

# Abingdon

2011 annual business confidence report



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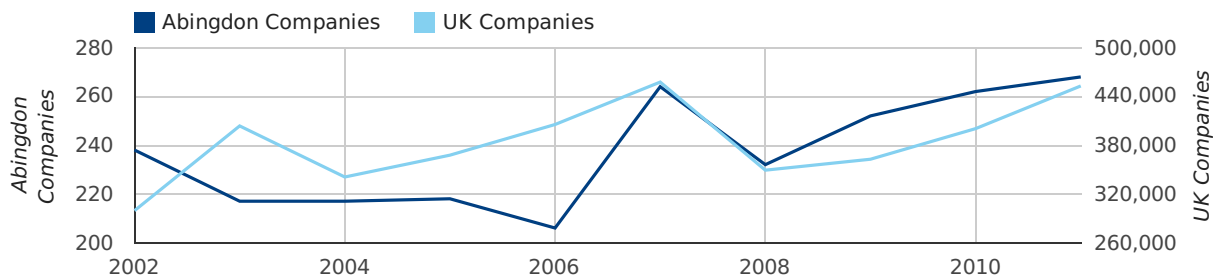
## Annual Data (2011)

2011 was a record year for company registrations in Abingdon when compared to any year in history.

A total of 268 companies were formed in Abingdon in 2011. This total is 2.3% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	ABINGDON	UK
2011	268	452,870
2010	262	400,358
2009	252	362,675
2008	232	349,203
2007	264	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (268)	2007 (457,649)

### new companies by year



## Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

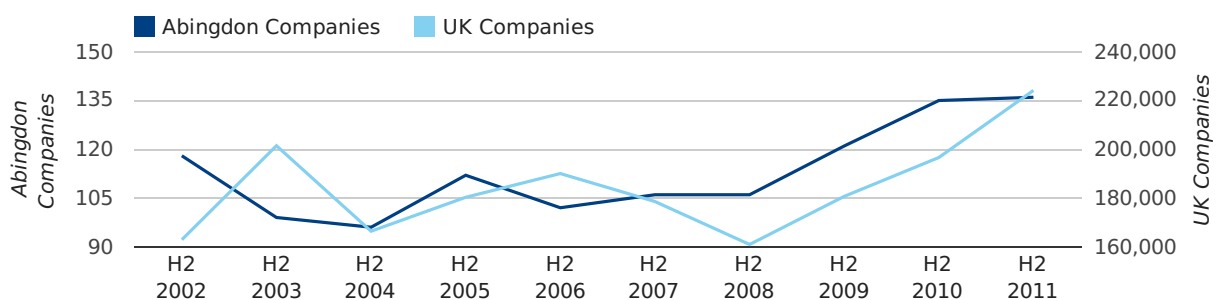
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Abingdon when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 136 companies were formed in Abingdon. This figure is 0.7% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Abingdon occurred in 2011 when a total of 136 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ABINGDON	UK
2011	136	224,135
2010	135	196,609
% CHANGE	0.7%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (136)	2011 (224,135)

### new companies by half year



## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

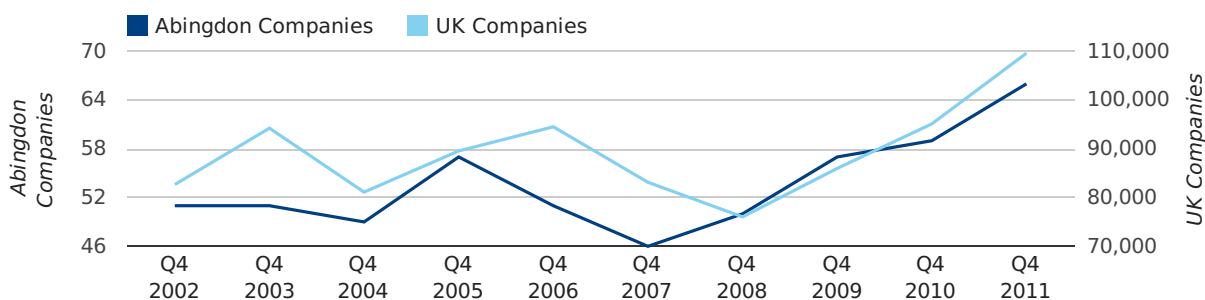
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Abingdon when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 66 companies were registered in Abingdon during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 11.9% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 15.3% against the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ABINGDON	UK
2011	66	109,623
2010	59	95,117
% CHANGE	11.9%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (66)	2011 (109,623)

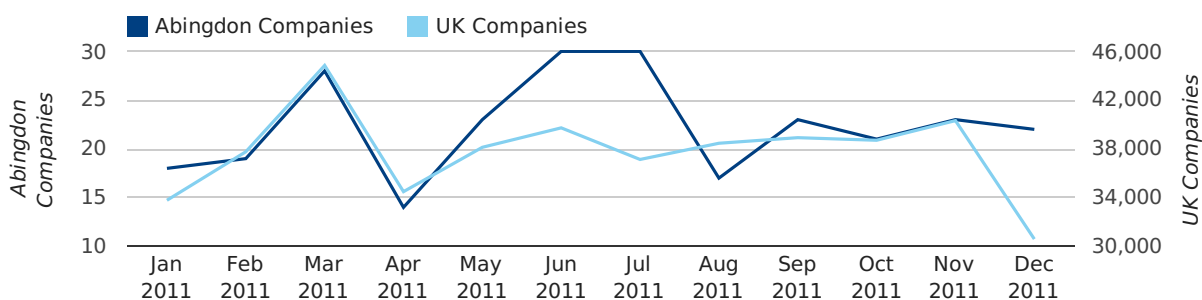
### new companies by quarter



## Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

December 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Abingdon when compared to any previous December.

### new companies by month



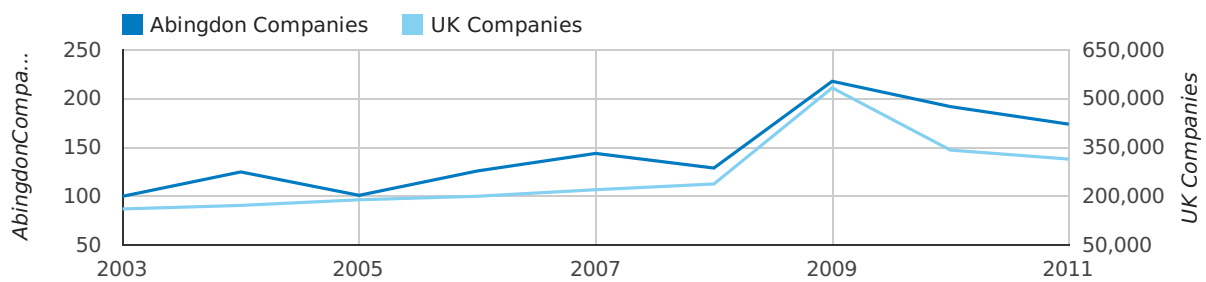
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	21	23	22
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	21	22	16
% CHANGE	0.0%	4.5%	37.5%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (27)	2005 (26)	2011 (22)

### Annual Data (2011)

A total of 174 companies were dissolved in Abingdon in 2011. This total is 9.4% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	ABINGDON	UK
2011	174	314,523
2010	192	342,232
2009	218	533,773
2008	129	237,901
2007	144	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (218)	2009 (533,773)

### dissolved companies by year



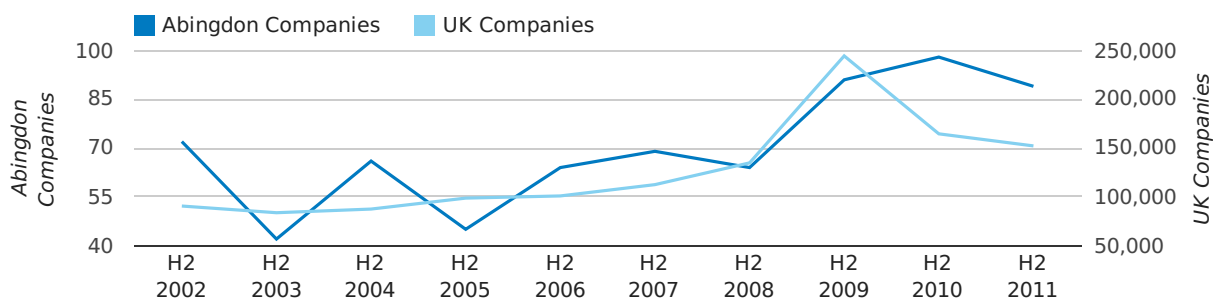
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 89 companies were dissolved in Abingdon. This figure is 9.2% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Abingdon occurred in 2010 when a total of 98 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ABINGDON	UK
2011	89	152,213
2010	98	164,601
% CHANGE	-9.2%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (98)	2009 (244,537)

### dissolved companies by half year



## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

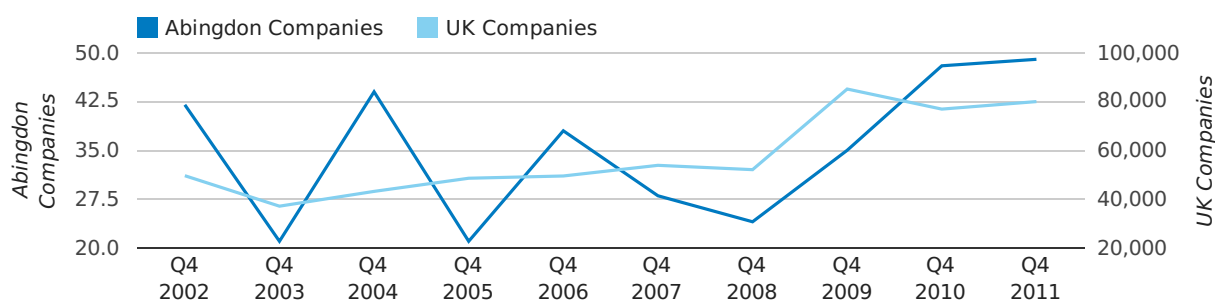
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Abingdon when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 49 companies were dissolved in Abingdon during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 2.1% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 4.0% against the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ABINGDON	UK
2011	49	79,983
2010	48	76,896
% CHANGE	2.1%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (49)	2009 (85,136)

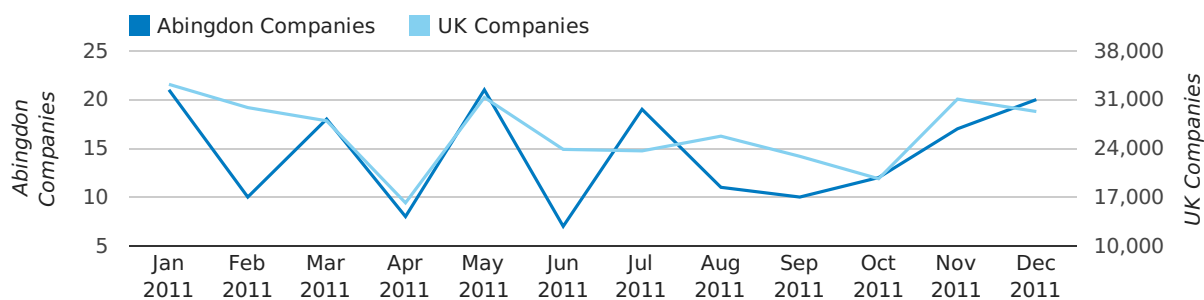
### dissolved companies by quarter



## Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

December 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Abingdon when compared to any previous December.

### dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	12	17	20
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	21	18	9
% CHANGE	-42.9%	-5.6%	122%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (21)	2010 (18)	2011 (20)

### Annual Data (2011)

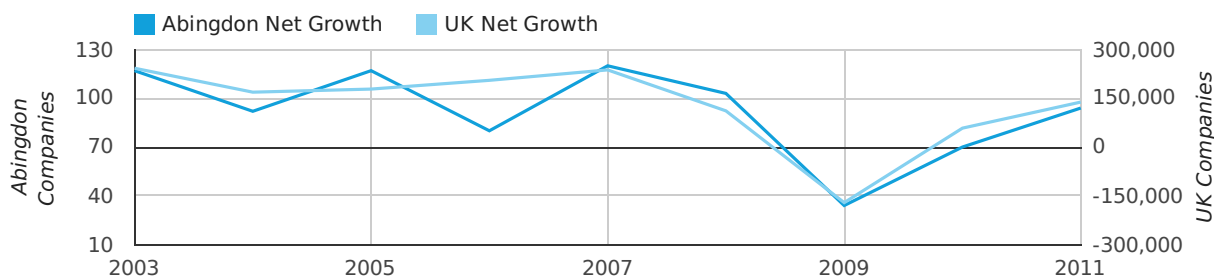
A total of 94 companies were added to the company register for Abingdon in 2011. This number represents growth of 35.9% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 24 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2002 when the Abingdon company register grew by 127 companies.

YEAR	ABINGDON	UK
2011	94	138,347
2010	70	58,126
2009	34	-171,098
2008	103	111,302
2007	120	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2002 (127)	2003 (242,543)

### net growth by year

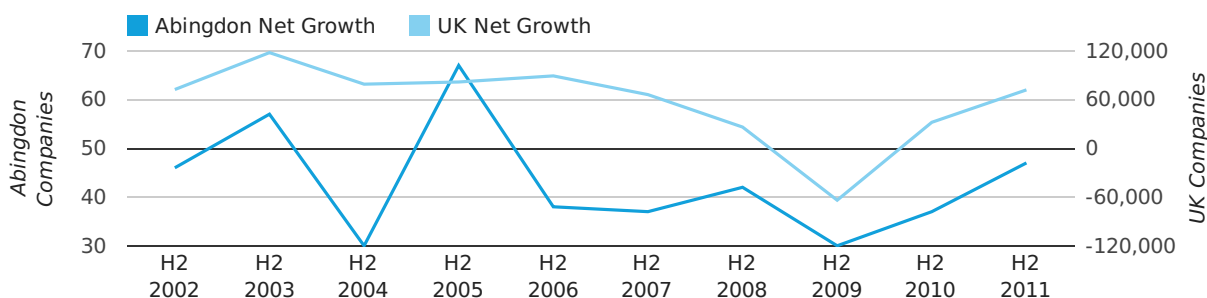


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Abingdon increased by 47 companies. This figure is 27.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ABINGDON	UK
2011	47	71,922
2010	37	32,008
% CHANGE	27.0%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (67)	2003 (117,772)

### net growth by half year



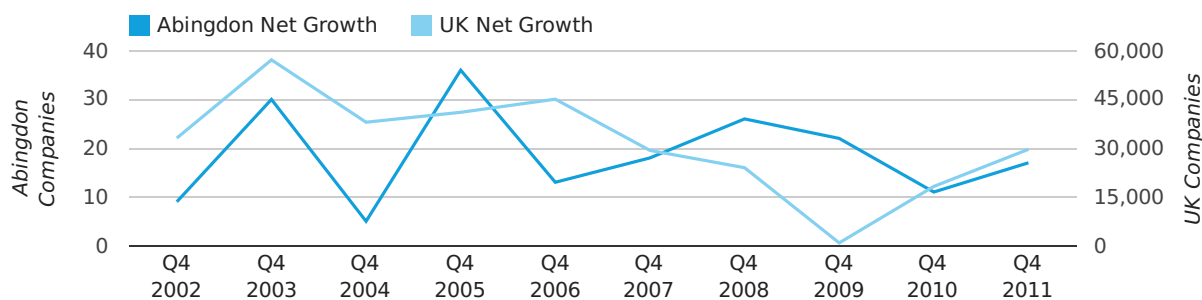
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Abingdon during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 17 companies.

This represents an increase of 54.5% on the same period last year.

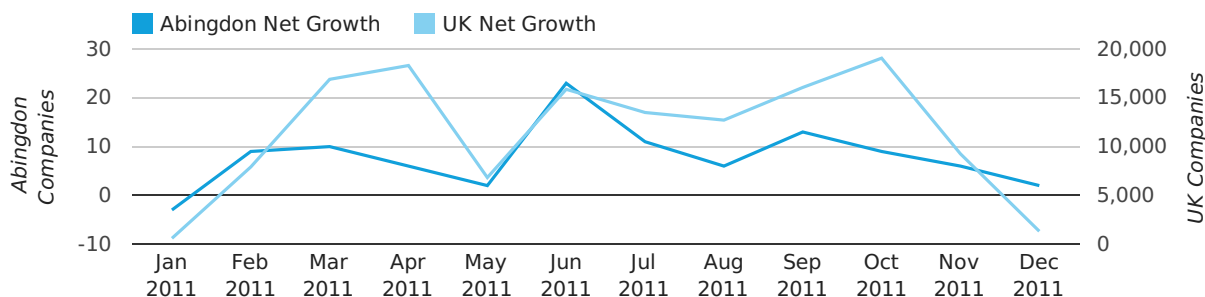
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ABINGDON	UK
2011	17	29,640
2010	11	18,221
% CHANGE	54.5%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (36)	2003 (57,175)

### net growth by quarter



## Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

### net growth by month



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	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	9	6	2
NET GROWTH IN 2010	0	4	7
% CHANGE	0.0%	50.0%	-71.4%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (16)	2005 (13)	2003 (15)

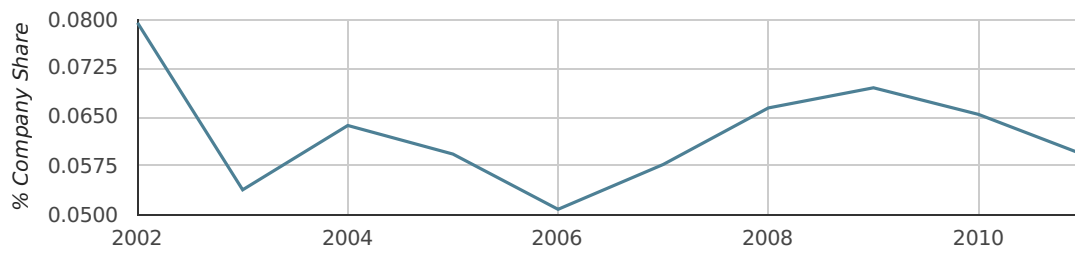


### Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Abingdon formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Abingdon was responsible for 0.1% of all UK companies.

YEAR	ABINGDON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.1%)

### company share by year

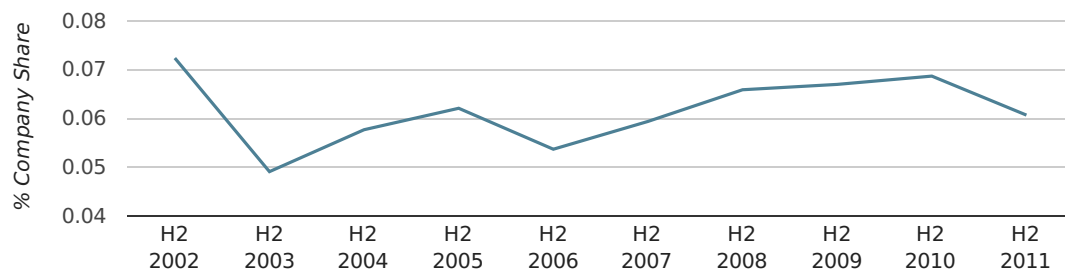


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Abingdon formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ABINGDON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.2%)

### company share by half year

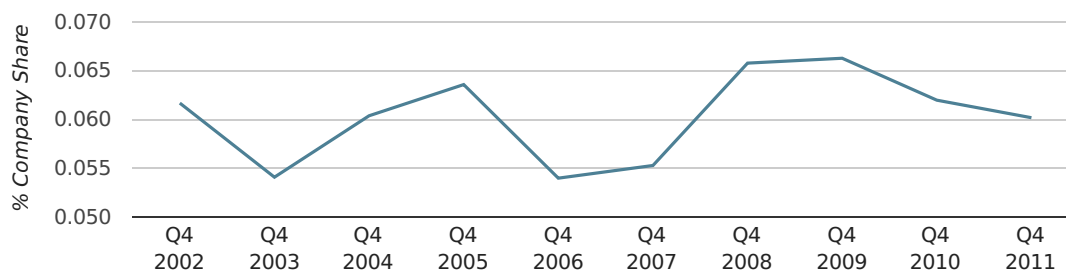


## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, Abingdon formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

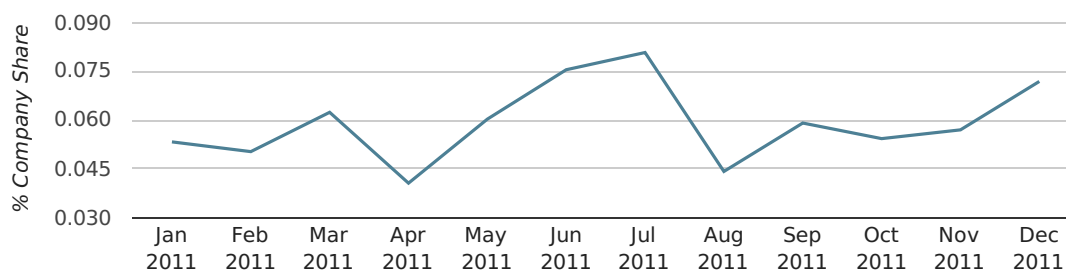
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ABINGDON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.2%)

### company share by quarter



## Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

### company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-13.0%	-11.1%	21.9%
RECORD YEAR	1970 (0.3%)	1972 (0.3%)	1967 (0.6%)

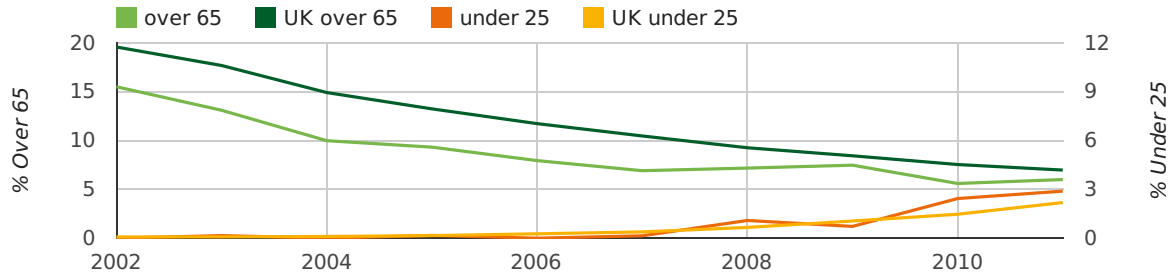
### Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 45.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

#### director age by year



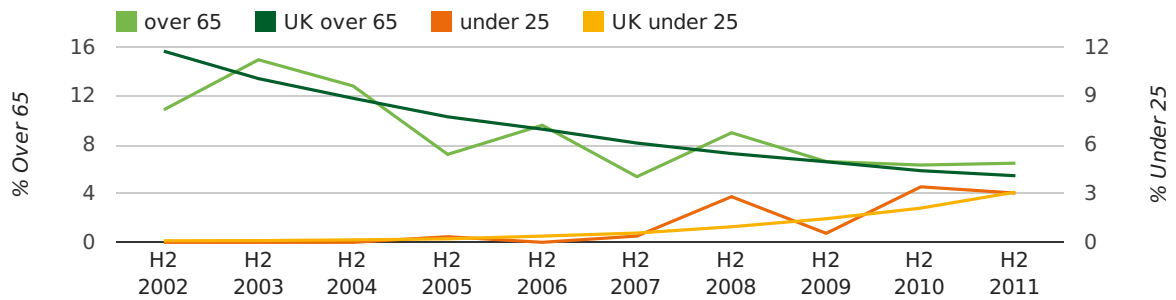
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 44.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

#### director age by half year



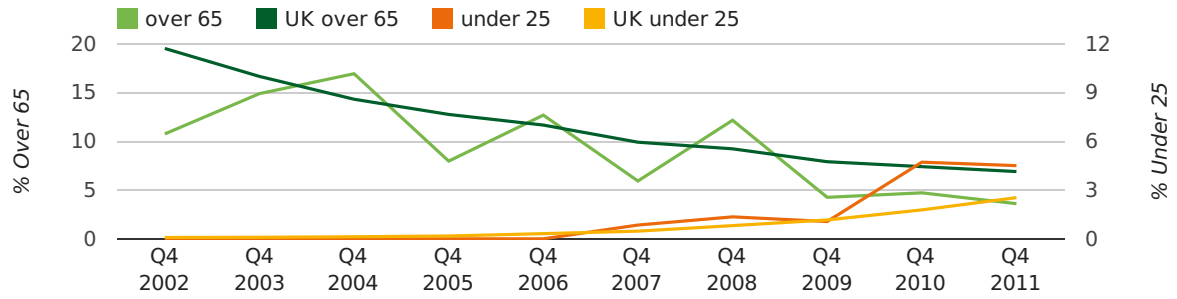
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 43.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

### director age by quarter

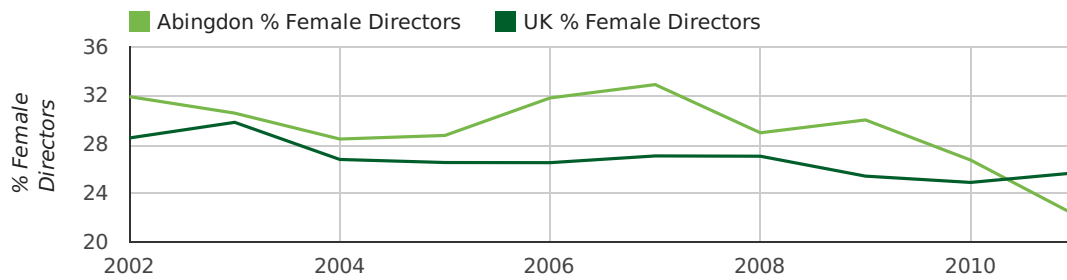


### Annual Data (2011)

The record year for female directors in Abingdon was 1857 when 36.4% of all directors were female.

The percentage of female directors in Abingdon in 2011 was 32.0%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

#### director gender by year

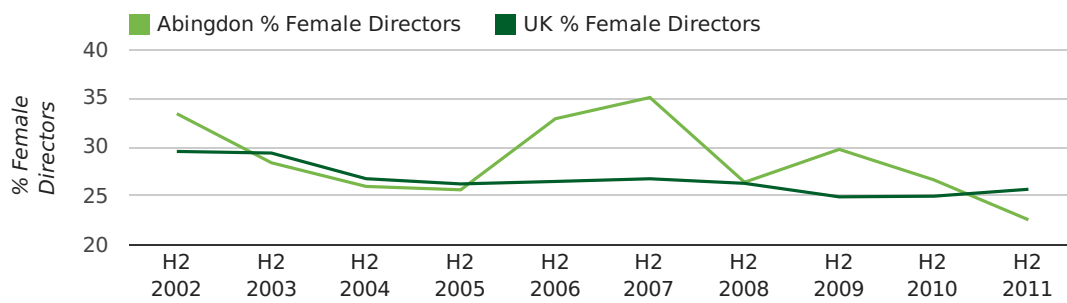


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The record second half year for female directors in Abingdon was 1860 when 42.9% of all directors were female.

22.5% of all director appointments in Abingdon in the second half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

#### director gender by half year

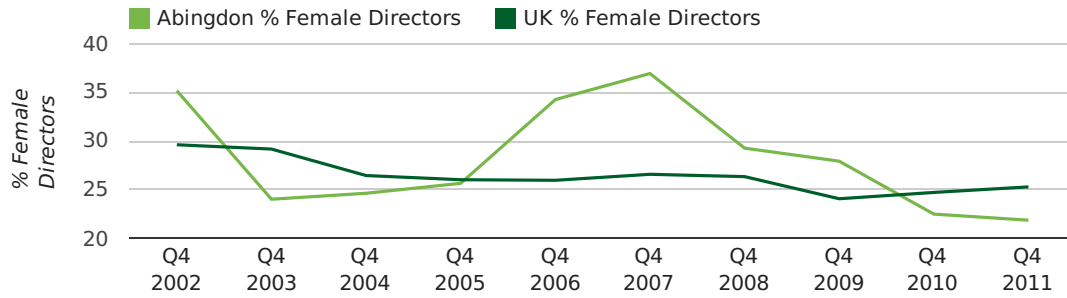


## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The record fourth quarter for female directors in Abingdon was in 1977 when 31.1% of all directors were female.

21.9% of all director appointments in Abingdon in the fourth quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.3% for the same period.

### director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Dec 2010-Dec 2011)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	2.34%	CONSULTING	5.07%
OXFORD	1.75%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.75%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
CONSULTANCY	1.36%	PROPERTY	2.37%
DAIRIES	1.36%	TRADING	2.07%
ABINGDON	1.17%	DESIGN	1.92%
(OXFORD)	0.97%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
CONSULTANTS	0.97%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
BARN	0.78%	BUSINESS	1.78%
DESIGN	0.78%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
2011	0.78%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
(ABINGDON)	0.78%	MEDIA	1.71%
OXFORDSHIRE	0.58%	LONDON	1.63%
CONSTRUCTION	0.58%	J	1.51%
PROPERTY	0.58%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
ENERGY	0.58%	GLOBAL	1.46%
IN	0.58%	IT	1.41%
TOWERS	0.58%	CARE	1.39%
ROAD	0.58%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
FITNESS	0.58%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
ENGINEERING	0.58%	M	1.27%
TOUCH	0.39%	BUILDING	1.26%
RECOVERY	0.39%	ENERGY	1.25%
AT	0.39%	S	1.20%
INDUSTRIAL	0.39%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

## Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	84	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	47	57,052
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	23	17,765
7414 - Business & management consultancy	19	13,034
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	19	2,699
9999 - Dormant Company	13	20,199
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	12	32,483
71129 - Other engineering activities	11	1,823
62090 - Other information technology service activities	10	7,493
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	10	12,072
99999 - Dormant Company	9	21,846
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	8	7,398
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	7	8,671
7260 - Other computer related activities	7	7,667
70100 - Activities of head offices	7	2,662
74990 - Non-trading company	6	8,929
98000 - Residents property management	6	2,874
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	6	3,633
62012 - Business and domestic software development	5	3,714
41100 - Development of building projects	5	4,331