

# Shrewsbury

q1 2011 business confidence report



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- Q1 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Shrewsbury when compared to any previous Q1.
- Q1 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Shrewsbury when compared to any quarter in history.
- February 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Shrewsbury when compared to any previous February.
- January 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Shrewsbury when compared to any previous January.

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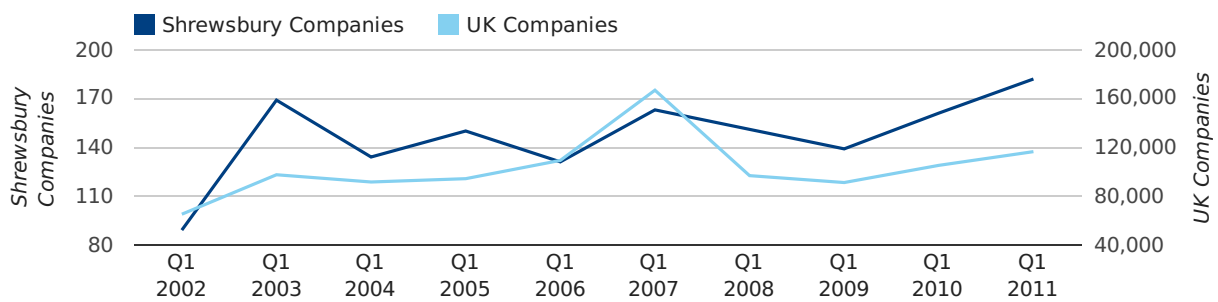
Q1 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Shrewsbury when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 182 companies were registered in Shrewsbury during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 13.0% 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)	SHREWSBURY	UK
2011	182	116,391
2010	161	105,137
% CHANGE	13.0%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (182)	2007 (166,814)

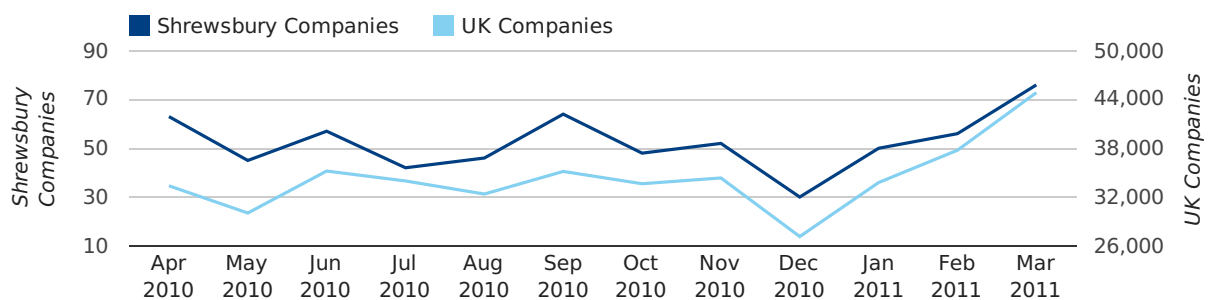
### new companies by quarter



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

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

### new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	50	56	76
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	43	55	63
% CHANGE	16.3%	1.8%	20.6%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (54)	2011 (56)	2007 (79)

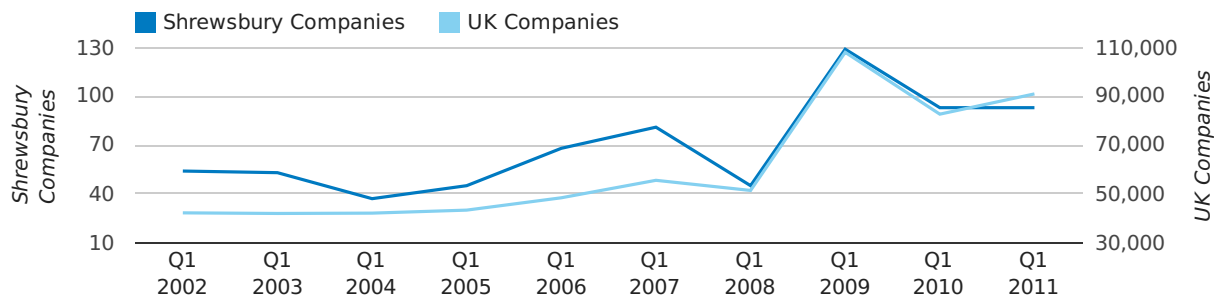
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 93 companies were dissolved in Shrewsbury during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 0.0% 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)	SHREWSBURY	UK
2011	93	90,986
2010	93	82,677
% CHANGE	0.0%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (129)	2009 (108,060)

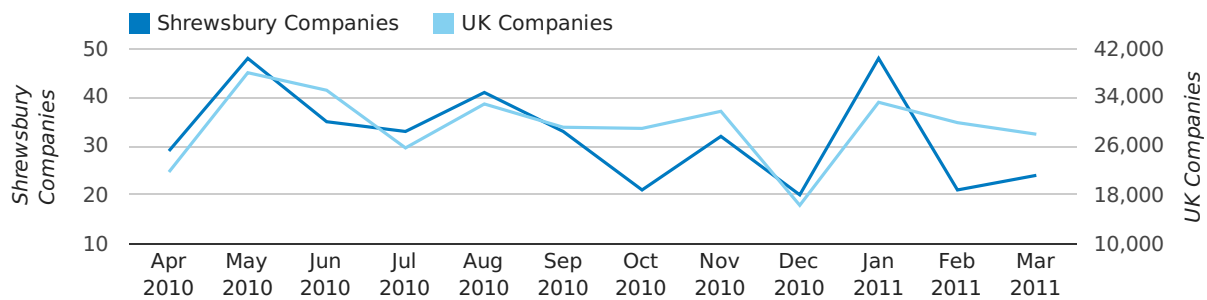
### dissolved companies by quarter



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

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

### dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	48	21	24
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	32	27	34
% CHANGE	50.0%	-22.2%	-29%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (48)	2007 (32)	2009 (78)

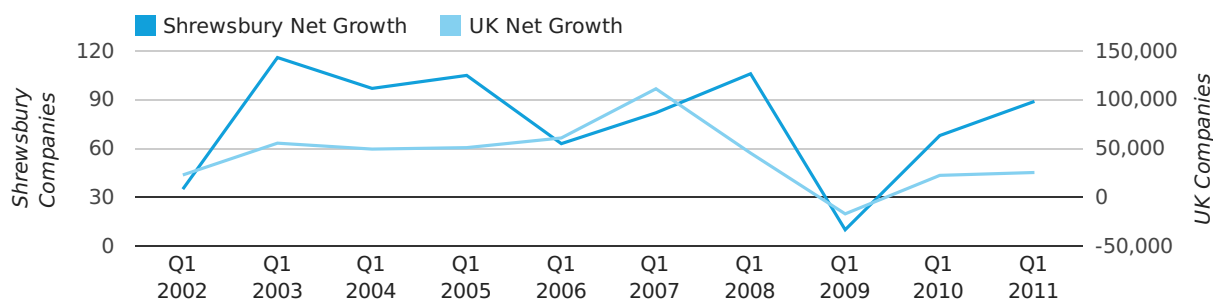
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Shrewsbury during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 89 companies.

This represents an increase of 30.9% on the same period last year.

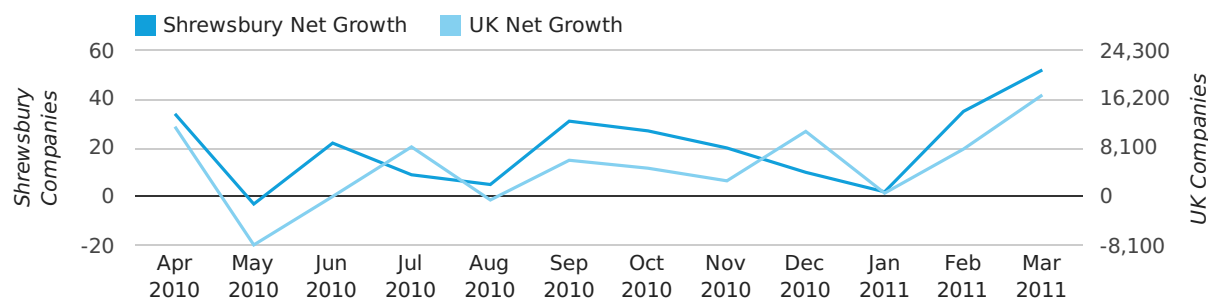
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	SHREWSBURY	UK
2011	89	25,405
2010	68	22,460
% CHANGE	30.9%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (116)	2007 (111,282)

### net growth by quarter



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

#### net growth by month



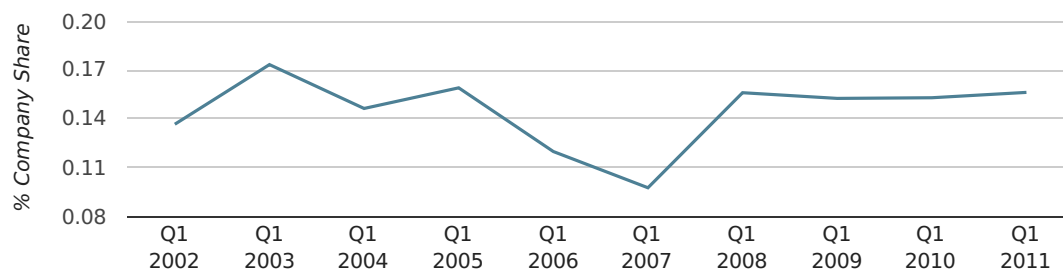
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	2	35	52
NET GROWTH IN 2010	11	28	29
% CHANGE	-81.8%	25.0%	79.3%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (35)	2005 (36)	2007 (59)

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

In the first quarter of 2011, Shrewsbury formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

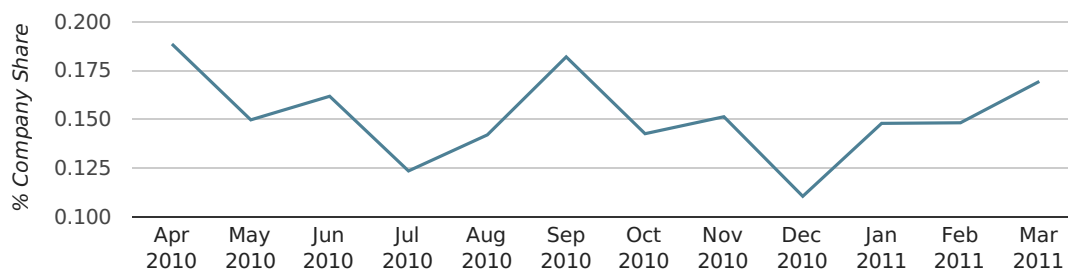
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	SHREWSBURY
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1970 (0.3%)

### 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%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
% CHANGE	0.3%	-10.4%	15.1%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.4%)	1987 (0.2%)	1970 (0.5%)

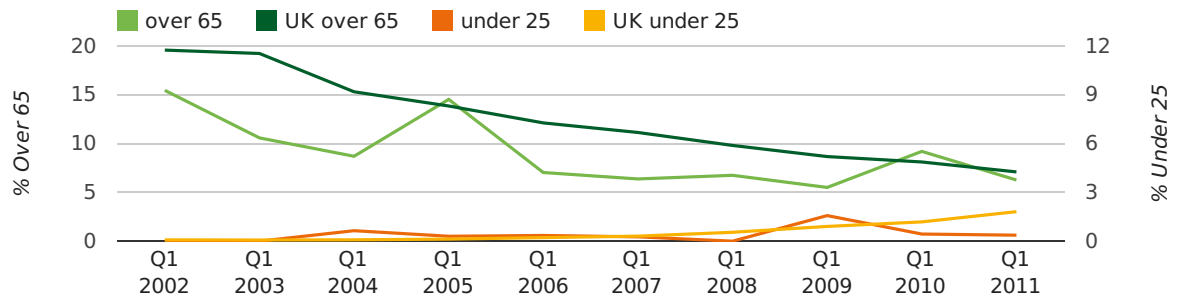
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 47.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 0.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

#### director age by quarter

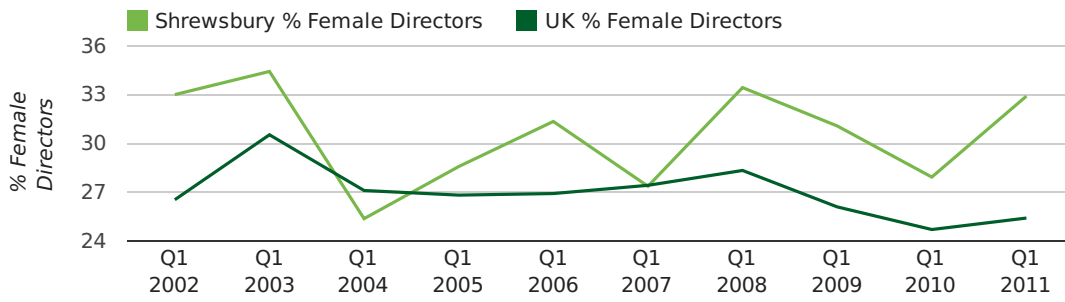


### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

32.9% of all director appointments in Shrewsbury 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
MANAGEMENT	2.19%	CONSULTING	5.04%
CONSULTING	1.91%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
SHROPSHIRE	1.43%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
J	1.33%	PROPERTY	2.38%
SHREWSBURY	1.33%	TRADING	2.10%
DESIGN	1.14%	DESIGN	1.93%
MIPOWER	0.95%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
CONSULTANCY	0.86%	BUSINESS	1.87%
FARM	0.86%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
C	0.76%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
HOUSE	0.67%	MEDIA	1.69%
(SHROPSHIRE)	0.67%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
K	0.67%	LONDON	1.60%
(SHREWSBURY)	0.67%	CARE	1.45%
M	0.57%	J	1.45%
E	0.57%	GLOBAL	1.44%
S	0.57%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
SOLAR	0.57%	IT	1.41%
R	0.57%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
P	0.48%	BUILDING	1.34%
CONSULTANTS	0.48%	M	1.30%
G	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
TRANSPORT	0.48%	S	1.24%
ASSOCIATES	0.48%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
PROJECT	0.48%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	191	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	49	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	45	30,253
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	36	16,150
62090 - Other information technology service activities	30	6,996
99999 - Dormant Company	28	18,336
7414 - Business & management consultancy	26	12,916
9999 - Dormant Company	25	19,765
98000 - Residents property management	24	3,154
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	18	7,788
7499 - Non-trading company	18	11,316
74990 - Non-trading company	18	8,695
7260 - Other computer related activities	17	7,789
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	11	6,183
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	10	10,085
56302 - Public houses and bars	9	1,825
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	9	10,246
41100 - Development of building projects	9	3,921
70100 - Activities of head offices	9	2,849
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	8	2,259