

Blackburn

2011 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any previous Q2.
- May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any previous May.
- The first half of 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Blackburn when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for net growth in Blackburn when compared to any half year in history.

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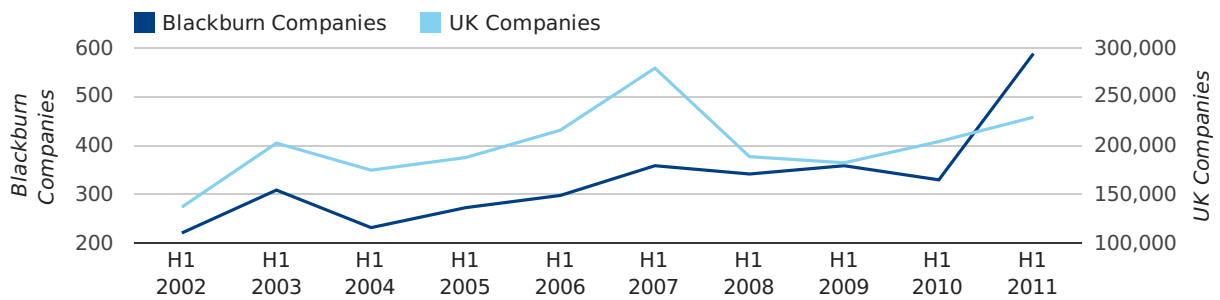
The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2011 a total of 588 companies were formed in Blackburn. This figure is 78.7% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Blackburn occurred in 2011 when a total of 588 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	588	228,735
2010	329	203,749
% CHANGE	78.7%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (588)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

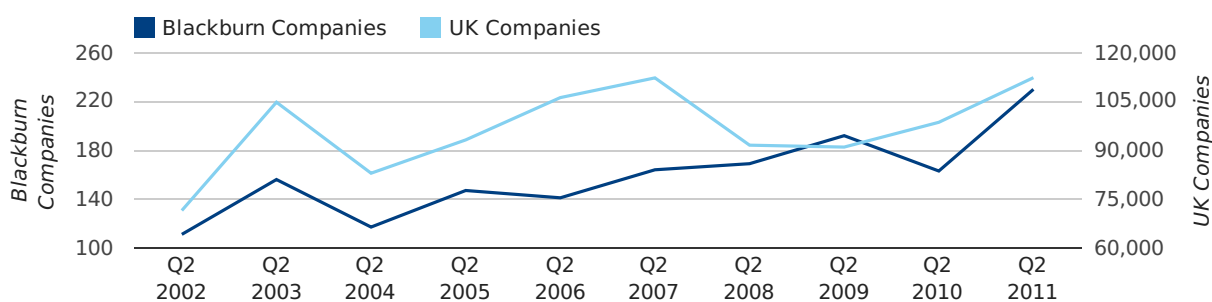
Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 230 companies were registered in Blackburn during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 41.1% 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)	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	230	112,344
2010	163	98,612
% CHANGE	41.1%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (230)	2011 (112,344)

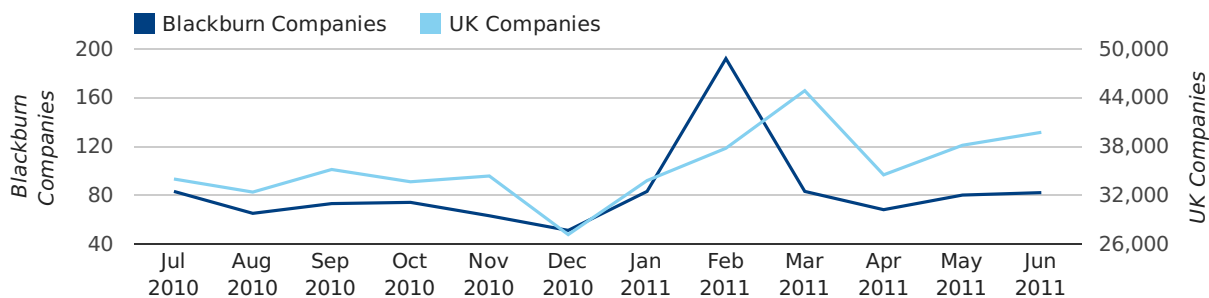
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any previous May.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	68	80	82
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	42	38	83
% CHANGE	61.9%	110.5%	-1.2%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (69)	2011 (80)	2010 (83)

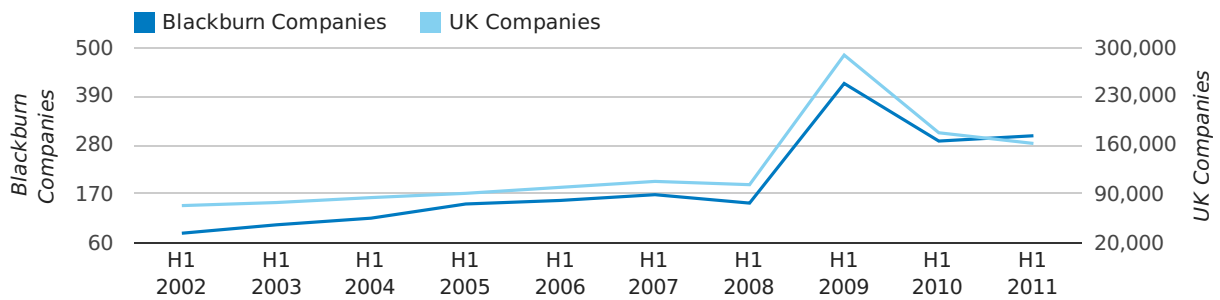
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 301 companies were dissolved in Blackburn. This figure is 4.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Blackburn occurred in 2009 when a total of 419 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	301	162,310
2010	289	177,631
% CHANGE	4.2%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (419)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



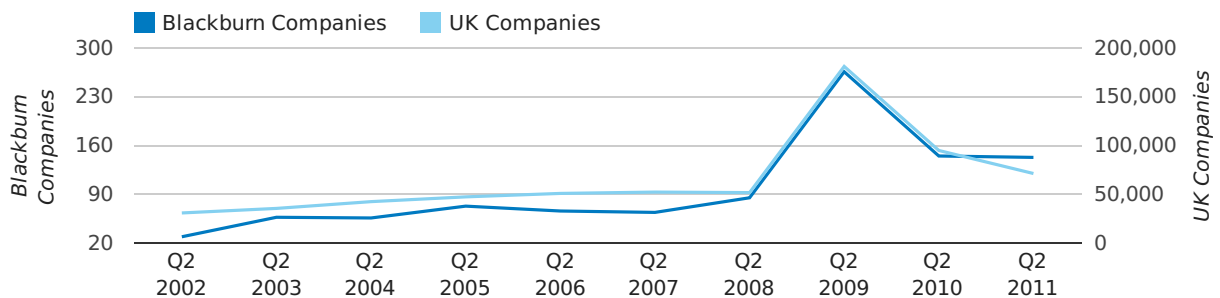
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 143 companies were dissolved in Blackburn during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 1.4% 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.

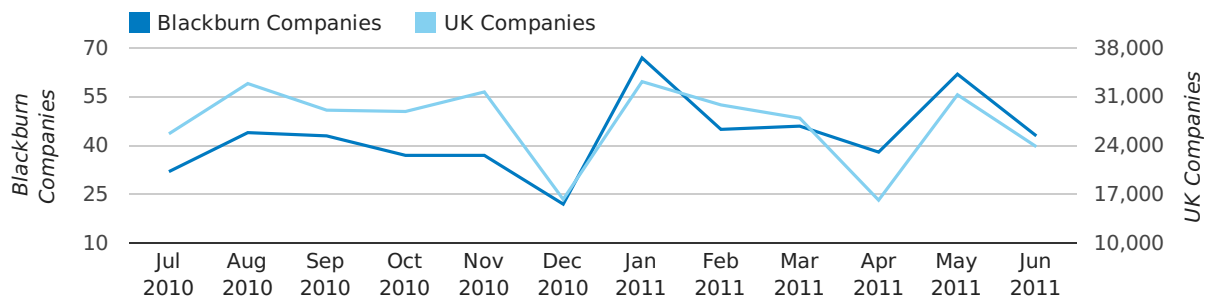
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	143	71,324
2010	145	94,954
% CHANGE	-1.4%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (266)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	38	62	43
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	29	54	62
% CHANGE	31.0%	14.8%	-31%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (75)	2009 (129)	2009 (62)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

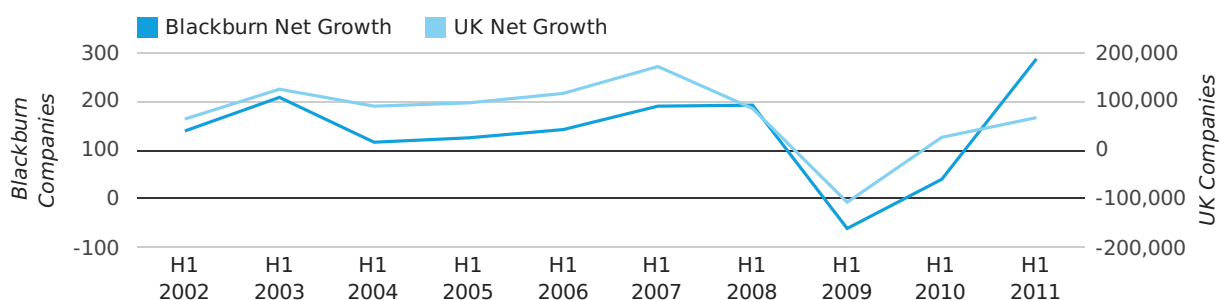
The first half of 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Blackburn when compared to any previous first half year.

The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for net growth in Blackburn when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Blackburn increased by 287 companies. This figure is 617.5% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	287	66,425
2010	40	26,118
% CHANGE	617.5%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (287)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



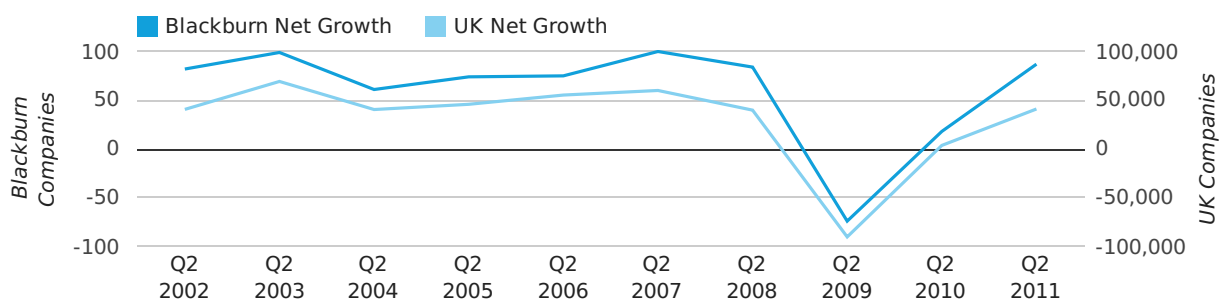
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Blackburn during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 87 companies.

This represents an increase of 383.3% on the same period last year.

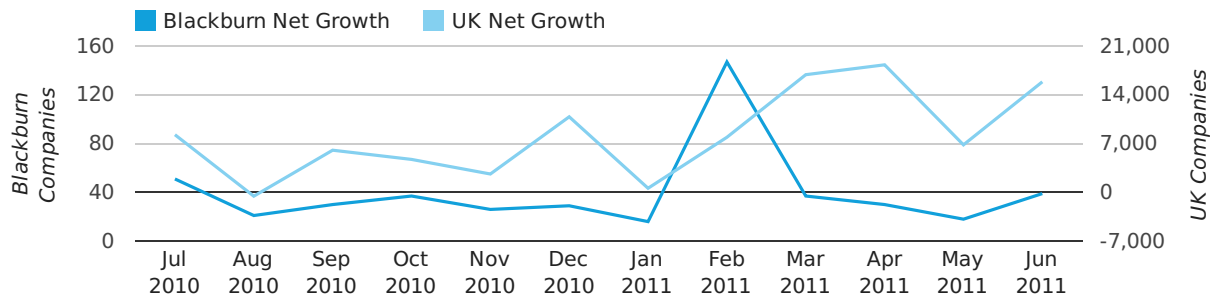
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	87	41,020
2010	18	3,658
% CHANGE	383.3%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (100)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



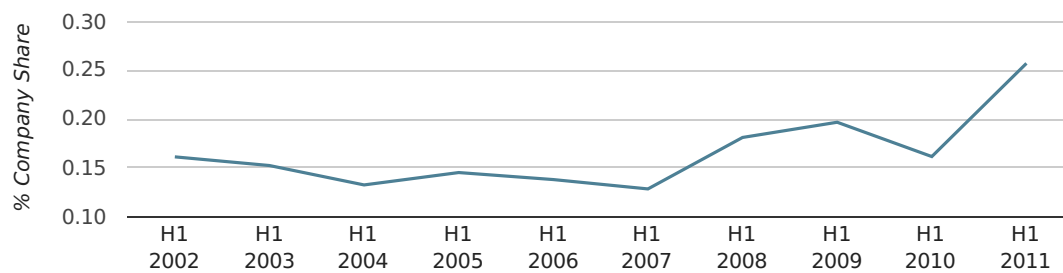
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	30	18	39
NET GROWTH IN 2010	13	-16	21
% CHANGE	130.8%	-212.5%	85.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (40)	2003 (37)	2008 (40)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Blackburn formed 0.3% of all UK companies. This is more than the 2010 figure of 0.2%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BLACKBURN
2011	0.3%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.3%)

company share by half year

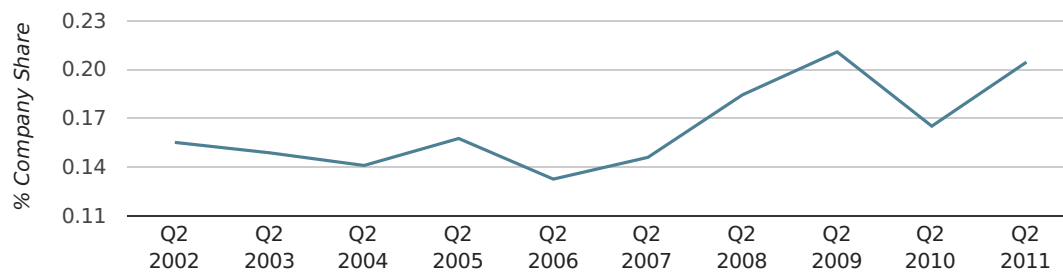


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

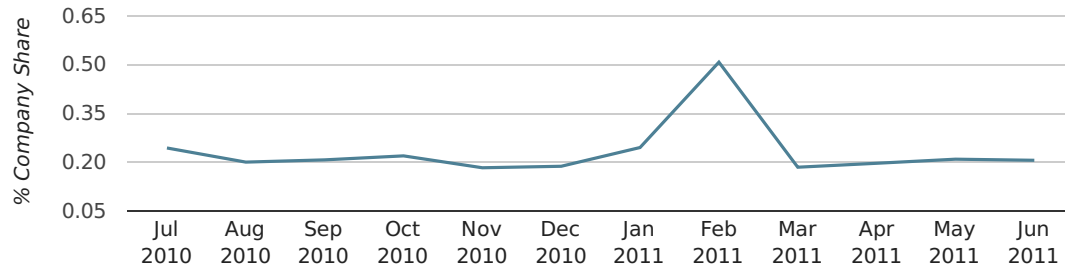
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	BLACKBURN
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1976 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.2%
% CHANGE	56.8%	65.8%	-12.5%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.4%)	1976 (0.4%)	1971 (0.4%)

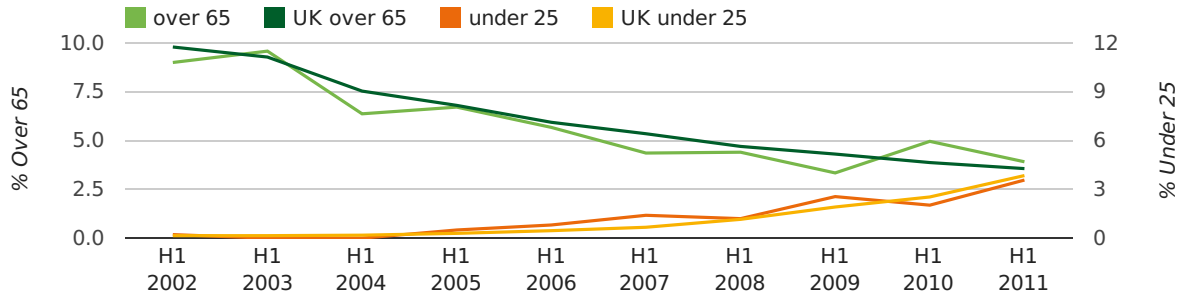
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 42.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



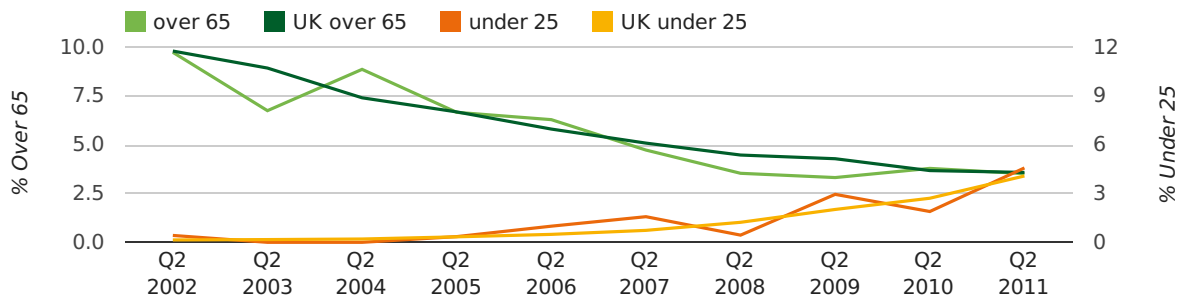
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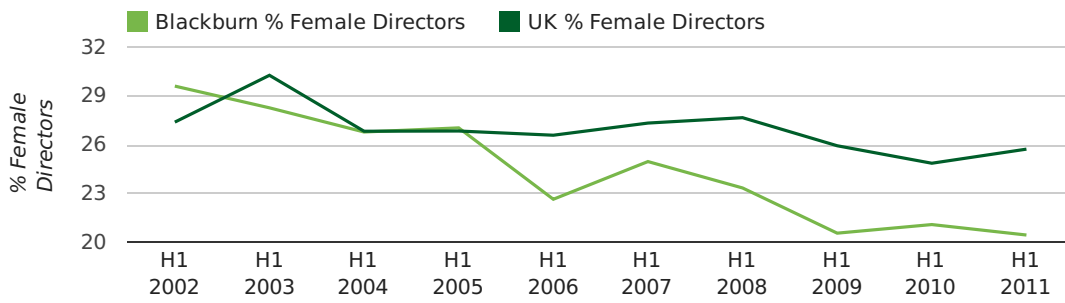


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

20.4% of all director appointments in Blackburn 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

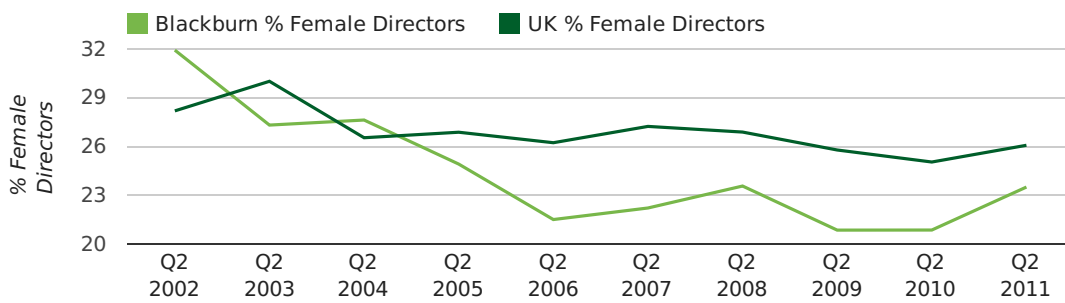


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

23.5% of all director appointments in Blackburn 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
MSTAR	6.75%	CONSULTING	5.09%
MANAGEMENT	1.20%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
BLACKBURN	0.94%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
TRADING	0.73%	PROPERTY	2.43%
PROPERTIES	0.73%	TRADING	2.05%
H	0.73%	DESIGN	1.94%
NORTH	0.67%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
(BLACKBURN)	0.67%	BUSINESS	1.87%
WEST	0.67%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
CARE	0.60%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
TRANSPORT	0.60%	MEDIA	1.73%
CONSULTANCY	0.60%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
PROPERTY	0.53%	LONDON	1.60%
CONSTRUCTION	0.53%	GLOBAL	1.46%
HOLDINGS	0.53%	J	1.44%
CENTRE	0.53%	CARE	1.44%
CONSULTING	0.47%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
MEDICAL	0.47%	IT	1.39%
CAR	0.47%	BUILDING	1.32%
TRAINING	0.47%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
TRAVEL	0.40%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
GLOBAL	0.40%	M	1.27%
DESIGN	0.40%	S	1.23%
LEISURE	0.40%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
SYSTEMS	0.40%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	386	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	95	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	31	30,647
99999 - Dormant Company	22	18,918
9305 - Other service activities	20	9,063
9999 - Dormant Company	19	20,111
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	17	10,322
70100 - Activities of head offices	14	2,632
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	13	16,419
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	13	7,835
86210 - General medical practice activities	12	2,048
74990 - Non-trading company	12	8,481
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	12	3,790
7260 - Other computer related activities	11	7,849
86900 - Other human health activities	10	4,154
7499 - Non-trading company	9	10,955
7414 - Business & management consultancy	8	13,053
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	8	5,928
7440 - Advertising	8	1,864
49410 - Freight transport by road	8	2,142