# Liverpool

2011 half year business confidence report



## headlines

- Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Liverpool when compared to any previous Q2.
- June 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Liverpool when compared to any previous June.
- May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Liverpool when compared to any previous May.

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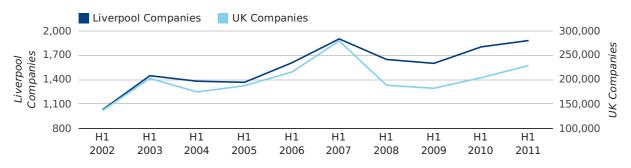
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In the first half of 2011 a total of 1,880 companies were formed in Liverpool. This figure is 4.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Liverpool occurred in 2007 when a total of 1,900 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | LIVERPOOL    | UK             |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011                | 1,880        | 228,735        |
| 2010                | 1,802        | 203,749        |
| % CHANGE            | 4.3%         | 12.3%          |
| RECORD YEAR         | 2007 (1,900) | 2007 (279,097) |

new companies by half year



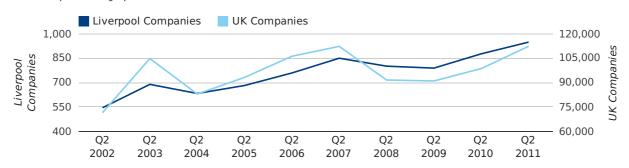
## Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

A total of 949 companies were registered in Liverpool during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 8.2% 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) | LIVERPOOL  | UK             |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011                                 | 949        | 112,344        |
| 2010                                 | 877        | 98,612         |
| % CHANGE                             | 8.2%       | 13.9%          |
| RECORD YEAR                          | 2011 (949) | 2011 (112,344) |



#### new companies by quarter

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

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

#### new companies by month

RECORD YEAR



2011 (335)

2011 (354)

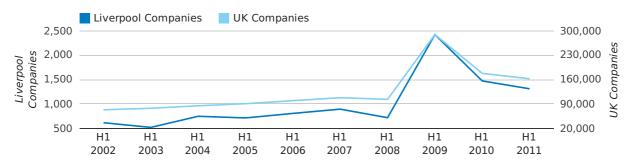
2007 (303)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 1,310 companies were dissolved in Liverpool. This figure is 10.9% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Liverpool occurred in 2009 when a total of 2,422 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | LIVERPOOL    | UK             |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011                | 1,310        | 162,310        |
| 2010                | 1,471        | 177,631        |
| % CHANGE            | -10.9%       | -8.6%          |
| RECORD YEAR         | 2009 (2,422) | 2009 (289,236) |

#### dissolved companies by half year



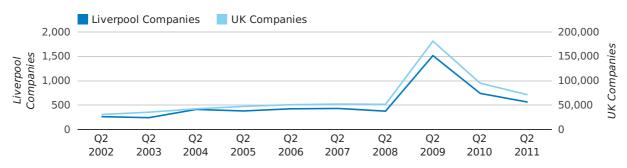
## Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 563 companies were dissolved in Liverpool during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 24.0% 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) | LIVERPOOL    | UK             |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011                                 | 563          | 71,324         |
| 2010                                 | 741          | 94,954         |
| % CHANGE                             | -24.0%       | -24.9%         |
| RECORD YEAR                          | 2009 (1,516) | 2009 (181,176) |

#### dissolved companies by quarter



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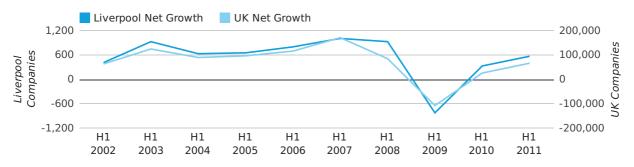
|                          | APRIL      | MAY        | JUNE       |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 116        | 245        | 202        |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010 | 189        | 271        | 281        |
| % CHANGE                 | -38.6%     | -9.6%      | -28%       |
| RECORD YEAR              | 2009 (540) | 2009 (621) | 2009 (355) |

dissolved companies by month

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Liverpool increased by 570 companies. This figure is 72.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | LIVERPOOL    | UK             |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011                | 570          | 66,425         |
| 2010                | 331          | 26,118         |
| % CHANGE            | 72.2%        | 154.3%         |
| RECORD YEAR         | 2007 (1,008) | 2007 (171,296) |

#### net growth by half year

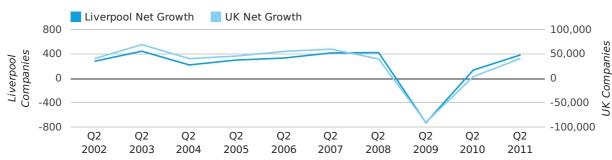


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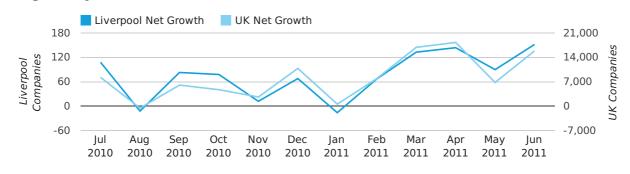
Net company growth for Liverpool during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 386 companies.

This represents an increase of 183.8% on the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | LIVERPOOL  | UK            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 2011                                 | 386        | 41,020        |
| 2010                                 | 136        | 3,658         |
| % CHANGE                             | 183.8%     | 1,021.4%      |
| RECORD YEAR                          | 2003 (446) | 2003 (69,274) |



### net growth by quarter



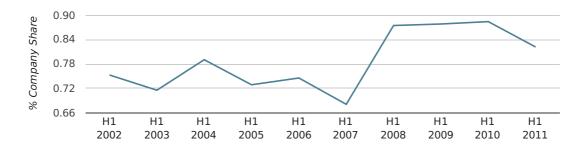
|                    | APRIL      | MAY        | JUNE       |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 144        | 90         | 152        |
| NET GROWTH IN 2010 | 101        | 26         | 9          |
| % CHANGE           | 42.6%      | 246.2%     | 1,588.9%   |
| RECORD YEAR        | 2007 (188) | 2003 (160) | 2008 (250) |

## net growth by month

In the first half of 2011 Liverpool formed 0.8% of all UK companies. This is less than the 2010 figure of 0.9%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)      | LIVERPOOL   |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2011                     | 0.8%        |
| 2010                     | 0.9%        |
| 2009                     | 0.9%        |
| 2008                     | 0.9%        |
| 2007                     | 0.7%        |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1964 (0.9%) |

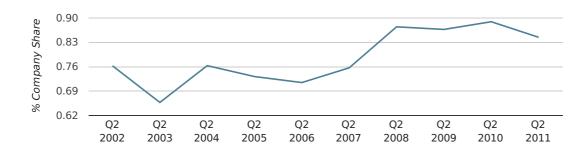
company share by half year



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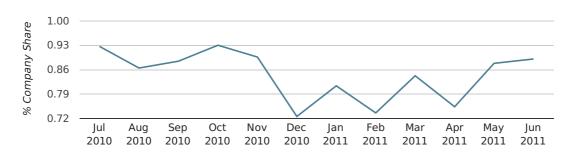
In the second quarter of 2011, Liverpool formed 0.8% of all UK companies.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | LIVERPOOL   |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2011                                 | 0.8%        |
| 2010                                 | 0.9%        |
| 2009                                 | 0.9%        |
| 2008                                 | 0.9%        |
| 2007                                 | 0.8%        |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)             | 1980 (1.0%) |



company share by quarter

company share by month



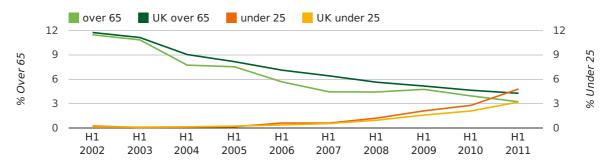
|                            | APRIL       | ΜΑΥ         | JUNE        |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.8%        | 0.9%        | 0.9%        |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010 | 0.9%        | 1.0%        | 0.8%        |
| % CHANGE                   | -13.2%      | -11.2%      | 8.2%        |
| RECORD YEAR                | 1965 (1.3%) | 1978 (1.4%) | 1971 (1.2%) |

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 42.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

## director age by half year



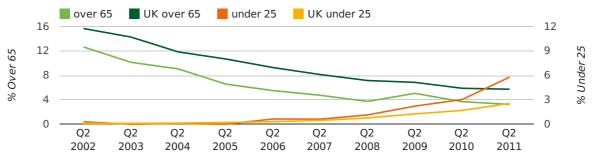
## Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 42.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

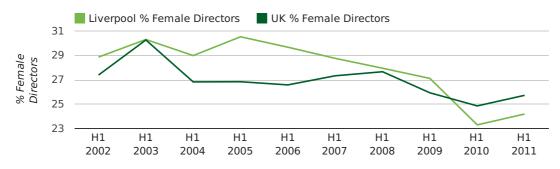
# director age by quarter



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

24.2% of all director appointments in Liverpool 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

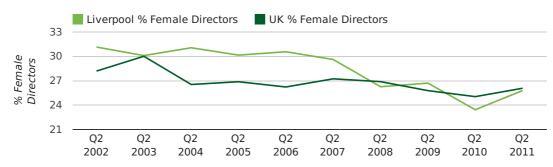


## Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

25.8% of all director appointments in Liverpool 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



# 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 |
|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| MANAGEMENT   | 2.02%      | CONSULTING   | 5.09%         |
| PROPERTY     | 1.93%      | MANAGEMENT   | 4.86%         |
| LIVERPOOL    | 1.90%      | CONSULTANCY  | 3.17%         |
| (LIVERPOOL)  | 1.24%      | PROPERTY     | 2.43%         |
| CONSULTANCY  | 1.15%      | TRADING      | 2.05%         |
| (NW)         | 1.12%      | DESIGN       | 1.94%         |
| TRAINING     | 1.01%      | ASSOCIATES   | 1.92%         |
| BUILDING     | 0.99%      | BUSINESS     | 1.87%         |
| CIC          | 0.96%      | CONSTRUCTION | 1.77%         |
| PROPERTIES   | 0.85%      | CONSULTANTS  | 1.76%         |
| WEST         | 0.85%      | MEDIA        | 1.73%         |
| NORTH        | 0.83%      | ENGINEERING  | 1.67%         |
| ELECTRICAL   | 0.78%      | LONDON       | 1.60%         |
| SECURITY     | 0.76%      | GLOBAL       | 1.46%         |
| CENTRE       | 0.73%      | J            | 1.44%         |
| DEVELOPMENTS | 0.73%      | CARE         | 1.44%         |
| J            | 0.71%      | INVESTMENTS  | 1.42%         |
| COMMUNITY    | 0.71%      | IT           | 1.39%         |
| MEDIA        | 0.71%      | BUILDING     | 1.32%         |
| TRANSPORT    | 0.66%      | PROPERTIES   | 1.31%         |
| CARE         | 0.66%      | ELECTRICAL   | 1.30%         |
| М            | 0.66%      | М            | 1.27%         |
| CONSTRUCTION | 0.64%      | S            | 1.23%         |
| ASSOCIATES   | 0.64%      | ENTERPRISES  | 1.20%         |
| MAINTENANCE  | 0.60%      | SYSTEMS      | 1.20%         |



# Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE   | NUMBER OF<br>COMPANIES | UK<br>COMPANIES |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|
| None Supplied  | 2,090                  | 202,072         |
| 7487 - Other business activities   | 471                    | 60,758          |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified               | 164                    | 30,647          |
| 99999 - Dormant Company  | 118                    | 18,918          |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified                                | 114                    | 10,322          |
| 9999 - Dormant Company   | 114                    | 20,111          |
| 4521 - General construction & civil engineering  | 84                     | 5,928           |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management                | 83                     | 16,419          |
| 9305 - Other service activities  | 79                     | 9,063           |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy   | 79                     | 13,053          |
| 7260 - Other computer related activities   | 62                     | 7,849           |
| 7499 - Non-trading company   | 57                     | 10,955          |
| 5530 - Restaurants   | 56                     | 5,086           |
| 7222 - Other software consultancy and supply   | 50                     | 7,143           |
| 5540 - Bars  | 48                     | 2,141           |
| 74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified | 47                     | 7,835           |
| 4531 - Installation electrical wiring etc.   | 47                     | 2,037           |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities                                    | 45                     | 10,545          |
| 56302 - Public houses and bars   | 42                     | 1,900           |
| 62090 - Other information technology service activities                                  | 37                     | 7,095           |