

# Blackburn

2011 annual business confidence report



## headlines

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## Annual Data (2011)

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

A total of 1,053 companies were formed in Blackburn in 2011. This total is 42.7% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	1,053	452,870
2010	738	400,358
2009	683	362,675
2008	603	349,203
2007	700	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (1,053)	2007 (457,649)

### new companies by year



## Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

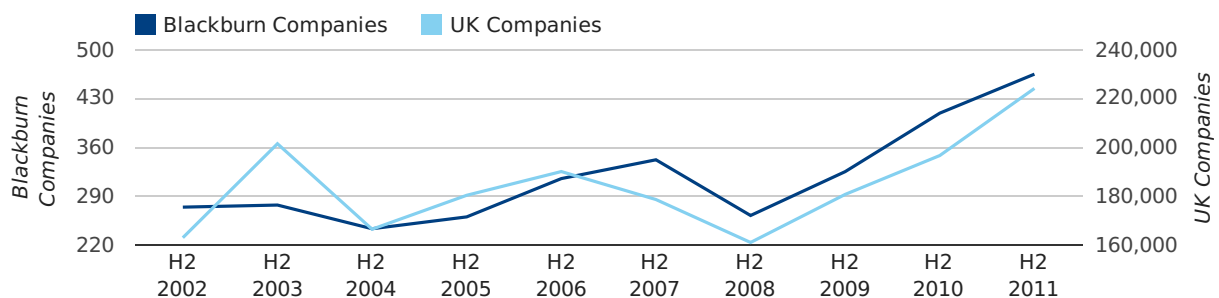
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 465 companies were formed in Blackburn. This figure is 13.7% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Blackburn occurred in 2011 when a total of 465 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	465	224,135
2010	409	196,609
% CHANGE	13.7%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (465)	2011 (224,135)

### new companies by half year



## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

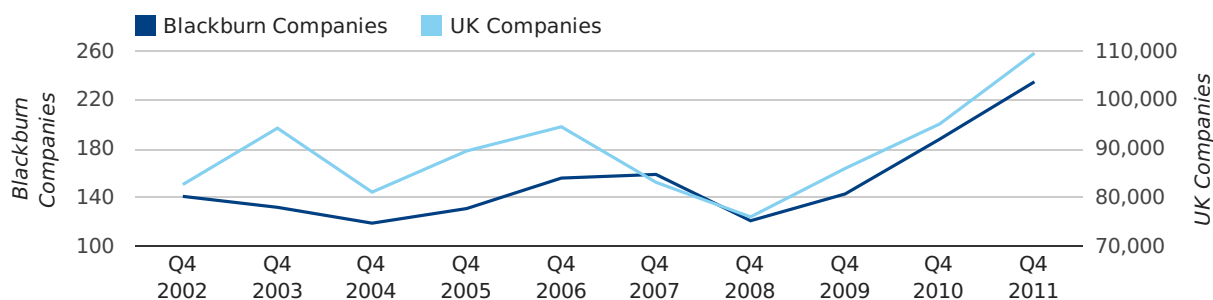
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Blackburn when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 235 companies were registered in Blackburn during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 25.0% 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)	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	235	109,623
2010	188	95,117
% CHANGE	25.0%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (235)	2011 (109,623)

### new companies by quarter



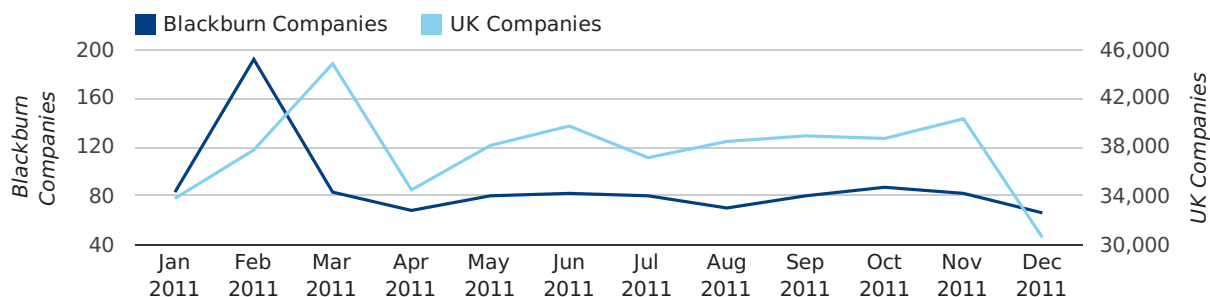
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### new companies by month



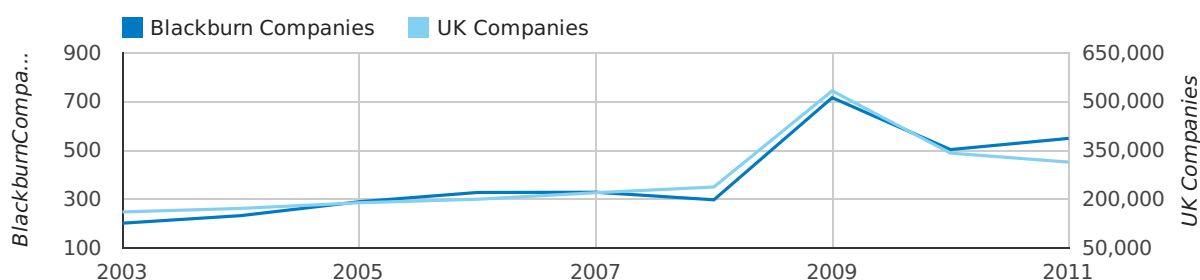
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	87	82	66
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	74	63	51
% CHANGE	17.6%	30.2%	29.4%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (87)	2011 (82)	2011 (66)

### Annual Data (2011)

A total of 550 companies were dissolved in Blackburn in 2011. This total is 9.1% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	550	314,523
2010	504	342,232
2009	717	533,773
2008	298	237,901
2007	329	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (717)	2009 (533,773)

### dissolved companies by year



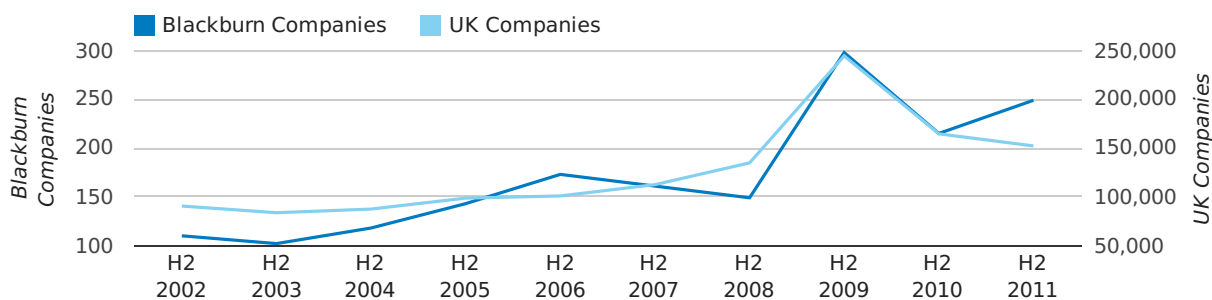
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 249 companies were dissolved in Blackburn. This figure is 15.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Blackburn occurred in 2009 when a total of 298 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	249	152,213
2010	215	164,601
% CHANGE	15.8%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (298)	2009 (244,537)

### dissolved companies by half year



## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

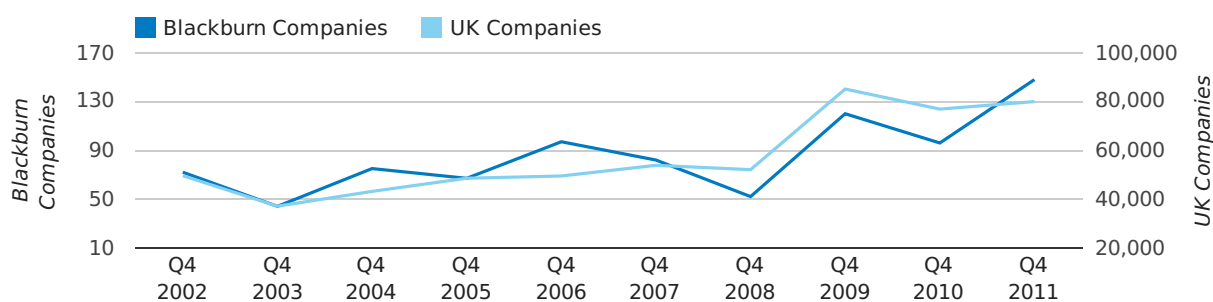
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Blackburn when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 148 companies were dissolved in Blackburn during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 54.2% 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)	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	148	79,983
2010	96	76,896
% CHANGE	54.2%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (148)	2009 (85,136)

### dissolved companies by quarter

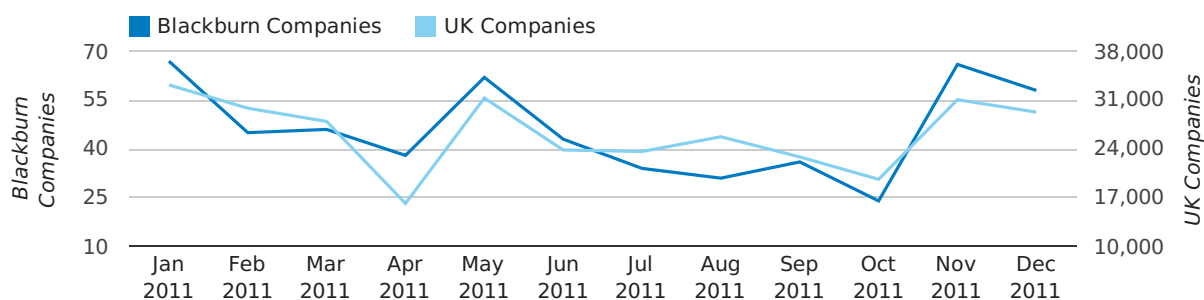


## Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

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

### dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	24	66	58
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	37	37	22
% CHANGE	-35.1%	78.4%	164%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (41)	2011 (66)	2011 (58)

## Annual Data (2011)

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

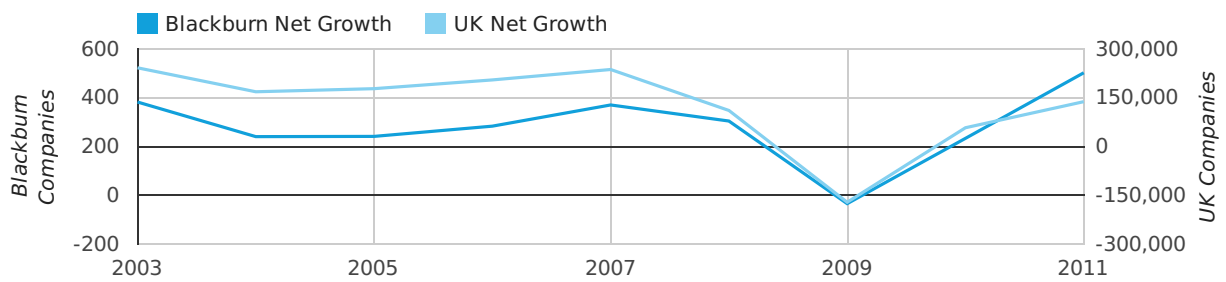
A total of 503 companies were added to the company register for Blackburn in 2011. This number represents growth of 68.2% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 269 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2011 when the Blackburn company register grew by 503 companies.

YEAR	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	503	138,347
2010	234	58,126
2009	-34	-171,098
2008	305	111,302
2007	371	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2011 (503)	2003 (242,543)

### net growth by year



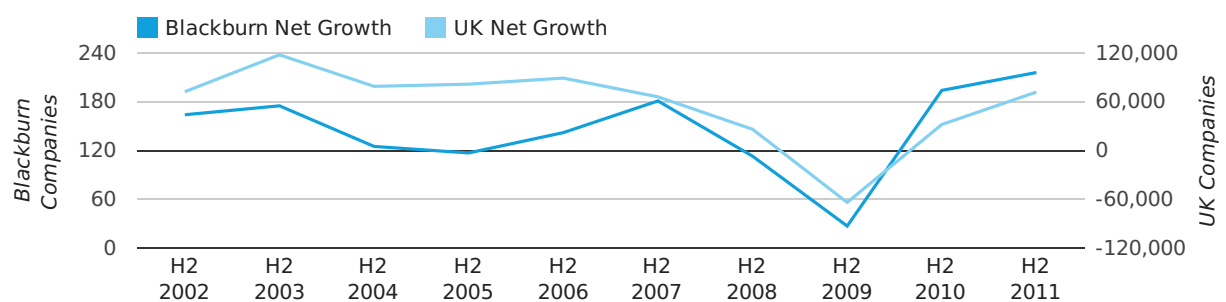
## Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Blackburn increased by 216 companies. This figure is 11.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	216	71,922
2010	194	32,008
% CHANGE	11.3%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (216)	2003 (117,772)

### net growth by half year



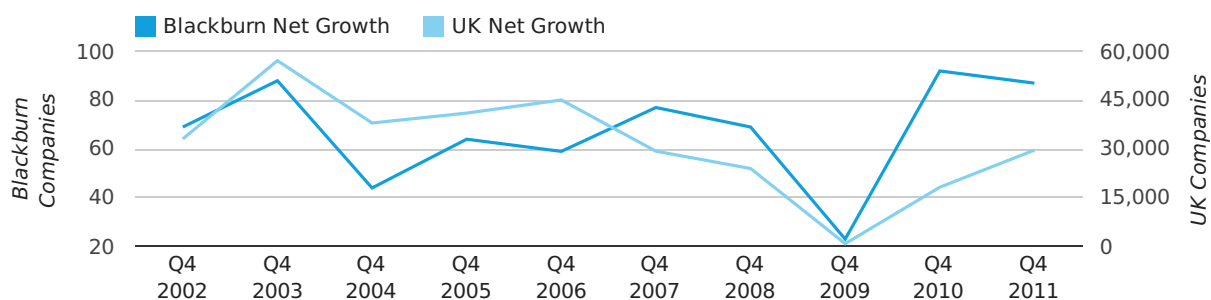
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Blackburn during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 87 companies.

This represents a decrease of 5.4% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BLACKBURN	UK
2011	87	29,640
2010	92	18,221
% CHANGE	-5.4%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (92)	2003 (57,175)

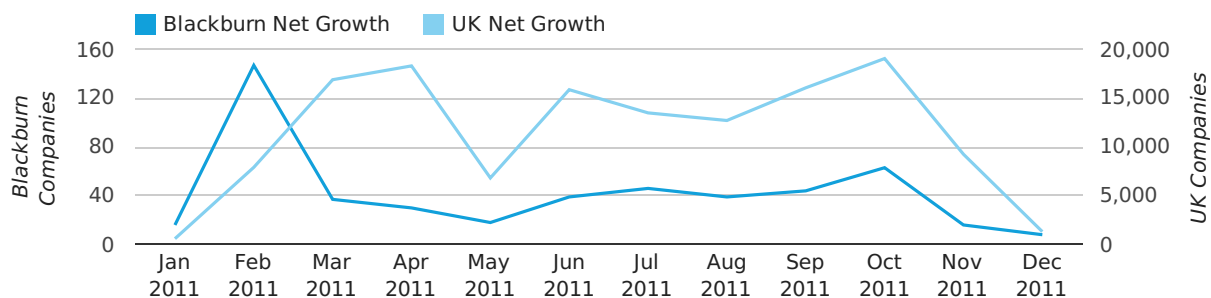
### net growth by quarter



## Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

October 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Blackburn when compared to any previous October.

### net growth by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	63	16	8
NET GROWTH IN 2010	37	26	29
% CHANGE	70.3%	-38.5%	-72.4%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (63)	2002 (31)	2010 (29)

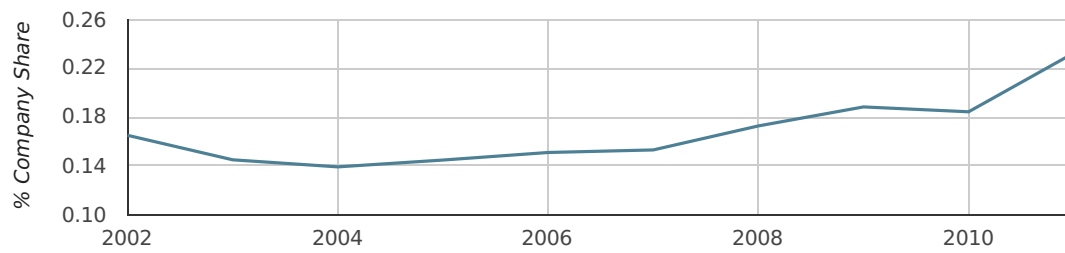


### Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Blackburn formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Blackburn was responsible for 0.2% of all UK companies.

YEAR	BLACKBURN
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.3%)

### company share by year

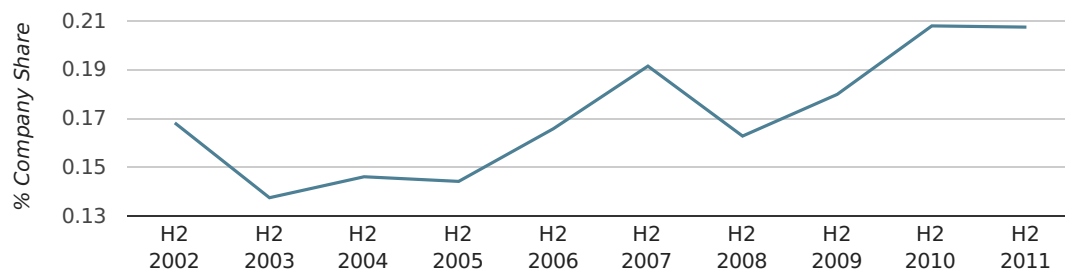


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BLACKBURN
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (0.3%)

### company share by half year

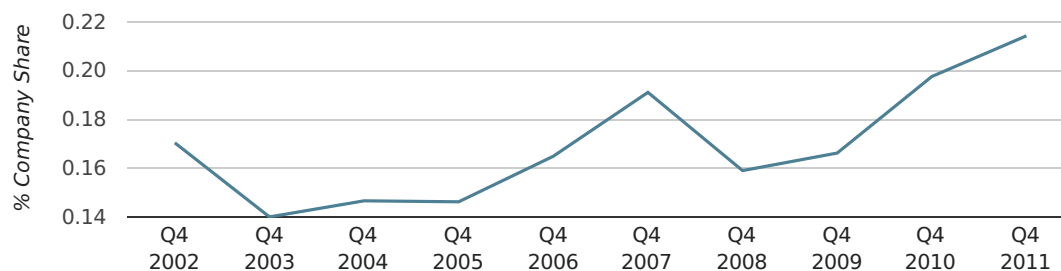


## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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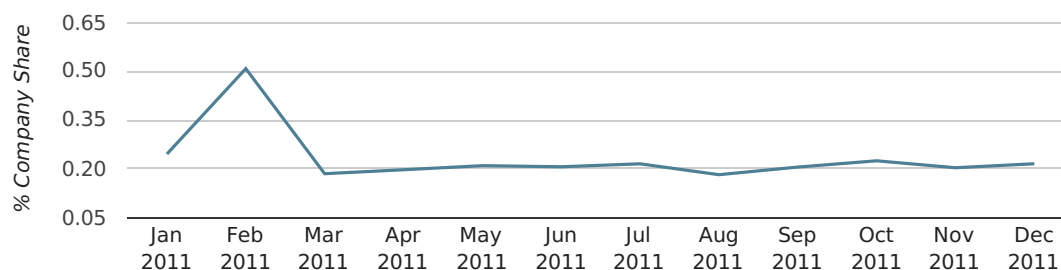
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BLACKBURN
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (0.4%)

### company share by quarter



## Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

### company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	2.2%	10.9%	14.7%
RECORD YEAR	1960 (1.0%)	1961 (0.3%)	1983 (0.4%)

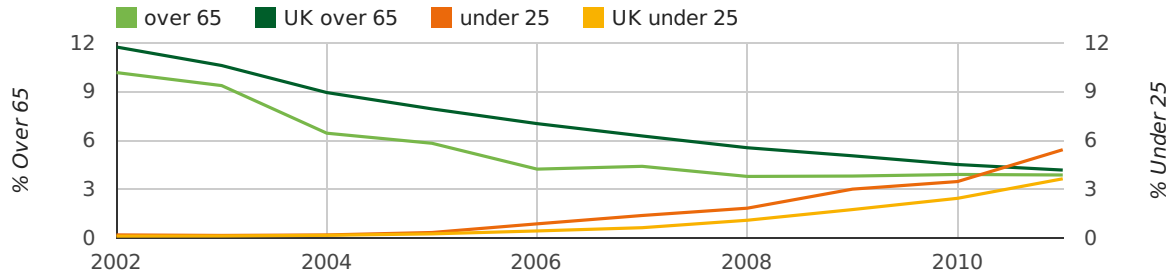
### Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 42.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

#### director age by year



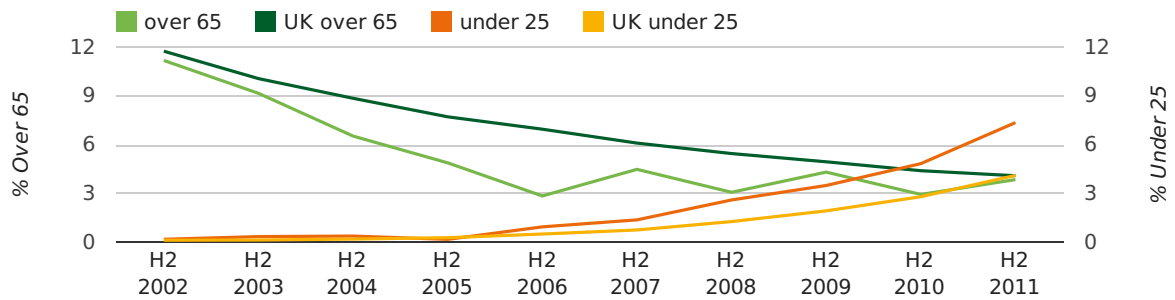
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 41.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 7.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

#### director age by half year



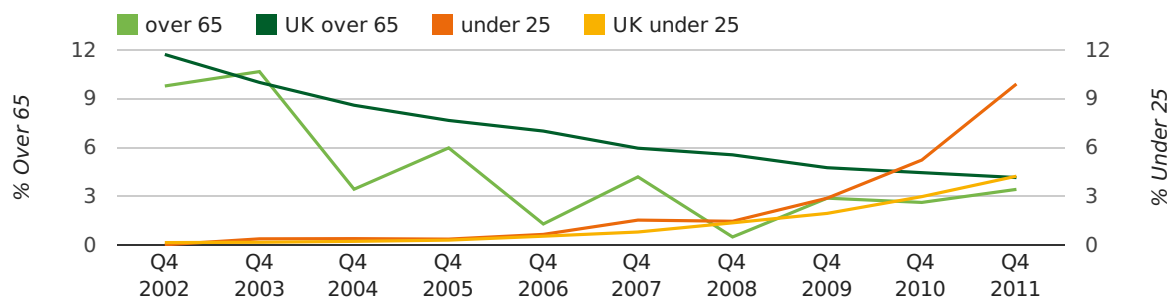
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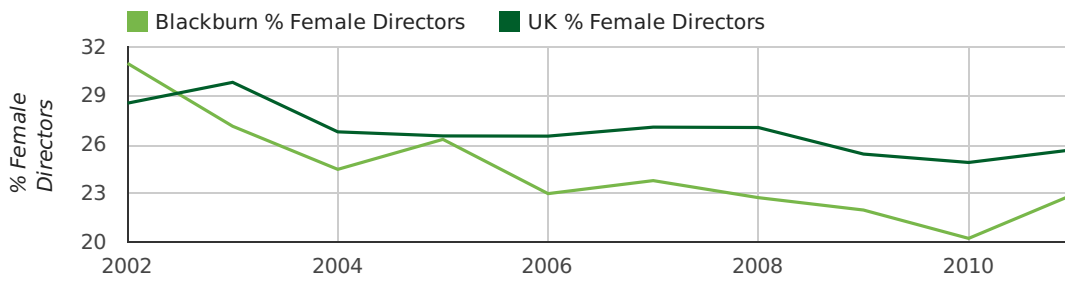


### Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Blackburn in 2011 was 31.0%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

#### director gender by year

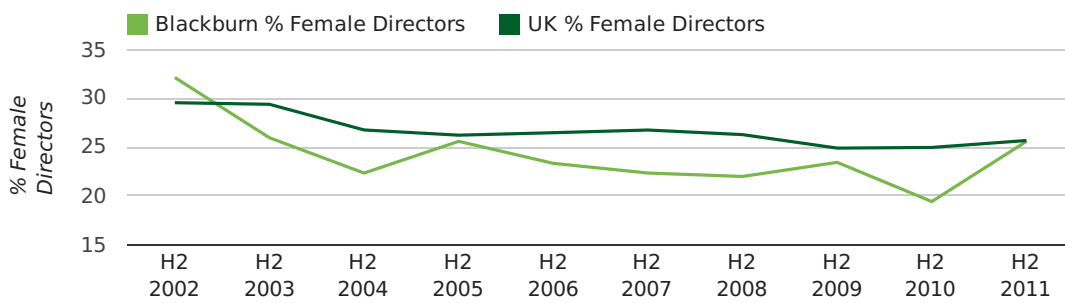


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

25.6% of all director appointments in Blackburn 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

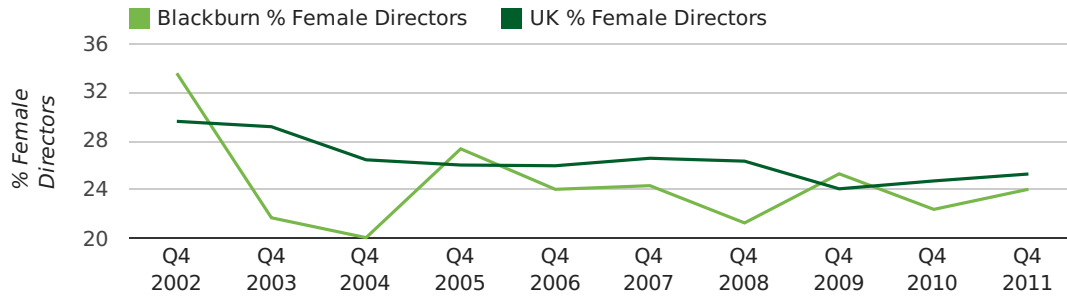


## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

24.0% of all director appointments in Blackburn 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
MSTAR	6.41%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.27%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
BLACKBURN	1.02%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
NORTH	0.70%	PROPERTY	2.37%
MEDICAL	0.70%	TRADING	2.07%
ENERGY	0.70%	DESIGN	1.92%
TRANSPORT	0.70%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
CENTRE	0.63%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
WEST	0.63%	BUSINESS	1.78%
CARE	0.63%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
(BLACKBURN)	0.57%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
SECURITY	0.57%	MEDIA	1.71%
CONSULTANCY	0.57%	LONDON	1.63%
BUSINESS	0.51%	J	1.51%
TRADING	0.51%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
ASSOCIATES	0.44%	GLOBAL	1.46%
VALLEY	0.44%	IT	1.41%
SPORTS	0.44%	CARE	1.39%
R	0.44%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
CONSTRUCTION	0.44%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
H	0.44%	M	1.27%
HOLDINGS	0.44%	BUILDING	1.26%
HEALTHCARE	0.44%	ENERGY	1.25%
PROPERTY	0.44%	S	1.20%
(NW)	0.44%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

## Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	439	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	83	57,052
99999 - Dormant Company	34	21,846
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	33	32,483
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	26	11,768
9999 - Dormant Company	26	20,199
9305 - Other service activities	23	9,492
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	16	8,671
70100 - Activities of head offices	16	2,662
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	16	17,765
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	15	4,082
86210 - General medical practice activities	14	2,285
7260 - Other computer related activities	13	7,667
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	12	12,072
74990 - Non-trading company	11	8,929
7414 - Business & management consultancy	11	13,034
86900 - Other human health activities	10	4,457
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	9	5,558
7499 - Non-trading company	9	9,957
7020 - Letting of own property	8	1,606