

Bury St Edmunds

2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

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- Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous Q4.
- November 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous November.
- December 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous December.

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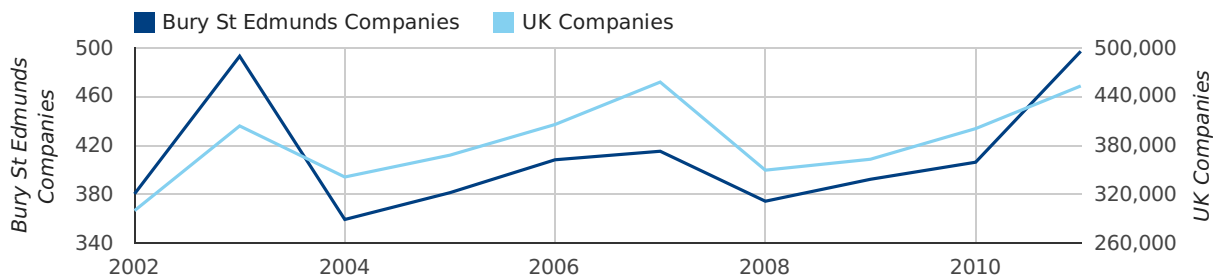
Annual Data (2011)

2011 was a record year for company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any year in history.

A total of 497 companies were formed in Bury St Edmunds in 2011. This total is 22.4% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	497	452,870
2010	406	400,358
2009	392	362,675
2008	374	349,203
2007	415	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (497)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



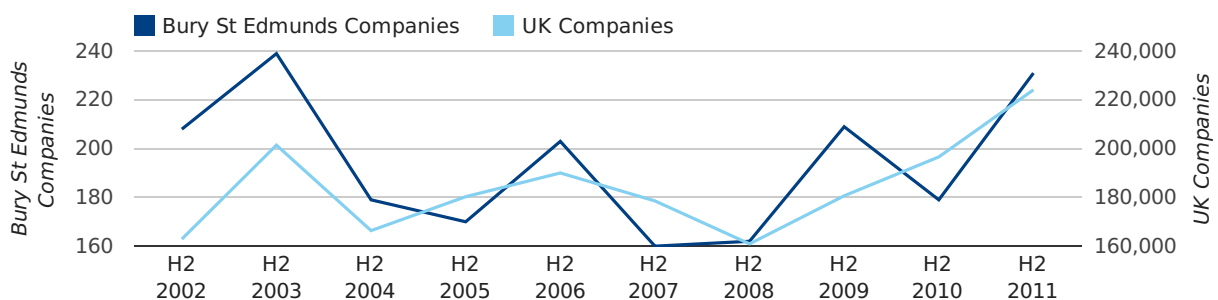
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 231 companies were formed in Bury St Edmunds. This figure is 29.1% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Bury St Edmunds occurred in 2003 when a total of 239 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	231	224,135
2010	179	196,609
% CHANGE	29.1%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (239)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

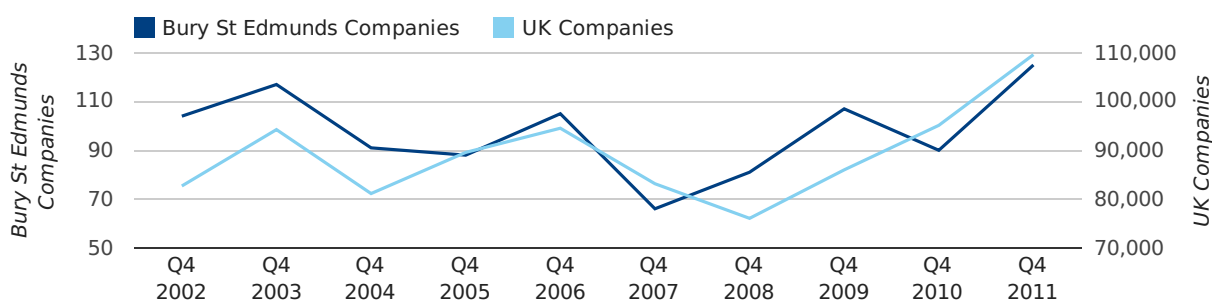
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 125 companies were registered in Bury St Edmunds during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 38.9% 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)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	125	109,623
2010	90	95,117
% CHANGE	38.9%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (125)	2011 (109,623)

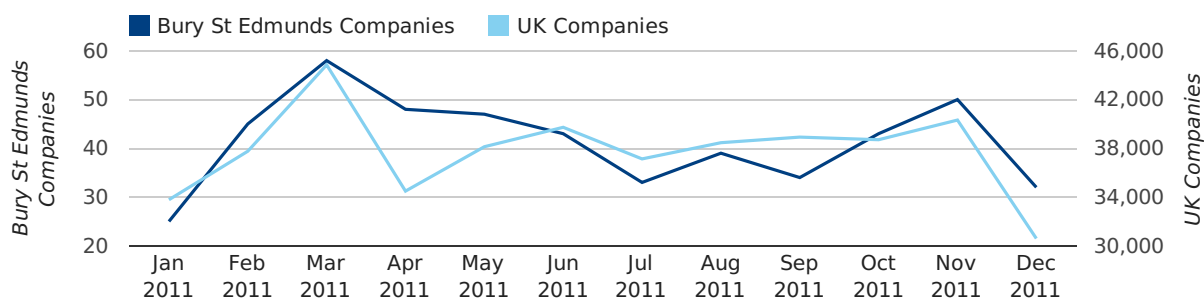
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

November 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous November.

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	43	50	32
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	37	30	23
% CHANGE	16.2%	66.7%	39.1%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (43)	2011 (50)	2003 (46)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 290 companies were dissolved in Bury St Edmunds in 2011. This total is 14.7% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	290	314,523
2010	340	342,232
2009	405	533,773
2008	232	237,901
2007	205	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (405)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



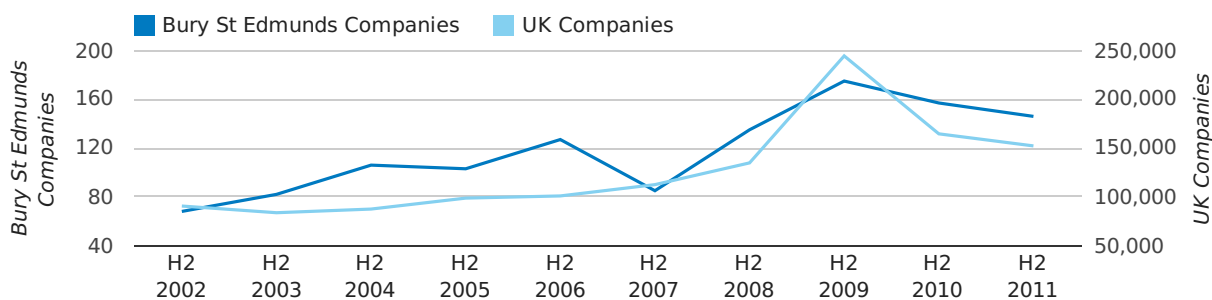
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 146 companies were dissolved in Bury St Edmunds. This figure is 7.0% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Bury St Edmunds occurred in 2009 when a total of 175 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	146	152,213
2010	157	164,601
% CHANGE	-7.0%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (175)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



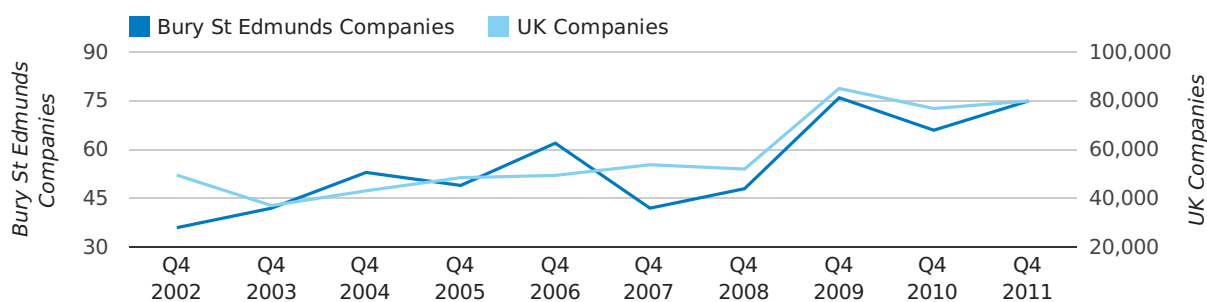
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 75 companies were dissolved in Bury St Edmunds during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 13.6% 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)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	75	79,983
2010	66	76,896
% CHANGE	13.6%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (76)	2009 (85,136)

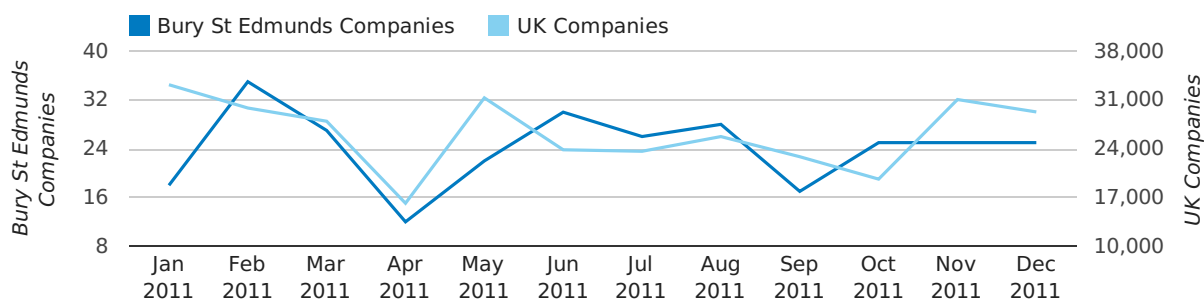
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

December 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Bury St Edmunds when compared to any previous December.

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	25	25	25
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	26	27	13
% CHANGE	-3.8%	-7.4%	92%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (27)	2009 (33)	2011 (25)

Annual Data (2011)

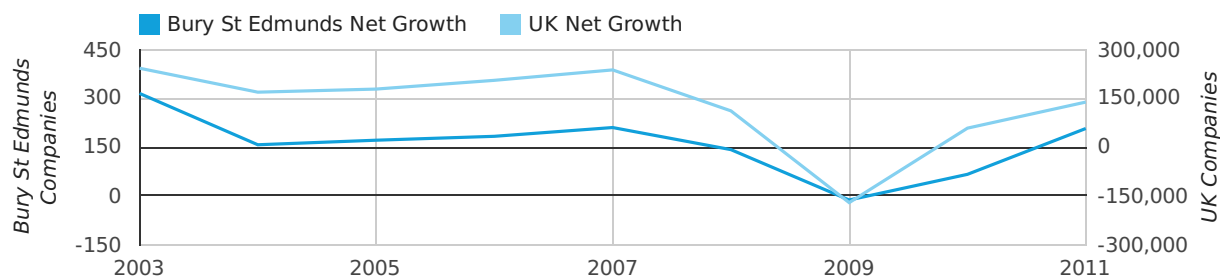
A total of 207 companies were added to the company register for Bury St Edmunds in 2011. This number represents growth of 51.0% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 141 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Bury St Edmunds company register grew by 315 companies.

YEAR	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	207	138,347
2010	66	58,126
2009	-13	-171,098
2008	142	111,302
2007	210	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (315)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

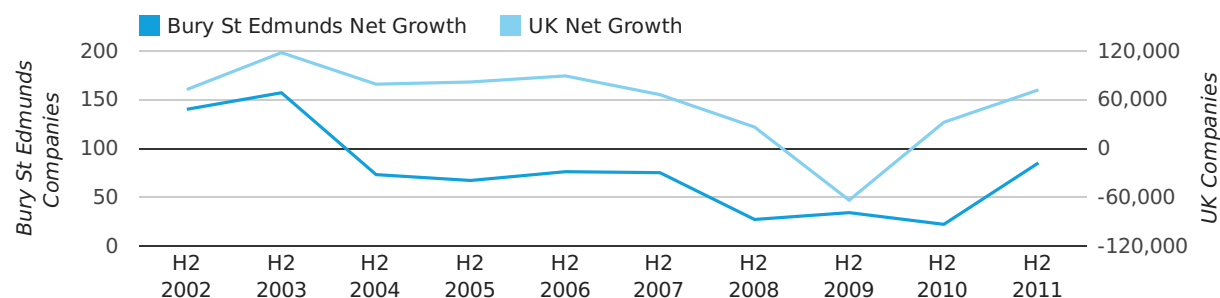


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Bury St Edmunds increased by 85 companies. This figure is 286.4% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	85	71,922
2010	22	32,008
% CHANGE	286.4%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (157)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



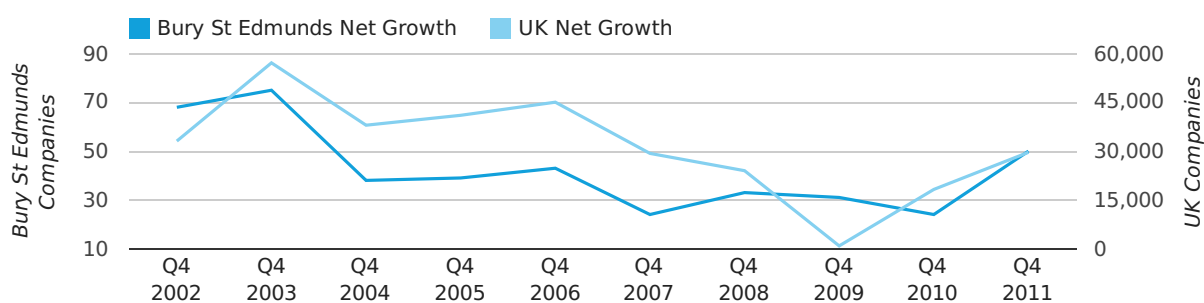
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Bury St Edmunds during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 50 companies.

This represents an increase of 108.3% on the same period last year.

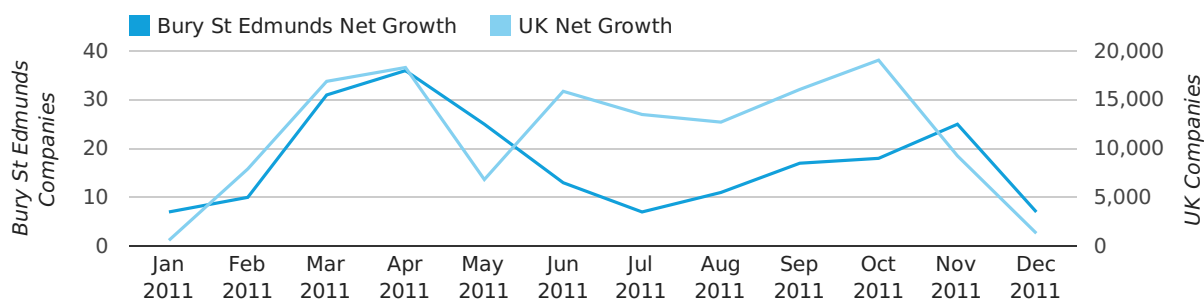
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BURY ST EDMUNDS	UK
2011	50	29,640
2010	24	18,221
% CHANGE	108.3%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (75)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



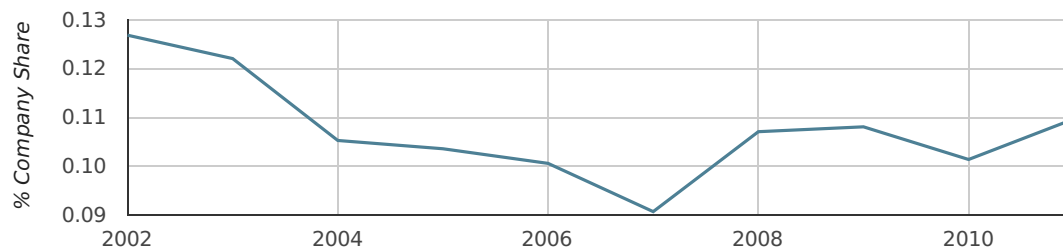
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	18	25	7
NET GROWTH IN 2010	11	3	10
% CHANGE	63.6%	733.3%	-30.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (33)	2002 (34)	2003 (30)

Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Bury St Edmunds formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Bury St Edmunds was responsible for 0.1% of all UK companies.

YEAR	BURY ST EDMUNDS
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (0.3%)

company share by year

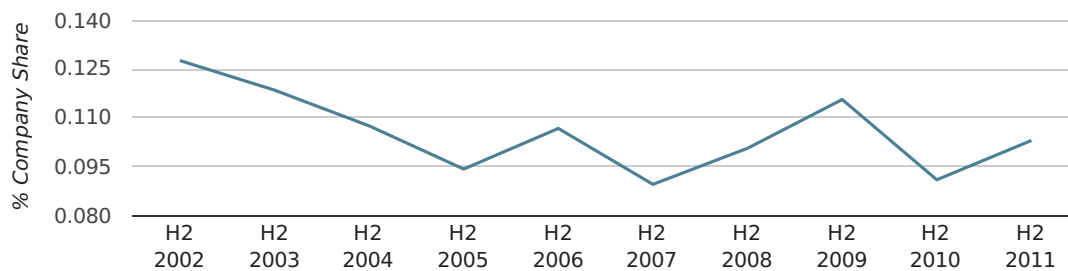


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Bury St Edmunds formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	BURY ST EDMUNDS
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.4%)

company share by half year

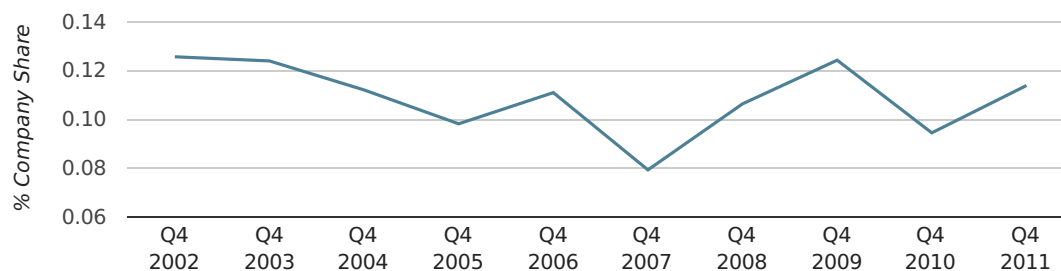


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, Bury St Edmunds formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

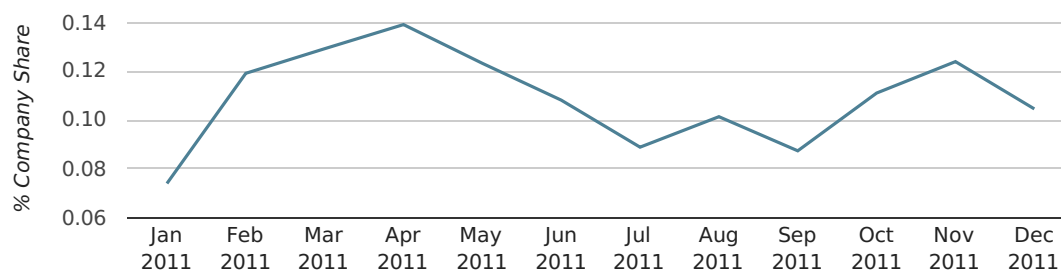
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	BURY ST EDMUNDS
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	1.0%	42.0%	23.3%
RECORD YEAR	1962 (0.7%)	1969 (0.6%)	1977 (0.4%)

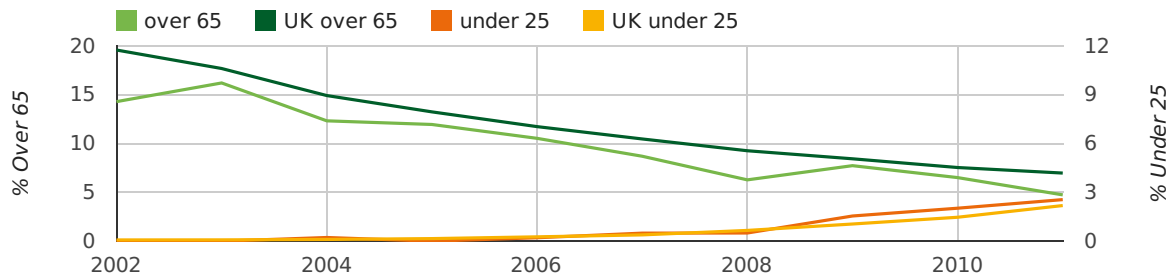
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 45.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



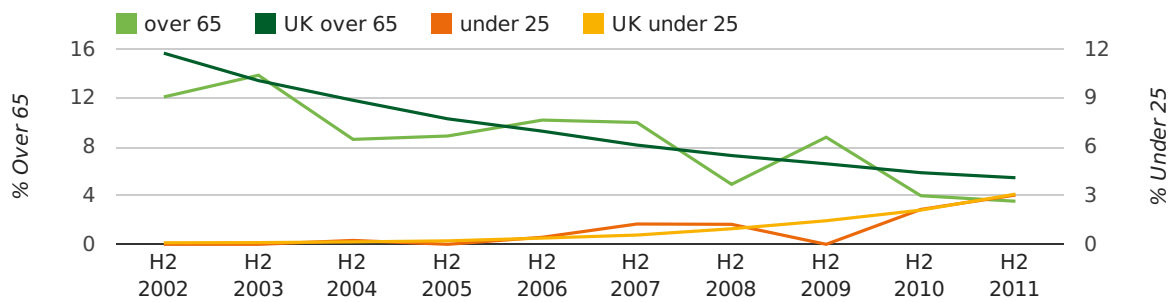
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 45.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



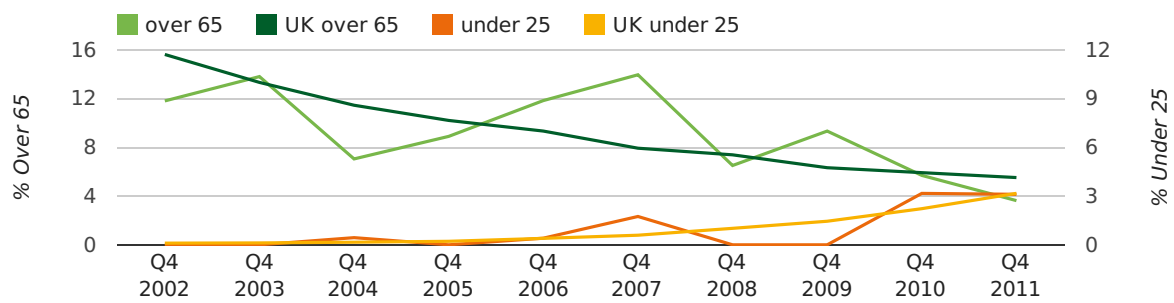
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The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 45.4.

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director age by quarter

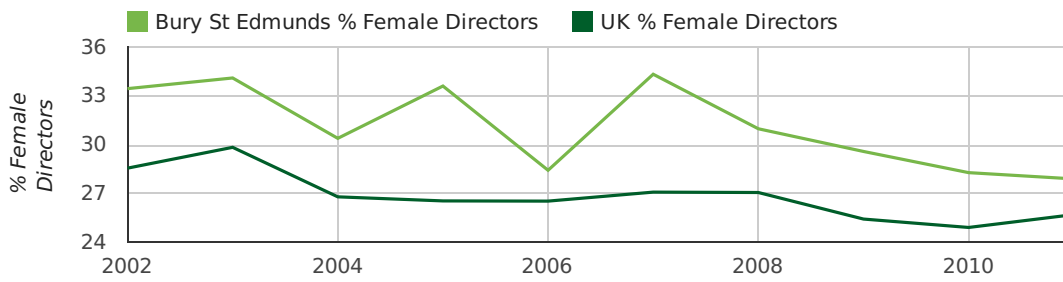


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Bury St Edmunds in 2011 was 33.5%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

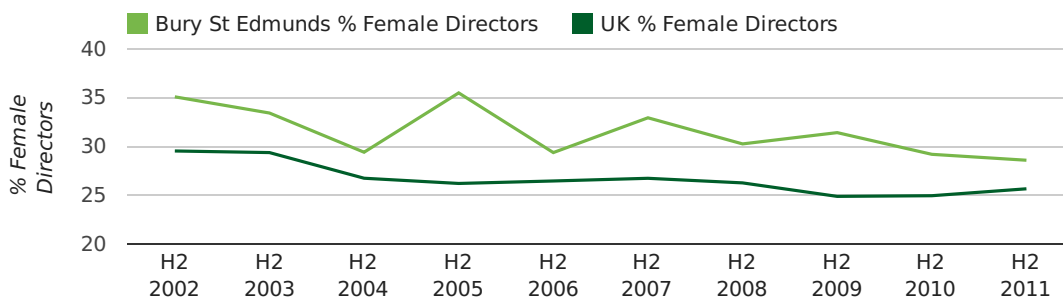


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

28.6% of all director appointments in Bury St Edmunds 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

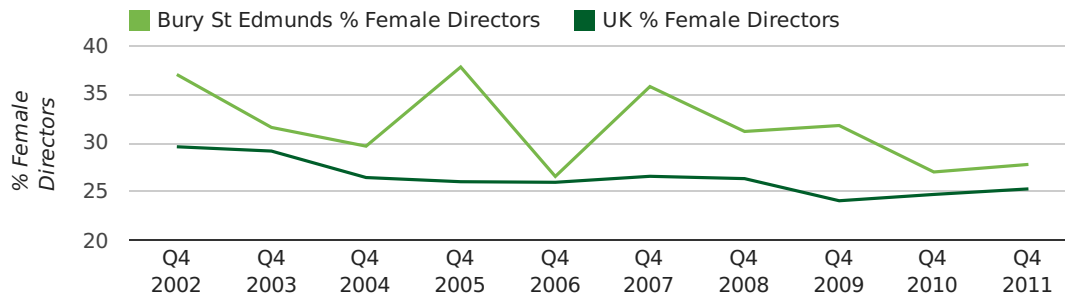


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

27.8% of all director appointments in Bury St Edmunds 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	1.12%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CENTRE	1.00%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
ANGLIA	1.00%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
CONSULTING	1.00%	PROPERTY	2.37%
SUFFOLK	0.78%	TRADING	2.07%
EAST	0.67%	DESIGN	1.92%
FARM	0.67%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
PROPERTIES	0.67%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
ENGINEERING	0.67%	BUSINESS	1.78%
SYSTEMS	0.67%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ST	0.56%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
CONSULTANTS	0.56%	MEDIA	1.71%
LETTINGS	0.56%	LONDON	1.63%
COMMUNITY	0.56%	J	1.51%
MEDIA	0.56%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
DATA	0.56%	GLOBAL	1.46%
S	0.56%	IT	1.41%
GREEN	0.45%	CARE	1.39%
DEVELOPMENT	0.45%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
ESS	0.45%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
GLOBAL	0.45%	M	1.27%
BURY	0.45%	BUILDING	1.26%
CONSULTANCY	0.45%	ENERGY	1.25%
R	0.45%	S	1.20%
CIC	0.45%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	132	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	51	57,052
99999 - Dormant Company	27	21,846
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	27	17,765
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	23	32,483
9999 - Dormant Company	21	20,199
74990 - Non-trading company	16	8,929
7414 - Business & management consultancy	13	13,034
86220 - Specialists medical practice activities	13	1,474
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	12	12,072
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	12	2,452
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	12	8,671
86210 - General medical practice activities	11	2,285
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	10	3,633
70100 - Activities of head offices	9	2,662
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	9	2,740
86900 - Other human health activities	8	4,457
7499 - Non-trading company	8	9,957
56103 - Take-away food shops and mobile food stands	7	2,264
41202 - Construction of domestic buildings	7	2,598