

Cardiff

2011 annual business confidence report



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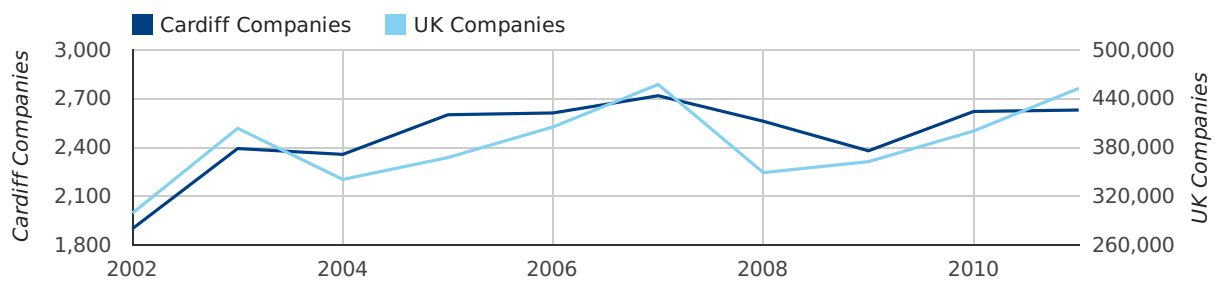
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Annual Data (2011)

A total of 2,631 companies were formed in Cardiff in 2011. This total is 0.3% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	CARDIFF	UK
2011	2,631	452,870
2010	2,622	400,358
2009	2,380	362,675
2008	2,562	349,203
2007	2,719	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2007 (2,719)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

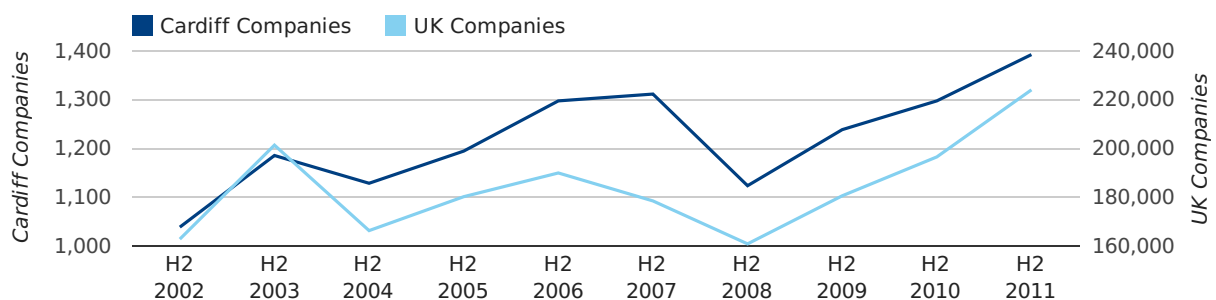
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Cardiff when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 1,393 companies were formed in Cardiff. This figure is 7.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Cardiff occurred in 2011 when a total of 1,393 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CARDIFF	UK
2011	1,393	224,135
2010	1,298	196,609
% CHANGE	7.3%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (1,393)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

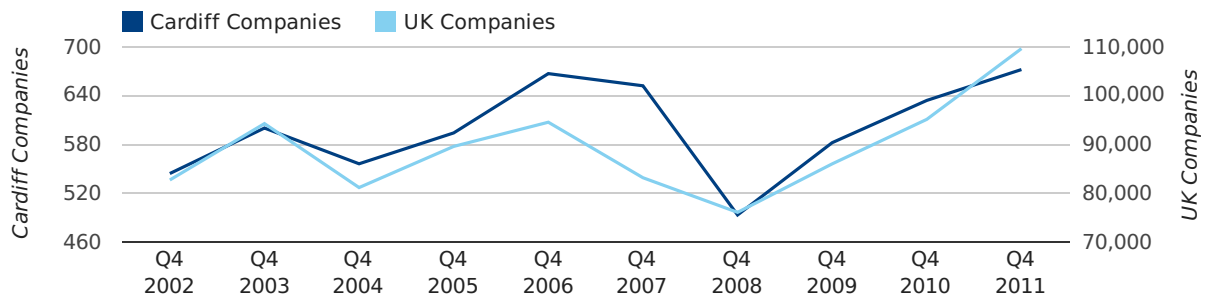
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Cardiff when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 672 companies were registered in Cardiff during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 6.0% 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)	CARDIFF	UK
2011	672	109,623
2010	634	95,117
% CHANGE	6.0%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (672)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	218	259	195
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	213	251	170
% CHANGE	2.3%	3.2%	14.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (254)	2005 (268)	2009 (208)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 1,902 companies were dissolved in Cardiff in 2011. This total is 7.3% lower than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	CARDIFF	UK
2011	1,902	314,523
2010	2,051	342,232
2009	2,906	533,773
2008	1,209	237,901
2007	1,472	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (2,906)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



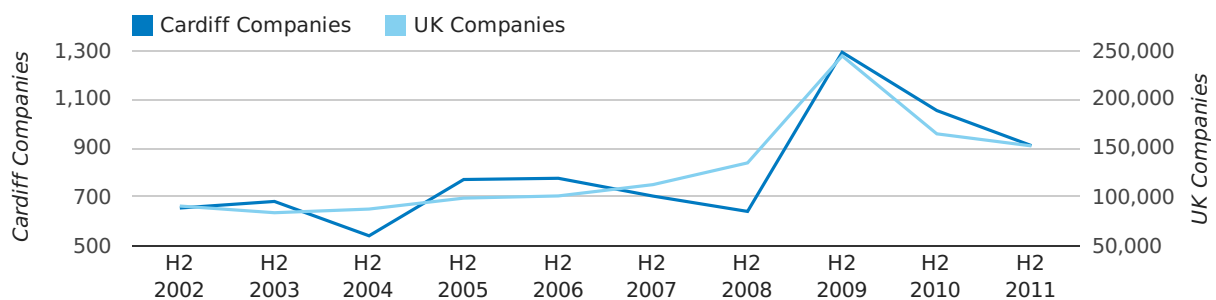
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 910 companies were dissolved in Cardiff. This figure is 13.7% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Cardiff occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,293 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CARDIFF	UK
2011	910	152,213
2010	1,054	164,601
% CHANGE	-13.7%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,293)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



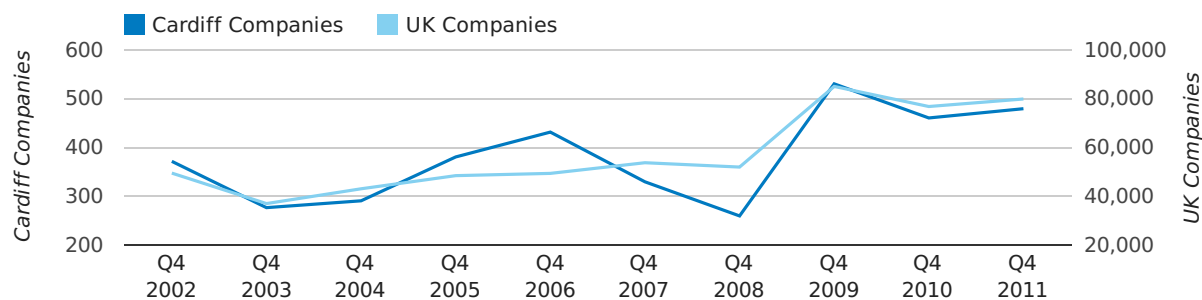
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 480 companies were dissolved in Cardiff during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 4.1% 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.

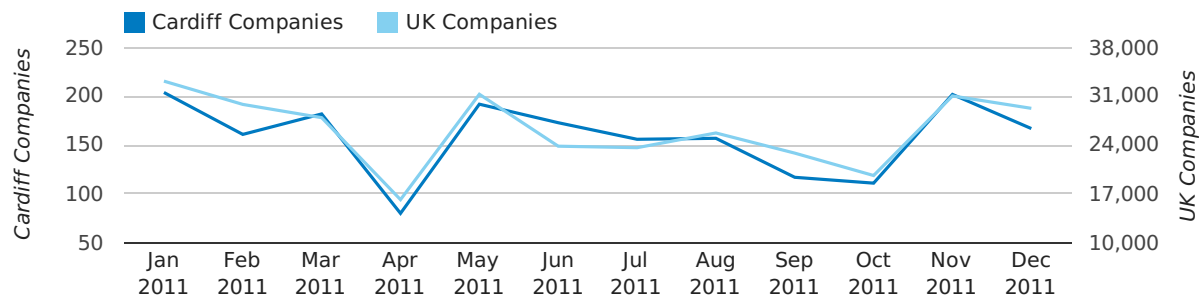
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	CARDIFF	UK
2011	480	79,983
2010	461	76,896
% CHANGE	4.1%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (531)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	111	202	167
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	156	214	91
% CHANGE	-28.8%	-5.6%	84%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (188)	2010 (214)	2009 (195)

Annual Data (2011)

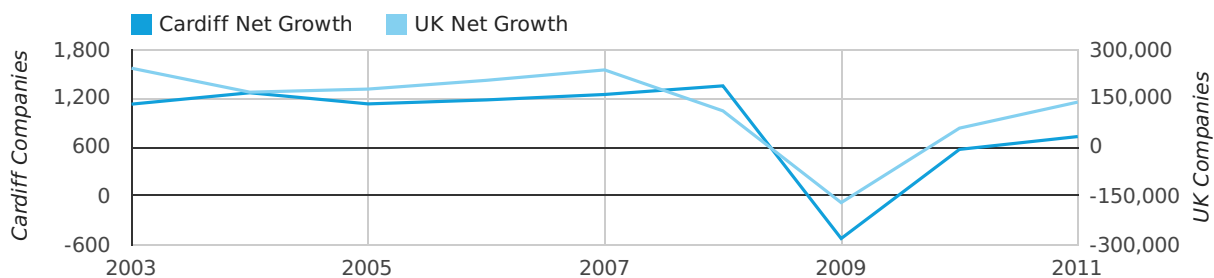
A total of 729 companies were added to the company register for Cardiff in 2011. This number represents growth of 27.8% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 158 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2008 when the Cardiff company register grew by 1,353 companies.

YEAR	CARDIFF	UK
2011	729	138,347
2010	571	58,126
2009	-526	-171,098
2008	1,353	111,302
2007	1,247	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2008 (1,353)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

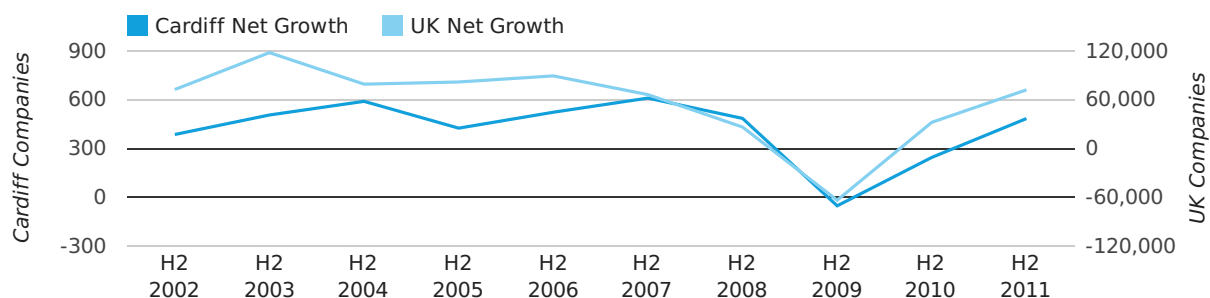


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Cardiff increased by 483 companies. This figure is 98.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CARDIFF	UK
2011	483	71,922
2010	244	32,008
% CHANGE	98.0%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (609)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



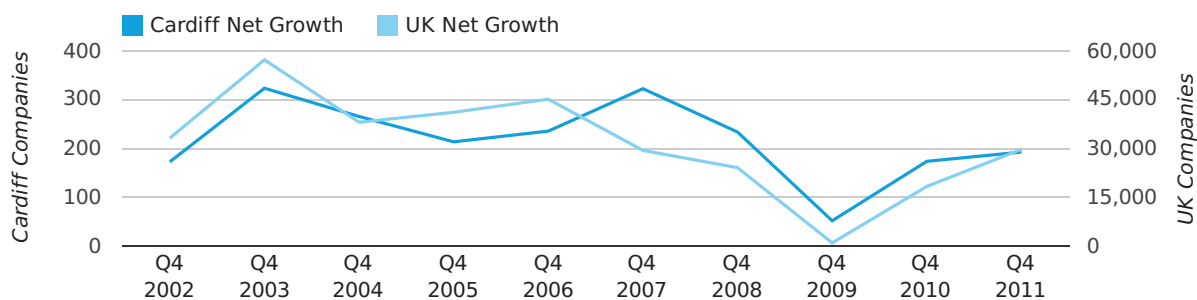
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Cardiff during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 192 companies.

This represents an increase of 11.0% on the same period last year.

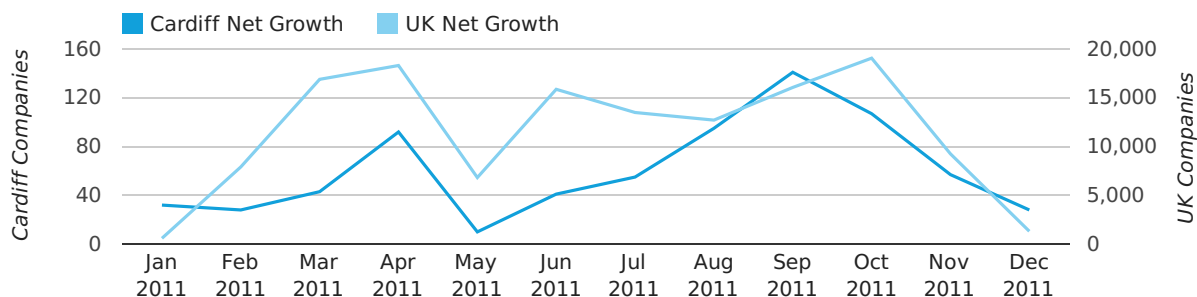
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	CARDIFF	UK
2011	192	29,640
2010	173	18,221
% CHANGE	11.0%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (323)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



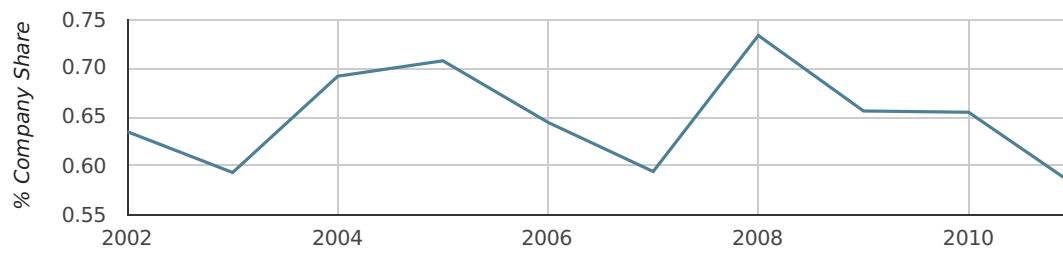
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	107	57	28
NET GROWTH IN 2010	57	37	79
% CHANGE	87.7%	54.1%	-64.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (151)	2007 (108)	2003 (102)

Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Cardiff formed 0.6% of all UK companies. This is a decline on 2010 when Cardiff was responsible for 0.7% of all UK companies.

YEAR	CARDIFF
2011	0.6%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
2007	0.6%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1971 (0.8%)

company share by year

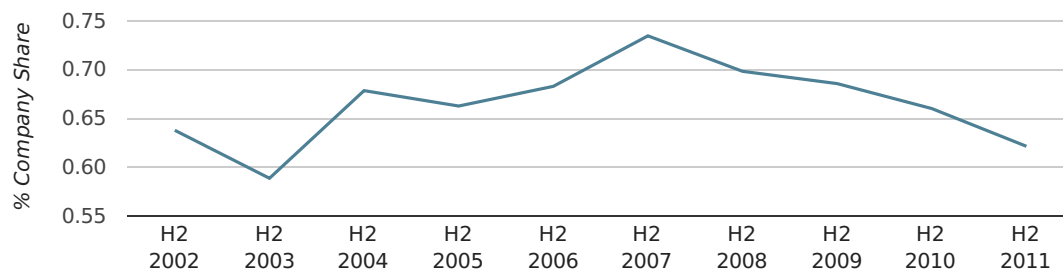


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Cardiff formed 0.6% of all UK companies. This is less than the 2010 figure of 0.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CARDIFF
2011	0.6%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
2007	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1971 (0.8%)

company share by half year

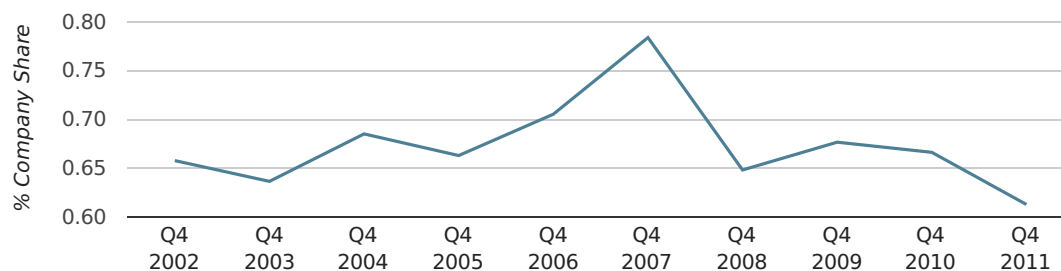


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, Cardiff formed 0.6% of all UK companies.

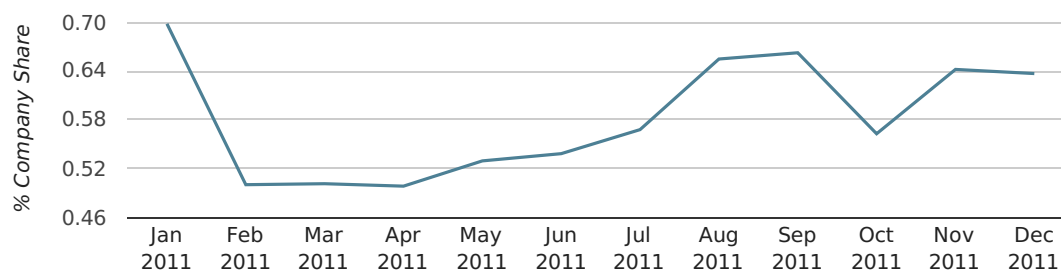
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	CARDIFF
2011	0.6%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.6%
2007	0.8%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.9%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.6%	0.6%	0.6%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%
% CHANGE	-11.1%	-12.1%	1.7%
RECORD YEAR	1971 (1.0%)	1961 (1.2%)	1971 (0.9%)

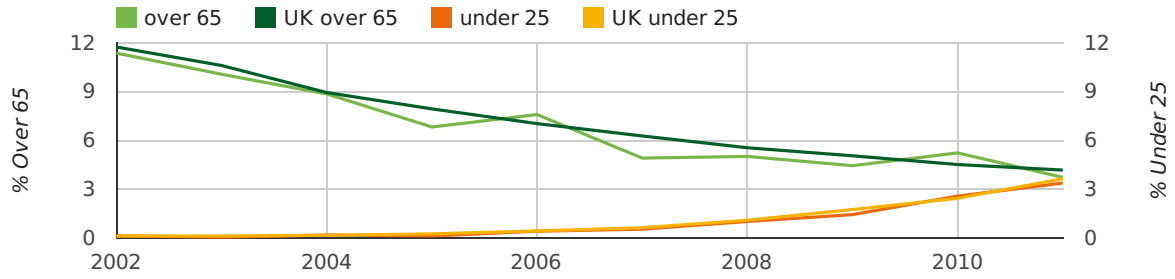
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 43.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



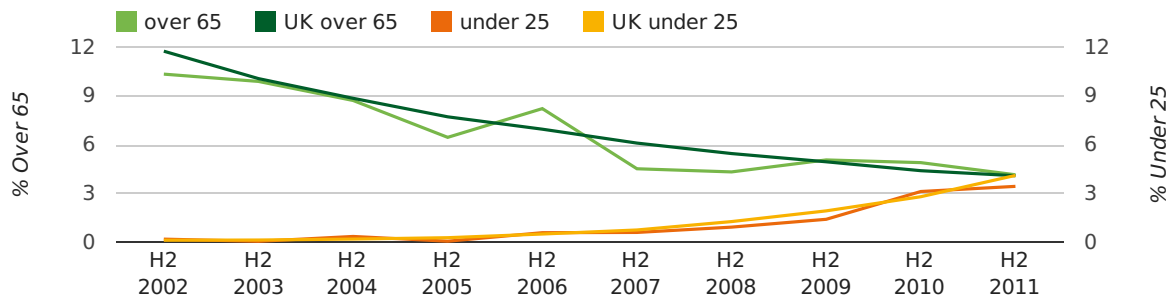
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 43.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



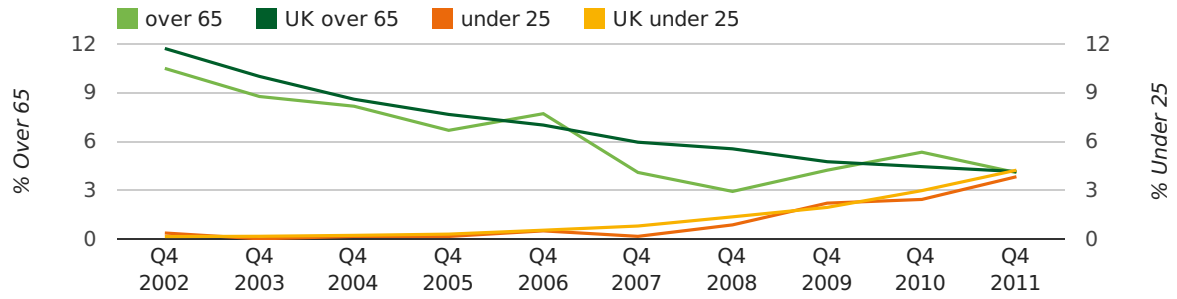
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director age by quarter

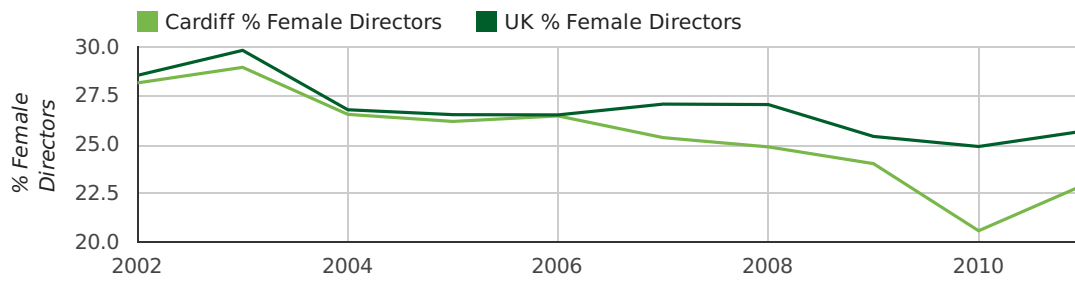


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Cardiff in 2011 was 28.2%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

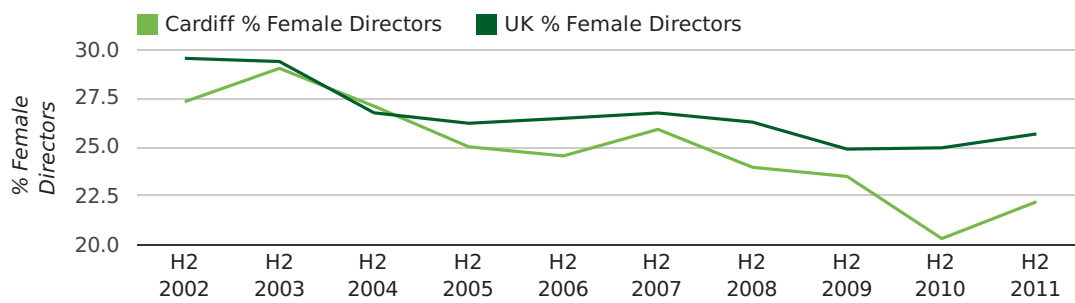


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

22.2% of all director appointments in Cardiff 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

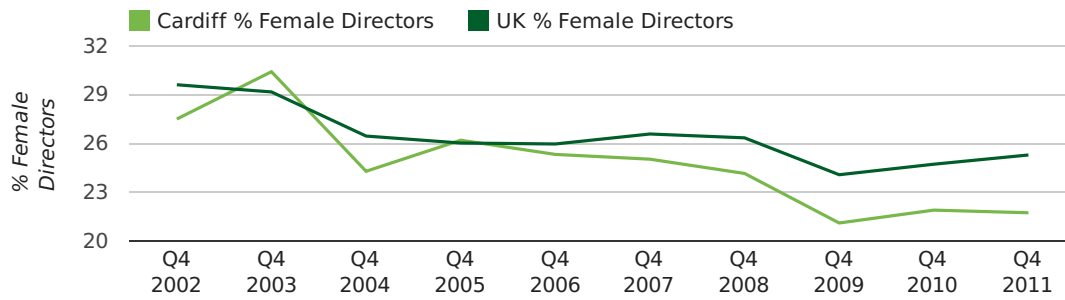


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

21.7% of all director appointments in Cardiff 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
CO.,	2.16%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CARDIFF	2.05%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.62%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
INTERNATIONAL	1.51%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSULTING	1.22%	TRADING	2.07%
TRADING	1.14%	DESIGN	1.92%
CONSULTANCY	0.94%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
SOLAR	0.91%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
PROPERTIES	0.85%	BUSINESS	1.78%
PROPERTY	0.80%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.71%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
ENERGY	0.71%	MEDIA	1.71%
(WALES)	0.71%	LONDON	1.63%
DEVELOPMENT	0.68%	J	1.51%
WALES	0.68%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CARE	0.65%	GLOBAL	1.46%
TRADE	0.63%	IT	1.41%
(CARDIFF)	0.63%	CARE	1.39%
ASSOCIATES	0.54%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
BUILDING	0.54%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
CENTRE	0.51%	M	1.27%
INVESTMENTS	0.51%	BUILDING	1.26%
FINANCIAL	0.51%	ENERGY	1.25%
SECURITY	0.48%	S	1.20%
CONSULTANTS	0.48%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,960	205,525
74990 - Non-trading company	309	8,929
7487 - Other business activities	252	57,052
7499 - Non-trading company	232	9,957
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	101	32,483
99999 - Dormant Company	93	21,846
9999 - Dormant Company	86	20,199
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	61	17,765
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	39	11,768
7414 - Business & management consultancy	38	13,034
62090 - Other information technology service activities	38	7,493
9305 - Other service activities	36	9,492
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	34	8,671
5530 - Restaurants	31	5,013
86230 - Dental practice activities	31	1,598
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	29	12,072
7260 - Other computer related activities	28	7,667
6523 - Other financial intermediation	28	1,891
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	27	7,398
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	26	3,194