

Stockport

q3 2011 business confidence report



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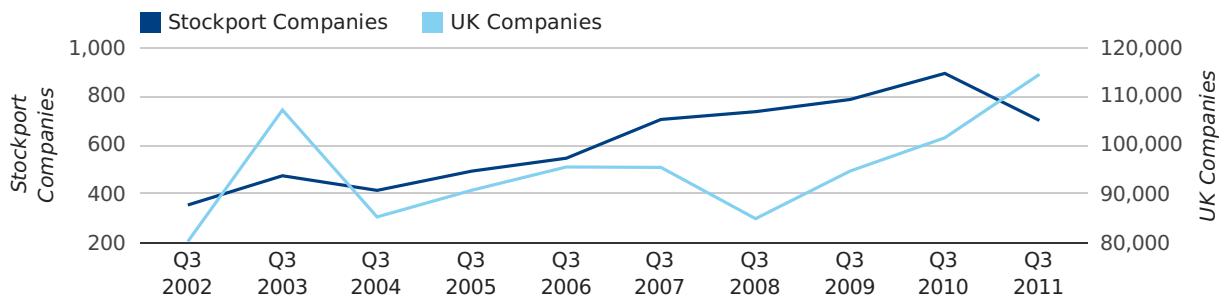
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 701 companies were registered in Stockport during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 21.6% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.8% against the same period last year.

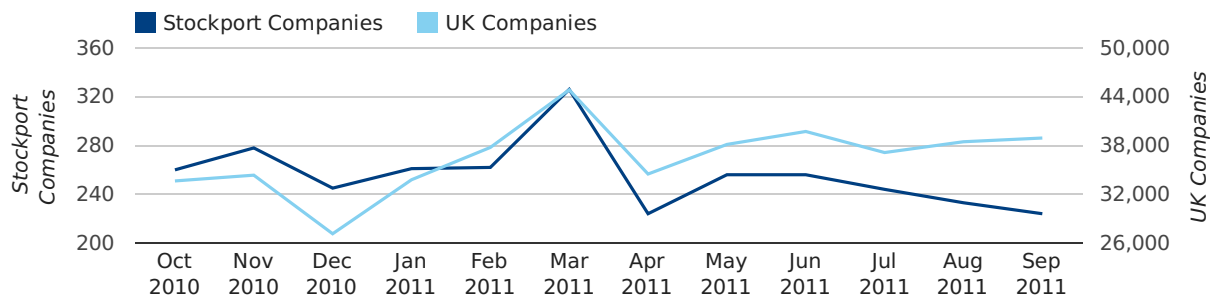
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	STOCKPORT	UK
2011	701	114,512
2010	894	101,492
% CHANGE	-21.6%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (894)	2011 (114,512)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

new companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	244	233	224
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	270	316	308
% CHANGE	-9.6%	-26.3%	-27.3%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (270)	2010 (316)	2009 (309)

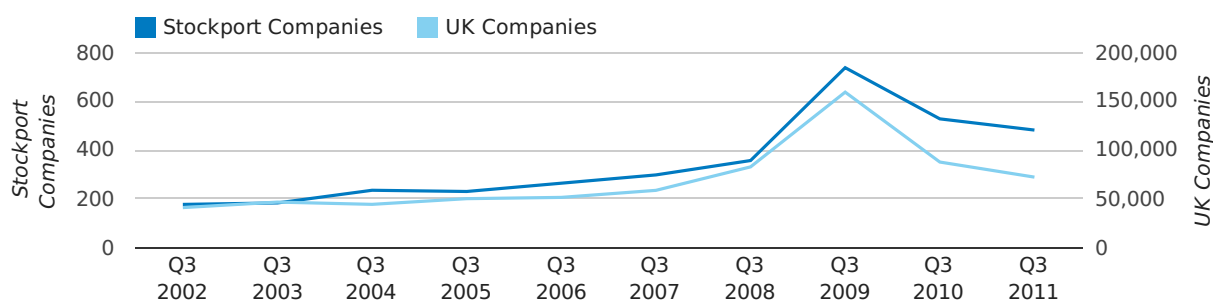
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 482 companies were dissolved in Stockport during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 8.7% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 17.6% against the same period last year.

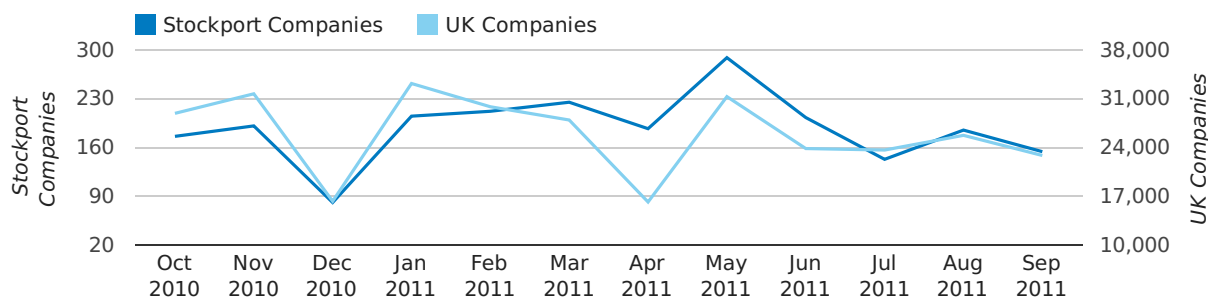
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	STOCKPORT	UK
2011	482	72,230
2010	528	87,705
% CHANGE	-8.7%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (738)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	143	185	154
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	175	197	156
% CHANGE	-18.3%	-6.1%	-1%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (175)	2008 (277)	2009 (405)

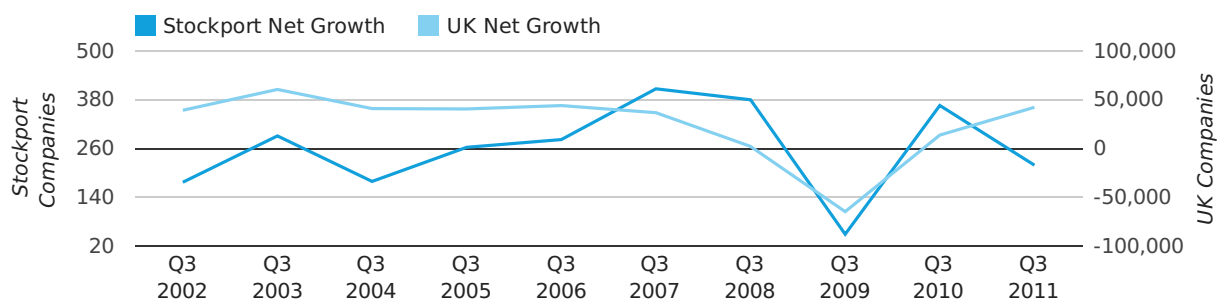
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Stockport during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 219 companies.

This represents a decrease of 40.2% on the same period last year.

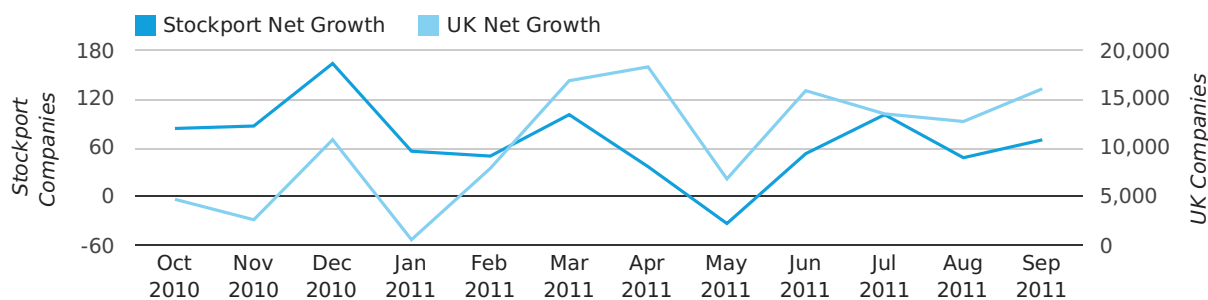
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	STOCKPORT	UK
2011	219	42,282
2010	366	13,787
% CHANGE	-40.2%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (407)	2003 (60,597)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

net growth by month



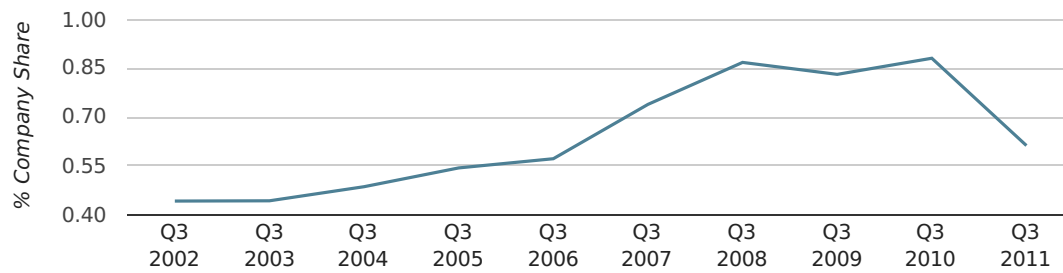
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	101	48	70
NET GROWTH IN 2010	95	119	152
% CHANGE	6.3%	-59.7%	-53.9%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (221)	2007 (140)	2008 (201)

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

In the third quarter of 2011, Stockport formed 0.6% of all UK companies.

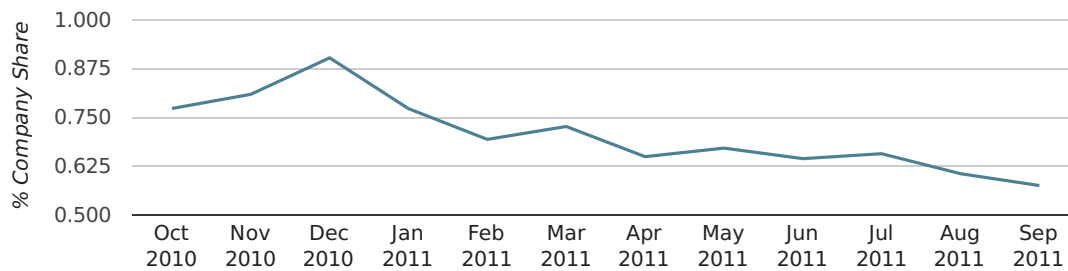
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	STOCKPORT
2011	0.6%
2010	0.9%
2009	0.8%
2008	0.9%
2007	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2010 (0.9%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.8%	1.0%	0.9%
% CHANGE	-17.3%	-37.9%	-34.3%
RECORD YEAR	1980 (0.8%)	1965 (1.2%)	1966 (1.0%)

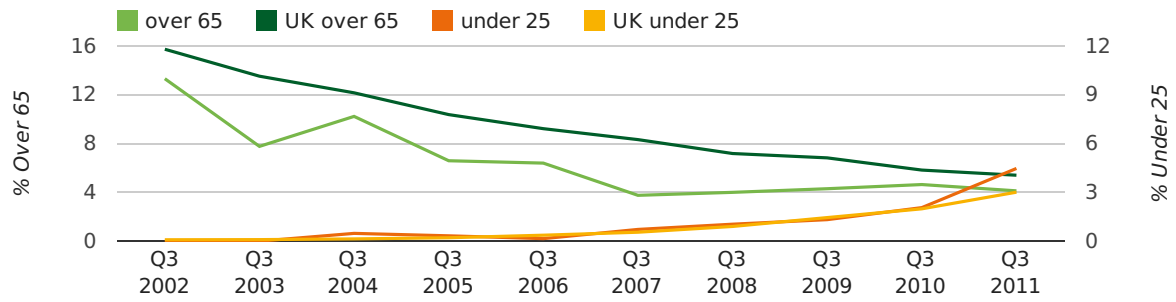
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 43.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

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

director age by quarter

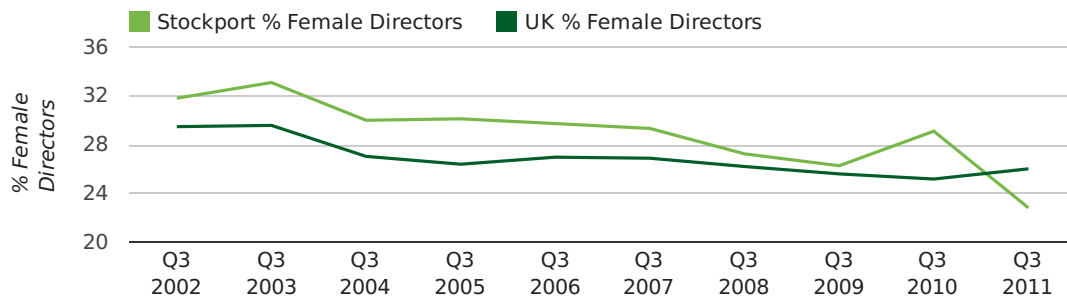


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The record third quarter for female directors in Stockport was in 1862 when 50.0% of all directors were female.

22.8% of all director appointments in Stockport in the third quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.0% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Sep 2010-Sep 2011)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
NORWAY	3.13%	CONSULTING	5.11%
OG	2.08%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
CONSULTING	2.05%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
MANAGEMENT	1.26%	PROPERTY	2.41%
INVEST	1.15%	TRADING	2.06%
SERVICE	1.00%	DESIGN	1.94%
MEDIA	1.00%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
TRANSPORT	0.74%	BUSINESS	1.82%
DESIGN	0.72%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
BUSINESS	0.62%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
BYGG	0.60%	MEDIA	1.72%
CONSULTANCY	0.55%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
TRADING	0.55%	LONDON	1.63%
NORDIC	0.55%	J	1.47%
ENGINEERING	0.55%	GLOBAL	1.46%
J	0.52%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
MARKETING	0.50%	CARE	1.42%
CONSTRUCTION	0.48%	IT	1.38%
CONSULT	0.45%	BUILDING	1.30%
NORGE	0.43%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
CHESHIRE	0.41%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
GLOBAL	0.41%	M	1.25%
PROPERTY	0.38%	ENERGY	1.22%
BUILDING	0.36%	TRAINING	1.21%
IMPORT	0.36%	S	1.21%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
7487 - Other business activities	1,724	65,177
None Supplied	1,637	204,493
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	1,192	29,245
9999 - Dormant Company	116	22,587
99999 - Dormant Company	90	18,281
7414 - Business & management consultancy	64	14,755
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	63	15,760
74990 - Non-trading company	51	8,064
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	49	10,018
9305 - Other service activities	45	10,525
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	41	10,137
7260 - Other computer related activities	38	8,686
7499 - Non-trading company	37	11,543
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	37	7,551
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	31	8,345
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	27	6,321
5530 - Restaurants	26	5,640
41100 - Development of building projects	25	3,697
64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified	22	2,625
7450 - Labour recruitment	19	2,129