

Gloucester

q3 2011 business confidence report



headlines

- Q3 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Gloucester when compared to any previous Q3.
- Q3 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Gloucester when compared to any quarter in history.
- September 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Gloucester when compared to any previous September.
- August 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Gloucester when compared to any previous August.
- July 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Gloucester when compared to any previous July.

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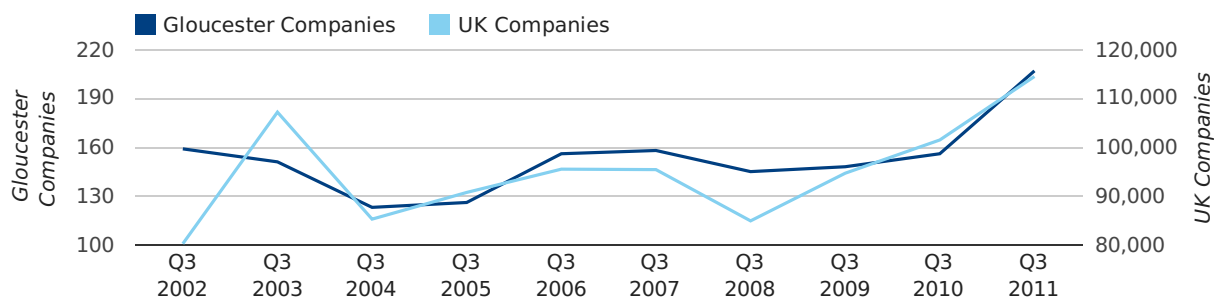
Q3 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Gloucester when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 207 companies were registered in Gloucester during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 32.7% 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)	GLOUCESTER	UK
2011	207	114,512
2010	156	101,492
% CHANGE	32.7%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (207)	2011 (114,512)

new companies by quarter



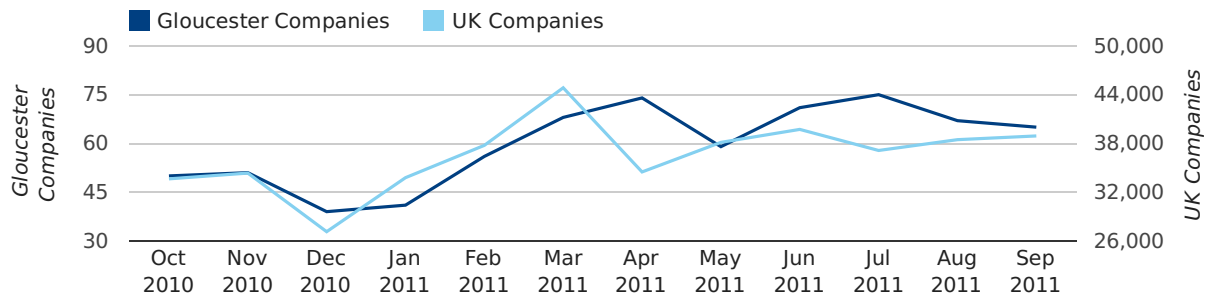
Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

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

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

July 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Gloucester when compared to any previous July.

new companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	75	67	65
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	58	48	50
% CHANGE	29.3%	39.6%	30.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (75)	2011 (67)	2011 (65)

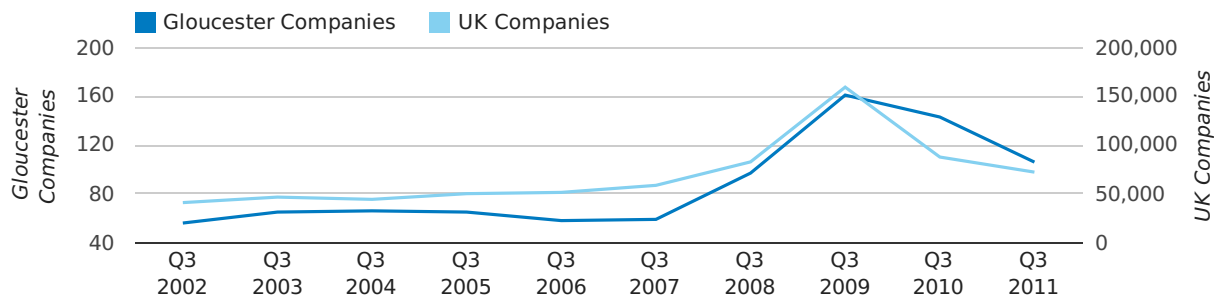
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 106 companies were dissolved in Gloucester during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 25.9% 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.

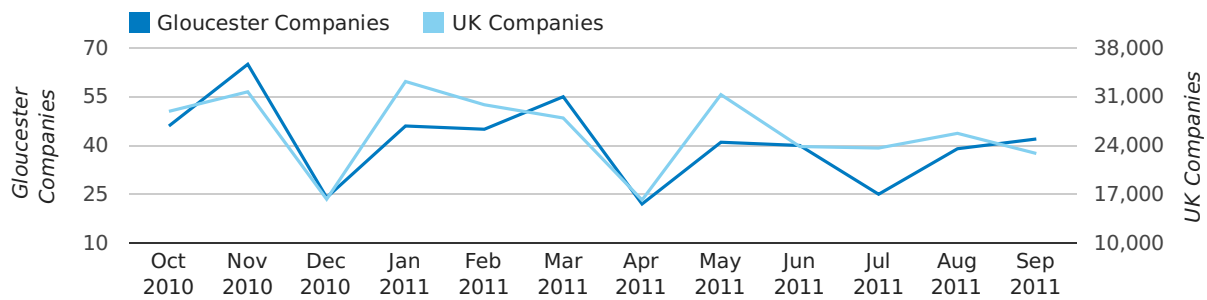
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	GLOUCESTER	UK
2011	106	72,230
2010	143	87,705
% CHANGE	-25.9%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (161)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	25	39	42
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	41	58	44
% CHANGE	-39.0%	-32.8%	-5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (43)	2008 (74)	2009 (65)

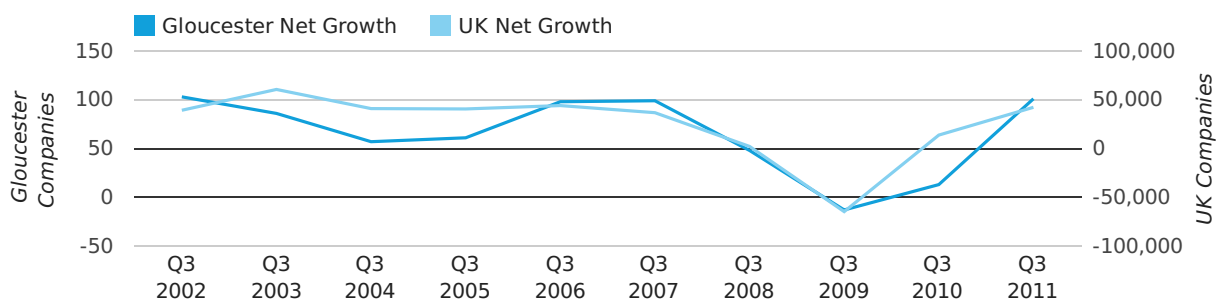
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Gloucester during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 101 companies.

This represents an increase of 676.9% on the same period last year.

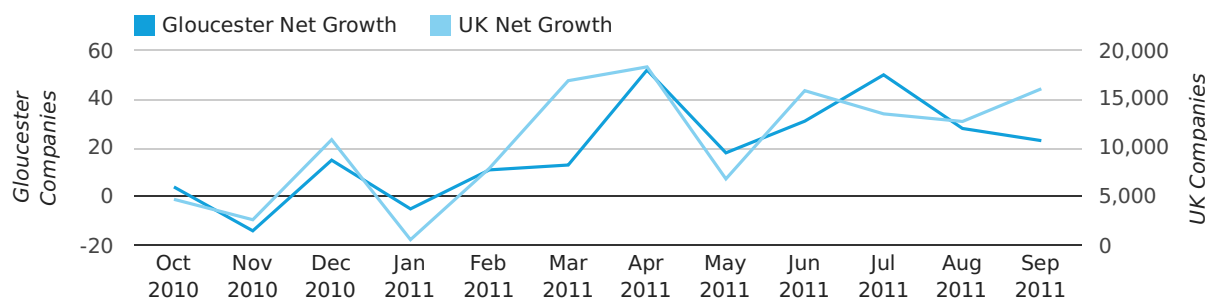
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	GLOUCESTER	UK
2011	101	42,282
2010	13	13,787
% CHANGE	676.9%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (103)	2003 (60,597)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

net growth by month



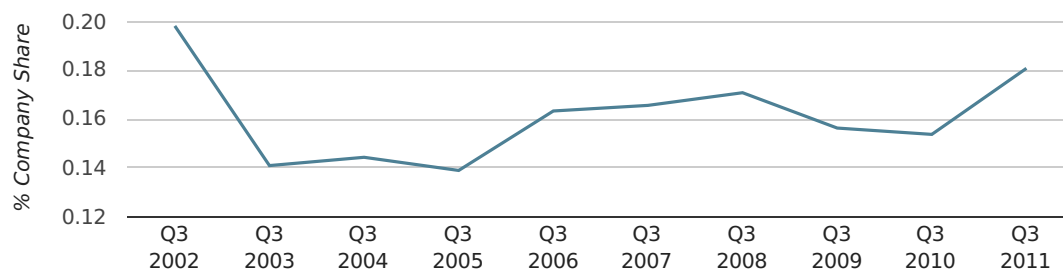
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	50	28	23
NET GROWTH IN 2010	17	-10	6
% CHANGE	194.1%	-380.0%	283.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (53)	2002 (44)	2002 (45)

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

In the third quarter of 2011, Gloucester formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

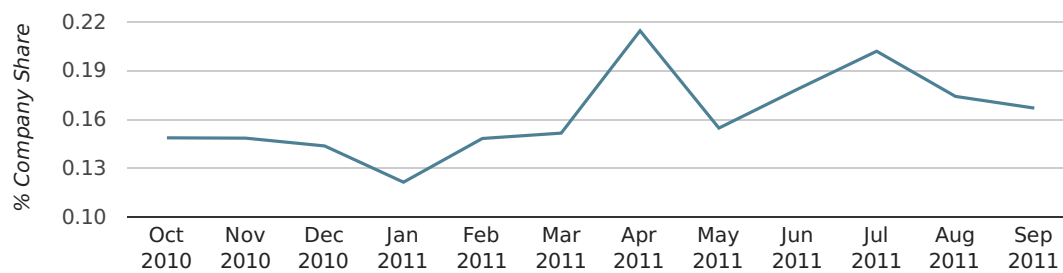
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	GLOUCESTER
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1970 (0.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	18.3%	17.5%	17.4%
RECORD YEAR	1960 (0.6%)	1977 (0.5%)	1970 (0.5%)

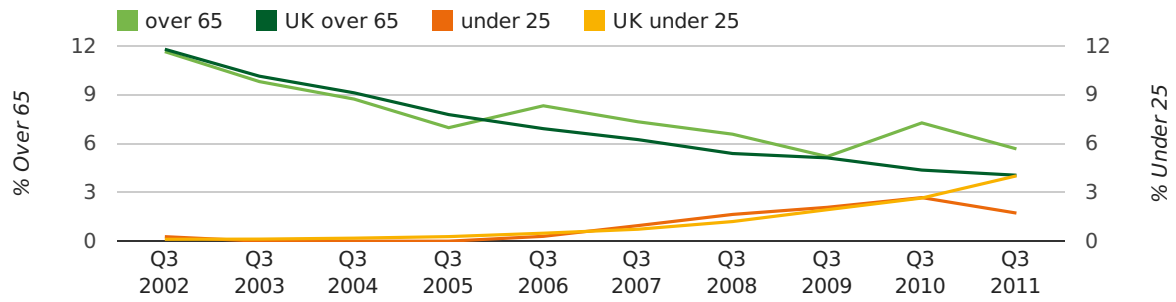
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 45.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

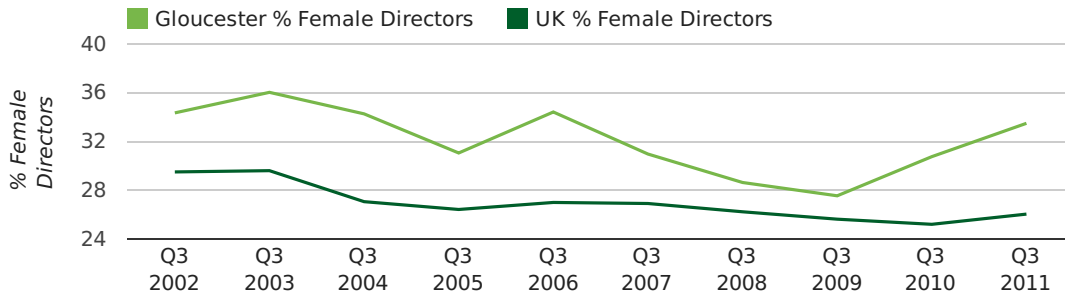


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

33.5% of all director appointments in Gloucester 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
CONSULTING	1.74%	CONSULTING	5.11%
CONSULTANCY	1.57%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
MANAGEMENT	1.41%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
SCHOOL	1.16%	PROPERTY	2.41%
GLOUCESTER	1.16%	TRADING	2.06%
ELECTRICAL	0.75%	DESIGN	1.94%
ENERGY	0.66%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.66%	BUSINESS	1.82%
DESIGN	0.66%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
PROPERTY	0.58%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
BUILDING	0.58%	MEDIA	1.72%
M	0.58%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
GLOUCESTERSHIRE	0.58%	LONDON	1.63%
FINANCIAL	0.58%	J	1.47%
COURT	0.58%	GLOBAL	1.46%
(GLOUCESTER)	0.50%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
G	0.50%	CARE	1.42%
GREEN	0.50%	IT	1.38%
J	0.50%	BUILDING	1.30%
SEVERN	0.50%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
MEDIA	0.50%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
HEATING	0.41%	M	1.25%
MAINTENANCE	0.41%	ENERGY	1.22%
HOME	0.41%	TRAINING	1.21%
HIGH	0.41%	S	1.21%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	286	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	66	65,177
9999 - Dormant Company	39	22,587
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	37	29,245
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	35	15,760
99999 - Dormant Company	32	18,281
7414 - Business & management consultancy	29	14,755
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	23	10,137
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	19	6,321
9305 - Other service activities	15	10,525
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	15	8,345
7499 - Non-trading company	15	11,543
43210 - Electrical installation	14	2,938
62090 - Other information technology service activities	12	6,798
74990 - Non-trading company	12	8,064
49410 - Freight transport by road	11	2,049
41100 - Development of building projects	11	3,697
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	11	3,614
8514 - Other human health activities	10	2,943
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	10	7,551