

Hemel Hempstead

q3 2011 business confidence report



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- September 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Hemel Hempstead when compared to any previous September.
- August 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Hemel Hempstead when compared to any previous August.

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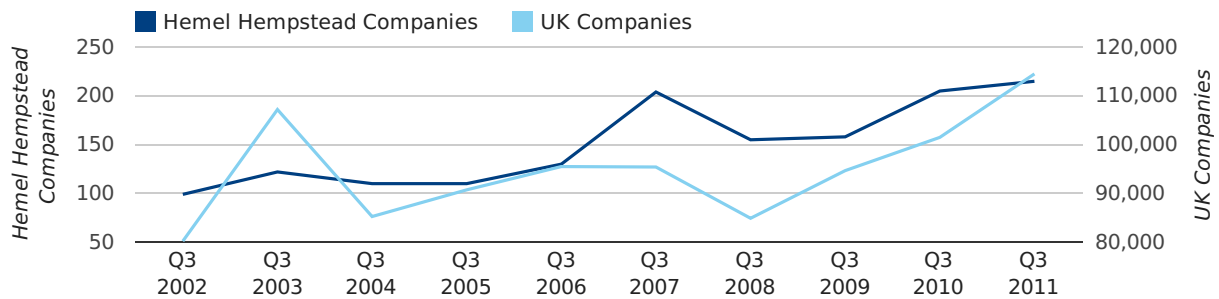
Q3 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Hemel Hempstead when compared to any previous Q3.

A total of 215 companies were registered in Hemel Hempstead during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 4.9% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.8% against the same period last year.

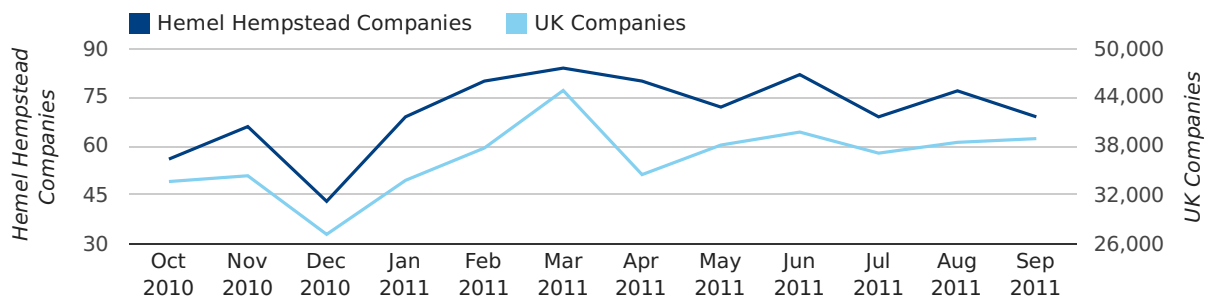
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	UK
2011	215	114,512
2010	205	101,492
% CHANGE	4.9%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (215)	2011 (114,512)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

new companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	69	77	69
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	76	59	70
% CHANGE	-9.2%	30.5%	-1.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (77)	2007 (78)	2010 (70)

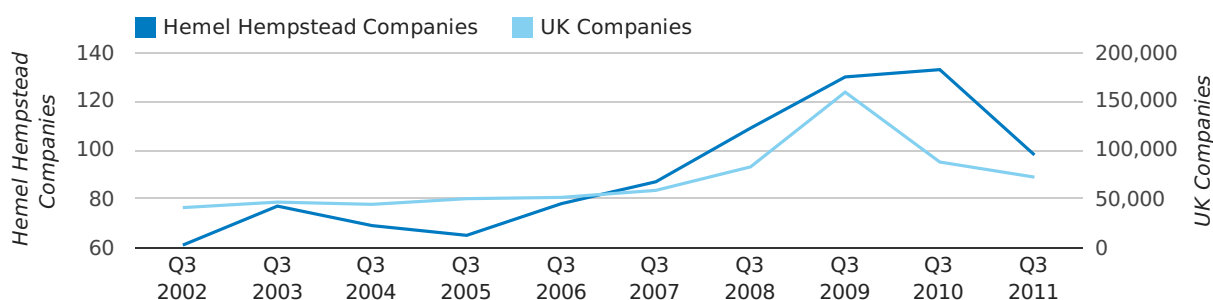
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 98 companies were dissolved in Hemel Hempstead during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 26.3% 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.

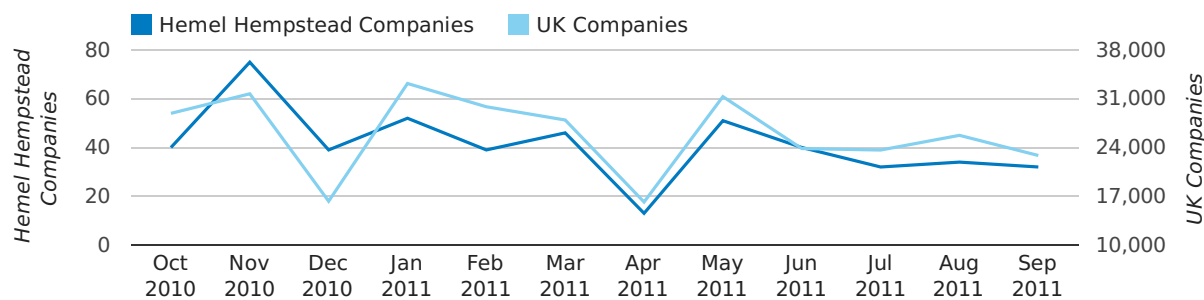
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	UK
2011	98	72,230
2010	133	87,705
% CHANGE	-26.3%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (133)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	32	34	32
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	37	52	44
% CHANGE	-13.5%	-34.6%	-27%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (37)	2008 (85)	2009 (60)

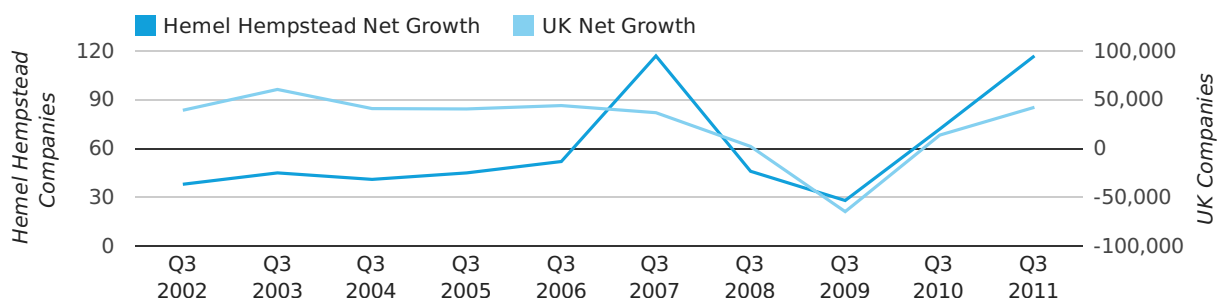
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Hemel Hempstead during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 117 companies.

This represents an increase of 62.5% on the same period last year.

THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD	UK
2011	117	42,282
2010	72	13,787
% CHANGE	62.5%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (117)	2003 (60,597)

net growth by quarter

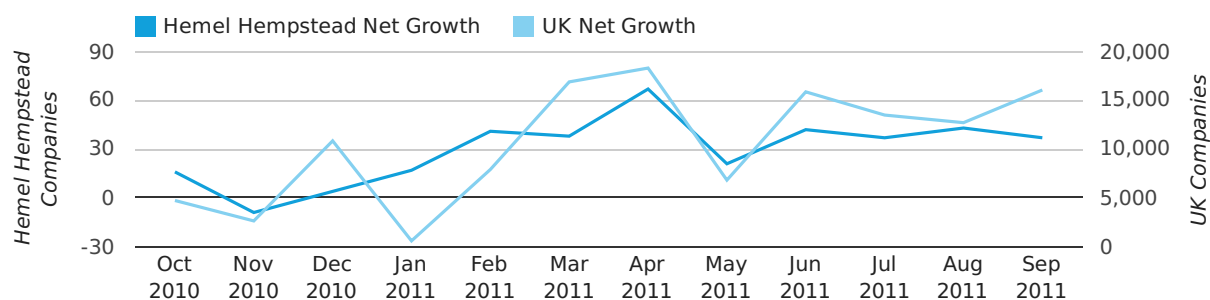


Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

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

August 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Hemel Hempstead when compared to any previous August.

net growth by month



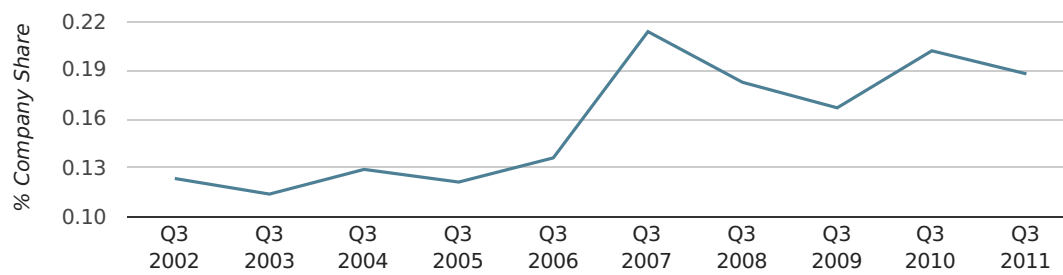
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	37	43	37
NET GROWTH IN 2010	39	7	26
% CHANGE	-5.1%	514.3%	42.3%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (58)	2011 (43)	2011 (37)

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

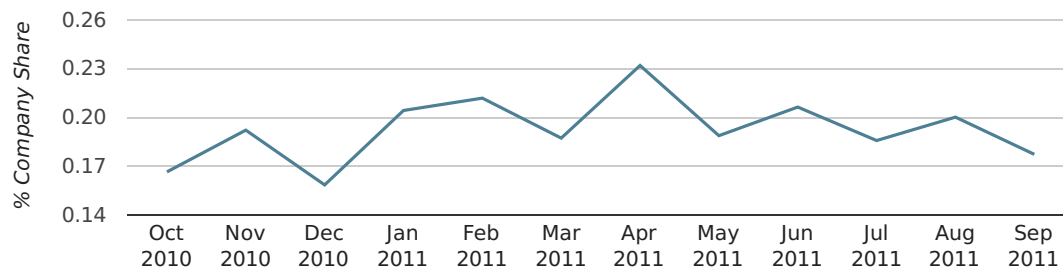
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	HEMEL HEMPSTEAD
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1962 (0.4%)

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%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-16.9%	9.8%	-11.0%
RECORD YEAR	1962 (0.5%)	1960 (0.6%)	1962 (0.4%)

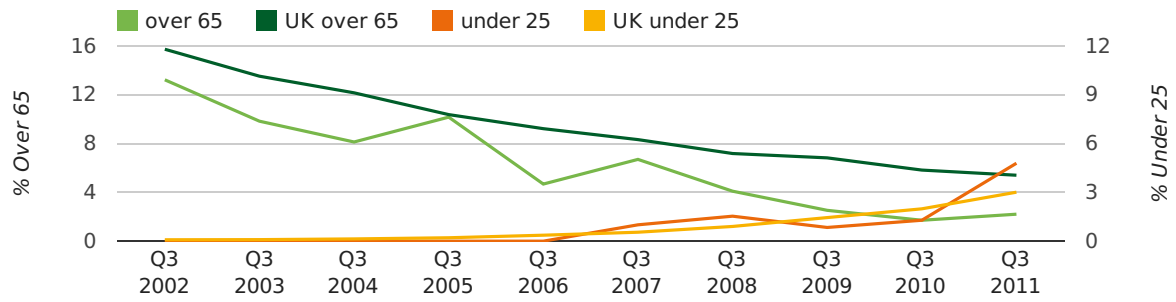
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 41.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

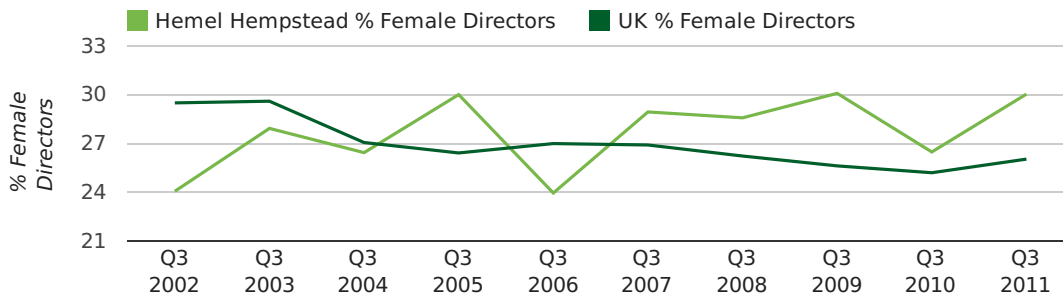


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

30.0% of all director appointments in Hemel Hempstead 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	4.33%	CONSULTING	5.11%
CONSULTANCY	1.59%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
MANAGEMENT	1.37%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
BUSINESS	0.91%	PROPERTY	2.41%
CONSULTANTS	0.91%	TRADING	2.06%
ASSOCIATES	0.84%	DESIGN	1.94%
HEMEL	0.84%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
SYSTEMS	0.76%	BUSINESS	1.82%
IT	0.68%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
TECHNOLOGY	0.68%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
MEDIA	0.61%	MEDIA	1.72%
ENGINEERING	0.61%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
CONTRACTORS	0.53%	LONDON	1.63%
PROPERTY	0.46%	J	1.47%
R	0.46%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CONSTRUCTION	0.46%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
MY	0.46%	CARE	1.42%
TRADING	0.46%	IT	1.38%
ENTERPRISES	0.46%	BUILDING	1.30%
INTERNATIONAL	0.46%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
C	0.38%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
PRODUCTIONS	0.38%	M	1.25%
HEALTHCARE	0.38%	ENERGY	1.22%
S	0.38%	TRAINING	1.21%
GROUP	0.38%	S	1.21%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	302	204,493
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	109	10,137
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	96	8,345
7487 - Other business activities	95	65,177
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	55	29,245
7414 - Business & management consultancy	48	14,755
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	47	15,760
9999 - Dormant Company	37	22,587
7260 - Other computer related activities	25	8,686
9305 - Other service activities	19	10,525
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	18	6,321
98000 - Residents property management	18	2,664
62090 - Other information technology service activities	18	6,798
99999 - Dormant Company	17	18,281
62012 - Business and domestic software development	15	3,137
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	14	10,018
62011 - Ready-made interactive leisure and entertainment software development	14	603
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	11	7,551
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	11	3,271
7412 - Accounting, auditing; tax consult	10	2,802