

Bolton

2011 half year business confidence report



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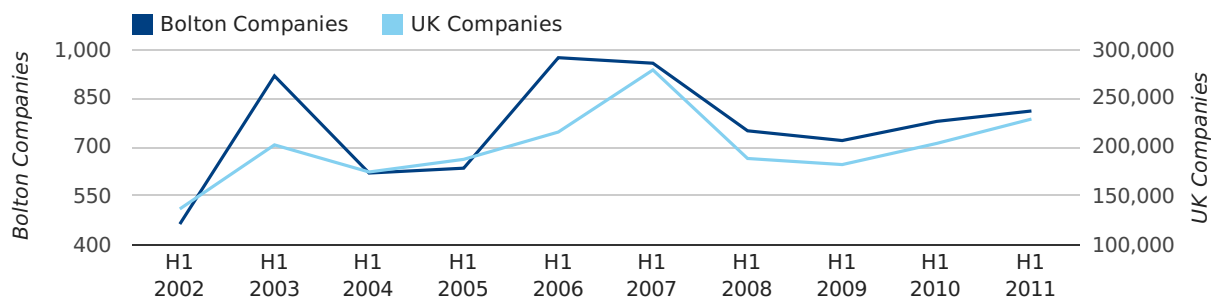
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 811 companies were formed in Bolton. This figure is 4.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Bolton occurred in 2006 when a total of 975 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BOLTON	UK
2011	811	228,735
2010	779	203,749
% CHANGE	4.1%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (975)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



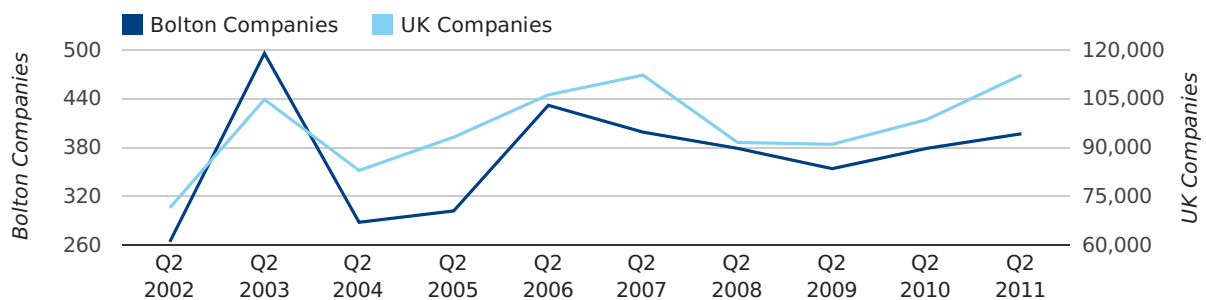
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 397 companies were registered in Bolton during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 4.7% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares badly 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)	BOLTON	UK
2011	397	112,344
2010	379	98,612
% CHANGE	4.7%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (496)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	118	121	158
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	142	106	131
% CHANGE	-16.9%	14.2%	20.6%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (168)	2003 (152)	2003 (182)

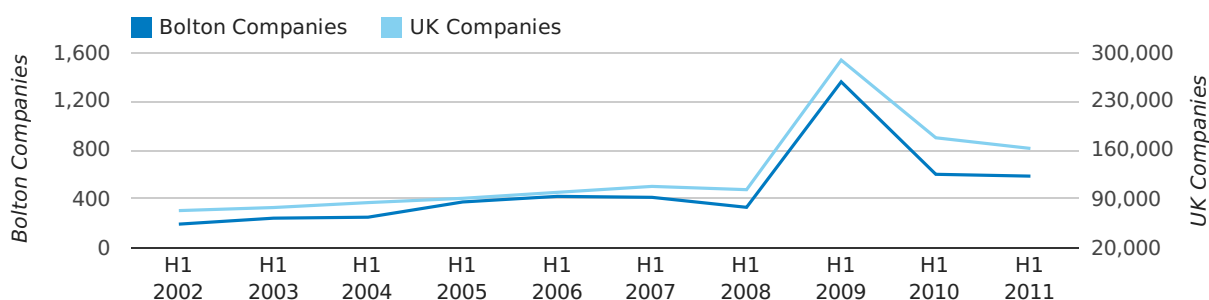
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 586 companies were dissolved in Bolton. This figure is 2.5% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Bolton occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,360 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BOLTON	UK
2011	586	162,310
2010	601	177,631
% CHANGE	-2.5%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,360)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



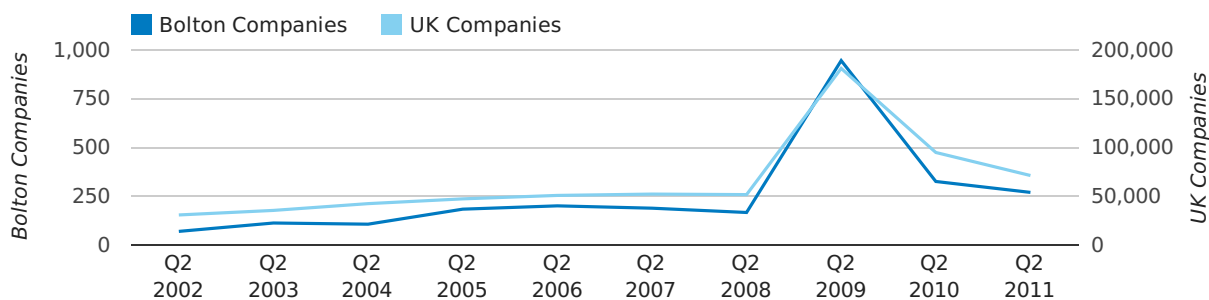
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 270 companies were dissolved in Bolton during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 17.2% 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)	BOLTON	UK
2011	270	71,324
2010	326	94,954
% CHANGE	-17.2%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (946)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



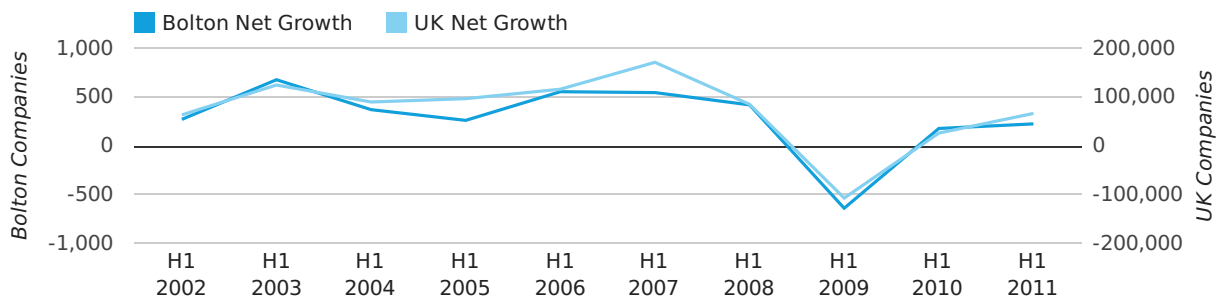
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	59	125	86
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	84	126	116
% CHANGE	-29.8%	-0.8%	-26%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (223)	2009 (528)	2009 (195)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Bolton increased by 225 companies. This figure is 26.4% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BOLTON	UK
2011	225	66,425
2010	178	26,118
% CHANGE	26.4%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (678)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



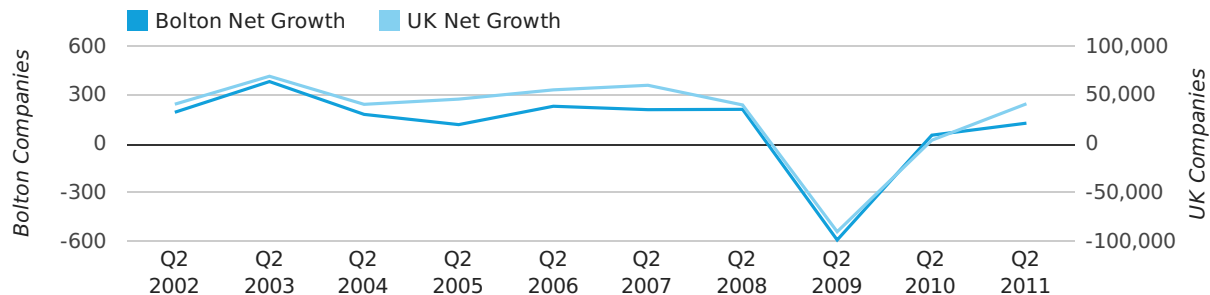
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Bolton during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 127 companies.

This represents an increase of 139.6% on the same period last year.

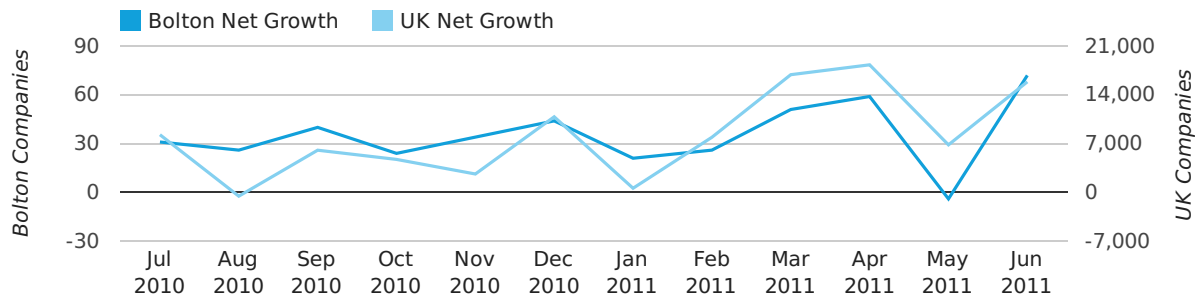
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	BOLTON	UK
2011	127	41,020
2010	53	3,658
% CHANGE	139.6%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (383)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



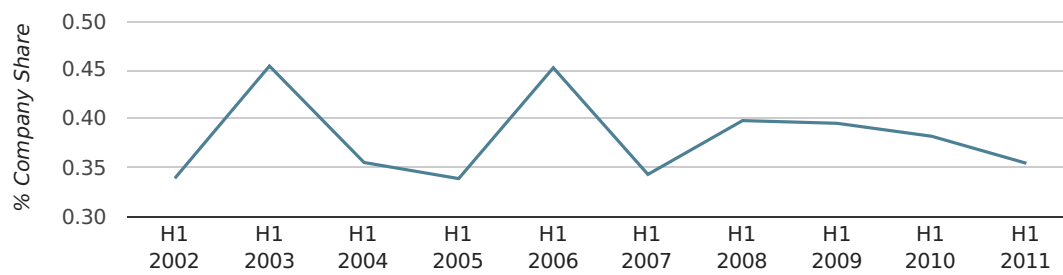
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	59	-4	72
NET GROWTH IN 2010	58	-20	15
% CHANGE	1.7%	-80.0%	380.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (124)	2003 (118)	2003 (141)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Bolton formed 0.4% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.4%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	BOLTON
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.5%)

company share by half year

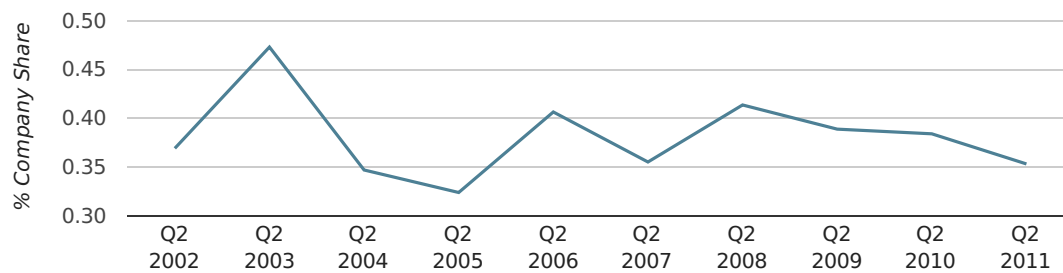


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

In the second quarter of 2011, Bolton formed 0.4% of all UK companies.

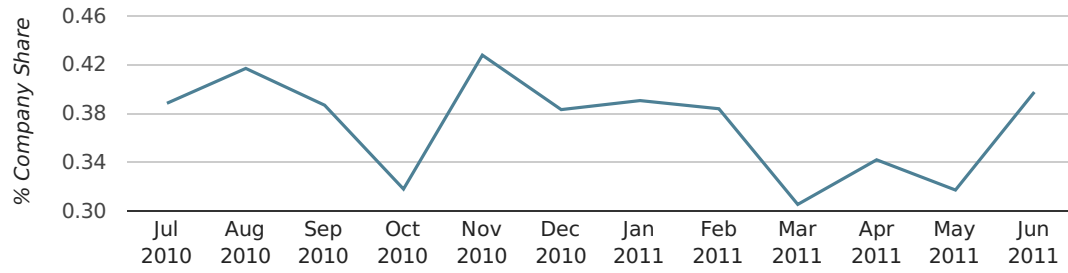
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	BOLTON
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
2007	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1979 (0.7%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.4%	0.4%	0.4%
% CHANGE	-19.6%	-10.1%	6.9%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.6%)	1979 (0.9%)	1966 (0.9%)

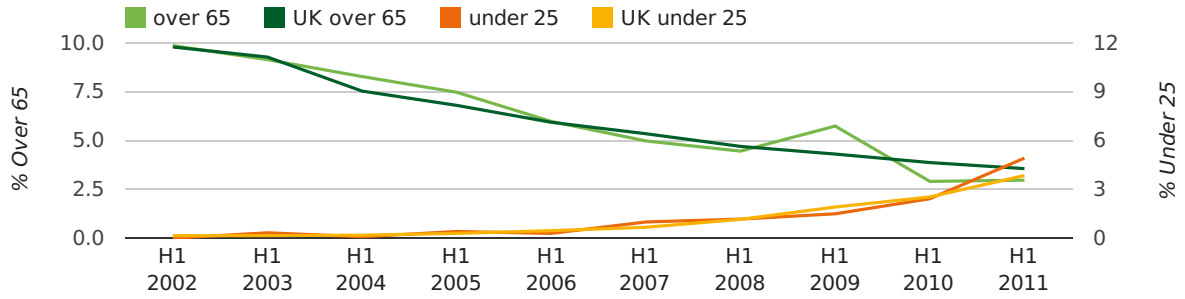
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 42.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



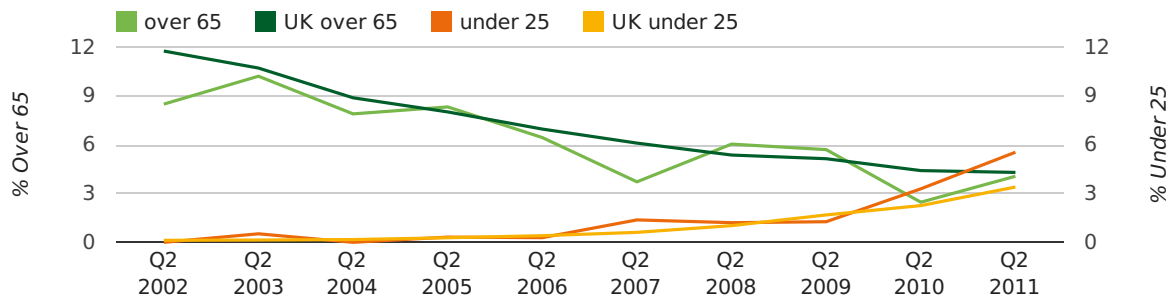
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 42.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

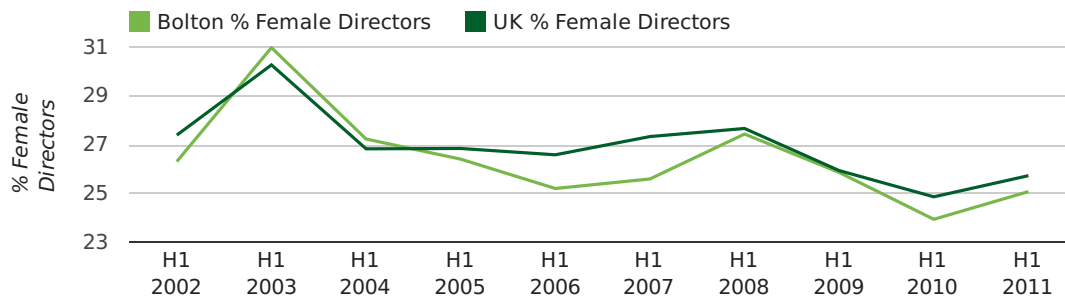


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

25.1% of all director appointments in Bolton 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

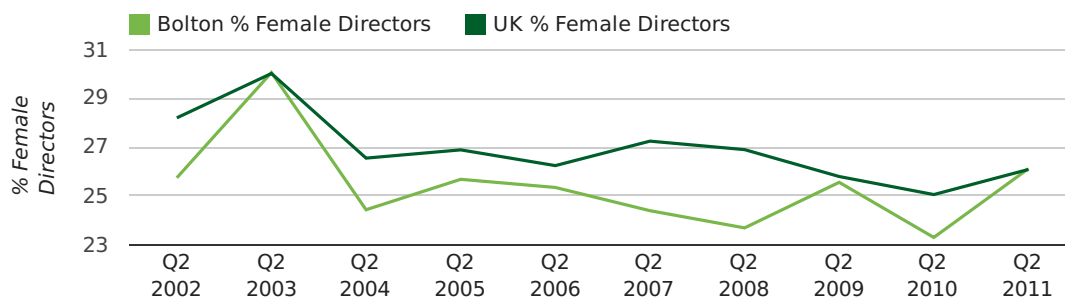


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

26.1% of all director appointments in Bolton 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
MANAGEMENT	1.59%	CONSULTING	5.09%
CONSULTING	0.97%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
CONSULTANCY	0.93%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
(BOLTON)	0.93%	PROPERTY	2.43%
BOLTON	0.88%	TRADING	2.05%
CARE	0.84%	DESIGN	1.94%
DESIGN	0.75%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
PROPERTY	0.75%	BUSINESS	1.87%
(NW)	0.70%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
CONSTRUCTION	0.70%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ONLINE	0.66%	MEDIA	1.73%
ELECTRICAL	0.66%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
ENGINEERING	0.62%	LONDON	1.60%
J	0.62%	GLOBAL	1.46%
MEDICAL	0.62%	J	1.44%
M	0.62%	CARE	1.44%
SUPPLIES	0.57%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
SEDDON	0.57%	IT	1.39%
TRADING	0.57%	BUILDING	1.32%
MEDIA	0.57%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ROOFING	0.53%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
PROPERTIES	0.53%	M	1.27%
D	0.48%	S	1.23%
BUSINESS	0.48%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
BUILDING	0.48%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	774	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	218	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	72	30,647
99999 - Dormant Company	50	18,918
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	49	5,928
9999 - Dormant Company	49	20,111
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	49	16,419
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	40	10,322
9305 - Other service activities	35	9,063
7414 - Business & management consultancy	27	13,053
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	27	10,545
86900 - Other human health activities	26	4,154
7260 - Other computer related activities	23	7,849
62090 - Other information technology service activities	22	7,095
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	22	7,835
43210 - Electrical installation	21	3,085
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	21	3,394
5530 - Restaurants	21	5,086
64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified	20	2,739
7499 - Non-trading company	19	10,955