Wednesbury

2011 half year business confidence report



headlines

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- Q2 2011 was a record quarter for net growth in Wednesbury when compared to any quarter in history.
- April 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Wednesbury when compared to any previous April.
- April 2011 was a record month for net growth in Wednesbury when compared to any month in history.

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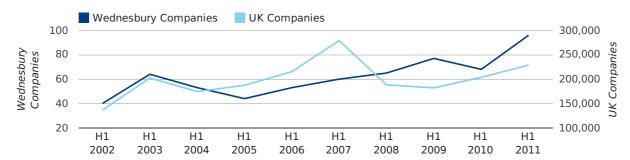
The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Wednesbury when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2011 a total of 96 companies were formed in Wednesbury. This figure is 41.2% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Wednesbury occurred in 2011 when a total of 96 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | WEDNESBURY | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 96 | 228,735 |
| 2010 | 68 | 203,749 |
| % CHANGE | 41.2% | 12.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (96) | 2007 (279,097) |

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

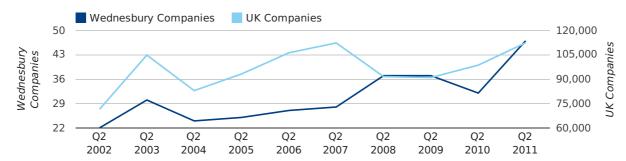
Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Wednesbury when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 47 companies were registered in Wednesbury during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 46.9% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well 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) | WEDNESBURY | UK |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 47 | 112,344 |
| 2010 | 32 | 98,612 |
| % CHANGE | 46.9% | 13.9% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (47) | 2011 (112,344) |

new companies by quarter

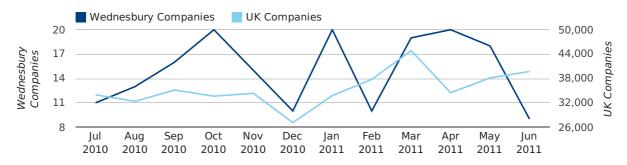


Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

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

April 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Wednesbury when compared to any previous April.

new companies by month



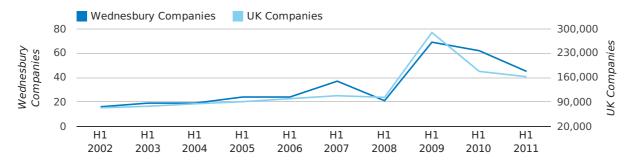
| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 20 | 18 | 9 |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2010 | 8 | 13 | 11 |
| % CHANGE | 150.0% | 38.5% | -18.2% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (20) | 2011 (18) | 2009 (15) |

In the first half of 2011 a total of 45 companies were dissolved in Wednesbury. This figure is 27.4% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Wednesbury occurred in 2009 when a total of 69 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | WEDNESBURY | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 45 | 162,310 |
| 2010 | 62 | 177,631 |
| % CHANGE | -27.4% | -8.6% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (69) | 2009 (289,236) |

dissolved companies by half year



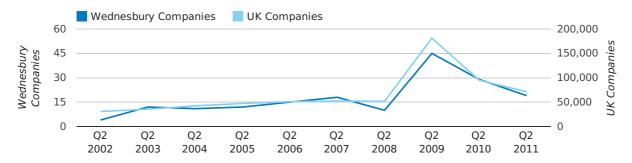
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 19 companies were dissolved in Wednesbury during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 34.5% 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.

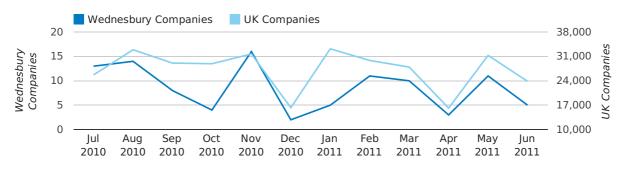
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | WEDNESBURY | UK |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 19 | 71,324 |
| 2010 | 29 | 94,954 |
| % CHANGE | -34.5% | -24.9% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (45) | 2009 (181,176) |

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 3 | 11 | 5 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010 | 6 | 14 | 9 |
| % CHANGE | -50.0% | -21.4% | -44% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (9) | 2009 (26) | 2006 (10) |

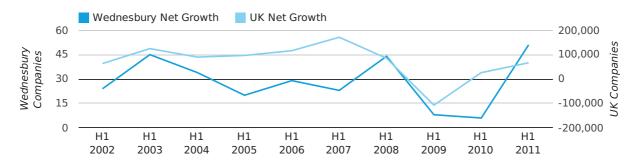
The first half of 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Wednesbury when compared to any previous first half year.

The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for net growth in Wednesbury when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Wednesbury increased by 51 companies. This figure is 750.0% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 154.3%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | WEDNESBURY | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 51 | 66,425 |
| 2010 | 6 | 26,118 |
| % CHANGE | 750.0% | 154.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (51) | 2007 (171,296) |

net growth by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Q2 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Wednesbury when compared to any previous Q2.

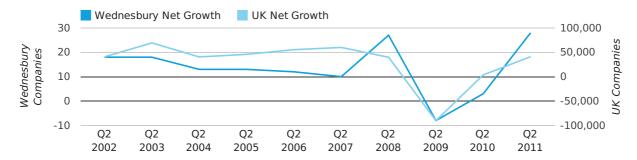
Q2 2011 was a record quarter for net growth in Wednesbury when compared to any quarter in history.

Net company growth for Wednesbury during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 28 companies.

This represents an increase of 833.3% on the same period last year.

| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | WEDNESBURY | UK |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 2011 | 28 | 41,020 |
| 2010 | 3 | 3,658 |
| % CHANGE | 833.3% | 1,021.4% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (28) | 2003 (69,274) |

net growth by quarter

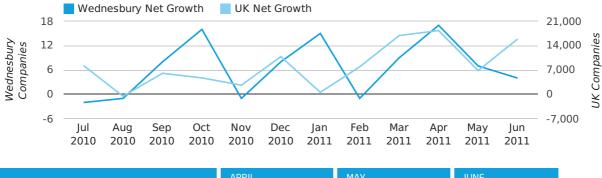


Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

April 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Wednesbury when compared to any previous April.

April 2011 was a record month for net growth in Wednesbury when compared to any month in history.

net growth by month

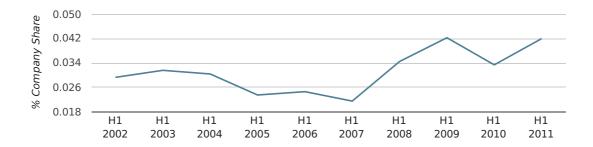


| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 17 | 7 | 4 |
| NET GROWTH IN 2010 | 2 | -1 | 2 |
| % CHANGE | 750.0% | -800.0% | 100.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (17) | 2008 (10) | 2003 (8) |

In the first half of 2011 Wednesbury formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.0%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | WEDNESBURY |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.0% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.0% |
| 2008 | 0.0% |
| 2007 | 0.0% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1960 (0.2%) |

company share by half year

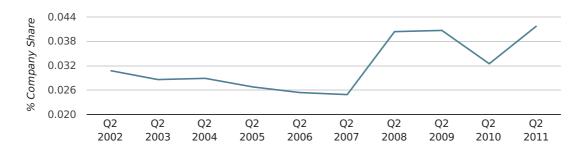


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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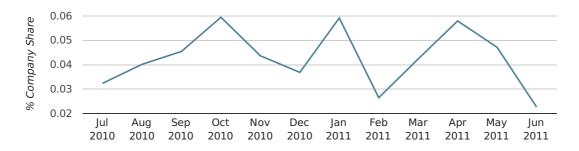
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | WEDNESBURY |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.0% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.0% |
| 2008 | 0.0% |
| 2007 | 0.0% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1960 (0.2%) |

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



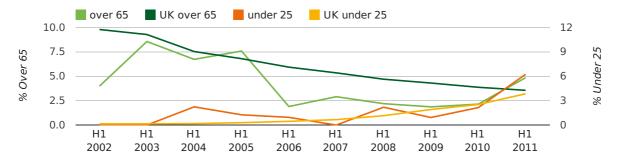
| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| % CHANGE | 141.7% | 9.0% | -27.5% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1967 (0.4%) | 1960 (0.3%) | 1965 (0.2%) |

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 43.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



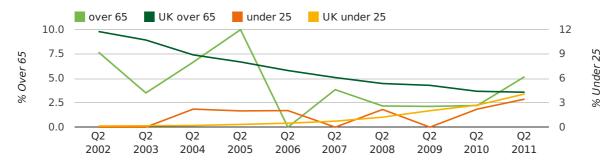
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The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 43.1.

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

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter



The record first half year for female directors in Wednesbury was 1857 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

21.3% of all director appointments in Wednesbury 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 Wednesbury was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

10.9% of all director appointments in Wednesbury 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 |
|------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| PROPERTIES | 1.37% | CONSULTING | 5.09% |
| MANAGEMENT | 1.10% | MANAGEMENT | 4.86% |
| MIDLAND | 1.10% | CONSULTANCY | 3.17% |
| PROPERTY | 1.10% | PROPERTY | 2.43% |
| GREEN | 1.10% | TRADING | 2.05% |
| ALL | 0.82% | DESIGN | 1.94% |
| HEALTH | 0.82% | ASSOCIATES | 1.92% |
| 1 | 0.82% | BUSINESS | 1.87% |
| CENTRE | 0.82% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.77% |
| SECURITY | 0.82% | CONSULTANTS | 1.76% |
| TRANSPORT | 0.82% | MEDIA | 1.73% |
| CARS | 0.82% | ENGINEERING | 1.67% |
| ROOFING | 0.82% | LONDON | 1.60% |
| HAULAGE | 0.82% | GLOBAL | 1.46% |
| DESIGN | 0.82% | J | 1.44% |
| JOHN | 0.55% | CARE | 1.44% |
| Р | 0.55% | INVESTMENTS | 1.42% |
| ASAP | 0.55% | IT | 1.39% |
| (WEST | 0.55% | BUILDING | 1.32% |
| GREENPEA | 0.55% | PROPERTIES | 1.31% |
| MIDLANDS) | 0.55% | ELECTRICAL | 1.30% |
| PRODUCTS | 0.55% | М | 1.27% |
| JM | 0.55% | S | 1.23% |
| LIGHT | 0.55% | ENTERPRISES | 1.20% |
| COMMERCIAL | 0.55% | 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 | 68 | 202,072 |
| 99999 - Dormant Company | 10 | 18,918 |
| 7487 - Other business activities | 9 | 60,758 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 8 | 20,111 |
| 74990 - Non-trading company | 5 | 8,481 |
| 43390 - Other building completion and finishing | 4 | 2,641 |
| 85590 - Other education not elsewhere classified | 4 | 2,108 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 4 | 30,647 |
| 7260 - Other computer related activities | 4 | 7,849 |
| 45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles | 4 | 2,257 |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy | 4 | 13,053 |
| 43330 - Floor and wall covering | 3 | 625 |
| 4533 - Plumbing | 3 | 1,453 |
| 41202 - Construction of domestic buildings | 3 | 2,238 |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified | 3 | 10,322 |
| 47110 - Retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating | 3 | 1,214 |
| 9305 - Other service activities | 3 | 9,063 |
| 43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified | 3 | 3,050 |
| 43210 - Electrical installation | 2 | 3,085 |
| 6024 - Freight transport by road | 2 | 2,316 |