

# Northampton

q1 2011 business confidence report



## headlines

- February 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Northampton when compared to any previous February.
- Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Northampton when compared to any previous Q1.
- February 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Northampton when compared to any previous February.
- January 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Northampton when compared to any previous January.

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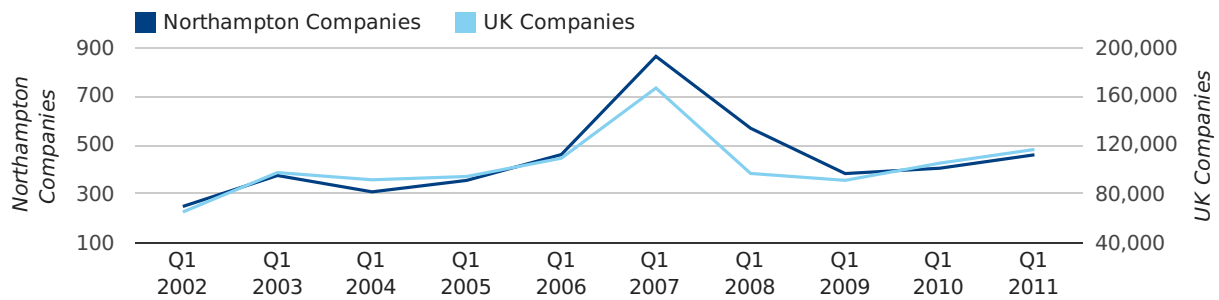
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 460 companies were registered in Northampton during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 13.6% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares equally 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)	NORTHAMPTON	UK
2011	460	116,391
2010	405	105,137
% CHANGE	13.6%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (864)	2007 (166,814)

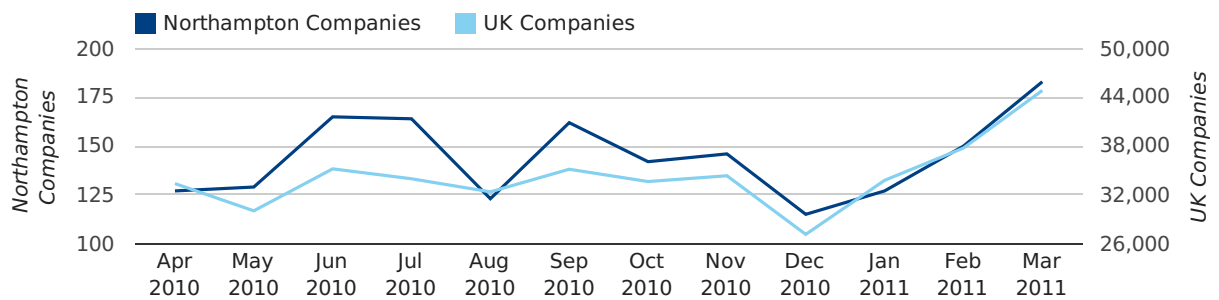
### new companies by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

February 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Northampton when compared to any previous February.

### new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	127	150	183
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	116	115	174
% CHANGE	9.5%	30.4%	5.2%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (304)	2011 (150)	2007 (555)

### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Northampton when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 430 companies were dissolved in Northampton during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 31.9% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares poorly 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)	NORTHAMPTON	UK
2011	430	90,986
2010	326	82,677
% CHANGE	31.9%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (430)	2009 (108,060)

### dissolved companies by quarter

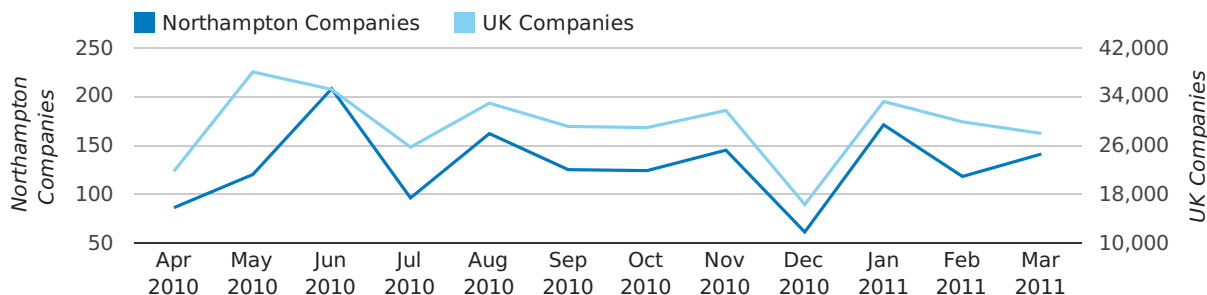


### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

February 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Northampton when compared to any previous February.

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

### dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	171	118	141
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	87	94	145
% CHANGE	96.6%	25.5%	-3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (171)	2011 (118)	2009 (294)

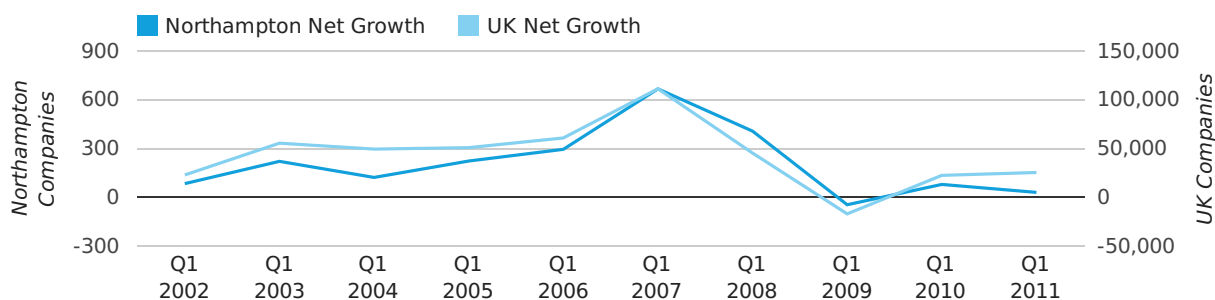
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Northampton during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 30 companies.

This represents a decrease of 62.0% on the same period last year.

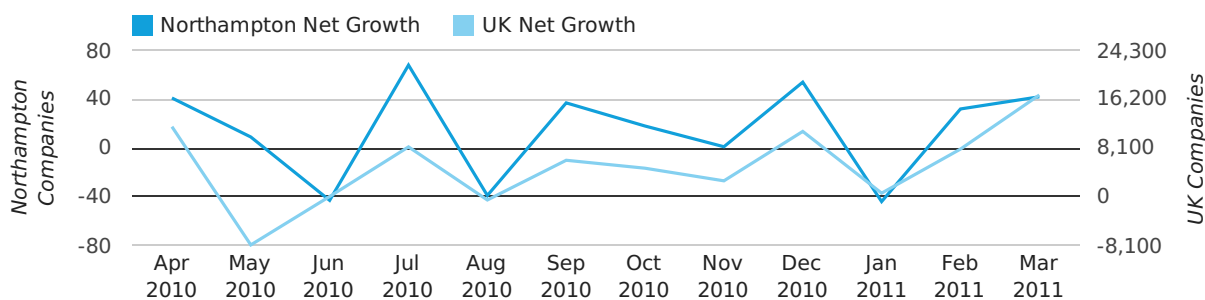
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	NORTHAMPTON	UK
2011	30	25,405
2010	79	22,460
% CHANGE	-62.0%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (667)	2007 (111,282)

### net growth by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

### net growth by month



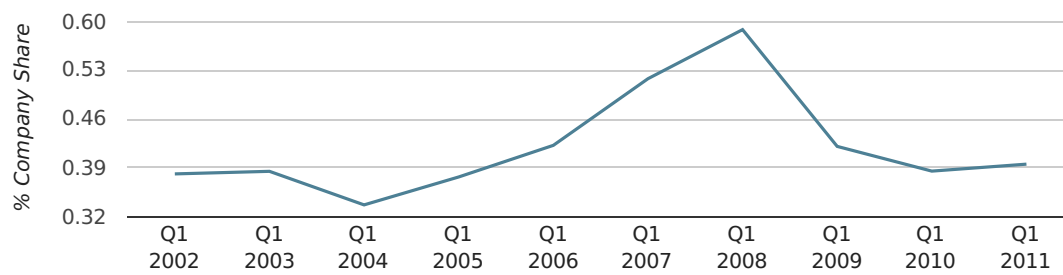
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-44	32	42
NET GROWTH IN 2010	29	21	29
% CHANGE	-251.7%	52.4%	44.8%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (231)	2006 (96)	2007 (486)

### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Northampton formed 0.4% of all UK companies.

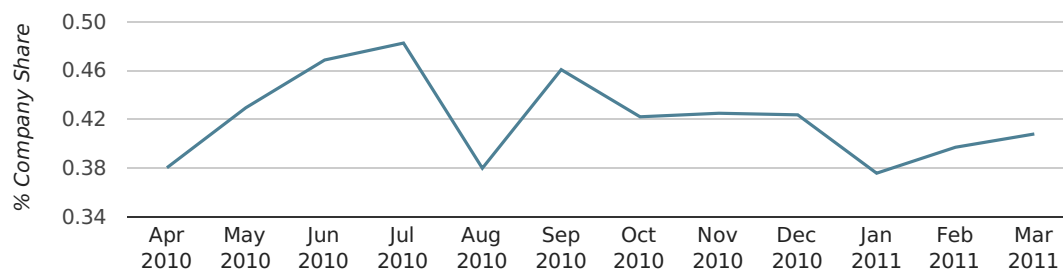
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	NORTHAMPTON
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.6%
2007	0.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.7%)

### company share by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

### company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
% CHANGE	-5.6%	14.7%	0.3%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (1.0%)	1968 (0.9%)	1967 (0.8%)

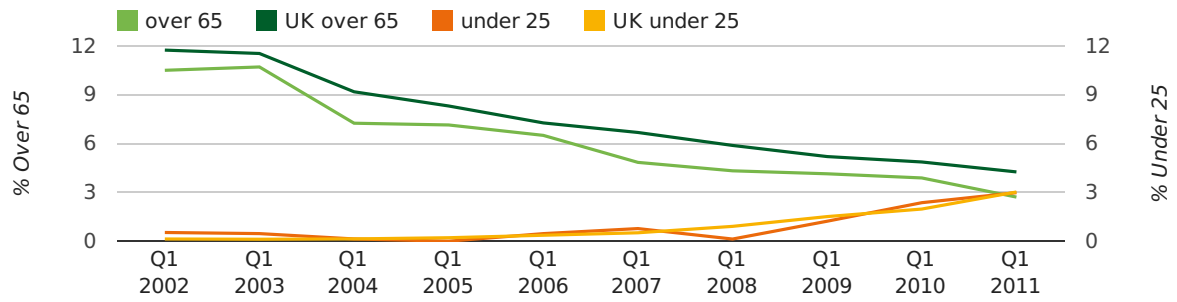
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 44.3.

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

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

#### director age by quarter

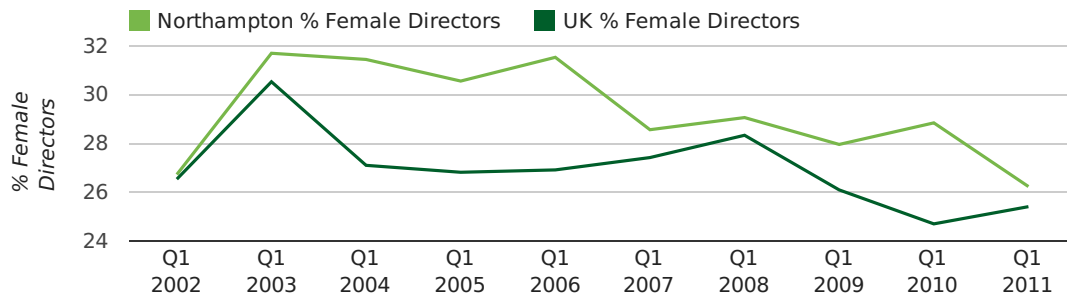


### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

26.2% of all director appointments in Northampton 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, &amp;, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	1.63%	CONSULTING	5.04%
NORTHAMPTON	1.23%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
CONSULTING	1.15%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
PROPERTY	1.07%	PROPERTY	2.38%
CONSULTANCY	1.07%	TRADING	2.10%
(NORTHAMPTON)	0.83%	DESIGN	1.93%
TRANSPORT	0.72%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
SECURITY	0.64%	BUSINESS	1.87%
ELECTRICAL	0.64%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
HOMES	0.56%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CONSTRUCTION	0.56%	MEDIA	1.69%
PROPERTIES	0.56%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
CONSULTANTS	0.52%	LONDON	1.60%
ASSOCIATES	0.52%	CARE	1.45%
INVESTMENTS	0.48%	J	1.45%
MEDIA	0.48%	GLOBAL	1.44%
ENTERPRISES	0.48%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
COMMUNITY	0.48%	IT	1.41%
J	0.48%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
D	0.44%	BUILDING	1.34%
G	0.44%	M	1.30%
CLEANING	0.44%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
RECRUITMENT	0.44%	S	1.24%
DESIGN	0.44%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
GLOBAL	0.44%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	887	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	238	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	106	30,253
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	92	16,150
7499 - Non-trading company	85	11,316
7414 - Business & management consultancy	73	12,916
9999 - Dormant Company	72	19,765
99999 - Dormant Company	56	18,336
6024 - Freight transport by road	48	2,299
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	39	10,085
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	35	10,246
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	33	7,000
74990 - Non-trading company	32	8,695
7260 - Other computer related activities	31	7,789
9305 - Other service activities	31	8,740
62090 - Other information technology service activities	27	6,996
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	27	7,788
49410 - Freight transport by road	26	2,167
86900 - Other human health activities	24	4,092
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	22	6,183