Leicester

2011 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Leicester when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous Q2.
- June 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous June.
- May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous May.

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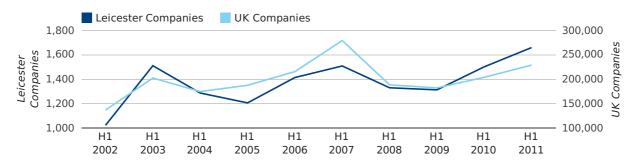
The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Leicester when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2011 a total of 1,659 companies were formed in Leicester. This figure is 10.5% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Leicester occurred in 2011 when a total of 1,659 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEICESTER	UK
2011	1,659	228,735
2010	1,501	203,749
% CHANGE	10.5%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (1,659)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

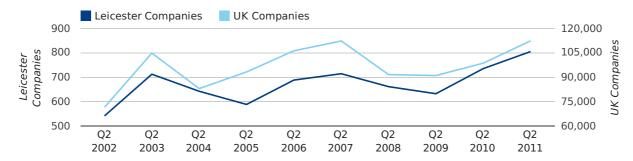
Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 805 companies were registered in Leicester during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 9.5% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares equally to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	LEICESTER	UK
2011	805	112,344
2010	735	98,612
% CHANGE	9.5%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (805)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter

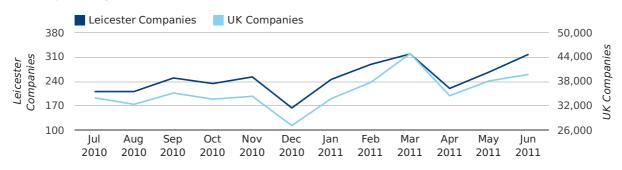


Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

June 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous June.

May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous May.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	220	267	318
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	261	225	249
% CHANGE	-15.7%	18.7%	27.7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (261)	2011 (267)	2011 (318)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 1,142 companies were dissolved in Leicester. This figure is 7.7% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Leicester occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,810 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEICESTER	UK
2011	1,142	162,310
2010	1,237	177,631
% CHANGE	-7.7%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,810)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



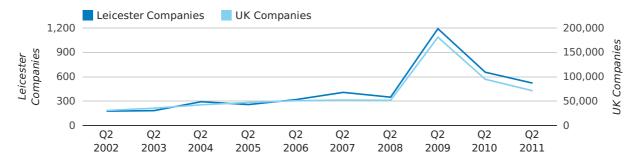
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 522 companies were dissolved in Leicester during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 20.4% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

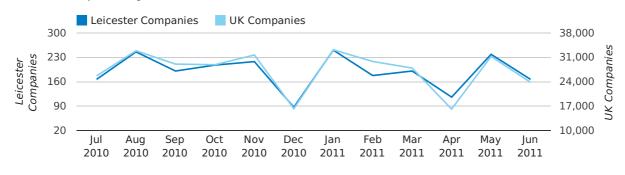
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	LEICESTER	UK
2011	522	71,324
2010	656	94,954
% CHANGE	-20.4%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,192)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month

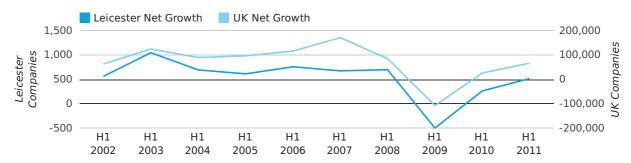


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	116	239	167
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	150	239	267
% CHANGE	-22.7%	0.0%	-37%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (298)	2009 (525)	2009 (369)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Leicester increased by 517 companies. This figure is 95.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEICESTER	UK
2011	517	66,425
2010	264	26,118
% CHANGE	95.8%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,048)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



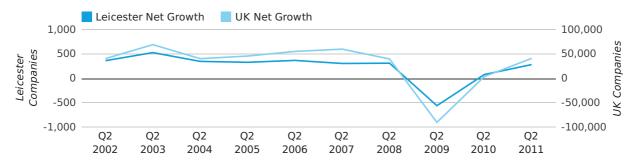
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Leicester during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 283 companies.

This represents an increase of 258.2% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	LEICESTER	UK
2011	283	41,020
2010	79	3,658
% CHANGE	258.2%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (529)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

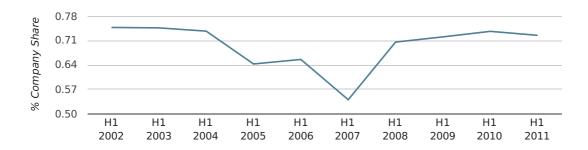
net growth by month



In the first half of 2011 Leicester formed 0.7% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.7%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	LEICESTER
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
2007	0.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1975 (1.1%)

company share by half year

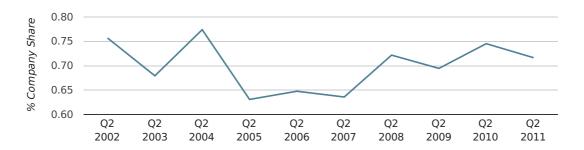


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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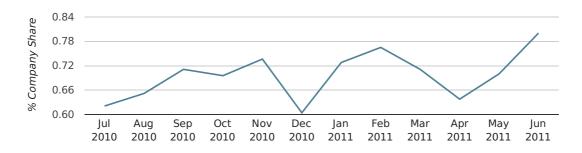
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2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
2007	0.6%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (1.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



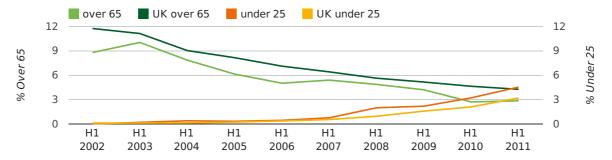
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.6%	0.7%	0.8%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%
% CHANGE	-18.4%	-6.5%	13.2%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (1.8%)	1972 (1.7%)	1965 (1.8%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 41.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



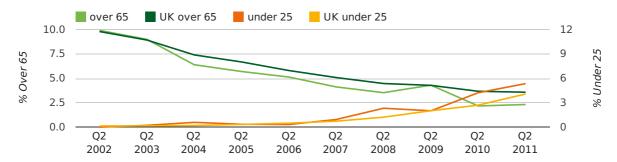
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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director age by quarter



The record first half year for female directors in Leicester was 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

22.1% of all director appointments in Leicester in the first half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

director gender by half year

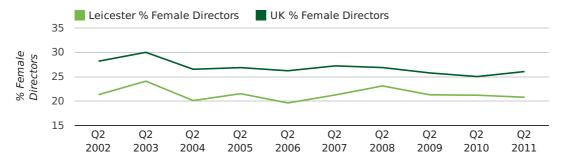


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The record second quarter for female directors in Leicester was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

20.8% of all director appointments in Leicester in the second quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.1% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



naming trends $\operatorname{duport} \omega$

Previous 12 months (Jun 2010-Jun 2011)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
(LEICESTER)	1.72%	CONSULTING	5.09%
LEICESTER	1.59%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
MANAGEMENT	1.15%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
PROPERTY	1.02%	PROPERTY	2.43%
TRADING	0.99%	TRADING	2.05%
CONSULTANCY	0.99%	DESIGN	1.94%
CONSULTING	0.86%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
DESIGN	0.83%	BUSINESS	1.87%
J	0.78%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
S	0.78%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
М	0.78%	MEDIA	1.73%
ENTERPRISE	0.76%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
CARE	0.73%	LONDON	1.60%
R	0.68%	GLOBAL	1.46%
ASSOCIATES	0.65%	J	1.44%
PROPERTIES	0.60%	CARE	1.44%
INVESTMENTS	0.60%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
TRAINING	0.60%	IT	1.39%
BUSINESS	0.57%	BUILDING	1.32%
(LEIC)	0.55%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
FASHIONS	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
MEDIA	0.52%	M	1.27%
IT	0.52%	S	1.23%
K	0.52%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.52%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,414	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	357	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	140	30,647
9999 - Dormant Company	135	20,111
99999 - Dormant Company	123	18,918
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	102	16,419
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	70	10,322
7499 - Non-trading company	66	10,955
7414 - Business & management consultancy	59	13,053
7260 - Other computer related activities	56	7,849
9305 - Other service activities	56	9,063
86900 - Other human health activities	51	4,154
5530 - Restaurants	47	5,086
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	45	7,143
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	43	10,545
62090 - Other information technology service activities	40	7,095
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	38	7,835
6024 - Freight transport by road	36	2,316
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	34	2,641
49410 - Freight transport by road	32	2,142