

Wigan

q1 2011 business confidence report



headlines

- Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Wigan when compared to any previous Q1.
- January 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Wigan when compared to any previous January.

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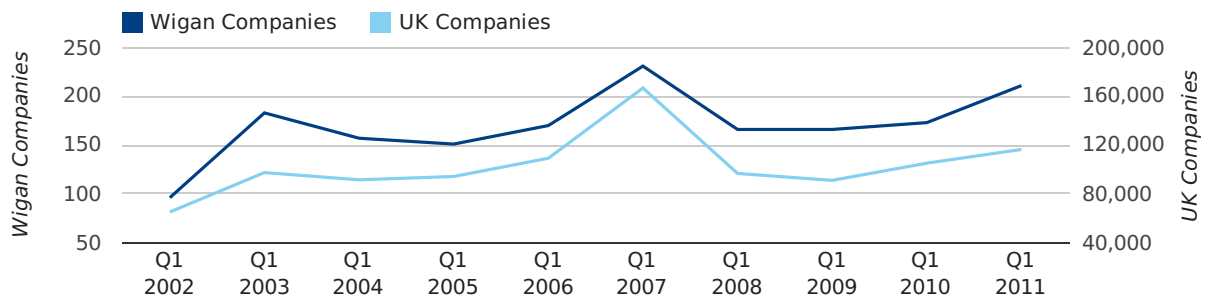
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 211 companies were registered in Wigan during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 22.0% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 10.7% against the same period last year.

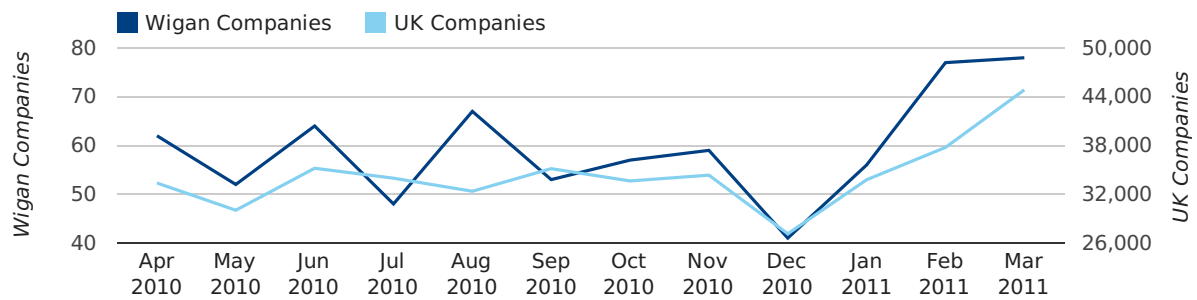
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	WIGAN	UK
2011	211	116,391
2010	173	105,137
% CHANGE	22.0%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (231)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	56	77	78
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	52	55	66
% CHANGE	7.7%	40.0%	18.2%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (62)	2007 (81)	2007 (88)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

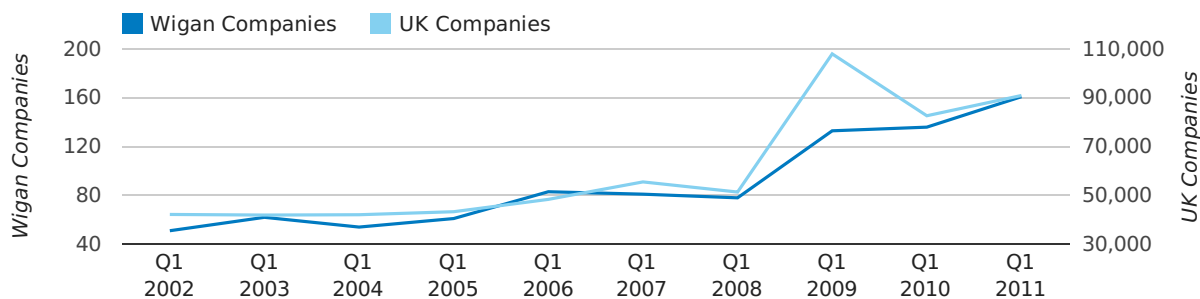
Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Wigan when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 161 companies were dissolved in Wigan during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 18.4% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares poorly 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)	WIGAN	UK
2011	161	90,986
2010	136	82,677
% CHANGE	18.4%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (161)	2009 (108,060)

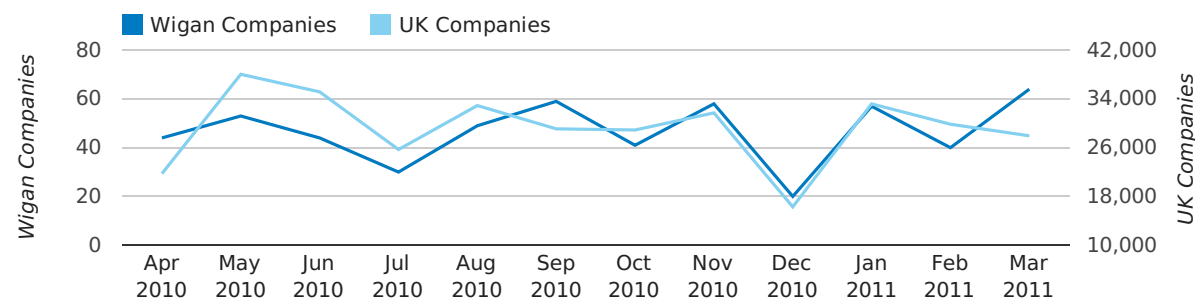
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	57	40	64
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	34	34	68
% CHANGE	67.6%	17.6%	-6%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (57)	2008 (45)	2009 (79)

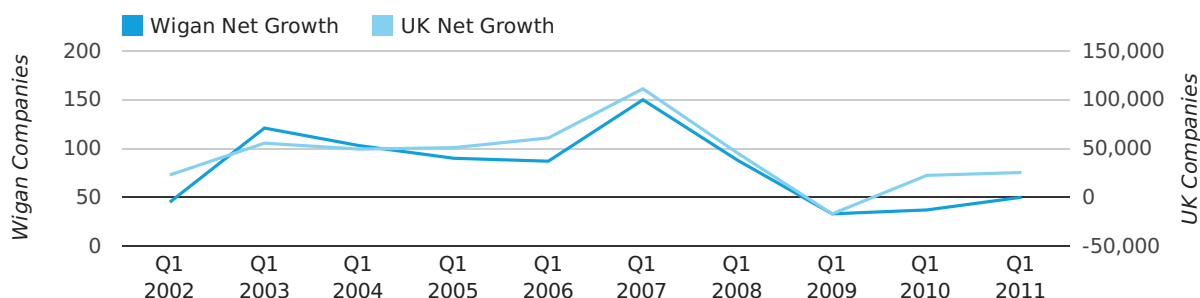
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Wigan during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 50 companies.

This represents an increase of 35.1% on the same period last year.

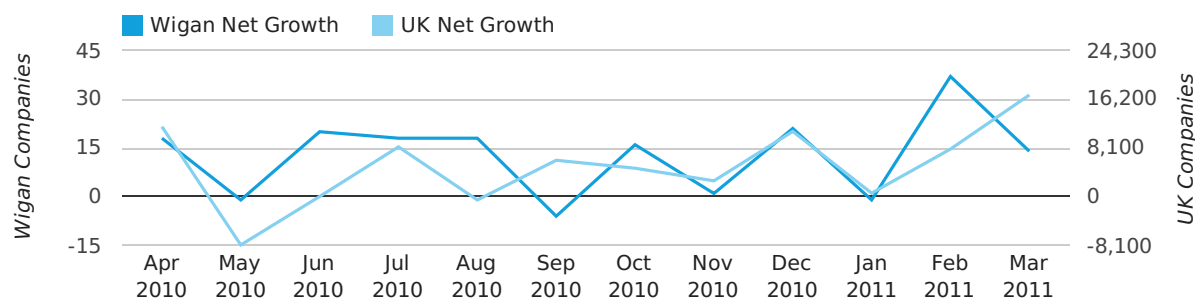
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	WIGAN	UK
2011	50	25,405
2010	37	22,460
% CHANGE	35.1%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (150)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



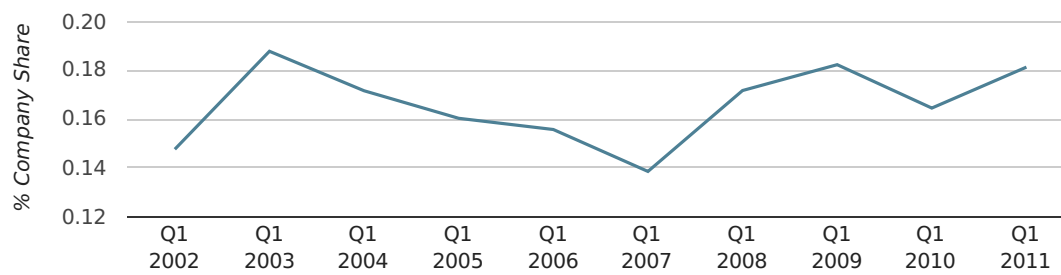
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-1	37	14
NET GROWTH IN 2010	18	21	-2
% CHANGE	-105.6%	76.2%	-800.0%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (35)	2007 (56)	2007 (64)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

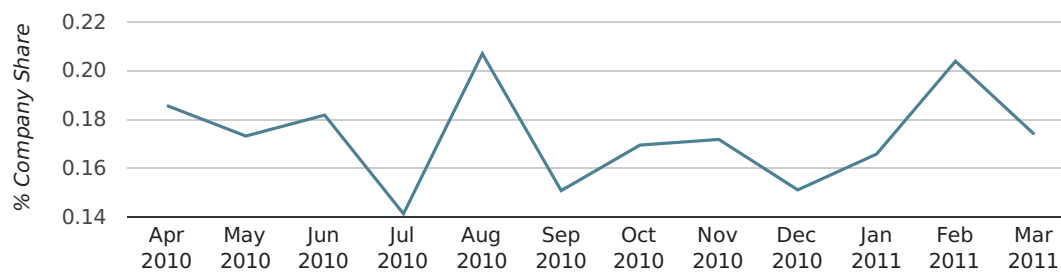
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	WIGAN
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (0.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-7.1%	23.1%	12.7%
RECORD YEAR	1969 (0.6%)	1967 (0.4%)	1969 (0.5%)

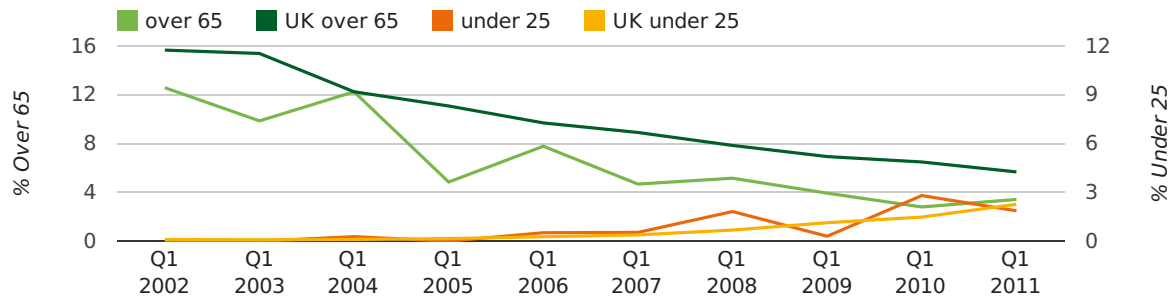
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 43.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

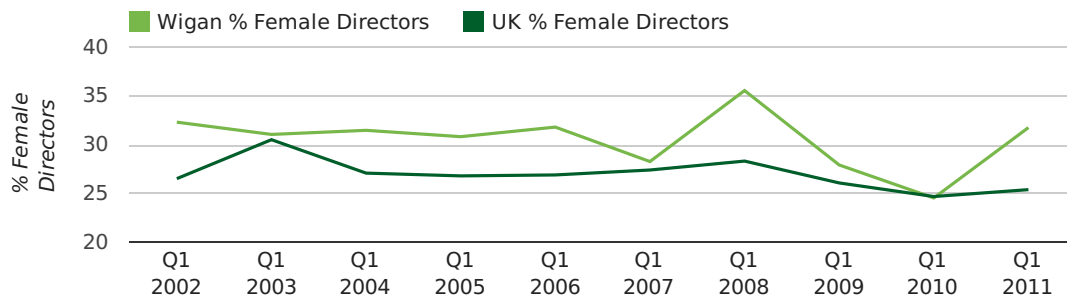


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

31.8% of all director appointments in Wigan 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
MANAGEMENT	1.68%	CONSULTING	5.04%
(WIGAN)	1.43%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
CONSULTANCY	1.43%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
BUILDING	1.35%	PROPERTY	2.38%
(NW)	1.26%	TRADING	2.10%
WIGAN	1.18%	DESIGN	1.93%
ENGINEERING	1.09%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
ELECTRICAL	1.09%	BUSINESS	1.87%
PROPERTY	1.09%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
MEDIA	0.93%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CIC	0.76%	MEDIA	1.69%
NORTH	0.76%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
WEST	0.76%	LONDON	1.60%
WEST)	0.67%	CARE	1.45%
TRANSPORT	0.67%	J	1.45%
(NORTH	0.67%	GLOBAL	1.44%
CONSULTING	0.67%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
CONSTRUCTION	0.67%	IT	1.41%
PLUMBING	0.59%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
HEATING	0.59%	BUILDING	1.34%
P	0.59%	M	1.30%
SCHOOL	0.59%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
J	0.59%	S	1.24%
TRAINING	0.59%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
C.I.C.	0.59%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	356	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	76	60,968
9999 - Dormant Company	40	19,765
99999 - Dormant Company	26	18,336
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	19	30,253
7499 - Non-trading company	19	11,316
9305 - Other service activities	18	8,740
7414 - Business & management consultancy	18	12,916
41100 - Development of building projects	17	3,921
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	17	6,183
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	16	16,150
6024 - Freight transport by road	15	2,299
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	15	10,246
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	15	7,788
62090 - Other information technology service activities	15	6,996
5248 - Other retail specialised stores	14	1,957
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	13	10,085
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	13	7,000
43210 - Electrical installation	11	3,172
5020 - Maintenance & repair of motors	11	1,397