

Sheffield

q3 2011 business confidence report



headlines

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

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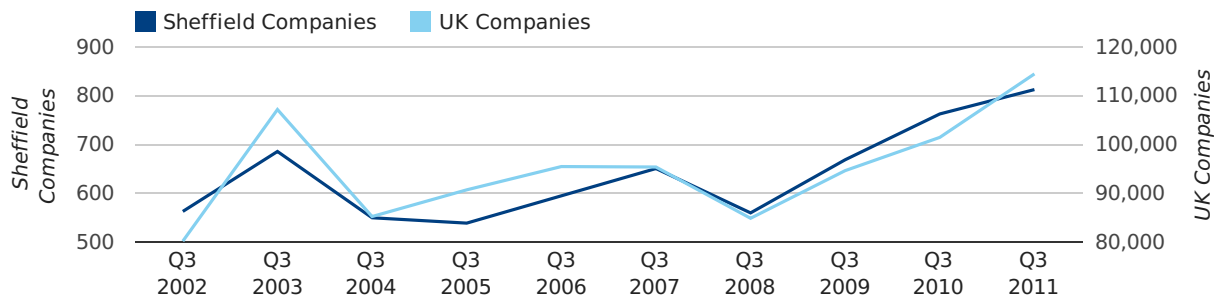
Q3 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Sheffield when compared to any previous Q3.

A total of 813 companies were registered in Sheffield during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 6.6% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares equally 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)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	813	114,512
2010	763	101,492
% CHANGE	6.6%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (813)	2011 (114,512)

new companies by quarter



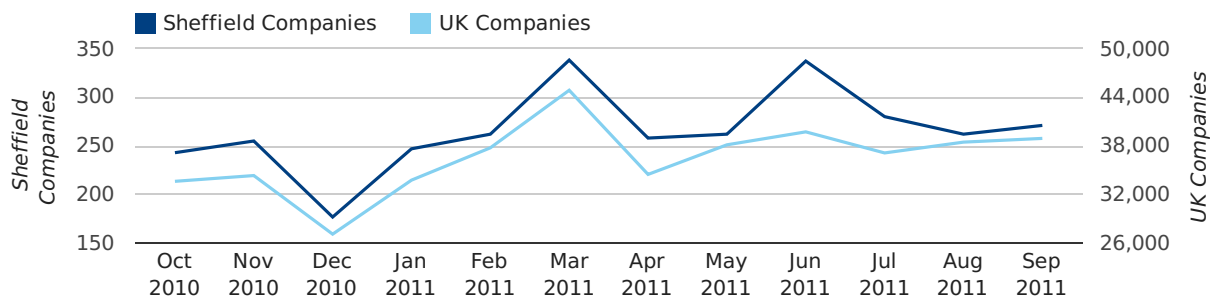
Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

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

new companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	280	262	271
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	264	250	249
% CHANGE	6.1%	4.8%	8.8%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (280)	2011 (262)	2011 (271)

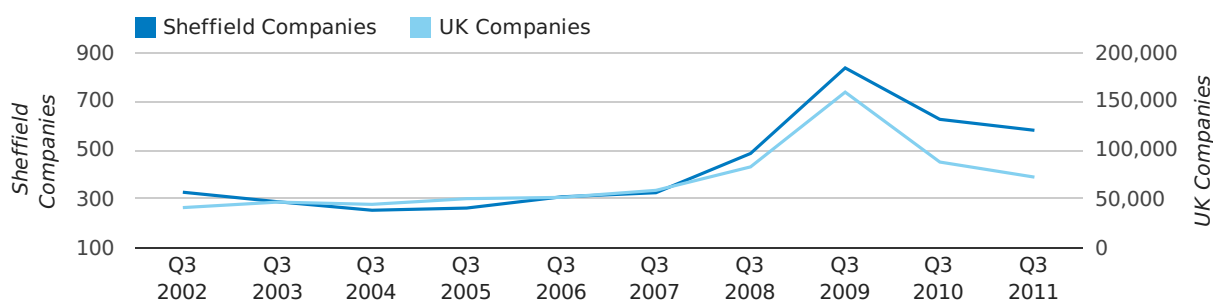
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 581 companies were dissolved in Sheffield during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 7.2% 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.

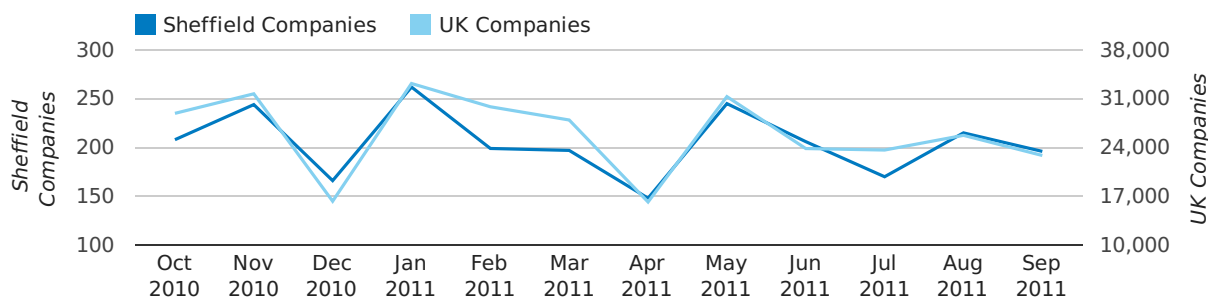
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	581	72,230
2010	626	87,705
% CHANGE	-7.2%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (837)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	170	215	196
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	182	252	192
% CHANGE	-6.6%	-14.7%	2%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (218)	2008 (360)	2009 (440)

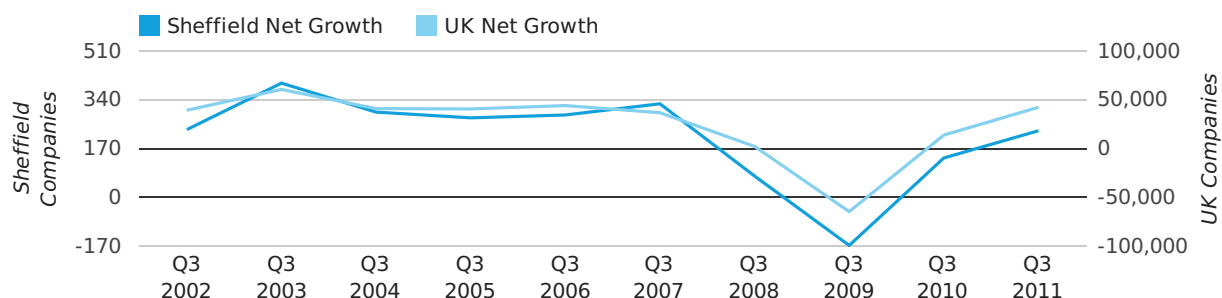
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Sheffield during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 232 companies.

This represents an increase of 69.3% on the same period last year.

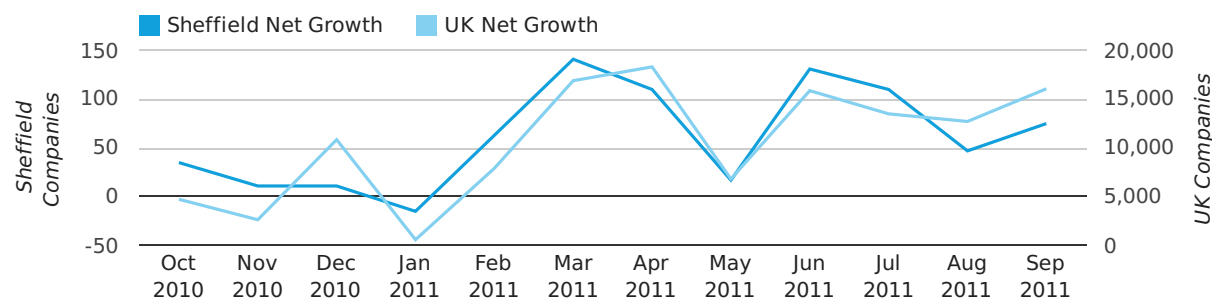
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	232	42,282
2010	137	13,787
% CHANGE	69.3%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (398)	2003 (60,597)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

net growth by month



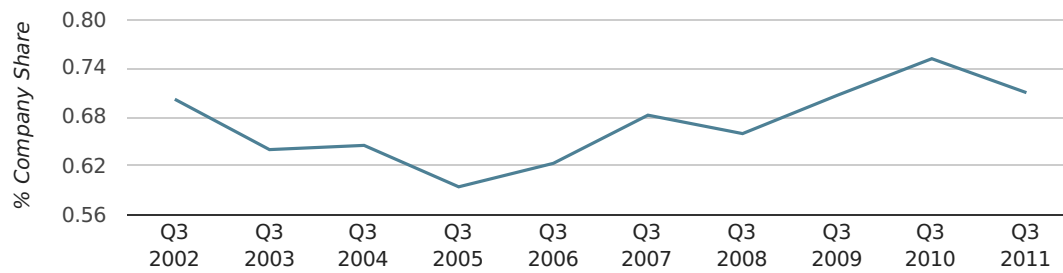
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	110	47	75
NET GROWTH IN 2010	82	-2	57
% CHANGE	34.1%	-2,450.0%	31.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (151)	2003 (125)	2002 (171)

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

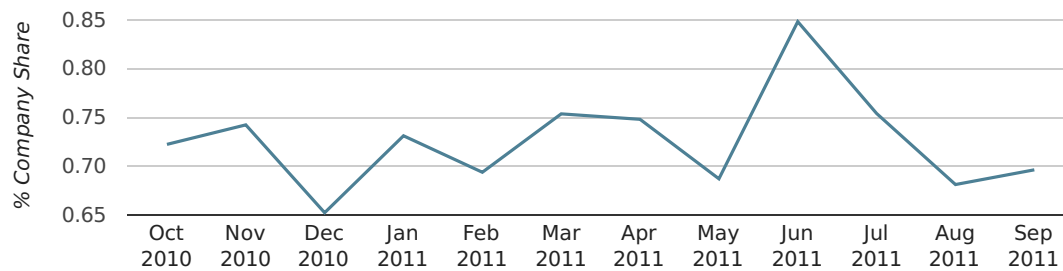
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	SHEFFIELD
2011	0.7%
2010	0.8%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
2007	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1973 (1.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.8%	0.8%	0.7%
% CHANGE	-2.9%	-11.8%	-1.7%
RECORD YEAR	1984 (1.3%)	1974 (2.0%)	1975 (1.8%)

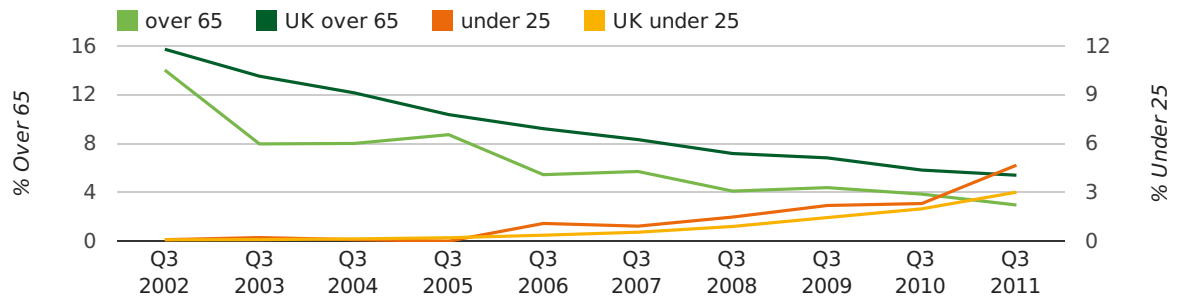
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.7% 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

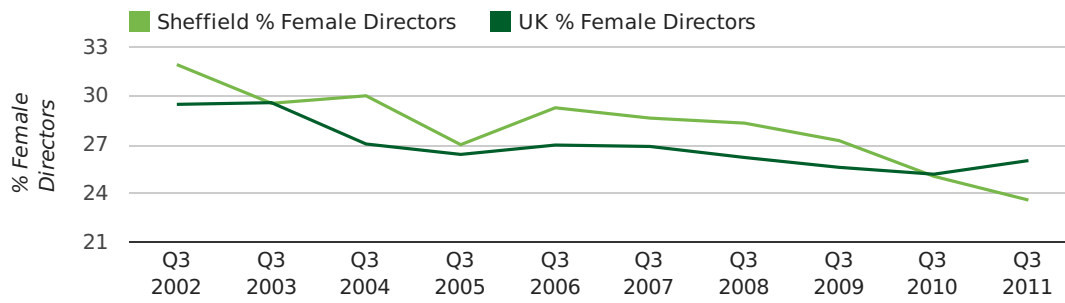


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

23.6% of all director appointments in Sheffield 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
MANAGEMENT	1.44%	CONSULTING	5.11%
SOLAR	1.37%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
CO.,	1.35%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
MY	1.27%	PROPERTY	2.41%
FREE	1.03%	TRADING	2.06%
CONSULTING	0.93%	DESIGN	1.94%
ENERGY	0.91%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
YORKSHIRE	0.88%	BUSINESS	1.82%
PROPERTY	0.88%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CONSULTANCY	0.86%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
CONSULTANTS	0.78%	MEDIA	1.72%
CONSTRUCTION	0.78%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
TRADING	0.73%	LONDON	1.63%
DESIGN	0.66%	J	1.47%
ENGINEERING	0.66%	GLOBAL	1.46%
RENEWABLE	0.66%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
INTERNATIONAL	0.61%	CARE	1.42%
BUSINESS	0.61%	IT	1.38%
MEDIA	0.61%	BUILDING	1.30%
CARE	0.61%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
SYSTEMS	0.61%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
S	0.59%	M	1.25%
SHEFFIELD	0.59%	ENERGY	1.22%
BUILDING	0.59%	TRAINING	1.21%
FEET	0.56%	S	1.21%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,356	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	382	65,177
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	204	29,245
9999 - Dormant Company	151	22,587
99999 - Dormant Company	122	18,281
7414 - Business & management consultancy	90	14,755
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	84	15,760
74990 - Non-trading company	60	8,064
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	54	10,018
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	53	8,345
62090 - Other information technology service activities	53	6,798
9305 - Other service activities	52	10,525
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	51	10,137
7260 - Other computer related activities	49	8,686
7499 - Non-trading company	48	11,543
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	46	6,321
9302 - Hairdressing & other beauty treatment	46	1,706
5530 - Restaurants	43	5,640
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	39	7,551
43210 - Electrical installation	37	2,938