

Orpington

q1 2011 business confidence report



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

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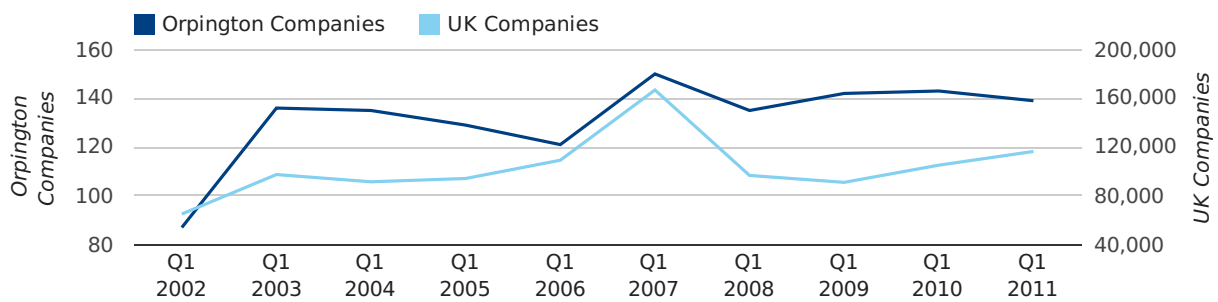
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 139 companies were registered in Orpington during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 2.8% 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.

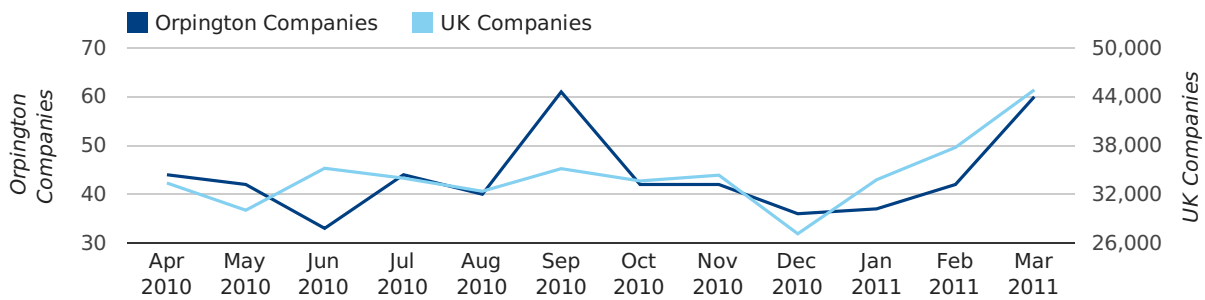
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	ORPINGTON	UK
2011	139	116,391
2010	143	105,137
% CHANGE	-2.8%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (150)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	37	42	60
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	33	49	61
% CHANGE	12.1%	-14.3%	-1.6%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (51)	2010 (49)	2007 (76)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

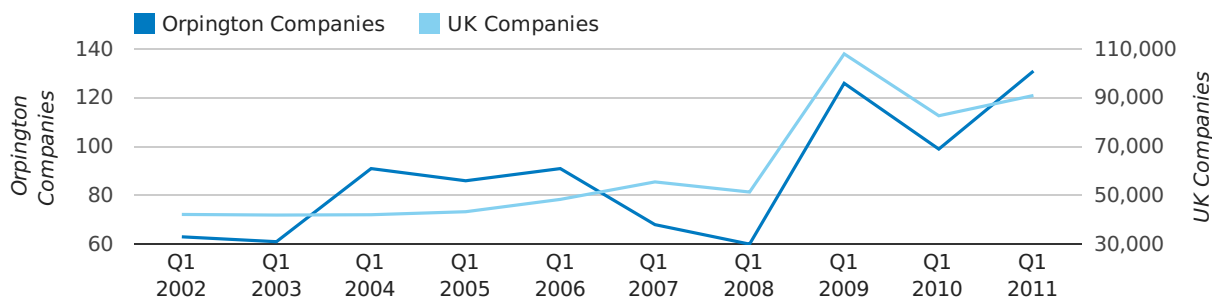
Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Orpington when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 131 companies were dissolved in Orpington during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 32.3% 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)	ORPINGTON	UK
2011	131	90,986
2010	99	82,677
% CHANGE	32.3%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (131)	2009 (108,060)

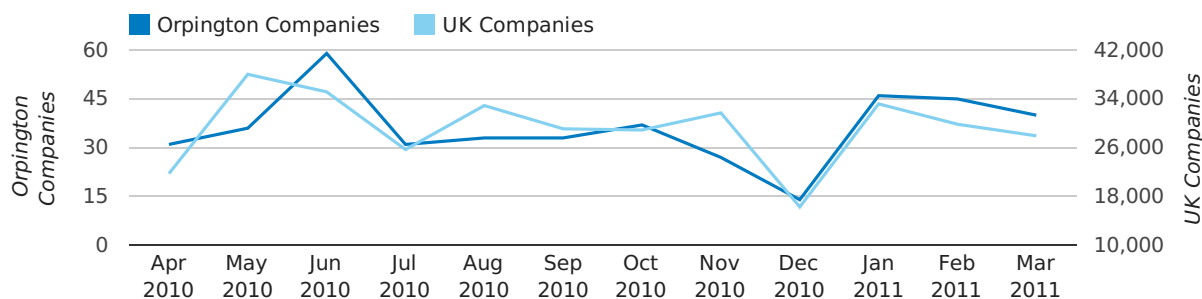
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	46	45	40
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	21	26	52
% CHANGE	119.0%	73.1%	-23%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (47)	2011 (45)	2009 (75)

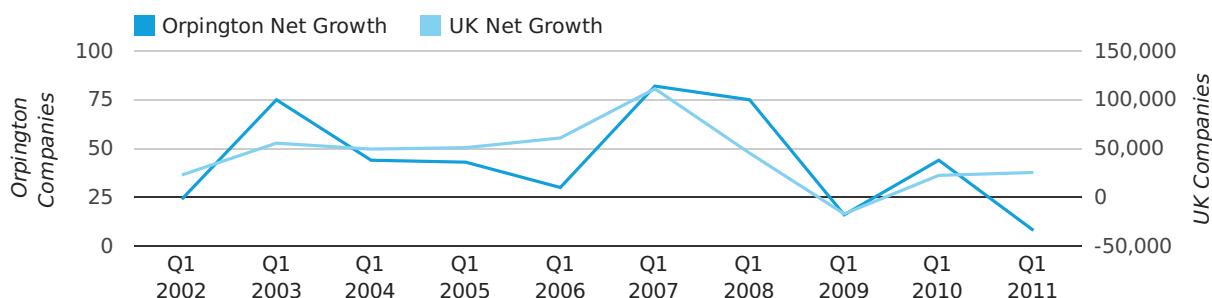
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Orpington during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 8 companies.

This represents a decrease of 81.8% on the same period last year.

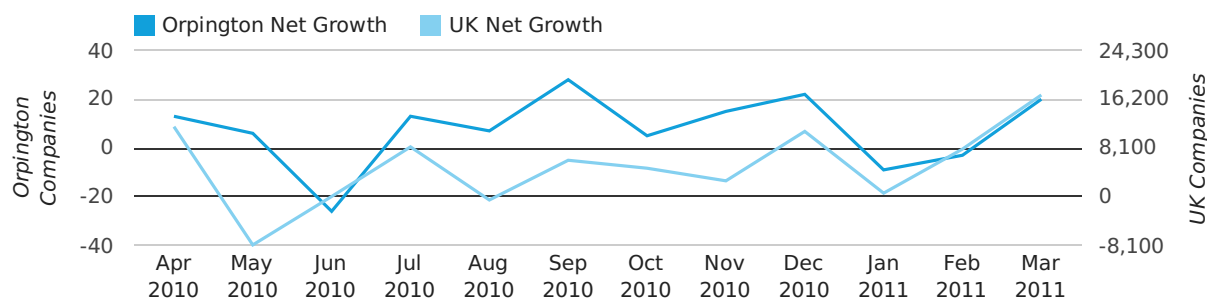
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	ORPINGTON	UK
2011	8	25,405
2010	44	22,460
% CHANGE	-81.8%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (82)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



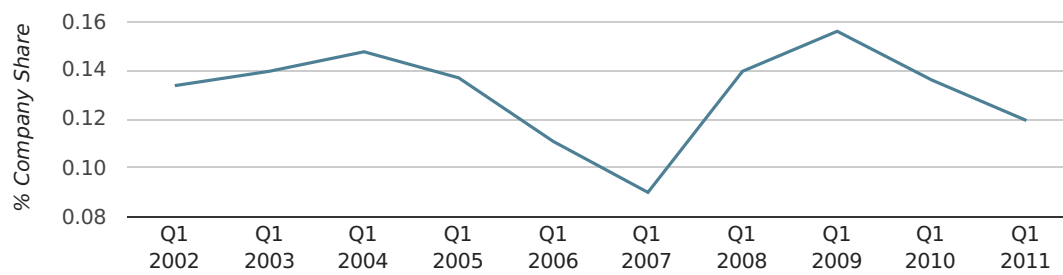
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-9	-3	20
NET GROWTH IN 2010	12	23	9
% CHANGE	-175.0%	-113.0%	122.2%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (31)	2004 (29)	2007 (54)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Orpington formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

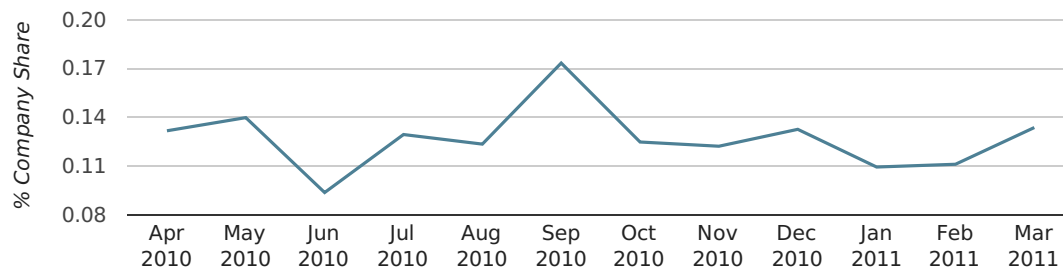
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	ORPINGTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-3.3%	-24.6%	-6.2%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.7%)	1976 (0.6%)	1967 (0.3%)

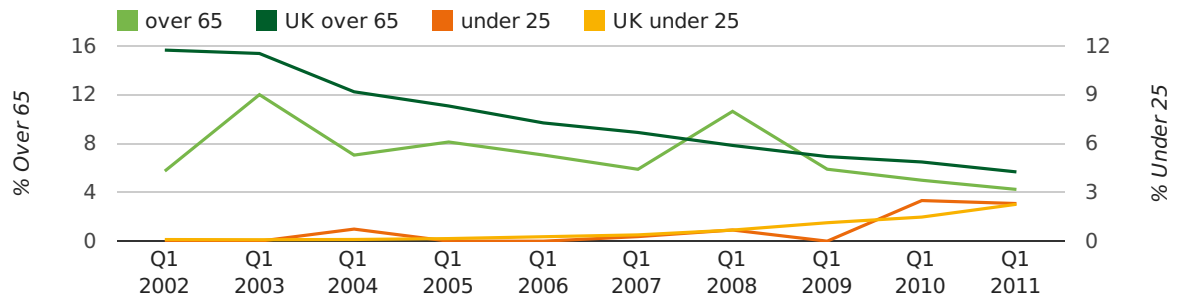
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 45.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

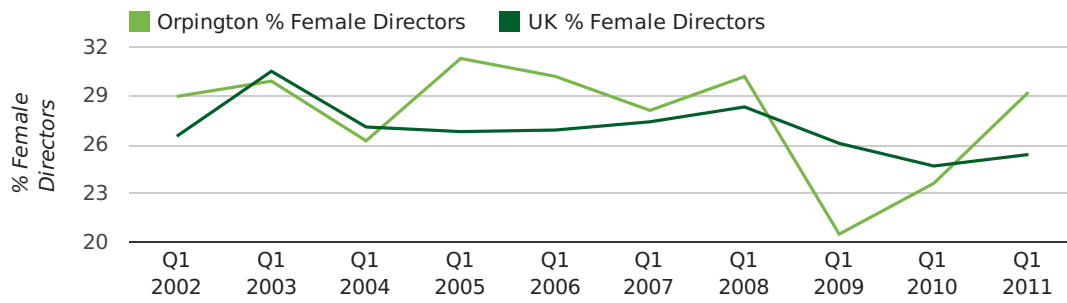


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

29.2% of all director appointments in Orpington 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
CONSULTING	1.66%	CONSULTING	5.04%
MANAGEMENT	1.55%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
CONSULTANCY	1.22%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
CONSTRUCTION	0.78%	PROPERTY	2.38%
PROPERTY	0.78%	TRADING	2.10%
ASSOCIATES	0.78%	DESIGN	1.93%
BUILDING	0.66%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
MEDICAL	0.66%	BUSINESS	1.87%
INVESTMENTS	0.66%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
TRADING	0.66%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
S	0.66%	MEDIA	1.69%
CAPITAL	0.66%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
PRIME	0.55%	LONDON	1.60%
DEVELOPMENT	0.55%	CARE	1.45%
ELECTRICAL	0.55%	J	1.45%
CENTRE	0.55%	GLOBAL	1.44%
J	0.55%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
HOME	0.55%	IT	1.41%
FINANCIAL	0.55%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
CLEAN	0.44%	BUILDING	1.34%
W	0.44%	M	1.30%
ENTERPRISES	0.44%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
BUSINESS	0.44%	S	1.24%
GROUP	0.44%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
INTERNATIONAL	0.44%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	221	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	73	60,968
99999 - Dormant Company	54	18,336
9999 - Dormant Company	36	19,765
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	33	30,253
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	28	16,150
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	21	10,246
7499 - Non-trading company	21	11,316
7414 - Business & management consultancy	17	12,916
74990 - Non-trading company	17	8,695
9305 - Other service activities	14	8,740
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	13	7,788
7260 - Other computer related activities	11	7,789
63110 - Data processing, hosting and related activities	11	389
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	10	6,183
62090 - Other information technology service activities	9	6,996
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	8	10,085
8514 - Other human health activities	7	2,423
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	7	7,000
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	6	3,436