

# Taunton

2011 half year business confidence report



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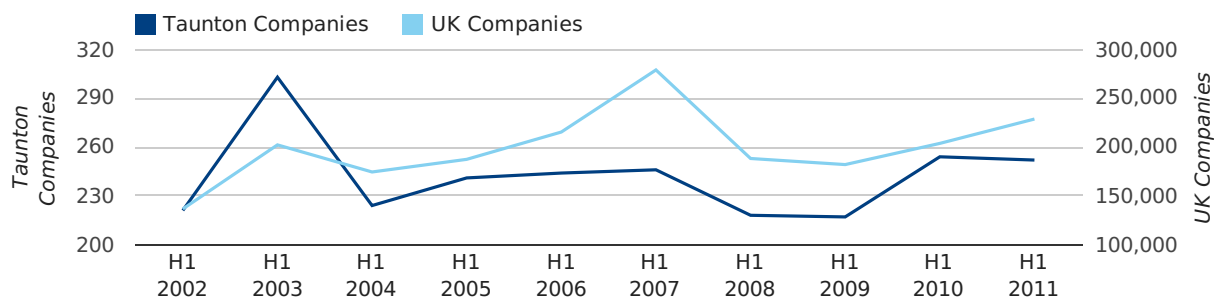
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 252 companies were formed in Taunton. This figure is 0.8% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Taunton occurred in 2003 when a total of 303 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | TAUNTON    | UK             |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011                | 252        | 228,735        |
| 2010                | 254        | 203,749        |
| % CHANGE            | -0.8%      | 12.3%          |
| RECORD YEAR         | 2003 (303) | 2007 (279,097) |

### new companies by half year



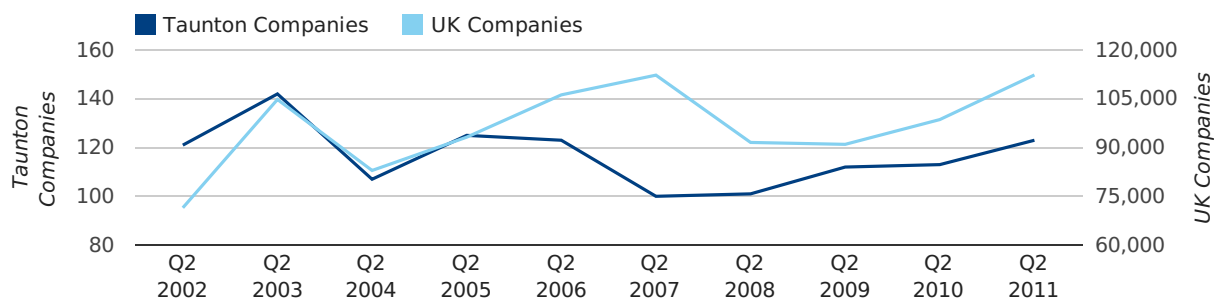
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 123 companies were registered in Taunton during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 8.8% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares equally to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | TAUNTON    | UK             |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011                                 | 123        | 112,344        |
| 2010                                 | 113        | 98,612         |
| % CHANGE                             | 8.8%       | 13.9%          |
| RECORD YEAR                          | 2003 (142) | 2011 (112,344) |

### new companies by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

## new companies by month



|                       | APRIL     | MAY       | JUNE      |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 52        | 36        | 35        |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2010 | 27        | 38        | 48        |
| % CHANGE              | 92.6%     | -5.3%     | -27.1%    |
| RECORD YEAR           | 2003 (55) | 2003 (47) | 2010 (48) |

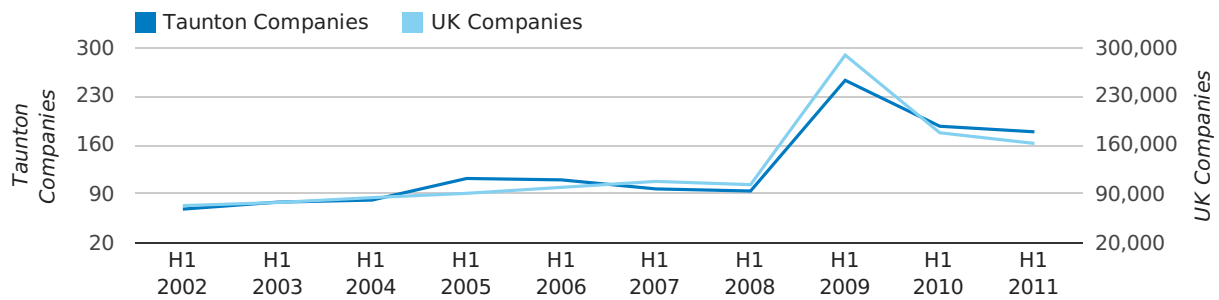
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 179 companies were dissolved in Taunton. This figure is 4.3% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Taunton occurred in 2009 when a total of 253 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | TAUNTON    | UK             |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011                | 179        | 162,310        |
| 2010                | 187        | 177,631        |
| % CHANGE            | -4.3%      | -8.6%          |
| RECORD YEAR         | 2009 (253) | 2009 (289,236) |

### dissolved companies by half year



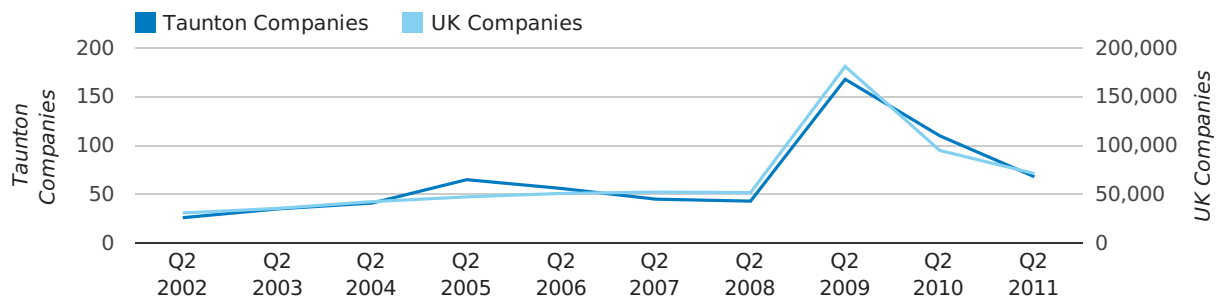
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 68 companies were dissolved in Taunton during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 38.2% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

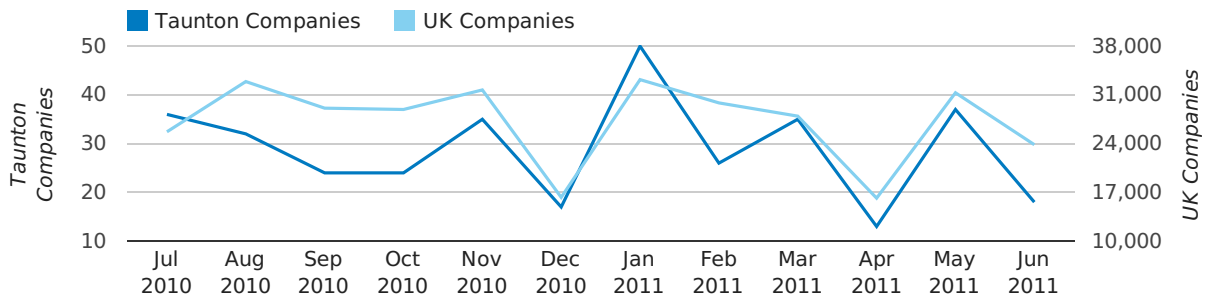
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | TAUNTON    | UK             |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011                                 | 68         | 71,324         |
| 2010                                 | 110        | 94,954         |
| % CHANGE                             | -38.2%     | -24.9%         |
| RECORD YEAR                          | 2009 (168) | 2009 (181,176) |

### dissolved companies by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

## dissolved companies by month



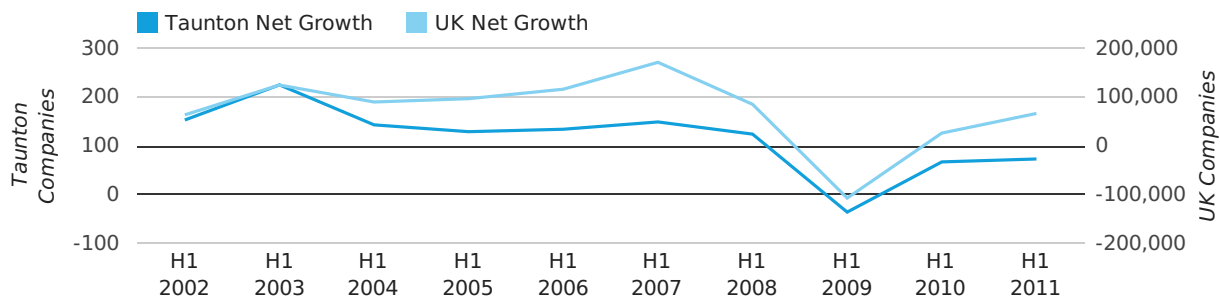
|                          | APRIL     | MAY       | JUNE      |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 13        | 37        | 18        |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010 | 21        | 41        | 48        |
| % CHANGE                 | -38.1%    | -9.8%     | -63%      |
| RECORD YEAR              | 2009 (39) | 2009 (74) | 2009 (55) |

### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Taunton increased by 73 companies. This figure is 9.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | TAUNTON    | UK             |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011                | 73         | 66,425         |
| 2010                | 67         | 26,118         |
| % CHANGE            | 9.0%       | 154.3%         |
| RECORD YEAR         | 2003 (225) | 2007 (171,296) |

### net growth by half year



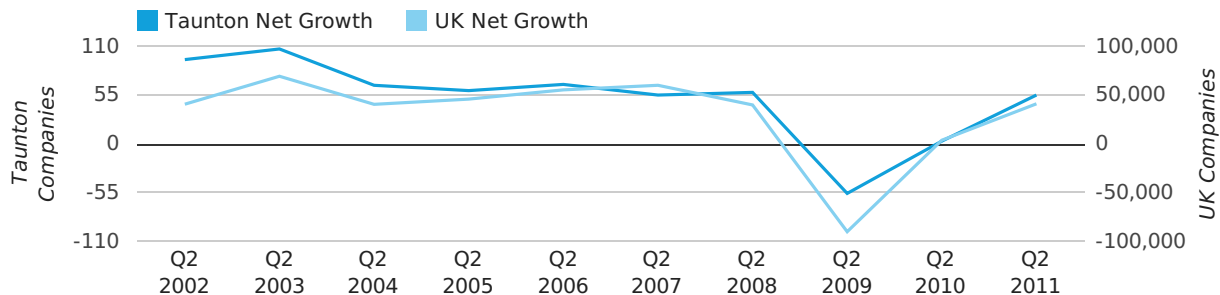
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Taunton during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 55 companies.

This represents an increase of 1,733.3% on the same period last year.

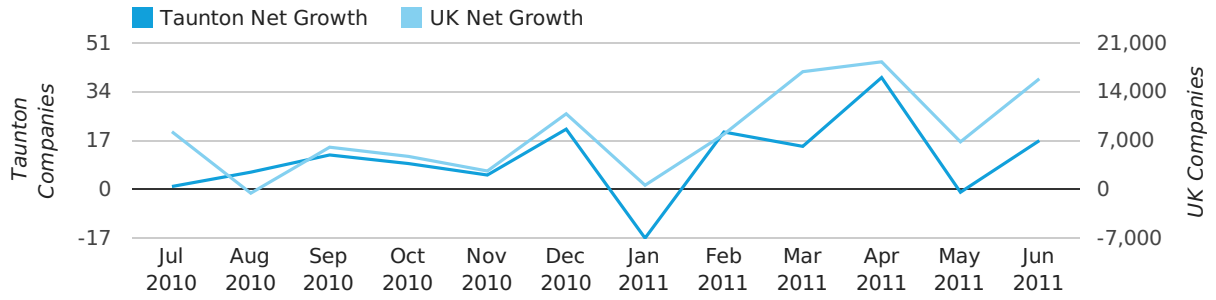
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | TAUNTON    | UK            |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 2011                                 | 55         | 41,020        |
| 2010                                 | 3          | 3,658         |
| % CHANGE                             | 1,733.3%   | 1,021.4%      |
| RECORD YEAR                          | 2003 (107) | 2003 (69,274) |

### net growth by quarter



# Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

## net growth by month



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|                    | APRIL     | MAY       | JUNE      |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 39        | -1        | 17        |
| NET GROWTH IN 2010 | 6         | -3        | 0         |
| % CHANGE           | 550.0%    | -66.7%    | 0.0%      |
| RECORD YEAR        | 2003 (46) | 2003 (38) | 2002 (33) |

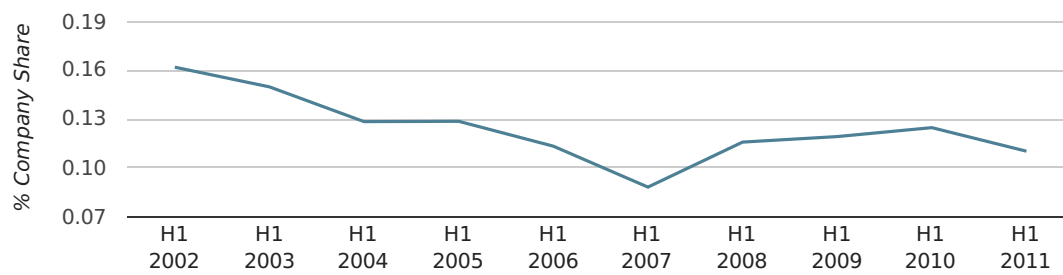


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Taunton formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)      | TAUNTON     |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2011                     | 0.1%        |
| 2010                     | 0.1%        |
| 2009                     | 0.1%        |
| 2008                     | 0.1%        |
| 2007                     | 0.1%        |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1965 (0.2%) |

#### company share by half year

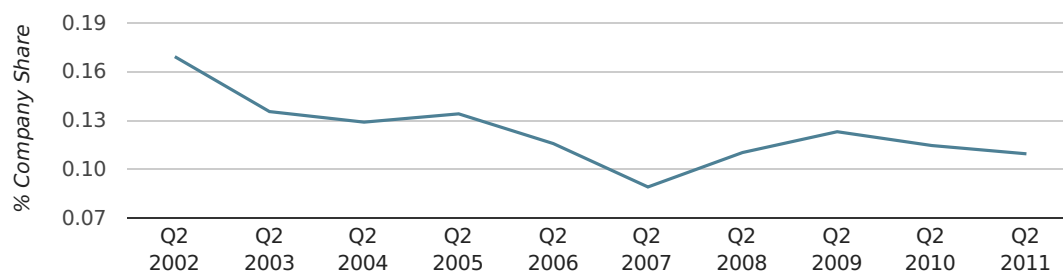


### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

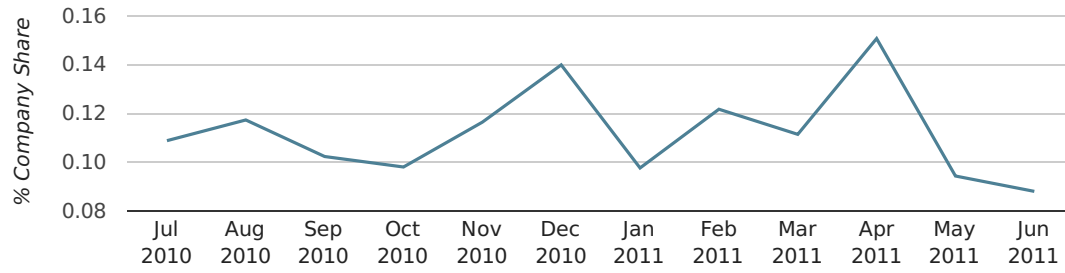
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | TAUNTON     |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2011                                 | 0.1%        |
| 2010                                 | 0.1%        |
| 2009                                 | 0.1%        |
| 2008                                 | 0.1%        |
| 2007                                 | 0.1%        |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)             | 1966 (0.3%) |

#### company share by quarter



## Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

### company share by month



|                            | APRIL       | MAY         | JUNE        |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.2%        | 0.1%        | 0.1%        |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010 | 0.1%        | 0.1%        | 0.1%        |
| % CHANGE                   | 86.4%       | -25.4%      | -35.4%      |
| RECORD YEAR                | 1962 (0.4%) | 1966 (0.4%) | 1969 (0.4%) |

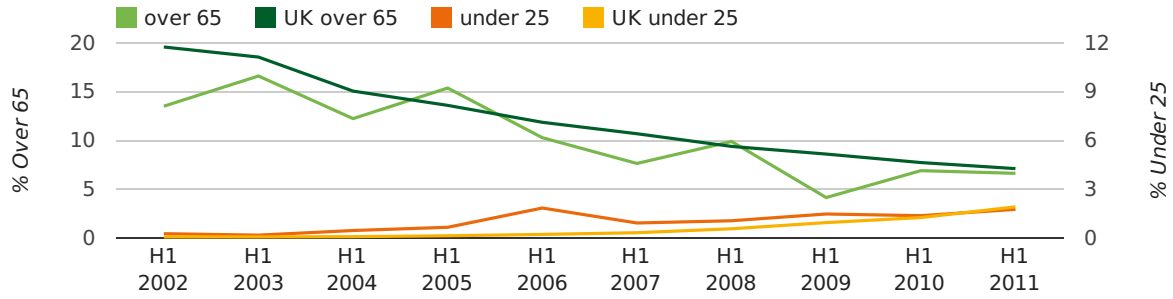
### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 47.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

#### director age by half year



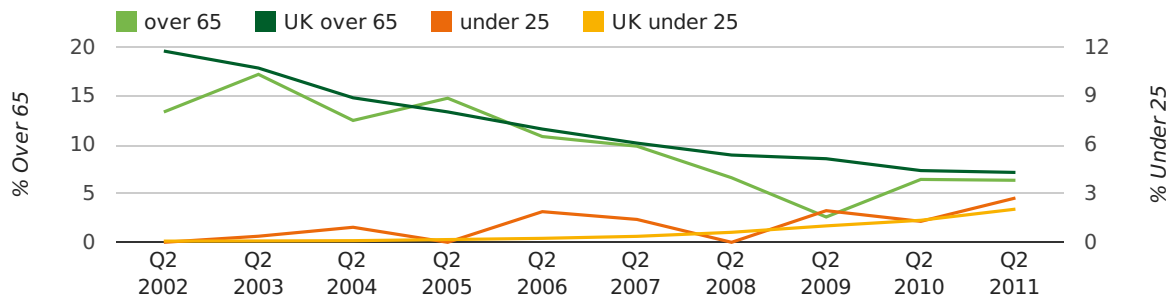
### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 46.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

#### director age by quarter

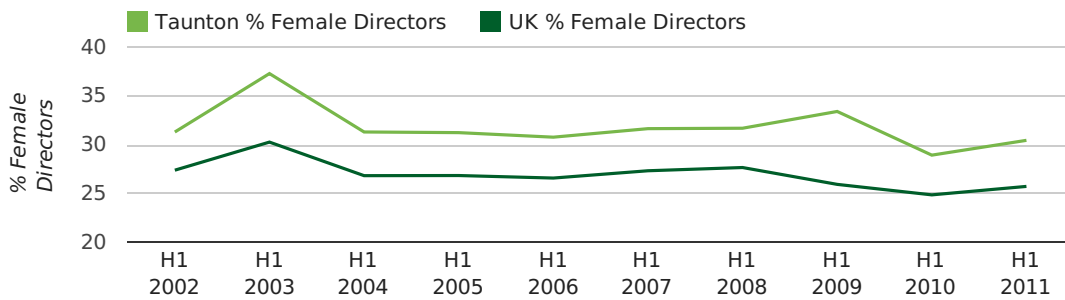


### Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

30.5% of all director appointments in Taunton in the first half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

#### director gender by half year

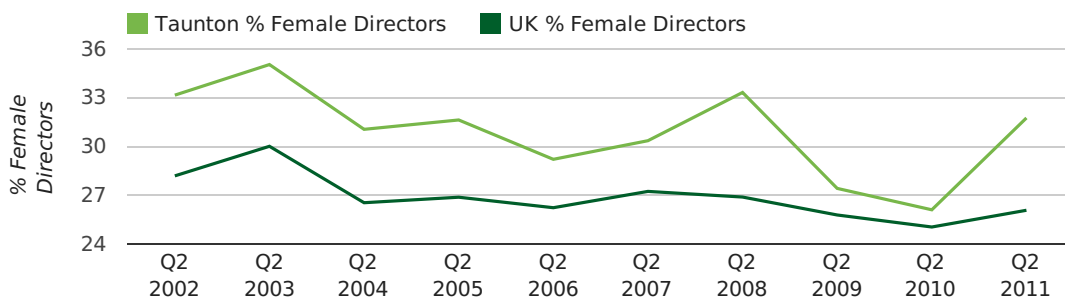


### Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The record second quarter for female directors in Taunton was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

31.8% of all director appointments in Taunton in the second quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.1% for the same period.

#### director gender by quarter



## Previous 12 months (Jun 2010-Jun 2011)

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

| WORD         | PERCENTAGE | UK WORD      | UK PERCENTAGE |
|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| MANAGEMENT   | 1.83%      | CONSULTING   | 5.09%         |
| PROPERTY     | 0.92%      | MANAGEMENT   | 4.86%         |
| ASSOCIATES   | 0.92%      | CONSULTANCY  | 3.17%         |
| WEST         | 0.92%      | PROPERTY     | 2.43%         |
| CONSULTANTS  | 0.80%      | TRADING      | 2.05%         |
| MEDIA        | 0.80%      | DESIGN       | 1.94%         |
| DEVELOPMENTS | 0.69%      | ASSOCIATES   | 1.92%         |
| TAUNTON      | 0.69%      | BUSINESS     | 1.87%         |
| HOMES        | 0.69%      | CONSTRUCTION | 1.77%         |
| CONSULTANCY  | 0.69%      | CONSULTANTS  | 1.76%         |
| SOMERSET     | 0.69%      | MEDIA        | 1.73%         |
| (Sw)         | 0.69%      | ENGINEERING  | 1.67%         |
| (SOUTH       | 0.57%      | LONDON       | 1.60%         |
| M            | 0.57%      | GLOBAL       | 1.46%         |
| (TAUNTON)    | 0.57%      | J            | 1.44%         |
| BUSINESS     | 0.57%      | CARE         | 1.44%         |
| HEALTH       | 0.57%      | INVESTMENTS  | 1.42%         |
| CONSULTING   | 0.57%      | IT           | 1.39%         |
| SECURITY     | 0.57%      | BUILDING     | 1.32%         |
| SOUTH        | 0.57%      | PROPERTIES   | 1.31%         |
| ENTERPRISES  | 0.57%      | ELECTRICAL   | 1.30%         |
| FINANCIAL    | 0.46%      | M            | 1.27%         |
| HOLDINGS     | 0.46%      | S            | 1.23%         |
| WEST)        | 0.46%      | ENTERPRISES  | 1.20%         |
| SCHOOL       | 0.46%      | SYSTEMS      | 1.20%         |

## Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE   | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| None Supplied  | 149                 | 202,072      |
| 7487 - Other business activities   | 52                  | 60,758       |
| 9999 - Dormant Company   | 28                  | 20,111       |
| 99999 - Dormant Company  | 26                  | 18,918       |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management                | 26                  | 16,419       |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy   | 25                  | 13,053       |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified               | 25                  | 30,647       |
| 74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified | 20                  | 7,835        |
| 41100 - Development of building projects   | 15                  | 3,852        |
| 86900 - Other human health activities  | 15                  | 4,154        |
| 4521 - General construction & civil engineering  | 14                  | 5,928        |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities                                    | 12                  | 10,545       |
| 9305 - Other service activities  | 11                  | 9,063        |
| 7011 - Development & sell real estate  | 10                  | 2,491        |
| 69201 - Accounting and auditing activities   | 10                  | 3,394        |
| 68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis                             | 9                   | 3,095        |
| 68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate                         | 9                   | 3,790        |
| 43390 - Other building completion and finishing  | 9                   | 2,641        |
| 7222 - Other software consultancy and supply   | 7                   | 7,143        |
| 64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified                                | 6                   | 2,739        |