

Taunton

q1 2011 business confidence report



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

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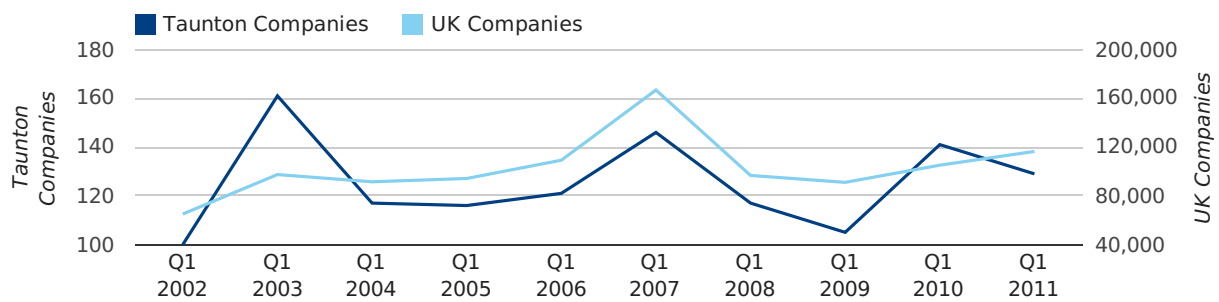
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 129 companies were registered in Taunton during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 8.5% 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.

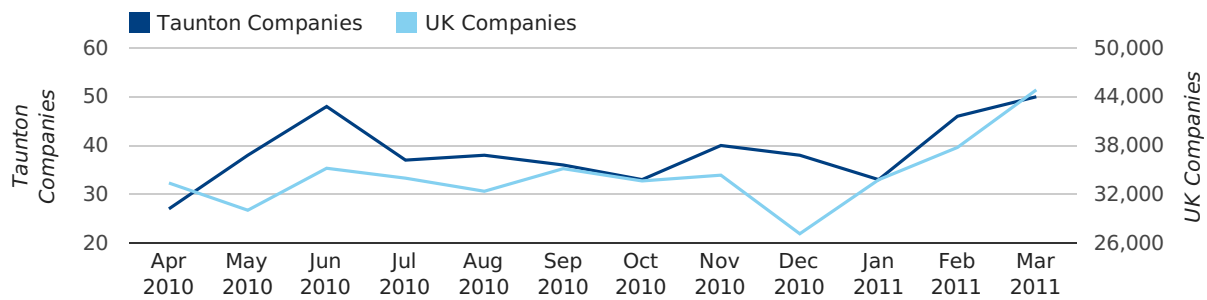
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	TAUNTON	UK
2011	129	116,391
2010	141	105,137
% CHANGE	-8.5%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (161)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	33	46	50
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	29	39	73
% CHANGE	13.8%	17.9%	-31.5%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (48)	2003 (57)	2010 (73)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

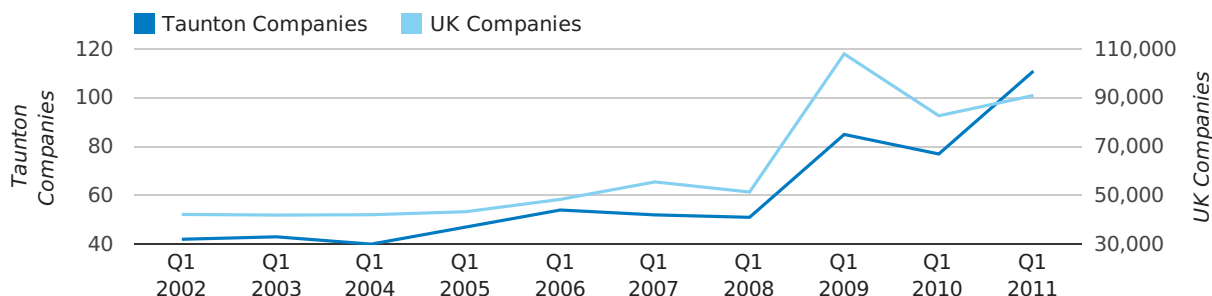
Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Taunton when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 111 companies were dissolved in Taunton during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 44.2% 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)	TAUNTON	UK
2011	111	90,986
2010	77	82,677
% CHANGE	44.2%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (111)	2009 (108,060)

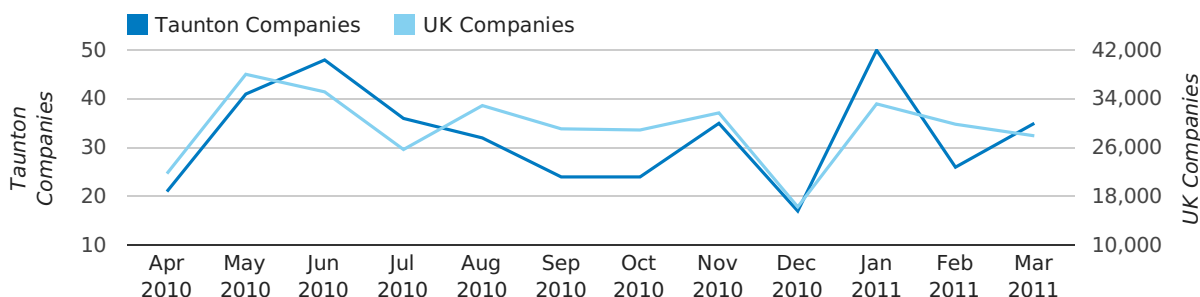
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	50	26	35
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	22	26	29
% CHANGE	127.3%	0.0%	21%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (50)	2008 (31)	2009 (53)

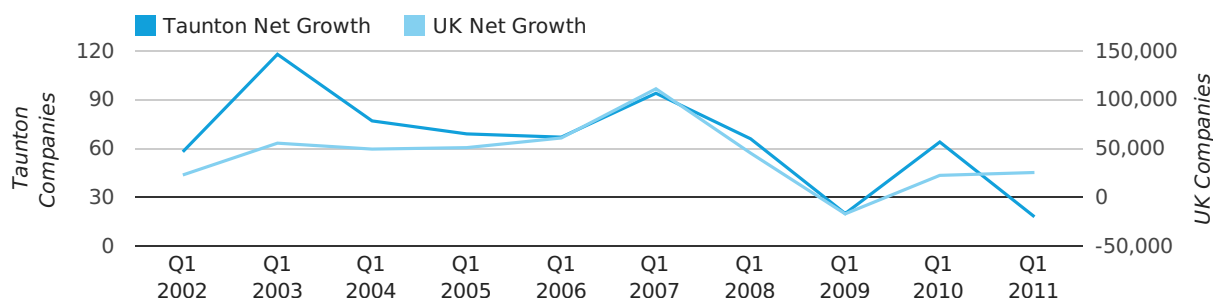
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Taunton during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 18 companies.

This represents a decrease of 71.9% on the same period last year.

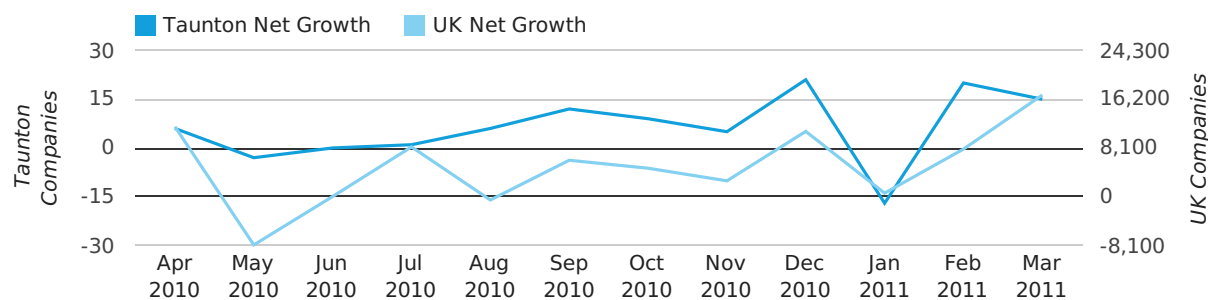
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	TAUNTON	UK
2011	18	25,405
2010	64	22,460
% CHANGE	-71.9%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (118)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



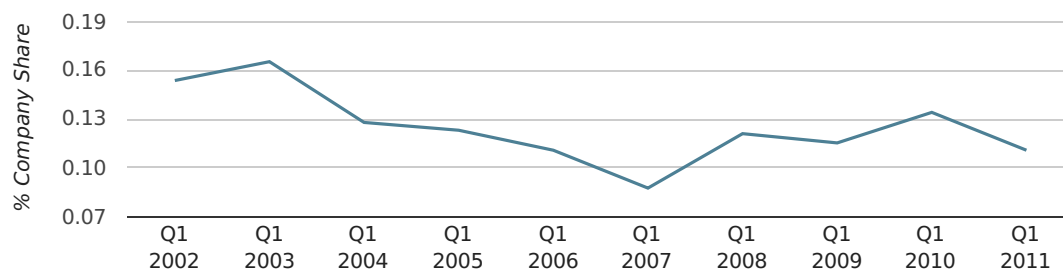
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-17	20	15
NET GROWTH IN 2010	7	13	44
% CHANGE	-342.9%	53.8%	-65.9%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (29)	2003 (45)	2007 (60)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

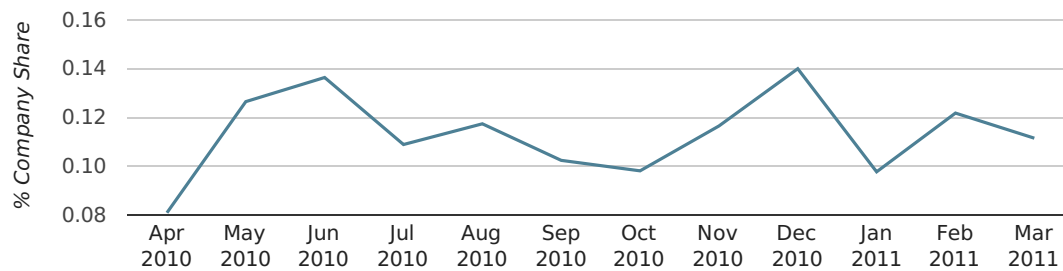
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	TAUNTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.3%)

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%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-1.8%	3.7%	-34.6%
RECORD YEAR	1965 (0.5%)	1961 (0.4%)	1968 (0.4%)

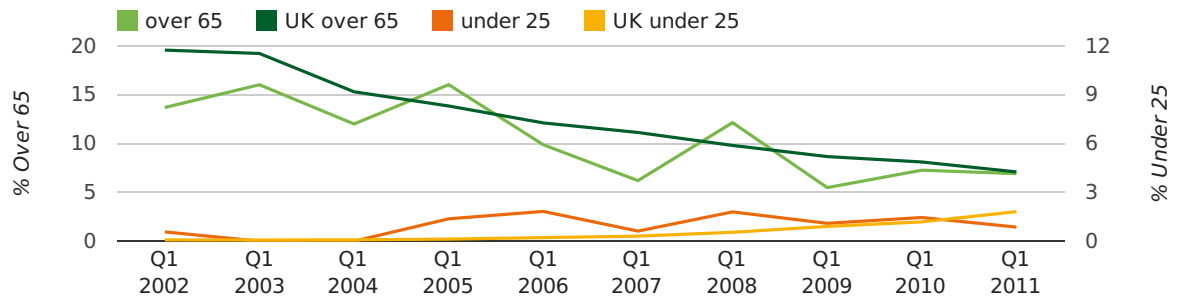
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 48.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 0.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

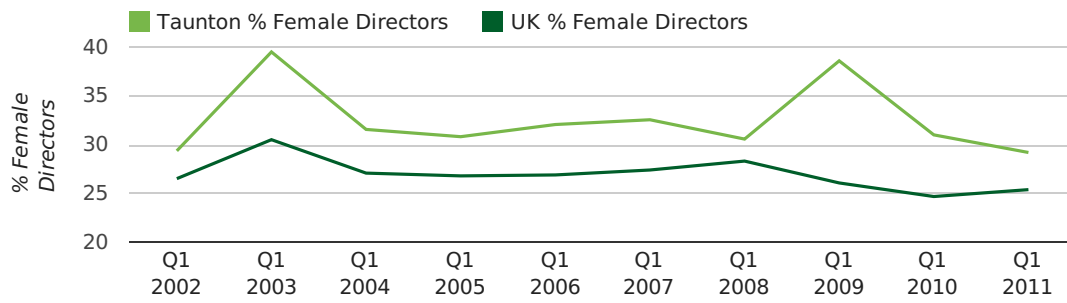


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

29.2% of all director appointments in Taunton 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	2.22%	CONSULTING	5.04%
PROPERTY	1.05%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
(SOUTH	0.94%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
WEST	0.94%	PROPERTY	2.38%
SOMERSET	0.94%	TRADING	2.10%
WEST)	0.82%	DESIGN	1.93%
HOMES	0.82%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
CONSULTING	0.70%	BUSINESS	1.87%
CONSULTANTS	0.70%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
TAUNTON	0.70%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
SOUTH	0.70%	MEDIA	1.69%
(Sw)	0.70%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
MEDIA	0.59%	LONDON	1.60%
TRAINING	0.59%	CARE	1.45%
CONSULTANCY	0.59%	J	1.45%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.59%	GLOBAL	1.44%
SYSTEMS	0.59%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
DESIGN	0.59%	IT	1.41%
M	0.59%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
C	0.47%	BUILDING	1.34%
FINANCIAL	0.47%	M	1.30%
HOLDINGS	0.47%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
BLUE	0.47%	S	1.24%
S	0.47%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
PARKER	0.47%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	140	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	43	60,968
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	29	16,150
9999 - Dormant Company	29	19,765
7414 - Business & management consultancy	27	12,916
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	24	30,253
99999 - Dormant Company	23	18,336
86900 - Other human health activities	16	4,092
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	16	6,183
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	16	7,788
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	14	10,246
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	12	3,220
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	12	2,707
41100 - Development of building projects	11	3,921
7011 - Development & sell real estate	10	2,654
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	9	3,436
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	9	3,895
9305 - Other service activities	8	8,740
98000 - Residents property management	7	3,154
4533 - Plumbing	7	1,451