

Walsall

q3 2011 business confidence report



headlines

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

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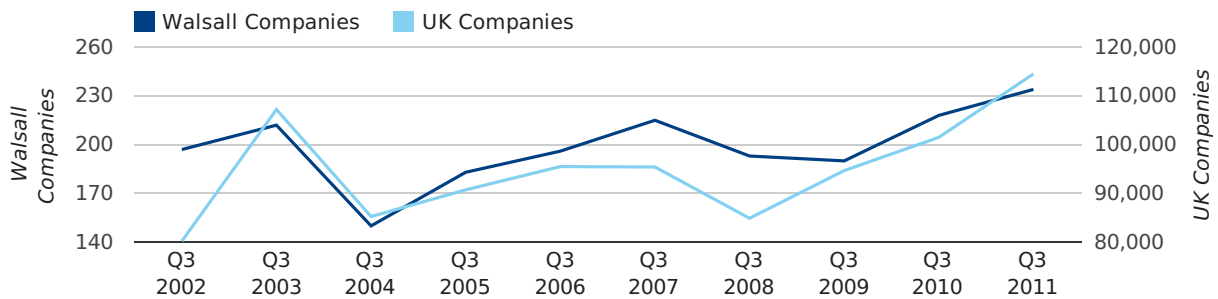
Q3 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Walsall when compared to any previous Q3.

A total of 234 companies were registered in Walsall during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 7.3% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares equally 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)	WALSALL	UK
2011	234	114,512
2010	218	101,492
% CHANGE	7.3%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (234)	2011 (114,512)

new companies by quarter

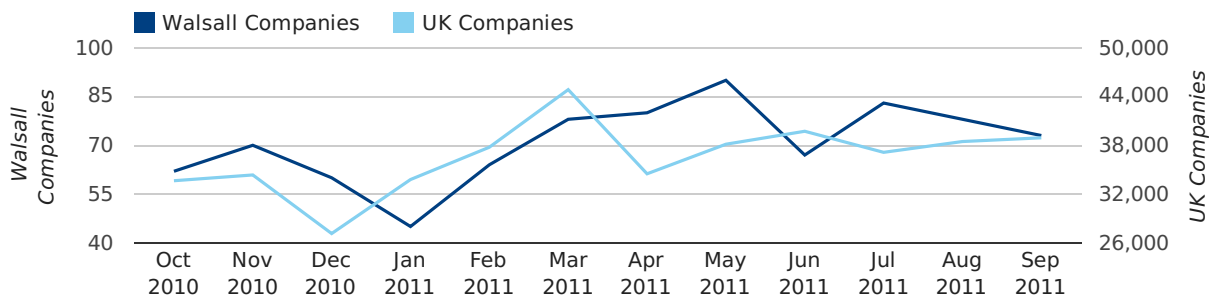


Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

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

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

new companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	83	78	73
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	73	64	81
% CHANGE	13.7%	21.9%	-9.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (83)	2011 (78)	2010 (81)

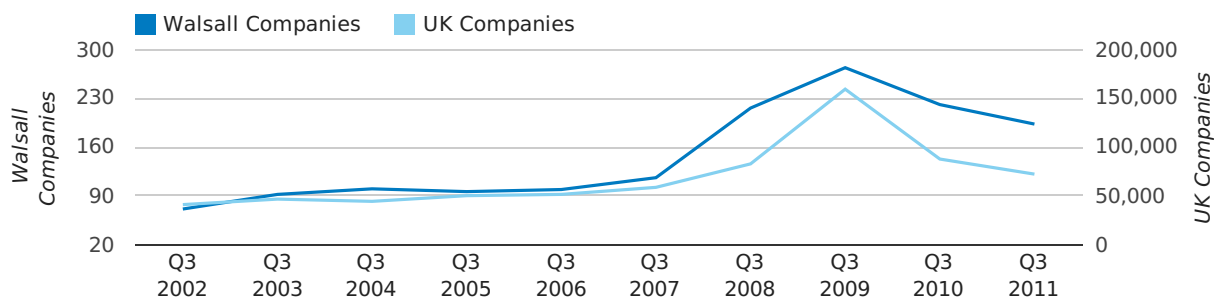
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 193 companies were dissolved in Walsall during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 12.7% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 17.6% against the same period last year.

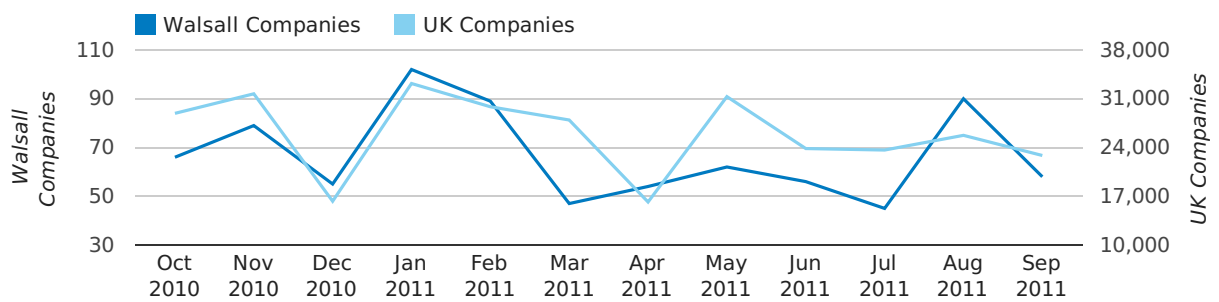
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	WALSALL	UK
2011	193	72,230
2010	221	87,705
% CHANGE	-12.7%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (274)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	45	90	58
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	69	98	54
% CHANGE	-34.8%	-8.2%	7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (69)	2008 (154)	2009 (125)

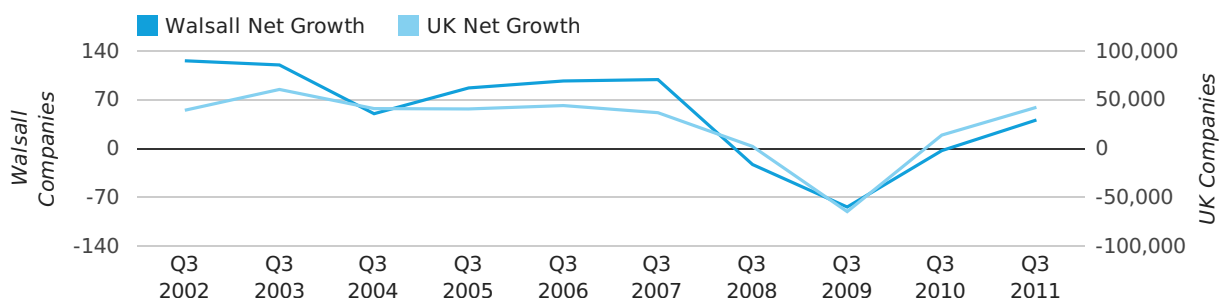
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Walsall during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 41 companies.

This represents an increase of 1,466.7% on the same period last year.

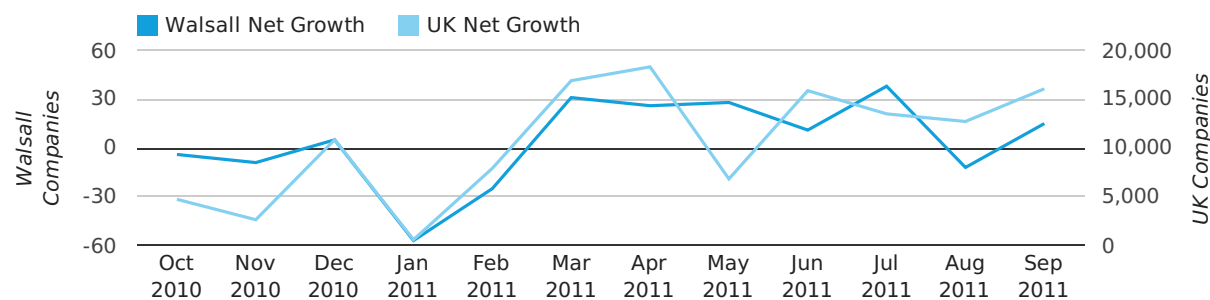
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	WALSALL	UK
2011	41	42,282
2010	-3	13,787
% CHANGE	-1,466.7%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (126)	2003 (60,597)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

net growth by month



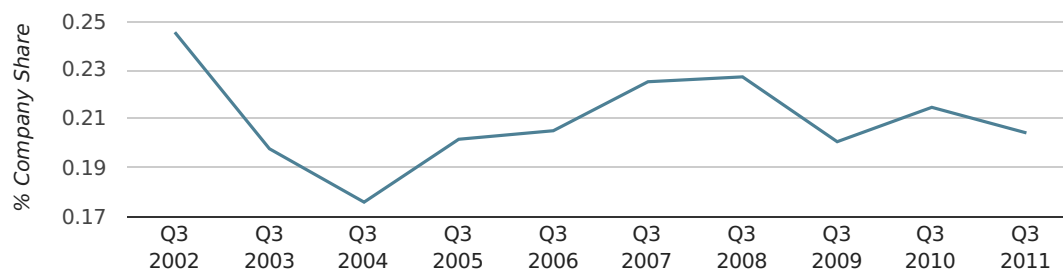
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	38	-12	15
NET GROWTH IN 2010	4	-34	27
% CHANGE	850.0%	-64.7%	-44.4%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (47)	2002 (37)	2003 (53)

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

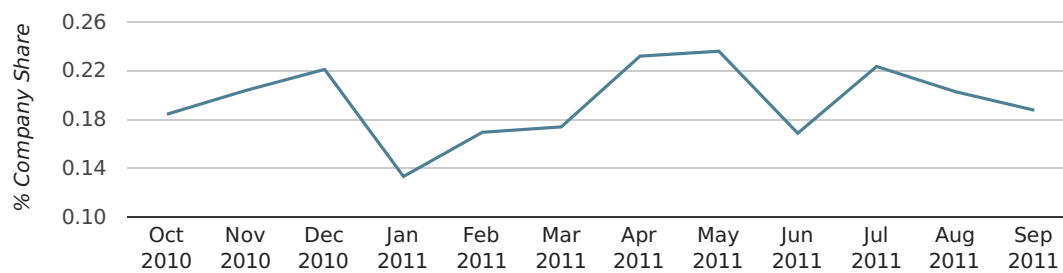
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	WALSALL
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1977 (0.5%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	4.0%	2.6%	-18.6%
RECORD YEAR	1965 (0.8%)	1977 (0.7%)	1969 (0.9%)

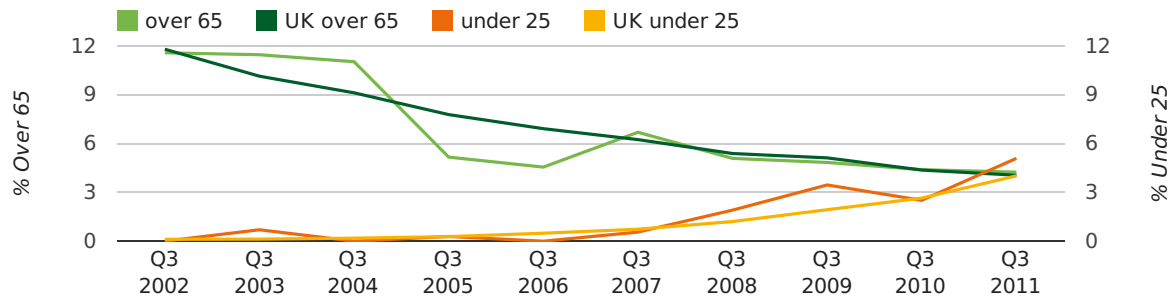
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 42.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

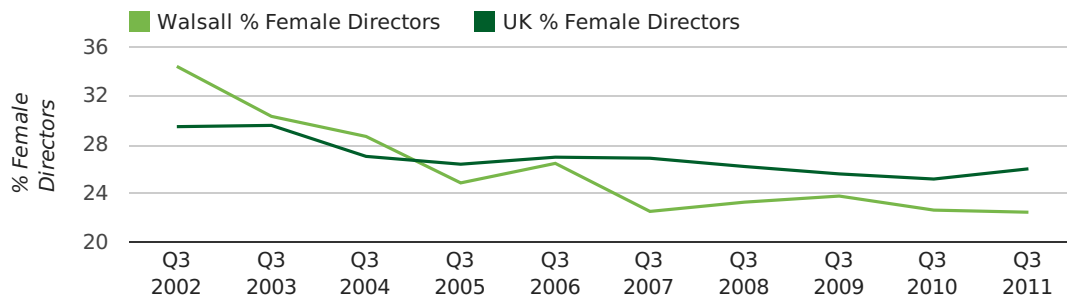


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

22.5% of all director appointments in Walsall 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
CARE	1.08%	CONSULTING	5.11%
MIDLANDS	1.01%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
WALSALL	1.01%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
ELECTRICAL	0.87%	PROPERTY	2.41%
SECURITY	0.79%	TRADING	2.06%
MANAGEMENT	0.72%	DESIGN	1.94%
TRANSPORT	0.72%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
CONSTRUCTION	0.72%	BUSINESS	1.82%
S	0.72%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ENTERPRISES	0.65%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
R	0.65%	MEDIA	1.72%
(WALSALL)	0.65%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
TRUST	0.58%	LONDON	1.63%
PROPERTIES	0.58%	J	1.47%
M	0.58%	GLOBAL	1.46%
(MIDLANDS)	0.58%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
CONSULTANCY	0.58%	CARE	1.42%
BUILDING	0.51%	IT	1.38%
HEALTHCARE	0.51%	BUILDING	1.30%
CLEANING	0.51%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
ALDRIDGE	0.51%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
FINANCIAL	0.51%	M	1.25%
J	0.51%	ENERGY	1.22%
HOUSE	0.51%	TRAINING	1.21%
INTERIORS	0.51%	S	1.21%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	468	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	105	65,177
9999 - Dormant Company	43	22,587
99999 - Dormant Company	43	18,281
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	23	10,137
9305 - Other service activities	22	10,525
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	20	29,245
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	17	6,321
6024 - Freight transport by road	17	2,601
7414 - Business & management consultancy	16	14,755
4534 - Other building installation	16	2,443
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	15	10,018
7260 - Other computer related activities	15	8,686
5263 - Other non-store retail sale	14	2,087
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	14	15,760
8514 - Other human health activities	14	2,943
62090 - Other information technology service activities	11	6,798
43210 - Electrical installation	11	2,938
4531 - Installation electrical wiring etc.	11	2,234
86900 - Other human health activities	10	4,019