

Huddersfield

q1 2011 business confidence report



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- Q1 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Huddersfield when compared to any previous Q1.
- Q1 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Huddersfield when compared to any quarter in history.
- January 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Huddersfield when compared to any previous January.

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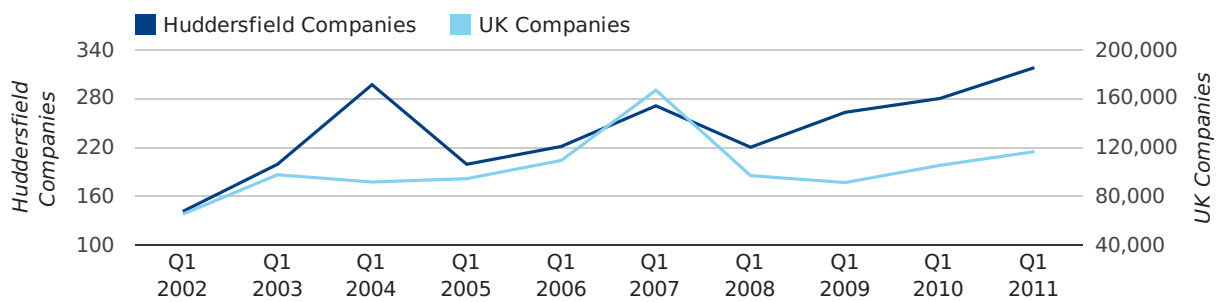
Q1 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Huddersfield when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 318 companies were registered in Huddersfield during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 13.6% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares equally to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 10.7% against the same period last year.

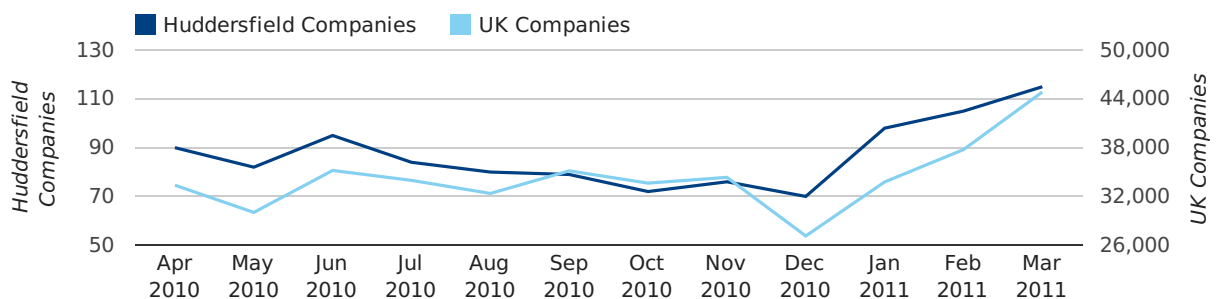
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	HUDDERSFIELD	UK
2011	318	116,391
2010	280	105,137
% CHANGE	13.6%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (318)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	98	105	115
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	76	89	115
% CHANGE	28.9%	18.0%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (105)	2004 (107)	2010 (115)

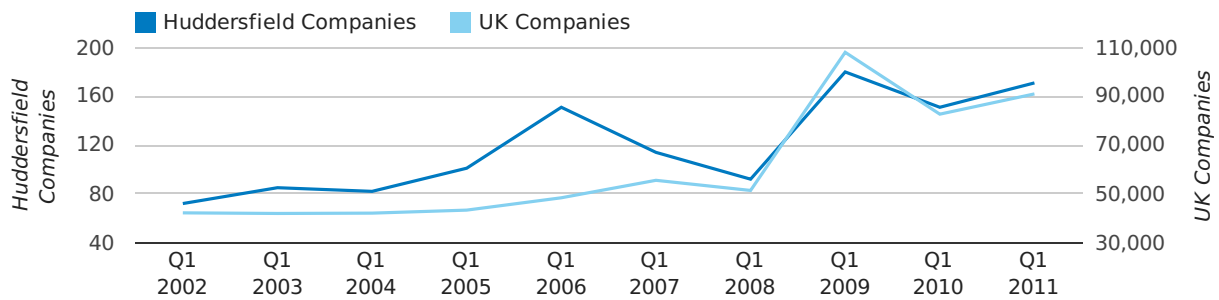
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 171 companies were dissolved in Huddersfield during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 13.2% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares poorly 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)	HUDDERSFIELD	UK
2011	171	90,986
2010	151	82,677
% CHANGE	13.2%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (180)	2009 (108,060)

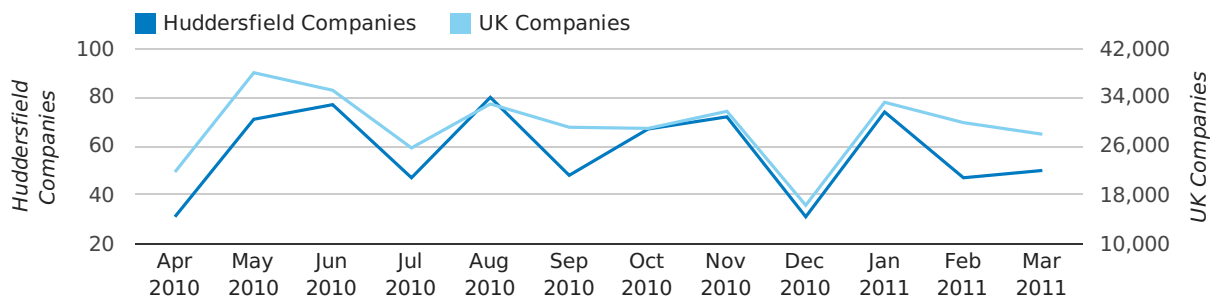
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	74	47	50
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	46	49	56
% CHANGE	60.9%	-4.1%	-11%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (74)	2008 (54)	2009 (125)

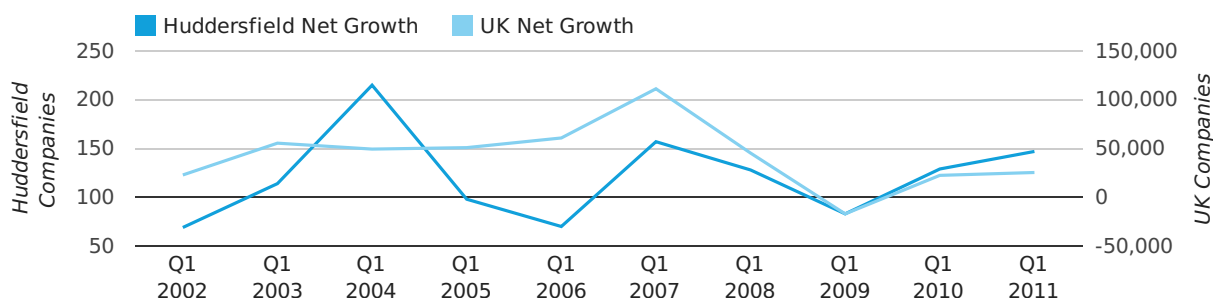
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Huddersfield during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 147 companies.

This represents an increase of 14.0% on the same period last year.

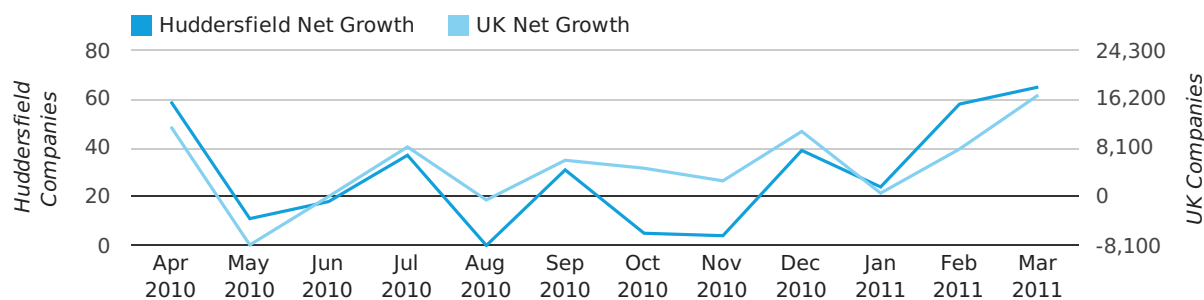
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	HUDDERSFIELD	UK
2011	147	25,405
2010	129	22,460
% CHANGE	14.0%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (215)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



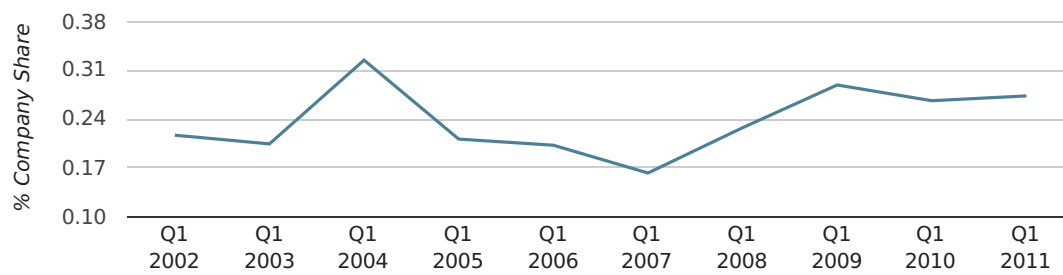
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	24	58	65
NET GROWTH IN 2010	30	40	59
% CHANGE	-20.0%	45.0%	10.2%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (81)	2004 (88)	2008 (81)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Huddersfield formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

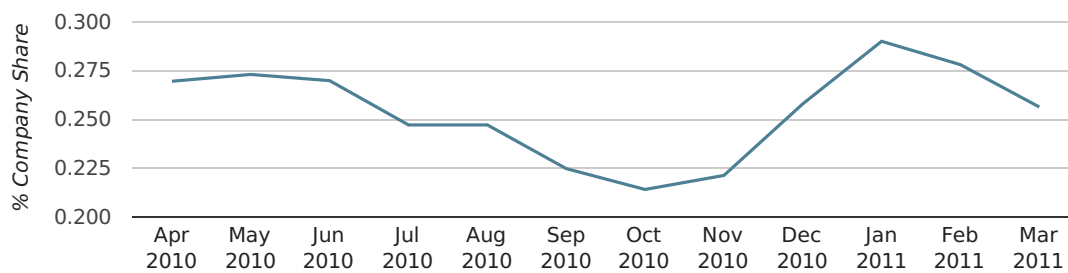
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	HUDDERSFIELD
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
% CHANGE	11.2%	3.8%	-4.6%
RECORD YEAR	1965 (0.8%)	1974 (0.6%)	1968 (0.9%)

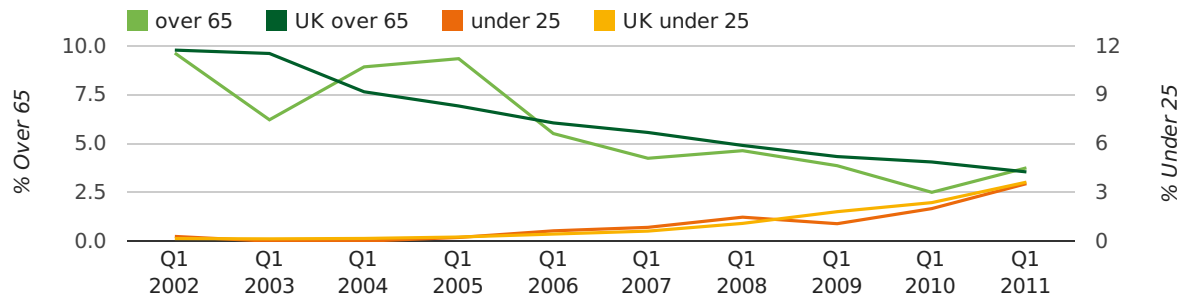
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

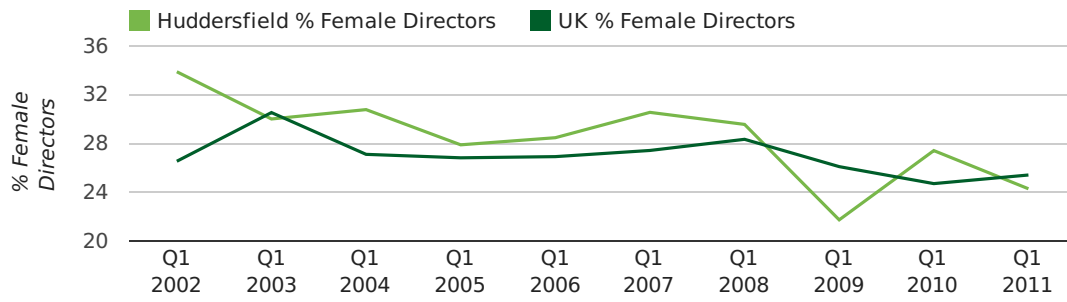


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

24.3% of all director appointments in Huddersfield 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
YORKSHIRE	1.19%	CONSULTING	5.04%
HUDDERSFIELD	0.94%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
STRATEGIES	0.81%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
MANAGEMENT	0.81%	PROPERTY	2.38%
(YORKSHIRE)	0.81%	TRADING	2.10%
CARE	0.75%	DESIGN	1.93%
DESIGN	0.75%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
ENERGY	0.75%	BUSINESS	1.87%
CONSULTING	0.75%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
CONSTRUCTION	0.75%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
DIRECT	0.69%	MEDIA	1.69%
(HUDDERSFIELD)	0.69%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
M	0.69%	LONDON	1.60%
S	0.62%	CARE	1.45%
MEDIA	0.56%	J	1.45%
P	0.56%	GLOBAL	1.44%
CONSULTANTS	0.56%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
ENTERPRISES	0.56%	IT	1.41%
CONSULTANCY	0.56%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
TRADING	0.56%	BUILDING	1.34%
ELECTRICAL	0.56%	M	1.30%
CORPORATION	0.50%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
BUILDING	0.50%	S	1.24%
CO	0.50%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
TRAINING	0.50%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	480	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	128	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	49	30,253
99999 - Dormant Company	43	18,336
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	42	16,150
9999 - Dormant Company	36	19,765
9305 - Other service activities	33	8,740
7414 - Business & management consultancy	33	12,916
86900 - Other human health activities	28	4,092
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	27	7,788
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	27	10,246
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	25	6,183
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	25	10,085
74990 - Non-trading company	22	8,695
62090 - Other information technology service activities	19	6,996
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	19	3,895
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	17	7,000
86210 - General medical practice activities	17	1,874
41100 - Development of building projects	16	3,921
43210 - Electrical installation	14	3,172