Bishop Auckland

2011 annual business confidence report



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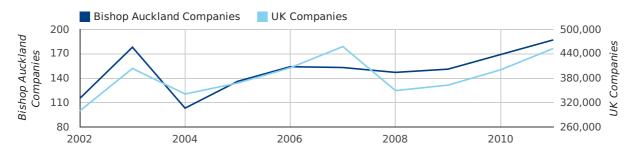
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2011 was a record year for company registrations in Bishop Auckland when compared to any year in history.

A total of 187 companies were formed in Bishop Auckland in 2011. This total is 10.7% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	BISHOP AUCKLAND	UK
2011	187	452,870
2010	169	400,358
2009	151	362,675
2008	147	349,203
2007	153	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (187)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

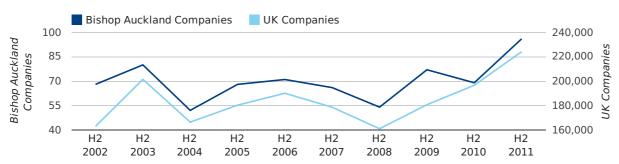
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bishop Auckland when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 96 companies were formed in Bishop Auckland. This figure is 39.1% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Bishop Auckland occurred in 2011 when a total of 96 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BISHOP AUCKLAND	UK
2011	96	224,135
2010	69	196,609
% CHANGE	39.1%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (96)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



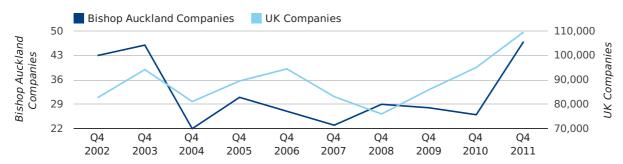
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bishop Auckland when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 47 companies were registered in Bishop Auckland during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 80.8% 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)	BISHOP AUCKLAND	UK
2011	47	109,623
2010	26	95,117
% CHANGE	80.8%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (47)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

new companies by month

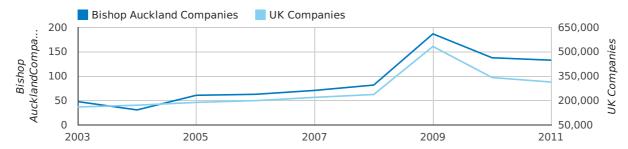


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	12	23	12
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	15	2	9
% CHANGE	-20.0%	1,050.0%	33.3%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (15)	2011 (23)	2002 (15)

A total of 133 companies were dissolved in Bishop Auckland in 2011. This total is 3.6% lower than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	BISHOP AUCKLAND	UK
2011	133	314,523
2010	138	342,232
2009	187	533,773
2008	82	237,901
2007	71	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (187)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



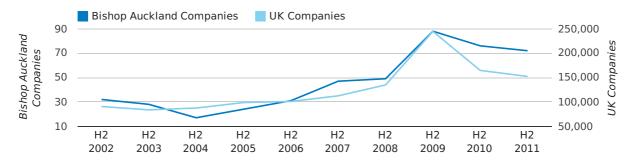
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 72 companies were dissolved in Bishop Auckland. This figure is 5.3% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Bishop Auckland occurred in 2009 when a total of 88 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BISHOP AUCKLAND	UK
2011	72	152,213
2010	76	164,601
% CHANGE	-5.3%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (88)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



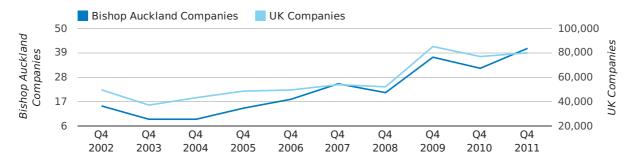
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Bishop Auckland when compared to any previous Q4.

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

This figure is an increase of 28.1% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares poorly 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)	BISHOP AUCKLAND	UK
2011	41	79,983
2010	32	76,896
% CHANGE	28.1%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (41)	2009 (85,136)

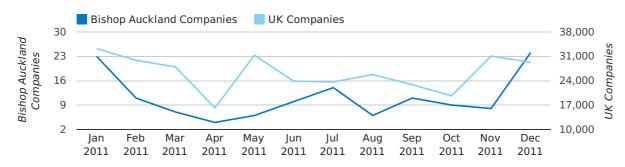
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	9	8	24
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	15	10	7
% CHANGE	-40.0%	-20.0%	243%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (15)	2009 (13)	2011 (24)

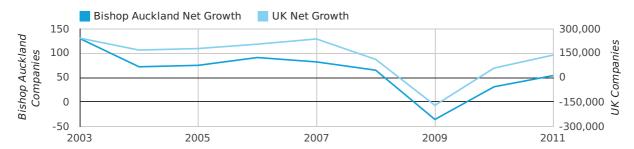
A total of 54 companies were added to the company register for Bishop Auckland in 2011. This number represents growth of 32.0% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 23 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Bishop Auckland company register grew by 130 companies.

YEAR	BISHOP AUCKLAND	UK
2011	54	138,347
2010	31	58,126
2009	-36	-171,098
2008	65	111,302
2007	82	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (130)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

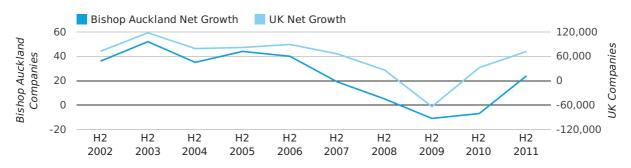


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Bishop Auckland increased by 24 companies. This figure is 442.9% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BISHOP AUCKLAND	UK
2011	24	71,922
2010	-7	32,008
% CHANGE	-442.9%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (52)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year

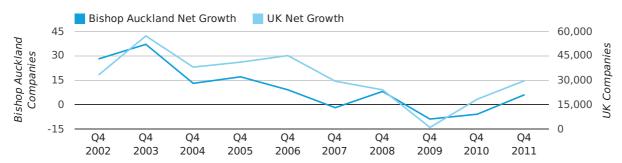


Net company growth for Bishop Auckland during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 6 companies.

This represents an increase of 200.0% on the same period last year.

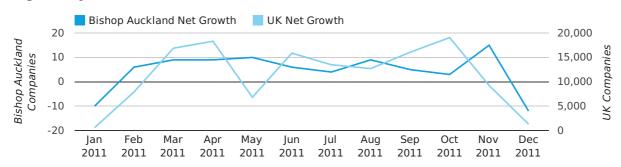
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BISHOP AUCKLAND	UK
2011	6	29,640
2010	-6	18,221
% CHANGE	-200.0%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (37)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



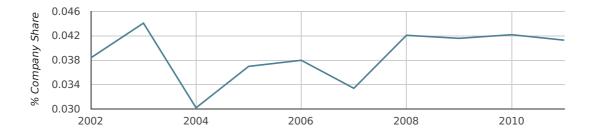
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	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	3	15	-12
NET GROWTH IN 2010	0	-8	2
% CHANGE	0.0%	-287.5%	-700.0%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (13)	2003 (19)	2002 (11)

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

YEAR	BISHOP AUCKLAND
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1979 (0.1%)

company share by year

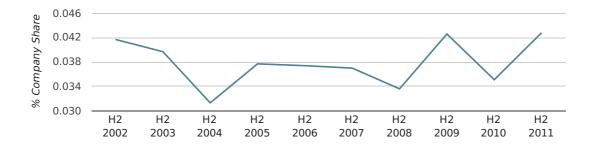


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BISHOP AUCKLAND
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.1%)

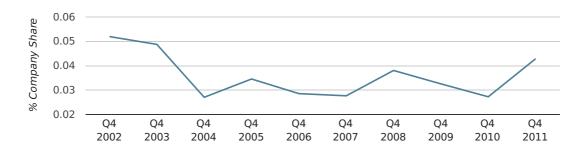
company share by half year



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

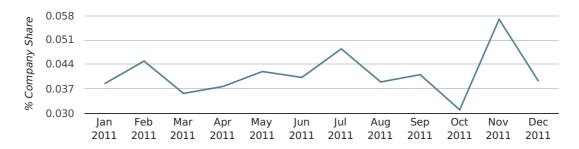
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BISHOP AUCKLAND
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1970 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



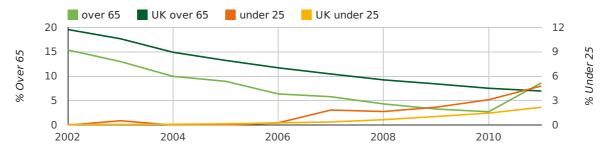
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	-30.5%	882.8%	18.1%
RECORD YEAR	1985 (0.1%)	1960 (0.2%)	1970 (0.3%)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 46.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 8.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



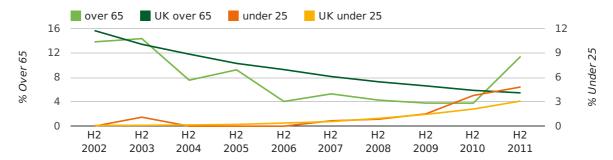
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 46.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 11.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year

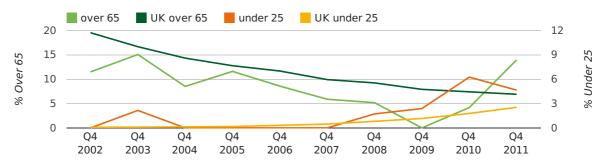


The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 48.8.

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 14.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter



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

The percentage of female directors in Bishop Auckland in 2011 was 36.8%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

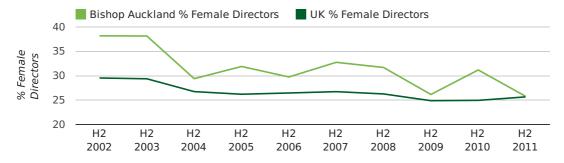


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

25.8% of all director appointments in Bishop Auckland 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

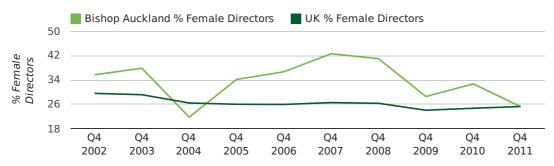




The record fourth quarter for female directors in Bishop Auckland was in 1977 when 31.1% of all directors were female.

25.3% of all director appointments in Bishop Auckland 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



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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
EAST	1.70%	CONSULTING	5.07%
NORTH	1.46%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.46%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
М	1.21%	PROPERTY	2.37%
(NORTH	0.97%	TRADING	2.07%
HOUSE	0.97%	DESIGN	1.92%
EAST)	0.97%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
DURHAM	0.73%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
PROJECT	0.73%	BUSINESS	1.78%
AUCKLAND	0.73%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
PLANT	0.73%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
BUILDING	0.73%	MEDIA	1.71%
HEATING	0.73%	LONDON	1.63%
PLUMBING	0.73%	J	1.51%
GLOBAL	0.73%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
S	0.73%	GLOBAL	1.46%
DESIGN	0.73%	IT	1.41%
D	0.73%	CARE	1.39%
PROPERTY	0.73%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
G	0.73%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.73%	М	1.27%
N	0.73%	BUILDING	1.26%
RECOVERY	0.49%	ENERGY	1.25%
CATHOLIC	0.49%	S	1.20%
(BISHOP	0.49%	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	72	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	18	57,052
9999 - Dormant Company	16	20,199
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	15	32,483
99999 - Dormant Company	12	21,846
7414 - Business & management consultancy	6	13,034
41201 - Construction of commercial buildings	5	1,500
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	4	17,765
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	4	3,342
4545 - Other building completion	4	2,369
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	4	2,699
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	3	8,671
4533 - Plumbing	3	1,374
43910 - Roofing activities	3	591
62090 - Other information technology service activities	3	7,493
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	3	2,740
7260 - Other computer related activities	3	7,667
5248 - Other retail specialised stores	3	1,968
7412 - Accounting, auditing; tax consult	2	2,496
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	2	2,452