

# Dunstable

2011 annual business confidence report



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- The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Dunstable when compared to any previous second half year.
- Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Dunstable when compared to any previous Q4.
- December 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Dunstable when compared to any previous December.
- December 2011 was a record month for company closures in Dunstable when compared to any month in history.

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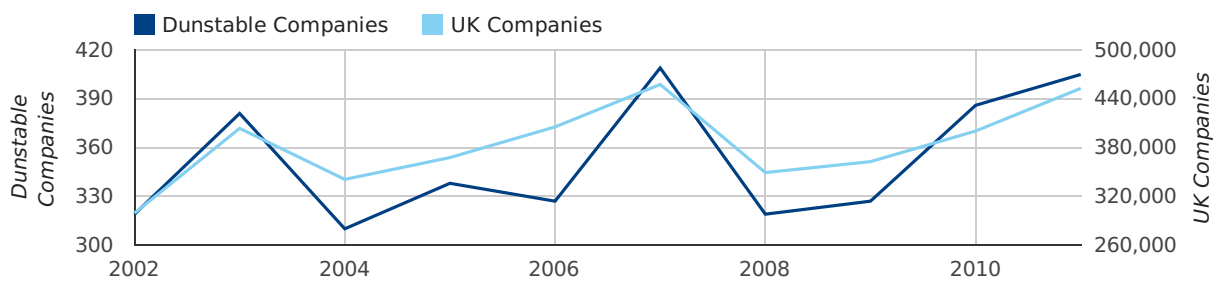
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### Annual Data (2011)

A total of 405 companies were formed in Dunstable in 2011. This total is 4.9% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	DUNSTABLE	UK
2011	405	452,870
2010	386	400,358
2009	327	362,675
2008	319	349,203
2007	409	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2007 (409)	2007 (457,649)

### new companies by year



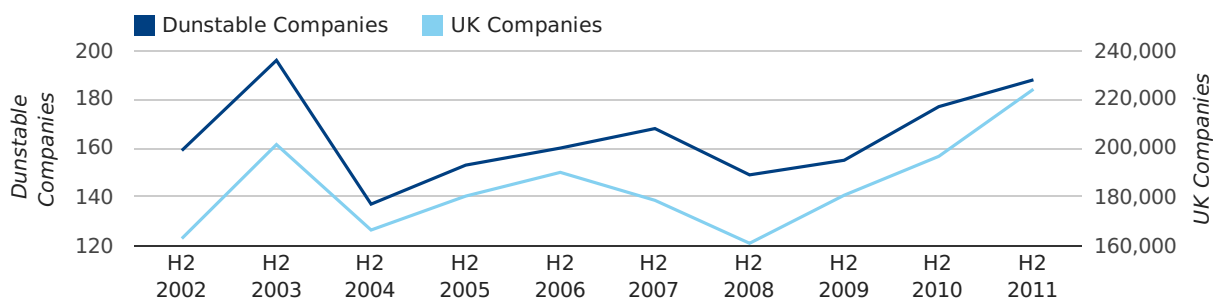
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 188 companies were formed in Dunstable. This figure is 6.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Dunstable occurred in 2003 when a total of 196 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	DUNSTABLE	UK
2011	188	224,135
2010	177	196,609
% CHANGE	6.2%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (196)	2011 (224,135)

### new companies by half year



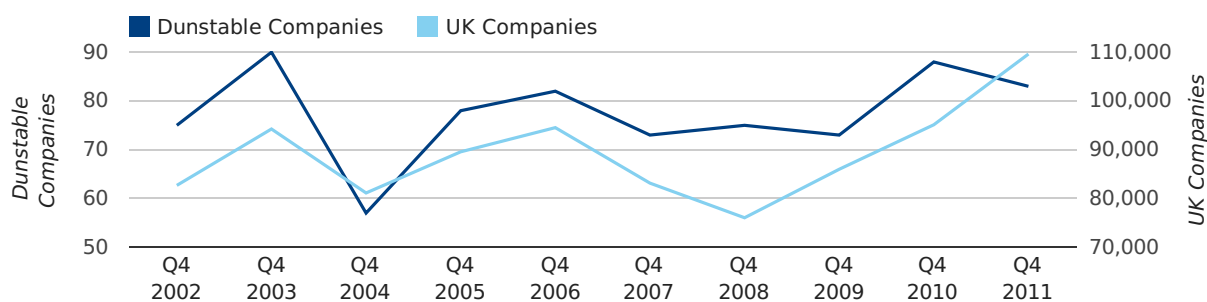
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 83 companies were registered in Dunstable during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 5.7% 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.

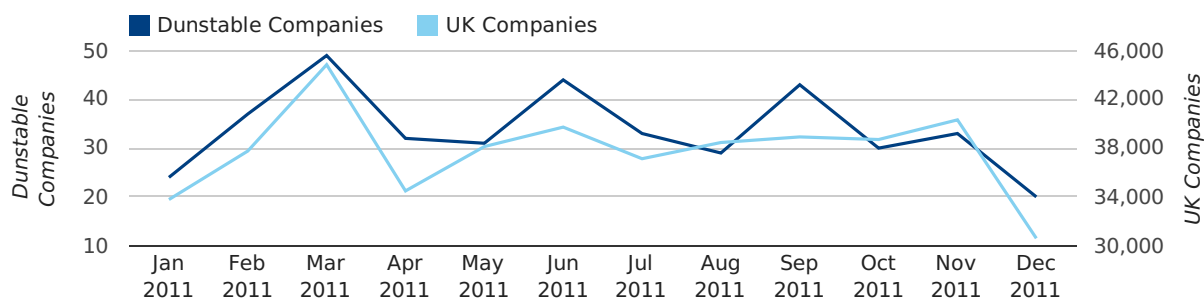
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	DUNSTABLE	UK
2011	83	109,623
2010	88	95,117
% CHANGE	-5.7%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (90)	2011 (109,623)

### new companies by quarter



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

### new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	30	33	20
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	36	27	25
% CHANGE	-16.7%	22.2%	-20.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (36)	2003 (35)	2008 (30)

### Annual Data (2011)

A total of 331 companies were dissolved in Dunstable in 2011. This total is 14.9% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	DUNSTABLE	UK
2011	331	314,523
2010	288	342,232
2009	419	533,773
2008	192	237,901
2007	225	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (419)	2009 (533,773)

### dissolved companies by year



### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

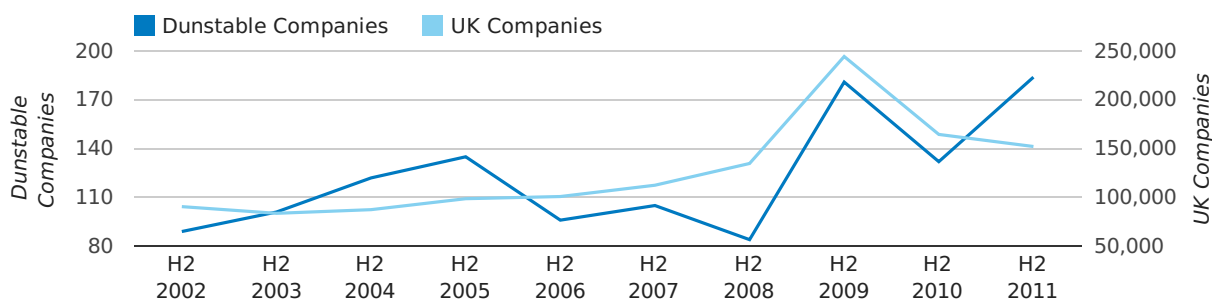
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Dunstable when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 184 companies were dissolved in Dunstable. This figure is 39.4% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Dunstable occurred in 2011 when a total of 184 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	DUNSTABLE	UK
2011	184	152,213
2010	132	164,601
% CHANGE	39.4%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (184)	2009 (244,537)

### dissolved companies by half year



## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

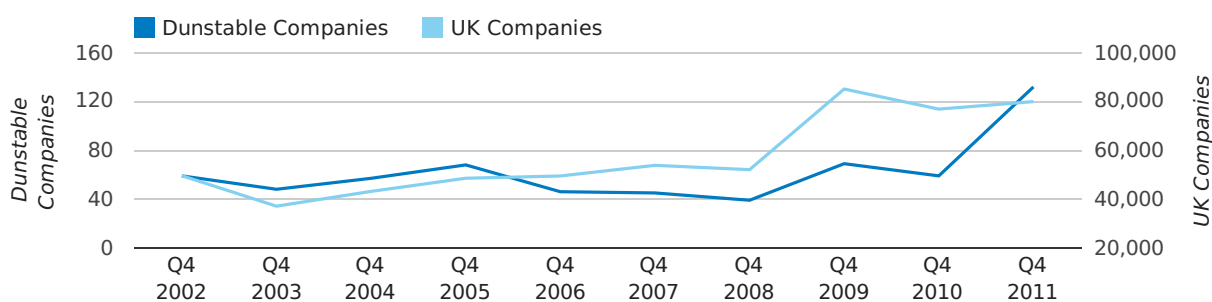
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Dunstable when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 132 companies were dissolved in Dunstable during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 123.7% 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)	DUNSTABLE	UK
2011	132	79,983
2010	59	76,896
% CHANGE	123.7%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (132)	2009 (85,136)

### dissolved companies by quarter

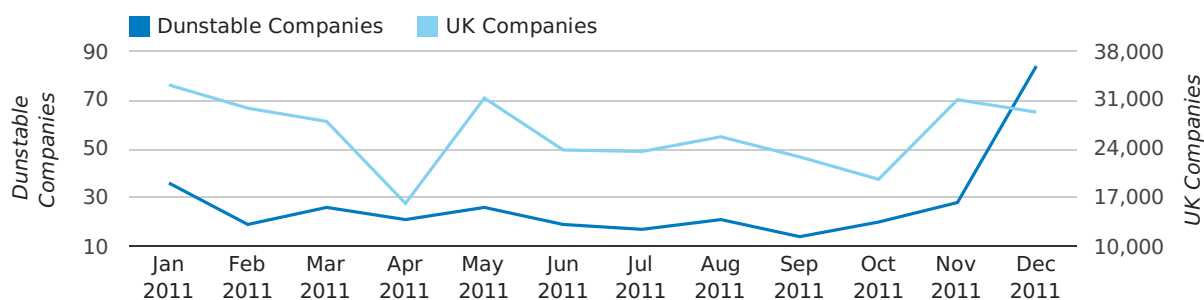


## Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

December 2011 was a record month for company closures in Dunstable when compared to any month in history.

### dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	20	28	84
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	27	22	10
% CHANGE	-25.9%	27.3%	740%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (28)	2005 (35)	2011 (84)

### Annual Data (2011)

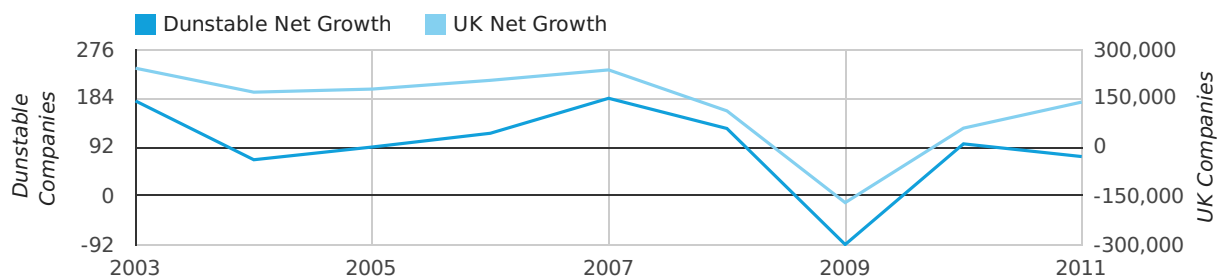
A total of 74 companies were added to the company register for Dunstable in 2011. This number represents growth of 19.2% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 24 companies lower than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 1997 when the Dunstable company register grew by 214 companies.

YEAR	DUNSTABLE	UK
2011	74	138,347
2010	98	58,126
2009	-92	-171,098
2008	127	111,302
2007	184	237,354
RECORD YEAR	1997 (214)	2003 (242,543)

### net growth by year

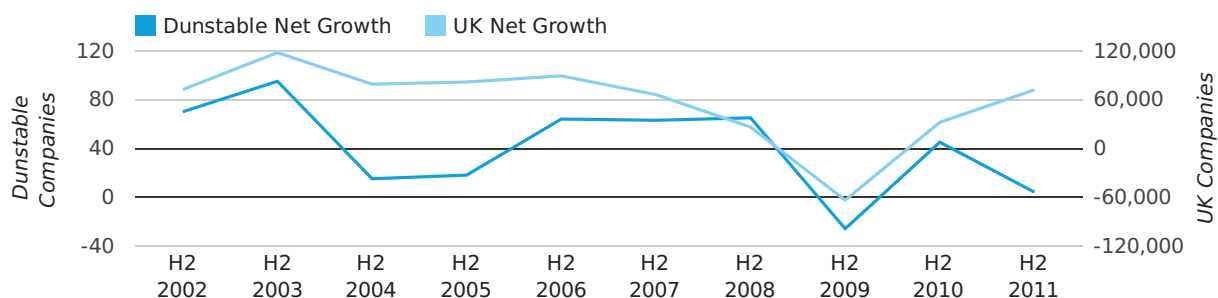


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Dunstable increased by 4 companies. This figure is 91.1% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	DUNSTABLE	UK
2011	4	71,922
2010	45	32,008
% CHANGE	-91.1%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (95)	2003 (117,772)

### net growth by half year



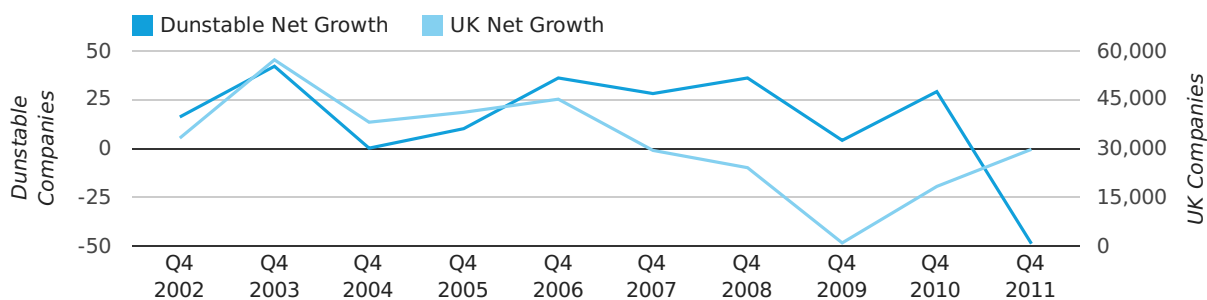
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Dunstable during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was -49 companies.

This represents a decrease of 269.0% on the same period last year.

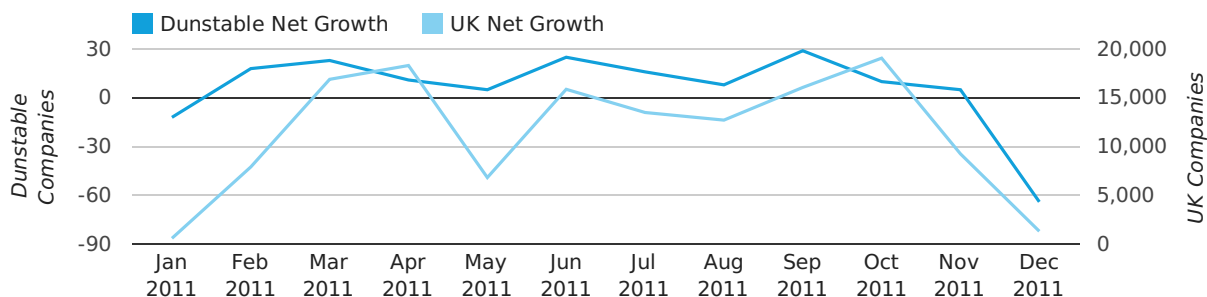
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	DUNSTABLE	UK
2011	-49	29,640
2010	29	18,221
% CHANGE	-269.0%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (42)	2003 (57,175)

### net growth by quarter



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

### net growth by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	10	5	-64
NET GROWTH IN 2010	9	5	15
% CHANGE	11.1%	0.0%	-526.7%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (24)	2006 (23)	2006 (16)

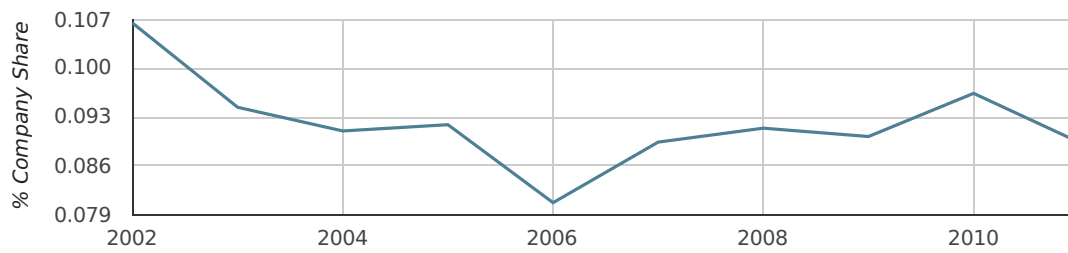


### Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	DUNSTABLE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1977 (0.2%)

### company share by year

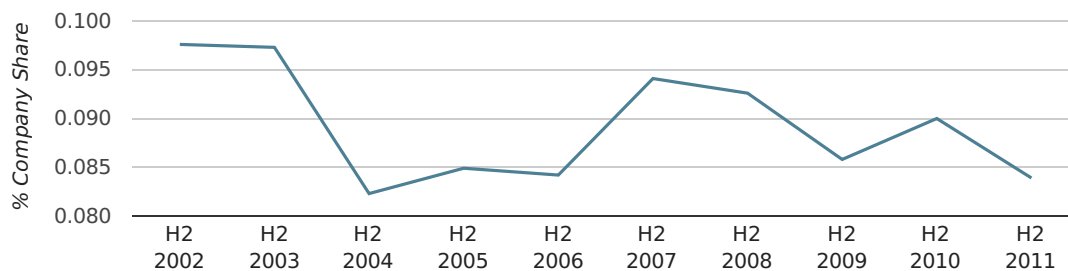


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	DUNSTABLE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1962 (0.2%)

### company share by half year

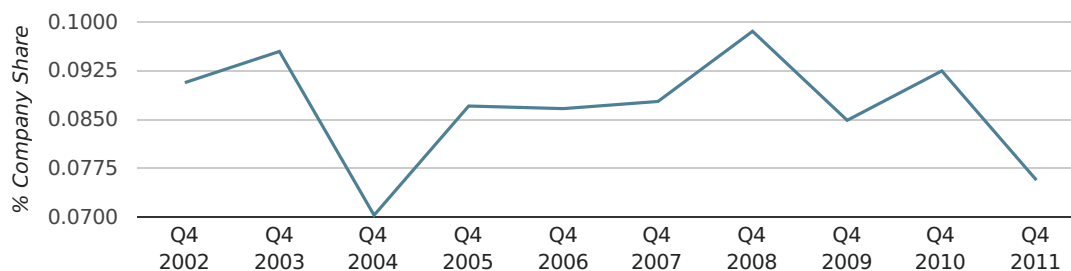


## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

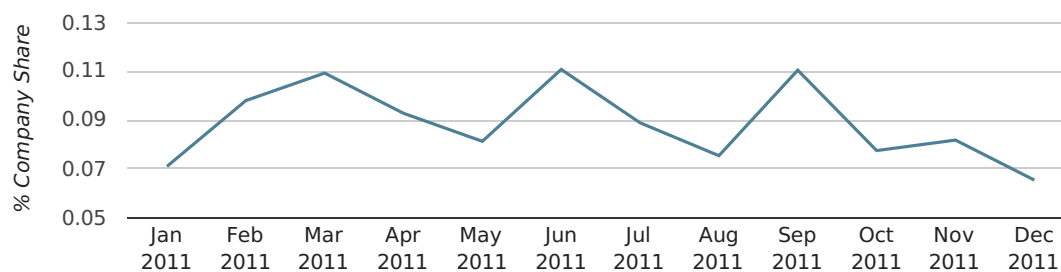
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	DUNSTABLE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1977 (0.3%)

### company share by quarter



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

### company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-27.6%	4.1%	-29.0%
RECORD YEAR	1975 (0.3%)	1961 (0.3%)	1971 (0.4%)

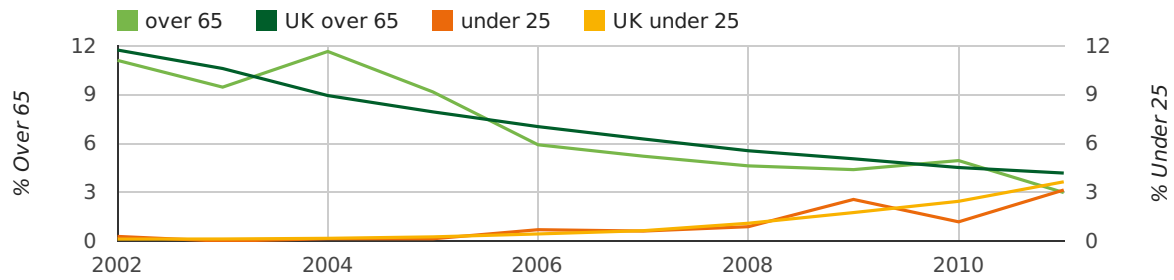
### Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 44.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

#### director age by year



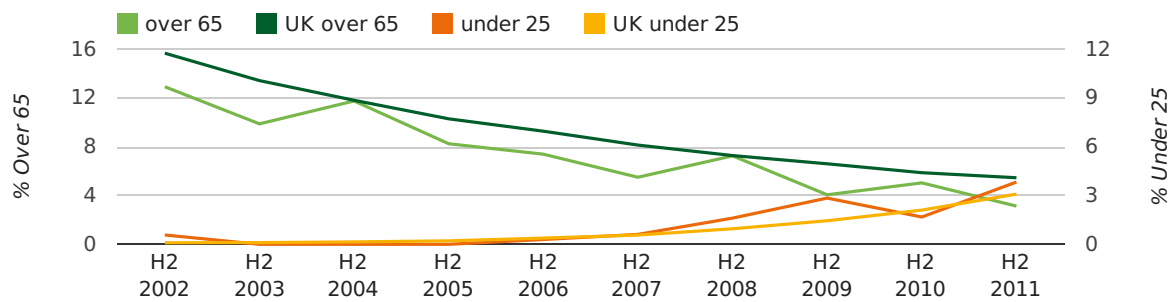
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 44.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

#### director age by half year



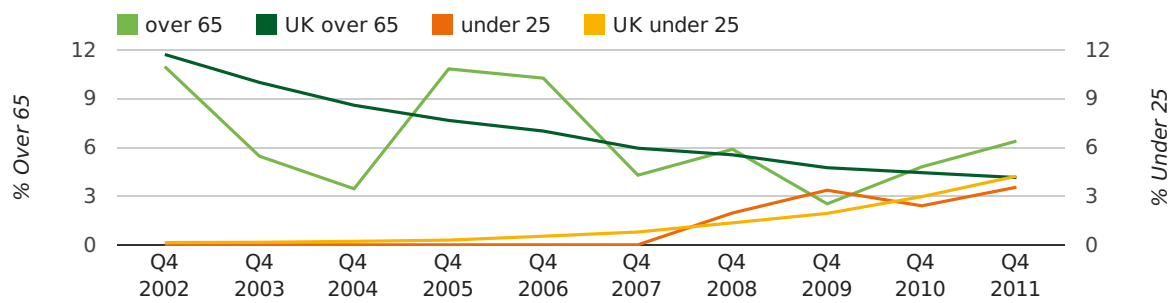
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 45.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

### director age by quarter

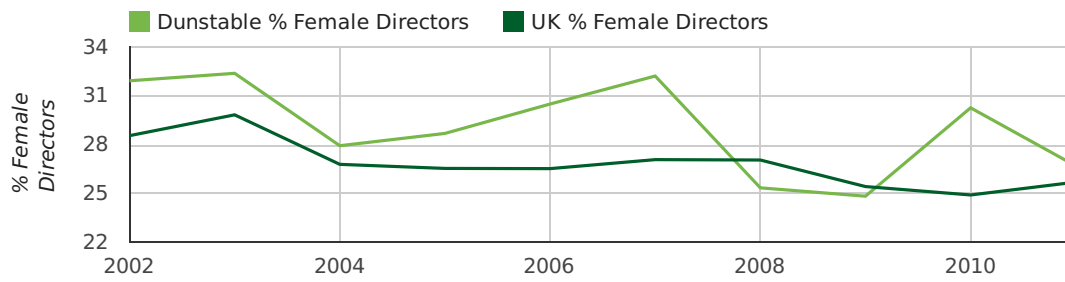


### Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Dunstable in 2011 was 31.9%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

#### director gender by year

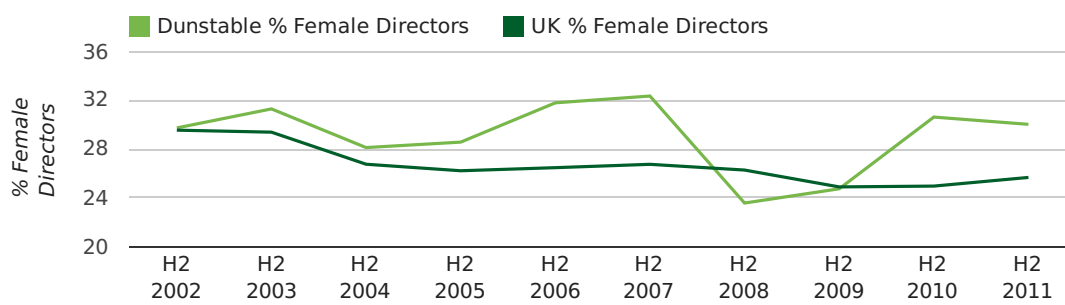


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

30.0% of all director appointments in Dunstable 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

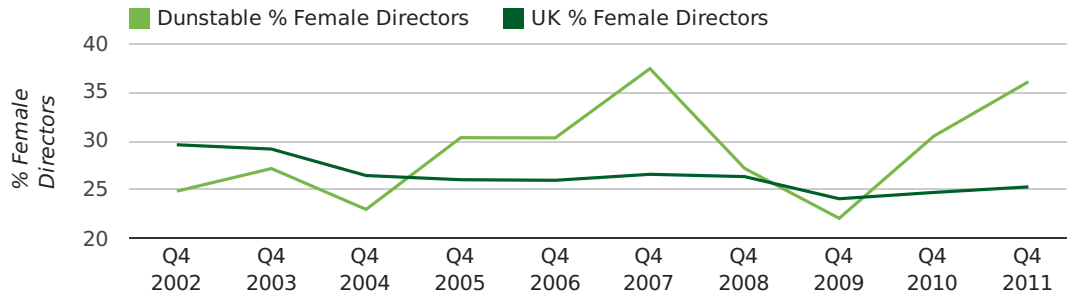


## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

36.1% of all director appointments in Dunstable 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, &amp;, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
CONSULTING	2.16%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTANCY	1.29%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
DESIGN	1.01%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
ASSOCIATES	1.01%	PROPERTY	2.37%
TRADING	0.86%	TRADING	2.07%
MANAGEMENT	0.86%	DESIGN	1.92%
BUILDING	0.86%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
TRANSPORT	0.86%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
J	0.86%	BUSINESS	1.78%
CLEAN	0.72%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
SYSTEMS	0.72%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
24SEVEN	0.72%	MEDIA	1.71%
C	0.72%	LONDON	1.63%
P	0.72%	J	1.51%
DUNSTABLE	0.72%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CARE	0.58%	GLOBAL	1.46%
S	0.58%	IT	1.41%
TRAINING	0.58%	CARE	1.39%
HOUSE	0.58%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
CONSTRUCTION	0.58%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
ELECTRICAL	0.58%	M	1.27%
CALL	0.58%	BUILDING	1.26%
DIRECT	0.58%	ENERGY	1.25%
ENGINEERING	0.58%	S	1.20%
FIRST	0.43%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	148	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	42	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	30	32,483
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	26	17,765
9999 - Dormant Company	21	20,199
62090 - Other information technology service activities	18	7,493
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	17	12,072
99999 - Dormant Company	14	21,846
7414 - Business & management consultancy	13	13,034
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	13	8,671
7260 - Other computer related activities	11	7,667
49410 - Freight transport by road	11	2,392
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	11	11,768
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	10	7,398
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	8	3,633
43320 - Joinery installation	8	1,158
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	7	3,342
41100 - Development of building projects	7	4,331
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	7	2,832
74990 - Non-trading company	7	8,929