

# Luton

q3 2011 business confidence report



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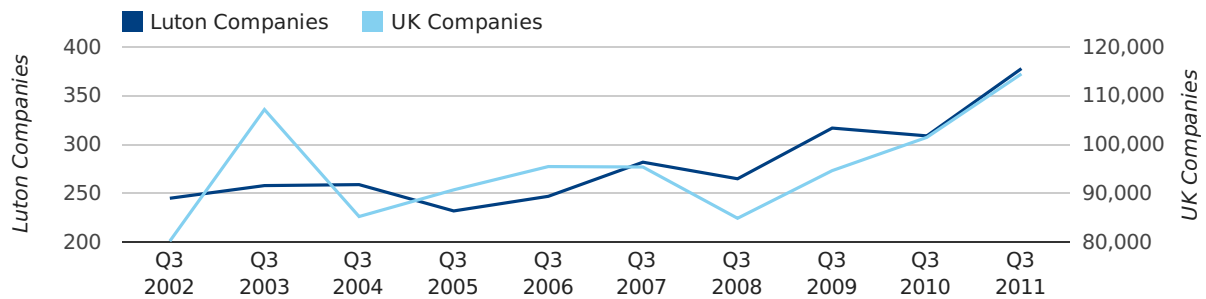
Q3 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Luton when compared to any previous Q3.

A total of 378 companies were registered in Luton during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 22.3% 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)	LUTON	UK
2011	378	114,512
2010	309	101,492
% CHANGE	22.3%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (378)	2011 (114,512)

### new companies by quarter

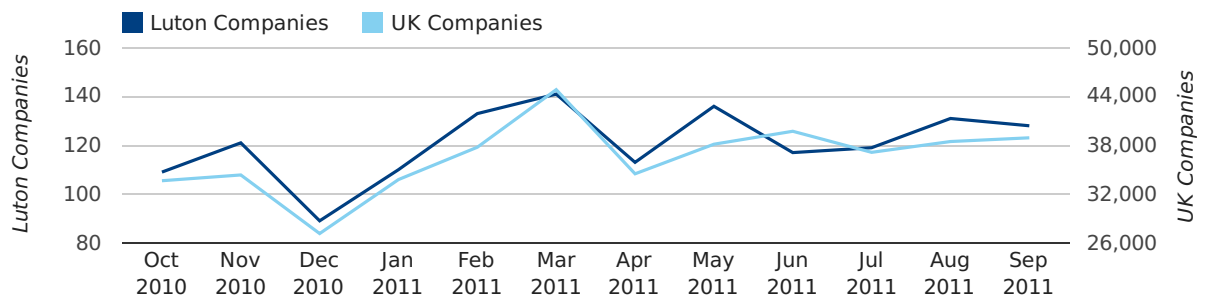


### Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

August 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Luton when compared to any previous August.

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

### new companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	119	131	128
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	104	98	107
% CHANGE	14.4%	33.7%	19.6%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (119)	2011 (131)	1998 (137)

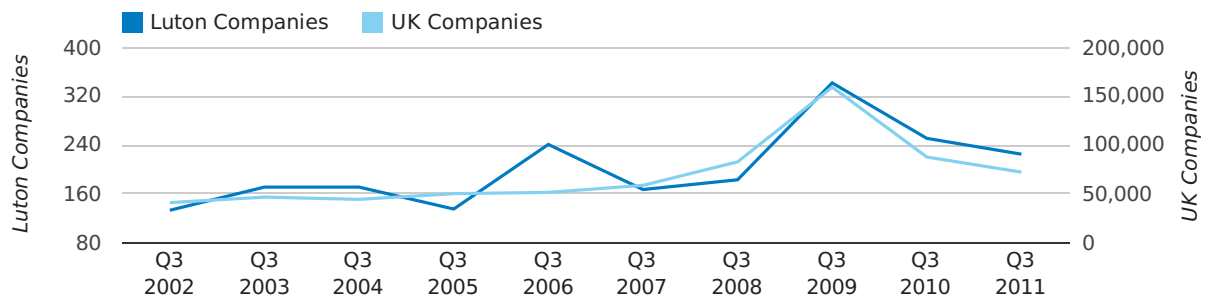
### Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 225 companies were dissolved in Luton during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 10.4% 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.

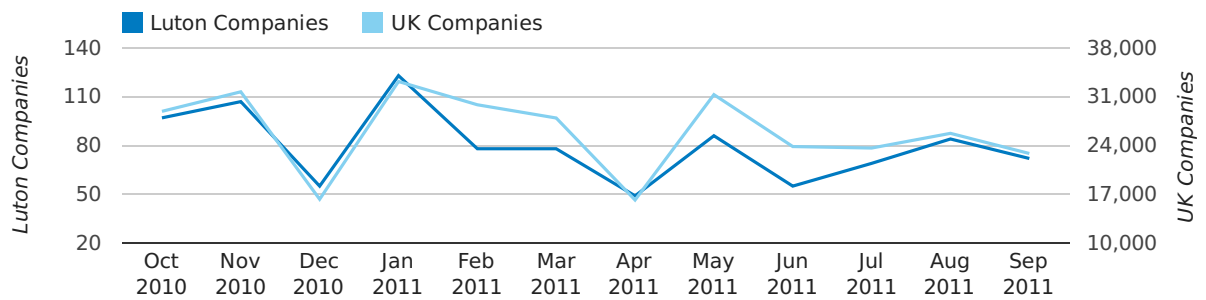
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	LUTON	UK
2011	225	72,230
2010	251	87,705
% CHANGE	-10.4%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	1999 (385)	2009 (159,401)

### dissolved companies by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

### dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	69	84	72
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	71	101	79
% CHANGE	-2.8%	-16.8%	-9%
RECORD YEAR	1999 (135)	2008 (150)	2009 (182)

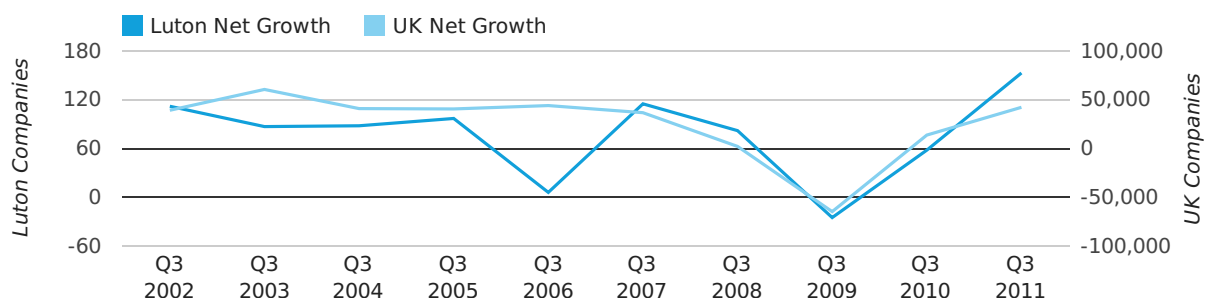
### Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Luton during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 153 companies.

This represents an increase of 163.8% on the same period last year.

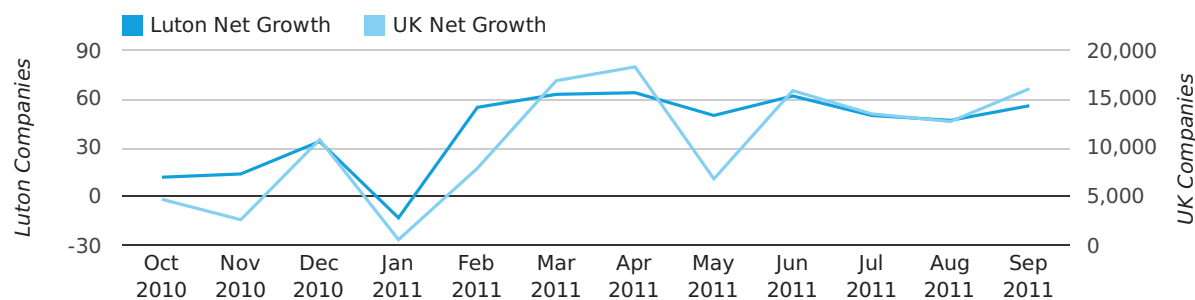
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	LUTON	UK
2011	153	42,282
2010	58	13,787
% CHANGE	163.8%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	1998 (270)	2003 (60,597)

### net growth by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

### net growth by month



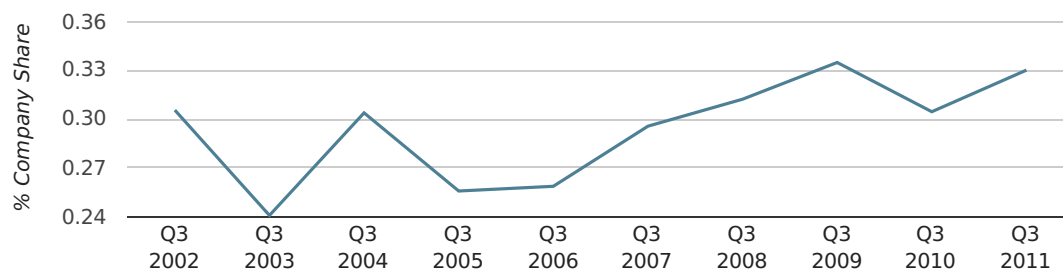
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	50	47	56
NET GROWTH IN 2010	33	-3	28
% CHANGE	51.5%	-1,666.7%	100.0%
RECORD YEAR	1998 (93)	1998 (74)	1998 (103)

### Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

In the third quarter of 2011, Luton formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

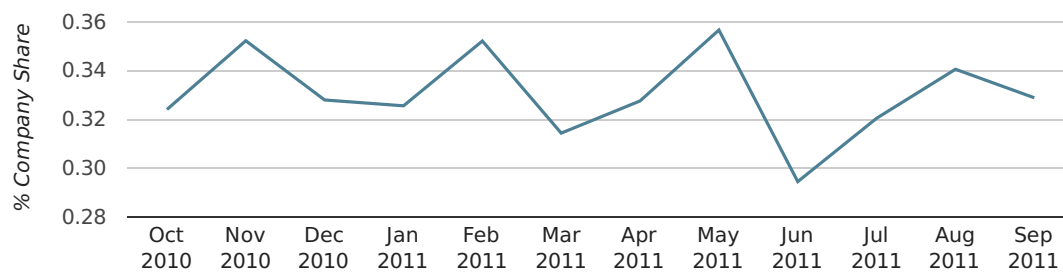
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	LUTON
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1998 (0.6%)

### company share by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

### company share by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
% CHANGE	4.7%	12.5%	8.0%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (0.9%)	1966 (1.0%)	1969 (0.9%)

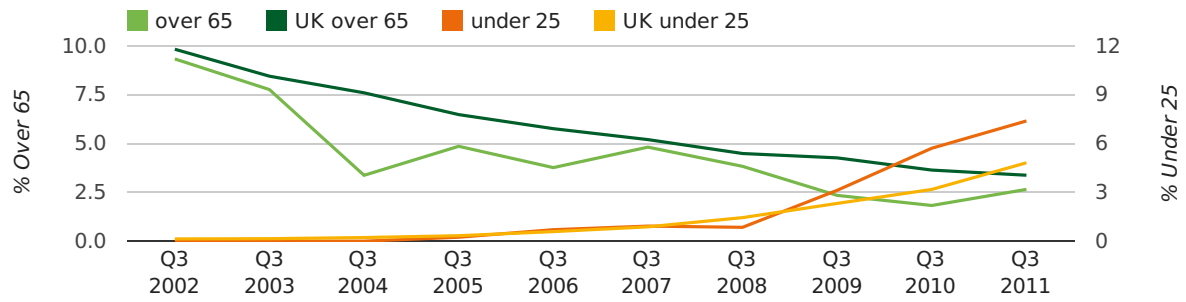
### Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 40.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 7.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

#### director age by quarter

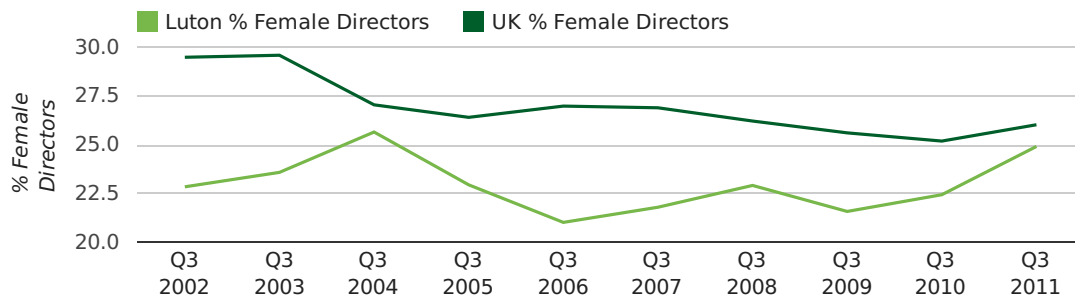


### Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

24.9% of all director appointments in Luton 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
CONSULTANCY	1.20%	CONSULTING	5.11%
MANAGEMENT	1.20%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
LUTON	1.11%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
CONSULTANTS	0.96%	PROPERTY	2.41%
PROPERTY	0.91%	TRADING	2.06%
CONSULTING	0.87%	DESIGN	1.94%
CONSTRUCTION	0.82%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
IT	0.77%	BUSINESS	1.82%
(LUTON)	0.77%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CO	0.77%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
SECURITY	0.77%	MEDIA	1.72%
CAR	0.72%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
HIRE	0.72%	LONDON	1.63%
ENTERPRISES	0.72%	J	1.47%
CARS	0.72%	GLOBAL	1.46%
M	0.67%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
GLOBAL	0.67%	CARE	1.42%
S	0.67%	IT	1.38%
BUSINESS	0.63%	BUILDING	1.30%
CLAIMS	0.58%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
TRADING	0.53%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
C	0.53%	M	1.25%
ENGINEERING	0.53%	ENERGY	1.22%
DESIGN	0.53%	TRAINING	1.21%
LONDON	0.48%	S	1.21%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	812	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	144	65,177
9999 - Dormant Company	57	22,587
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	56	29,245
5530 - Restaurants	46	5,640
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	42	15,760
99999 - Dormant Company	39	18,281
7260 - Other computer related activities	38	8,686
9305 - Other service activities	38	10,525
7414 - Business & management consultancy	32	14,755
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	32	8,345
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	31	10,018
7499 - Non-trading company	30	11,543
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	28	10,137
62090 - Other information technology service activities	23	6,798
56101 - Licensed restaurants	21	2,332
6024 - Freight transport by road	19	2,601
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	18	6,321
8042 - Adult and other education	17	2,521
41100 - Development of building projects	16	3,697