

Redditch

q1 2011 business confidence report



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

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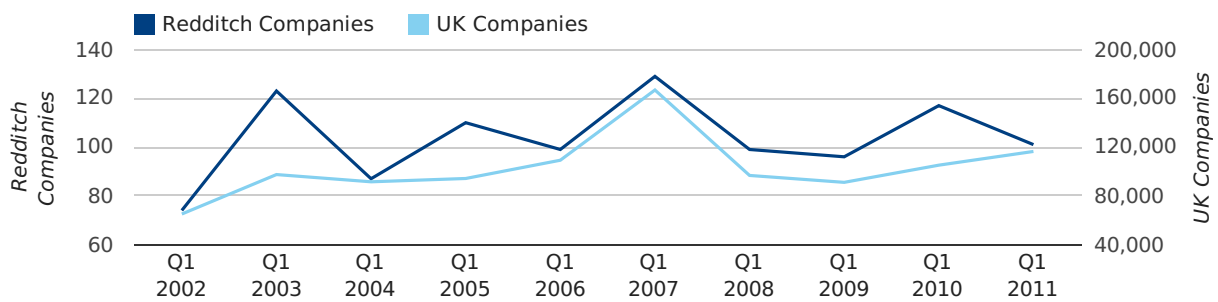
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 101 companies were registered in Redditch during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 13.7% 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.

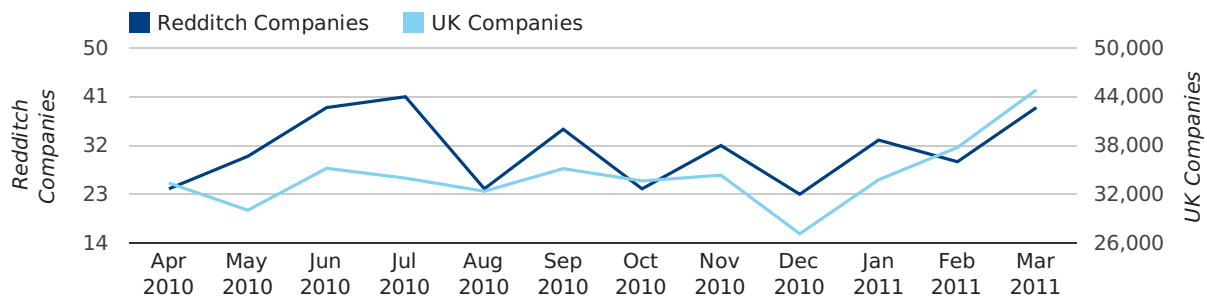
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	REDDITCH	UK
2011	101	116,391
2010	117	105,137
% CHANGE	-13.7%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (129)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	33	29	39
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	26	48	43
% CHANGE	26.9%	-39.6%	-9.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (39)	2010 (48)	2007 (56)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 91 companies were dissolved in Redditch during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 22.9% 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)	REDDITCH	UK
2011	91	90,986
2010	118	82,677
% CHANGE	-22.9%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (118)	2009 (108,060)

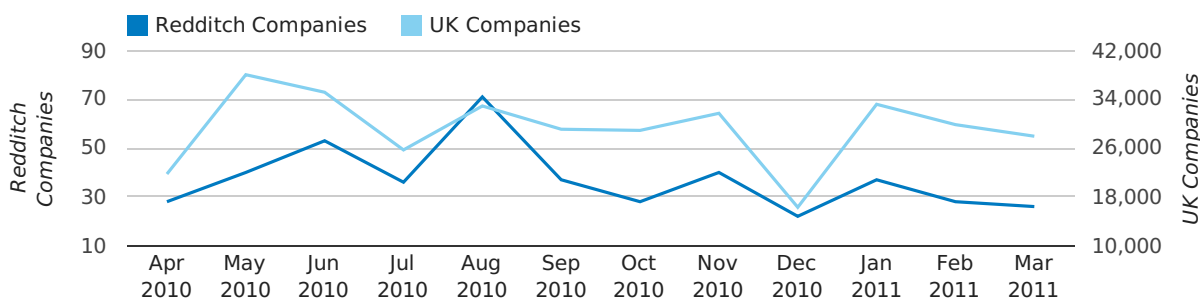
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	37	28	26
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	24	42	52
% CHANGE	54.2%	-33.3%	-50%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (37)	2010 (42)	2009 (58)

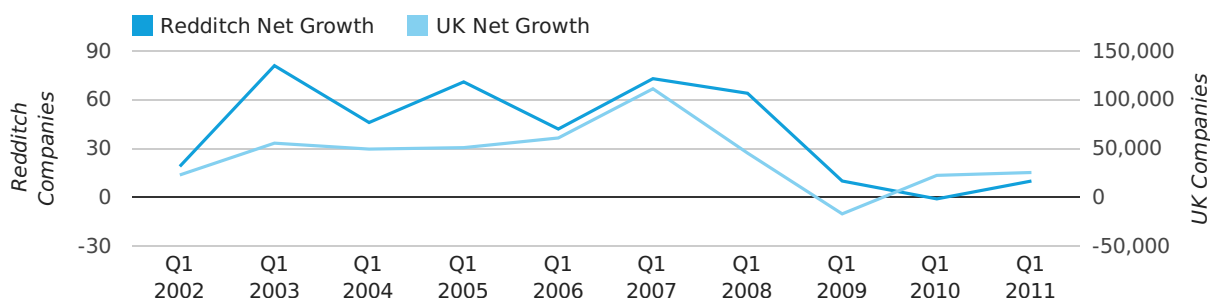
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Redditch during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 10 companies.

This represents an increase of 1,100.0% on the same period last year.

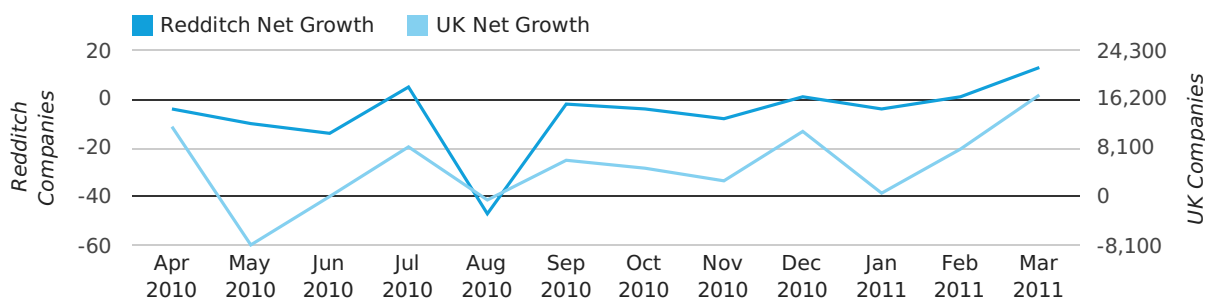
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	REDDITCH	UK
2011	10	25,405
2010	-1	22,460
% CHANGE	-1,100.0%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (81)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



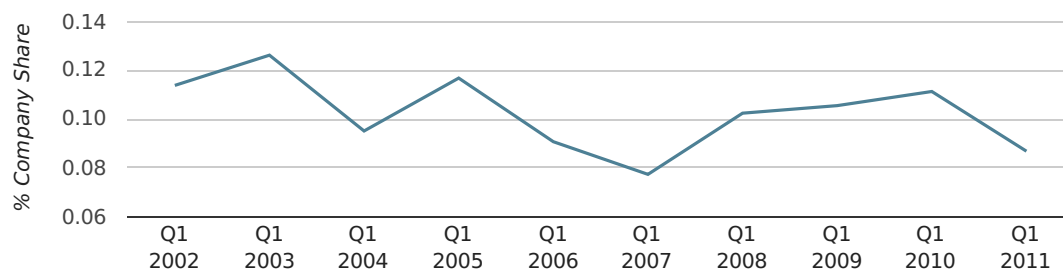
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-4	1	13
NET GROWTH IN 2010	2	6	-9
% CHANGE	-300.0%	-83.3%	-244.4%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (24)	2003 (27)	2008 (33)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

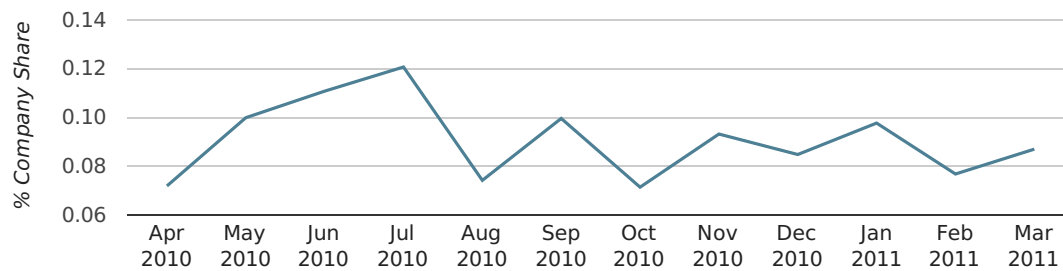
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	REDDITCH
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1979 (0.3%)

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	9.5%	-46.9%	-13.4%
RECORD YEAR	1975 (0.5%)	1960 (0.6%)	1972 (0.3%)

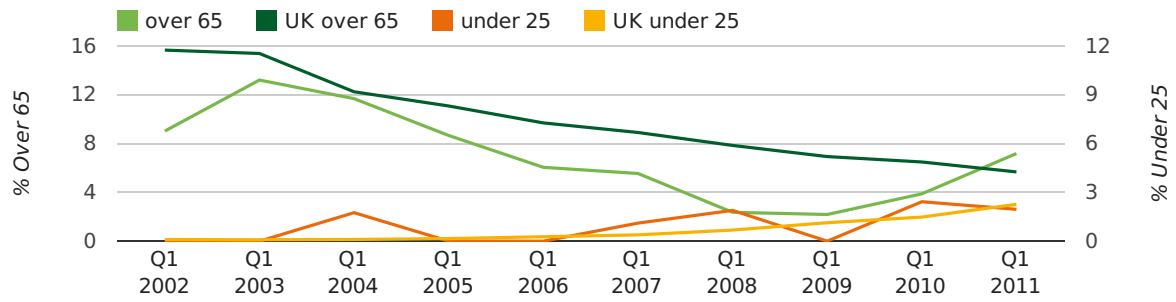
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 46.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 7.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

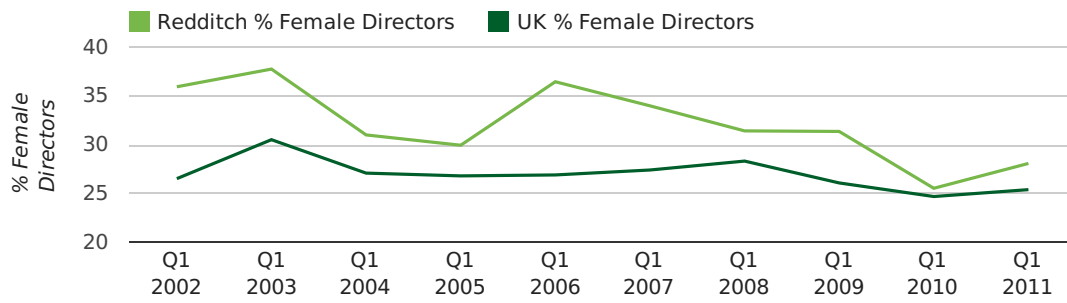


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

28.1% of all director appointments in Redditch 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
REDDITCH	1.32%	CONSULTING	5.04%
MANAGEMENT	1.32%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
CONSTRUCTION	1.32%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
(REDDITCH)	1.17%	PROPERTY	2.38%
K	0.73%	TRADING	2.10%
BUSINESS	0.73%	DESIGN	1.93%
PROPERTY	0.73%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
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MARKETING	0.73%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
C	0.73%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CAR	0.73%	MEDIA	1.69%
HOLDINGS	0.73%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
CARS	0.59%	LONDON	1.60%
MEDIA	0.59%	CARE	1.45%
TRAINING	0.59%	J	1.45%
CONSULTING	0.59%	GLOBAL	1.44%
MIDLANDS	0.59%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
ENGINEERING	0.59%	IT	1.41%
FOR	0.59%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
P	0.59%	BUILDING	1.34%
HIRE	0.59%	M	1.30%
TRANSPORT	0.59%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
QUANTUM	0.59%	S	1.24%
DESIGN	0.44%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
E	0.44%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	183	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	56	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	33	30,253
99999 - Dormant Company	28	18,336
9999 - Dormant Company	22	19,765
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	14	16,150
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	14	7,788
5540 - Bars	13	2,075
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	13	10,085
7260 - Other computer related activities	12	7,789
9305 - Other service activities	10	8,740
62090 - Other information technology service activities	10	6,996
7499 - Non-trading company	10	11,316
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	9	3,097
43210 - Electrical installation	8	3,172
7414 - Business & management consultancy	8	12,916
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	7	6,183
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	7	10,246
49410 - Freight transport by road	7	2,167
5263 - Other non-store retail sale	7	1,853