

Ashton-under-Lyne

2011 annual business confidence report



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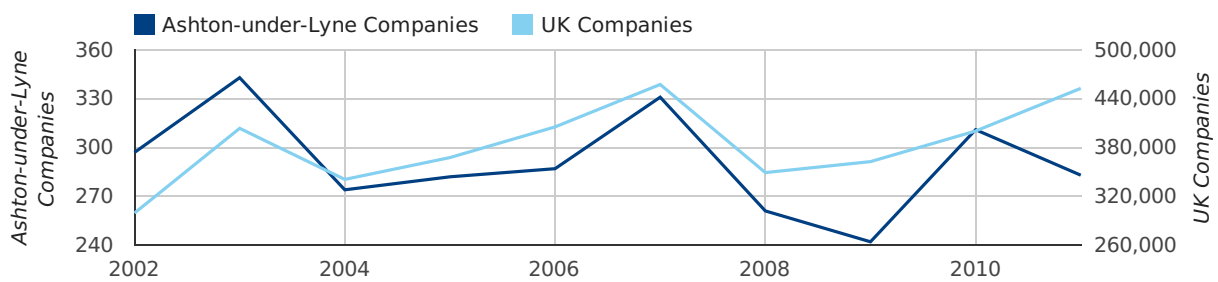
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Annual Data (2011)

A total of 283 companies were formed in Ashton-under-Lyne in 2011. This total is 9.0% lower than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2011	283	452,870
2010	311	400,358
2009	242	362,675
2008	261	349,203
2007	331	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2003 (343)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



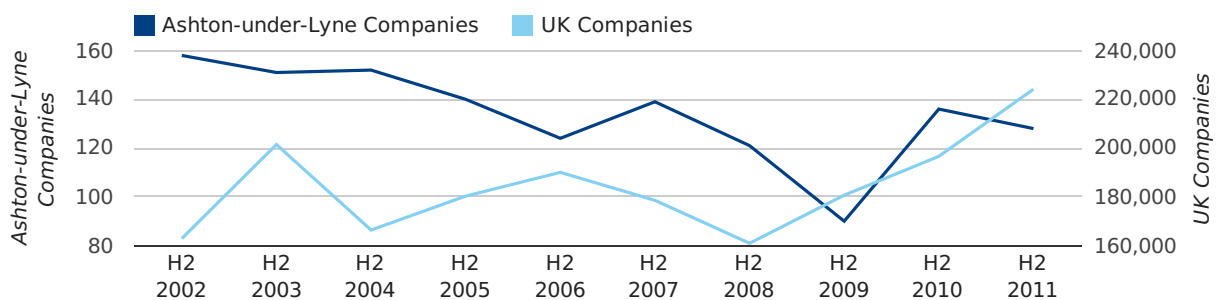
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 128 companies were formed in Ashton-under-Lyne. This figure is 5.9% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Ashton-under-Lyne occurred in 2002 when a total of 158 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2011	128	224,135
2010	136	196,609
% CHANGE	-5.9%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (158)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



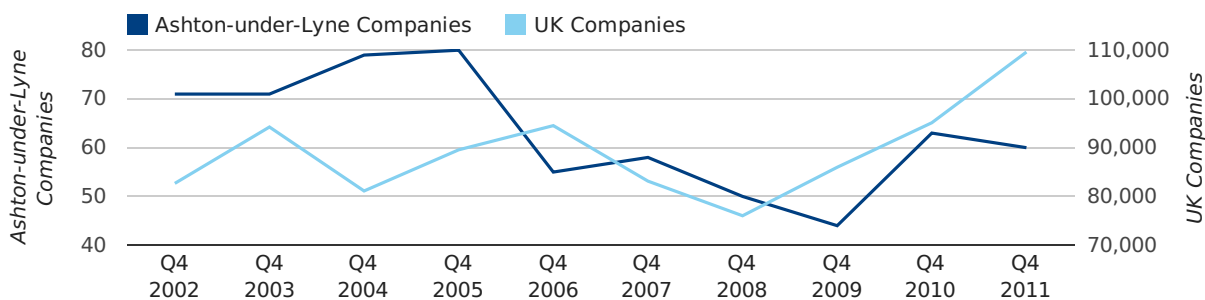
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 60 companies were registered in Ashton-under-Lyne during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 4.8% 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.

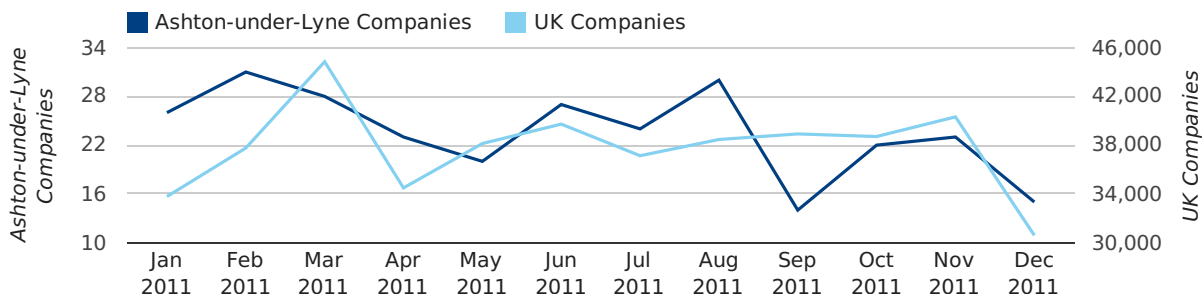
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2011	60	109,623
2010	63	95,117
% CHANGE	-4.8%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (80)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	22	23	15
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	19	29	15
% CHANGE	15.8%	-20.7%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (32)	2005 (30)	2004 (22)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 208 companies were dissolved in Ashton-under-Lyne in 2011. This total is 25.4% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2011	208	314,523
2010	279	342,232
2009	364	533,773
2008	131	237,901
2007	199	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (364)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



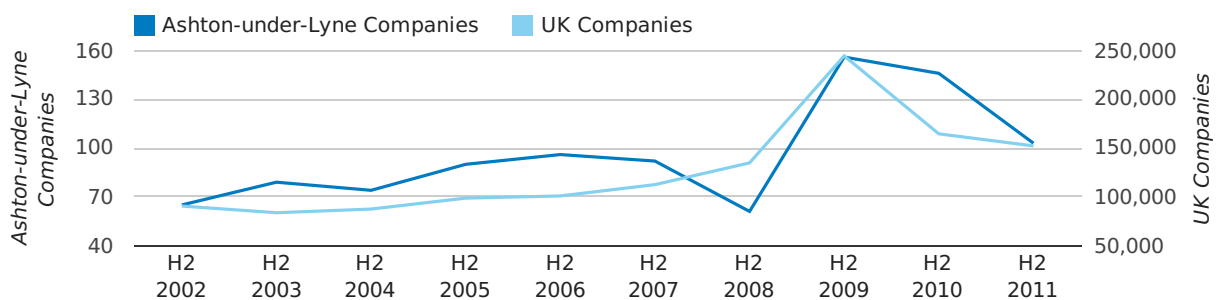
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 103 companies were dissolved in Ashton-under-Lyne. This figure is 29.5% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Ashton-under-Lyne occurred in 2009 when a total of 156 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2011	103	152,213
2010	146	164,601
% CHANGE	-29.5%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (156)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 56 companies were dissolved in Ashton-under-Lyne during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 18.8% 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.

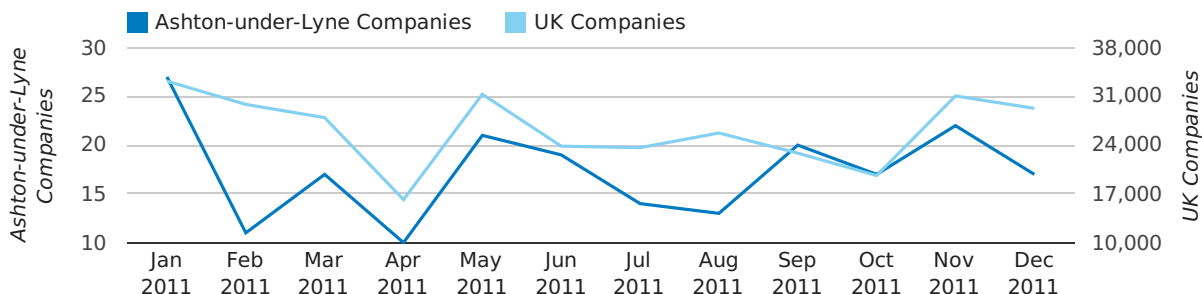
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2011	56	79,983
2010	69	76,896
% CHANGE	-18.8%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (69)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	17	22	17
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	28	28	13
% CHANGE	-39.3%	-21.4%	31%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (29)	2003 (28)	2009 (26)

Annual Data (2011)

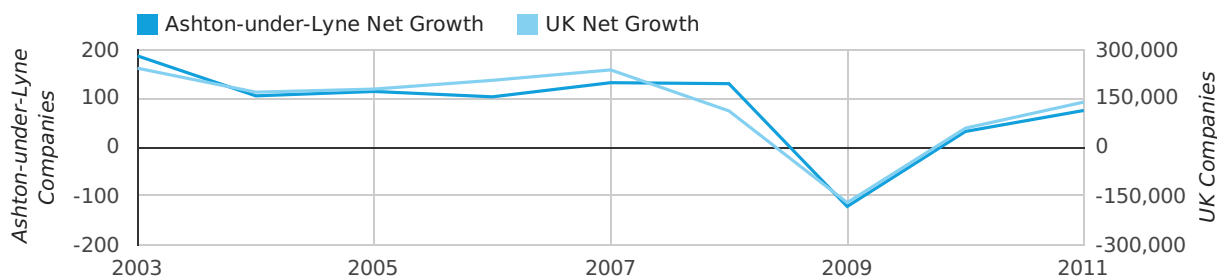
A total of 75 companies were added to the company register for Ashton-under-Lyne in 2011. This number represents growth of 24.1% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 43 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Ashton-under-Lyne company register grew by 187 companies.

YEAR	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2011	75	138,347
2010	32	58,126
2009	-122	-171,098
2008	130	111,302
2007	132	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (187)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

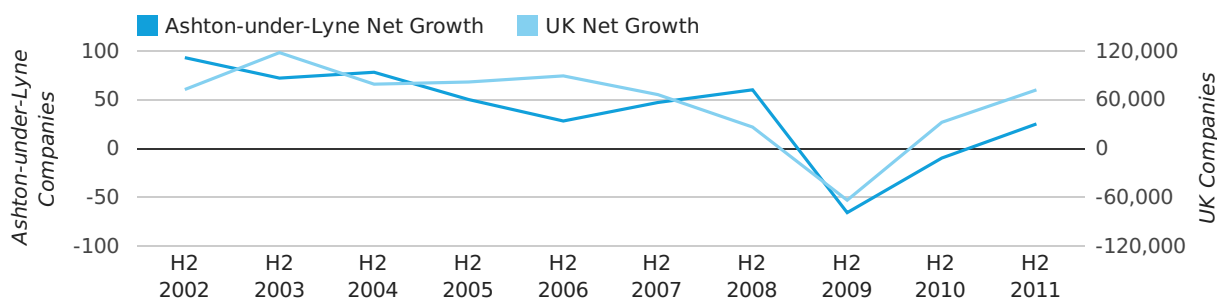


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Ashton-under-Lyne increased by 25 companies. This figure is 350.0% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2011	25	71,922
2010	-10	32,008
% CHANGE	-350.0%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (93)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



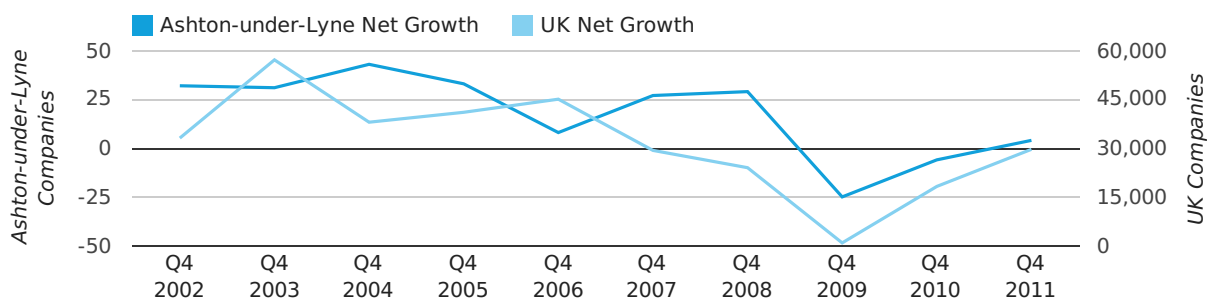
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Ashton-under-Lyne during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 4 companies.

This represents an increase of 166.7% on the same period last year.

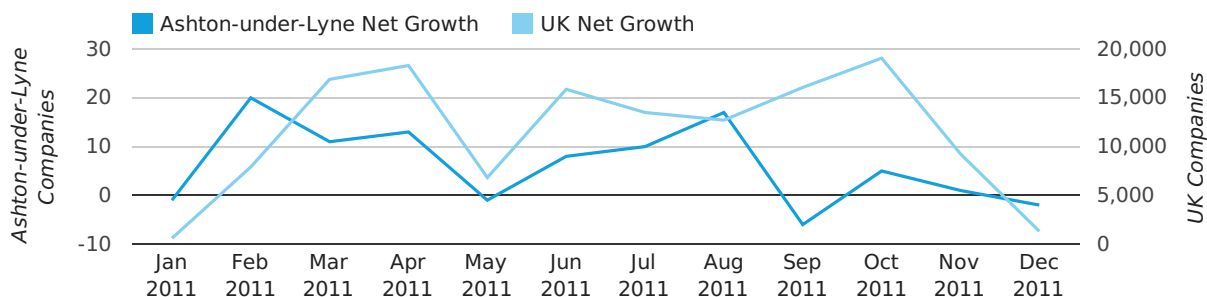
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE	UK
2011	4	29,640
2010	-6	18,221
% CHANGE	-166.7%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (43)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



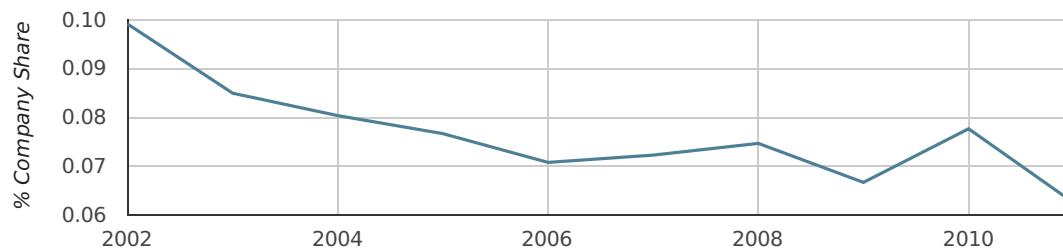
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	5	1	-2
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-9	1	2
% CHANGE	-155.6%	0.0%	-200.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (27)	2004 (16)	2001 (15)

Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1978 (0.1%)

company share by year

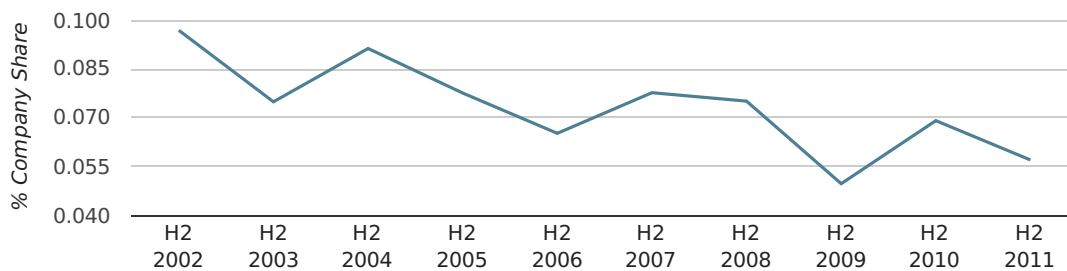


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Ashton-under-Lyne formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.2%)

company share by half year

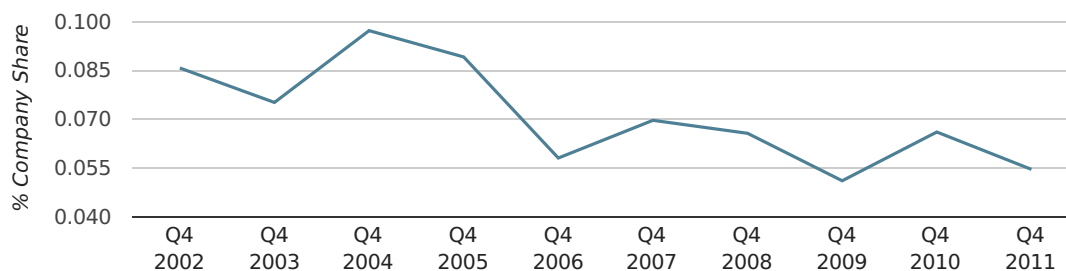


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, Ashton-under-Lyne formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

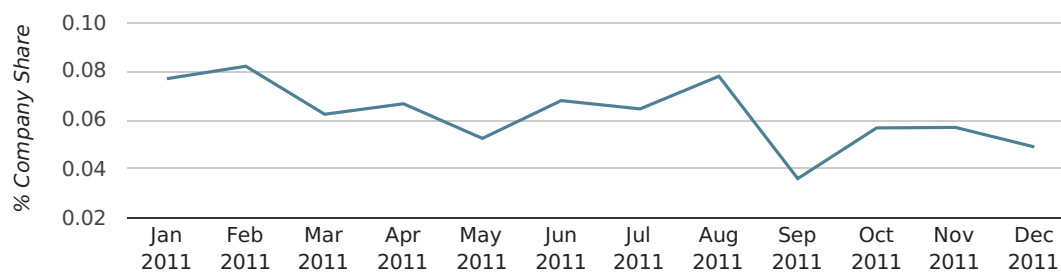
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ASHTON-UNDER-LYNE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1978 (0.2%)

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%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	0.5%	-32.5%	-11.4%
RECORD YEAR	1974 (0.2%)	1964 (0.3%)	1978 (0.2%)

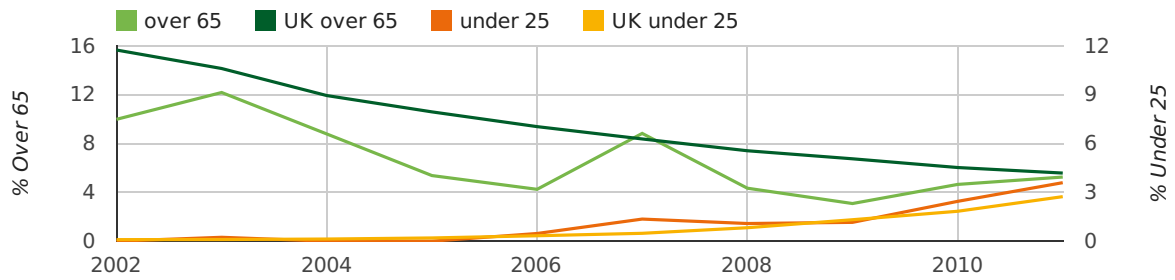
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 43.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



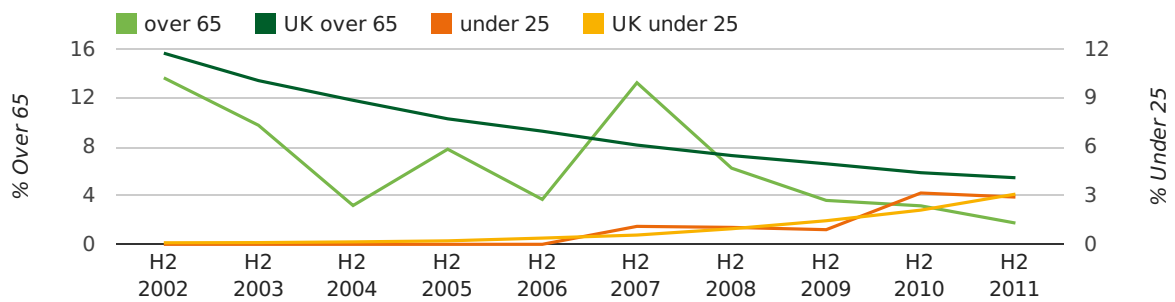
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 41.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



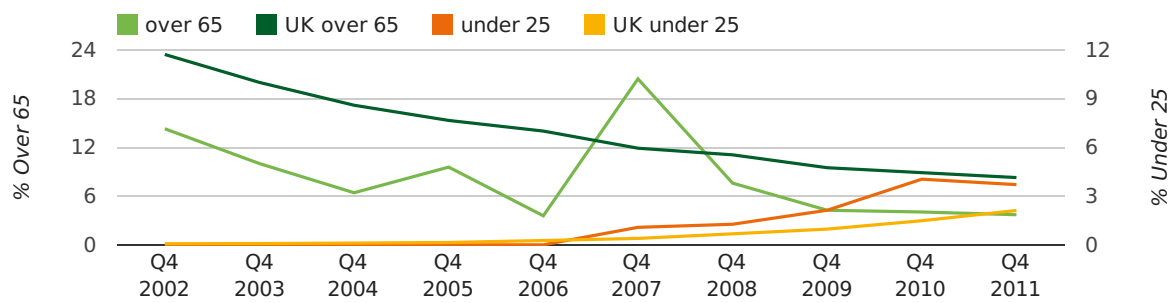
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 41.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

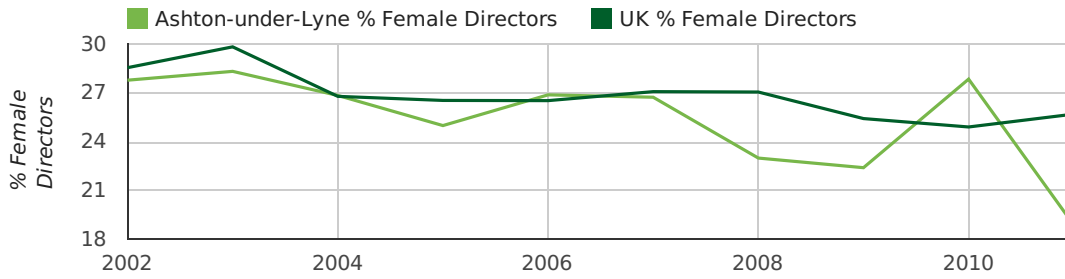


Annual Data (2011)

The record year for female directors in Ashton-under-Lyne was 1857 when 36.4% of all directors were female.

The percentage of female directors in Ashton-under-Lyne in 2011 was 27.8%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

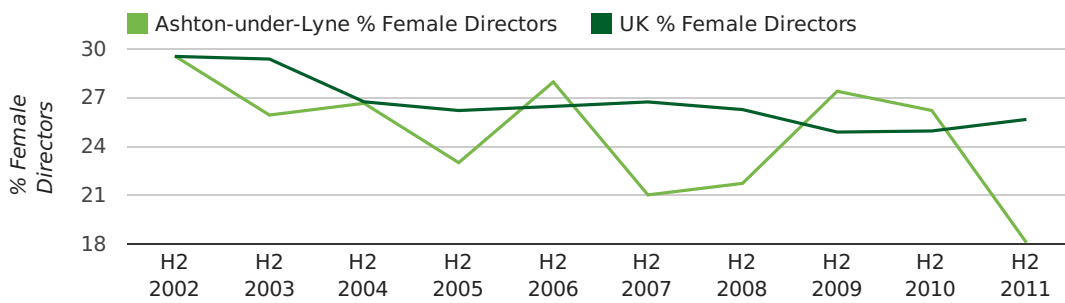


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The record second half year for female directors in Ashton-under-Lyne was 1860 when 42.9% of all directors were female.

18.1% of all director appointments in Ashton-under-Lyne 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

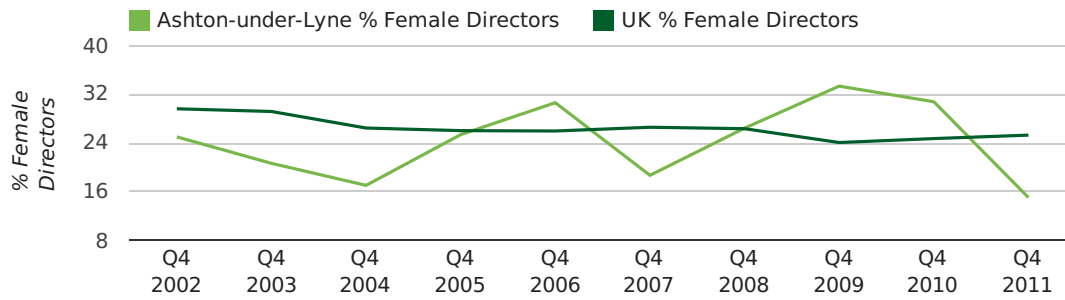


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The record fourth quarter for female directors in Ashton-under-Lyne was in 1977 when 31.1% of all directors were female.

15.1% of all director appointments in Ashton-under-Lyne 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
TRADING	1.43%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.25%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
P	1.07%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
TO	1.07%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSULTANCY	1.07%	TRADING	2.07%
RTM	1.07%	DESIGN	1.92%
GROUP	0.89%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
TAMESIDE	0.89%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
MEDIA	0.89%	BUSINESS	1.78%
CONSTRUCTION	0.89%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
BLOCK	0.89%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
(MANCHESTER)	0.89%	MEDIA	1.71%
CO	0.89%	LONDON	1.63%
WEST	0.72%	J	1.51%
C	0.72%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
PROJECTS	0.72%	GLOBAL	1.46%
NORTH	0.72%	IT	1.41%
S	0.72%	CARE	1.39%
B	0.72%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
NORTHERN	0.72%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
ASHTON	0.72%	M	1.27%
2011	0.54%	BUILDING	1.26%
ELITE	0.54%	ENERGY	1.25%
TRAINING	0.54%	S	1.20%
MANCHESTER	0.54%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	139	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	59	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	30	32,483
99999 - Dormant Company	13	21,846
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	9	11,768
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	9	8,671
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	8	4,082
9999 - Dormant Company	7	20,199
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	7	2,832
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	6	17,765
7414 - Business & management consultancy	6	13,034
9305 - Other service activities	6	9,492
43210 - Electrical installation	5	3,175
47190 - Other retail sale in non-specialised stores	5	1,558
96020 - Hairdressing and other beauty treatment	4	2,380
7499 - Non-trading company	4	9,957
74990 - Non-trading company	4	8,929
8531 - Social work with accommodation	4	330
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	4	2,699
5530 - Restaurants	4	5,013