

St Albans

q1 2011 business confidence report



headlines

- February 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in St Albans when compared to any previous February.
- January 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in St Albans when compared to any previous January.
- Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in St Albans when compared to any previous Q1.
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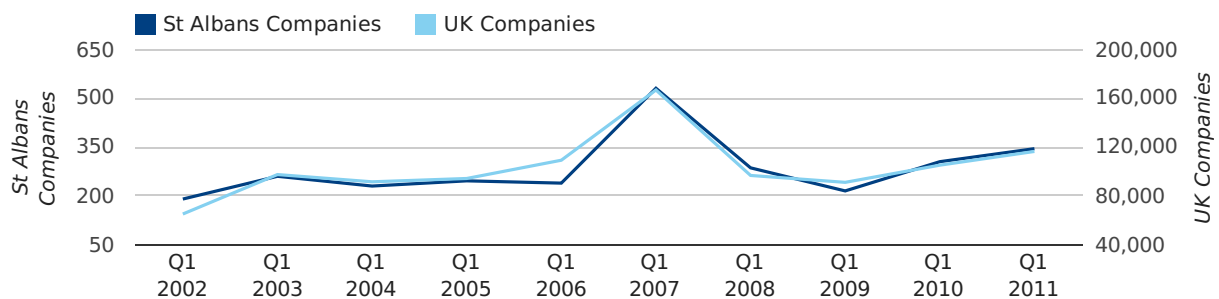
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 345 companies were registered in St Albans during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 13.1% 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)	ST ALBANS	UK
2011	345	116,391
2010	305	105,137
% CHANGE	13.1%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (531)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter

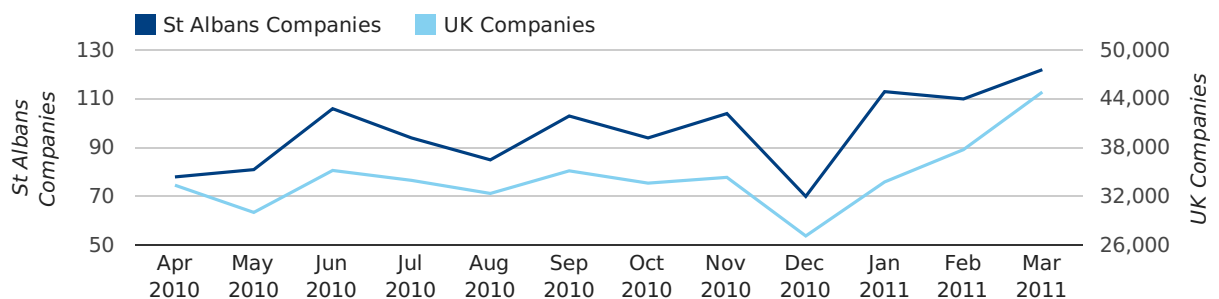


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	113	110	122
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	78	89	138
% CHANGE	44.9%	23.6%	-11.6%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (113)	2011 (110)	2007 (341)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

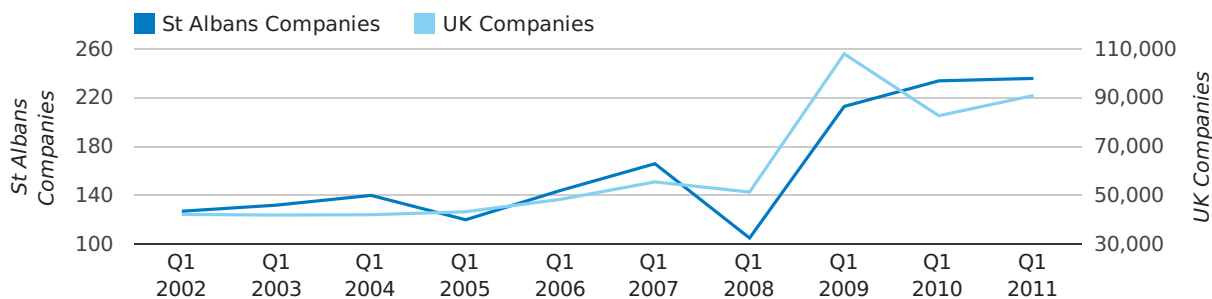
Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in St Albans when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 236 companies were dissolved in St Albans during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 0.9% 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)	ST ALBANS	UK
2011	236	90,986
2010	234	82,677
% CHANGE	0.9%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (236)	2009 (108,060)

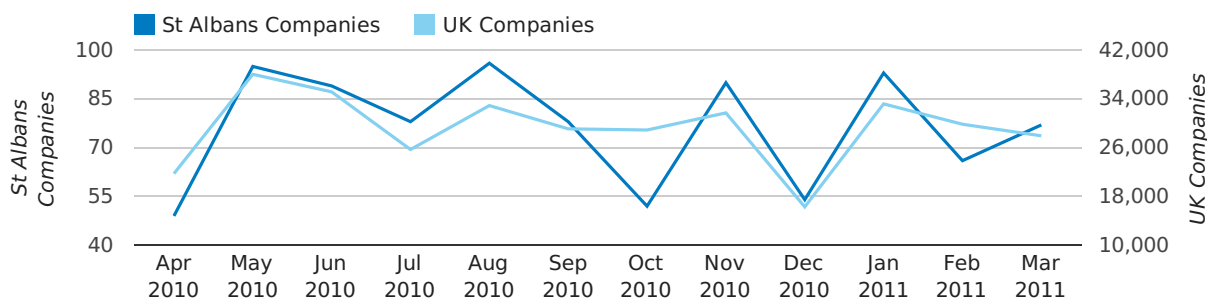
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	93	66	77
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	65	87	82
% CHANGE	43.1%	-24.1%	-6%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (93)	2010 (87)	2009 (126)

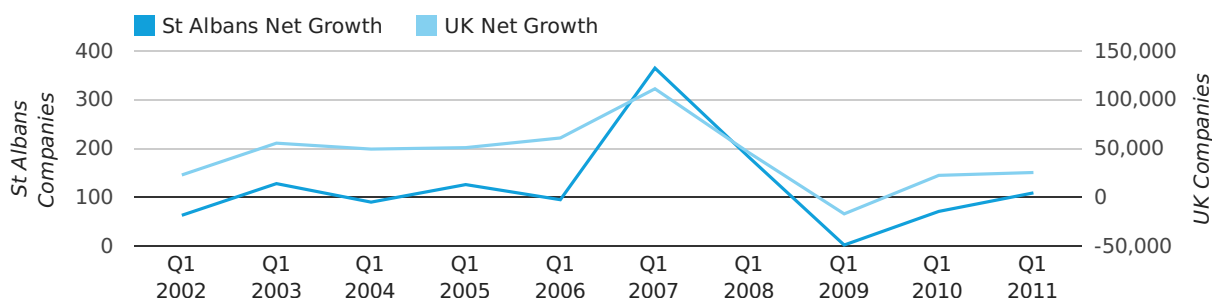
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for St Albans during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 109 companies.

This represents an increase of 53.5% on the same period last year.

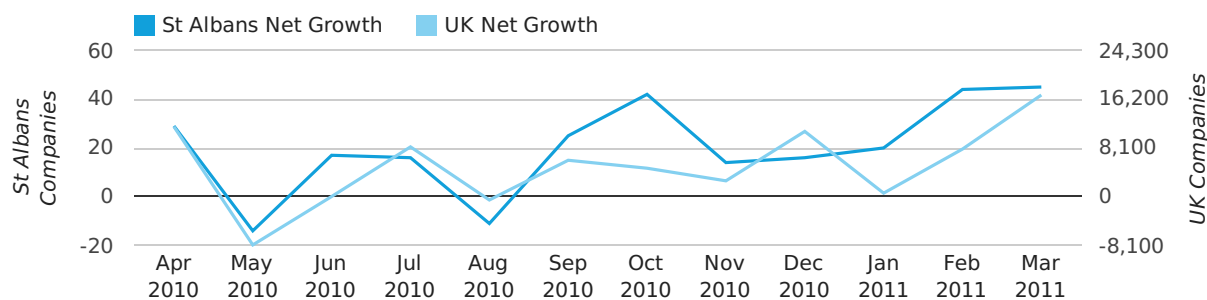
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	ST ALBANS	UK
2011	109	25,405
2010	71	22,460
% CHANGE	53.5%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (365)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



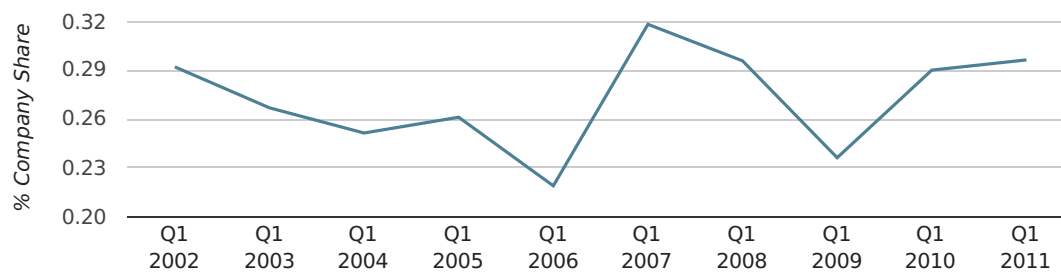
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	20	44	45
NET GROWTH IN 2010	13	2	56
% CHANGE	53.8%	2,100.0%	-19.6%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (52)	2007 (58)	2007 (286)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, St Albans formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

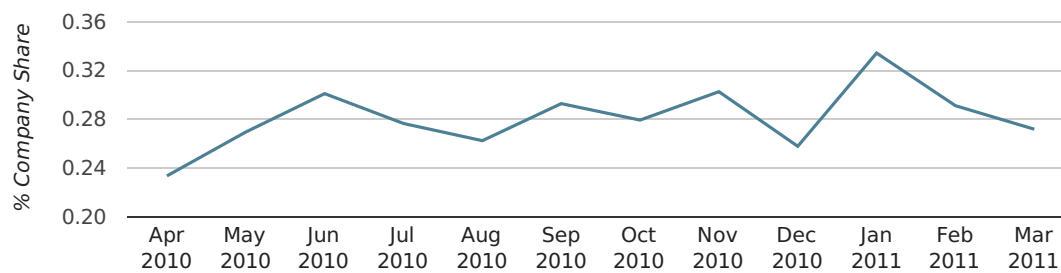
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	ST ALBANS
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1971 (0.6%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
% CHANGE	25.0%	8.7%	-15.7%
RECORD YEAR	1967 (1.0%)	1971 (1.2%)	1976 (0.7%)

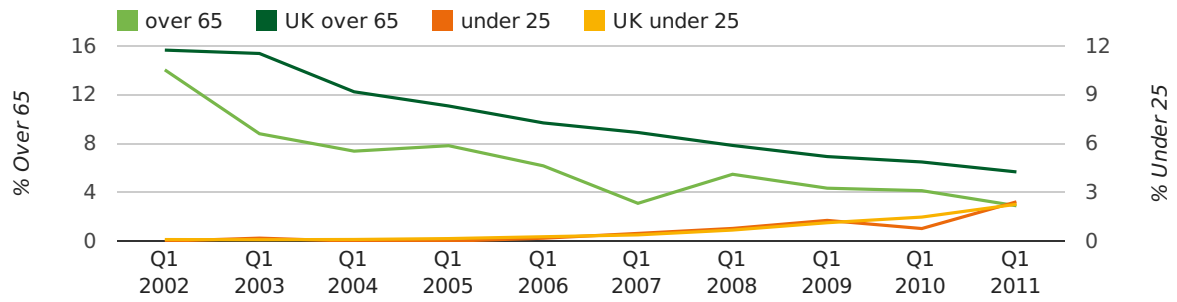
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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 2.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

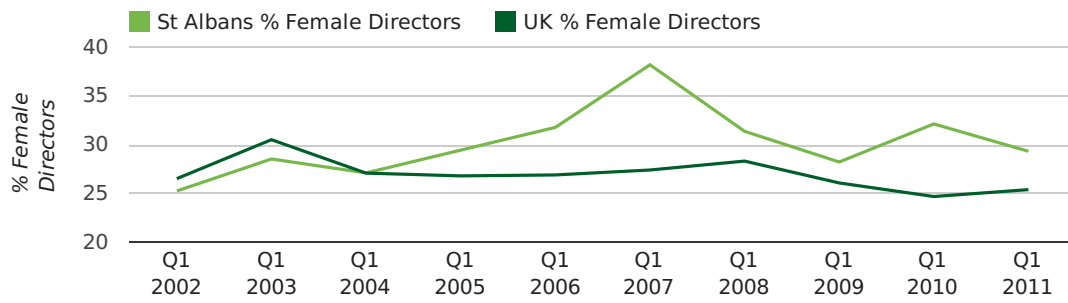


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

29.3% of all director appointments in St Albans 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	3.74%	CONSULTING	5.04%
CONSULTING	2.49%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
MANAGEMENT	1.87%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
ASSOCIATES	1.08%	PROPERTY	2.38%
CONSTRUCTION	1.02%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTANCY	0.96%	DESIGN	1.93%
MEDIA	0.91%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
DESIGN	0.85%	BUSINESS	1.87%
TRADING	0.68%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
J	0.68%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CONSULTANTS	0.68%	MEDIA	1.69%
ALBANS	0.57%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
GMA	0.57%	LONDON	1.60%
PROPERTY	0.51%	CARE	1.45%
ST	0.51%	J	1.45%
LONDON	0.51%	GLOBAL	1.44%
SYSTEMS	0.51%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
COMMUNICATIONS	0.45%	IT	1.41%
CARE	0.45%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
(ST	0.45%	BUILDING	1.34%
HERTS	0.45%	M	1.30%
FILMS	0.45%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
ALBANS)	0.45%	S	1.24%
INTERNATIONAL	0.40%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
S	0.40%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	400	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	180	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	122	30,253
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	109	16,150
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	66	7,788
7414 - Business & management consultancy	60	12,916
99999 - Dormant Company	55	18,336
86101 - Hospital activities	52	960
8511 - Hospital activities	51	807
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	47	10,246
9999 - Dormant Company	31	19,765
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	31	7,000
7260 - Other computer related activities	30	7,789
7499 - Non-trading company	26	11,316
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	19	10,085
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	18	6,183
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	17	3,436
62090 - Other information technology service activities	16	6,996
74990 - Non-trading company	16	8,695
86900 - Other human health activities	16	4,092