

# Sheffield

q1 2011 business confidence report



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- Q1 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Sheffield when compared to any quarter in history.
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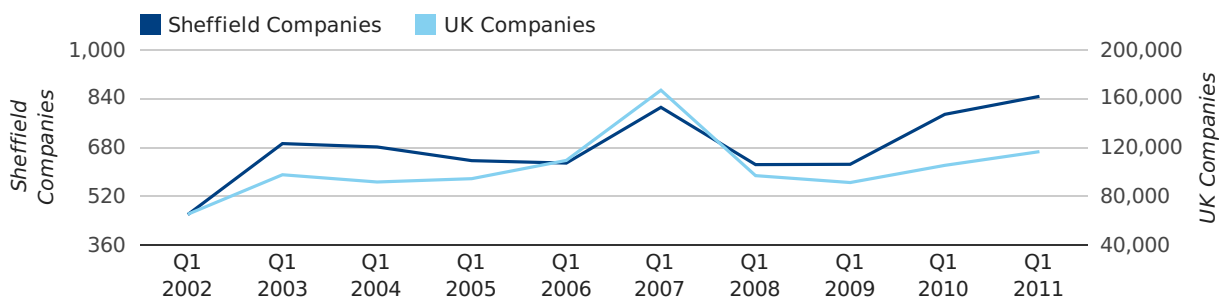
Q1 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Sheffield when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 847 companies were registered in Sheffield during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 7.5% 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)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	847	116,391
2010	788	105,137
% CHANGE	7.5%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (847)	2007 (166,814)

### new companies by quarter

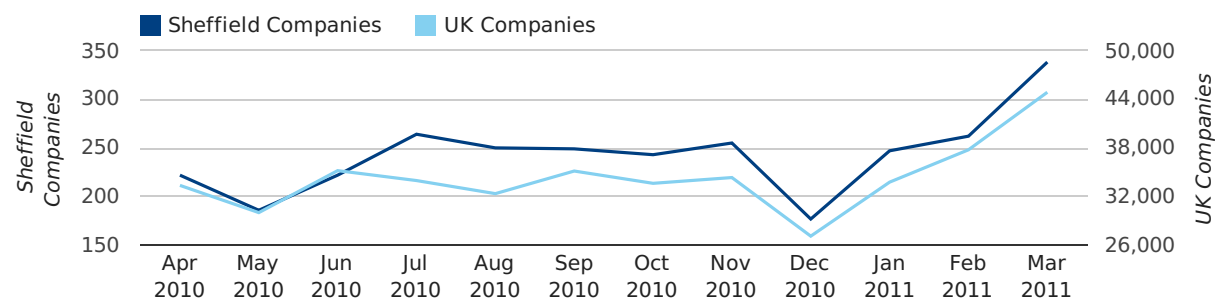


### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

January 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Sheffield when compared to any previous January.

### new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	247	262	338
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	209	251	328
% CHANGE	18.2%	4.4%	3.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (247)	2011 (262)	2007 (355)



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

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

A total of 658 companies were dissolved in Sheffield during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 23.2% 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)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	658	90,986
2010	534	82,677
% CHANGE	23.2%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (658)	2009 (108,060)

### dissolved companies by quarter

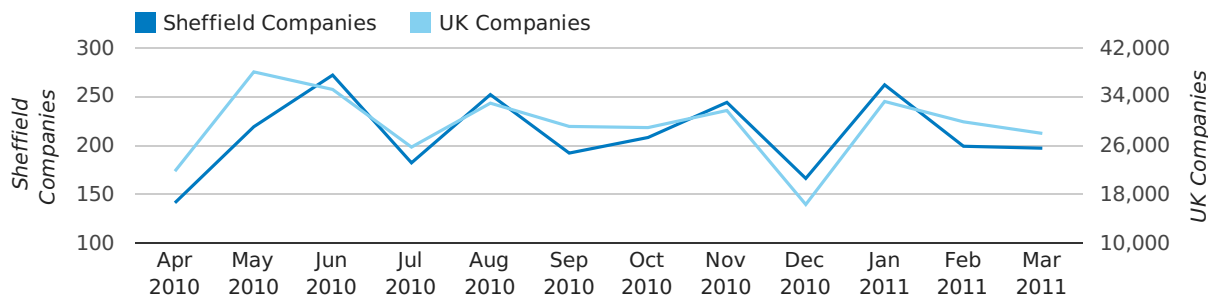


### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

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

### dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	262	199	197
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	129	179	226
% CHANGE	103.1%	11.2%	-13%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (262)	2011 (199)	2009 (360)

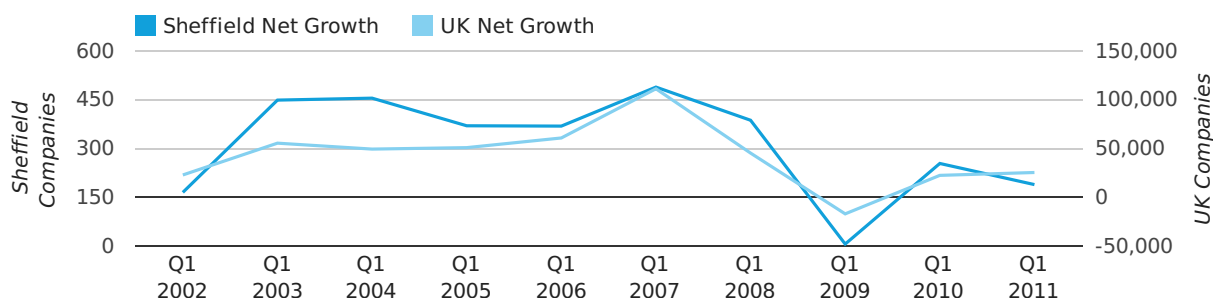
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Sheffield during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 189 companies.

This represents a decrease of 25.6% on the same period last year.

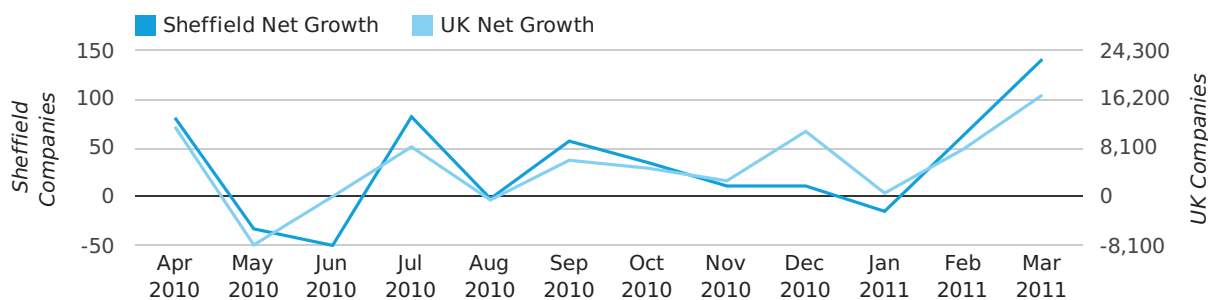
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	189	25,405
2010	254	22,460
% CHANGE	-25.6%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (489)	2007 (111,282)

### net growth by quarter



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

#### net growth by month



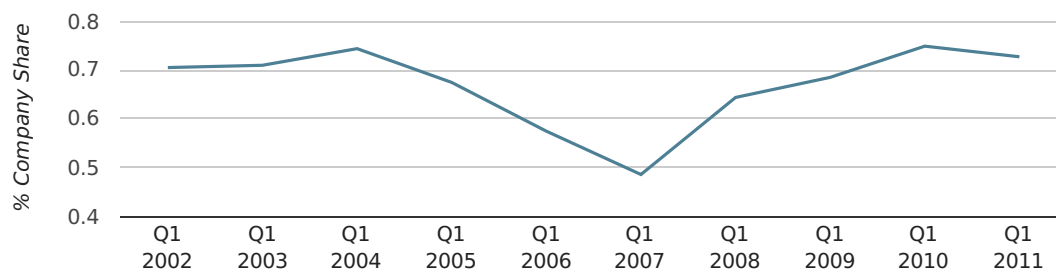
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-15	63	141
NET GROWTH IN 2010	80	72	102
% CHANGE	-118.8%	-12.5%	38.2%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (129)	2004 (180)	2000 (250)

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

In the first quarter of 2011, Sheffield formed 0.7% of all UK companies.

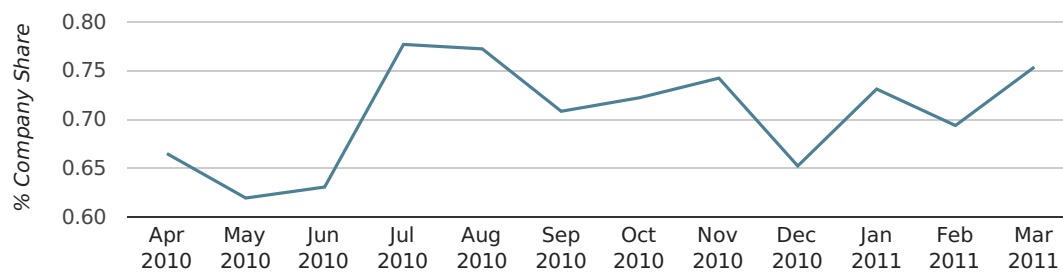
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	SHEFFIELD
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.6%
2007	0.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (1.4%)

### company share by quarter



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

### company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.7%	0.8%	0.8%
% CHANGE	2.0%	-8.2%	-1.7%
RECORD YEAR	1969 (1.8%)	1977 (1.6%)	1977 (1.4%)

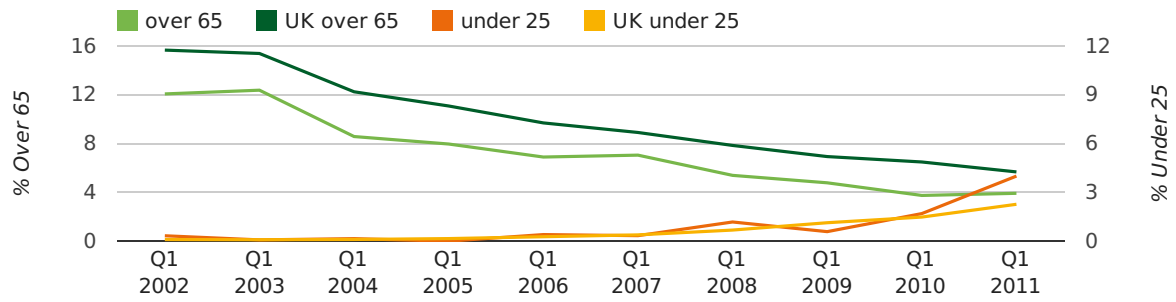
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 43.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

#### director age by quarter



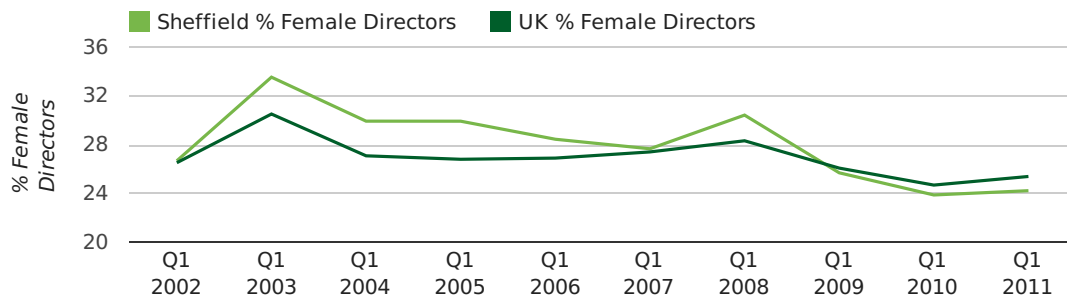


### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

24.2% of all director appointments in Sheffield 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	1.59%	CONSULTING	5.04%
CONSULTING	1.06%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
FEET	0.93%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
APPY	0.90%	PROPERTY	2.38%
CO.,	0.87%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSTRUCTION	0.85%	DESIGN	1.93%
DESIGN	0.79%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
CARE	0.74%	BUSINESS	1.87%
PROPERTY	0.71%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
SHEFFIELD	0.69%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
S	0.69%	MEDIA	1.69%
CONSULTANTS	0.66%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
YORKSHIRE	0.66%	LONDON	1.60%
ENGINEERING	0.64%	CARE	1.45%
CONSULTANCY	0.64%	J	1.45%
CARPETS	0.64%	GLOBAL	1.44%
INTERNATIONAL	0.64%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
ASSOCIATES	0.61%	IT	1.41%
C	0.61%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
PROPERTIES	0.58%	BUILDING	1.34%
INVESTMENTS	0.58%	M	1.30%
TRADING	0.56%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.56%	S	1.24%
M	0.56%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
IT	0.56%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,318	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	344	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	206	30,253
99999 - Dormant Company	132	18,336
9999 - Dormant Company	123	19,765
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	85	16,150
7414 - Business & management consultancy	85	12,916
7499 - Non-trading company	64	11,316
74990 - Non-trading company	64	8,695
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	63	10,085
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	56	10,246
7260 - Other computer related activities	53	7,789
9305 - Other service activities	52	8,740
62090 - Other information technology service activities	50	6,996
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	48	6,183
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	48	7,000
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	43	7,788
5530 - Restaurants	37	4,898
43210 - Electrical installation	37	3,172
86220 - Specialists medical practice activities	31	1,120