

Stockport

q1 2011 business confidence report



headlines

- Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Stockport when compared to any previous Q1.
- February 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Stockport when compared to any previous February.
- January 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Stockport when compared to any previous January.

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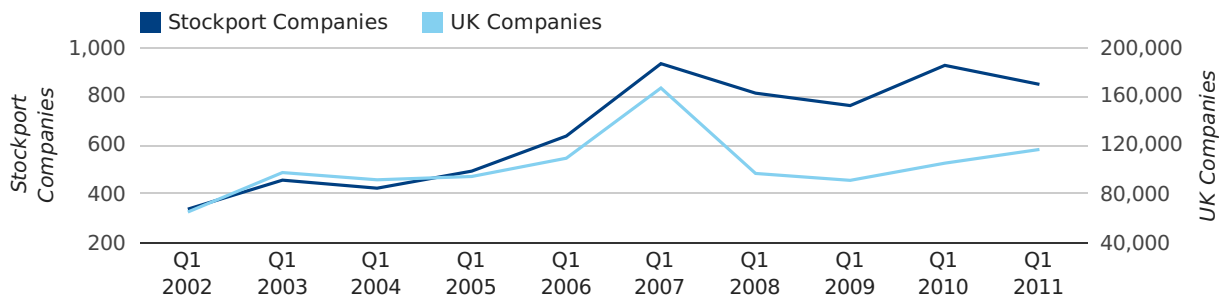
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 849 companies were registered in Stockport during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 8.4% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 10.7% against the same period last year.

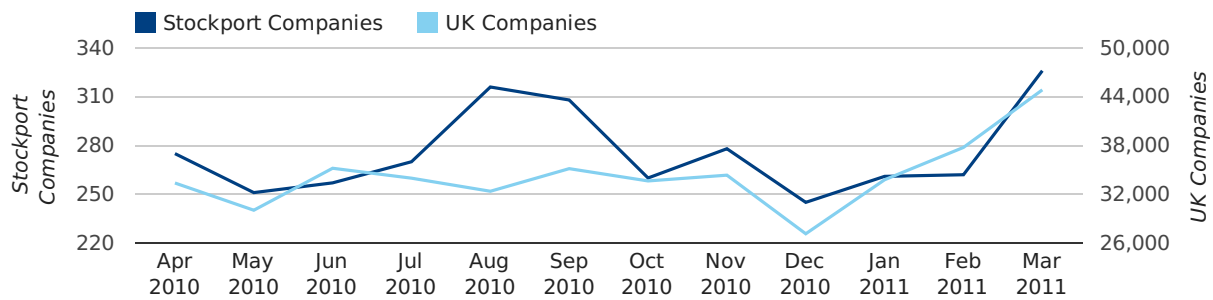
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	STOCKPORT	UK
2011	849	116,391
2010	927	105,137
% CHANGE	-8.4%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (934)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	261	262	326
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	315	296	316
% CHANGE	-17.1%	-11.5%	3.2%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (319)	2010 (296)	2007 (360)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

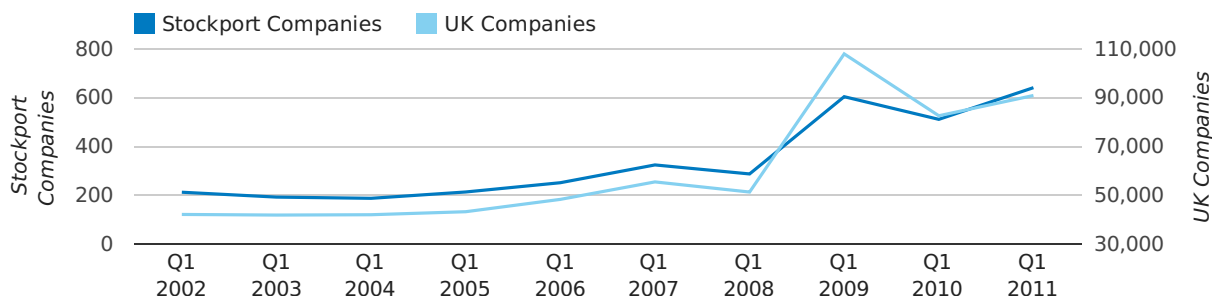
Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Stockport when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 642 companies were dissolved in Stockport during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 25.4% 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)	STOCKPORT	UK
2011	642	90,986
2010	512	82,677
% CHANGE	25.4%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (642)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter

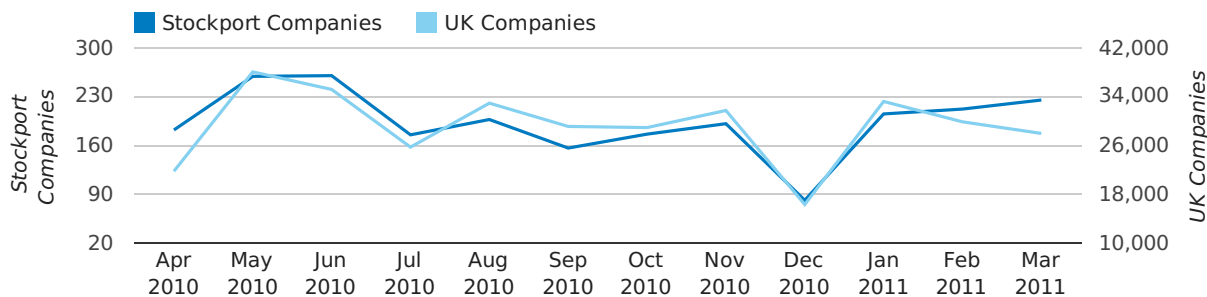


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	205	212	225
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	116	168	228
% CHANGE	76.7%	26.2%	-1%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (205)	2011 (212)	2009 (400)

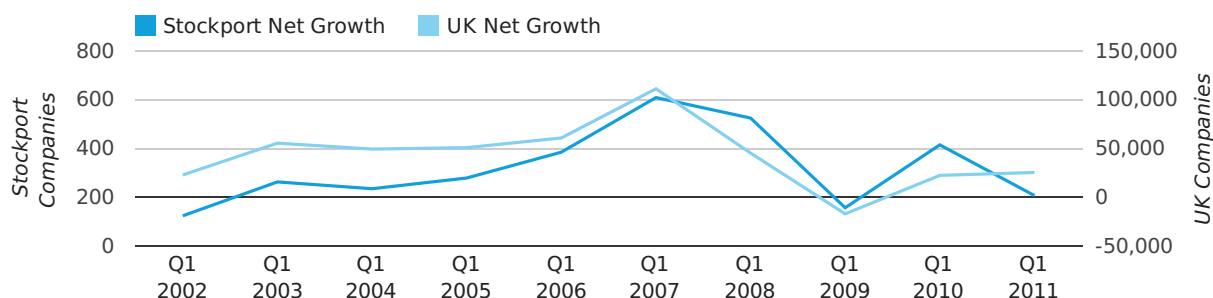
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Stockport during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 207 companies.

This represents a decrease of 50.1% on the same period last year.

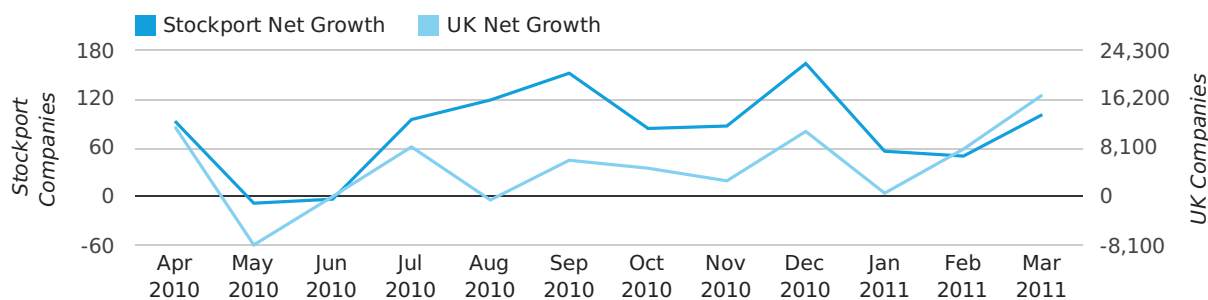
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	STOCKPORT	UK
2011	207	25,405
2010	415	22,460
% CHANGE	-50.1%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (609)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



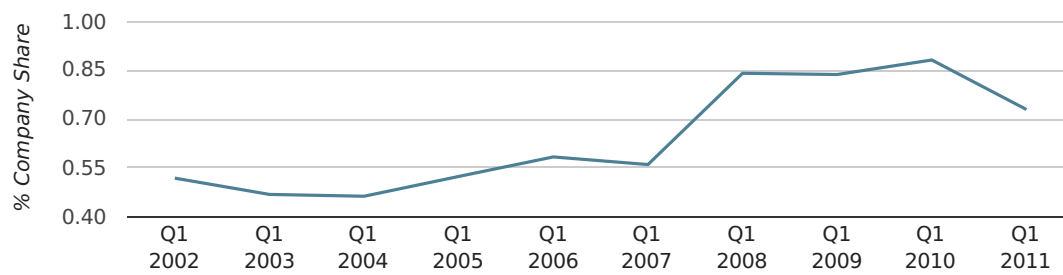
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	56	50	101
NET GROWTH IN 2010	199	128	88
% CHANGE	-71.9%	-60.9%	14.8%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (199)	2007 (196)	2007 (256)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Stockport formed 0.7% of all UK companies.

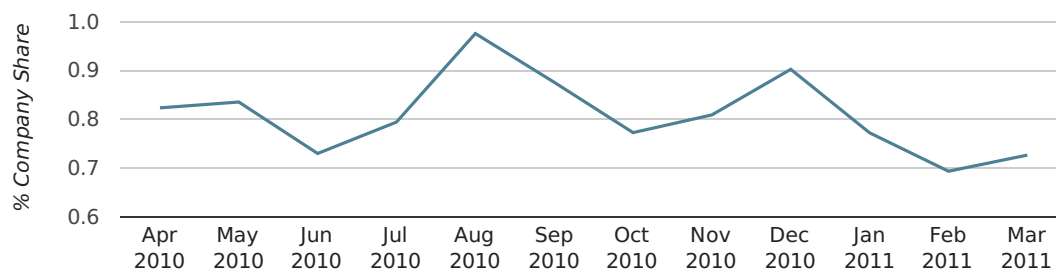
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	STOCKPORT
2011	0.7%
2010	0.9%
2009	0.8%
2008	0.8%
2007	0.6%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2010 (0.9%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.8%	0.7%	0.7%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	1.1%	0.9%	0.7%
% CHANGE	-28.5%	-22.1%	-1.6%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (1.1%)	2010 (0.9%)	2009 (0.8%)

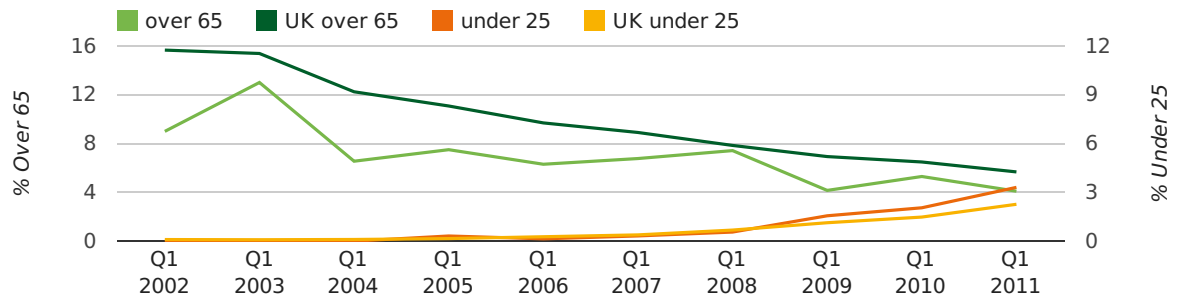
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 44.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

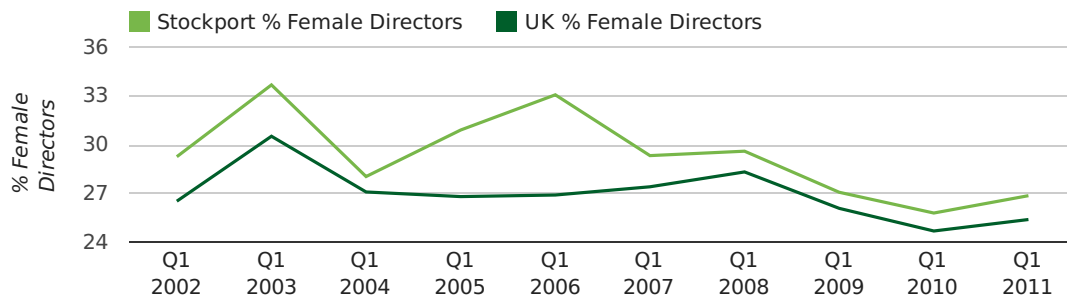


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

26.9% of all director appointments in Stockport 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
NORWAY	4.44%	CONSULTING	5.04%
CONSULTING	2.26%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
OG	1.97%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
INVEST	1.86%	PROPERTY	2.38%
MANAGEMENT	1.26%	TRADING	2.10%
SERVICE	1.17%	DESIGN	1.93%
DESIGN	0.87%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
MEDIA	0.83%	BUSINESS	1.87%
BYGG	0.81%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
TRANSPORT	0.76%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
PROPERTY	0.63%	MEDIA	1.69%
BUSINESS	0.63%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
TRADING	0.56%	LONDON	1.60%
CONSULTANCY	0.56%	CARE	1.45%
ASSOCIATES	0.52%	J	1.45%
STOCKPORT	0.52%	GLOBAL	1.44%
CHESHIRE	0.49%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
CONSTRUCTION	0.47%	IT	1.41%
IMPORT	0.45%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
IT	0.45%	BUILDING	1.34%
MARKETING	0.45%	M	1.30%
CONSULT	0.43%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
ENGINEERING	0.43%	S	1.24%
NORGE	0.40%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
INVESTMENTS	0.40%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,585	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	1,467	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	1,178	30,253
9999 - Dormant Company	132	19,765
99999 - Dormant Company	97	18,336
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	65	16,150
7414 - Business & management consultancy	57	12,916
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	56	10,085
74990 - Non-trading company	53	8,695
9305 - Other service activities	47	8,740
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	42	7,788
7499 - Non-trading company	41	11,316
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	33	10,246
7260 - Other computer related activities	33	7,789
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	29	6,183
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	25	7,000
41100 - Development of building projects	23	3,921
5530 - Restaurants	23	4,898
64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified	22	2,754
5263 - Other non-store retail sale	19	1,853