

Stourbridge

q1 2011 business confidence report



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

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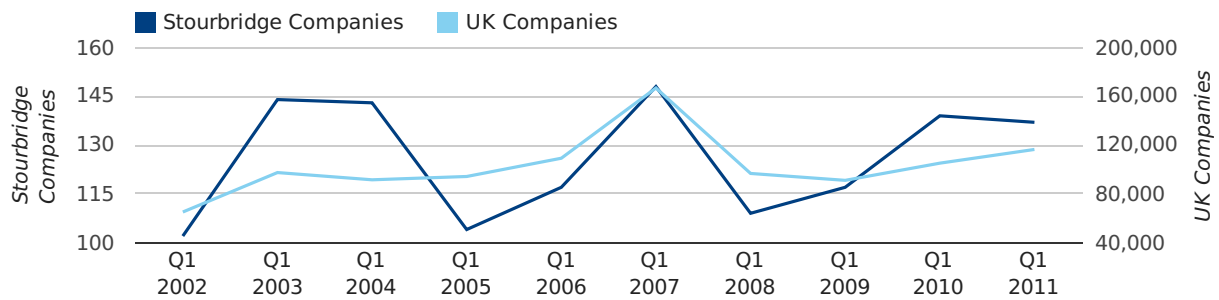
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 137 companies were registered in Stourbridge during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 1.4% 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.

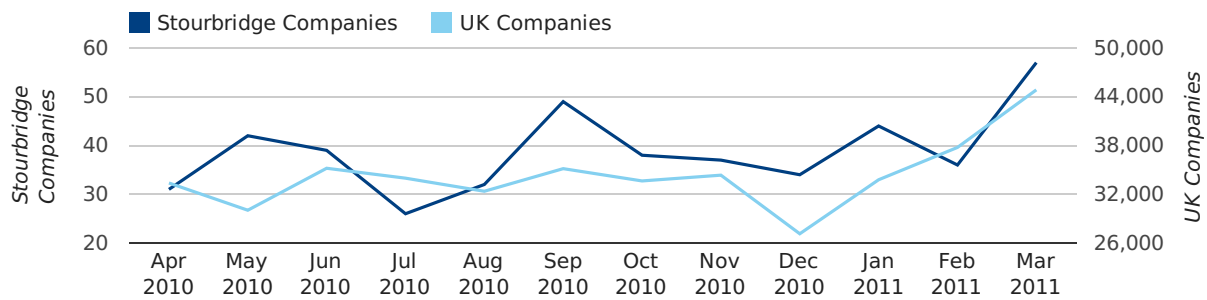
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2011	137	116,391
2010	139	105,137
% CHANGE	-1.4%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (148)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	44	36	57
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	36	41	62
% CHANGE	22.2%	-12.2%	-8.1%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (45)	2003 (51)	2010 (62)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 96 companies were dissolved in Stourbridge during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 7.7% 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)	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2011	96	90,986
2010	104	82,677
% CHANGE	-7.7%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (113)	2009 (108,060)

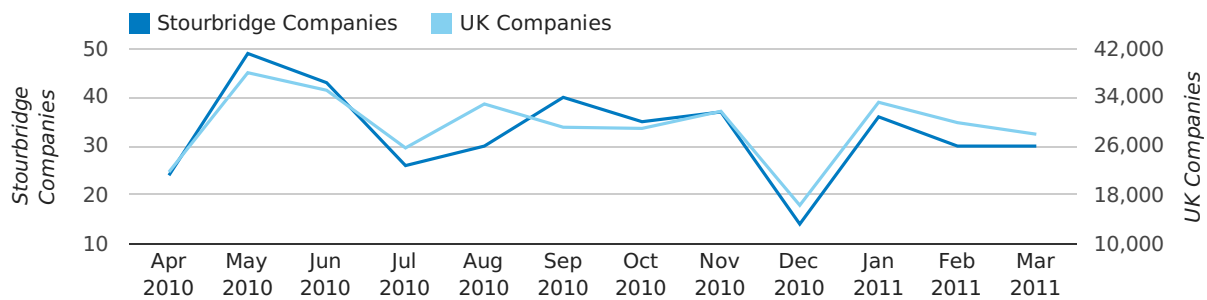
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	36	30	30
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	18	38	48
% CHANGE	100.0%	-21.1%	-38%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (36)	2010 (38)	2009 (64)

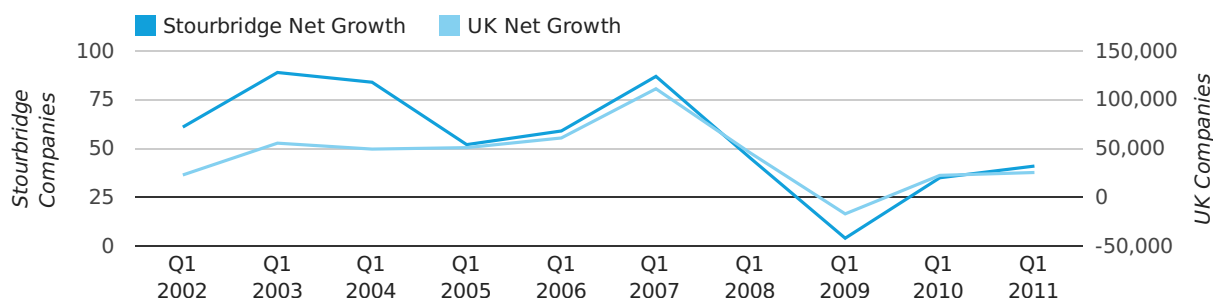
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

This represents an increase of 17.1% on the same period last year.

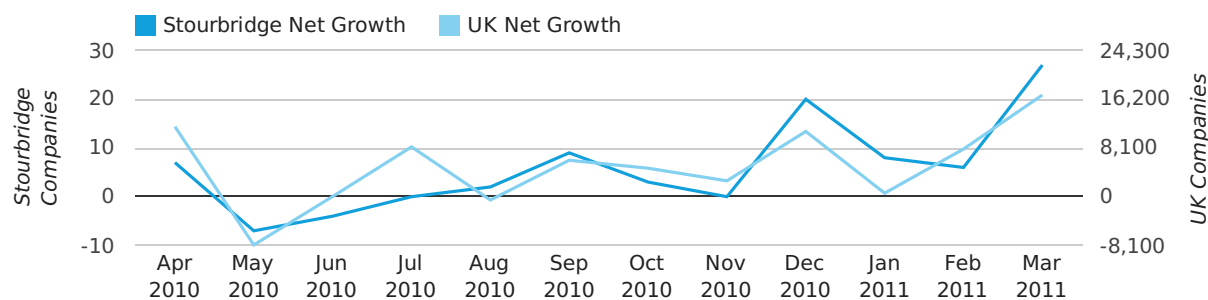
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2011	41	25,405
2010	35	22,460
% CHANGE	17.1%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (89)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



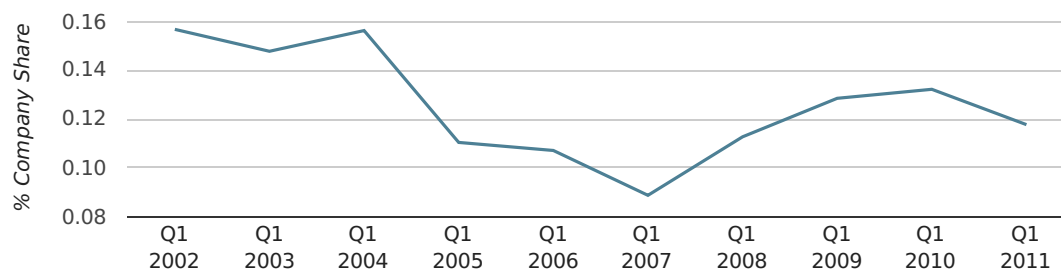
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	8	6	27
NET GROWTH IN 2010	18	3	14
% CHANGE	-55.6%	100.0%	92.9%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (28)	2003 (38)	2007 (43)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

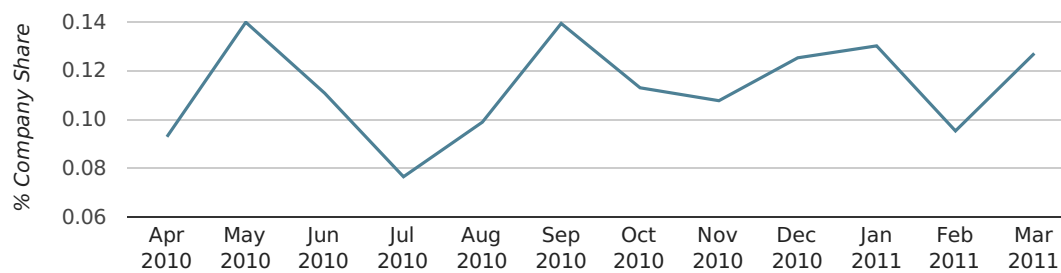
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	STOURBRIDGE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (0.3%)

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%	0.1%
% CHANGE	5.4%	-22.8%	-12.3%
RECORD YEAR	1964 (0.6%)	1965 (0.4%)	1963 (0.4%)

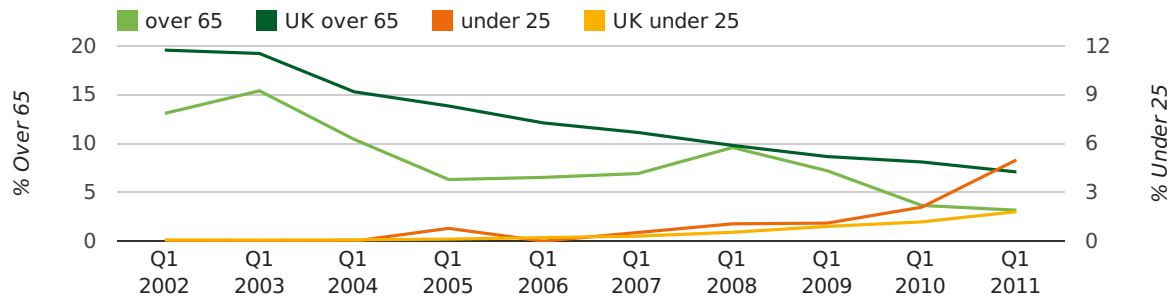
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 45.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

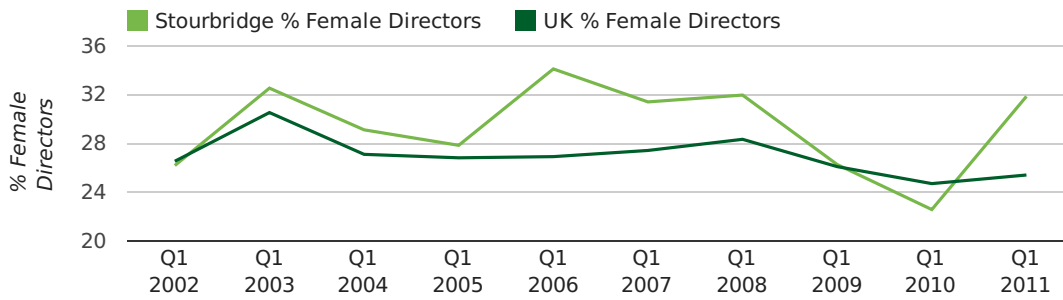


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

31.9% of all director appointments in Stourbridge 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
MANAGEMENT	2.21%	CONSULTING	5.04%
DEVELOPMENTS	1.11%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
CARE	0.86%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
CONSULTING	0.86%	PROPERTY	2.38%
J	0.74%	TRADING	2.10%
TRADING	0.74%	DESIGN	1.93%
CONSTRUCTION	0.74%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
FINANCIAL	0.74%	BUSINESS	1.87%
INTERIORS	0.74%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
CONSULTANCY	0.74%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
MIDLANDS	0.74%	MEDIA	1.69%
PROPERTIES	0.62%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
(MIDLANDS)	0.62%	LONDON	1.60%
D	0.62%	CARE	1.45%
IT	0.62%	J	1.45%
DESIGN	0.62%	GLOBAL	1.44%
STOURBRIDGE	0.49%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
ENGINEERING	0.49%	IT	1.41%
SUPPLIES	0.49%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
R	0.49%	BUILDING	1.34%
ENTERPRISES	0.49%	M	1.30%
C	0.49%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
S	0.49%	S	1.24%
TAYLOR	0.49%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
BUILDING	0.49%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	211	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	74	60,968
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	29	7,788
9999 - Dormant Company	25	19,765
74990 - Non-trading company	21	8,695
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	19	30,253
7499 - Non-trading company	19	11,316
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	15	16,150
6024 - Freight transport by road	12	2,299
7414 - Business & management consultancy	12	12,916
99999 - Dormant Company	12	18,336
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	10	10,246
32990 - Other manufacturing not elsewhere classified	9	1,484
41100 - Development of building projects	8	3,921
7260 - Other computer related activities	7	7,789
43210 - Electrical installation	7	3,172
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	7	10,085
9305 - Other service activities	7	8,740
62090 - Other information technology service activities	7	6,996
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	6	6,183