Accrington

2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

- November 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Accrington when compared to any previous November.
- October 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Accrington when compared to any previous October.
- November 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Accrington when compared to any previous November.

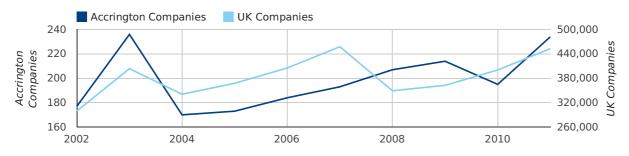
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A total of 234 companies were formed in Accrington in 2011. This total is 20.0% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	ACCRINGTON	UK
2011	234	452,870
2010	195	400,358
2009	214	362,675
2008	207	349,203
2007	193	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2003 (236)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 112 companies were formed in Accrington. This figure is 27.3% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Accrington occurred in 2003 when a total of 121 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ACCRINGTON	UK
2011	112	224,135
2010	88	196,609
% CHANGE	27.3%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (121)	2011 (224,135)



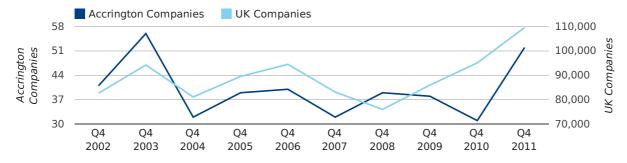
new companies by half year

A total of 52 companies were registered in Accrington during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 67.7% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares well 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)	ACCRINGTON	UK
2011	52	109,623
2010	31	95,117
% CHANGE	67.7%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (56)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

November 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Accrington when compared to any previous November.

October 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Accrington when compared to any previous October.

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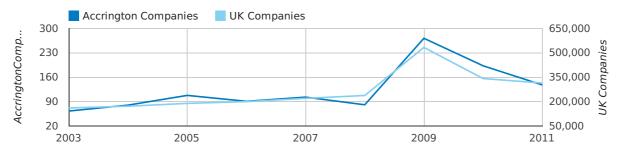
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	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	22	23	7
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	16	11	4
% CHANGE	37.5%	109.1%	75.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (22)	2011 (23)	2003 (15)

A total of 138 companies were dissolved in Accrington in 2011. This total is 28.5% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	ACCRINGTON	UK
2011	138	314,523
2010	193	342,232
2009	272	533,773
2008	81	237,901
2007	103	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (272)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



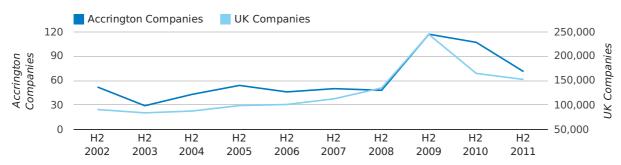
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 71 companies were dissolved in Accrington. This figure is 33.6% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Accrington occurred in 2009 when a total of 117 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ACCRINGTON	UK
2011	71	152,213
2010	107	164,601
% CHANGE	-33.6%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (117)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year

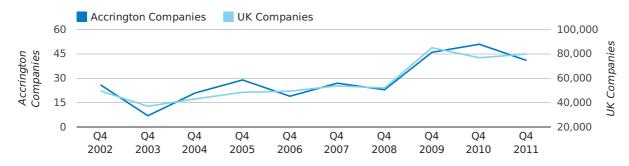


A total of 41 companies were dissolved in Accrington during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 19.6% 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.

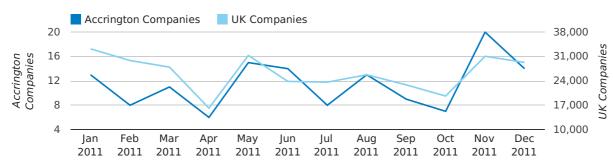
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ACCRINGTON	UK
2011	41	79,983
2010	51	76,896
% CHANGE	-19.6%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (51)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

November 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Accrington when compared to any previous November.



dissolved companies by month

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	7	20	14
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	30	15	6
% CHANGE	-76.7%	33.3%	133%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (30)	2011 (20)	2005 (15)

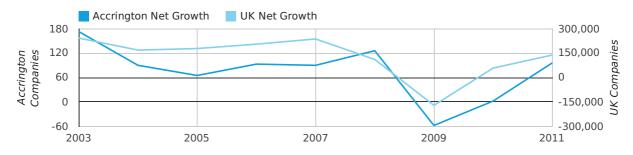
A total of 96 companies were added to the company register for Accrington in 2011. This number represents growth of 49.2% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 94 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Accrington company register grew by 173 companies.

YEAR	ACCRINGTON	UK
2011	96	138,347
2010	2	58,126
2009	-58	-171,098
2008	126	111,302
2007	90	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (173)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

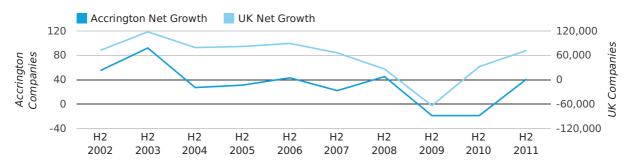


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Accrington increased by 41 companies. This figure is 315.8% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ACCRINGTON	UK
2011	41	71,922
2010	-19	32,008
% CHANGE	-315.8%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (92)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year

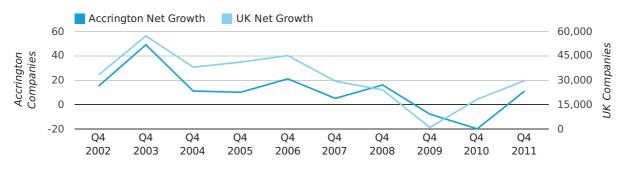


Net company growth for Accrington during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 11 companies.

This represents an increase of 155.0% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ACCRINGTON	UK
2011	11	29,640
2010	-20	18,221
% CHANGE	-155.0%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (49)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



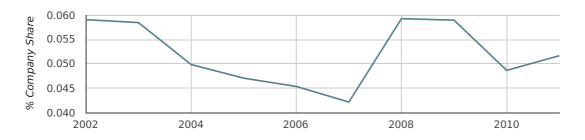
Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)



In 2011 Accrington formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is an improvement on 2010 when Accrington was responsible for 0.0% of all UK companies.

YEAR	ACCRINGTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.1%)

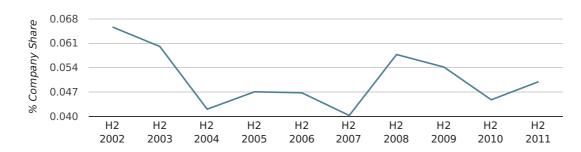
company share by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Accrington formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is more than the 2010 figure of 0.0%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ACCRINGTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1981 (0.1%)

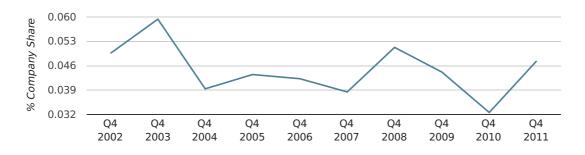


company share by half year

In the fourth quarter of 2011, Accrington formed 0.0% of all UK companies.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ACCRINGTON
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1981 (0.2%)





Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)



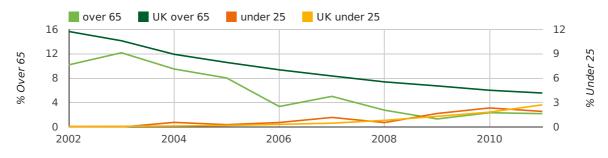
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	19.3%	78.1%	55.8%
RECORD YEAR	1963 (0.4%)	1969 (0.2%)	1967 (0.3%)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 44.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year

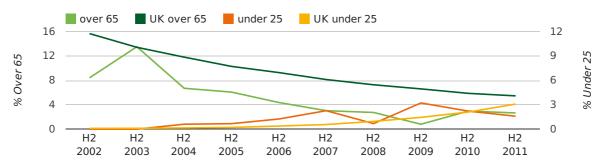


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 45.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.



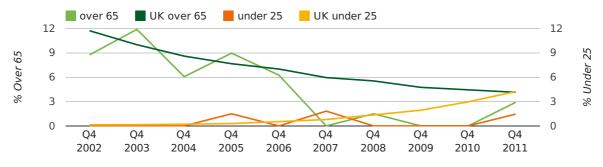
director age by half year

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 42.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

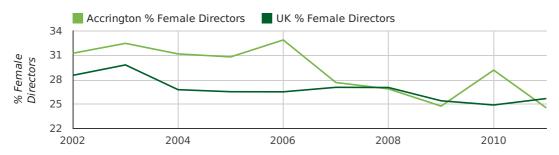
director age by quarter



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

The percentage of female directors in Accrington in 2011 was 31.3%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

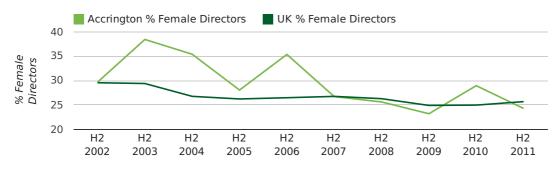


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

24.3% of all director appointments in Accrington 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



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

16.3% of all director appointments in Accrington 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
FRESHWAVE	1.66%	CONSULTING	5.07%
HOLDINGS	1.25%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.25%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
PROPERTY	1.04%	PROPERTY	2.37%
DESIGN	1.04%	TRADING	2.07%
FURNITURE	0.83%	DESIGN	1.92%
LANCASHIRE	0.83%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
CAR	0.83%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
ACCOUNTANTS	0.83%	BUSINESS	1.78%
PUB	0.83%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
SECURITY	0.62%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
EGG	0.62%	MEDIA	1.71%
HOME	0.62%	LONDON	1.63%
М	0.62%	J	1.51%
CARE	0.62%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CONSULTANCY	0.62%	GLOBAL	1.46%
SCHOOL	0.62%	IT	1.41%
ECO	0.62%	CARE	1.39%
TRADING	0.62%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
Ν	0.62%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
ALL	0.62%	Μ	1.27%
BUSINESS	0.62%	BUILDING	1.26%
WEST	0.62%	ENERGY	1.25%
CHURCH	0.42%	S	1.20%
CONTRACTORS	0.42%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%



Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	114	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	27	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	21	32,483
9999 - Dormant Company	13	20,199
99999 - Dormant Company	11	21,846
86900 - Other human health activities	6	4,457
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	6	8,671
74990 - Non-trading company	5	8,929
4542 - Joinery installation	5	770
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	5	4,082
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	5	11,768
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	5	7,398
56302 - Public houses and bars	5	2,308
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	4	5,558
7414 - Business & management consultancy	4	13,034
43210 - Electrical installation	4	3,175
68100 - Buying and selling of own real estate	3	2,749
73110 - Advertising agencies	3	1,823
5248 - Other retail specialised stores	3	1,968
5540 - Bars	З	2,147