

Bridgend

q1 2011 business confidence report



headlines

- Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Bridgend when compared to any previous Q1.
- Q1 2011 was a record quarter for company closures in Bridgend when compared to any quarter in history.
- February 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Bridgend when compared to any previous February.
- January 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Bridgend when compared to any previous January.

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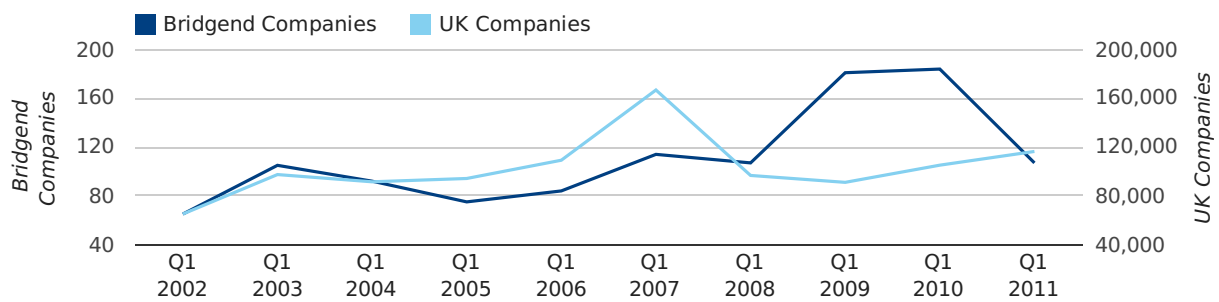
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 107 companies were registered in Bridgend during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 41.8% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 10.7% against the same period last year.

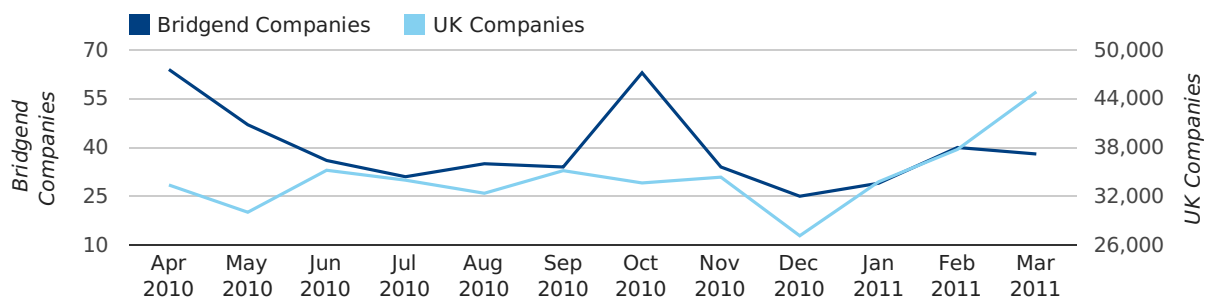
| FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011) | BRIDGEND | UK |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 107 | 116,391 |
| 2010 | 184 | 105,137 |
| % CHANGE | -41.8% | 10.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2010 (184) | 2007 (166,814) |

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

new companies by month



| | JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 29 | 40 | 38 |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2010 | 50 | 53 | 81 |
| % CHANGE | -42.0% | -24.5% | -53.1% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (58) | 2009 (65) | 2010 (81) |

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

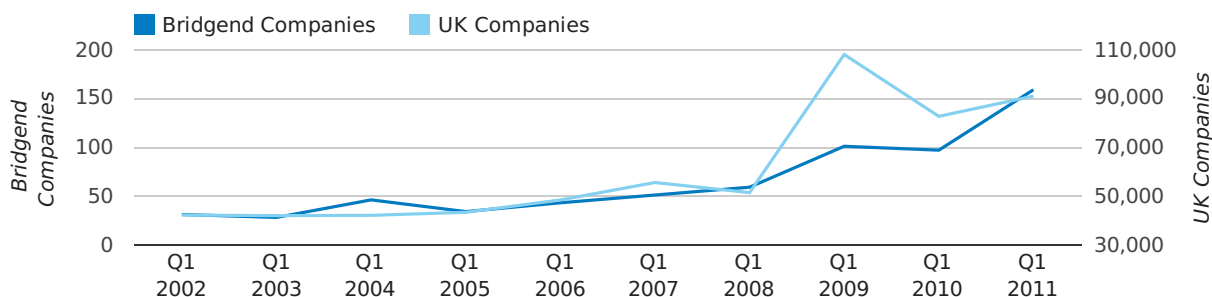
Q1 2011 was a record quarter for company closures in Bridgend when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 159 companies were dissolved in Bridgend during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 63.9% 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) | BRIDGEND | UK |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 159 | 90,986 |
| 2010 | 97 | 82,677 |
| % CHANGE | 63.9% | 10.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (159) | 2009 (108,060) |

dissolved companies by quarter

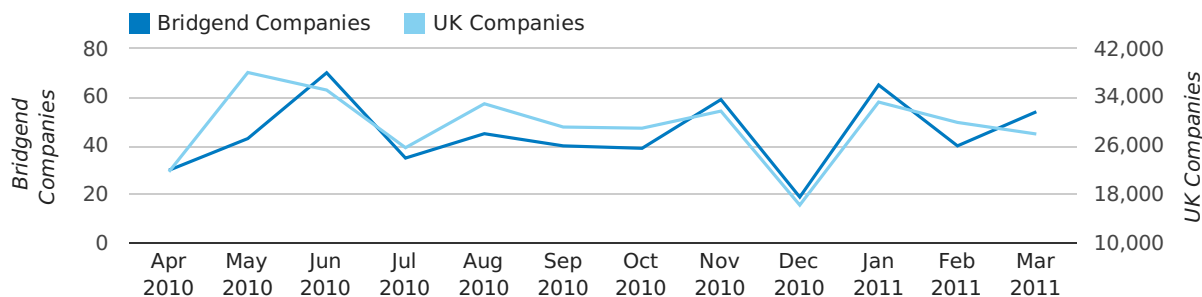


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

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

dissolved companies by month



| | JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 65 | 40 | 54 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010 | 21 | 26 | 50 |
| % CHANGE | 209.5% | 53.8% | 8% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (65) | 2011 (40) | 2009 (65) |

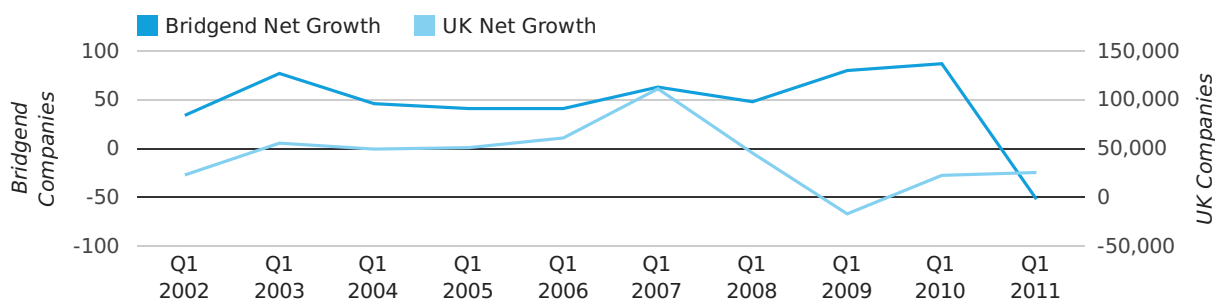
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Bridgend during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was -52 companies.

This represents a decrease of 159.8% on the same period last year.

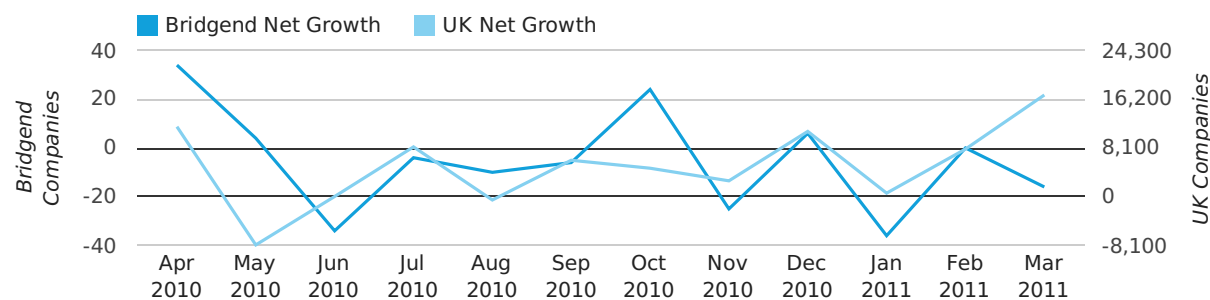
| FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011) | BRIDGEND | UK |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 2011 | -52 | 25,405 |
| 2010 | 87 | 22,460 |
| % CHANGE | -159.8% | 13.1% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2010 (87) | 2007 (111,282) |

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



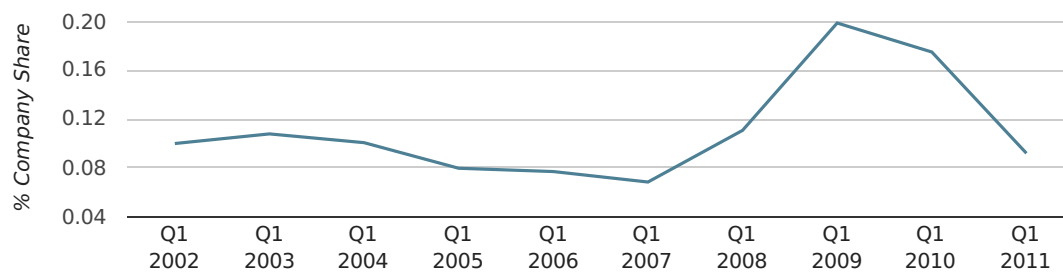
| | JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | -36 | 0 | -16 |
| NET GROWTH IN 2010 | 29 | 27 | 31 |
| % CHANGE | -224.1% | -100.0% | -151.6% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (42) | 2009 (45) | 2008 (37) |

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Bridgend formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

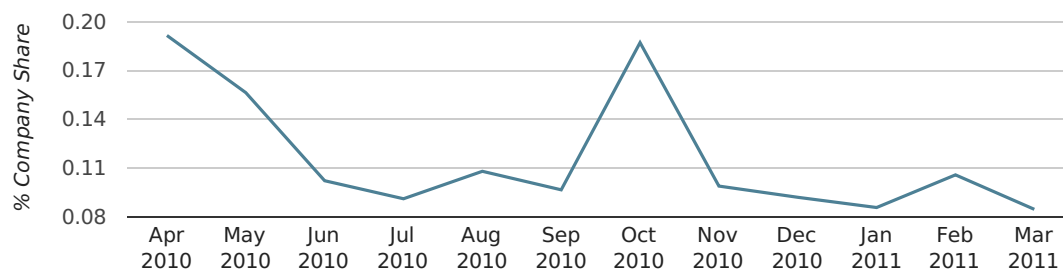
| FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011) | BRIDGEND |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.1% |
| 2010 | 0.2% |
| 2009 | 0.2% |
| 2008 | 0.1% |
| 2007 | 0.1% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1972 (0.2%) |

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



| | JANUARY | FEBRUARY | MARCH |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010 | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| % CHANGE | -50.0% | -33.6% | -55.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1972 (0.4%) | 1965 (0.4%) | 1974 (0.2%) |

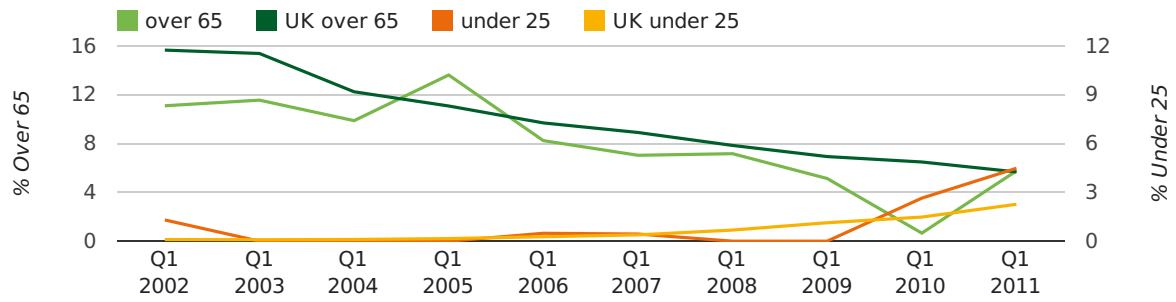
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 47.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

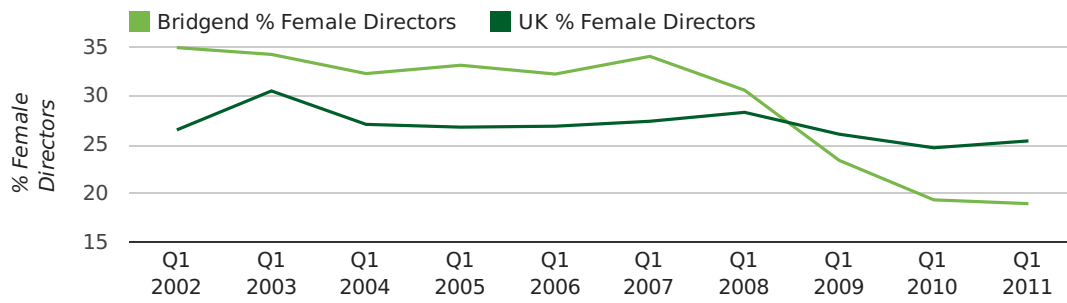


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

19.0% of all director appointments in Bridgend 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 |
|--------------|------------|---------------|---------------|
| PROPERTY | 1.34% | CONSULTING | 5.04% |
| MANAGEMENT | 1.09% | MANAGEMENT | 4.97% |
| (WALES) | 0.97% | CONSULTANCY | 3.16% |
| BUILDING | 0.85% | PROPERTY | 2.38% |
| DEVELOPMENT | 0.73% | TRADING | 2.10% |
| ENGINEERING | 0.73% | DESIGN | 1.93% |
| CONSULTING | 0.73% | ASSOCIATES | 1.92% |
| TRAINING | 0.61% | BUSINESS | 1.87% |
| ELECTRICAL | 0.61% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.80% |
| BRIDGEND | 0.61% | CONSULTANTS | 1.76% |
| CONSULTANCY | 0.61% | MEDIA | 1.69% |
| WALES | 0.61% | ENGINEERING | 1.61% |
| GUARDIAN | 0.61% | LONDON | 1.60% |
| ENERGY | 0.61% | CARE | 1.45% |
| (BRIDGEND) | 0.61% | J | 1.45% |
| TRADING | 0.49% | GLOBAL | 1.44% |
| SOLAR | 0.49% | INVESTMENTS | 1.43% |
| BUILDERS | 0.49% | IT | 1.41% |
| CONSTRUCTION | 0.49% | PROPERTIES | 1.36% |
| CARE | 0.49% | BUILDING | 1.34% |
| P | 0.49% | M | 1.30% |
| ASSOCIATES | 0.49% | ELECTRICAL | 1.28% |
| JAMES | 0.49% | S | 1.24% |
| PROJECT | 0.49% | INTERNATIONAL | 1.23% |
| COLSTON | 0.49% | SYSTEMS | 1.23% |

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| None Supplied | 558 | 202,798 |
| 7487 - Other business activities | 60 | 60,968 |
| 99999 - Dormant Company | 47 | 18,336 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 30 | 19,765 |
| 7260 - Other computer related activities | 23 | 7,789 |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy | 22 | 12,916 |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management | 21 | 16,150 |
| 7499 - Non-trading company | 20 | 11,316 |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities | 17 | 10,246 |
| 9305 - Other service activities | 16 | 8,740 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 15 | 30,253 |
| 7222 - Other software consultancy and supply | 11 | 7,000 |
| 74990 - Non-trading company | 10 | 8,695 |
| 62012 - Business and domestic software development | 9 | 3,168 |
| 62090 - Other information technology service activities | 9 | 6,996 |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified | 9 | 10,085 |
| 43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified | 8 | 3,097 |
| 6024 - Freight transport by road | 7 | 2,299 |
| 41100 - Development of building projects | 7 | 3,921 |
| 4531 - Installation electrical wiring etc. | 7 | 2,072 |