

Altrincham

2011 half year business confidence report



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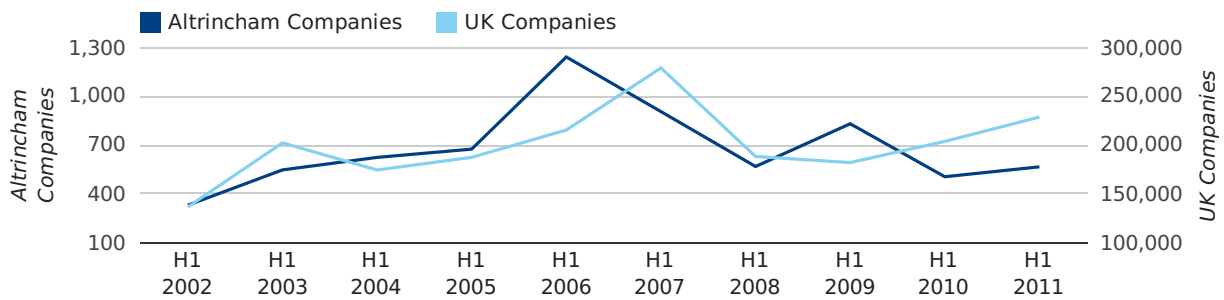
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 566 companies were formed in Altrincham. This figure is 12.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Altrincham occurred in 2006 when a total of 1,242 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | ALTRINCHAM | UK |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 566 | 228,735 |
| 2010 | 505 | 203,749 |
| % CHANGE | 12.1% | 12.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2006 (1,242) | 2007 (279,097) |

new companies by half year



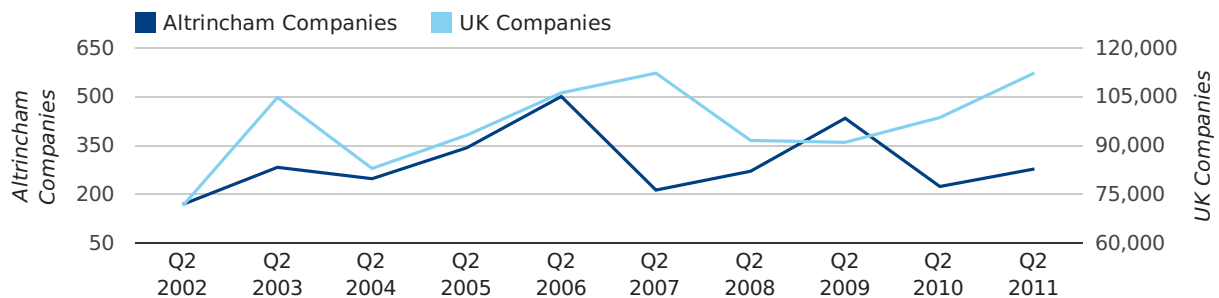
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 278 companies were registered in Altrincham during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 24.1% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

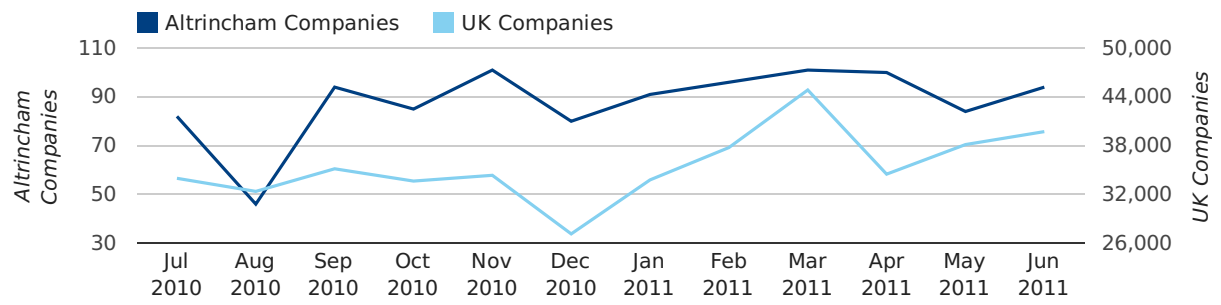
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | ALTRINCHAM | UK |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 278 | 112,344 |
| 2010 | 224 | 98,612 |
| % CHANGE | 24.1% | 13.9% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2006 (501) | 2011 (112,344) |

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

new companies by month



| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 100 | 84 | 94 |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2010 | 79 | 78 | 67 |
| % CHANGE | 26.6% | 7.7% | 40.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2005 (233) | 2006 (234) | 2006 (211) |

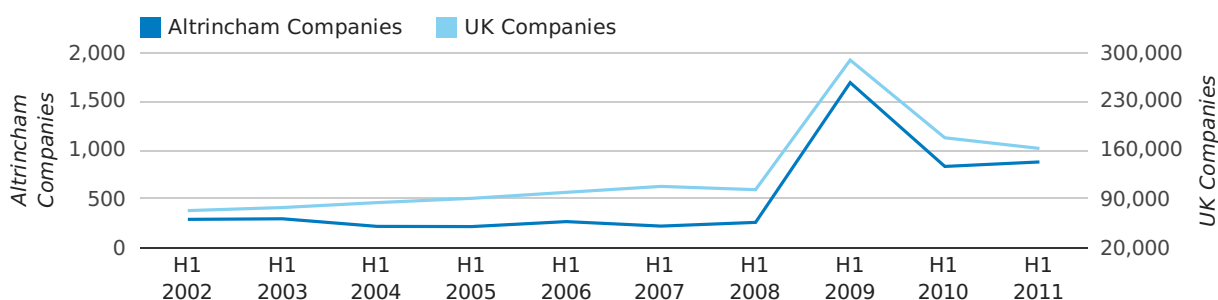
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 878 companies were dissolved in Altrincham. This figure is 5.5% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Altrincham occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,692 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | ALTRINCHAM | UK |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 878 | 162,310 |
| 2010 | 832 | 177,631 |
| % CHANGE | 5.5% | -8.6% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (1,692) | 2009 (289,236) |

dissolved companies by half year



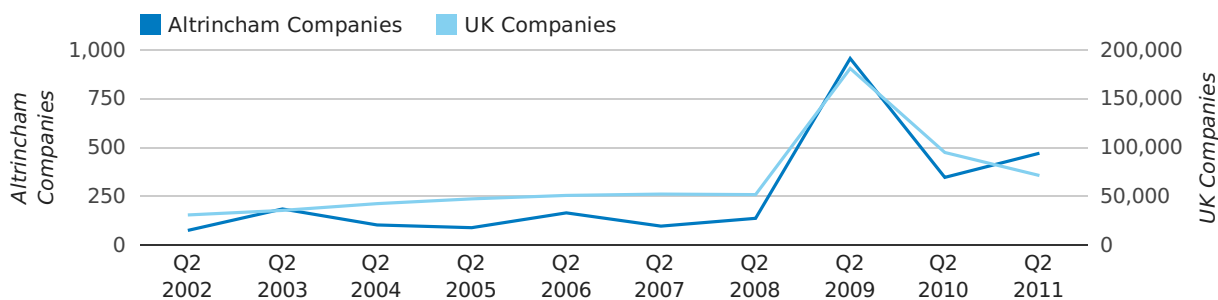
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 471 companies were dissolved in Altrincham during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 35.7% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

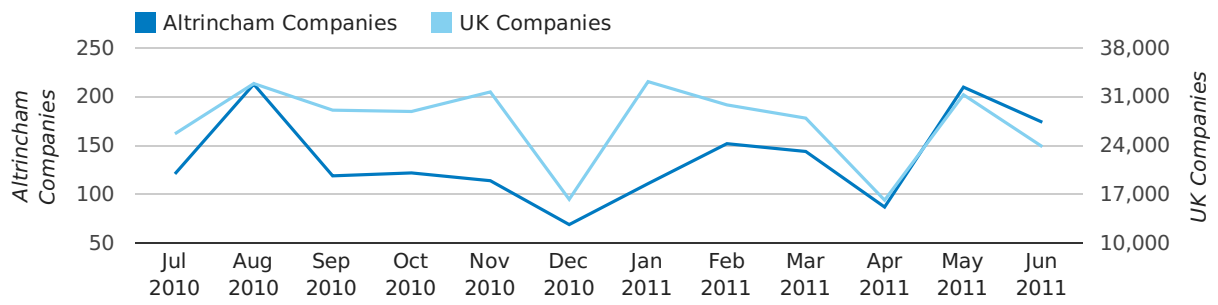
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | ALTRINCHAM | UK |
|--------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 471 | 71,324 |
| 2010 | 347 | 94,954 |
| % CHANGE | 35.7% | -24.9% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (957) | 2009 (181,176) |

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



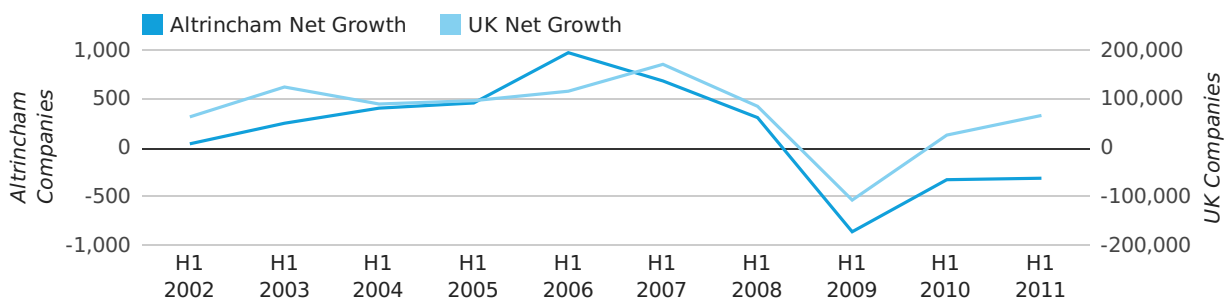
| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 87 | 210 | 174 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010 | 85 | 111 | 151 |
| % CHANGE | 2.4% | 89.2% | 15% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (201) | 2009 (500) | 2009 (256) |

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Altrincham decreased by 312 companies. This figure is 4.6% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | ALTRINCHAM | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | -312 | 66,425 |
| 2010 | -327 | 26,118 |
| % CHANGE | -4.6% | 154.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2006 (976) | 2007 (171,296) |

net growth by half year



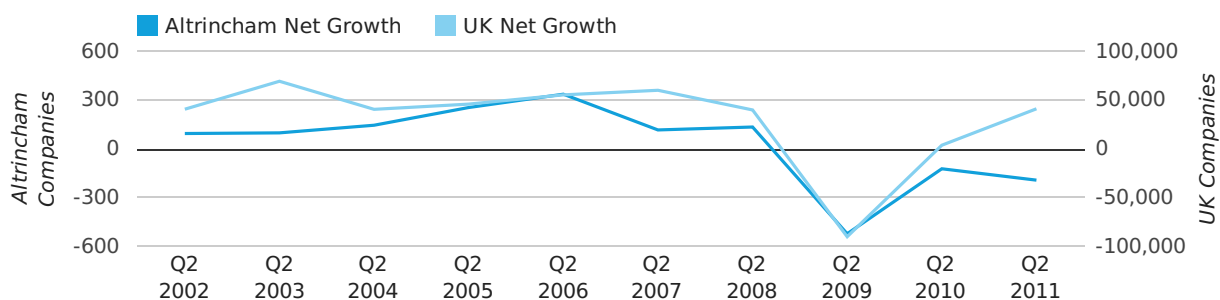
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Altrincham during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was -193 companies.

This represents a decrease of 56.9% on the same period last year.

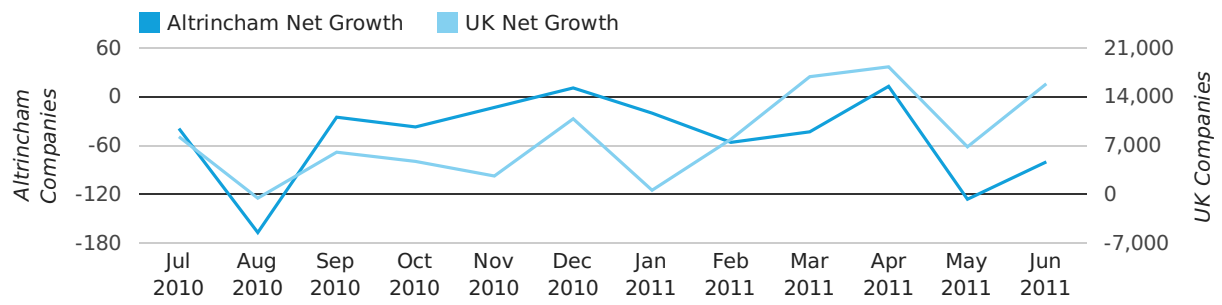
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | ALTRINCHAM | UK |
|--------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 2011 | -193 | 41,020 |
| 2010 | -123 | 3,658 |
| % CHANGE | 56.9% | 1,021.4% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2006 (336) | 2003 (69,274) |

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



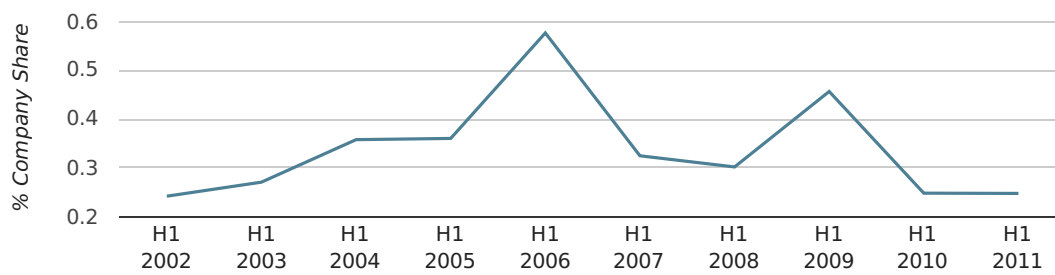
| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|--------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 13 | -126 | -80 |
| NET GROWTH IN 2010 | -6 | -33 | -84 |
| % CHANGE | -316.7% | 281.8% | -4.8% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2005 (202) | 2006 (190) | 2006 (162) |

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Altrincham formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.2%.

| HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN) | ALTRINCHAM |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.2% |
| 2010 | 0.2% |
| 2009 | 0.5% |
| 2008 | 0.3% |
| 2007 | 0.3% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 2006 (0.6%) |

company share by half year

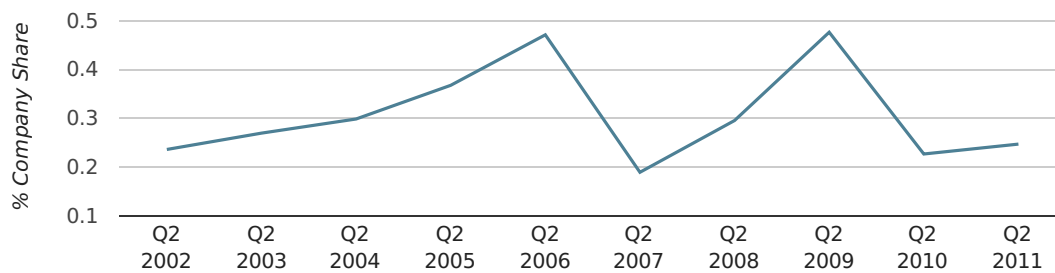


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

In the second quarter of 2011, Altrincham formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

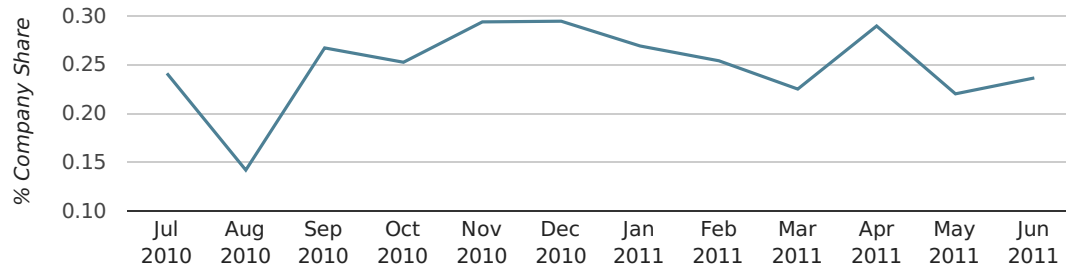
| SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011) | ALTRINCHAM |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.2% |
| 2010 | 0.2% |
| 2009 | 0.5% |
| 2008 | 0.3% |
| 2007 | 0.2% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1969 (0.5%) |

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



| | APRIL | MAY | JUNE |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.3% | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010 | 0.2% | 0.3% | 0.2% |
| % CHANGE | 22.5% | -15.2% | 24.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1968 (0.8%) | 2006 (0.7%) | 1969 (1.1%) |

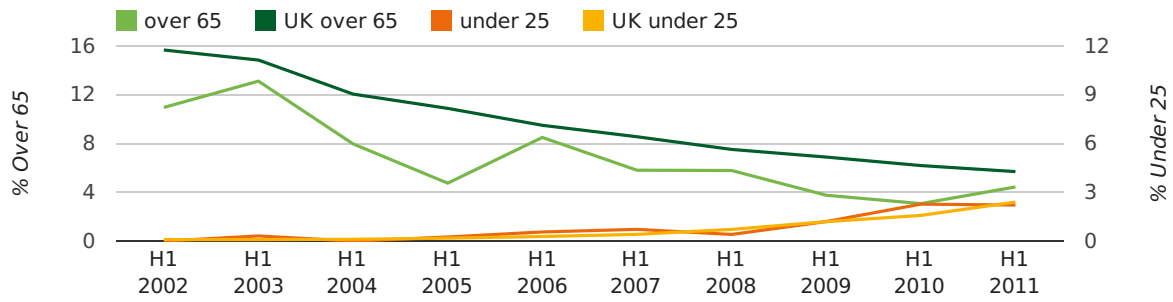
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 45.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



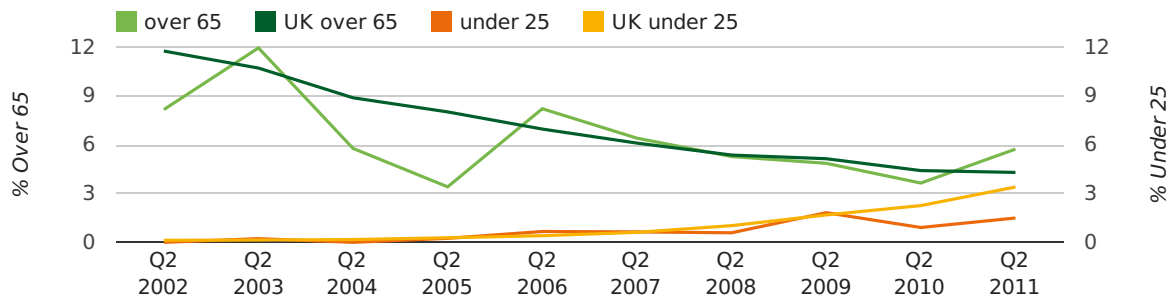
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 45.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

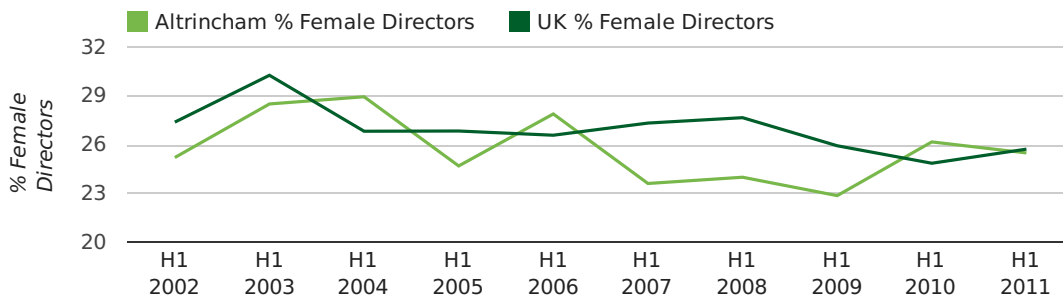


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The record first half year for female directors in Altrincham was 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

25.5% of all director appointments in Altrincham in the first half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

director gender by half year

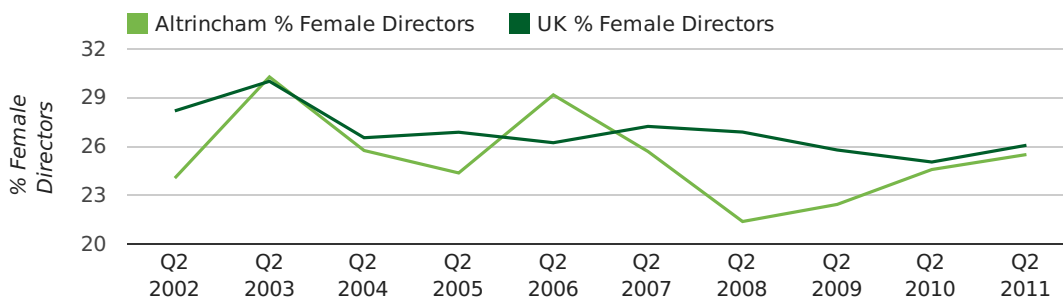


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The record second quarter for female directors in Altrincham was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

25.5% of all director appointments in Altrincham in the second quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.1% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Jun 2010-Jun 2011)

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

| WORD | PERCENTAGE | UK WORD | UK PERCENTAGE |
|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| CONSULTING | 2.98% | CONSULTING | 5.09% |
| ENGINEERING | 1.71% | MANAGEMENT | 4.86% |
| DESIGN | 1.65% | CONSULTANCY | 3.17% |
| MANAGEMENT | 1.59% | PROPERTY | 2.43% |
| CONSULTANCY | 1.52% | TRADING | 2.05% |
| IT | 1.14% | DESIGN | 1.94% |
| CONSULTANTS | 0.70% | ASSOCIATES | 1.92% |
| PROPERTY | 0.70% | BUSINESS | 1.87% |
| MEDIA | 0.63% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.77% |
| M | 0.57% | CONSULTANTS | 1.76% |
| ASSOCIATES | 0.57% | MEDIA | 1.73% |
| ENERGY | 0.57% | ENGINEERING | 1.67% |
| BUILDING | 0.57% | LONDON | 1.60% |
| CARE | 0.51% | GLOBAL | 1.46% |
| D | 0.51% | J | 1.44% |
| SOCIAL | 0.51% | CARE | 1.44% |
| RECRUITMENT | 0.51% | INVESTMENTS | 1.42% |
| S | 0.51% | IT | 1.39% |
| FINANCIAL | 0.51% | BUILDING | 1.32% |
| J | 0.51% | PROPERTIES | 1.31% |
| CHESHIRE | 0.51% | ELECTRICAL | 1.30% |
| TECHNOLOGY | 0.51% | M | 1.27% |
| DIRECT | 0.51% | S | 1.23% |
| SOLAR | 0.44% | ENTERPRISES | 1.20% |
| LEGAL | 0.44% | SYSTEMS | 1.20% |

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| 7487 - Other business activities | 1,087 | 60,758 |
| None Supplied | 626 | 202,072 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 277 | 30,647 |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management | 38 | 16,419 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 28 | 20,111 |
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| 74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified | 27 | 7,835 |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy | 25 | 13,053 |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities | 22 | 10,545 |
| 7499 - Non-trading company | 19 | 10,955 |
| 9305 - Other service activities | 17 | 9,063 |
| 5530 - Restaurants | 15 | 5,086 |
| 64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified | 14 | 2,739 |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified | 13 | 10,322 |
| 62090 - Other information technology service activities | 12 | 7,095 |
| 6523 - Other financial intermediation | 12 | 2,022 |
| 74990 - Non-trading company | 12 | 8,481 |
| 86900 - Other human health activities | 12 | 4,154 |
| 69201 - Accounting and auditing activities | 11 | 3,394 |
| 7222 - Other software consultancy and supply | 11 | 7,143 |