Sale

2011 half year business confidence report





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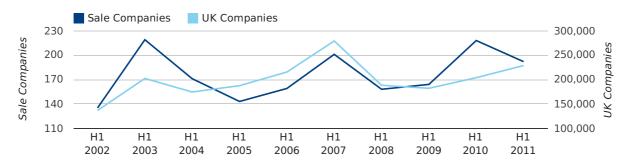
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In the first half of 2011 a total of 192 companies were formed in Sale. This figure is 11.9% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Sale occurred in 2003 when a total of 219 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | SALE | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 192 | 228,735 |
| 2010 | 218 | 203,749 |
| % CHANGE | -11.9% | 12.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (219) | 2007 (279,097) |

new companies by half year



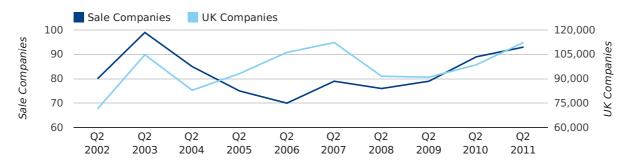
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 93 companies were registered in Sale during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 4.5% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

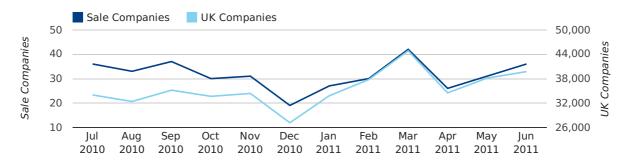
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | SALE | UK |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 2011 | 93 | 112,344 |
| 2010 | 89 | 98,612 |
| % CHANGE | 4.5% | 13.9% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (99) | 2011 (112,344) |

new companies by quarter



June 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Sale when compared to any previous June.

new companies by month



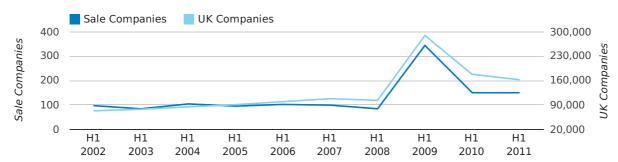
| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 26 | 31 | 36 |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2010 | 30 | 30 | 29 |
| % CHANGE | -13.3% | 3.3% | 24.1% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (33) | 2002 (35) | 2011 (36) |

In the first half of 2011 a total of 150 companies were dissolved in Sale. This figure is 0.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Sale occurred in 2009 when a total of 344 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | SALE | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 150 | 162,310 |
| 2010 | 150 | 177,631 |
| % CHANGE | 0.0% | -8.6% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (344) | 2009 (289,236) |

dissolved companies by half year



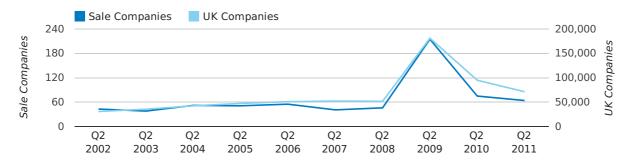
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 64 companies were dissolved in Sale during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

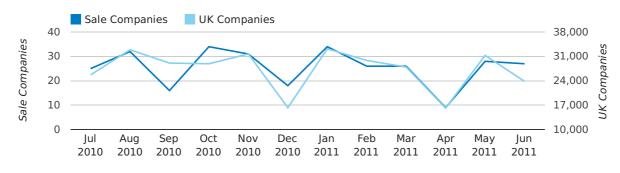
This figure is a decrease of 14.7% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | SALE | UK |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 64 | 71,324 |
| 2010 | 75 | 94,954 |
| % CHANGE | -14.7% | -24.9% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (215) | 2009 (181,176) |

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

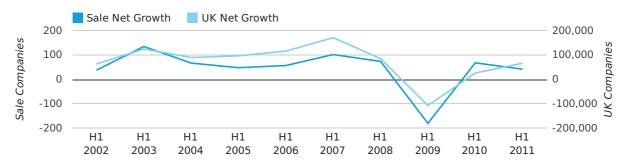


| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 9 | 28 | 27 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010 | 14 | 35 | 26 |
| % CHANGE | -35.7% | -20.0% | 4% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (57) | 2009 (116) | 2009 (42) |

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Sale increased by 42 companies. This figure is 38.2% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | SALE | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 42 | 66,425 |
| 2010 | 68 | 26,118 |
| % CHANGE | -38.2% | 154.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2000 (162) | 2007 (171,296) |

net growth by half year



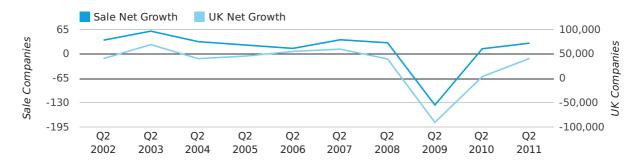
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Sale during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 29 companies.

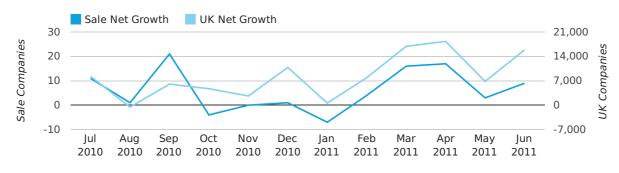
This represents an increase of 107.1% on the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | SALE | UK |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| 2011 | 29 | 41,020 |
| 2010 | 14 | 3,658 |
| % CHANGE | 107.1% | 1,021.4% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (61) | 2003 (69,274) |

net growth by quarter



net growth by month

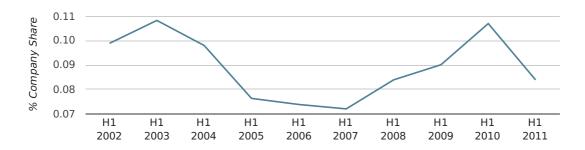


| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 17 | 3 | 9 |
| NET GROWTH IN 2010 | 16 | -5 | 3 |
| % CHANGE | 6.3% | -160.0% | 200.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1997 (21) | 2003 (24) | 2008 (24) |

In the first half of 2011 Sale formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | SALE |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.1% |
| 2010 | 0.1% |
| 2009 | 0.1% |
| 2008 | 0.1% |
| 2007 | 0.1% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1961 (0.2%) |

company share by half year

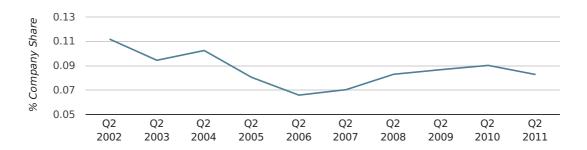


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

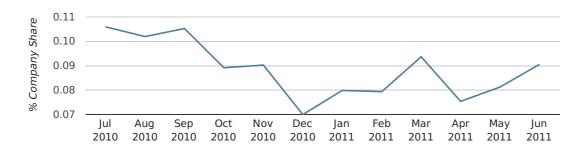
In the second quarter of 2011, Sale formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | SALE |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.1% |
| 2010 | 0.1% |
| 2009 | 0.1% |
| 2008 | 0.1% |
| 2007 | 0.1% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1967 (0.2%) |

company share by quarter



company share by month



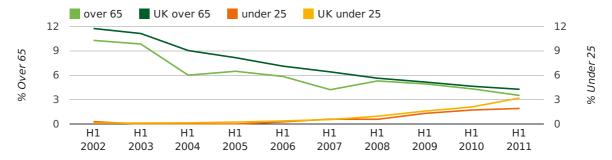
| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| % CHANGE | -16.1% | -18.6% | 10.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1967 (0.4%) | 1962 (0.3%) | 1991 (0.3%) |

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 44.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



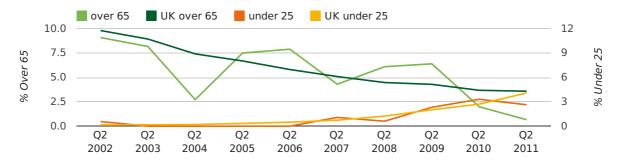
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 42.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 0.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter



The record first half year for female directors in Sale was 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

26.3% of all director appointments in Sale in the first half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

director gender by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The record second quarter for female directors in Sale was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

26.5% of all director appointments in Sale in the second quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.1% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Jun 2010-Jun 2011)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

| WORD | PERCENTAGE | UK WORD | UK PERCENTAGE |
|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| MANAGEMENT | 2.17% | CONSULTING | 5.09% |
| CONSULTING | 1.16% | MANAGEMENT | 4.86% |
| DESIGN | 1.01% | CONSULTANCY | 3.17% |
| ENGINEERING | 1.01% | PROPERTY | 2.43% |
| BUILDING | 0.87% | TRADING | 2.05% |
| CONSULTANCY | 0.87% | DESIGN | 1.94% |
| J | 0.87% | ASSOCIATES | 1.92% |
| D | 0.87% | BUSINESS | 1.87% |
| ASSOCIATES | 0.87% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.77% |
| TRAINING | 0.87% | CONSULTANTS | 1.76% |
| PROPERTY | 0.72% | MEDIA | 1.73% |
| MEDIA | 0.58% | ENGINEERING | 1.67% |
| DIGITAL | 0.58% | LONDON | 1.60% |
| (CHESHIRE) | 0.58% | GLOBAL | 1.46% |
| CHESHIRE | 0.58% | J | 1.44% |
| EDUCATION | 0.58% | CARE | 1.44% |
| BAR | 0.43% | INVESTMENTS | 1.42% |
| MARKETING | 0.43% | IT | 1.39% |
| MEDICS | 0.43% | BUILDING | 1.32% |
| HEALTH | 0.43% | PROPERTIES | 1.31% |
| KITCHEN | 0.43% | ELECTRICAL | 1.30% |
| FUNKY | 0.43% | М | 1.27% |
| CARE | 0.43% | S | 1.23% |
| CONTRACTS | 0.43% | ENTERPRISES | 1.20% |
| NEW | 0.43% | SYSTEMS | 1.20% |

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|
| None Supplied | 153 | 202,072 |
| 7487 - Other business activities | 46 | 60,758 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 26 | 30,647 |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management | 20 | 16,419 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 18 | 20,111 |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities | 14 | 10,545 |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy | 14 | 13,053 |
| 7222 - Other software consultancy and supply | 13 | 7,143 |
| 9305 - Other service activities | 13 | 9,063 |
| 64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified | 12 | 2,739 |
| 62090 - Other information technology service activities | 11 | 7,095 |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified | 10 | 10,322 |
| 74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified | 10 | 7,835 |
| 74990 - Non-trading company | 10 | 8,481 |
| 5552 - Catering | 10 | 2,138 |
| 4521 - General construction & civil engineering | 9 | 5,928 |
| 68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis | 8 | 3,095 |
| 7260 - Other computer related activities | 8 | 7,849 |
| 41100 - Development of building projects | 7 | 3,852 |
| 43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified | 7 | 3,050 |