# Darwen

2011 annual business confidence report



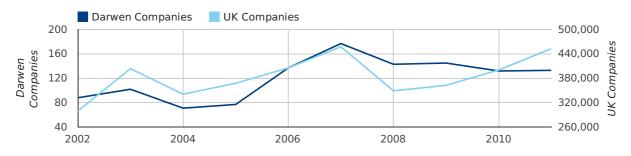
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A total of 133 companies were formed in Darwen in 2011. This total is 0.8% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	DARWEN	UK
2011	133	452,870
2010	132	400,358
2009	145	362,675
2008	143	349,203
2007	177	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2007 (177)	2007 (457,649)

#### new companies by year

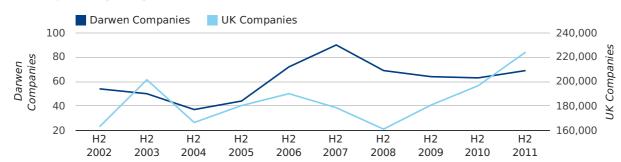


## Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 69 companies were formed in Darwen. This figure is 9.5% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Darwen occurred in 2007 when a total of 90 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	DARWEN	UK
2011	69	224,135
2010	63	196,609
% CHANGE	9.5%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (90)	2011 (224,135)

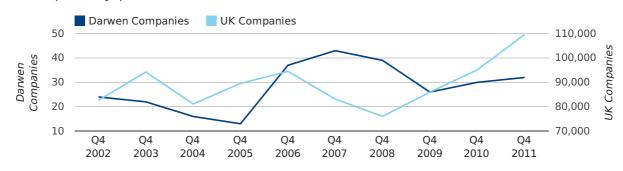


#### new companies by half year

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

This figure is an increase of 6.7% 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)	DARWEN	UK
2011	32	109,623
2010	30	95,117
% CHANGE	6.7%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (43)	2011 (109,623)



#### new companies by quarter

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

new companies by month

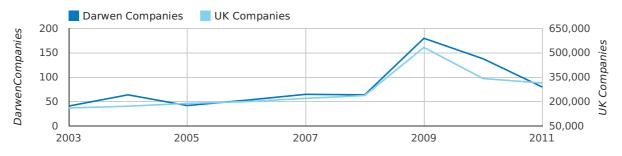


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	9	14	9
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	8	13	9
% CHANGE	12.5%	7.7%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (20)	2008 (16)	2008 (14)

A total of 80 companies were dissolved in Darwen in 2011. This total is 42.0% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	DARWEN	UK
2011	80	314,523
2010	138	342,232
2009	180	533,773
2008	64	237,901
2007	65	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (180)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



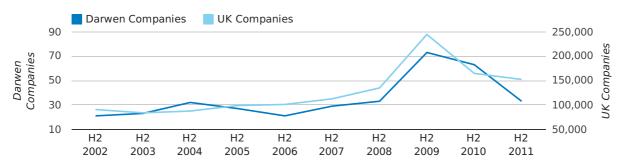
# Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 33 companies were dissolved in Darwen. This figure is 47.6% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Darwen occurred in 2009 when a total of 73 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	DARWEN	UK
2011	33	152,213
2010	63	164,601
% CHANGE	-47.6%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (73)	2009 (244,537)

## dissolved companies by half year

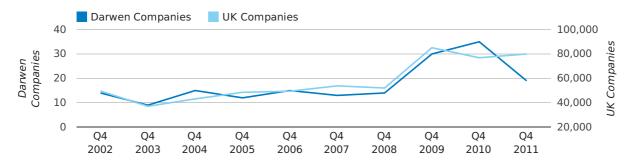


A total of 19 companies were dissolved in Darwen during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 45.7% 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)	DARWEN	UK
2011	19	79,983
2010	35	76,896
% CHANGE	-45.7%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (35)	2009 (85,136)

#### dissolved companies by quarter



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



2010 (22)

2009 (12)

2009 (10)

dissolved companies by month

RECORD YEAR

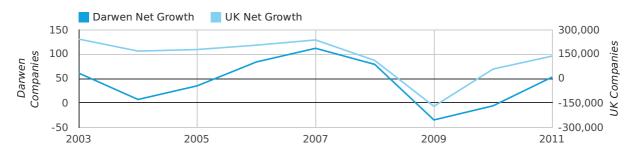
A total of 53 companies were added to the company register for Darwen in 2011. This number represents growth of 40.2% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 59 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2007 when the Darwen company register grew by 112 companies.

YEAR	DARWEN	UK
2011	53	138,347
2010	-6	58,126
2009	-35	-171,098
2008	79	111,302
2007	112	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2007 (112)	2003 (242,543)

#### net growth by year



## Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

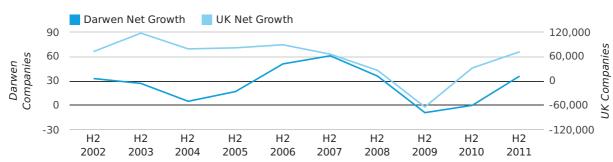
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 HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)
 DARWEN
 UK

 2011
 36
 71.922

2011	36	71,922
2010	0	32,008
% CHANGE	0.0%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (61)	2003 (117,772)

#### net growth by half year

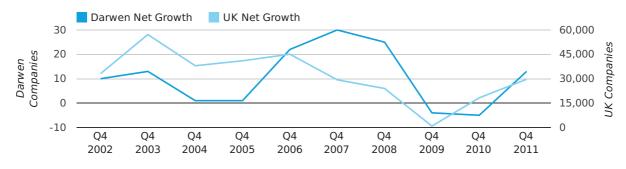


Net company growth for Darwen during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 13 companies.

This represents an increase of 360.0% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	DARWEN	UK
2011	13	29,640
2010	-5	18,221
% CHANGE	-360.0%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (30)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

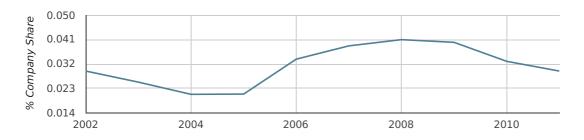


net growth by month

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

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

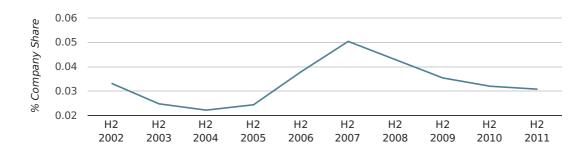
company share by year



# Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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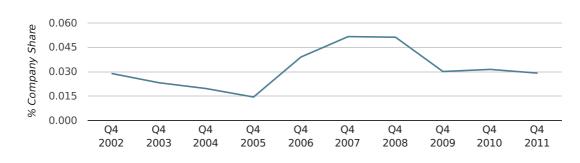
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2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1981 (0.1%)



company share by half year

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

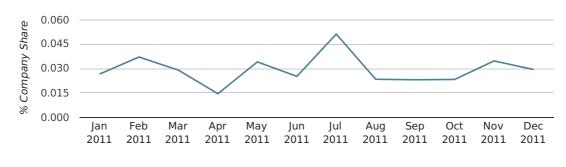
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	DARWEN
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.1%)



company share by quarter

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

company share by month



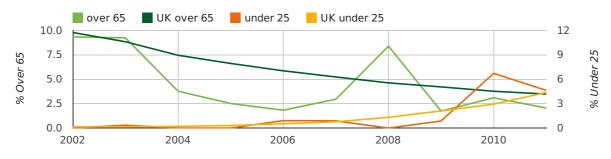
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	-2.1%	-8.2%	-11.4%
RECORD YEAR	1974 (0.2%)	1965 (0.2%)	1965 (0.2%)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 43.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

#### director age by year

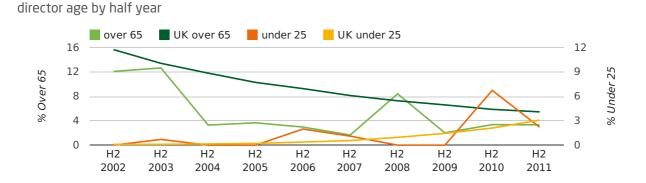


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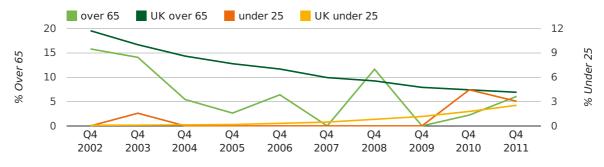


The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 45.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

#### director age by quarter



# director gender

## Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Darwen in 2011 was 34.4%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

#### director gender by year

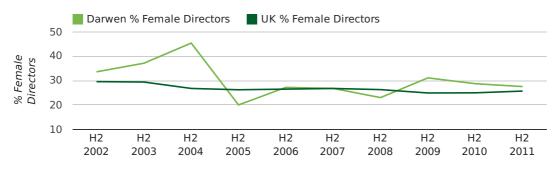


# Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

27.5% of all director appointments in Darwen 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



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

28.6% of all director appointments in Darwen 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
(DARWEN)	1.54%	CONSULTING	5.07%
TRAINING	1.54%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
GLOBAL	1.15%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
TRADING	1.15%	PROPERTY	2.37%
(NW)	1.15%	TRADING	2.07%
PROFESSIONAL	0.77%	DESIGN	1.92%
CONSULTANCY	0.77%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
G	0.77%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
POINT	0.77%	BUSINESS	1.78%
QPI	0.77%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
SOLAR	0.77%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
TOXICOLOGY	0.77%	MEDIA	1.71%
FORENSIC	0.77%	LONDON	1.63%
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TREE	0.77%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
PRIMROSE	0.77%	GLOBAL	1.46%
LEGAL	0.77%	IT	1.41%
CLIMBING	0.77%	CARE	1.39%
BUSINESS	0.77%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
LOGISTICS	0.77%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
CONSULTANTS	0.77%	М	1.27%
BET	0.77%	BUILDING	1.26%
AP	0.77%	ENERGY	1.25%
APEX	0.77%	S	1.20%
CARE	0.77%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	90	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	12	57,052
9999 - Dormant Company	8	20,199
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	7	32,483
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	6	17,765
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	6	11,768
7414 - Business & management consultancy	5	13,034
43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation	4	2,372
99999 - Dormant Company	4	21,846
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	4	2,699
7440 - Advertising	4	1,765
41100 - Development of building projects	4	4,331
43210 - Electrical installation	4	3,175
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	4	2,452
7020 - Letting of own property	3	1,606
4525 - Other special trades construction	3	1,651
56302 - Public houses and bars	3	2,308
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	3	4,082
62090 - Other information technology service activities	2	7,493
5224 - Retail bread, cakes, confectionery	2	337