

Taunton

q3 2011 business confidence report



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- August 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Taunton when compared to any previous August.

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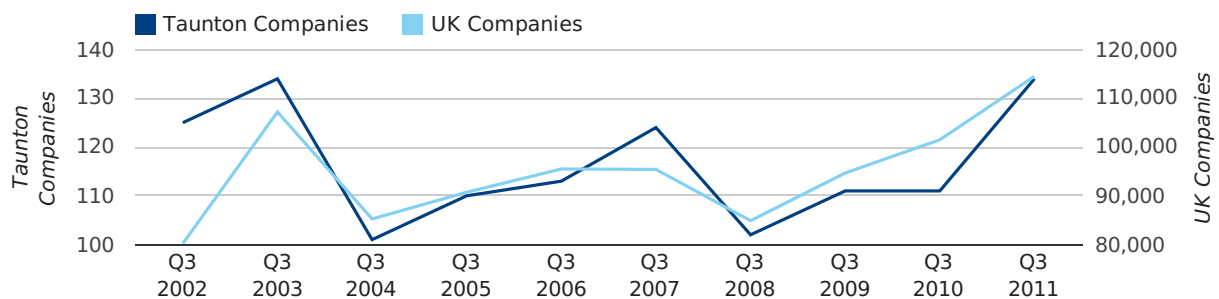
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 134 companies were registered in Taunton during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 20.7% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares well 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)	TAUNTON	UK
2011	134	114,512
2010	111	101,492
% CHANGE	20.7%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (134)	2011 (114,512)

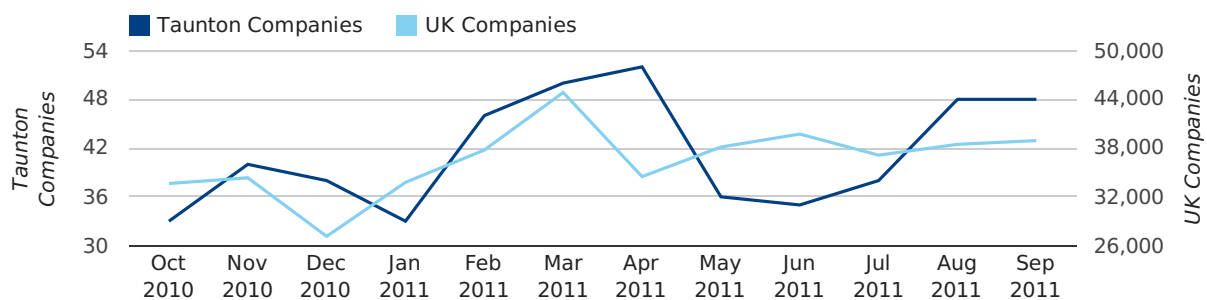
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

August 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Taunton when compared to any previous August.

new companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	38	48	48
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	37	38	36
% CHANGE	2.7%	26.3%	33.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (43)	2011 (48)	2003 (51)

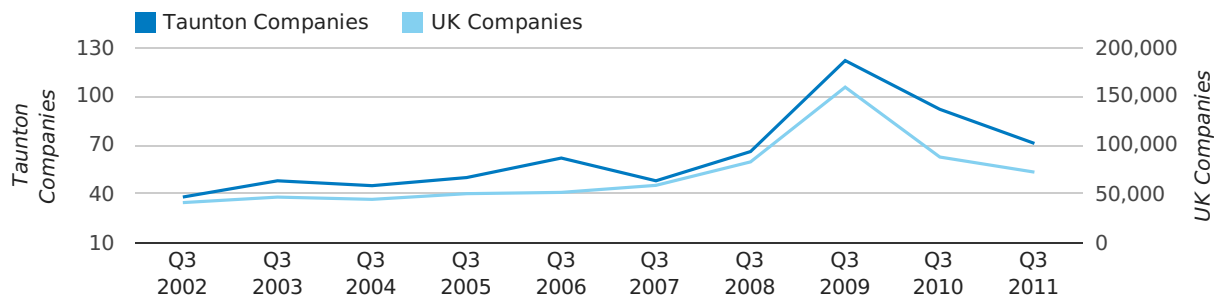
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 71 companies were dissolved in Taunton during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 22.8% 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.

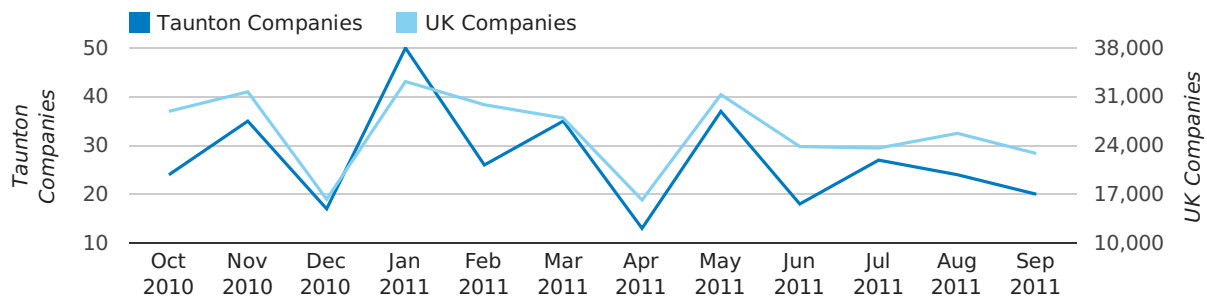
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	TAUNTON	UK
2011	71	72,230
2010	92	87,705
% CHANGE	-22.8%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (122)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	27	24	20
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	36	32	24
% CHANGE	-25.0%	-25.0%	-17%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (36)	2008 (46)	2009 (52)

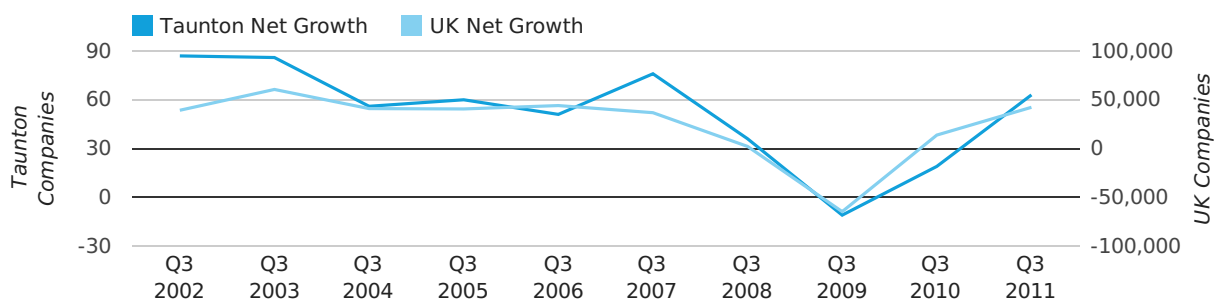
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Taunton during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 63 companies.

This represents an increase of 231.6% on the same period last year.

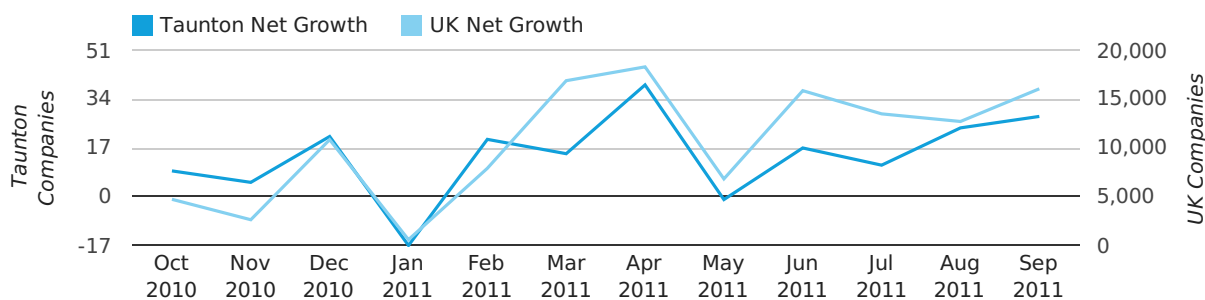
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	TAUNTON	UK
2011	63	42,282
2010	19	13,787
% CHANGE	231.6%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (87)	2003 (60,597)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

net growth by month



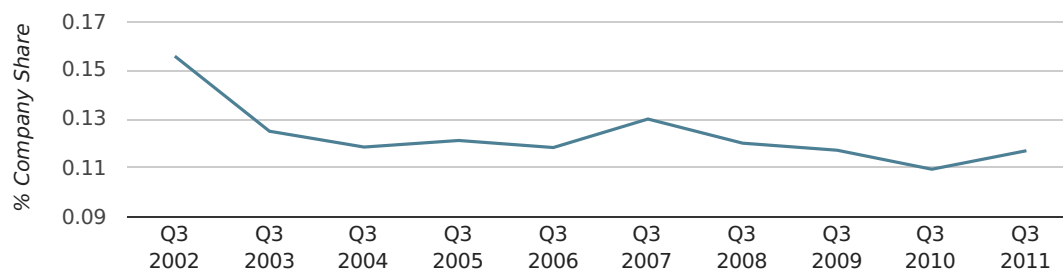
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	11	24	28
NET GROWTH IN 2010	1	6	12
% CHANGE	1,000.0%	300.0%	133.3%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (32)	2003 (38)	2002 (43)

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

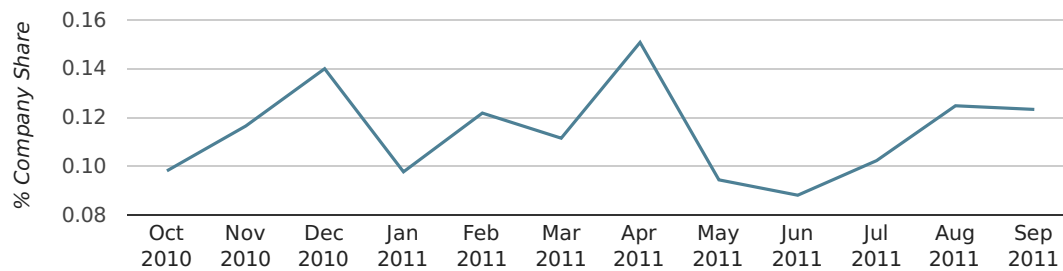
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	TAUNTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-6.1%	6.3%	20.4%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.3%)	1963 (0.5%)	1968 (0.5%)

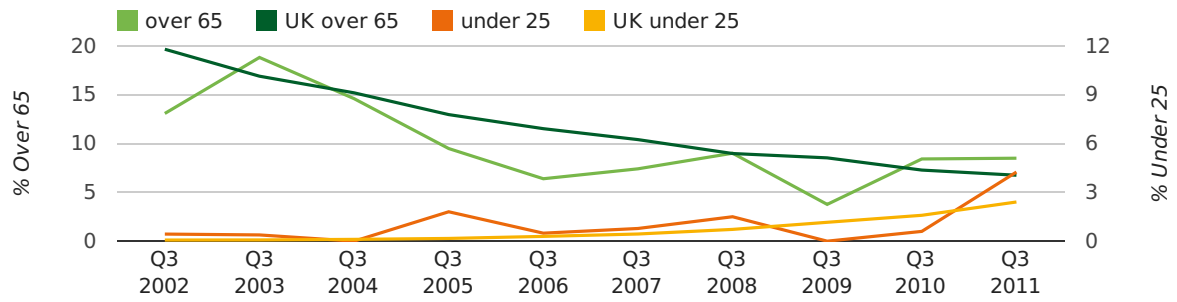
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 46.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 8.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

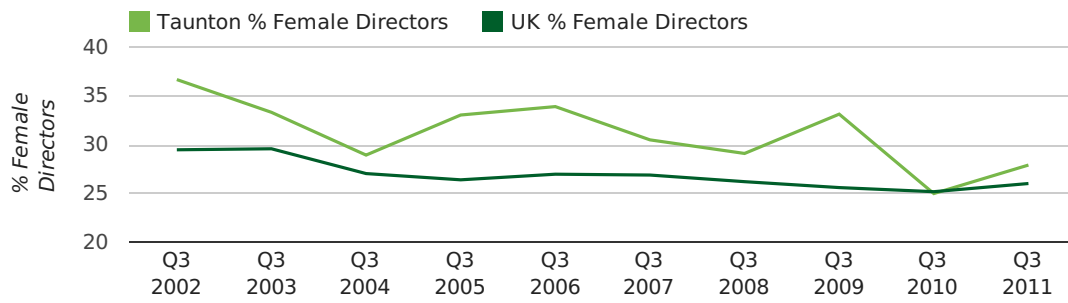


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

27.9% of all director appointments in Taunton 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
MANAGEMENT	1.77%	CONSULTING	5.11%
CONSULTANCY	0.89%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
WEST	0.89%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
TAUNTON	0.89%	PROPERTY	2.41%
ENTERPRISES	0.78%	TRADING	2.06%
CONSULTANTS	0.78%	DESIGN	1.94%
PROPERTY	0.78%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
BUSINESS	0.78%	BUSINESS	1.82%
MOORE	0.66%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
PROJECTS	0.66%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
ACADEMY	0.66%	MEDIA	1.72%
ASSOCIATES	0.66%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
SOMERSET	0.66%	LONDON	1.63%
SOUTHWEST	0.66%	J	1.47%
CENTRE	0.66%	GLOBAL	1.46%
TRUST	0.55%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
(SOUTH	0.55%	CARE	1.42%
SOUTH	0.55%	IT	1.38%
M	0.55%	BUILDING	1.30%
MEDIA	0.55%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
SCHOOL	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
HOMES	0.55%	M	1.25%
CONSULTING	0.55%	ENERGY	1.22%
SCARROTT	0.55%	TRAINING	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	143	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	59	65,177
9999 - Dormant Company	29	22,587
99999 - Dormant Company	26	18,281
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	26	15,760
7414 - Business & management consultancy	26	14,755
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	22	29,245
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	20	7,551
9305 - Other service activities	18	10,525
41100 - Development of building projects	15	3,697
86900 - Other human health activities	15	4,019
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	14	6,321
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	11	10,137
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	10	3,271
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	9	8,345
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	9	2,929
7011 - Development & sell real estate	9	2,638
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	8	3,614
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	8	2,545
8514 - Other human health activities	7	2,943