

Dunfermline

2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

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- 2011 was a record year for UK company share in Dunfermline when compared to any year in history.

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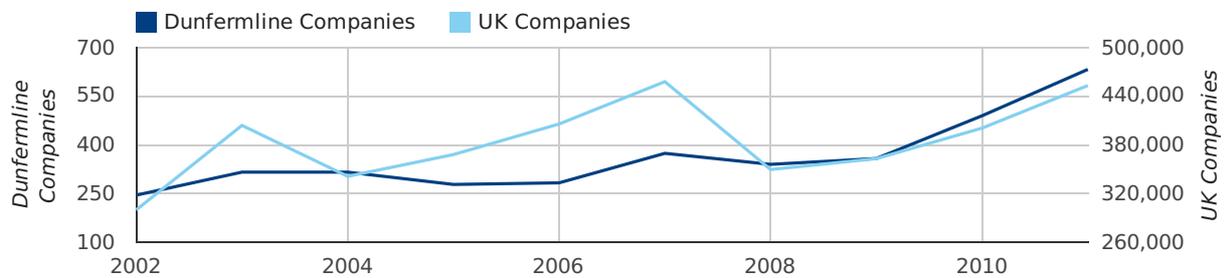
Annual Data (2011)

2011 was a record year for company registrations in Dunfermline when compared to any year in history.

A total of 632 companies were formed in Dunfermline in 2011. This total is 29.2% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	DUNFERMLINE	UK
2011	632	452,870
2010	489	400,358
2009	357	362,675
2008	339	349,203
2007	373	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (632)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

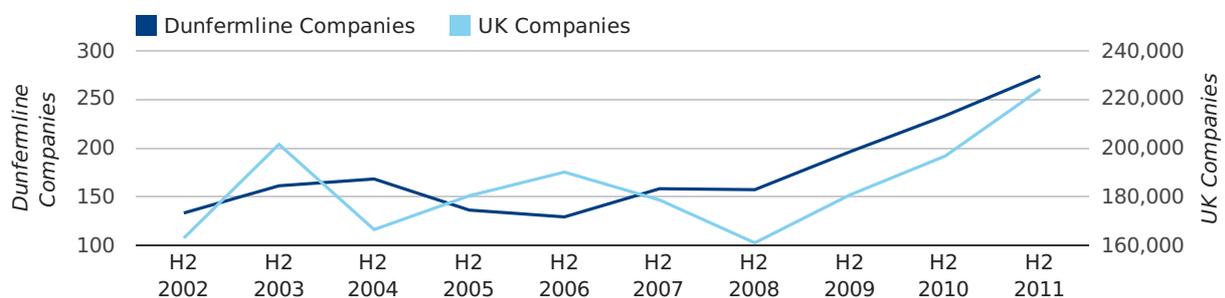
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Dunfermline when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 274 companies were formed in Dunfermline. This figure is 17.6% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Dunfermline occurred in 2011 when a total of 274 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	DUNFERMLINE	UK
2011	274	224,135
2010	233	196,609
% CHANGE	17.6%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (274)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

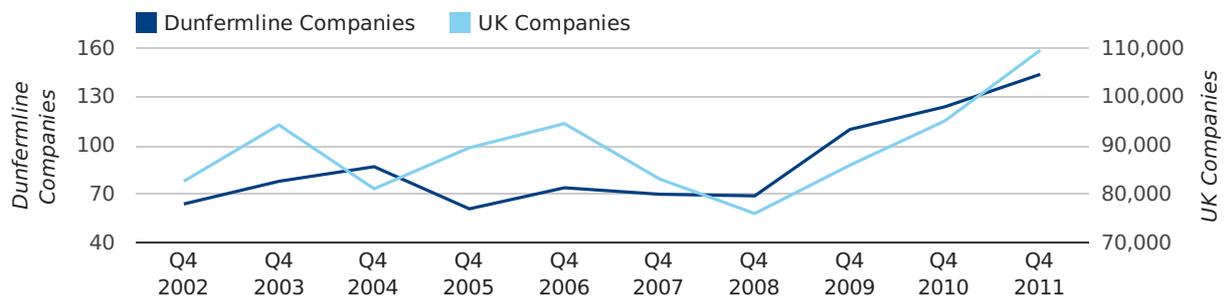
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Dunfermline when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 144 companies were registered in Dunfermline during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 16.1% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares equally 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)	DUNFERMLINE	UK
2011	144	109,623
2010	124	95,117
% CHANGE	16.1%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (144)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

new companies by month



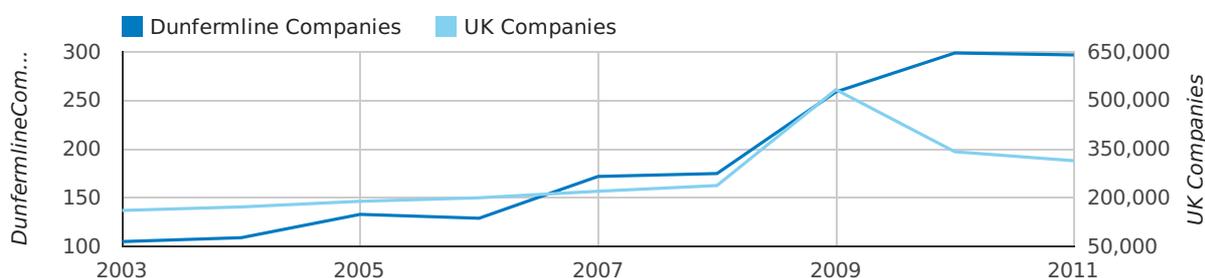
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	41	42	61
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	42	50	32
% CHANGE	-2.4%	-16.0%	90.6%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (42)	2010 (50)	2011 (61)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 297 companies were dissolved in Dunfermline in 2011. This total is 0.7% lower than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	DUNFERMLINE	UK
2011	297	314,523
2010	299	342,232
2009	259	533,773
2008	175	237,901
2007	172	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2010 (299)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

The second half of 2011 was a record second half year for company closures in Dunfermline when compared to any half year in history.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 182 companies were dissolved in Dunfermline. This figure is 22.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Dunfermline occurred in 2011 when a total of 182 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	DUNFERMLINE	UK
2011	182	152,213
2010	149	164,601
% CHANGE	22.1%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (182)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Dunfermline when compared to any previous Q4.

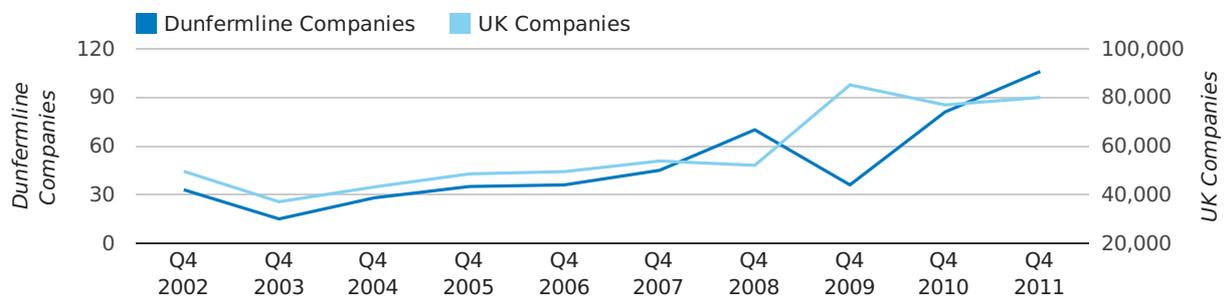
Q4 2011 was a record quarter for company closures in Dunfermline when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 106 companies were dissolved in Dunfermline during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 30.9% 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)	DUNFERMLINE	UK
2011	106	79,983
2010	81	76,896
% CHANGE	30.9%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (106)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

December 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Dunfermline when compared to any previous December.

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

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	40	37	29
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	31	24	26
% CHANGE	29.0%	54.2%	12%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (52)	2011 (37)	2011 (29)

Annual Data (2011)

2011 was a record year for net growth in Dunfermline when compared to any year in history.

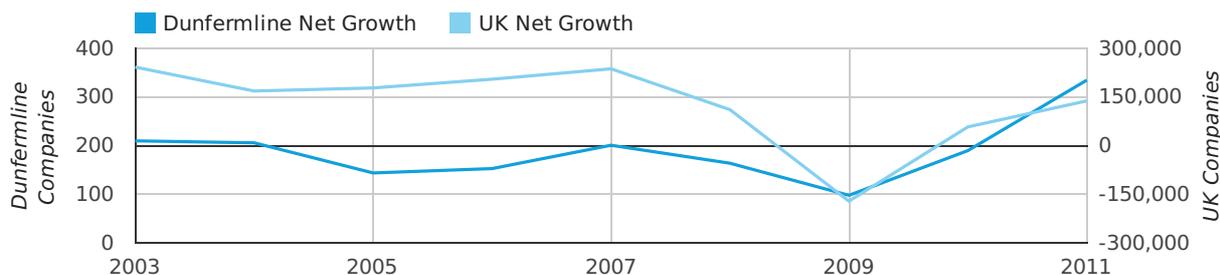
A total of 335 companies were added to the company register for Dunfermline in 2011. This number represents growth of 68.5% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 145 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2011 when the Dunfermline company register grew by 335 companies.

YEAR	DUNFERMLINE	UK
2011	335	138,347
2010	190	58,126
2009	98	-171,098
2008	164	111,302
2007	201	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2011 (335)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

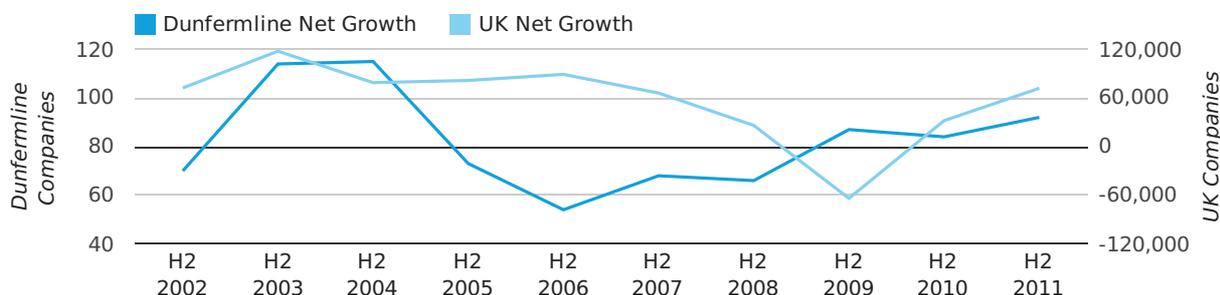


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Dunfermline increased by 92 companies. This figure is 9.5% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	DUNFERMLINE	UK
2011	92	71,922
2010	84	32,008
% CHANGE	9.5%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (115)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



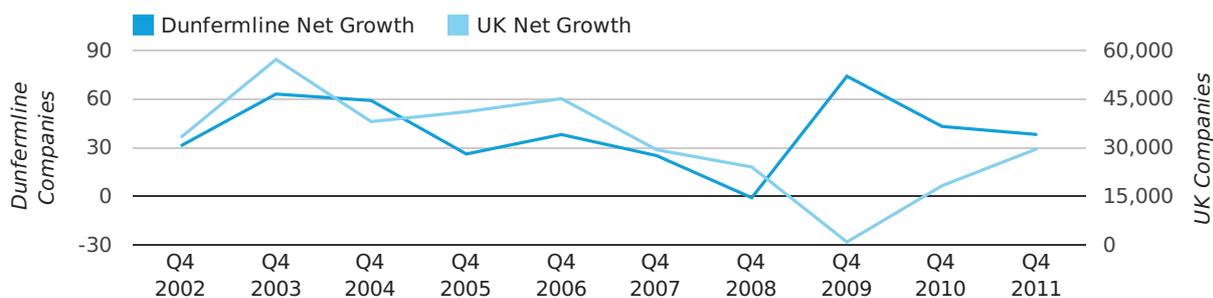
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Dunfermline during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 38 companies.

This represents a decrease of 11.6% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	DUNFERMLINE	UK
2011	38	29,640
2010	43	18,221
% CHANGE	-11.6%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (74)	2003 (57,175)

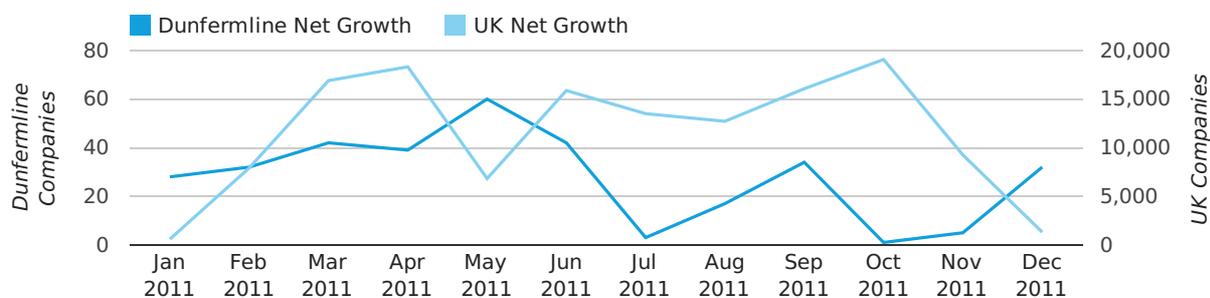
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

December 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Dunfermline when compared to any previous December.

net growth by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	1	5	32
NET GROWTH IN 2010	11	26	6
% CHANGE	-90.9%	-80.8%	433.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (26)	2004 (41)	2011 (32)

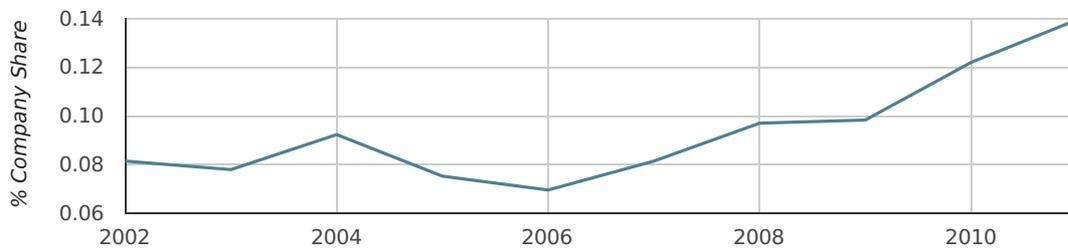
Annual Data (2011)

2011 was a record year for UK company share in Dunfermline when compared to any year in history.

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

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

company share by year

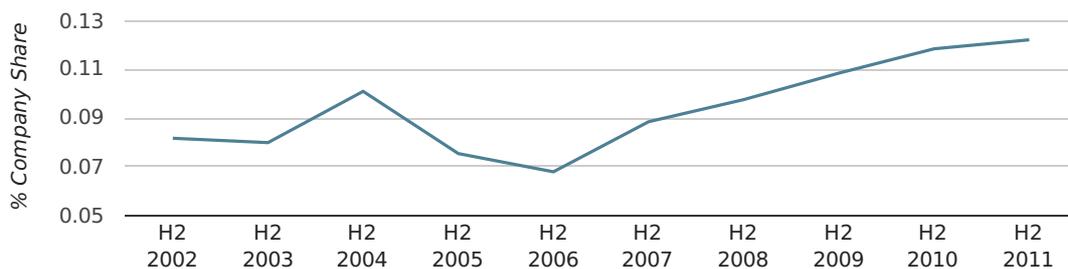


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	DUNFERMLINE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.2%)

company share by half year

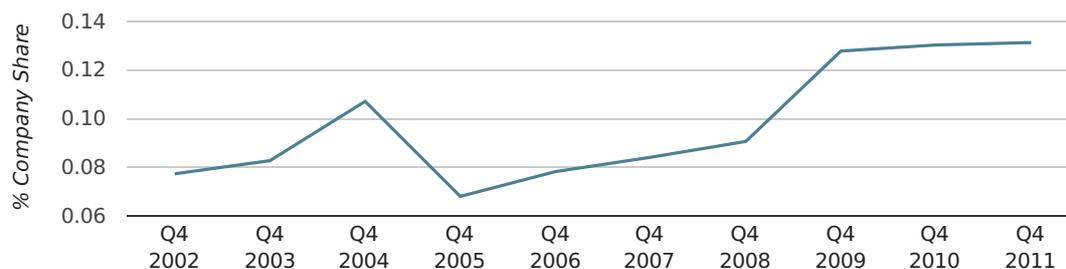


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

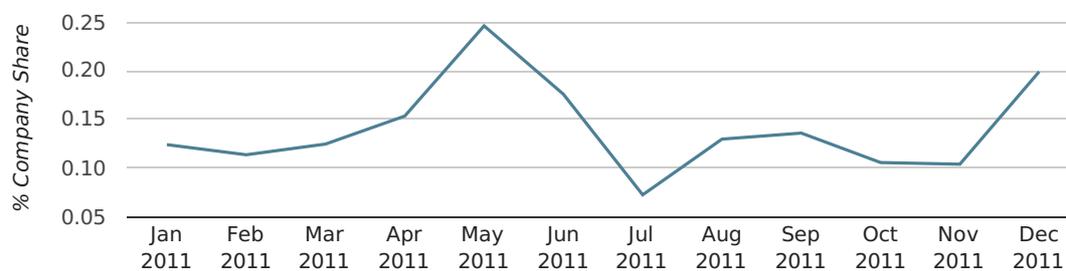
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	DUNFERMLINE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.2%)

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%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-15.2%	-28.4%	69.1%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.2%)	2004 (0.2%)	1966 (0.2%)

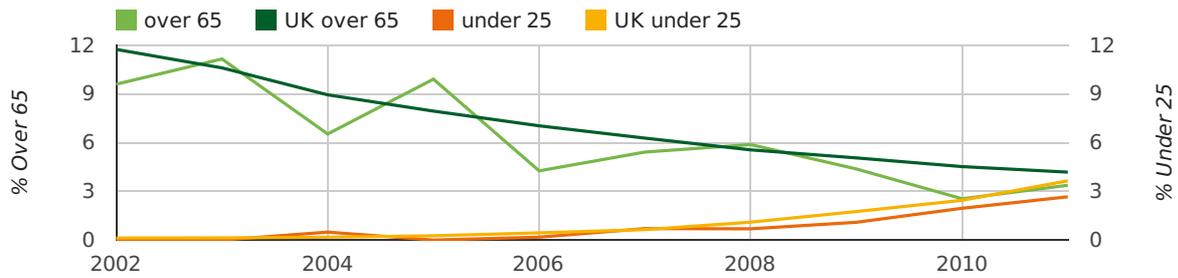
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 42.6.

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 3.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



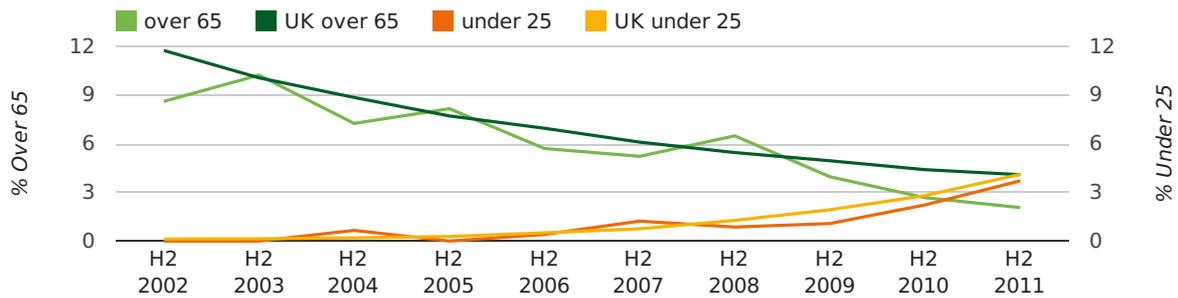
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 42.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



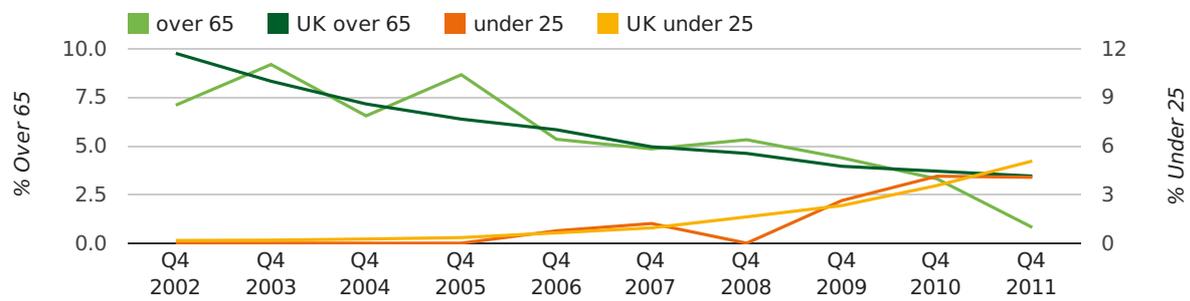
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 41.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 0.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

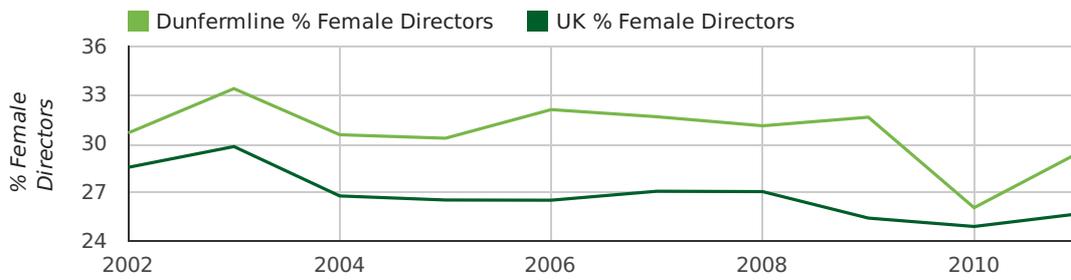


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Dunfermline in 2011 was 30.7%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

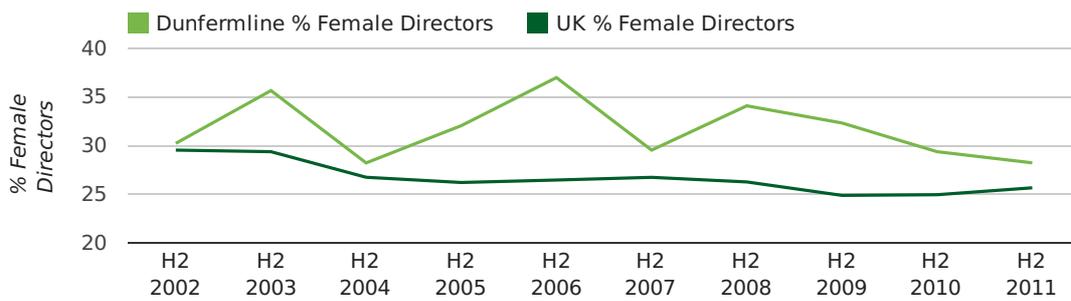


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

28.2% of all director appointments in Dunfermline 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

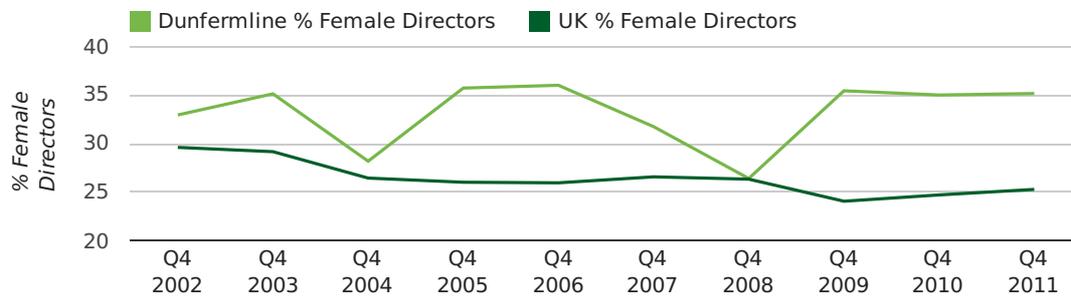


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

35.2% of all director appointments in Dunfermline 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
LP	9.13%	CONSULTING	5.07%
L.P.	3.25%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	2.41%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
TRADING	1.78%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSULTING	1.57%	TRADING	2.07%
(SCOTLAND)	1.47%	DESIGN	1.92%
GROUP	1.36%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
ASSETS	1.15%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
CONSULTANCY	1.05%	BUSINESS	1.78%
ENGINEERING	0.94%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
BUSINESS	0.73%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
INVESTMENTS	0.73%	MEDIA	1.71%
HOUSE	0.73%	LONDON	1.63%
SYSTEMS	0.73%	J	1.51%
DESIGN	0.63%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
SCOTLAND	0.63%	GLOBAL	1.46%
TRADE	0.63%	IT	1.41%
LOGISTICS	0.63%	CARE	1.39%
GLOBAL	0.63%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
PROJECT	0.52%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
DUNFERMLINE	0.52%	M	1.27%
CARE	0.52%	BUILDING	1.26%
FIFE	0.52%	ENERGY	1.25%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.52%	S	1.20%
R	0.42%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	294	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	82	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	57	32,483
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	32	17,765
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	29	8,671
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	21	12,072
7414 - Business & management consultancy	15	13,034
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	8	2,832
86230 - Dental practice activities	8	1,598
9999 - Dormant Company	8	20,199
7499 - Non-trading company	8	9,957
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	7	3,633
74990 - Non-trading company	7	8,929
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	6	7,398
5530 - Restaurants	6	5,013
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	6	11,768
71129 - Other engineering activities	6	1,823
99999 - Dormant Company	6	21,846
71111 - Architectural activities	5	1,615
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	5	2,452