Walsall

2011 half year business confidence report



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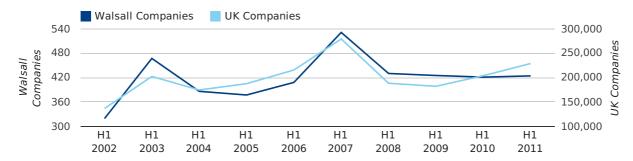
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In the first half of 2011 a total of 424 companies were formed in Walsall. This figure is 0.7% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Walsall occurred in 2007 when a total of 531 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WALSALL	UK
2011	424	228,735
2010	421	203,749
% CHANGE	0.7%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (531)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



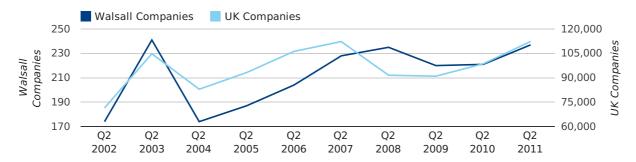
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 237 companies were registered in Walsall during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 7.2% 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.

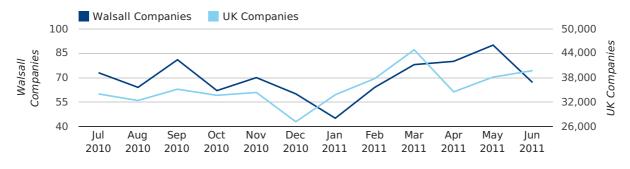
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	WALSALL	UK
2011	237	112,344
2010	221	98,612
% CHANGE	7.2%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (241)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Walsall when compared to any previous May.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	80	90	67
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	84	55	82
% CHANGE	-4.8%	63.6%	-18.3%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (97)	2011 (90)	2008 (85)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 410 companies were dissolved in Walsall. This figure is 14.6% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Walsall occurred in 2009 when a total of 559 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WALSALL	UK
2011	410	162,310
2010	480	177,631
% CHANGE	-14.6%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (559)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



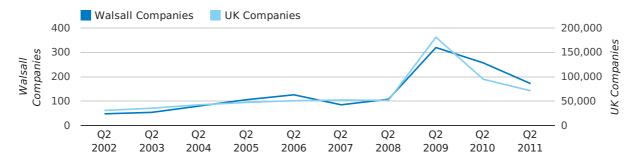
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 172 companies were dissolved in Walsall during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

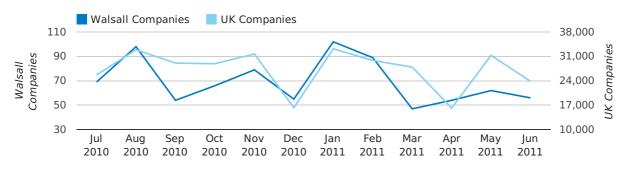
This figure is a decrease of 33.1% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	WALSALL	UK
2011	172	71,324
2010	257	94,954
% CHANGE	-33.1%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (320)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

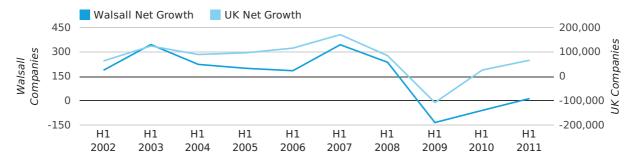


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	54	62	56
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	71	85	101
% CHANGE	-23.9%	-27.1%	-45%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (91)	2009 (136)	2010 (101)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Walsall increased by 14 companies. This figure is 123.7% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WALSALL	UK
2011	14	66,425
2010	-59	26,118
% CHANGE	-123.7%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (346)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



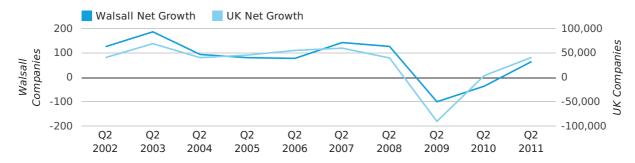
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Walsall during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 65 companies.

This represents an increase of 280.6% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	WALSALL	UK
2011	65	41,020
2010	-36	3,658
% CHANGE	-280.6%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (187)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



net growth by month

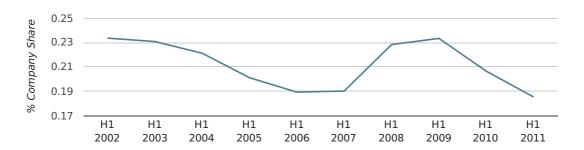


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	26	28	11
NET GROWTH IN 2010	13	-30	-19
% CHANGE	100.0%	-193.3%	-157.9%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (63)	2003 (65)	2008 (78)

In the first half of 2011 Walsall formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.2%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WALSALL
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.5%)

company share by half year

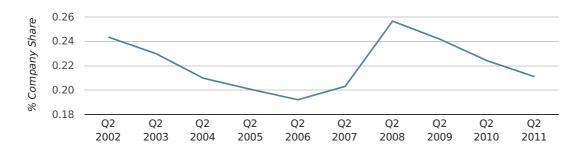


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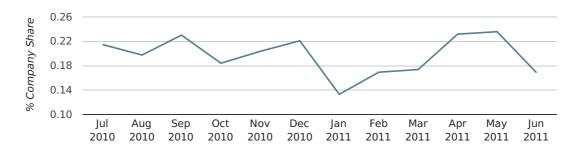
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SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	WALSALL
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.6%)

company share by quarter



company share by month



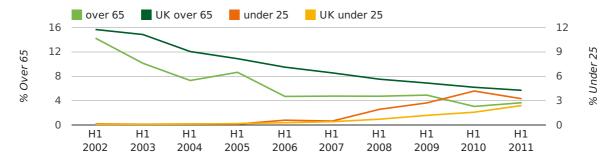
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.3%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-7.8%	28.9%	-27.6%
RECORD YEAR	1974 (0.7%)	1967 (1.0%)	1965 (0.8%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 44.0.

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

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



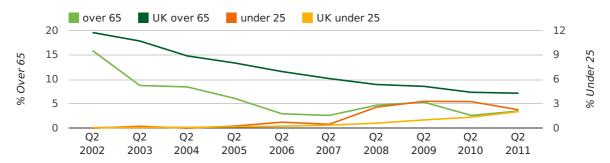
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 44.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

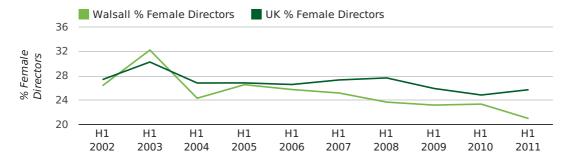
director age by quarter



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

21.0% of all director appointments in Walsall 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 Walsall was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

23.0% of all director appointments in Walsall 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, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
CARE	1.32%	CONSULTING	5.09%
WALSALL	1.17%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
MIDLANDS	1.03%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
ELECTRICAL	1.03%	PROPERTY	2.43%
MANAGEMENT	0.88%	TRADING	2.05%
TRANSPORT	0.81%	DESIGN	1.94%
S	0.73%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
R	0.73%	BUSINESS	1.87%
BUILDING	0.73%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
PROPERTIES	0.73%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
(WALSALL)	0.66%	MEDIA	1.73%
CONSTRUCTION	0.59%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
SECURITY	0.59%	LONDON	1.60%
CONSULTING	0.59%	GLOBAL	1.46%
COMMUNITY	0.59%	J	1.44%
(MIDLANDS)	0.59%	CARE	1.44%
TRAINING	0.59%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
ENTERPRISES	0.59%	IT	1.39%
CLEANING	0.51%	BUILDING	1.32%
HEALTHCARE	0.51%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CONSULTANCY	0.51%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
ALDRIDGE	0.51%	М	1.27%
CENTRE	0.51%	S	1.23%
М	0.51%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
PROJECTS	0.51%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	464	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	102	60,758
99999 - Dormant Company	44	18,918
9999 - Dormant Company	37	20,111
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	24	10,545
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	22	30,647
9305 - Other service activities	21	9,063
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	19	5,928
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	16	10,322
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	16	16,419
7414 - Business & management consultancy	16	13,053
5263 - Other non-store retail sale	15	1,858
6024 - Freight transport by road	14	2,316
49410 - Freight transport by road	13	2,142
43210 - Electrical installation	11	3,085
62090 - Other information technology service activities	11	7,095
5530 - Restaurants	11	5,086
4534 - Other building installation	11	2,274
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	10	7,143
86900 - Other human health activities	10	4,154