

Dorchester

2011 annual business confidence report



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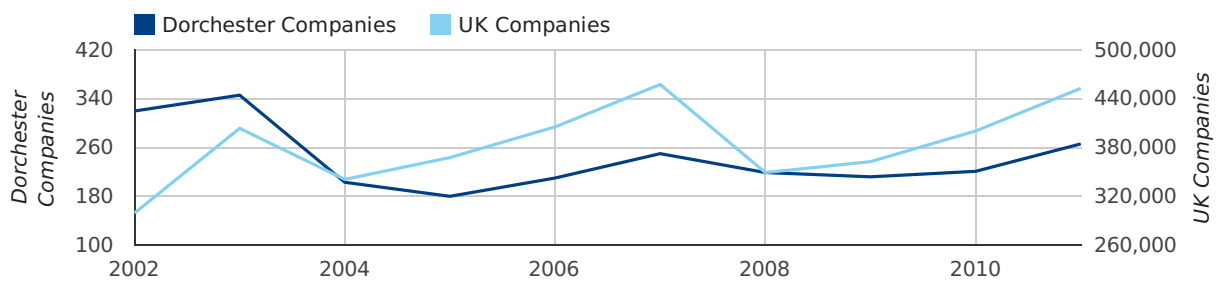
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Annual Data (2011)

A total of 266 companies were formed in Dorchester in 2011. This total is 20.4% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	DORCHESTER	UK
2011	266	452,870
2010	221	400,358
2009	212	362,675
2008	219	349,203
2007	250	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2003 (346)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



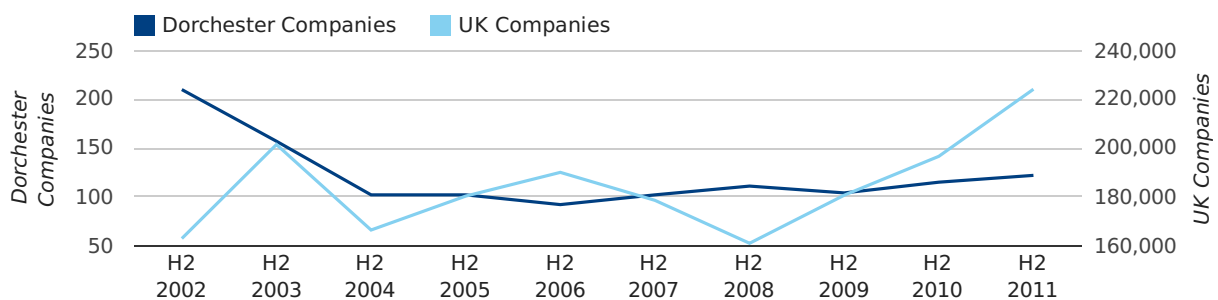
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 122 companies were formed in Dorchester. This figure is 6.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Dorchester occurred in 2002 when a total of 210 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	DORCHESTER	UK
2011	122	224,135
2010	115	196,609
% CHANGE	6.1%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (210)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



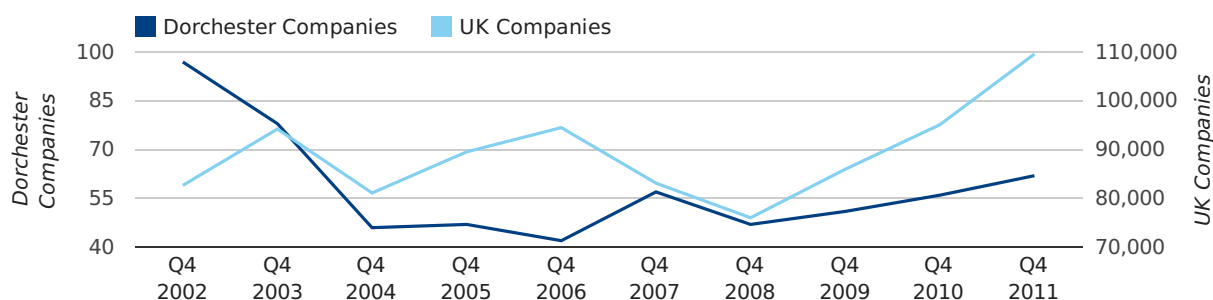
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 62 companies were registered in Dorchester during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 10.7% 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.

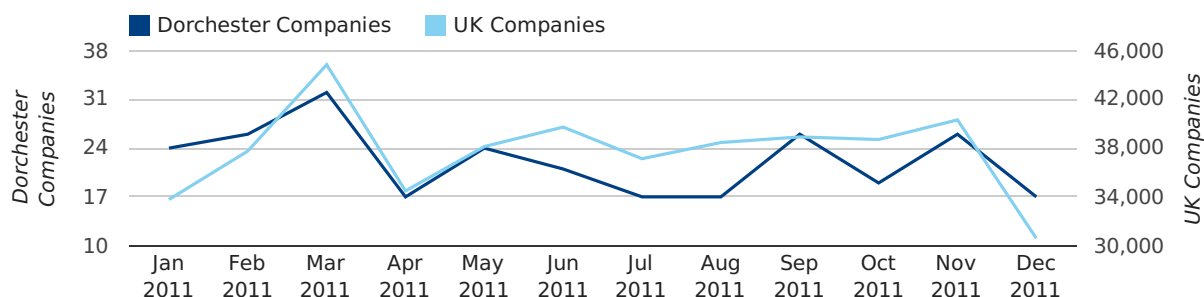
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	DORCHESTER	UK
2011	62	109,623
2010	56	95,117
% CHANGE	10.7%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (97)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

new companies by month



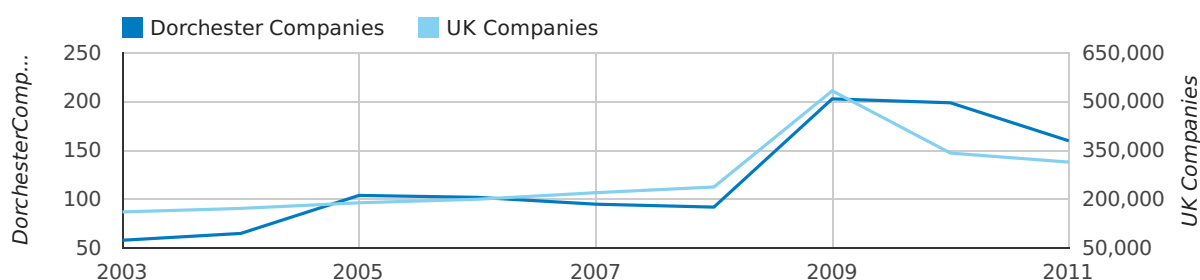
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	19	26	17
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	19	20	17
% CHANGE	0.0%	30.0%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (39)	2002 (27)	2002 (31)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 160 companies were dissolved in Dorchester in 2011. This total is 19.6% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	DORCHESTER	UK
2011	160	314,523
2010	199	342,232
2009	203	533,773
2008	92	237,901
2007	95	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (203)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



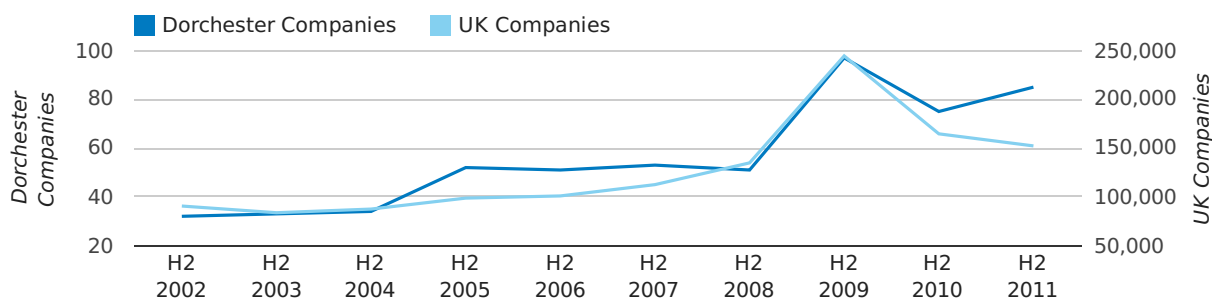
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 85 companies were dissolved in Dorchester. This figure is 13.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Dorchester occurred in 2009 when a total of 97 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	DORCHESTER	UK
2011	85	152,213
2010	75	164,601
% CHANGE	13.3%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (97)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



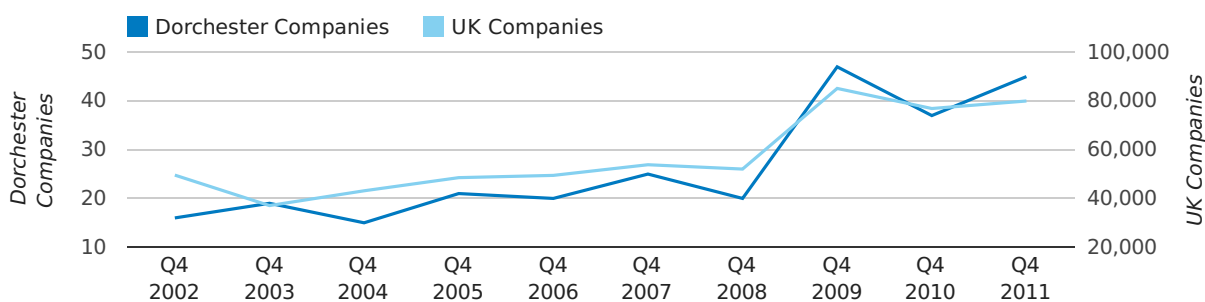
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 45 companies were dissolved in Dorchester during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 21.6% 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)	DORCHESTER	UK
2011	45	79,983
2010	37	76,896
% CHANGE	21.6%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (47)	2009 (85,136)

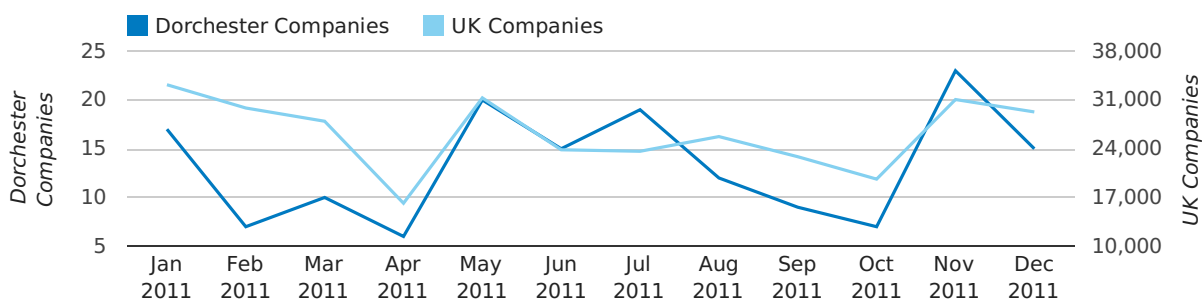
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

November 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Dorchester when compared to any previous November.

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	7	23	15
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	16	14	7
% CHANGE	-56.3%	64.3%	114%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (16)	2011 (23)	2009 (24)

Annual Data (2011)

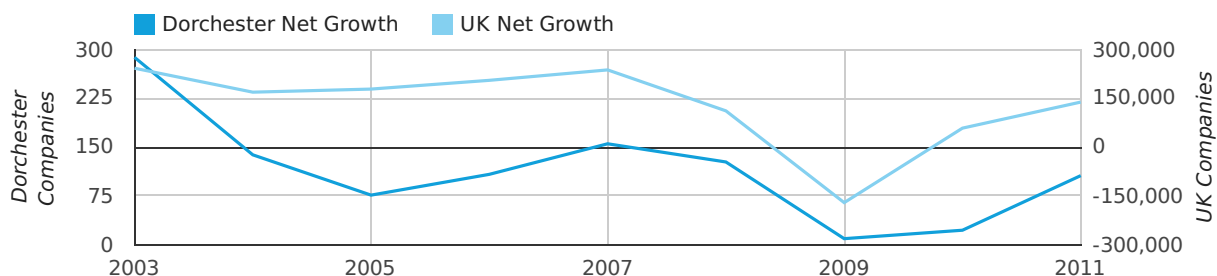
A total of 106 companies were added to the company register for Dorchester in 2011. This number represents growth of 48.0% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 84 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Dorchester company register grew by 288 companies.

YEAR	DORCHESTER	UK
2011	106	138,347
2010	22	58,126
2009	9	-171,098
2008	127	111,302
2007	155	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (288)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

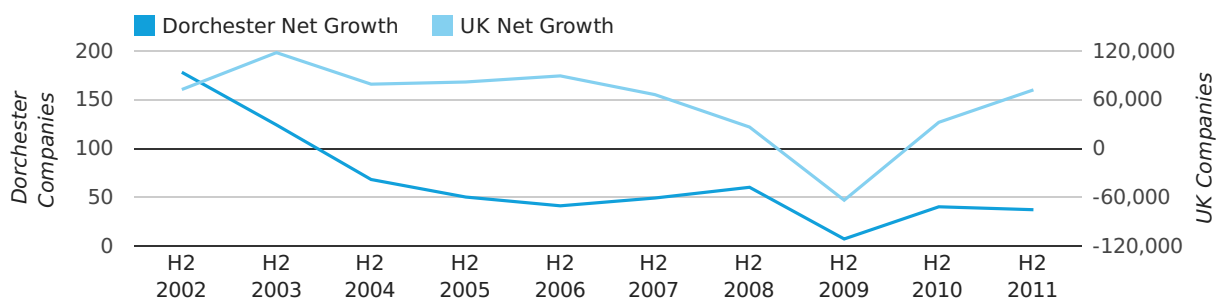


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Dorchester increased by 37 companies. This figure is 7.5% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	DORCHESTER	UK
2011	37	71,922
2010	40	32,008
% CHANGE	-7.5%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (178)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



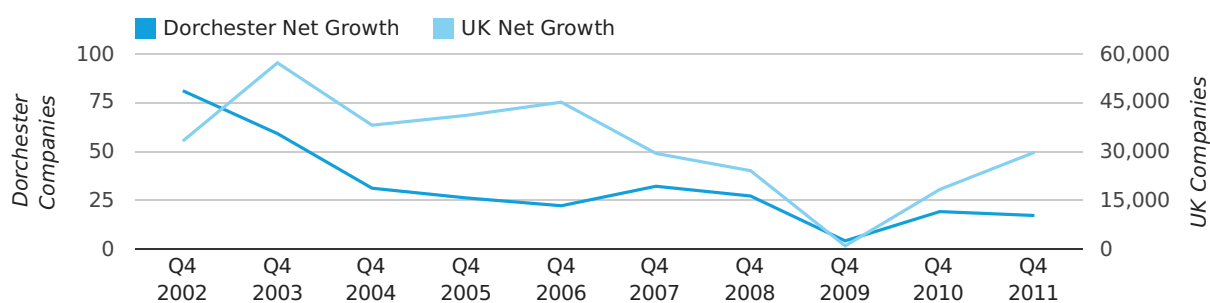
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Dorchester during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 17 companies.

This represents a decrease of 10.5% on the same period last year.

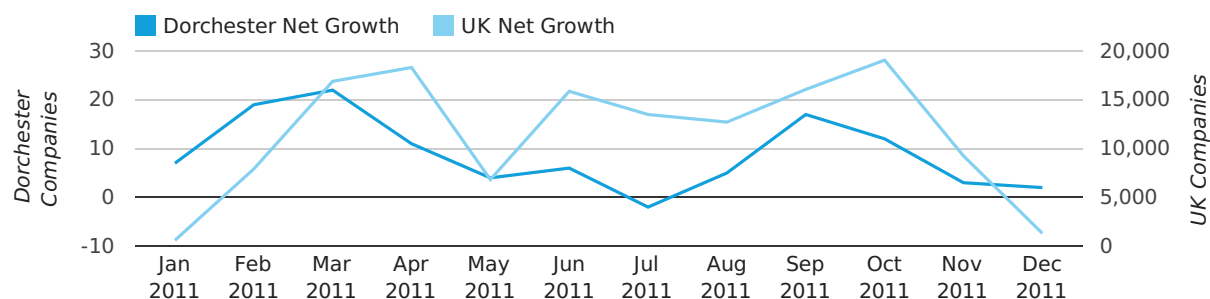
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	DORCHESTER	UK
2011	17	29,640
2010	19	18,221
% CHANGE	-10.5%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (81)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



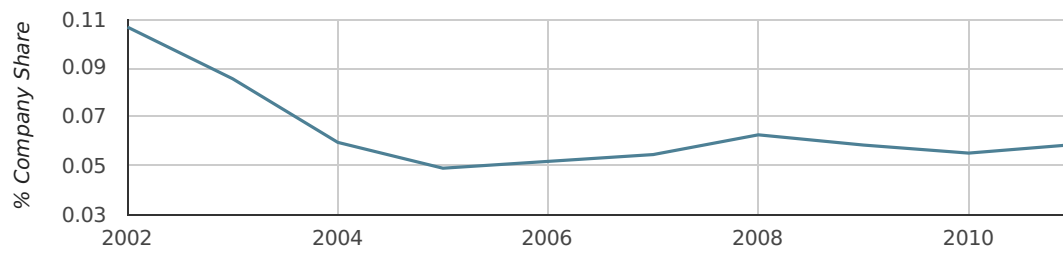
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	12	3	2
NET GROWTH IN 2010	3	6	10
% CHANGE	300.0%	-50.0%	-80.0%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (34)	2003 (18)	2003 (17)

Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	DORCHESTER
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.3%)

company share by year

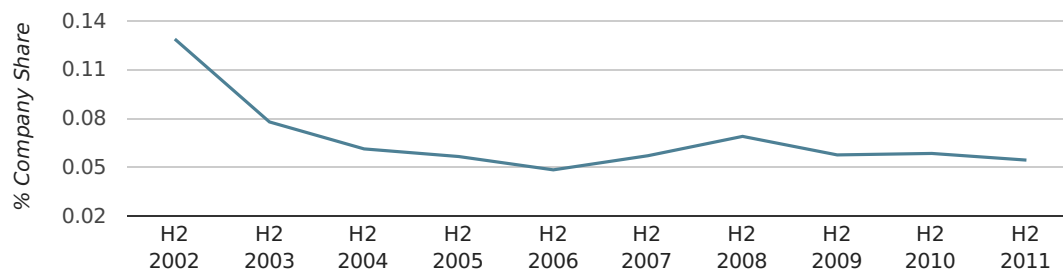


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	DORCHESTER
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.3%)

company share by half year

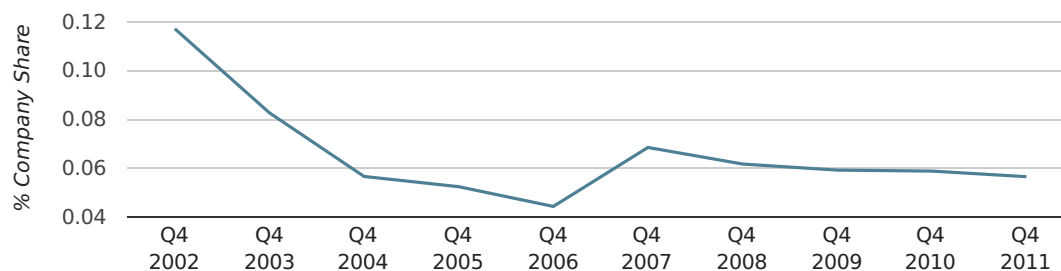


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, Dorchester formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

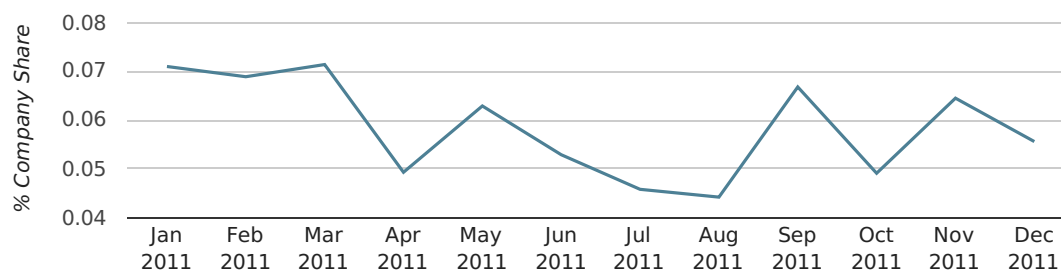
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	DORCHESTER
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-13.1%	10.8%	-11.3%
RECORD YEAR	1961 (0.4%)	1963 (0.3%)	1960 (0.3%)

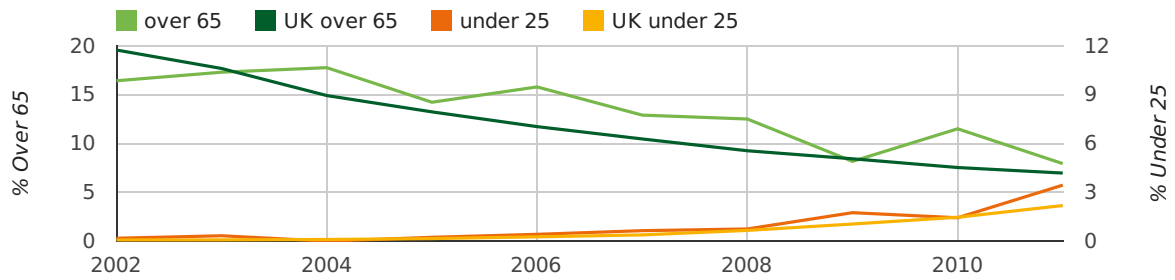
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 47.8.

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 8.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



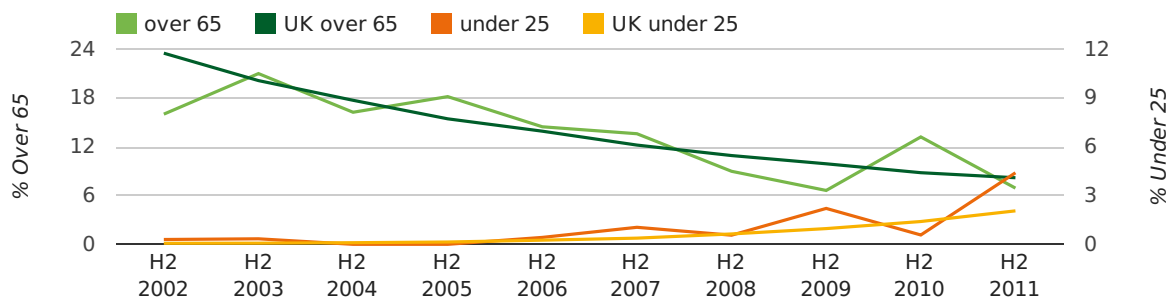
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 46.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



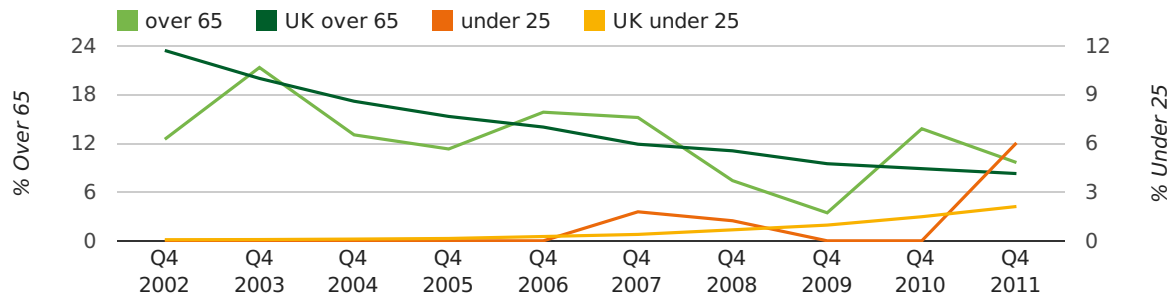
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 45.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 9.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

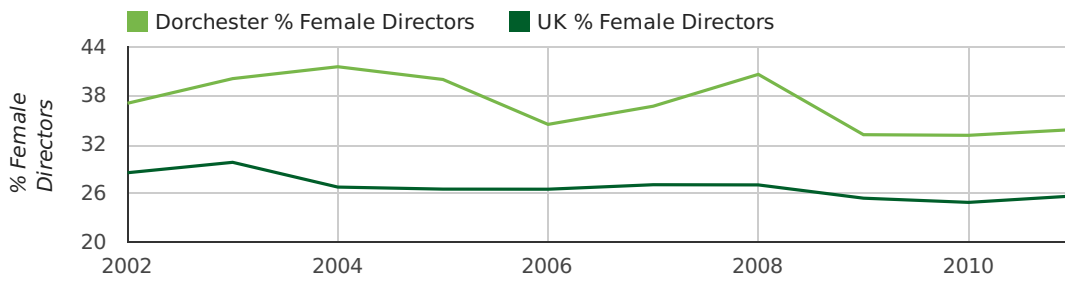


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Dorchester in 2011 was 37.1%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

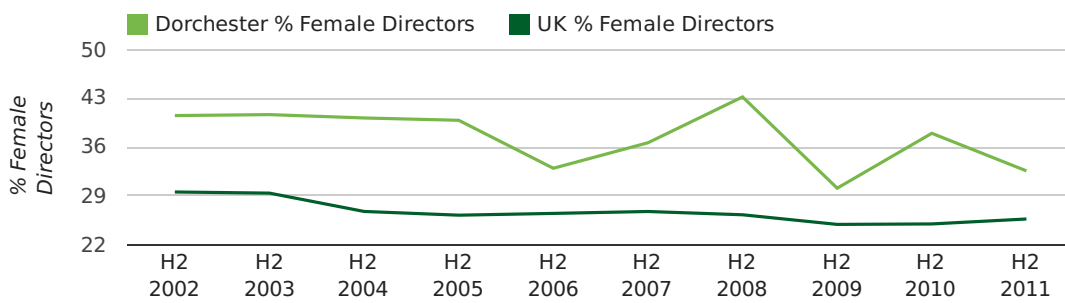


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

32.6% of all director appointments in Dorchester 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

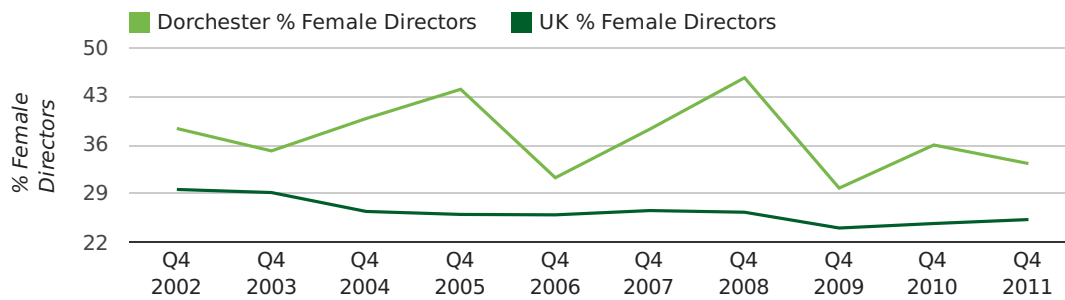


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

33.3% of all director appointments in Dorchester 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	1.91%	CONSULTING	5.07%
DORSET	1.72%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
(DORSET)	1.15%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
BUSINESS	0.96%	PROPERTY	2.37%
HOUSE	0.96%	TRADING	2.07%
(WEYMOUTH)	0.76%	DESIGN	1.92%
CARE	0.76%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
CONSULTING	0.76%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
CONSULTANCY	0.76%	BUSINESS	1.78%
DESIGN	0.57%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
G	0.57%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
BODY	0.57%	MEDIA	1.71%
PRIMARY	0.57%	LONDON	1.63%
DORCHESTER	0.57%	J	1.51%
BUILDING	0.57%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
FOX	0.57%	GLOBAL	1.46%
ENTERPRISES	0.57%	IT	1.41%
TRADING	0.57%	CARE	1.39%
C.I.C.	0.57%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
S	0.57%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
DIRECT	0.57%	M	1.27%
AUTHORISATION	0.57%	BUILDING	1.26%
ROOFING	0.57%	ENERGY	1.25%
ASSOCIATES	0.57%	S	1.20%
GARAGE	0.57%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	74	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	39	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	29	32,483
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	13	17,765
9999 - Dormant Company	11	20,199
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	10	11,768
9305 - Other service activities	7	9,492
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	7	8,671
99999 - Dormant Company	6	21,846
74990 - Non-trading company	5	8,929
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	5	2,740
7414 - Business & management consultancy	5	13,034
86900 - Other human health activities	4	4,457
56302 - Public houses and bars	4	2,308
62090 - Other information technology service activities	4	7,493
7499 - Non-trading company	4	9,957
7032 - Manage real estate, fee or contract	4	2,198
7260 - Other computer related activities	4	7,667
43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation	4	2,372
43290 - Other construction installation	4	1,559