Swansea

q3 2011 business confidence report



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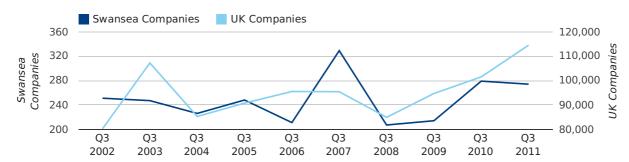
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A total of 274 companies were registered in Swansea during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 1.8% 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.

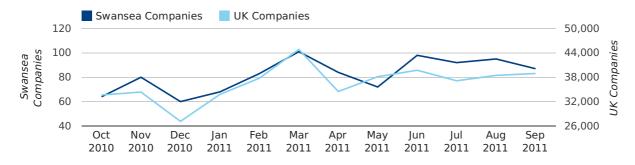
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	SWANSEA	UK
2011	274	114,512
2010	279	101,492
% CHANGE	-1.8%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (329)	2011 (114,512)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

new companies by month



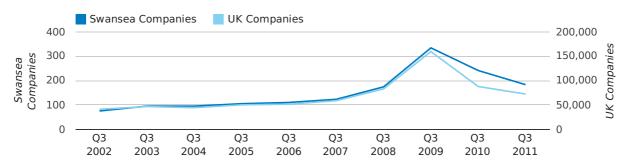
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	92	95	87
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	93	73	113
% CHANGE	-1.1%	30.1%	-23.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (96)	2007 (171)	2010 (113)

A total of 183 companies were dissolved in Swansea during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 24.1% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 17.6% against the same period last year.

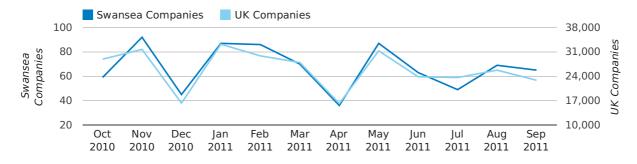
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	SWANSEA	UK
2011	183	72,230
2010	241	87,705
% CHANGE	-24.1%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (334)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



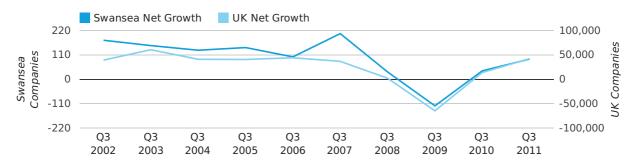
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	49	69	65
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	83	92	66
% CHANGE	-41.0%	-25.0%	-2%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (83)	2008 (134)	2009 (140)

Net company growth for Swansea during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 91 companies.

This represents an increase of 139.5% on the same period last year.

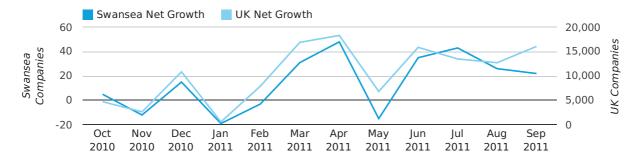
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	SWANSEA	UK
2011	91	42,282
2010	38	13,787
% CHANGE	139.5%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (206)	2003 (60,597)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

net growth by month

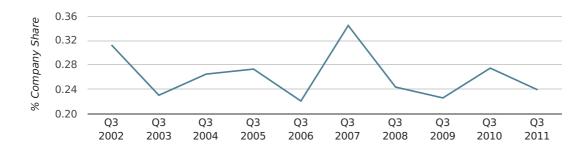


	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	43	26	22
NET GROWTH IN 2010	10	-19	47
% CHANGE	330.0%	-236.8%	-53.2%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (67)	2007 (129)	2002 (78)

In the third quarter of 2011, Swansea formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

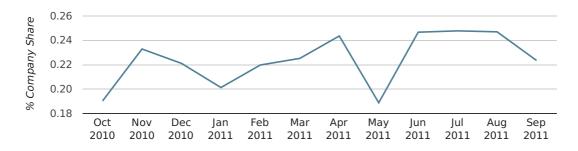
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	SWANSEA
2011	0.2%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1964 (0.5%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



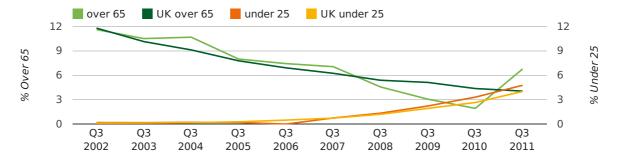
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.3%	0.2%	0.3%
% CHANGE	-9.5%	9.5%	-30.5%
RECORD YEAR	1964 (1.1%)	1969 (0.9%)	1962 (0.4%)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 44.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter



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

26.2% of all director appointments in Swansea 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
SWANSEA	2.17%	CONSULTING	5.11%
(SWANSEA)	1.21%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
MANAGEMENT	1.15%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
ELECTRICAL	1.02%	PROPERTY	2.41%
GOWER	0.83%	TRADING	2.06%
CONSTRUCTION	0.77%	DESIGN	1.94%
TRAINING	0.77%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
PROPERTY	0.70%	BUSINESS	1.82%
(WALES)	0.70%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
SYSTEMS	0.70%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
ENERGY	0.64%	MEDIA	1.72%
SOUTH	0.64%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
CONSULTING	0.64%	LONDON	1.63%
ENGINEERING	0.64%	J	1.47%
CONSULTANCY	0.58%	GLOBAL	1.46%
ASSOCIATES	0.58%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
WALES	0.58%	CARE	1.42%
GLOBAL	0.58%	IT	1.38%
BAR	0.51%	BUILDING	1.30%
SECURITY	0.51%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
R	0.51%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
SOLAR	0.51%	М	1.25%
MAINTENANCE	0.51%	ENERGY	1.22%
CATERING	0.51%	TRAINING	1.21%
HOLDINGS	0.51%	S	1.21%

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	562	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	112	65,177
9999 - Dormant Company	55	22,587
99999 - Dormant Company	49	18,281
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	39	29,245
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	23	10,018
9305 - Other service activities	22	10,525
7260 - Other computer related activities	21	8,686
5530 - Restaurants	20	5,640
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	18	6,321
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	17	15,760
5540 - Bars	15	2,379
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	15	10,137
7414 - Business & management consultancy	14	14,755
62090 - Other information technology service activities	14	6,798
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	13	7,551
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	12	8,345
41100 - Development of building projects	12	3,697
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	12	3,271
85590 - Other education not elsewhere classified	12	2,032