

York

q1 2011 business confidence report



headlines

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

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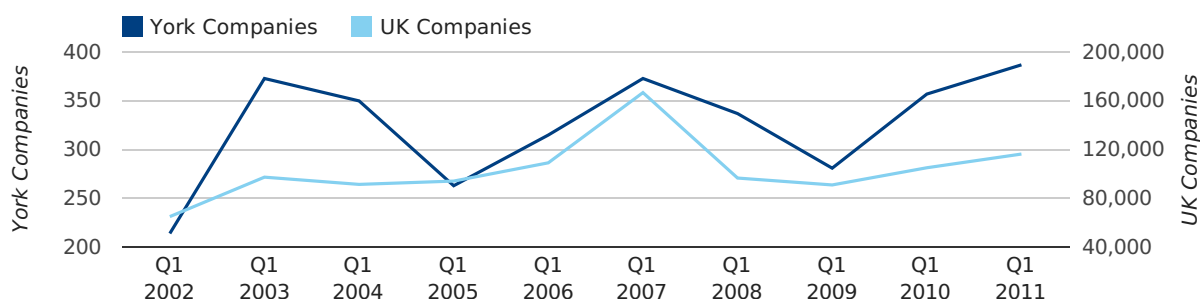
Q1 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in York when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 387 companies were registered in York during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 8.4% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares equally 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)	YORK	UK
2011	387	116,391
2010	357	105,137
% CHANGE	8.4%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (387)	2007 (166,814)

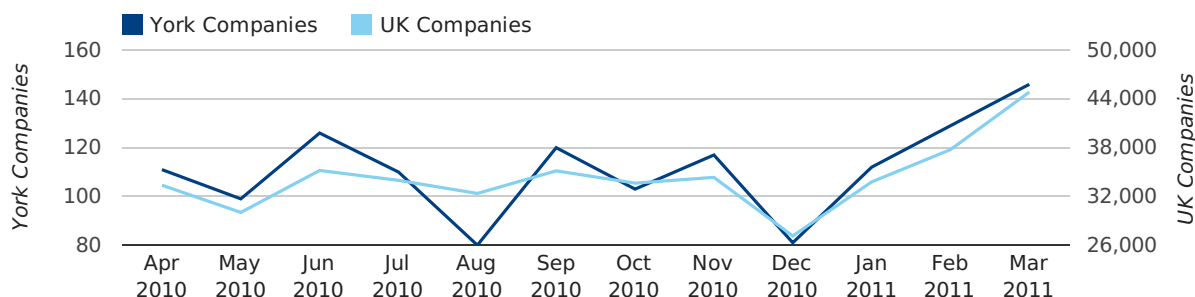
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

February 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in York when compared to any previous February.

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	112	129	146
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	115	104	138
% CHANGE	-2.6%	24.0%	5.8%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (125)	2011 (129)	2007 (152)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

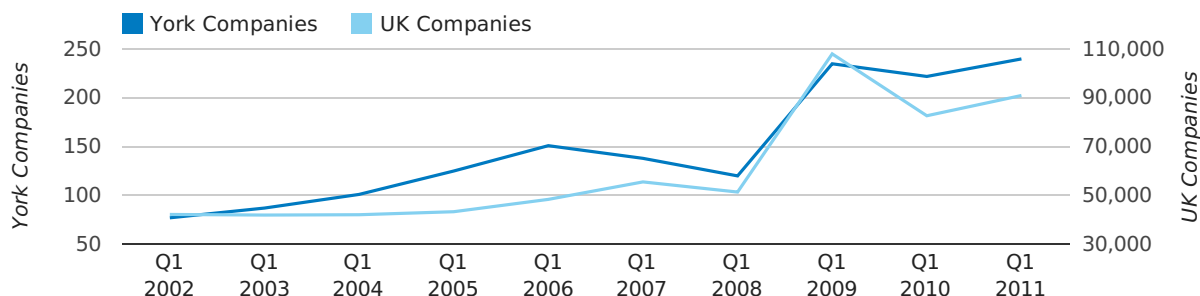
Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in York when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 240 companies were dissolved in York during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 8.1% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares well 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)	YORK	UK
2011	240	90,986
2010	222	82,677
% CHANGE	8.1%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (240)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter

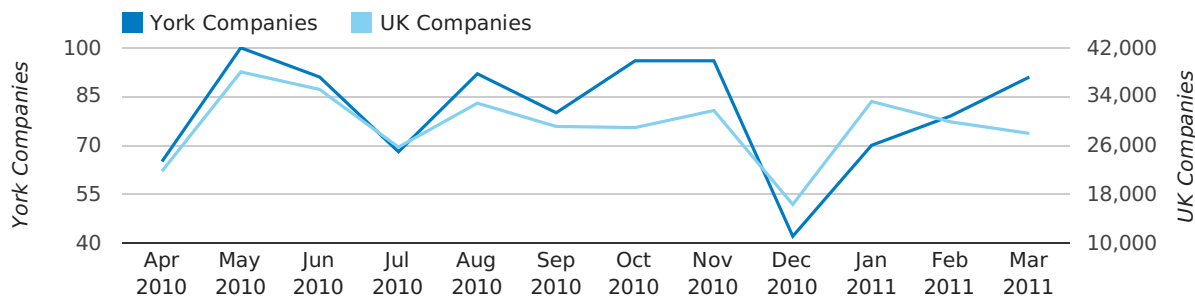


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

February 2011 saw a new record in company closures in York when compared to any previous February.

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	70	79	91
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	46	77	99
% CHANGE	52.2%	2.6%	-8%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (70)	2011 (79)	2009 (132)

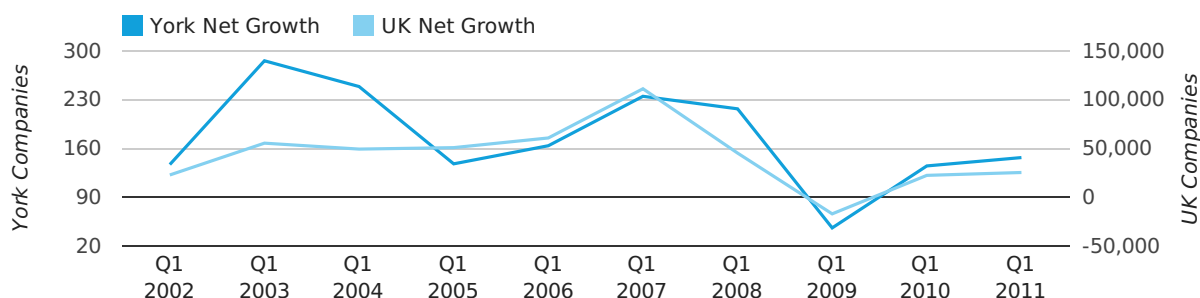
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for York during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 147 companies.

This represents an increase of 8.9% on the same period last year.

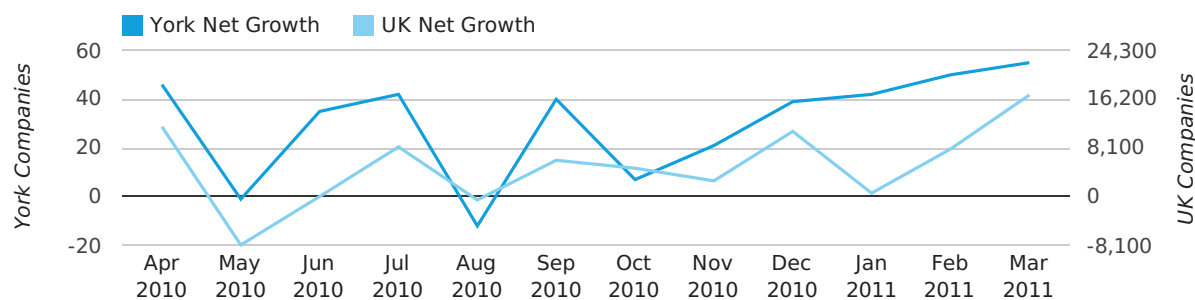
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	YORK	UK
2011	147	25,405
2010	135	22,460
% CHANGE	8.9%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (286)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



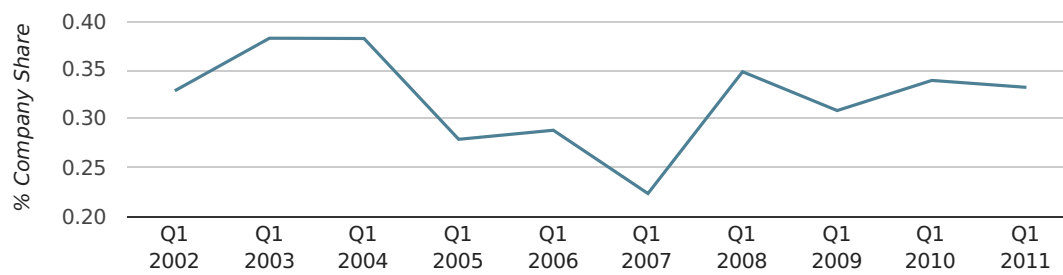
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	42	50	55
NET GROWTH IN 2010	69	27	39
% CHANGE	-39.1%	85.2%	41.0%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (89)	2003 (85)	2008 (128)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, York formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

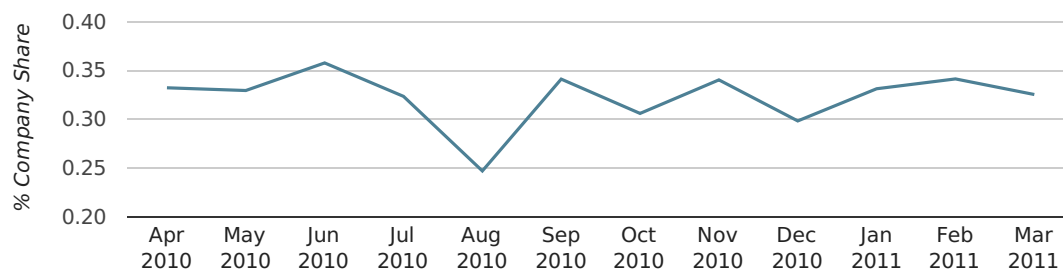
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	YORK
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1964 (0.6%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%
% CHANGE	-16.0%	9.1%	0.9%
RECORD YEAR	1964 (0.8%)	1970 (0.7%)	1981 (0.8%)

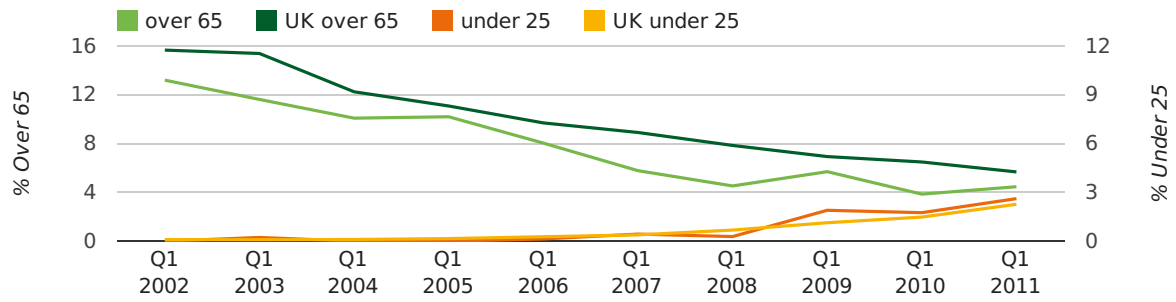
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 45.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

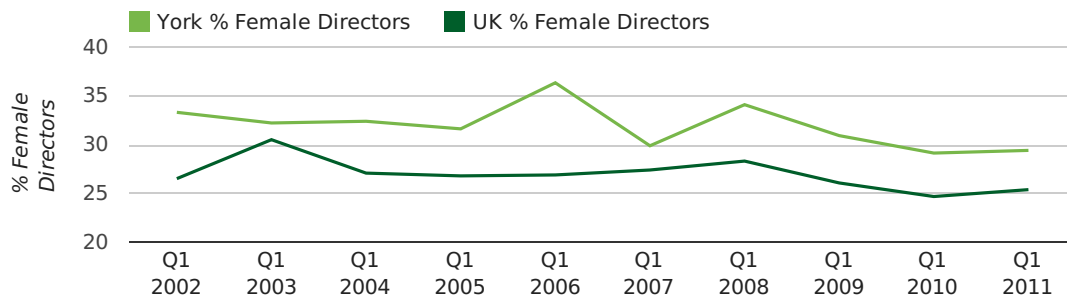


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

29.4% of all director appointments in York 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	2.99%	CONSULTING	5.04%
YORK	2.89%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
(YORK)	1.96%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
CONSULTING	1.27%	PROPERTY	2.38%
CONSULTANCY	1.13%	TRADING	2.10%
YORKSHIRE	1.08%	DESIGN	1.93%
ASSOCIATES	1.08%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
DESIGN	0.93%	BUSINESS	1.87%
PROPERTY	0.83%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
DEVELOPMENT	0.78%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
MEDIA	0.69%	MEDIA	1.69%
CONSTRUCTION	0.69%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
CARE	0.64%	LONDON	1.60%
BUSINESS	0.64%	CARE	1.45%
J	0.59%	J	1.45%
HOUSE	0.59%	GLOBAL	1.44%
HOME	0.54%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
INTERNATIONAL	0.49%	IT	1.41%
TRAINING	0.49%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
CONSULTANTS	0.49%	BUILDING	1.34%
PROPERTIES	0.49%	M	1.30%
TRADING	0.49%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
MARKETING	0.44%	S	1.24%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.44%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
INVESTMENTS	0.44%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	544	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	117	60,968
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	93	16,150
99999 - Dormant Company	64	18,336
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7414 - Business & management consultancy	60	12,916
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	52	30,253
7499 - Non-trading company	43	11,316
98000 - Residents property management	37	3,154
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	33	6,183
9305 - Other service activities	29	8,740
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	27	10,246
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	25	10,085
7260 - Other computer related activities	24	7,789
41100 - Development of building projects	23	3,921
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	23	3,436
62090 - Other information technology service activities	23	6,996
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	22	7,788
74990 - Non-trading company	20	8,695
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	19	3,220