

Southport

q1 2011 business confidence report



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

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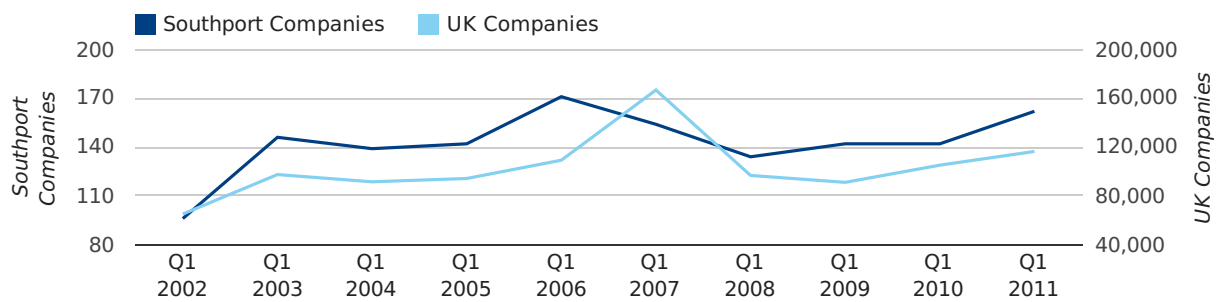
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 162 companies were registered in Southport during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 14.1% 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.

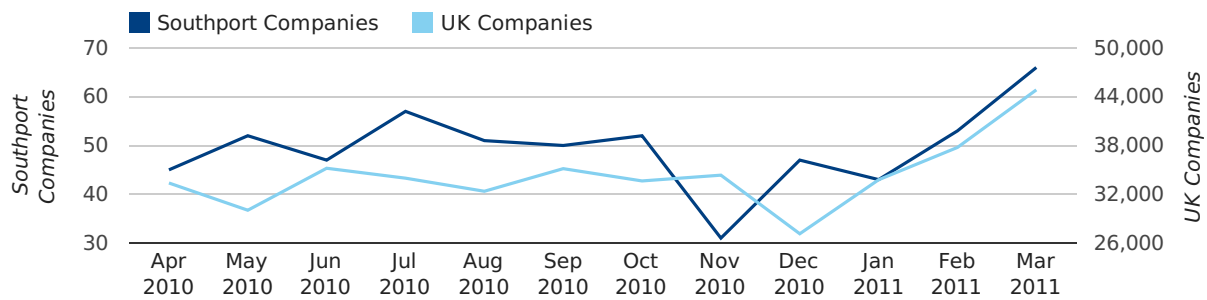
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	SOUTHPORT	UK
2011	162	116,391
2010	142	105,137
% CHANGE	14.1%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (171)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	43	53	66
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	39	38	65
% CHANGE	10.3%	39.5%	1.5%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (46)	2007 (62)	2006 (75)

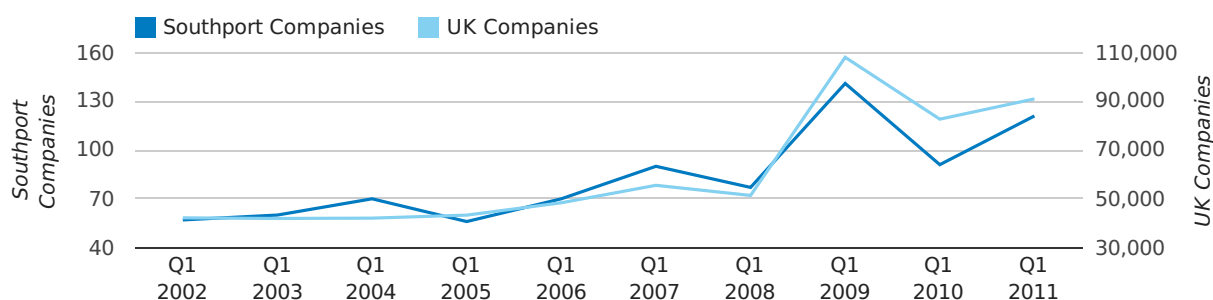
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 121 companies were dissolved in Southport during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 33.0% 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)	SOUTHPORT	UK
2011	121	90,986
2010	91	82,677
% CHANGE	33.0%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (141)	2009 (108,060)

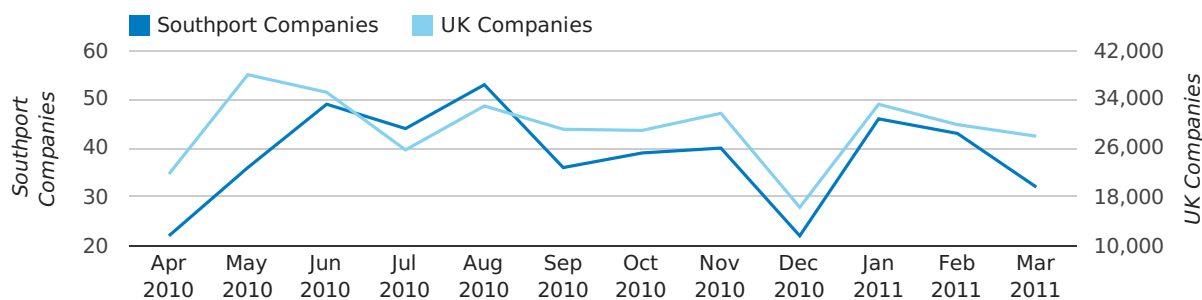
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	46	43	32
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	22	32	37
% CHANGE	109.1%	34.4%	-14%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (46)	2008 (49)	2009 (90)

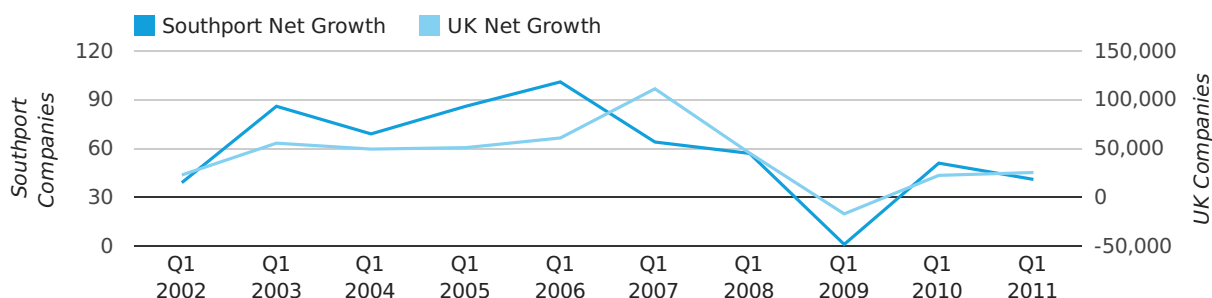
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Southport during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 41 companies.

This represents a decrease of 19.6% on the same period last year.

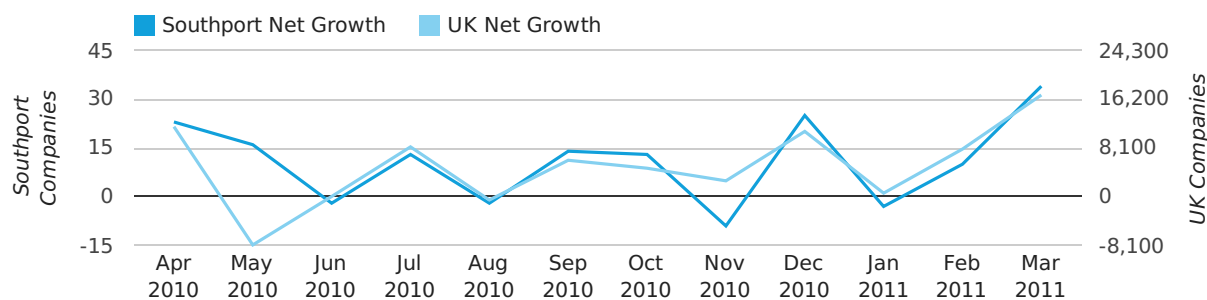
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	SOUTHPORT	UK
2011	41	25,405
2010	51	22,460
% CHANGE	-19.6%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (101)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



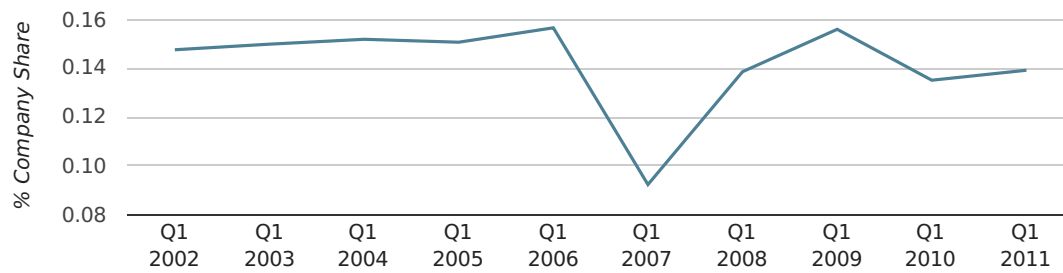
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-3	10	34
NET GROWTH IN 2010	17	6	28
% CHANGE	-117.6%	66.7%	21.4%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (28)	2007 (33)	2006 (57)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Southport formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

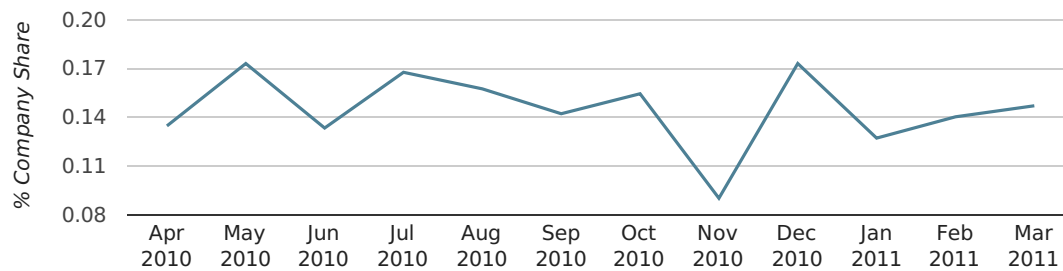
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	SOUTHPORT
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1971 (0.3%)

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%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-4.9%	22.7%	-3.1%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.4%)	1967 (0.6%)	1968 (0.4%)

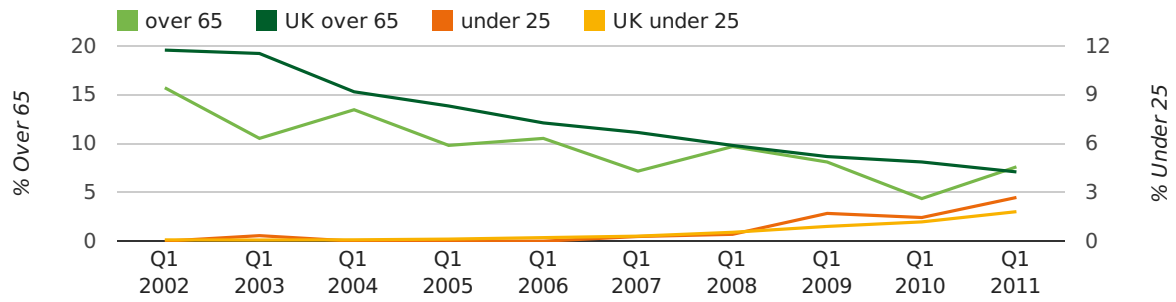
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 46.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 7.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

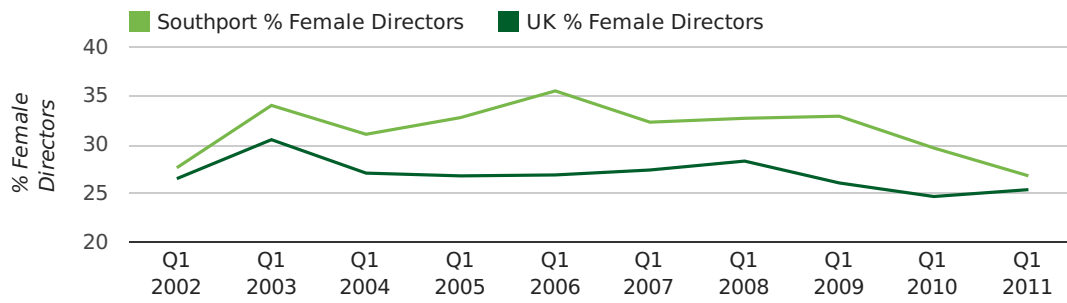


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

26.8% of all director appointments in Southport 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
MEDICAL	1.85%	CONSULTING	5.04%
MANAGEMENT	1.56%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
SOUTHPORT	1.46%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
CONSULTING	1.46%	PROPERTY	2.38%
(SOUTHPORT)	1.07%	TRADING	2.10%
WEST	0.88%	DESIGN	1.93%
(NORTH	0.88%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
CONSULTANCY	0.88%	BUSINESS	1.87%
WEST)	0.88%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
TRAINING	0.78%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
D	0.68%	MEDIA	1.69%
J	0.68%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
C	0.68%	LONDON	1.60%
R2	0.68%	CARE	1.45%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.68%	J	1.45%
S	0.68%	GLOBAL	1.44%
CARE	0.68%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
NORTH	0.68%	IT	1.41%
PROPERTY	0.68%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
HOUSE	0.59%	BUILDING	1.34%
M	0.59%	M	1.30%
SECURITY	0.59%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
BUSINESS	0.59%	S	1.24%
P	0.49%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
RTM	0.49%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	270	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	66	60,968
99999 - Dormant Company	40	18,336
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	28	30,253
9999 - Dormant Company	24	19,765
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	21	16,150
9305 - Other service activities	20	8,740
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	19	10,085
7414 - Business & management consultancy	19	12,916
5540 - Bars	15	2,075
5530 - Restaurants	15	4,898
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	14	7,788
74990 - Non-trading company	11	8,695
7499 - Non-trading company	10	11,316
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	9	3,895
7260 - Other computer related activities	9	7,789
86210 - General medical practice activities	9	1,874
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	9	6,183
56101 - Licensed restaurants	9	2,736
6024 - Freight transport by road	8	2,299