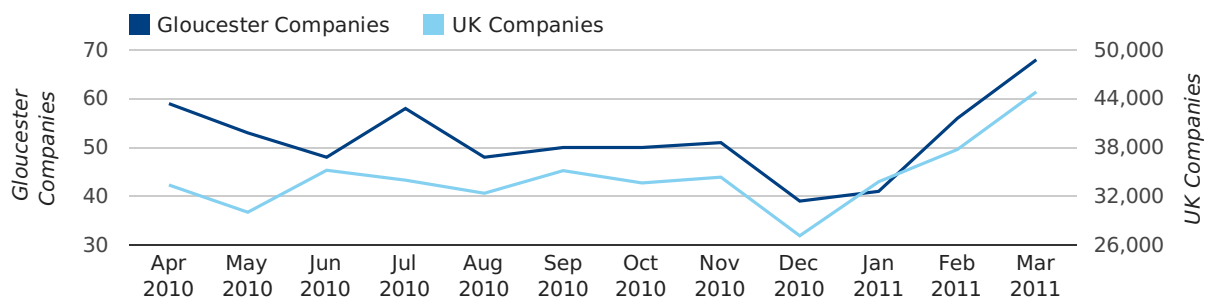
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	GLOUCESTER	UK
2011	165	116,391
2010	173	105,137
% CHANGE	-4.6%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (205)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	41	56	68
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	43	55	75
% CHANGE	-4.7%	1.8%	-9.3%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (58)	2007 (64)	2007 (94)

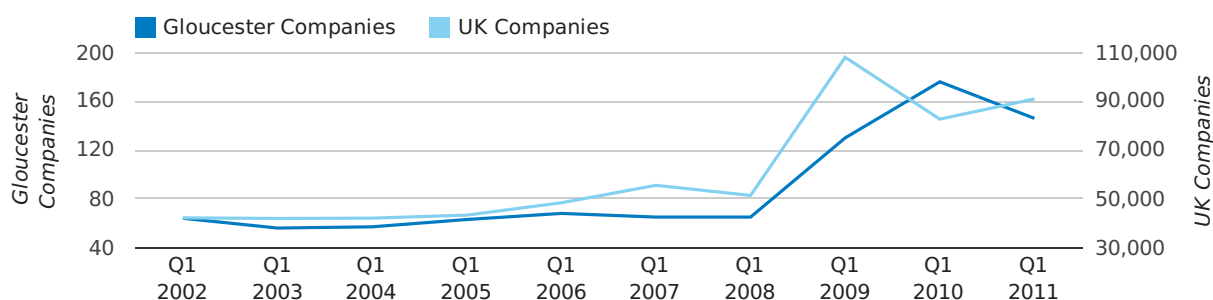
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 146 companies were dissolved in Gloucester during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 17.0% 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)	GLOUCESTER	UK
2011	146	90,986
2010	176	82,677
% CHANGE	-17.0%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (176)	2009 (108,060)

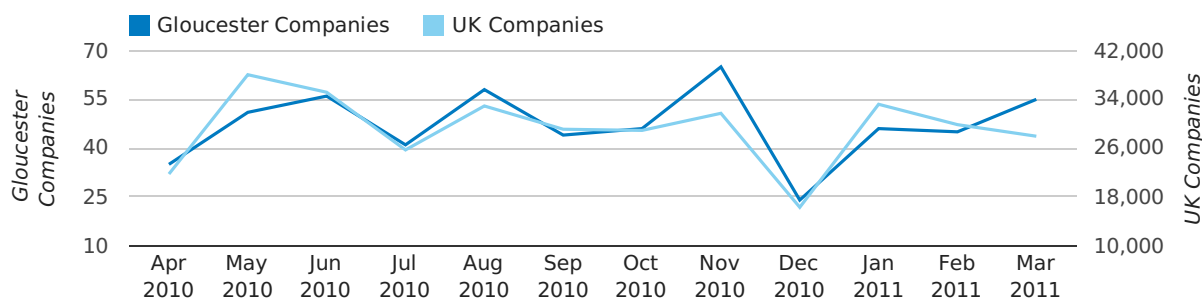
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	46	45	55
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	45	70	61
% CHANGE	2.2%	-35.7%	-10%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (46)	2010 (70)	2009 (76)

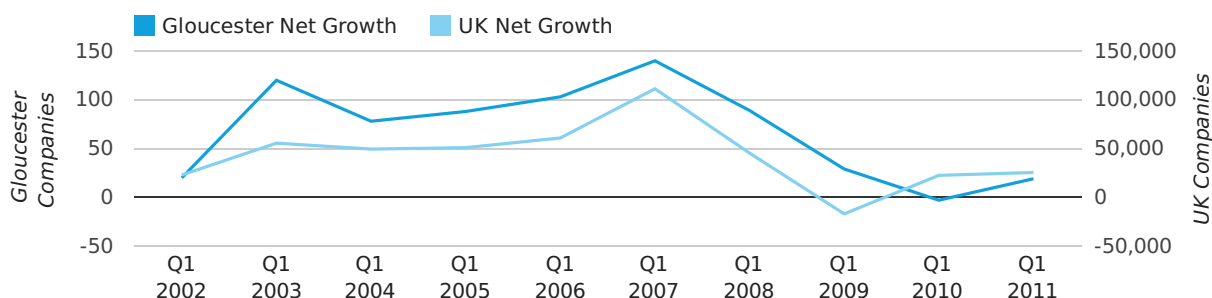
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Gloucester during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 19 companies.

This represents an increase of 733.3% on the same period last year.

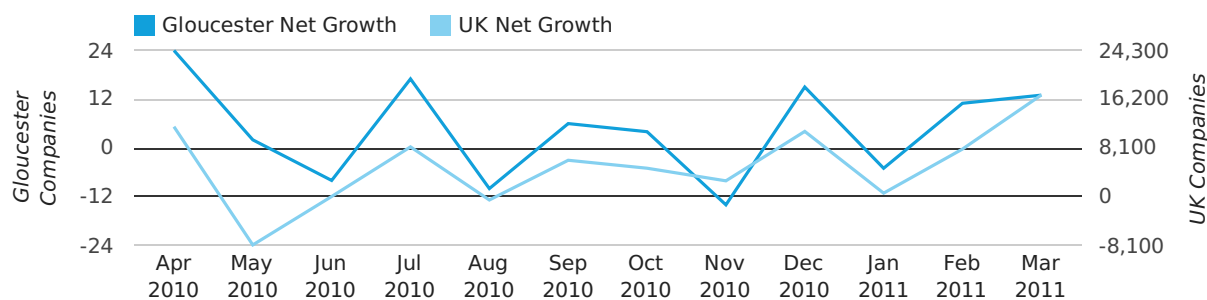
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	GLOUCESTER	UK
2011	19	25,405
2010	-3	22,460
% CHANGE	-733.3%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (140)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



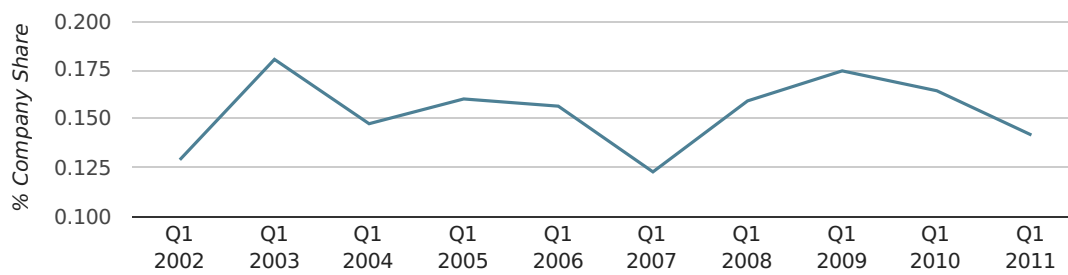
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-5	11	13
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-2	-15	14
% CHANGE	150.0%	-173.3%	-7.1%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (32)	2007 (45)	2007 (71)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

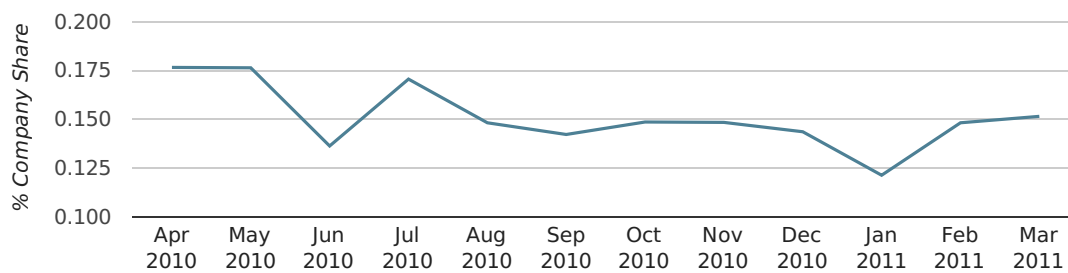
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	GLOUCESTER
2011	0.1%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.6%)

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%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-17.7%	-10.4%	-13.5%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.7%)	1966 (0.8%)	1966 (0.5%)

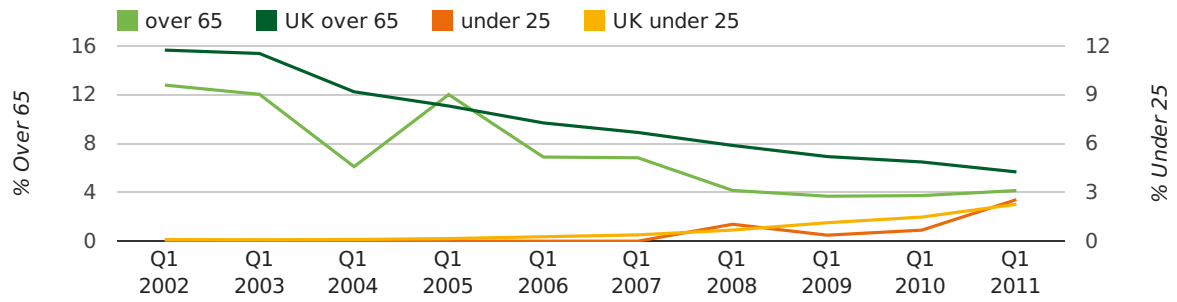
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 46.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

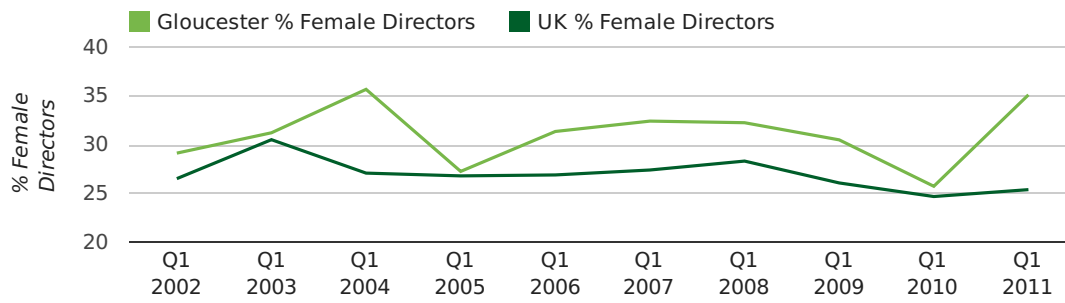


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

35.1% of all director appointments in Gloucester 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	1.43%	CONSULTING	5.04%
GLOUCESTER	1.43%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
MANAGEMENT	1.05%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
CONSULTING	1.05%	PROPERTY	2.38%
ELECTRICAL	0.76%	TRADING	2.10%
PROPERTY	0.76%	DESIGN	1.93%
GLOUCESTERSHIRE	0.76%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
(GLOUCESTER)	0.67%	BUSINESS	1.87%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.67%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
FINANCIAL	0.57%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CENTRE	0.57%	MEDIA	1.69%
S	0.48%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
G	0.48%	LONDON	1.60%
HOMES	0.48%	CARE	1.45%
M	0.48%	J	1.45%
SEVERN	0.48%	GLOBAL	1.44%
SYSTEMS	0.48%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
(GLOS)	0.48%	IT	1.41%
GREEN	0.48%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
SCHOOL	0.48%	BUILDING	1.34%
GLOBAL	0.48%	M	1.30%
MARKETING	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
TRADING	0.48%	S	1.24%
DESIGN	0.38%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
CHELTENHAM	0.38%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	290	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	74	60,968
99999 - Dormant Company	42	18,336
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	38	16,150
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	35	30,253
9999 - Dormant Company	34	19,765
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	25	10,246
7414 - Business & management consultancy	24	12,916
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	21	6,183
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	14	3,895
43210 - Electrical installation	14	3,172
7499 - Non-trading company	14	11,316
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	12	7,000
62090 - Other information technology service activities	12	6,996
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	10	7,788
41100 - Development of building projects	9	3,921
7415 - Holding companies including head offices	9	1,769
49410 - Freight transport by road	9	2,167
8514 - Other human health activities	9	2,423
9305 - Other service activities	9	8,740