

Bolton

2011 annual business confidence report



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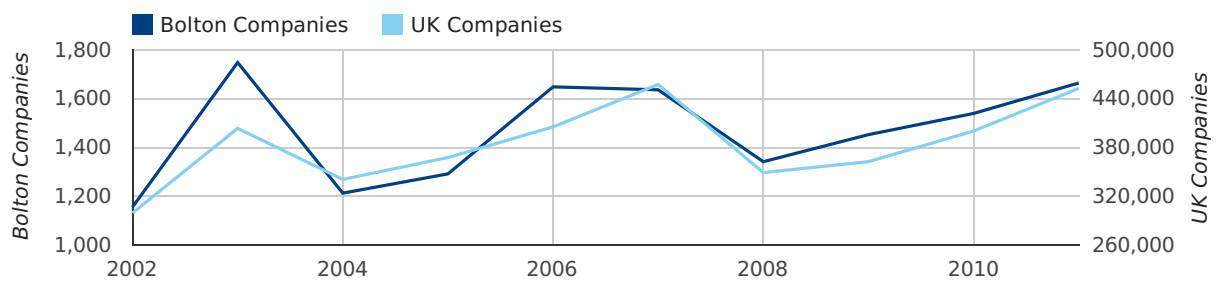
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Annual Data (2011)

A total of 1,665 companies were formed in Bolton in 2011. This total is 8.1% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	BOLTON	UK
2011	1,665	452,870
2010	1,540	400,358
2009	1,453	362,675
2008	1,342	349,203
2007	1,637	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,749)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

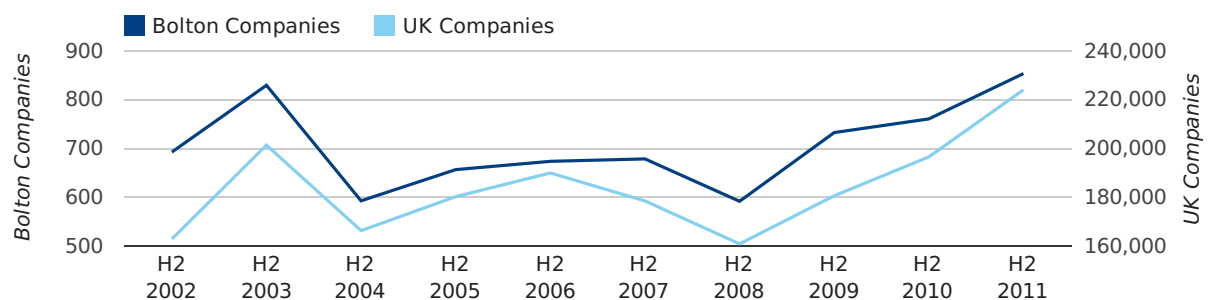
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bolton when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 854 companies were formed in Bolton. This figure is 12.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Bolton occurred in 2011 when a total of 854 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BOLTON	UK
2011	854	224,135
2010	761	196,609
% CHANGE	12.2%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (854)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



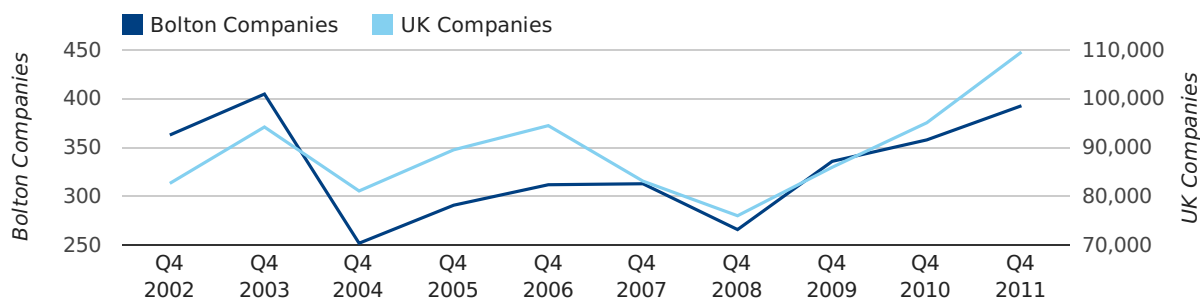
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 393 companies were registered in Bolton during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 9.8% 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)	BOLTON	UK
2011	393	109,623
2010	358	95,117
% CHANGE	9.8%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (405)	2011 (109,623)

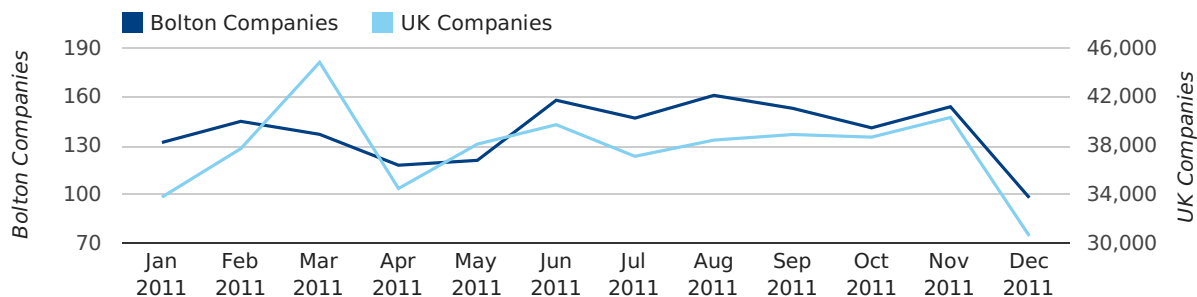
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

new companies by month



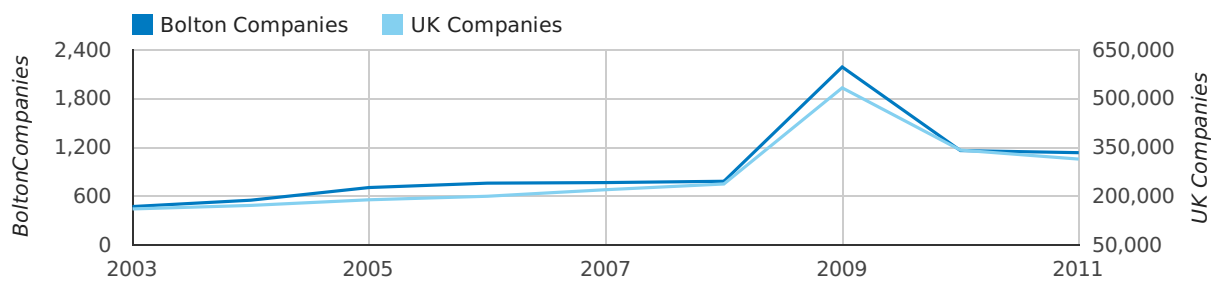
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	141	154	98
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	107	147	104
% CHANGE	31.8%	4.8%	-5.8%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (161)	2011 (154)	2010 (104)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 1,137 companies were dissolved in Bolton in 2011. This total is 2.2% lower than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	BOLTON	UK
2011	1,137	314,523
2010	1,163	342,232
2009	2,192	533,773
2008	785	237,901
2007	769	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (2,192)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



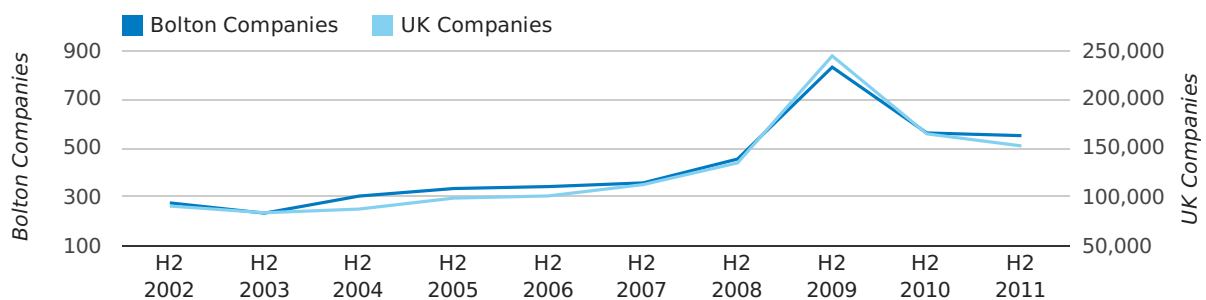
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 551 companies were dissolved in Bolton. This figure is 2.0% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Bolton occurred in 2009 when a total of 832 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BOLTON	UK
2011	551	152,213
2010	562	164,601
% CHANGE	-2.0%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (832)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



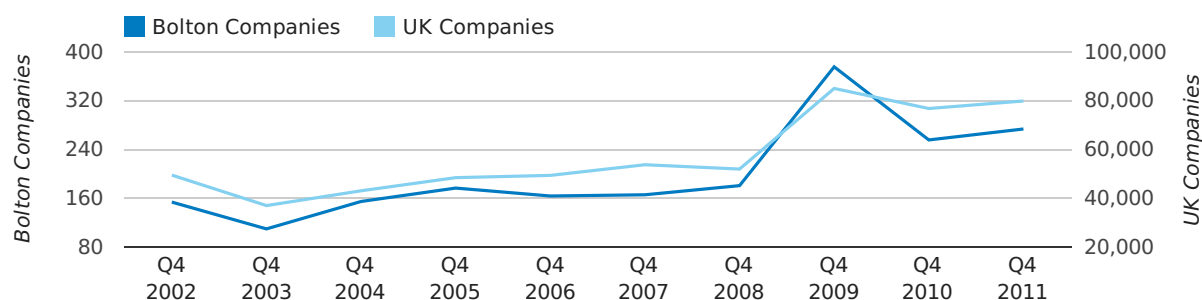
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 274 companies were dissolved in Bolton during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 7.0% 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)	BOLTON	UK
2011	274	79,983
2010	256	76,896
% CHANGE	7.0%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (376)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	68	114	92
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	83	113	60
% CHANGE	-18.1%	0.9%	53%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (99)	2009 (131)	2009 (146)

Annual Data (2011)

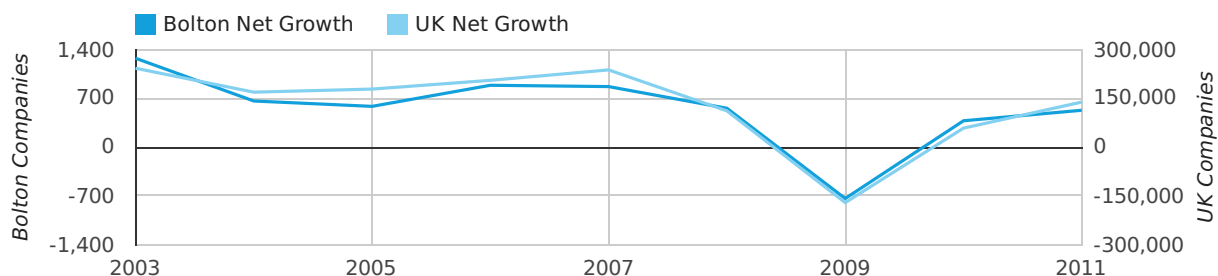
A total of 528 companies were added to the company register for Bolton in 2011. This number represents growth of 34.3% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 151 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Bolton company register grew by 1,275 companies.

YEAR	BOLTON	UK
2011	528	138,347
2010	377	58,126
2009	-739	-171,098
2008	557	111,302
2007	868	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,275)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

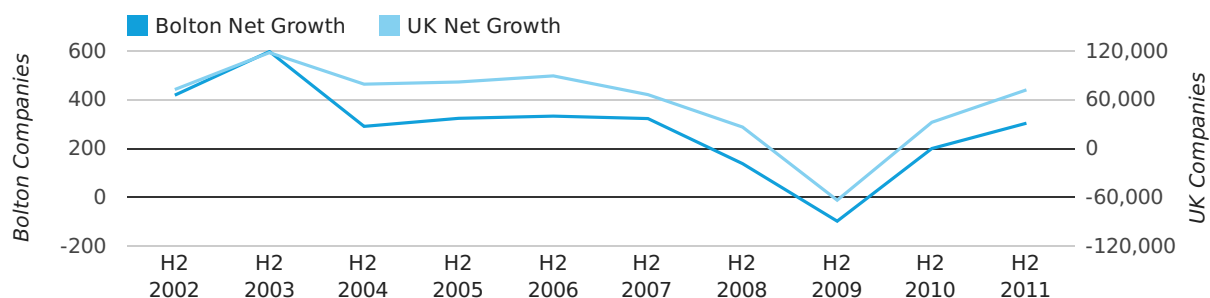


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Bolton increased by 303 companies. This figure is 52.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BOLTON	UK
2011	303	71,922
2010	199	32,008
% CHANGE	52.3%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (597)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



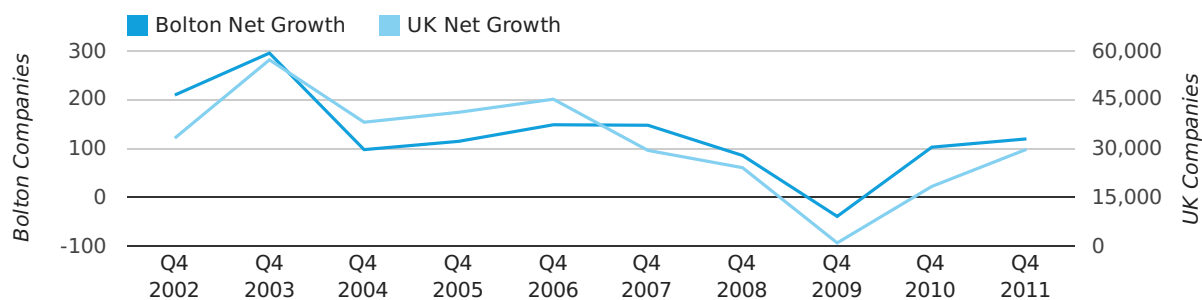
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Bolton during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 119 companies.

This represents an increase of 16.7% on the same period last year.

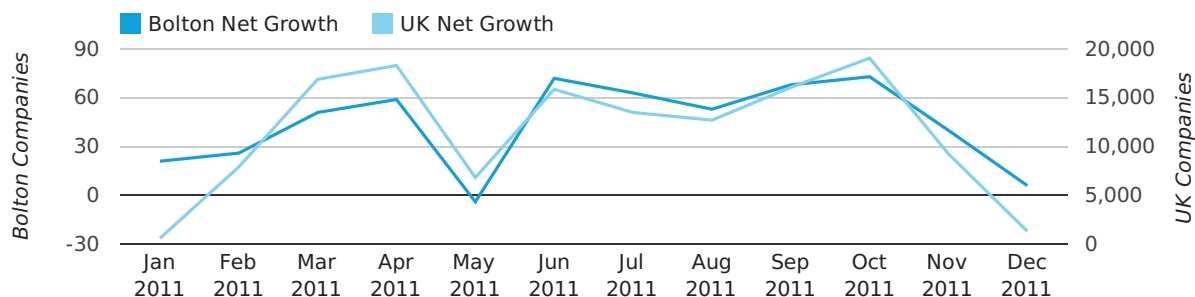
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BOLTON	UK
2011	119	29,640
2010	102	18,221
% CHANGE	16.7%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (295)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



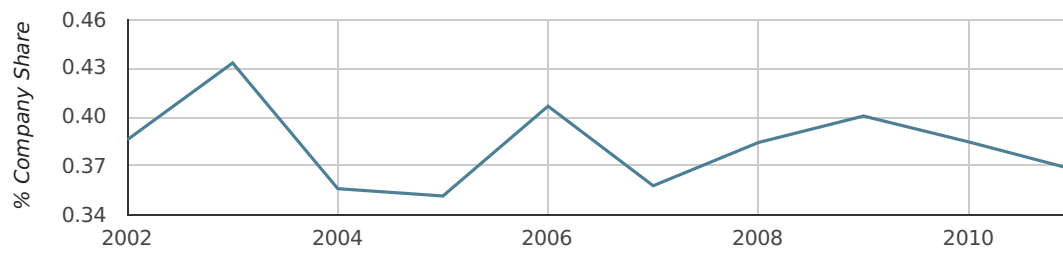
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	73	40	6
NET GROWTH IN 2010	24	34	44
% CHANGE	204.2%	17.6%	-86.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (130)	2003 (104)	2003 (61)

Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Bolton formed 0.4% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Bolton was responsible for 0.4% of all UK companies.

YEAR	BOLTON
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
2007	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.5%)

company share by year

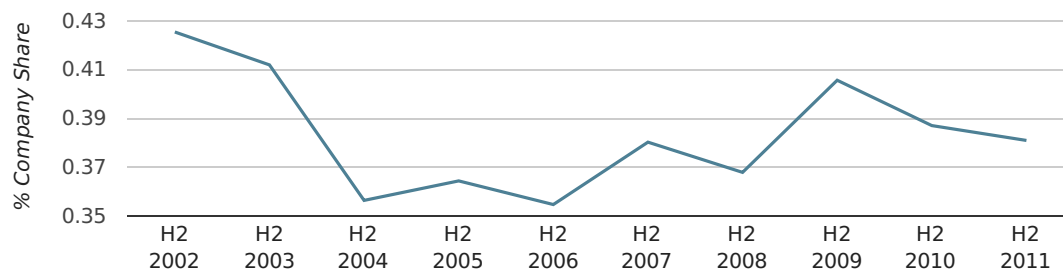


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BOLTON
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
2007	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1976 (0.6%)

company share by half year

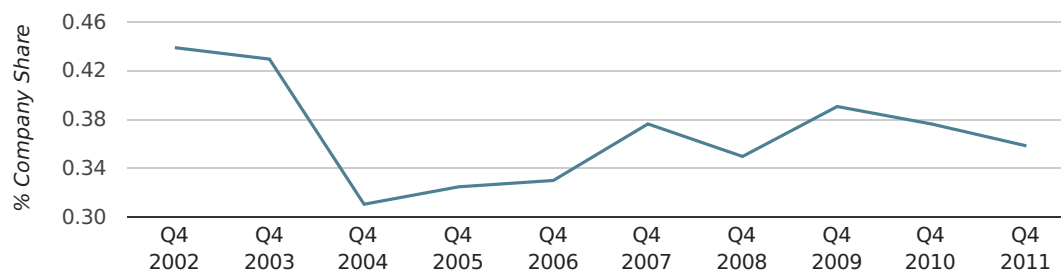


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BOLTON
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1976 (0.7%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.3%	0.4%	0.4%
% CHANGE	14.5%	-10.7%	-16.4%
RECORD YEAR	1982 (0.7%)	1966 (2.0%)	1976 (1.1%)

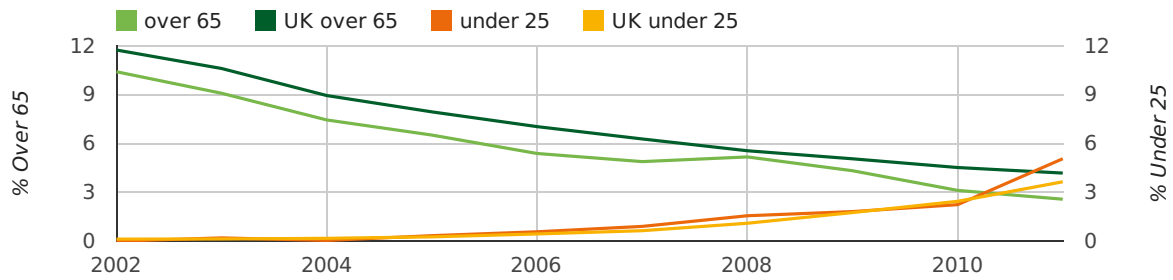
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 42.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



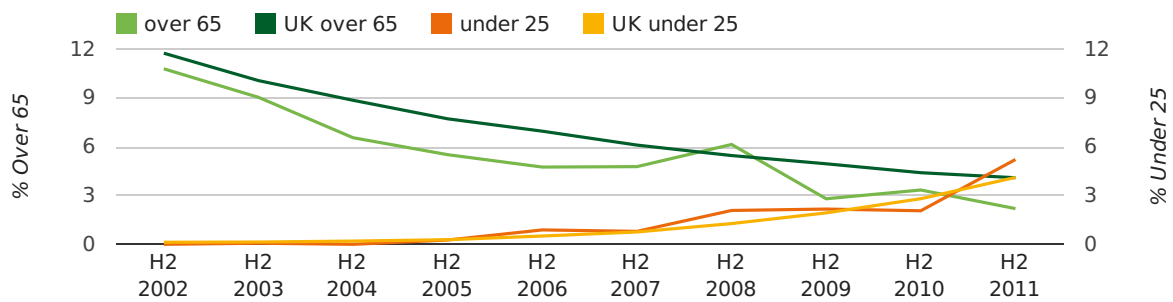
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 41.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



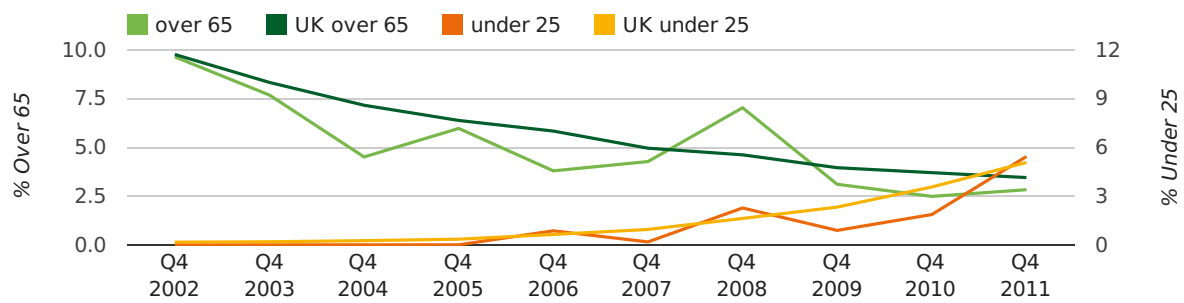
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director age by quarter

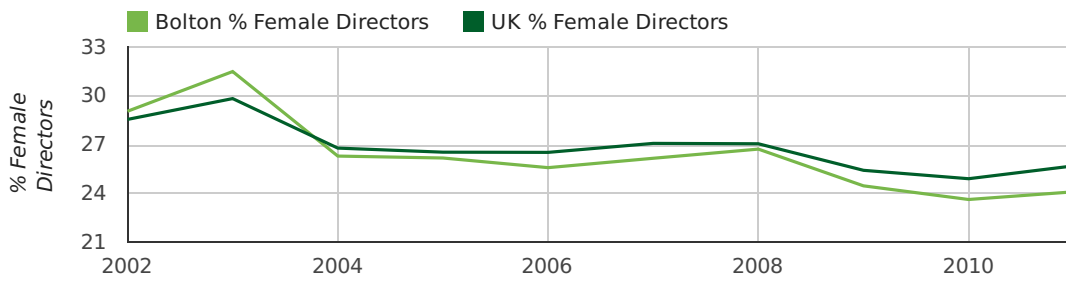


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Bolton in 2011 was 29.1%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

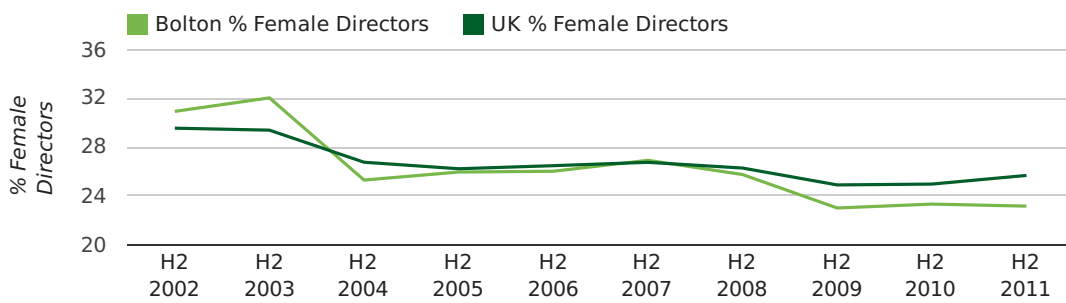


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

23.2% of all director appointments in Bolton 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

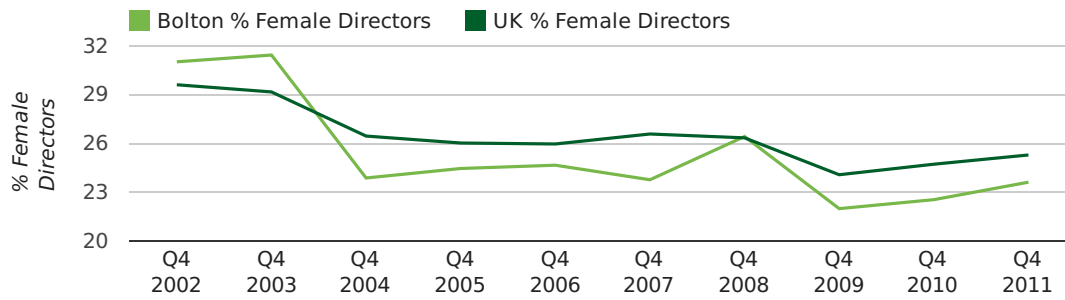


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

23.6% of all director appointments in Bolton 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
MANAGEMENT	1.14%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	1.01%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
TRANSPORT	1.01%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
BOLTON	0.97%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSULTANCY	0.84%	TRADING	2.07%
M	0.80%	DESIGN	1.92%
CARE	0.80%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
SECURITY	0.80%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
ELECTRICAL	0.76%	BUSINESS	1.78%
PROPERTY	0.72%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
DESIGN	0.72%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
(NW)	0.63%	MEDIA	1.71%
(BOLTON)	0.59%	LONDON	1.63%
CONSTRUCTION	0.59%	J	1.51%
ASSOCIATES	0.59%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
D	0.59%	GLOBAL	1.46%
SOLAR	0.55%	IT	1.41%
MEDIA	0.55%	CARE	1.39%
SEDDON	0.55%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
ENGINEERING	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
SUPPLIES	0.55%	M	1.27%
EDUCATION	0.50%	BUILDING	1.26%
BUSINESS	0.50%	ENERGY	1.25%
J	0.50%	S	1.20%
BEAUTY	0.50%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	785	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	211	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	78	32,483
9999 - Dormant Company	63	20,199
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	53	17,765
99999 - Dormant Company	48	21,846
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	39	11,768
86900 - Other human health activities	37	4,457
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	35	5,558
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	32	8,671
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	32	12,072
7414 - Business & management consultancy	31	13,034
9305 - Other service activities	30	9,492
7260 - Other computer related activities	24	7,667
62090 - Other information technology service activities	24	7,493
7499 - Non-trading company	23	9,957
5530 - Restaurants	23	5,013
43210 - Electrical installation	22	3,175
64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified	21	2,946
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	21	3,342