London

q3 2011 business confidence report



headlines

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- August 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in London when compared to any previous August.
- July 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in London when compared to any previous July.
- Q3 2011 saw a new record in net growth in London when compared to any previous Q3.
- September 2011 saw a new record in net growth in London when compared to any previous September.

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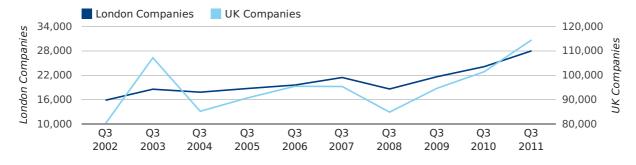
Q3 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in London when compared to any previous Q3.

A total of 28,025 companies were registered in London during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 16.1% 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)	LONDON	UK
2011	28,025	114,512
2010	24,139	101,492
% CHANGE	16.1%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (28,025)	2011 (114,512)

new companies by quarter

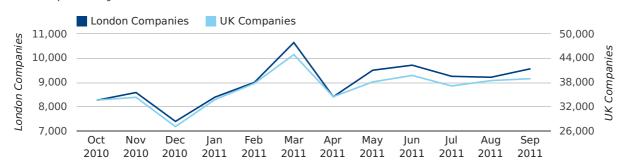


Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

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



new companies by month

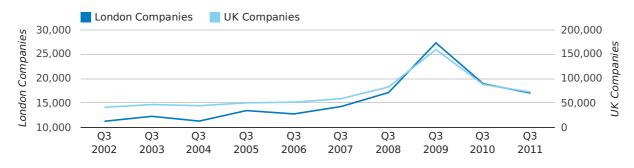
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	9,251	9,212	9,562
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	8,094	7,738	8,307
% CHANGE	14.3%	19.0%	15.1%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (9,251)	2011 (9,212)	2011 (9,562)

A total of 17,013 companies were dissolved in London during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 10.1% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 17.6% against the same period last year.

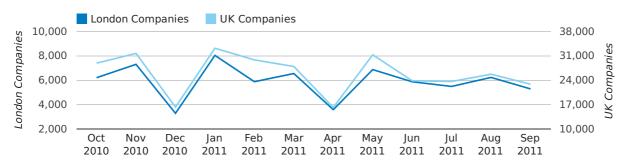
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	LONDON	UK
2011	17,013	72,230
2010	18,925	87,705
% CHANGE	-10.1%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (27,313)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	5,492	6,232	5,289
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	5,596	7,219	6,110
% CHANGE	-1.9%	-13.7%	-13%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (6,179)	2008 (12,696)	2009 (13,861)

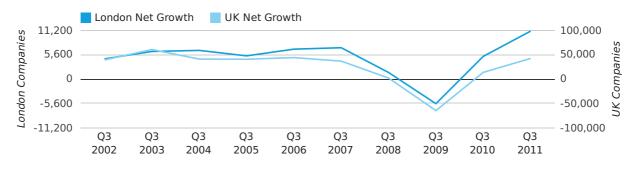
Q3 2011 saw a new record in net growth in London when compared to any previous Q3.

Net company growth for London during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 11,012 companies.

This represents an increase of 111.2% on the same period last year.

THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	LONDON	UK
2011	11,012	42,282
2010	5,214	13,787
% CHANGE	111.2%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (11,012)	2003 (60,597)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

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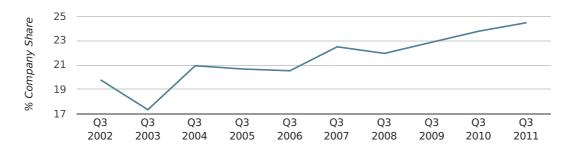
net growth by month



In the third quarter of 2011, London formed 24.5% of all UK companies.

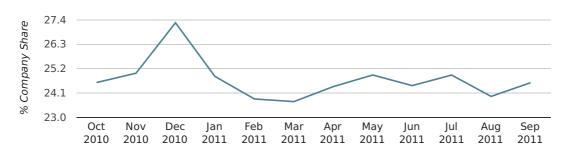
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	LONDON
2011	24.5%
2010	23.8%
2009	22.9%
2008	22.0%
2007	22.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1998 (27.0%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



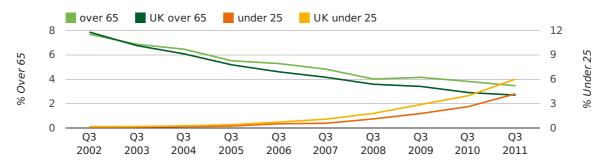
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	24.9%	24.0%	24.6%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	23.8%	23.9%	23.6%
% CHANGE	4.6%	0.2%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2001 (27.3%)	1998 (27.1%)	1969 (27.8%)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 41.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter



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

24.5% of all director appointments in London 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	3.93%	CONSULTING	5.11%
MANAGEMENT	3.04%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
LONDON	2.66%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
TRADING	1.92%	PROPERTY	2.41%
GLOBAL	1.66%	TRADING	2.06%
CONSULTANCY	1.65%	DESIGN	1.94%
INVEST	1.62%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
CAPITAL	1.61%	BUSINESS	1.82%
MEDIA	1.53%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
INTERNATIONAL	1.43%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
INVESTMENTS	1.39%	MEDIA	1.72%
PROPERTY	1.34%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
BUSINESS	1.22%	LONDON	1.63%
PRODUCTIONS	1.16%	J	1.47%
DESIGN	1.04%	GLOBAL	1.46%
ASSOCIATES	1.02%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
CONSULTANTS	0.96%	CARE	1.42%
PARTNERS	0.94%	IT	1.38%
INVESTMENT	0.92%	BUILDING	1.30%
GROUP	0.91%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
PROPERTIES	0.88%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
CO.,	0.87%	М	1.25%
CONSTRUCTION	0.85%	ENERGY	1.22%
SECURITY	0.78%	TRAINING	1.21%
IT	0.77%	S	1.21%



Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	58,343	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	16,243	65,177
9999 - Dormant Company	7,882	22,587
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	7,171	29,245
99999 - Dormant Company	5,808	18,281
7414 - Business & management consultancy	3,253	14,755
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	2,915	15,760
9305 - Other service activities	2,737	10,525
7499 - Non-trading company	2,564	11,543
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	2,470	10,018
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	2,142	10,137
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	1,986	8,345
7260 - Other computer related activities	1,848	8,686
74990 - Non-trading company	1,795	8,064
62090 - Other information technology service activities	1,382	6,798
5530 - Restaurants	1,379	5,640
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	1,259	7,551
64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified	906	2,625
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	878	6,321
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	764	3,614