

Northampton

q3 2011 business confidence report



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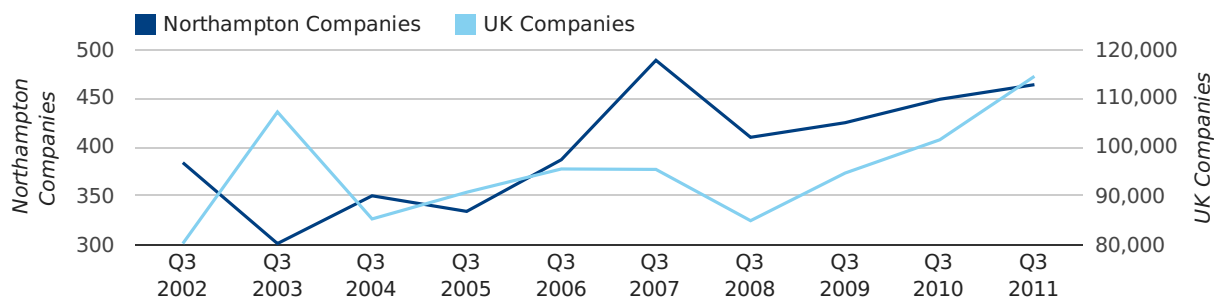
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 464 companies were registered in Northampton during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 3.3% 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)	NORTHAMPTON	UK
2011	464	114,512
2010	449	101,492
% CHANGE	3.3%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (489)	2011 (114,512)

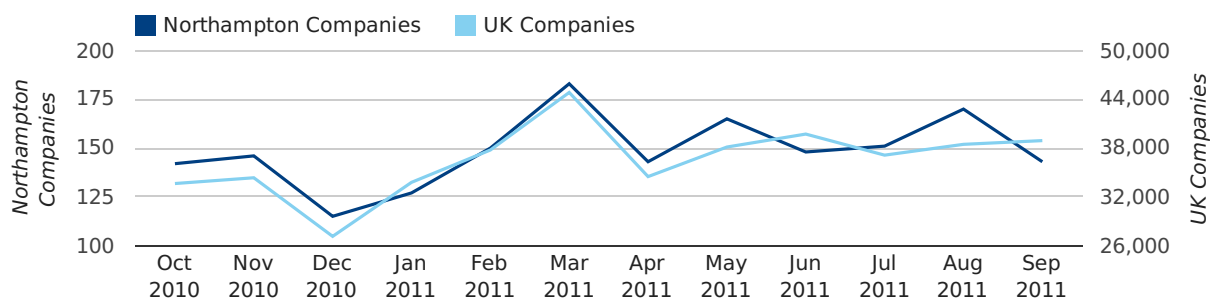
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

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

new companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	151	170	143
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	164	123	162
% CHANGE	-7.9%	38.2%	-11.7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (164)	2011 (170)	2007 (180)

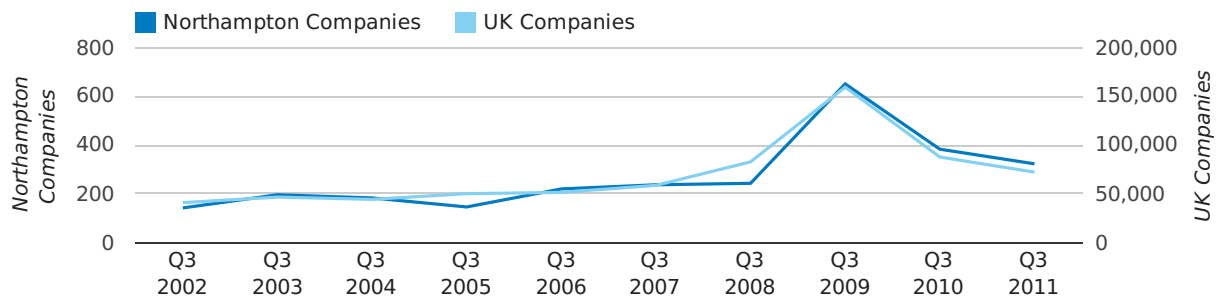
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 323 companies were dissolved in Northampton during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 15.7% 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.

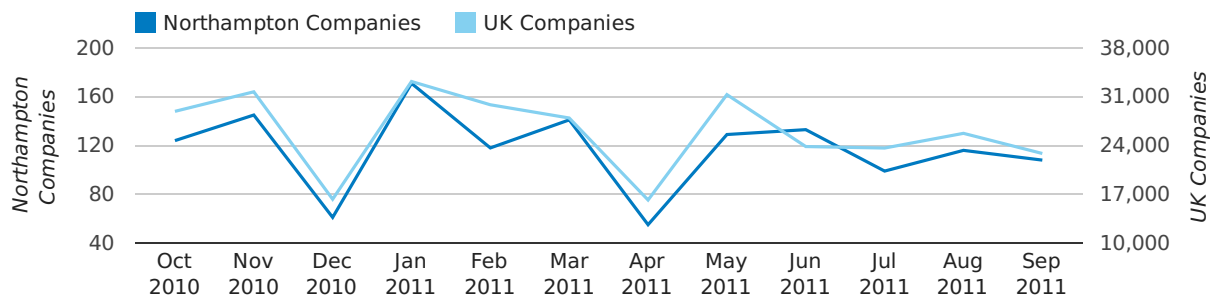
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	NORTHAMPTON	UK
2011	323	72,230
2010	383	87,705
% CHANGE	-15.7%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (651)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	99	116	108
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	96	162	125
% CHANGE	3.1%	-28.4%	-14%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (117)	2009 (225)	2009 (309)

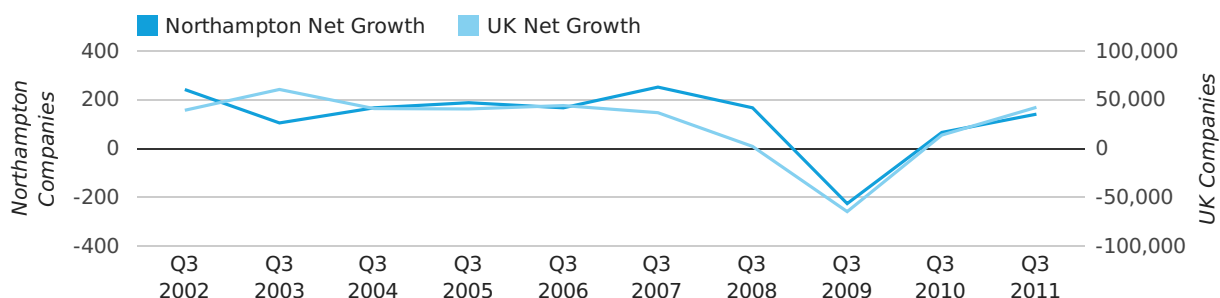
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Northampton during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 141 companies.

This represents an increase of 113.6% on the same period last year.

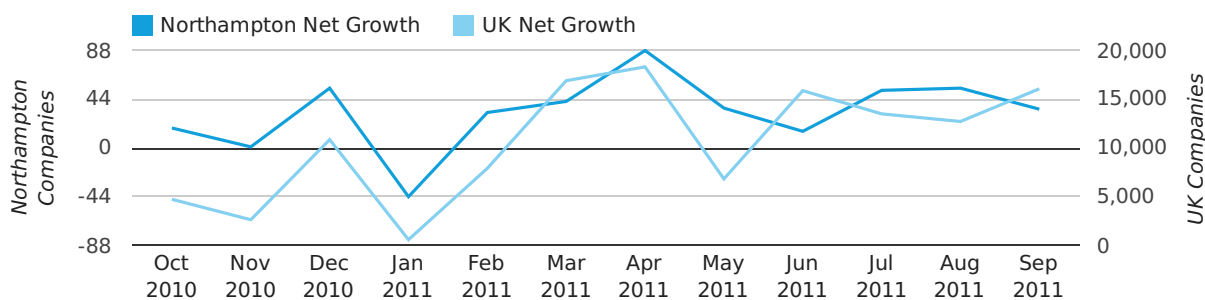
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	NORTHAMPTON	UK
2011	141	42,282
2010	66	13,787
% CHANGE	113.6%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (252)	2003 (60,597)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

net growth by month



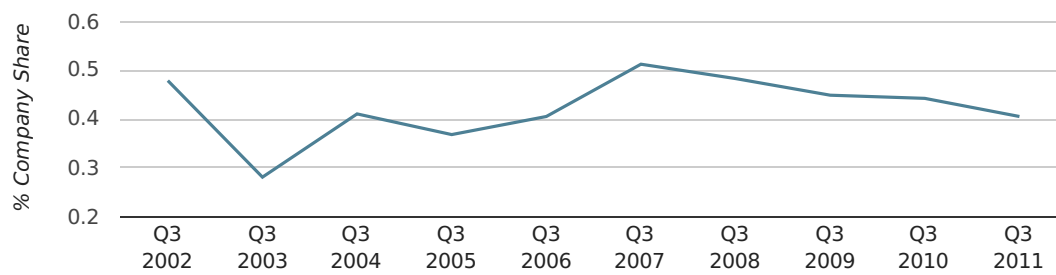
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	52	54	35
NET GROWTH IN 2010	68	-39	37
% CHANGE	-23.5%	-238.5%	-5.4%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (122)	2002 (82)	2007 (114)

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

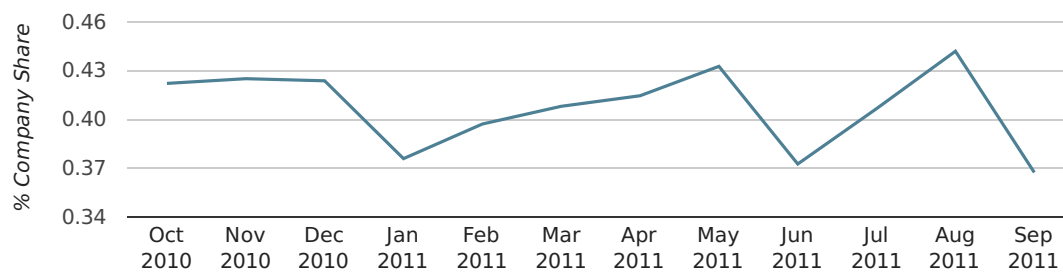
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	NORTHAMPTON
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.5%
2007	0.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.9%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.5%	0.4%	0.5%
% CHANGE	-15.7%	16.3%	-20.3%
RECORD YEAR	1965 (1.4%)	1965 (0.7%)	1963 (0.8%)

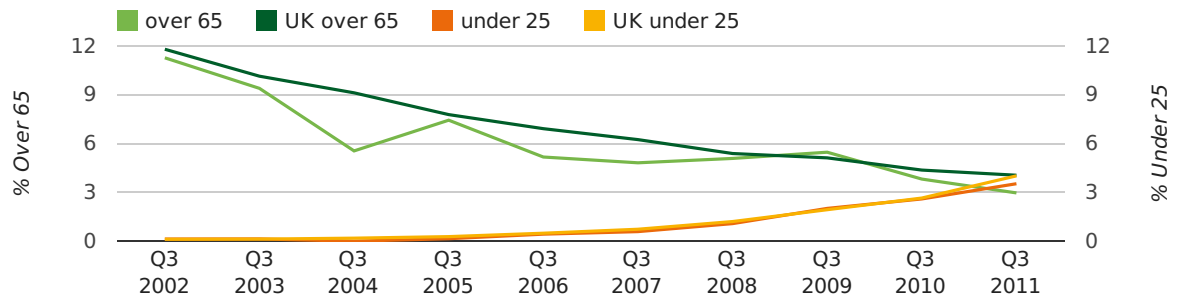
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 43.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

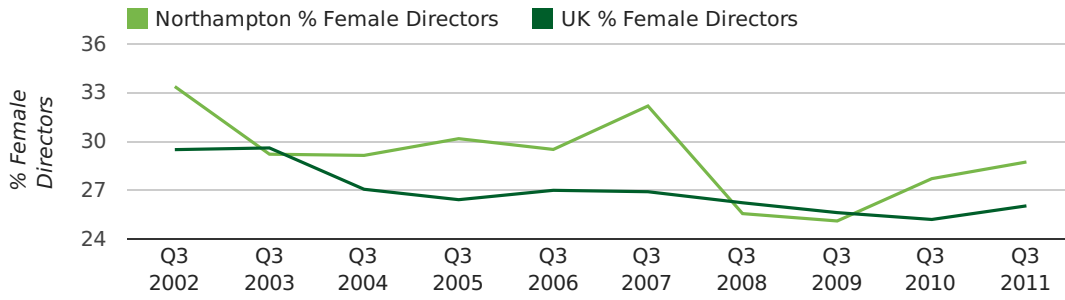


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

28.7% of all director appointments in Northampton 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	1.39%	CONSULTING	5.11%
MANAGEMENT	1.35%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
CONSULTANCY	1.04%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
PROPERTY	0.96%	PROPERTY	2.41%
NORTHAMPTON	0.85%	TRADING	2.06%
TRANSPORT	0.77%	DESIGN	1.94%
ELECTRICAL	0.77%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
IT	0.69%	BUSINESS	1.82%
(NORTHAMPTON)	0.66%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
SCHOOL	0.62%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
SECURITY	0.62%	MEDIA	1.72%
ASSOCIATES	0.54%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
R	0.54%	LONDON	1.63%
RECRUITMENT	0.54%	J	1.47%
CARE	0.50%	GLOBAL	1.46%
FARM	0.50%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
MEDIA	0.50%	CARE	1.42%
CONSTRUCTION	0.46%	IT	1.38%
ENGINEERING	0.46%	BUILDING	1.30%
J	0.46%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
ENTERPRISES	0.42%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
COMMUNITY	0.42%	M	1.25%
WIND	0.39%	ENERGY	1.22%
TRAINING	0.39%	TRAINING	1.21%
CONSULTANTS	0.39%	S	1.21%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	884	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	239	65,177
9999 - Dormant Company	118	22,587
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	113	29,245
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	97	15,760
7414 - Business & management consultancy	79	14,755
7499 - Non-trading company	66	11,543
99999 - Dormant Company	57	18,281
6024 - Freight transport by road	48	2,601
7260 - Other computer related activities	47	8,686
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	38	8,345
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	37	10,018
9305 - Other service activities	35	10,525
74990 - Non-trading company	34	8,064
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	33	10,137
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	29	7,551
86900 - Other human health activities	27	4,019
62090 - Other information technology service activities	24	6,798
49410 - Freight transport by road	22	2,049
43210 - Electrical installation	21	2,938