

Worcester

q3 2011 business confidence report



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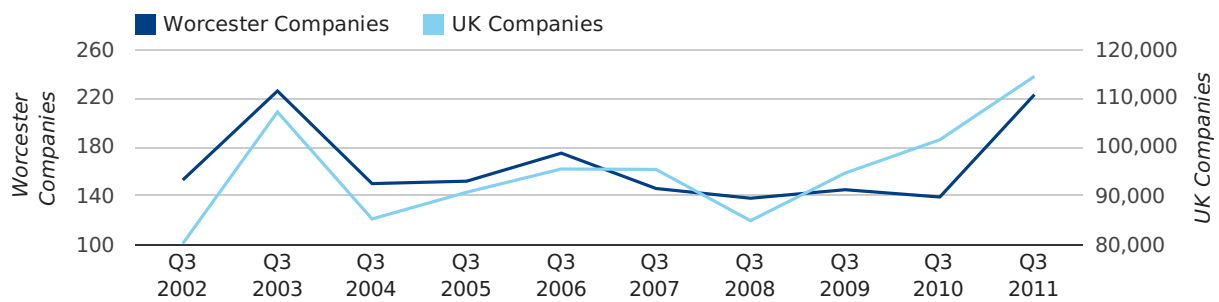
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 223 companies were registered in Worcester during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 60.4% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares well 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)	WORCESTER	UK
2011	223	114,512
2010	139	101,492
% CHANGE	60.4%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (226)	2011 (114,512)

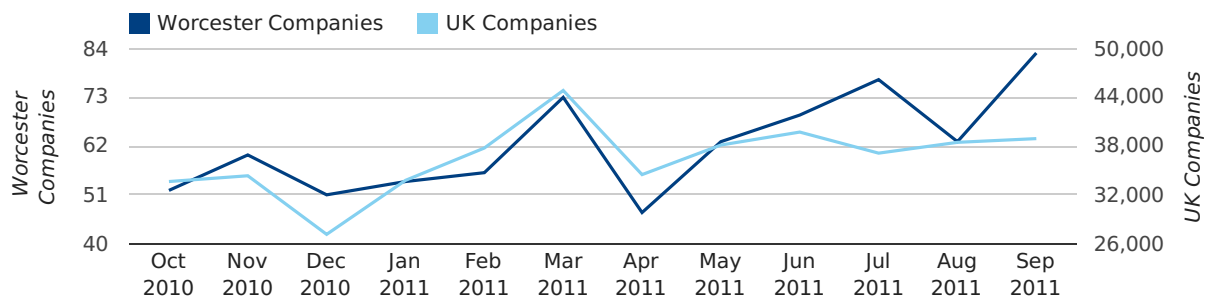
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

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new companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	77	63	83
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	48	46	45
% CHANGE	60.4%	37.0%	84.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (101)	2000 (91)	2011 (83)

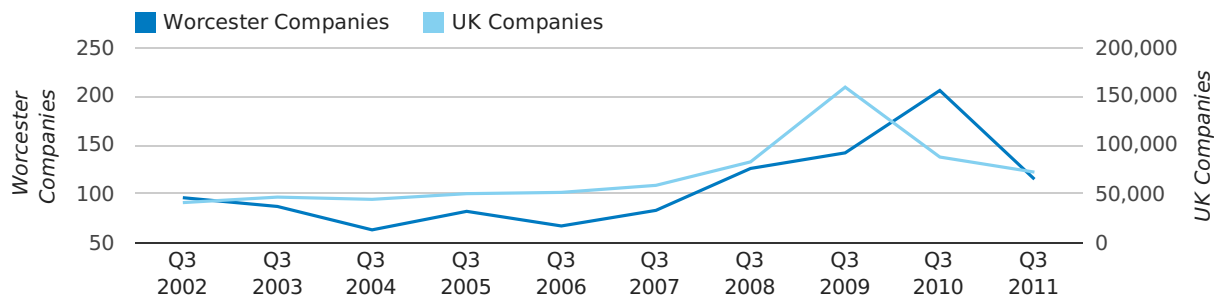
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 115 companies were dissolved in Worcester during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 44.2% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 17.6% against the same period last year.

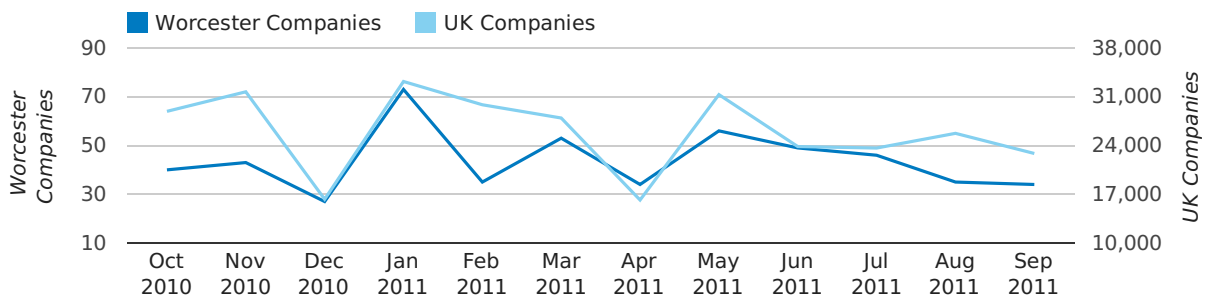
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	WORCESTER	UK
2011	115	72,230
2010	206	87,705
% CHANGE	-44.2%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (206)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	46	35	34
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	61	86	59
% CHANGE	-24.6%	-59.3%	-42%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (61)	2010 (86)	2009 (66)

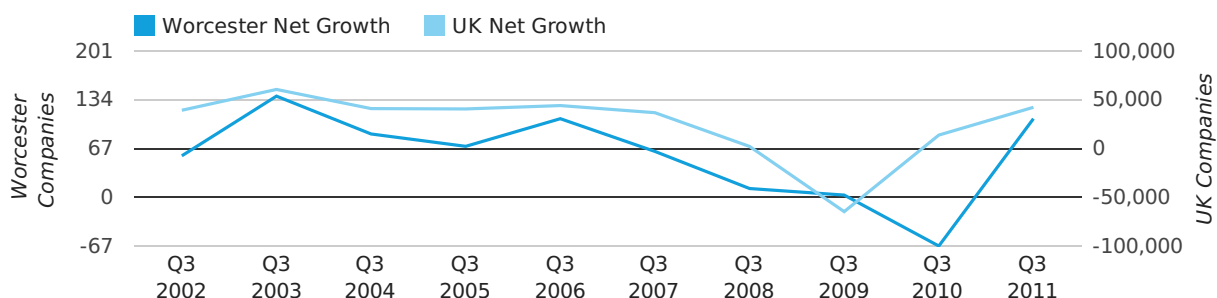
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Worcester during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 108 companies.

This represents an increase of 261.2% on the same period last year.

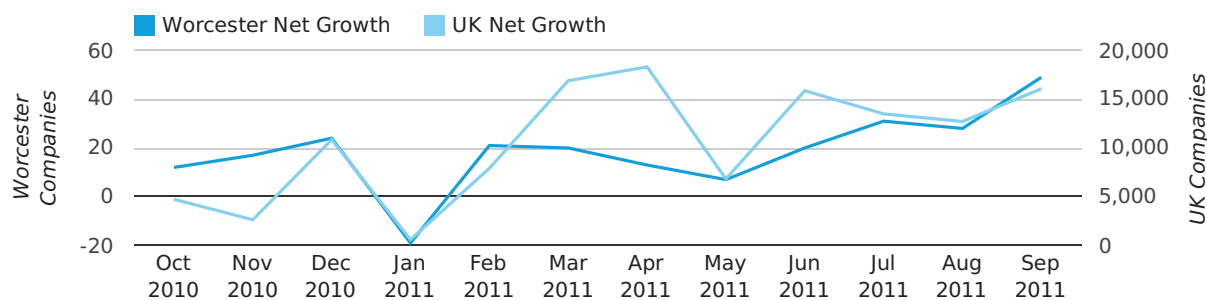
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	WORCESTER	UK
2011	108	42,282
2010	-67	13,787
% CHANGE	-261.2%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (173)	2003 (60,597)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

net growth by month



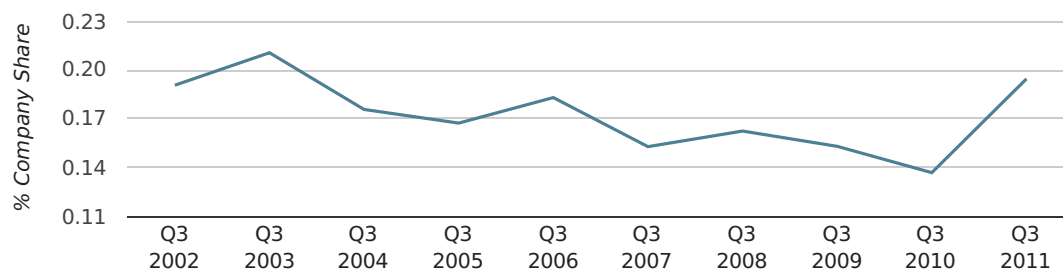
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	31	28	49
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-13	-40	-14
% CHANGE	-338.5%	-170.0%	-450.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (65)	2000 (73)	2000 (55)

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

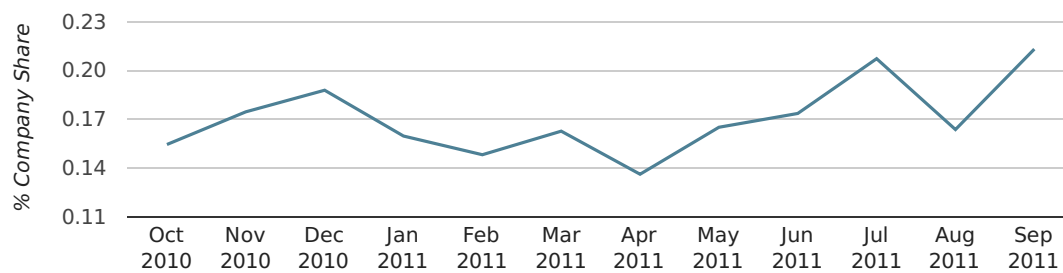
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	WORCESTER
2011	0.2%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1976 (0.4%)

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	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	46.8%	15.3%	66.6%
RECORD YEAR	1975 (0.6%)	1974 (0.8%)	1969 (0.7%)

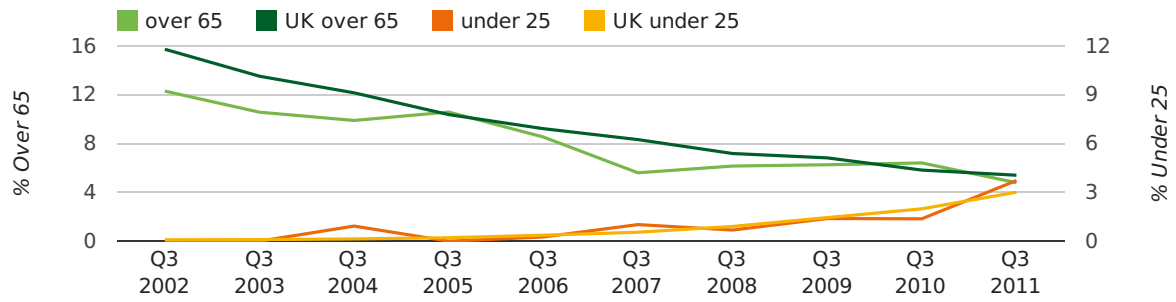
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 44.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

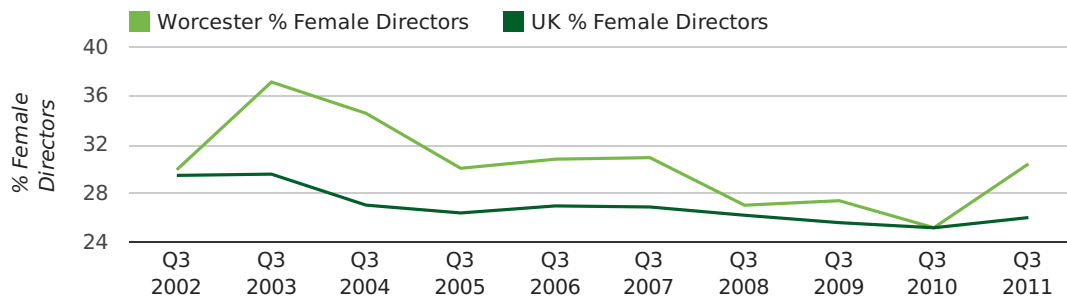


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

30.4% of all director appointments in Worcester 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
WORCESTER	1.68%	CONSULTING	5.11%
CONSULTING	1.28%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
PROPERTY	1.20%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
MANAGEMENT	1.04%	PROPERTY	2.41%
CONSULTANCY	0.88%	TRADING	2.06%
DESIGN	0.80%	DESIGN	1.94%
CARE	0.72%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
GLOBAL	0.72%	BUSINESS	1.82%
ENTERPRISES	0.72%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CONSTRUCTION	0.72%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
(WORCESTER)	0.64%	MEDIA	1.72%
BUSINESS	0.64%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
BUILDING	0.56%	LONDON	1.63%
ASSOCIATES	0.56%	J	1.47%
HOUSE	0.48%	GLOBAL	1.46%
AMENITY	0.48%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
MEDIA	0.48%	CARE	1.42%
C	0.40%	IT	1.38%
K	0.40%	BUILDING	1.30%
PGL	0.40%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
CLOTHING	0.40%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
TRAINING	0.40%	M	1.25%
G	0.40%	ENERGY	1.22%
PROJECT	0.40%	TRAINING	1.21%
SCHOOL	0.40%	S	1.21%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	254	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	69	65,177
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	50	29,245
9999 - Dormant Company	38	22,587
99999 - Dormant Company	33	18,281
7499 - Non-trading company	30	11,543
7414 - Business & management consultancy	29	14,755
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	29	15,760
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	23	10,137
74990 - Non-trading company	22	8,064
7260 - Other computer related activities	16	8,686
62090 - Other information technology service activities	12	6,798
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	12	10,018
98000 - Residents property management	10	2,664
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	10	8,345
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	10	6,321
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	10	7,551
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	10	3,614
68100 - Buying and selling of own real estate	9	2,426
78109 - Other activities of employment placement agencies	9	1,552