

# Bridgwater

2011 annual business confidence report



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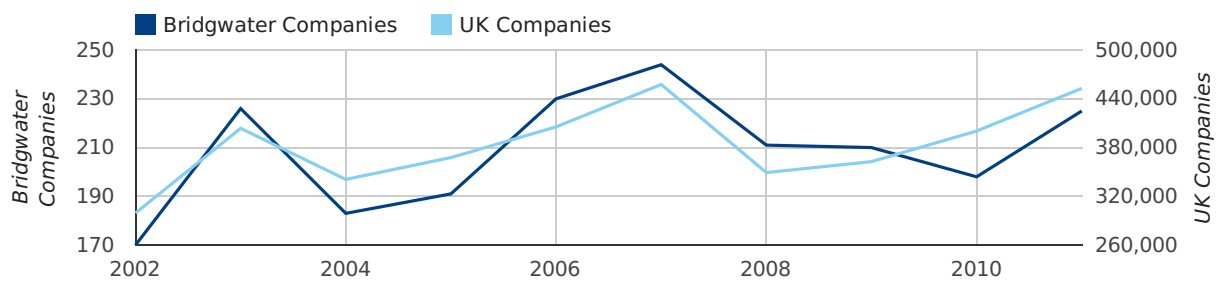
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### Annual Data (2011)

A total of 225 companies were formed in Bridgwater in 2011. This total is 13.6% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	BRIDGWATER	UK
2011	225	452,870
2010	198	400,358
2009	210	362,675
2008	211	349,203
2007	244	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2007 (244)	2007 (457,649)

### new companies by year



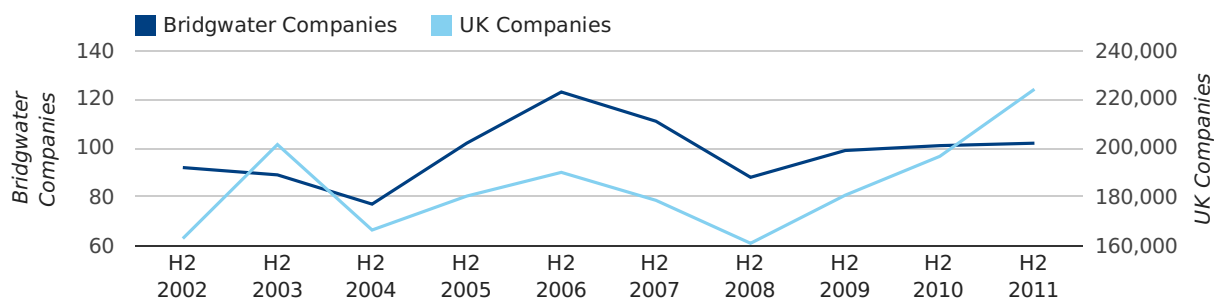
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 102 companies were formed in Bridgwater. This figure is 1.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Bridgwater occurred in 2006 when a total of 123 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BRIDGWATER	UK
2011	102	224,135
2010	101	196,609
% CHANGE	1.0%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (123)	2011 (224,135)

### new companies by half year



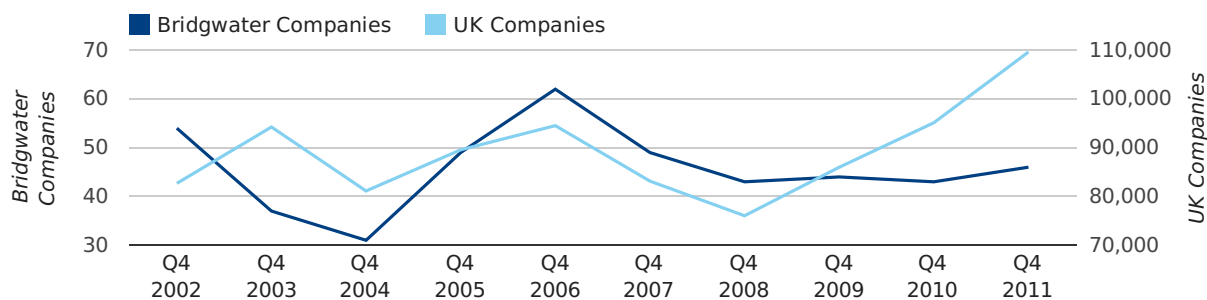
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 46 companies were registered in Bridgwater 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 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)	BRIDGWATER	UK
2011	46	109,623
2010	43	95,117
% CHANGE	7.0%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (62)	2011 (109,623)

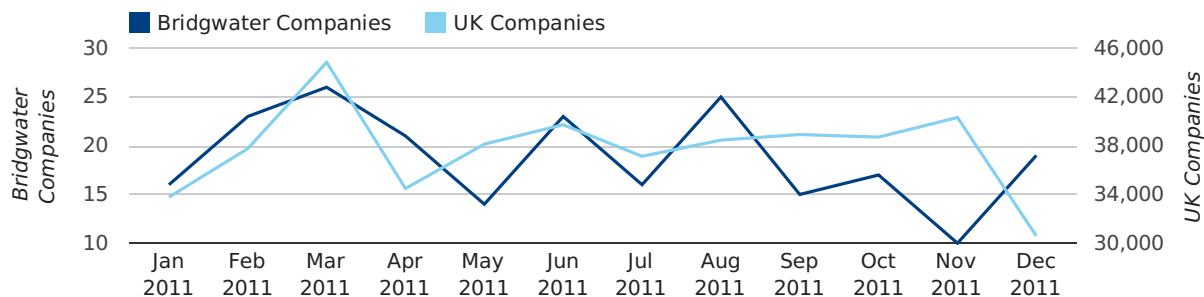
### new companies by quarter



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

December 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bridgwater when compared to any previous December.

### new companies by month



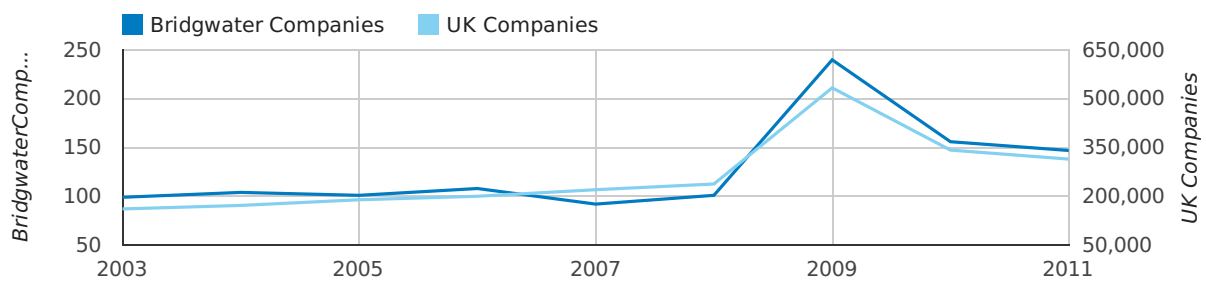
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	17	10	19
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	26	11	6
% CHANGE	-34.6%	-9.1%	216.7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (26)	2006 (25)	2011 (19)

### Annual Data (2011)

A total of 147 companies were dissolved in Bridgwater in 2011. This total is 5.8% lower than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	BRIDGWATER	UK
2011	147	314,523
2010	156	342,232
2009	240	533,773
2008	101	237,901
2007	92	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (240)	2009 (533,773)

### dissolved companies by year



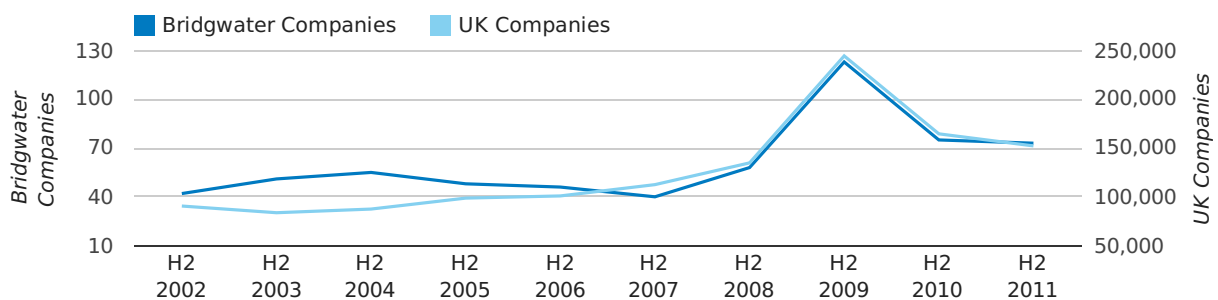
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 73 companies were dissolved in Bridgwater. This figure is 2.7% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Bridgwater occurred in 2009 when a total of 123 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BRIDGWATER	UK
2011	73	152,213
2010	75	164,601
% CHANGE	-2.7%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (123)	2009 (244,537)

### dissolved companies by half year



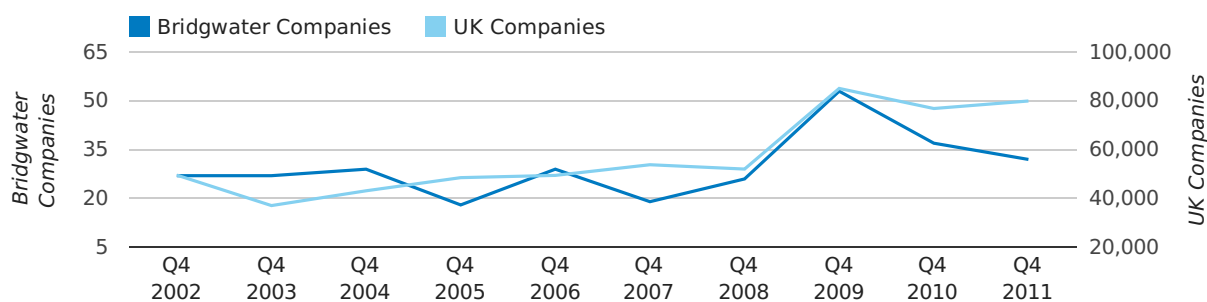
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 32 companies were dissolved in Bridgwater during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 13.5% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 4.0% against the same period last year.

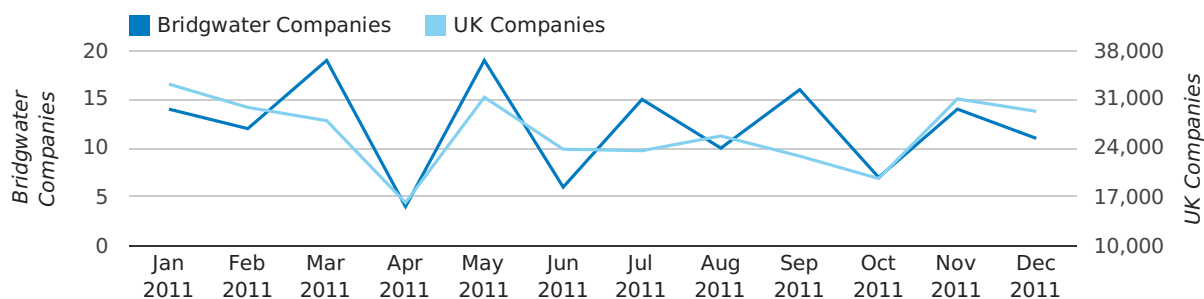
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BRIDGWATER	UK
2011	32	79,983
2010	37	76,896
% CHANGE	-13.5%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (53)	2009 (85,136)

### dissolved companies by quarter



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

### dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	7	14	11
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	19	11	7
% CHANGE	-63.2%	27.3%	57%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (19)	2009 (21)	2009 (21)

### Annual Data (2011)

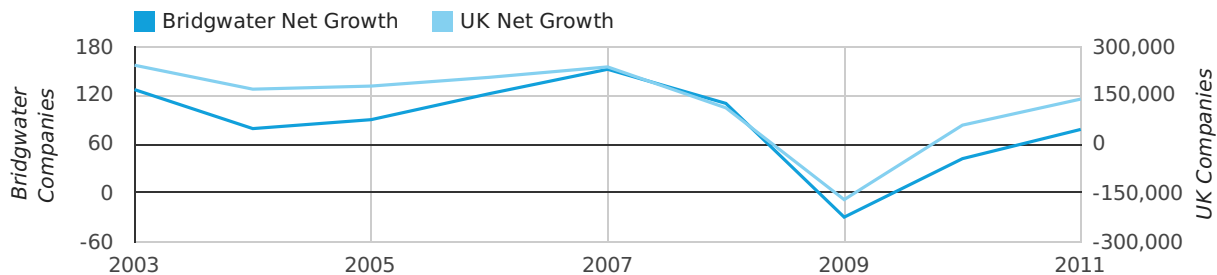
A total of 78 companies were added to the company register for Bridgwater in 2011. This number represents growth of 39.4% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 36 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2007 when the Bridgwater company register grew by 152 companies.

YEAR	BRIDGWATER	UK
2011	78	138,347
2010	42	58,126
2009	-30	-171,098
2008	110	111,302
2007	152	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2007 (152)	2003 (242,543)

### net growth by year

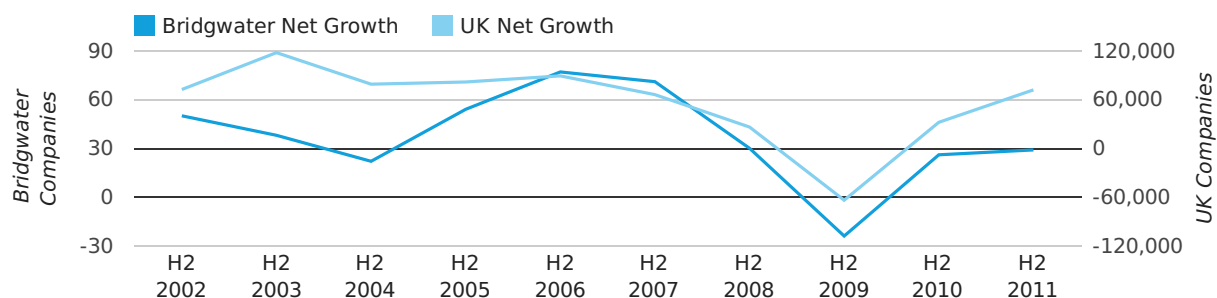


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Bridgwater increased by 29 companies. This figure is 11.5% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BRIDGWATER	UK
2011	29	71,922
2010	26	32,008
% CHANGE	11.5%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (77)	2003 (117,772)

### net growth by half year



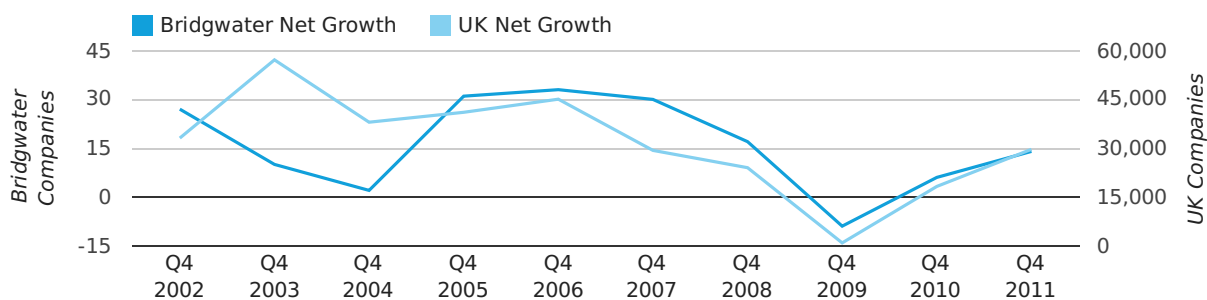
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Bridgewater during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 14 companies.

This represents an increase of 133.3% on the same period last year.

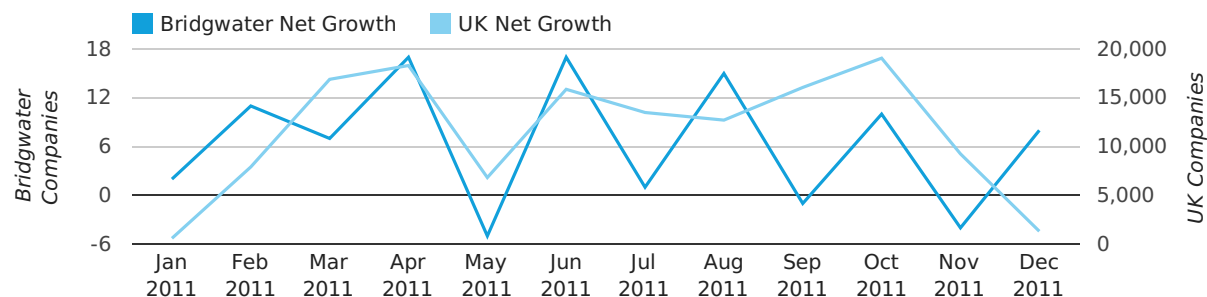
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BRIDGWATER	UK
2011	14	29,640
2010	6	18,221
% CHANGE	133.3%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (33)	2003 (57,175)

### 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	10	-4	8
NET GROWTH IN 2010	7	0	-1
% CHANGE	42.9%	0.0%	-900.0%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (15)	2006 (16)	2001 (12)

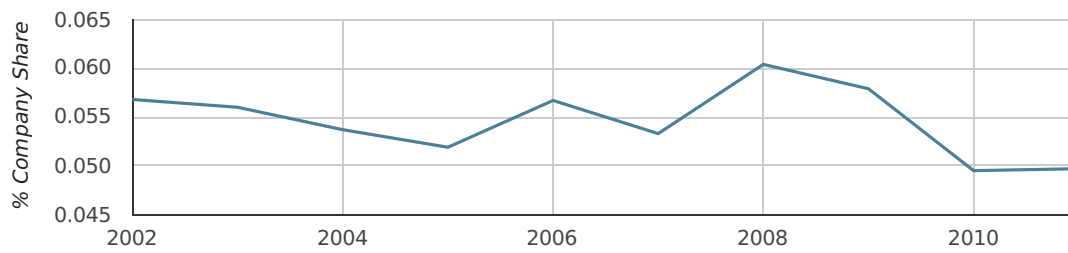


### Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	BRIDGWATER
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1974 (0.1%)

### company share by year

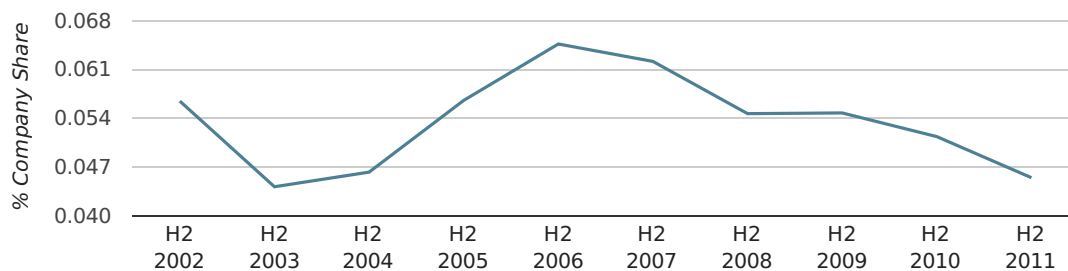


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Bridgwater formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is less than the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BRIDGWATER
2011	0.0%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (0.2%)

### company share by half year

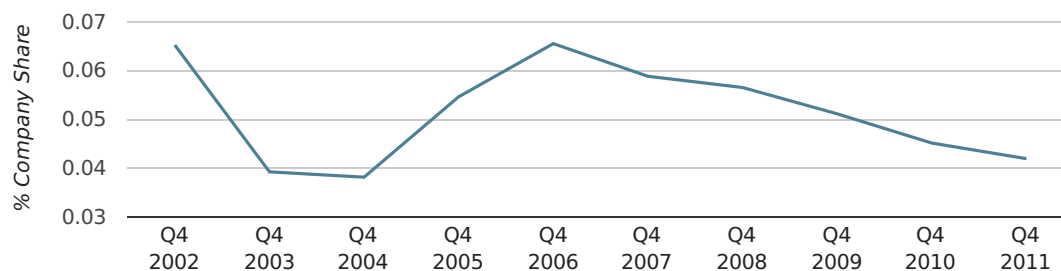


## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

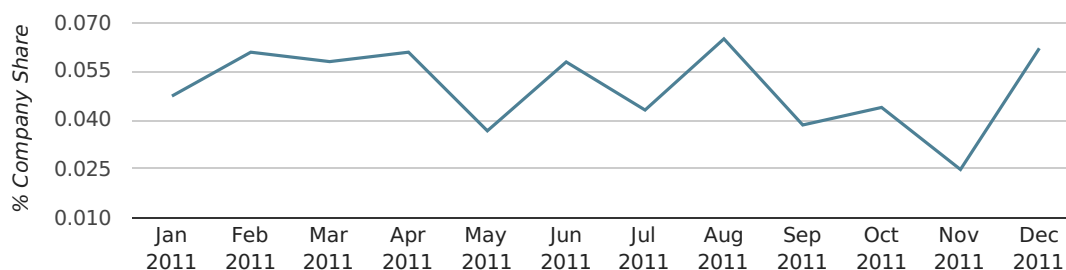
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BRIDGWATER
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.3%)

### company share by quarter



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

### company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.0%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	-43.2%	-22.5%	181.0%
RECORD YEAR	1974 (0.3%)	1974 (0.3%)	1961 (0.4%)

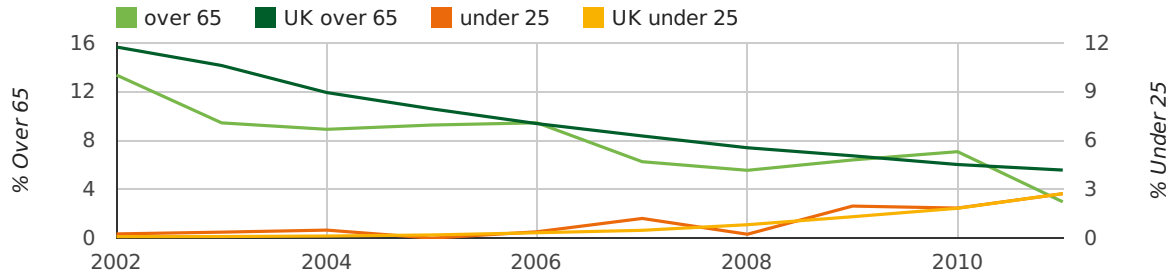
### Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 45.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

#### director age by year



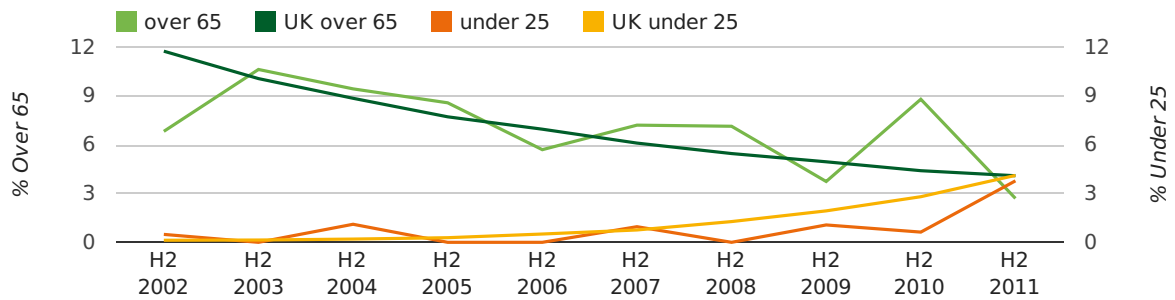
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 44.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

#### director age by half year



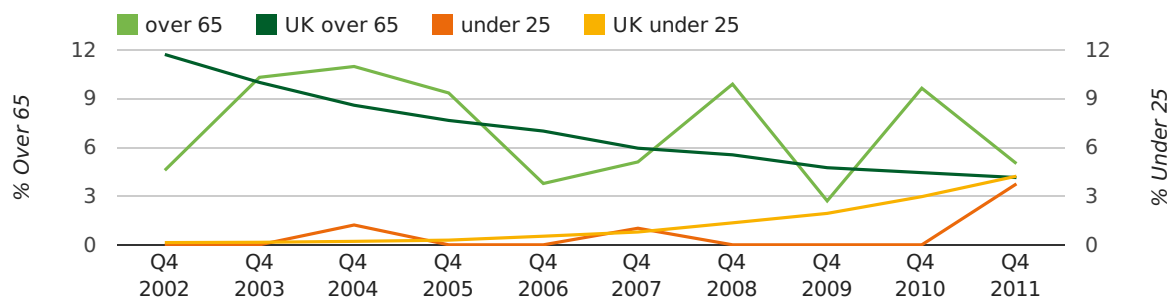
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### director age by quarter

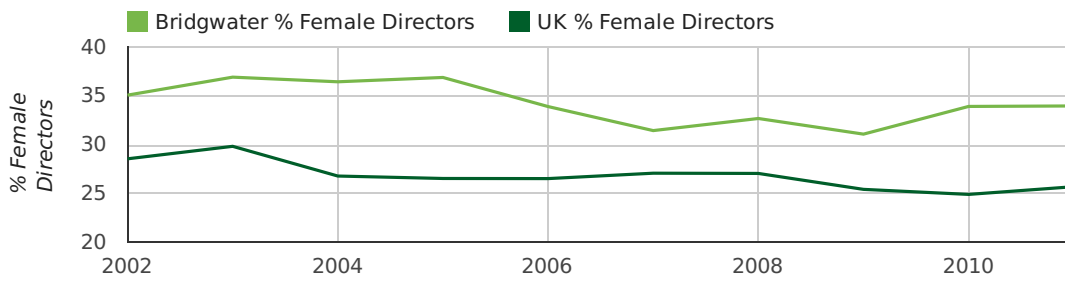


### Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Bridgwater in 2011 was 35.1%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

#### director gender by year

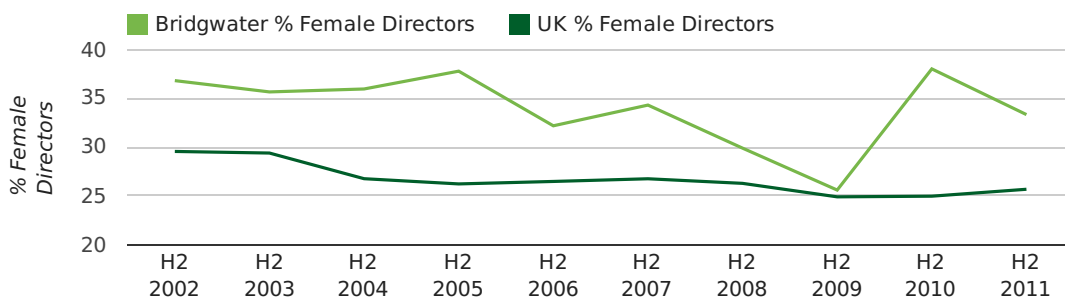


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

33.3% of all director appointments in Bridgwater 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

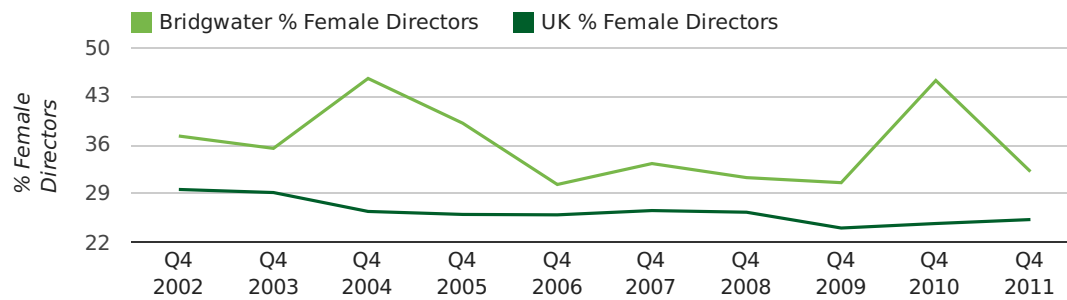


## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

32.2% of all director appointments in Bridgwater 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, &amp;, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
PROPERTY	1.58%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.58%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
BUILDING	1.13%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
SOUTH	1.13%	PROPERTY	2.37%
WEST	1.13%	TRADING	2.07%
SOMERSET	1.13%	DESIGN	1.92%
LOGISTICS	0.90%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.68%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
TRAINING	0.68%	BUSINESS	1.78%
IT	0.68%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ASSOCIATES	0.68%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
CLEANING	0.68%	MEDIA	1.71%
ART	0.68%	LONDON	1.63%
SOLAR	0.68%	J	1.51%
J	0.68%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
T	0.45%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CARE	0.45%	IT	1.41%
S	0.45%	CARE	1.39%
CONTRACTORS	0.45%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
BLAKE	0.45%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
(SW)	0.45%	M	1.27%
EUROPE	0.45%	BUILDING	1.26%
MAINTENANCE	0.45%	ENERGY	1.25%
CHRISTELO'S	0.45%	S	1.20%
BUSINESS	0.45%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	70	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	40	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	39	32,483
9999 - Dormant Company	14	20,199
99999 - Dormant Company	12	21,846
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	9	17,765
7499 - Non-trading company	6	9,957
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	6	3,633
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	6	8,671
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	6	5,558
62090 - Other information technology service activities	5	7,493
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	5	12,072
41100 - Development of building projects	5	4,331
9305 - Other service activities	5	9,492
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	4	11,768
5552 - Catering	4	2,110
7414 - Business & management consultancy	4	13,034
9262 - Other sporting activities	3	1,650
7260 - Other computer related activities	3	7,667
7032 - Manage real estate, fee or contract	3	2,198