

Maidstone

q3 2011 business confidence report



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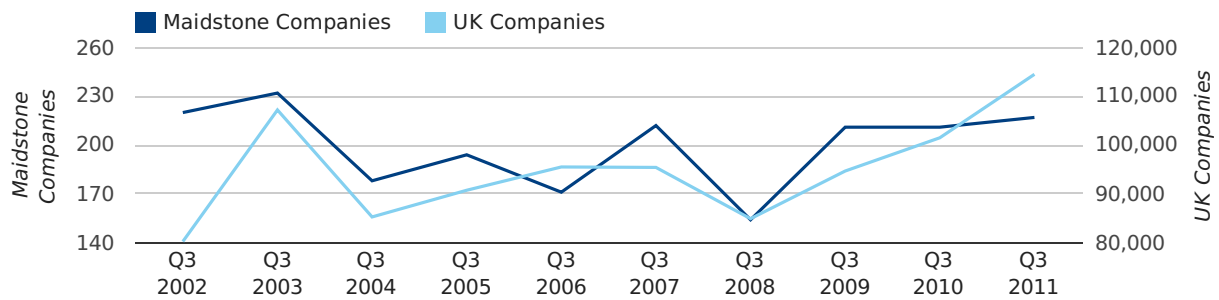
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 217 companies were registered in Maidstone during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 2.8% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.8% against the same period last year.

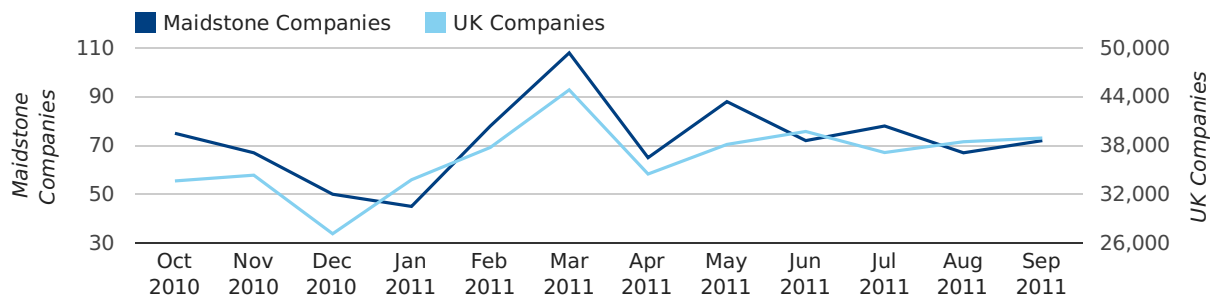
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	MAIDSTONE	UK
2011	217	114,512
2010	211	101,492
% CHANGE	2.8%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (232)	2011 (114,512)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

new companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	78	67	72
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	83	61	67
% CHANGE	-6.0%	9.8%	7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (88)	2002 (86)	2003 (84)

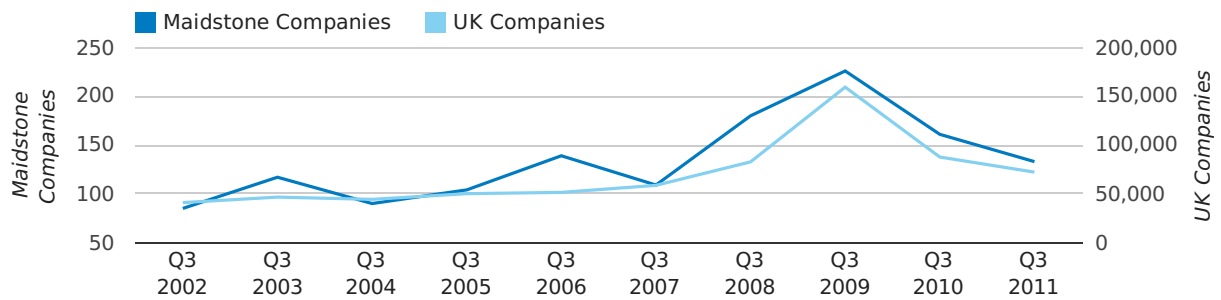
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 133 companies were dissolved in Maidstone during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 17.4% 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.

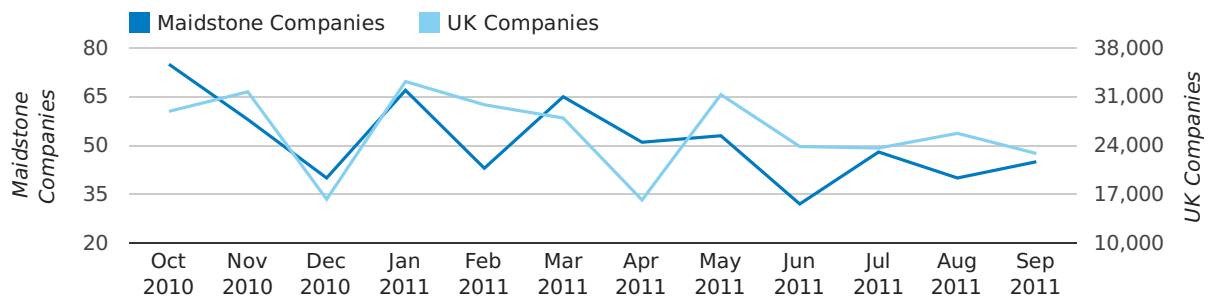
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	MAIDSTONE	UK
2011	133	72,230
2010	161	87,705
% CHANGE	-17.4%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (226)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	48	40	45
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	32	64	65
% CHANGE	50.0%	-37.5%	-31%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (54)	2008 (142)	2009 (117)

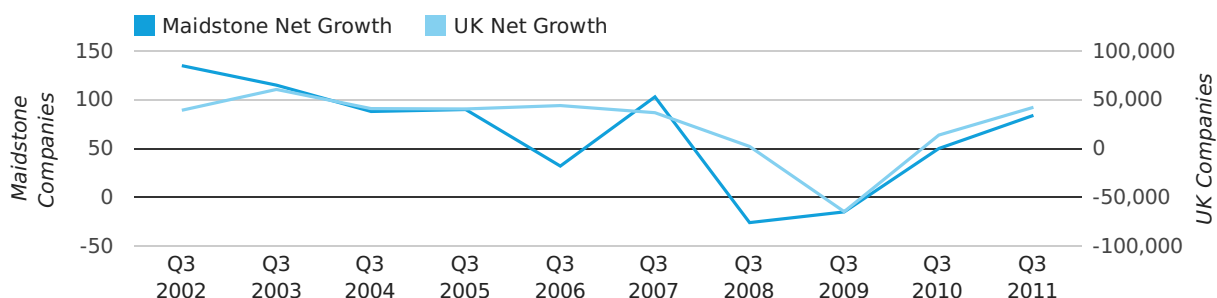
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Maidstone during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 84 companies.

This represents an increase of 68.0% on the same period last year.

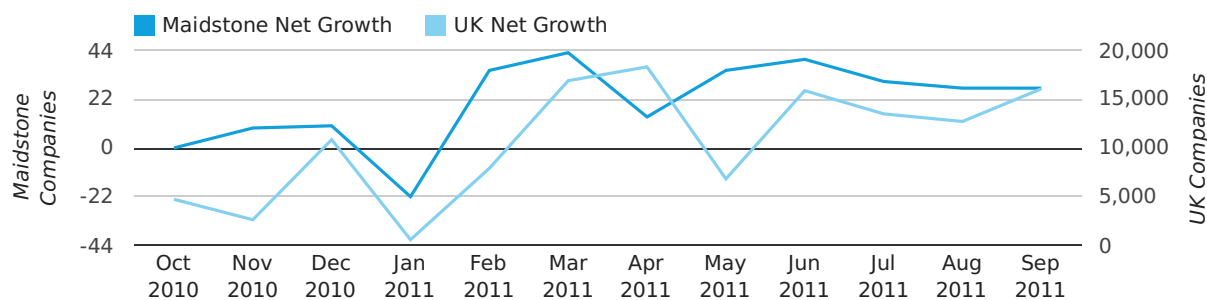
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	MAIDSTONE	UK
2011	84	42,282
2010	50	13,787
% CHANGE	68.0%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (135)	2003 (60,597)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

net growth by month



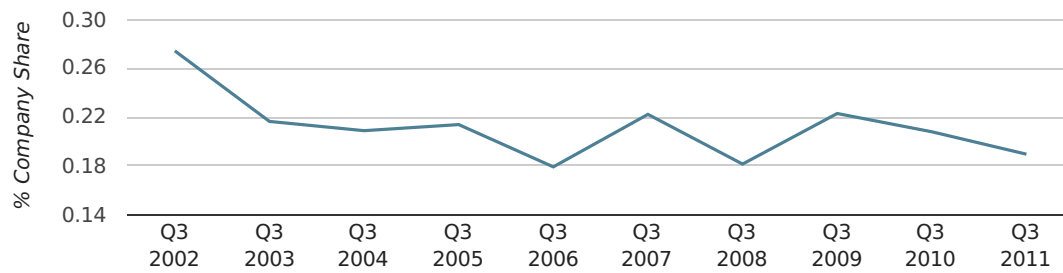
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	30	27	27
NET GROWTH IN 2010	51	-3	2
% CHANGE	-41.2%	-1,000.0%	1,250.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (51)	2002 (55)	2002 (61)

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

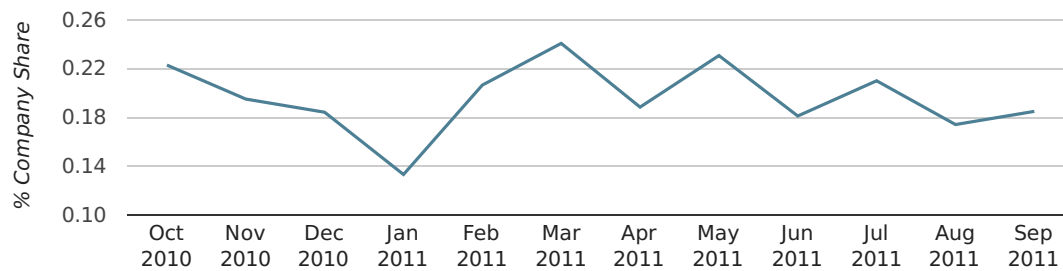
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	MAIDSTONE
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.6%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-14.0%	-7.6%	-2.9%
RECORD YEAR	1971 (0.5%)	1961 (0.7%)	1966 (1.5%)

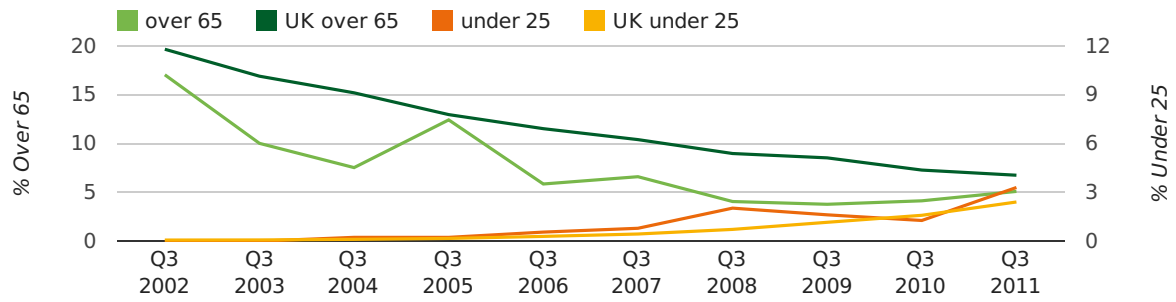
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 43.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

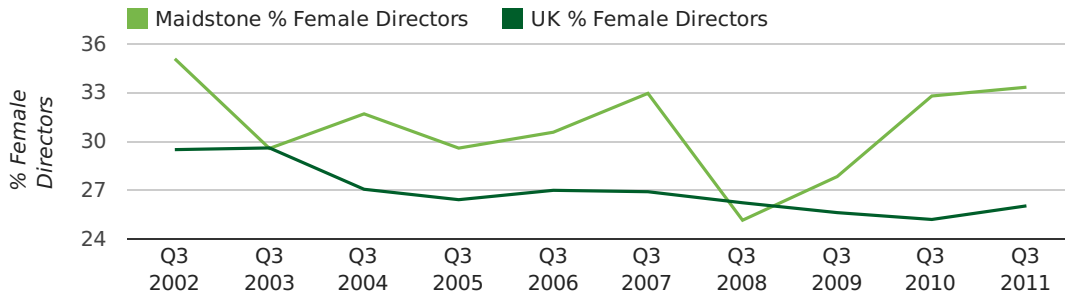


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

33.3% of all director appointments in Maidstone 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
MANAGEMENT	1.50%	CONSULTING	5.11%
KENT	1.14%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
PROPERTY	1.07%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
CONSULTANCY	0.93%	PROPERTY	2.41%
ASSOCIATES	0.86%	TRADING	2.06%
TRAINING	0.72%	DESIGN	1.94%
ENGINEERING	0.72%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
CONSULTING	0.72%	BUSINESS	1.82%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.72%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CONTRACTORS	0.64%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
HOME	0.57%	MEDIA	1.72%
J	0.57%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
CLEANING	0.57%	LONDON	1.63%
MEDIA	0.57%	J	1.47%
DESIGN	0.57%	GLOBAL	1.46%
M	0.50%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
TRADING	0.50%	CARE	1.42%
ENERGY	0.50%	IT	1.38%
ENTERPRISES	0.50%	BUILDING	1.30%
CENTRE	0.50%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
BUSINESS	0.50%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
FARM	0.43%	M	1.25%
CONSULTANTS	0.43%	ENERGY	1.22%
GREEN	0.43%	TRAINING	1.21%
HOLDINGS	0.43%	S	1.21%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	353	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	151	65,177
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	84	29,245
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	40	10,018
99999 - Dormant Company	37	18,281
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	35	15,760
7414 - Business & management consultancy	27	14,755
9999 - Dormant Company	24	22,587
9305 - Other service activities	21	10,525
7499 - Non-trading company	20	11,543
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	19	6,321
41100 - Development of building projects	16	3,697
86900 - Other human health activities	15	4,019
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	15	7,551
7260 - Other computer related activities	15	8,686
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	14	10,137
74990 - Non-trading company	14	8,064
62090 - Other information technology service activities	14	6,798
5552 - Catering	13	2,363
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	13	8,345