

Solihull

q1 2011 business confidence report



headlines

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

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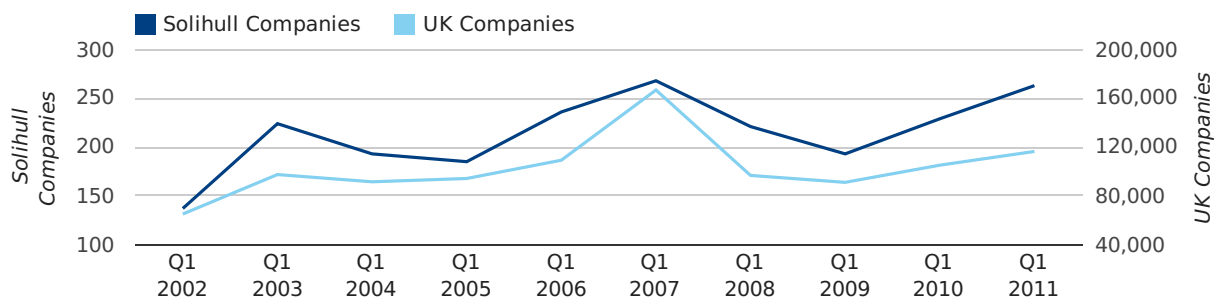
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 263 companies were registered in Solihull during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 14.8% 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)	SOLIHULL	UK
2011	263	116,391
2010	229	105,137
% CHANGE	14.8%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (268)	2007 (166,814)

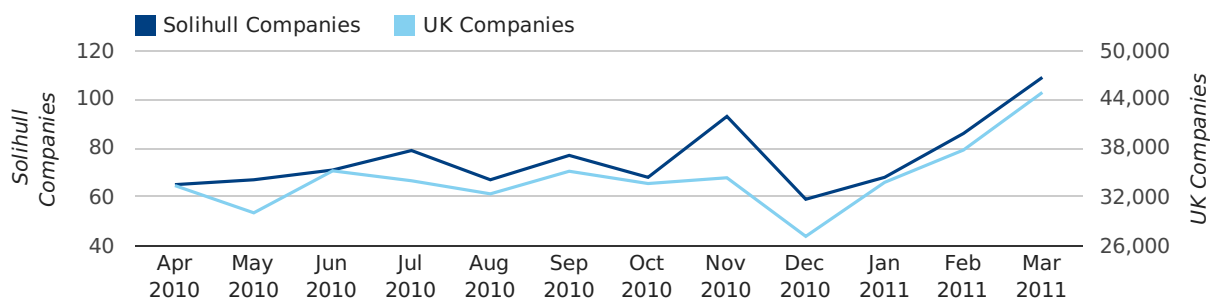
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	68	86	109
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	65	72	92
% CHANGE	4.6%	19.4%	18.5%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (75)	2011 (86)	2007 (119)

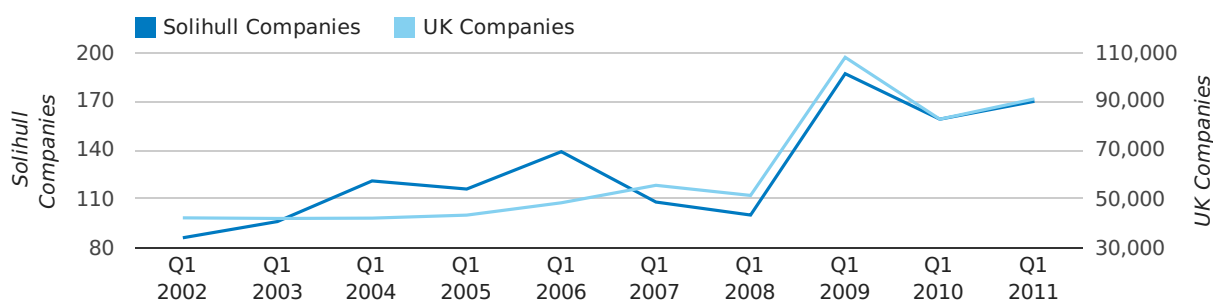
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 170 companies were dissolved in Solihull during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 6.9% 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)	SOLIHULL	UK
2011	170	90,986
2010	159	82,677
% CHANGE	6.9%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (187)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter

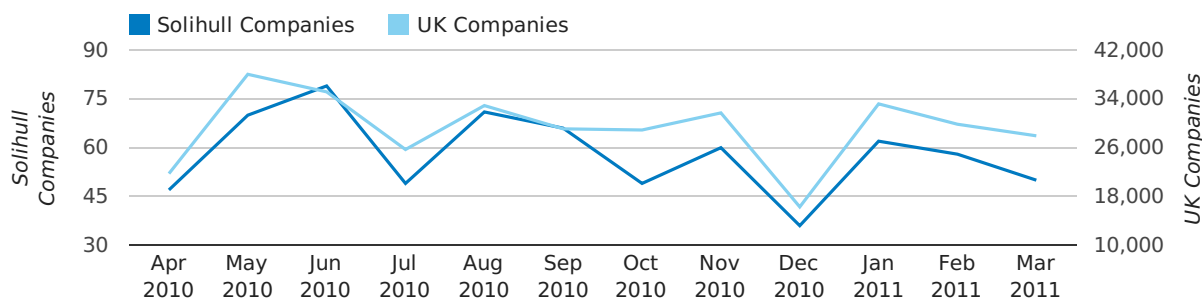


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	62	58	50
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	38	43	78
% CHANGE	63.2%	34.9%	-36%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (62)	2011 (58)	2009 (106)

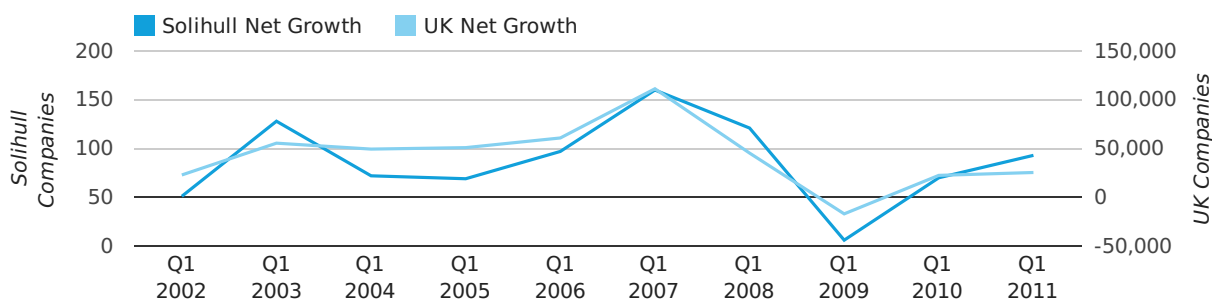
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Solihull during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 93 companies.

This represents an increase of 32.9% on the same period last year.

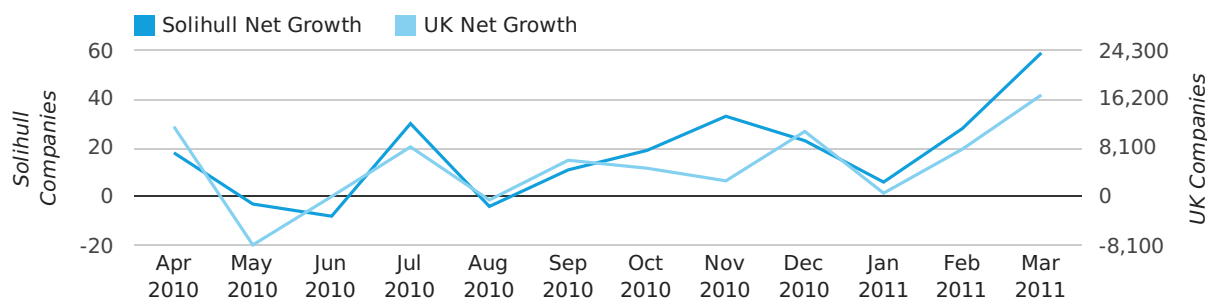
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	SOLIHULL	UK
2011	93	25,405
2010	70	22,460
% CHANGE	32.9%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (160)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



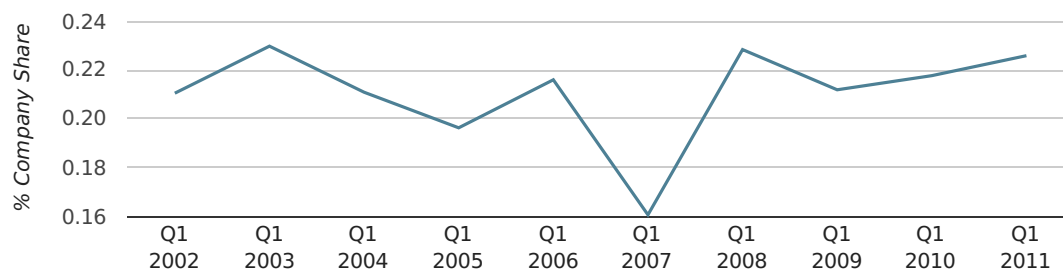
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	6	28	59
NET GROWTH IN 2010	27	29	14
% CHANGE	-77.8%	-3.4%	321.4%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (47)	2007 (51)	2007 (80)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

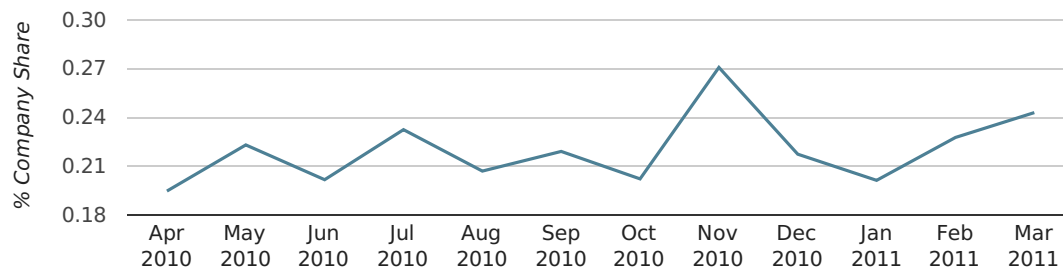
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	SOLIHULL
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.6%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-9.7%	5.0%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (1.0%)	1966 (1.0%)	1960 (0.6%)

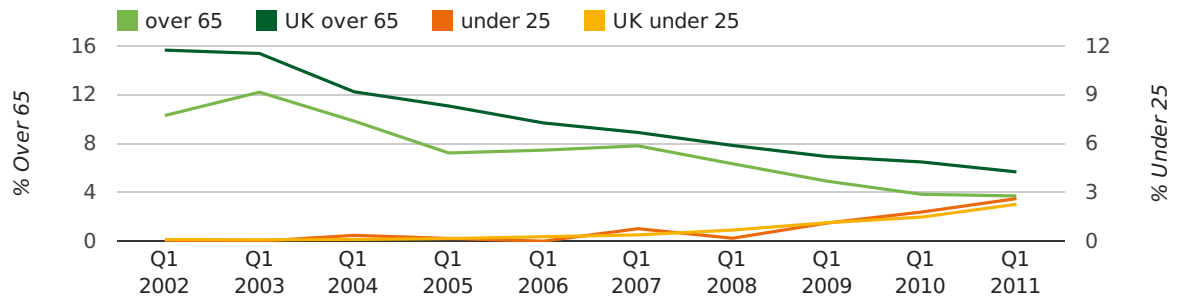
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 46.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

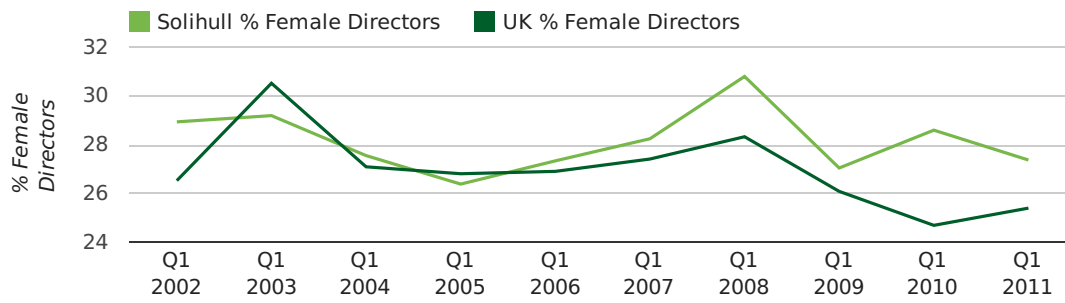


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

27.4% of all director appointments in Solihull 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
CONSULTING	2.77%	CONSULTING	5.04%
MANAGEMENT	2.35%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
CONSULTANCY	1.66%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
ASSOCIATES	1.31%	PROPERTY	2.38%
SOLIHULL	0.97%	TRADING	2.10%
PROPERTY	0.90%	DESIGN	1.93%
MEDICAL	0.76%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
C	0.76%	BUSINESS	1.87%
CONSULTANTS	0.69%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
BUILDING	0.62%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
R	0.62%	MEDIA	1.69%
CONSTRUCTION	0.62%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
M	0.62%	LONDON	1.60%
(MIDLANDS)	0.55%	CARE	1.45%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.55%	J	1.45%
D	0.48%	GLOBAL	1.44%
ACADEMY	0.48%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
ENGINEERING	0.48%	IT	1.41%
IT	0.48%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
FINANCIAL	0.48%	BUILDING	1.34%
DESIGN	0.48%	M	1.30%
CARE	0.42%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
WEALTH	0.42%	S	1.24%
SOLAR	0.42%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
(SOLIHULL)	0.42%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	341	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	117	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	75	30,253
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	61	16,150
99999 - Dormant Company	43	18,336
7414 - Business & management consultancy	33	12,916
74990 - Non-trading company	32	8,695
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	31	10,246
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	30	10,085
9999 - Dormant Company	25	19,765
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	21	7,788
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	19	6,183
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	18	7,000
9305 - Other service activities	17	8,740
7499 - Non-trading company	13	11,316
62090 - Other information technology service activities	13	6,996
64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified	13	2,754
70100 - Activities of head offices	13	2,849
43210 - Electrical installation	13	3,172
7260 - Other computer related activities	12	7,789