

# Walsall

q1 2011 business confidence report



## headlines

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

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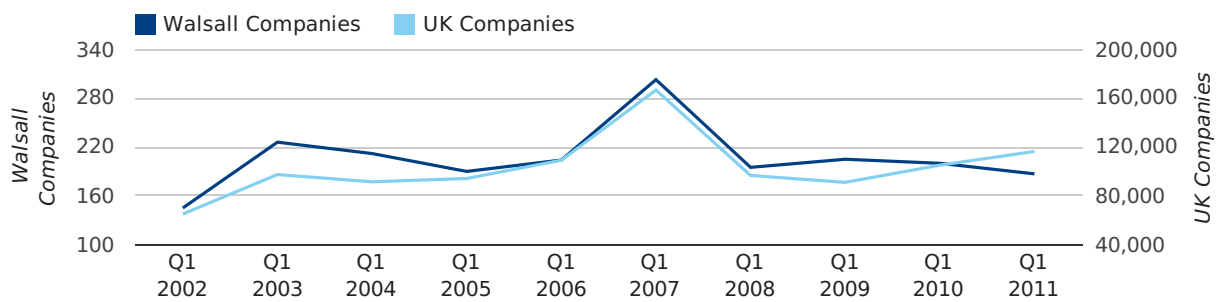
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 187 companies were registered in Walsall during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 6.5% 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.

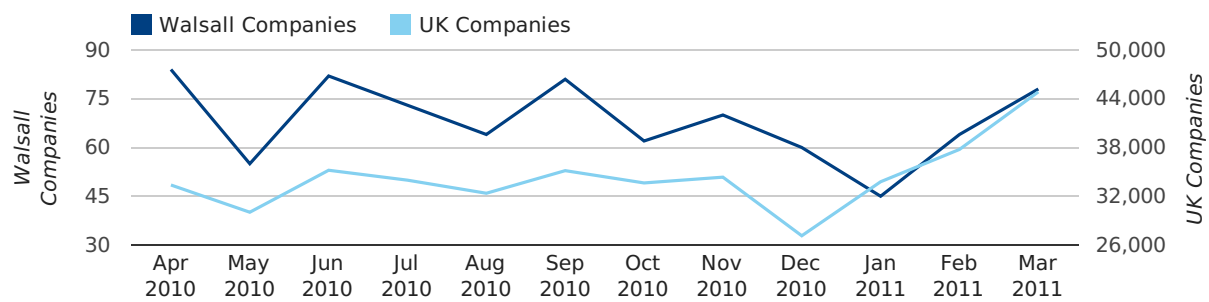
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	WALSALL	UK
2011	187	116,391
2010	200	105,137
% CHANGE	-6.5%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (303)	2007 (166,814)

### new companies by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

### new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	45	64	78
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	52	72	76
% CHANGE	-13.5%	-11.1%	2.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (84)	2007 (102)	2007 (117)

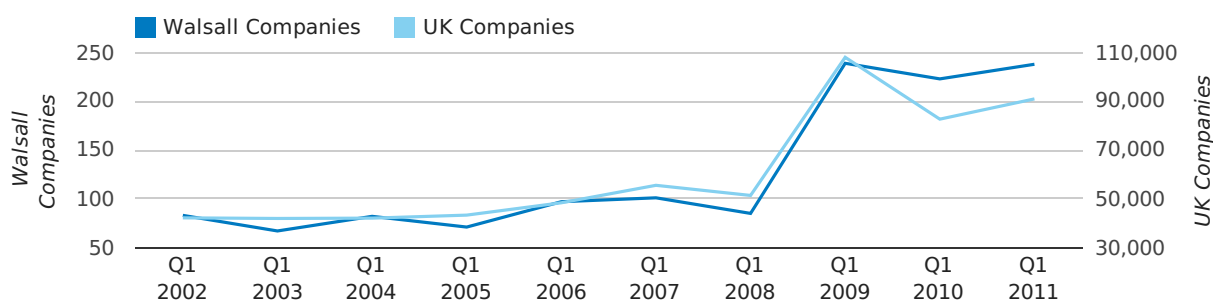
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 238 companies were dissolved in Walsall during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 6.7% 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)	WALSALL	UK
2011	238	90,986
2010	223	82,677
% CHANGE	6.7%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (239)	2009 (108,060)

### dissolved companies by quarter

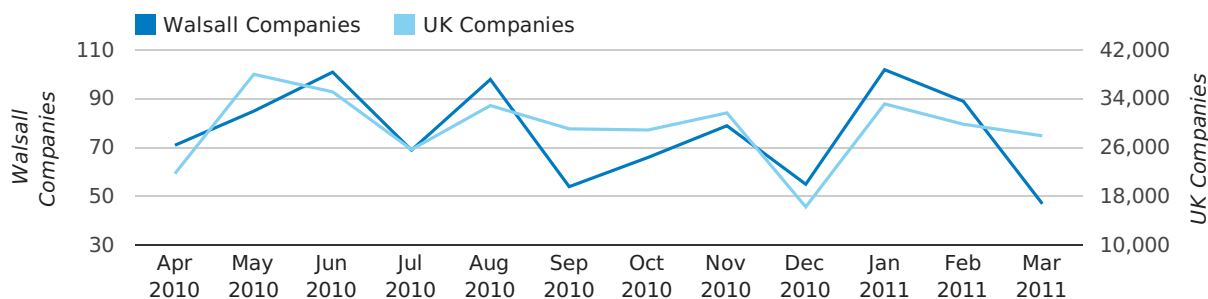


### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

February 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Walsall when compared to any previous February.

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

### dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	102	89	47
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	63	64	96
% CHANGE	61.9%	39.1%	-51%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (102)	2011 (89)	2009 (150)

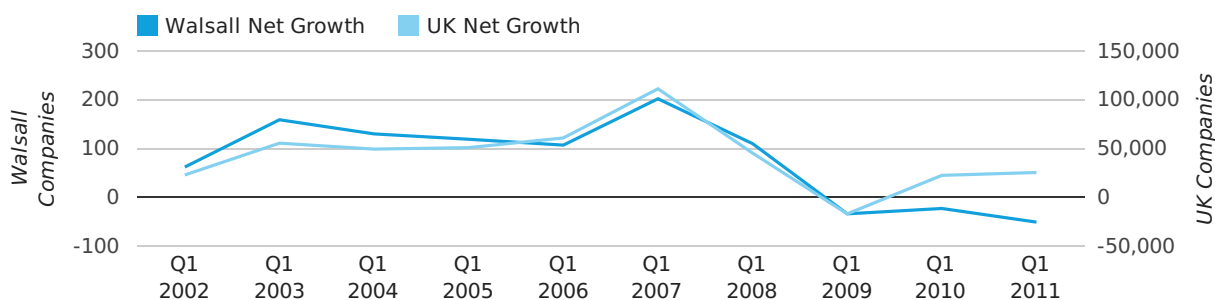
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Walsall during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was -51 companies.

This represents a decrease of 121.7% on the same period last year.

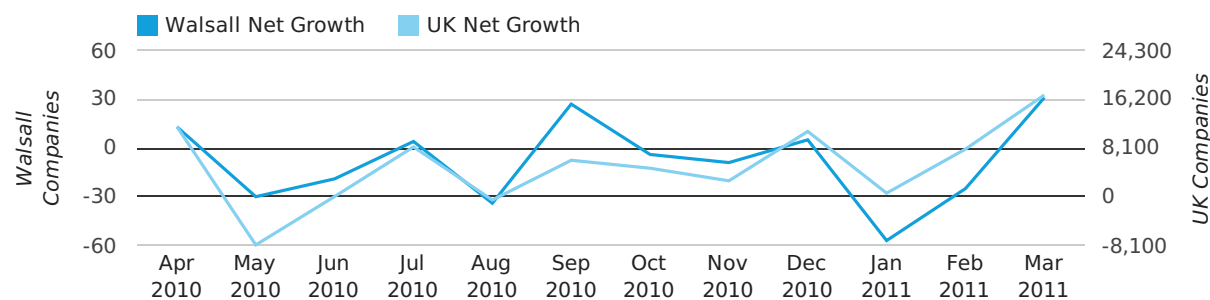
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	WALSALL	UK
2011	-51	25,405
2010	-23	22,460
% CHANGE	121.7%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (202)	2007 (111,282)

### net growth by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

### net growth by month



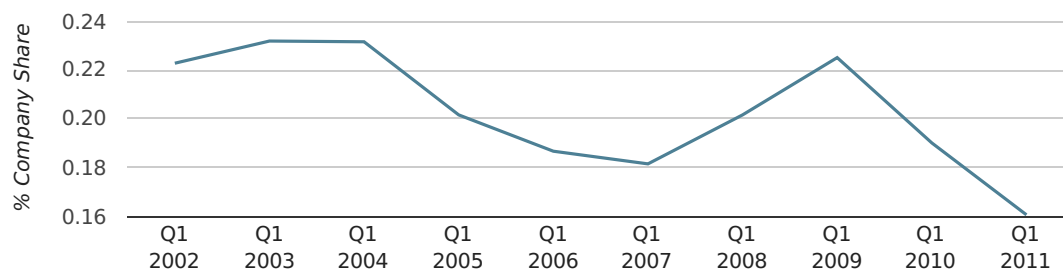
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-57	-25	31
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-11	8	-20
% CHANGE	418.2%	-412.5%	-255.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (51)	2007 (70)	2007 (81)

### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Walsall formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

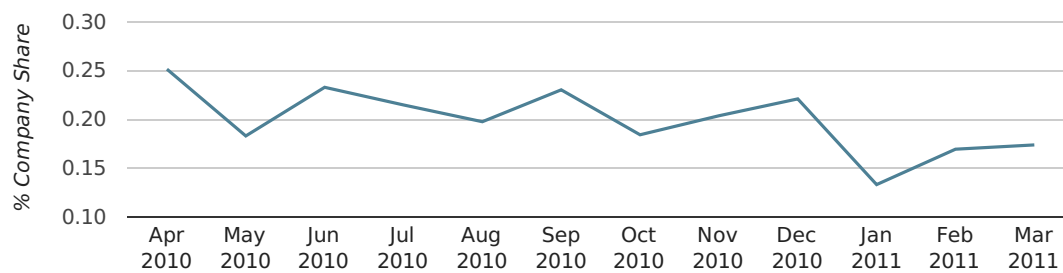
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	WALSALL
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1963 (0.4%)

### company share by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

### company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-25.3%	-21.8%	-2.1%
RECORD YEAR	1976 (0.8%)	1967 (0.8%)	1963 (0.5%)

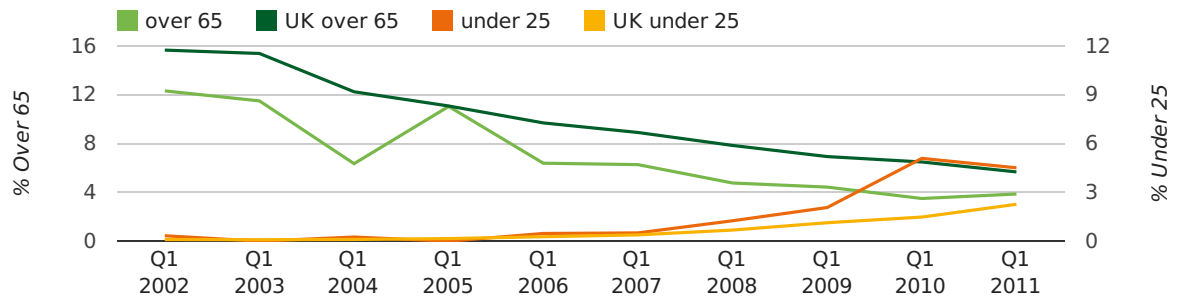
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 43.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

#### director age by quarter

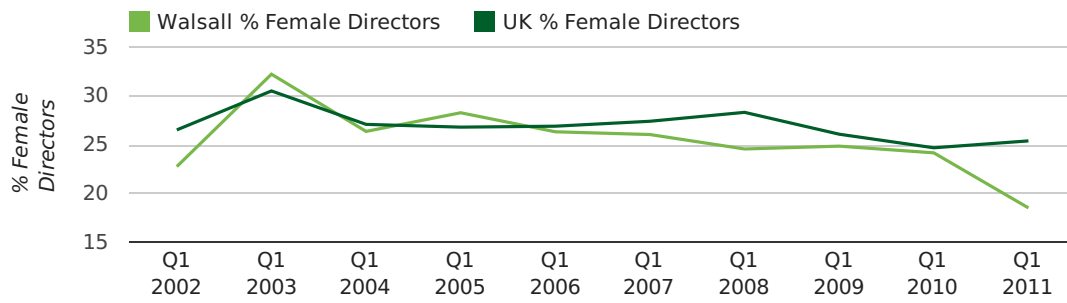


### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

18.5% of all director appointments in Walsall 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
CARE	1.35%	CONSULTING	5.04%
MANAGEMENT	1.20%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
WALSALL	1.20%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
MIDLANDS	0.97%	PROPERTY	2.38%
PROPERTIES	0.97%	TRADING	2.10%
S	0.97%	DESIGN	1.93%
ELECTRICAL	0.90%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
CONSTRUCTION	0.82%	BUSINESS	1.87%
ASSOCIATES	0.75%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
BUILDING	0.75%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CAR	0.75%	MEDIA	1.69%
CONSULTANCY	0.67%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
(MIDLANDS)	0.67%	LONDON	1.60%
J	0.60%	CARE	1.45%
(WALSALL)	0.60%	J	1.45%
GLOBAL	0.60%	GLOBAL	1.44%
CLAIMS	0.60%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
PROPERTY	0.60%	IT	1.41%
SECURITY	0.52%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
B	0.52%	BUILDING	1.34%
CONSULTING	0.52%	M	1.30%
TRANSPORT	0.52%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
ENTERPRISES	0.52%	S	1.24%
CONTRACTS	0.52%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
HOMES	0.45%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	458	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	101	60,968
99999 - Dormant Company	41	18,336
9999 - Dormant Company	39	19,765
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	26	10,246
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	22	30,253
9305 - Other service activities	20	8,740
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	18	10,085
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	17	6,183
7414 - Business & management consultancy	16	12,916
5263 - Other non-store retail sale	14	1,853
74990 - Non-trading company	14	8,695
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	13	16,150
49410 - Freight transport by road	13	2,167
62090 - Other information technology service activities	12	6,996
7260 - Other computer related activities	11	7,789
43210 - Electrical installation	11	3,172
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	11	2,247
43290 - Other construction installation	11	1,446
41100 - Development of building projects	11	3,921