Bangor

2011 annual business confidence report





headlines

- December 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Bangor when compared to any previous December.
- November 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Bangor when compared to any previous November.
- November 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Bangor when compared to any previous November.

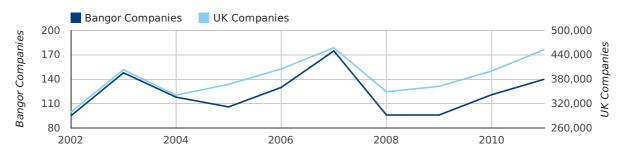
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A total of 140 companies were formed in Bangor in 2011. This total is 15.7% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	BANGOR	UK
2011	140	452,870
2010	121	400,358
2009	96	362,675
2008	96	349,203
2007	175	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2007 (175)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



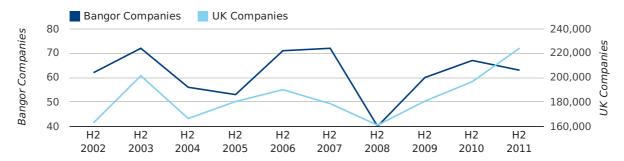
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 63 companies were formed in Bangor. This figure is 6.0% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Bangor occurred in 2003 when a total of 72 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BANGOR	UK
2011	63	224,135
2010	67	196,609
% CHANGE	-6.0%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (72)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year

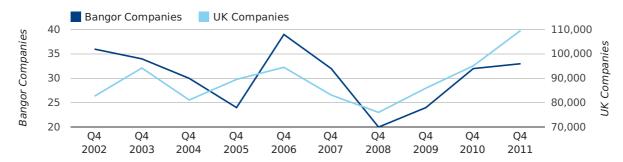


A total of 33 companies were registered in Bangor during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 3.1% 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.

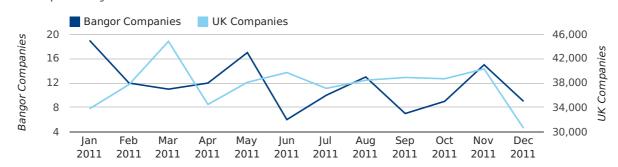
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BANGOR	UK
2011	33	109,623
2010	32	95,117
% CHANGE	3.1%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (39)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

new companies by month

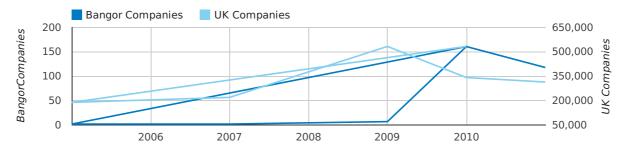


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	9	15	9
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	10	9	13
% CHANGE	-10.0%	66.7%	-30.8%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (15)	2003 (16)	2006 (15)

A total of 118 companies were dissolved in Bangor in 2011. This total is 26.7% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	BANGOR	UK
2011	118	314,523
2010	161	342,232
2009	7	533,773
2008	2	220,295
2007	2	189,329
RECORD YEAR	2010 (161)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



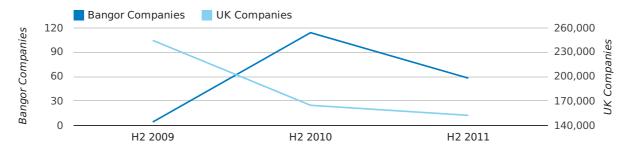
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 58 companies were dissolved in Bangor. This figure is 49.1% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Bangor occurred in 2010 when a total of 114 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BANGOR	UK
2011	58	152,213
2010	114	164,601
% CHANGE	-49.1%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (114)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year

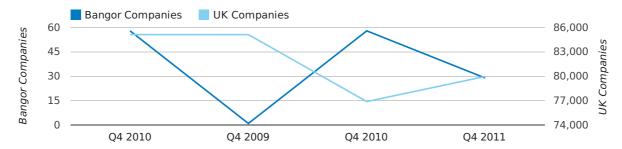


A total of 29 companies were dissolved in Bangor during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 50.0% 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)	BANGOR	UK
2011	29	79,983
2010	58	76,896
% CHANGE	-50.0%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (58)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter

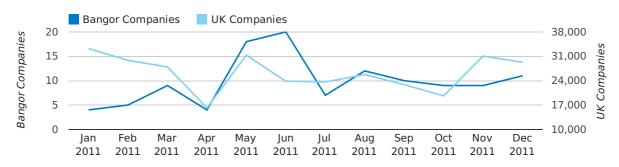


Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

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

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	9	9	11
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	47	4	7
% CHANGE	-80.9%	125.0%	57%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (47)	2011 (9)	2011 (11)

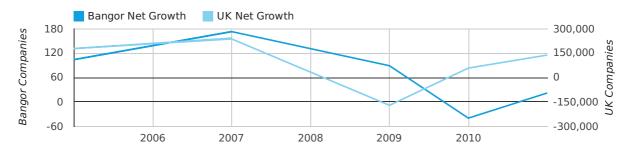
A total of 22 companies were added to the company register for Bangor in 2011. This number represents growth of 18.2% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 62 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2007 when the Bangor company register grew by 173 companies.

YEAR	BANGOR	UK
2011	22	138,347
2010	-40	58,126
2009	89	-171,098
2008	173	237,354
2007	104	178,360
RECORD YEAR	2007 (173)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

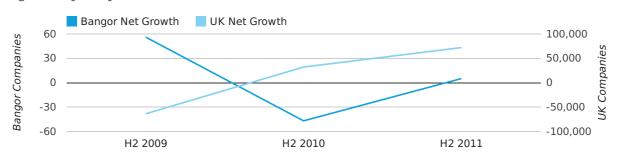


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Bangor increased by 5 companies. This figure is 110.6% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BANGOR	UK
2011	5	71,922
2010	-47	32,008
% CHANGE	-110.6%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (56)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year

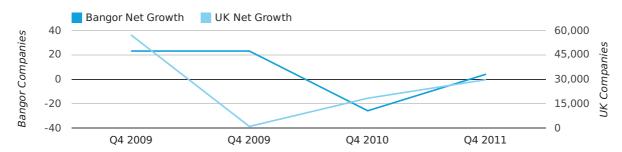


Net company growth for Bangor during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 4 companies.

This represents an increase of 115.4% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BANGOR	UK
2011	4	29,640
2010	-26	18,221
% CHANGE	-115.4%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (23)	2003 (57,175)

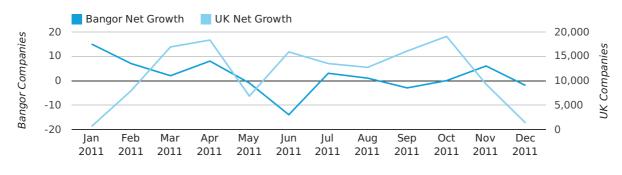
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

November 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Bangor when compared to any previous November.

net growth by month

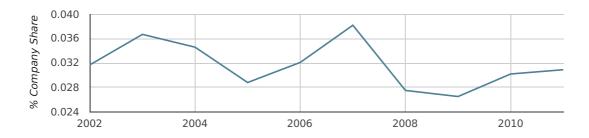


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	0	6	-2
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-37	5	6
% CHANGE	-100.0%	20.0%	-133.3%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (8)	2011 (6)	2010 (6)

In 2011 Bangor formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Bangor was responsible for 0.0% of all UK companies.

YEAR	BANGOR
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.1%)

company share by year

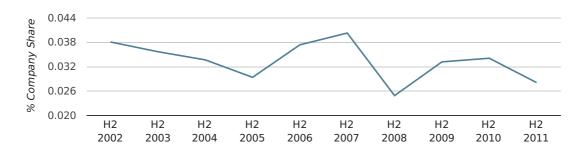


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Bangor formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.0%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BANGOR
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.2%)

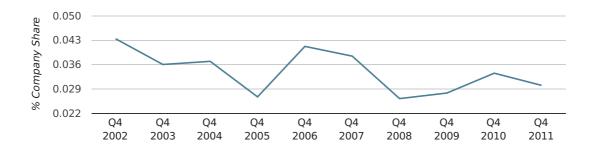
company share by half year



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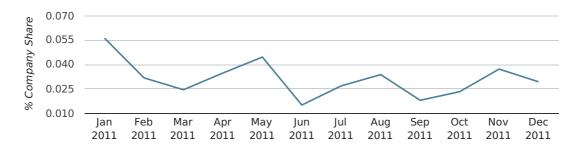
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BANGOR
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



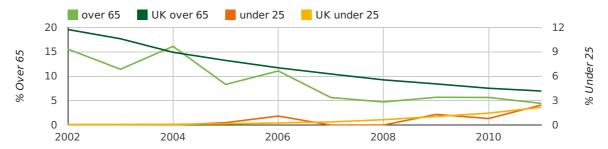
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	-21.5%	42.0%	-38.6%
RECORD YEAR	1964 (0.3%)	1978 (0.3%)	1965 (0.4%)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 44.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



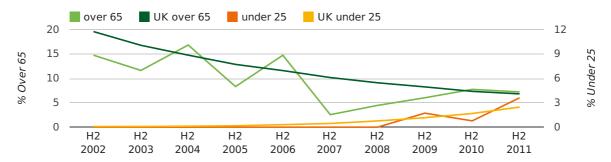
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 44.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 7.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year

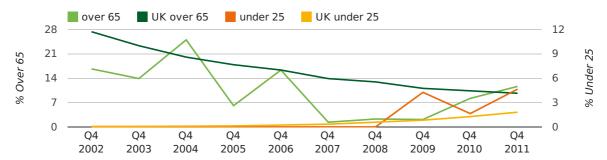


The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 46.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 11.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter



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

The percentage of female directors in Bangor in 2011 was 29.8%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

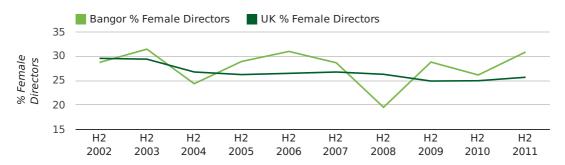


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

30.9% of all director appointments in Bangor 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



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

32.0% of all director appointments in Bangor 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
DISTRIBUTION	1.79%	CONSULTING	5.07%
(ICE	1.43%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
LEISURE	1.43%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
CREAM)	1.43%	PROPERTY	2.37%
RETAIL	1.08%	TRADING	2.07%
ENERGY	1.08%	DESIGN	1.92%
BEAUTY	1.08%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
NORTH	1.08%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
MIN	1.08%	BUSINESS	1.78%
NI	1.08%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
MANAGEMENT	1.08%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
BIG	0.72%	MEDIA	1.71%
OFFICE	0.72%	LONDON	1.63%
VAN	0.72%	J	1.51%
ARTS	0.72%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CO	0.72%	GLOBAL	1.46%
DRAMA	0.72%	IT	1.41%
FOOD	0.72%	CARE	1.39%
EAT	0.72%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
ENTERTAINMENT	0.72%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
BUILD	0.72%	M	1.27%
K	0.72%	BUILDING	1.26%
TRADING	0.72%	ENERGY	1.25%
CLUB	0.72%	S	1.20%
BLUE	0.72%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	39	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	11	57,052
9999 - Dormant Company	9	20,199
7414 - Business & management consultancy	8	13,034
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	7	32,483
5530 - Restaurants	6	5,013
99999 - Dormant Company	5	21,846
96020 - Hairdressing and other beauty treatment	4	2,380
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	4	7,398
72190 - Other research and experimental development on natural sciences and engineering	3	666
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	3	3,633
62012 - Business and domestic software development	3	3,714
98000 - Residents property management	3	2,874
93199 - Other sports activities	3	1,768
5212 - Other retail non-specialised stores	3	1,088
58190 - Other publishing activities	3	996
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	2	5,558
4525 - Other special trades construction	2	1,651
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	2	11,768
60100 - Radio broadcasting	2	173