

Maidstone

q1 2011 business confidence report



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

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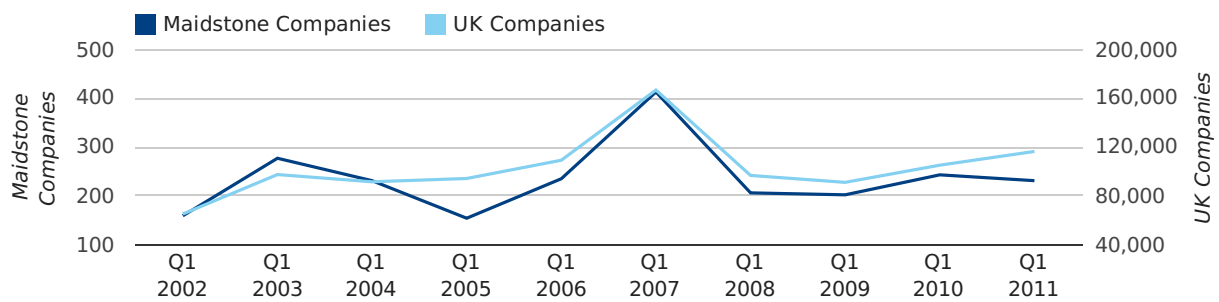
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 231 companies were registered in Maidstone during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 4.9% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 10.7% against the same period last year.

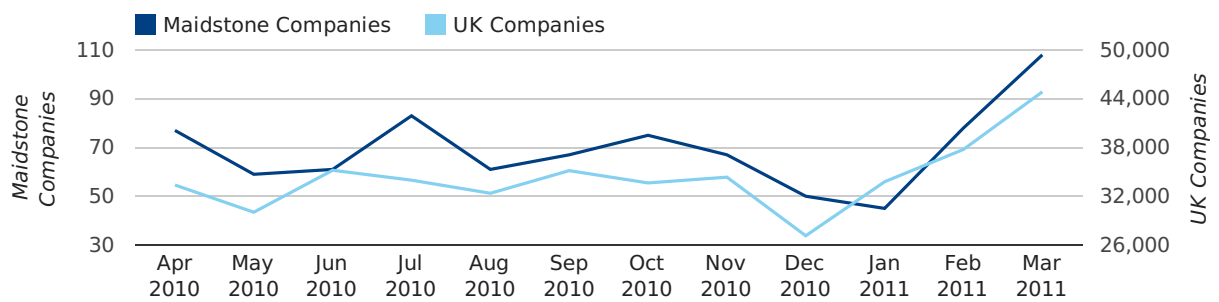
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	MAIDSTONE	UK
2011	231	116,391
2010	243	105,137
% CHANGE	-4.9%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (413)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	45	78	108
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	56	83	104
% CHANGE	-19.6%	-6.0%	3.8%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (96)	2010 (83)	2007 (241)

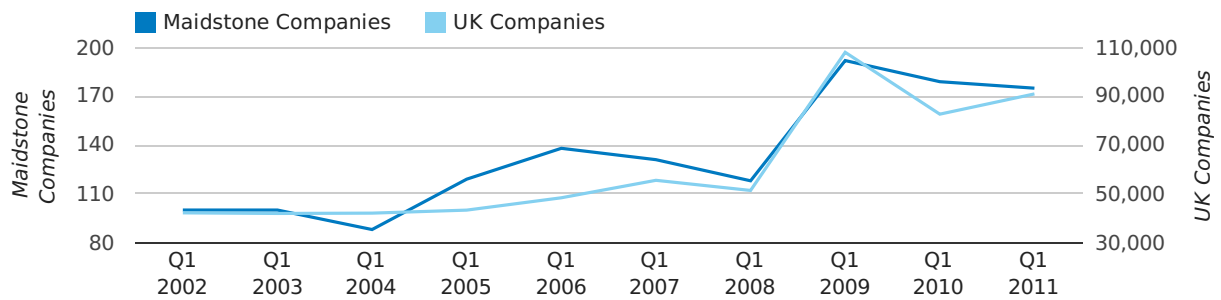
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 175 companies were dissolved in Maidstone during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 2.2% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares well 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)	MAIDSTONE	UK
2011	175	90,986
2010	179	82,677
% CHANGE	-2.2%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (192)	2009 (108,060)

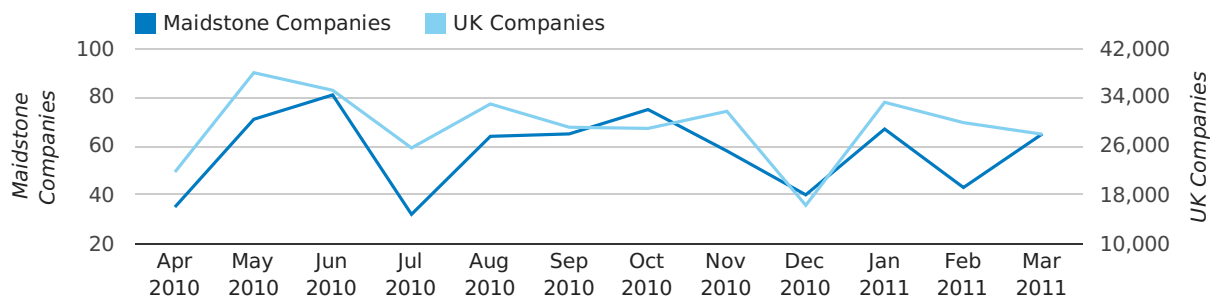
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	67	43	65
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	52	52	75
% CHANGE	28.8%	-17.3%	-13%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (67)	2008 (65)	2009 (116)

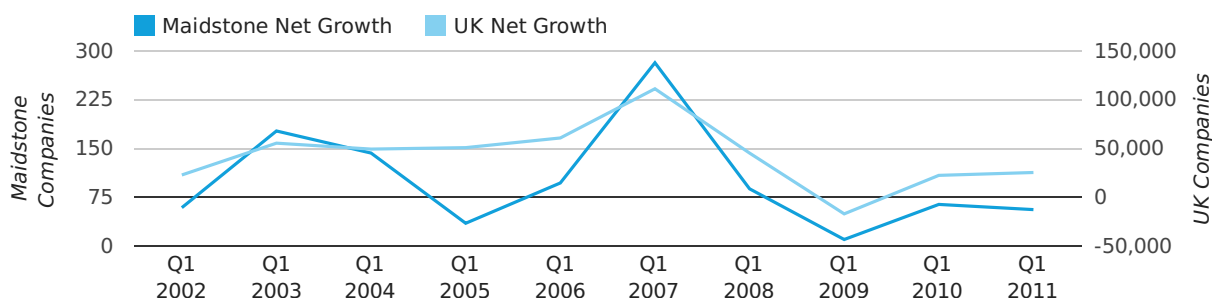
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Maidstone during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 56 companies.

This represents a decrease of 12.5% on the same period last year.

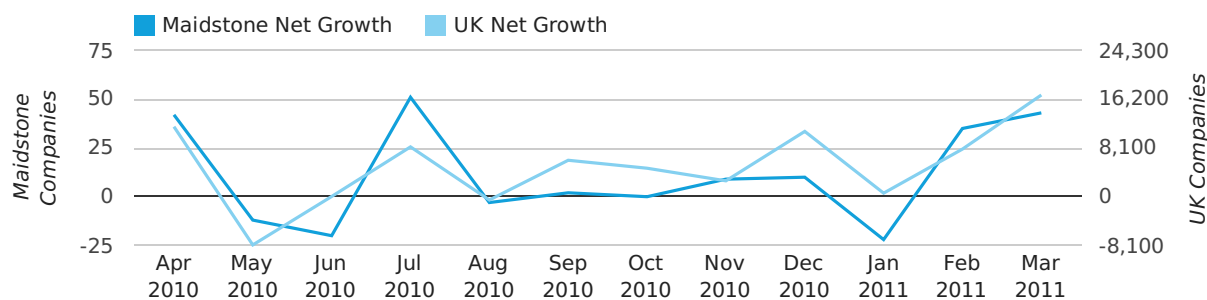
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	MAIDSTONE	UK
2011	56	25,405
2010	64	22,460
% CHANGE	-12.5%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (282)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



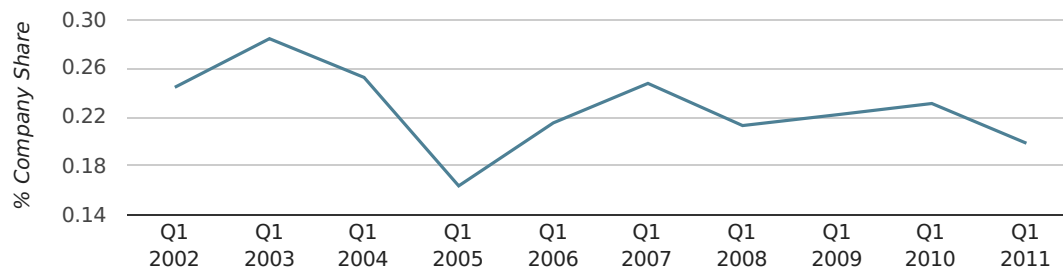
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-22	35	43
NET GROWTH IN 2010	4	31	29
% CHANGE	-650.0%	12.9%	48.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (50)	2007 (51)	2007 (192)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Maidstone formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

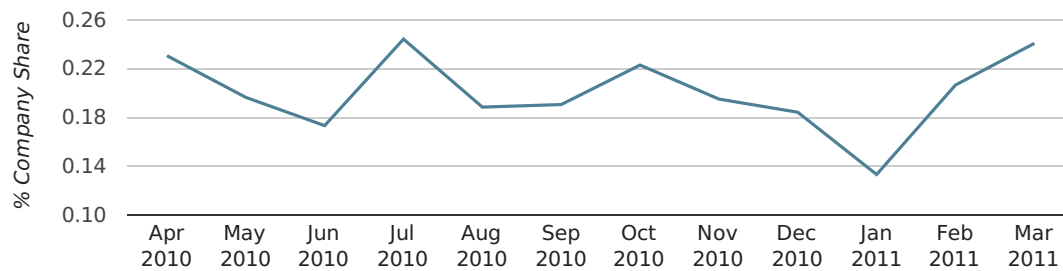
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	MAIDSTONE
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (0.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-30.7%	-17.3%	-0.9%
RECORD YEAR	1976 (0.6%)	1973 (0.5%)	1972 (0.7%)

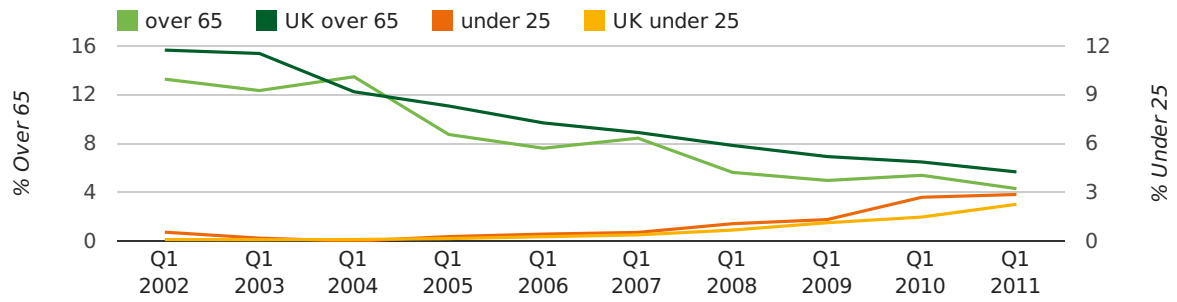
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 44.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

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

director age by quarter

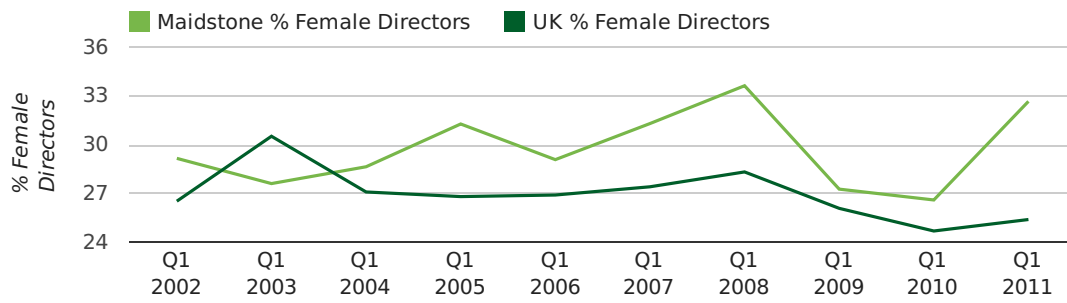


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

32.7% of all director appointments in Maidstone 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
MANAGEMENT	1.53%	CONSULTING	5.04%
CONSULTANCY	1.31%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
ASSOCIATES	1.02%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
KENT	1.02%	PROPERTY	2.38%
CONSULTING	1.02%	TRADING	2.10%
CLEANING	0.95%	DESIGN	1.93%
TRAINING	0.80%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
CONSTRUCTION	0.73%	BUSINESS	1.87%
TRADING	0.65%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
PROPERTY	0.65%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
MEDIA	0.58%	MEDIA	1.69%
CONTRACTORS	0.58%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
TOWERGATE	0.51%	LONDON	1.60%
CENTRE	0.51%	CARE	1.45%
HOLDINGS	0.51%	J	1.45%
BUSINESS	0.51%	GLOBAL	1.44%
ENTERPRISES	0.51%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
ENERGY	0.44%	IT	1.41%
BUILDING	0.44%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
M	0.44%	BUILDING	1.34%
HOUSE	0.44%	M	1.30%
C	0.44%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
DESIGN	0.44%	S	1.24%
PROPERTIES	0.44%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
(SOUTH	0.36%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	341	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	136	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	87	30,253
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	44	10,085
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	40	16,150
99999 - Dormant Company	38	18,336
9999 - Dormant Company	27	19,765
7414 - Business & management consultancy	23	12,916
7499 - Non-trading company	21	11,316
9305 - Other service activities	16	8,740
74990 - Non-trading company	14	8,695
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	14	6,183
86900 - Other human health activities	13	4,092
62090 - Other information technology service activities	13	6,996
5552 - Catering	13	2,128
43210 - Electrical installation	12	3,172
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	12	3,097
7260 - Other computer related activities	12	7,789
5530 - Restaurants	11	4,898
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	11	7,788