

Edinburgh

2011 half year business confidence report



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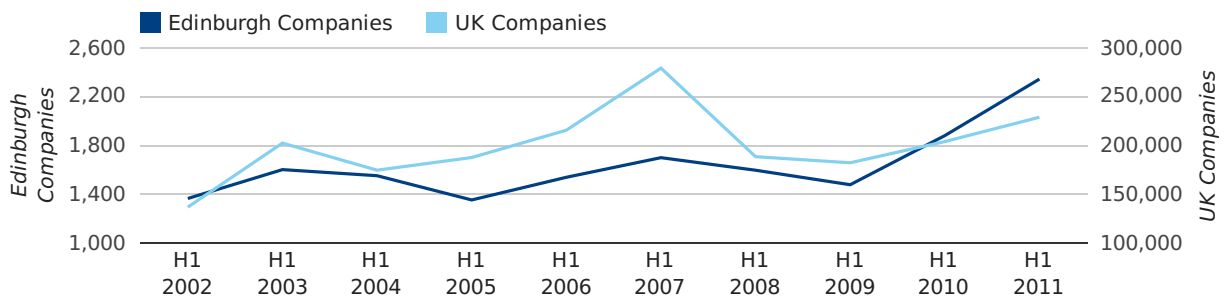
The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Edinburgh when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2011 a total of 2,343 companies were formed in Edinburgh. This figure is 24.7% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Edinburgh occurred in 2011 when a total of 2,343 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	EDINBURGH	UK
2011	2,343	228,735
2010	1,879	203,749
% CHANGE	24.7%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (2,343)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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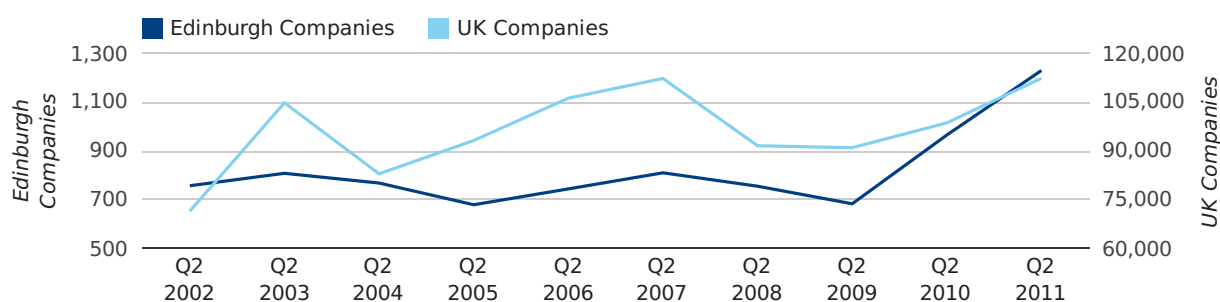
Q2 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Edinburgh when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 1,230 companies were registered in Edinburgh during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 27.5% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	EDINBURGH	UK
2011	1,230	112,344
2010	965	98,612
% CHANGE	27.5%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (1,230)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

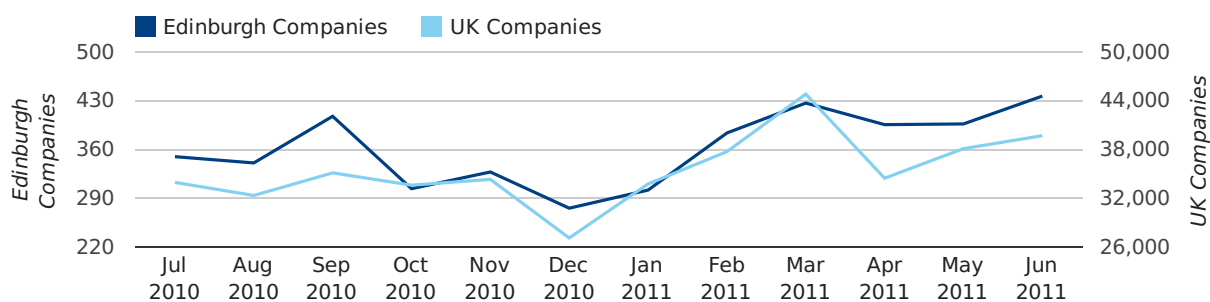
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May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Edinburgh when compared to any previous May.

April 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Edinburgh when compared to any previous April.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	396	397	437
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	347	289	329
% CHANGE	14.1%	37.4%	32.8%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (396)	2011 (397)	2011 (437)

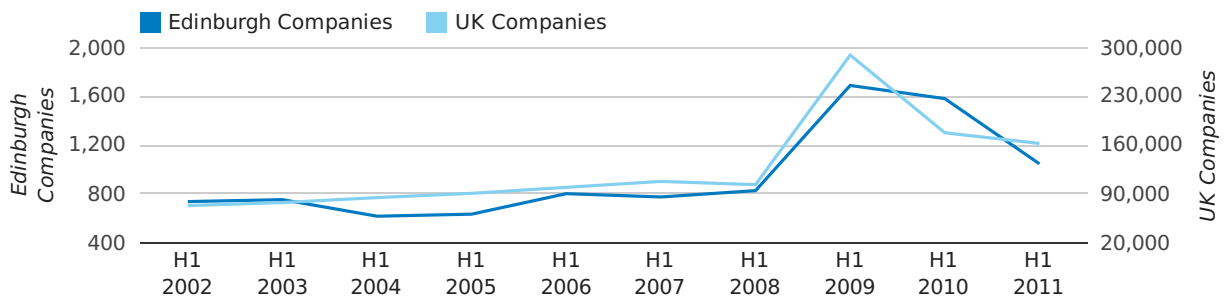
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 1,046 companies were dissolved in Edinburgh. This figure is 33.8% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Edinburgh occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,689 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	EDINBURGH	UK
2011	1,046	162,310
2010	1,581	177,631
% CHANGE	-33.8%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,689)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



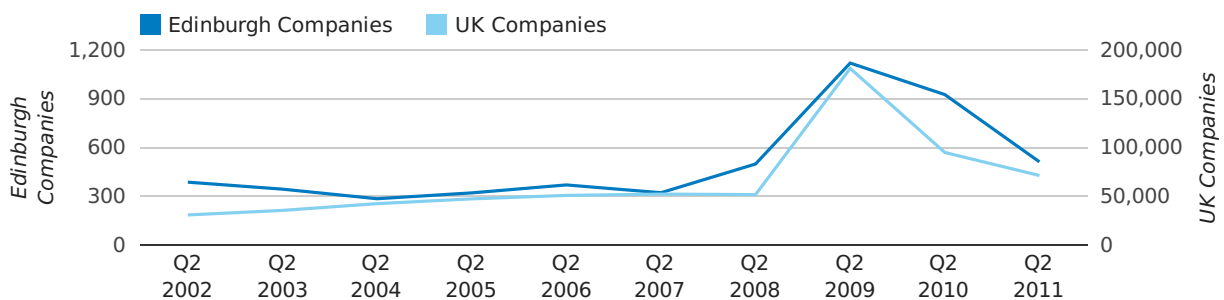
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 512 companies were dissolved in Edinburgh during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 44.7% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

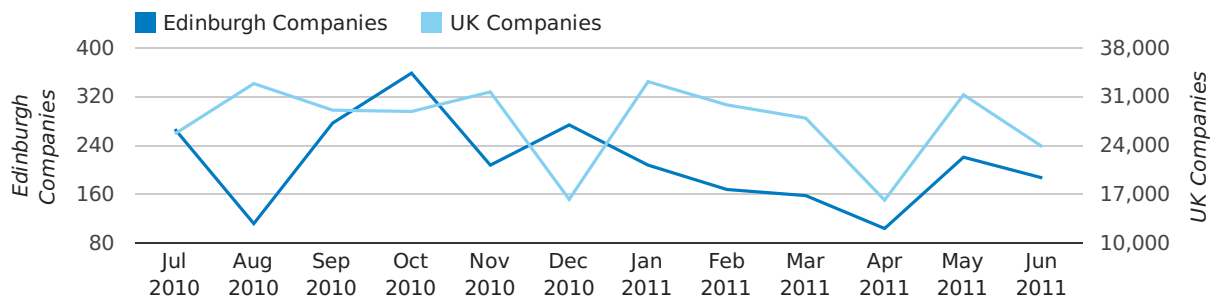
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	EDINBURGH	UK
2011	512	71,324
2010	926	94,954
% CHANGE	-44.7%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,120)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	104	221	187
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	154	552	220
% CHANGE	-32.5%	-60.0%	-15%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (154)	2009 (758)	2009 (346)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

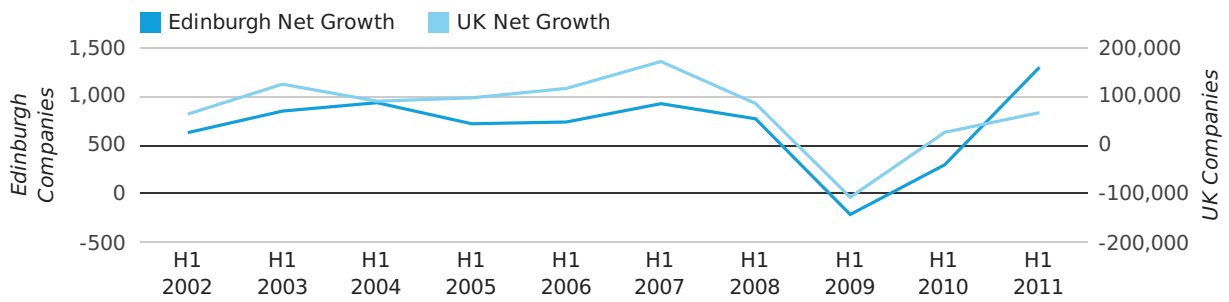
The first half of 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Edinburgh when compared to any previous first half year.

The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for net growth in Edinburgh when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Edinburgh increased by 1,297 companies. This figure is 335.2% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	EDINBURGH	UK
2011	1,297	66,425
2010	298	26,118
% CHANGE	335.2%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (1,297)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Q2 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Edinburgh when compared to any previous Q2.

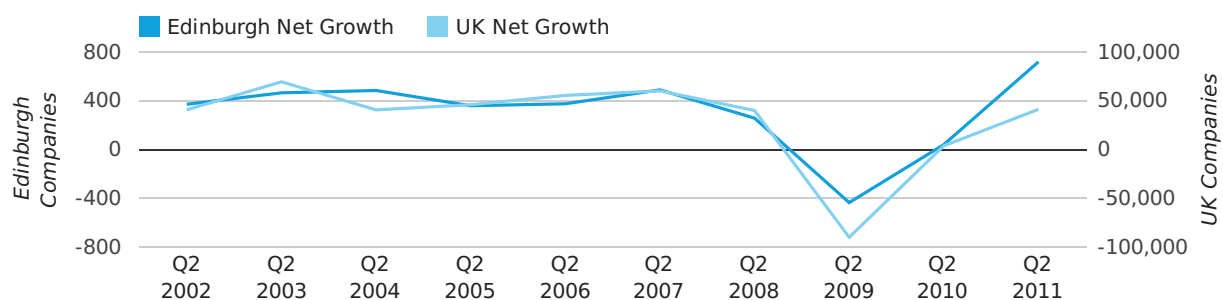
Q2 2011 was a record quarter for net growth in Edinburgh when compared to any quarter in history.

Net company growth for Edinburgh during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 718 companies.

This represents an increase of 1,741.0% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	EDINBURGH	UK
2011	718	41,020
2010	39	3,658
% CHANGE	1,741.0%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (718)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



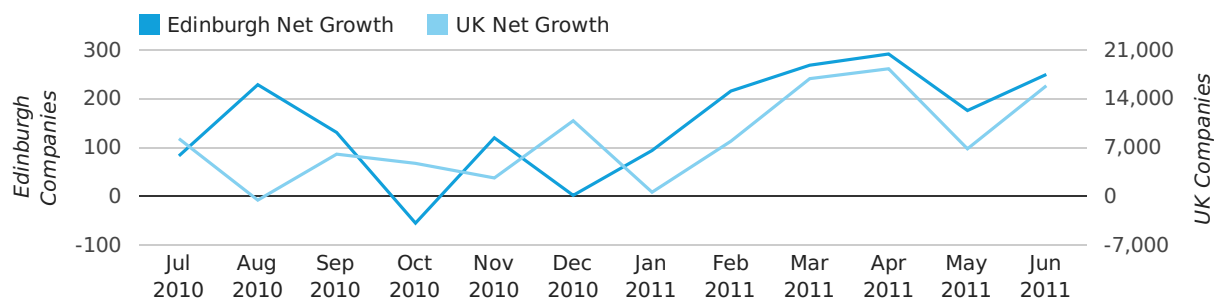
Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

June 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Edinburgh when compared to any previous June.

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net growth by month



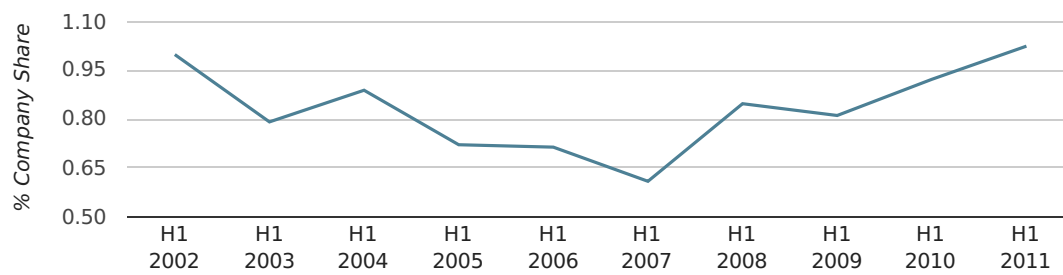
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	292	176	250
NET GROWTH IN 2010	193	-263	109
% CHANGE	51.3%	-166.9%	129.4%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (292)	2007 (177)	2011 (250)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Edinburgh formed 1.0% of all UK companies. This is more than the 2010 figure of 0.9%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	EDINBURGH
2011	1.0%
2010	0.9%
2009	0.8%
2008	0.8%
2007	0.6%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2001 (1.2%)

company share by half year

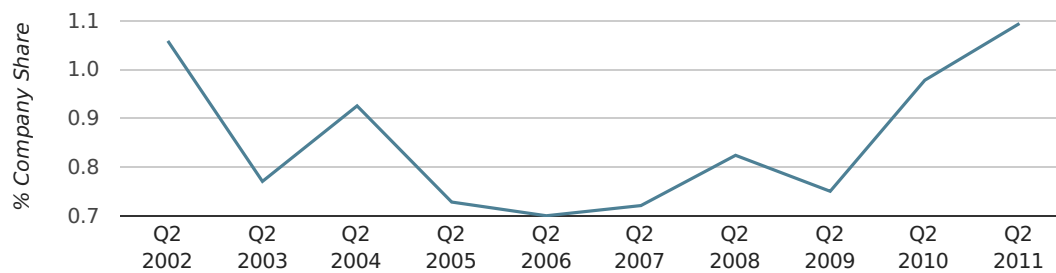


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

In the second quarter of 2011, Edinburgh formed 1.1% of all UK companies.

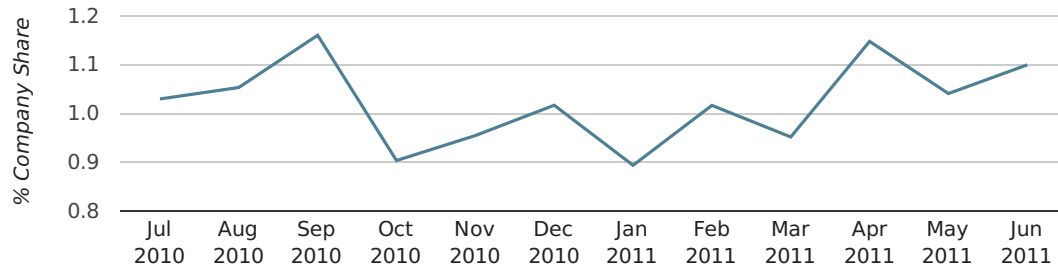
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	EDINBURGH
2011	1.1%
2010	1.0%
2009	0.8%
2008	0.8%
2007	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2001 (1.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	1.1%	1.0%	1.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	1.0%	1.0%	0.9%
% CHANGE	10.5%	8.2%	17.7%
RECORD YEAR	1979 (9.6%)	1969 (1.4%)	1973 (1.5%)

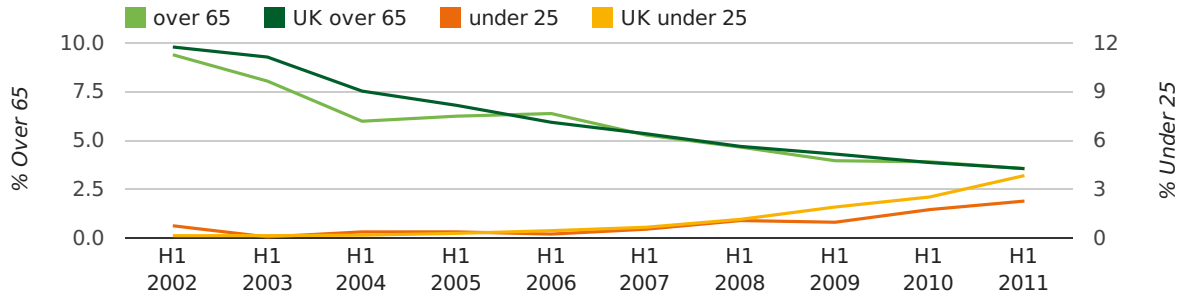
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 44.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



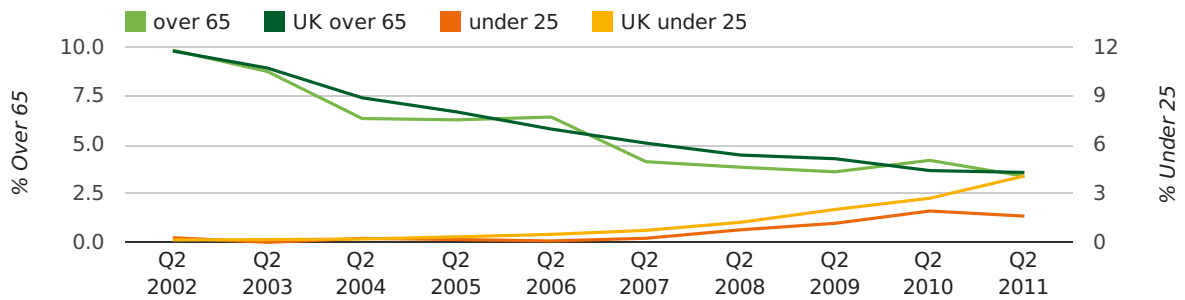
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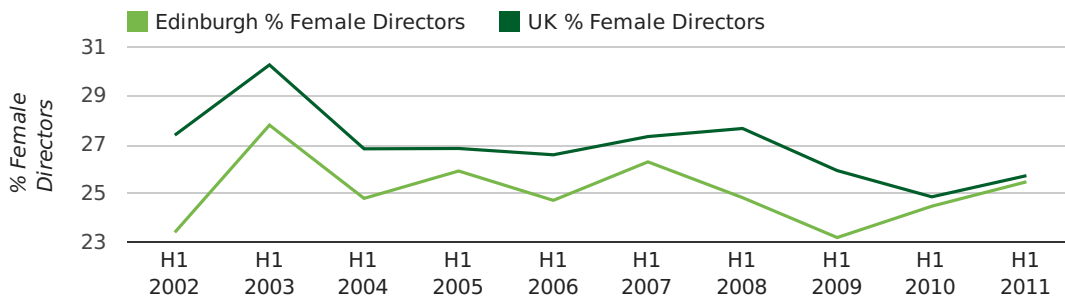


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The record first half year for female directors in Edinburgh was 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

25.5% of all director appointments in Edinburgh in the first half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

director gender by half year

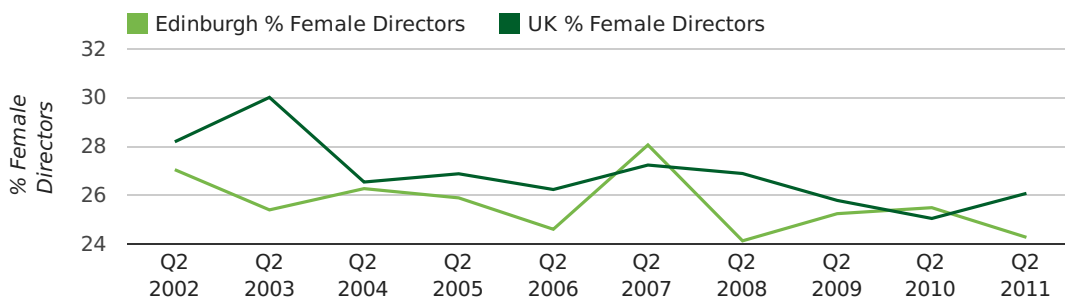


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The record second quarter for female directors in Edinburgh was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

24.3% of all director appointments in Edinburgh in the second quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.1% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Jun 2010-Jun 2011)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
L.P.	16.06%	CONSULTING	5.09%
LP	3.92%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
PARTNERS	3.86%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
GROUP	3.35%	PROPERTY	2.43%
ACCESS	3.06%	TRADING	2.05%
CONSULTING	2.41%	DESIGN	1.94%
EDINBURGH	2.08%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
INVESTMENTS	1.80%	BUSINESS	1.87%
CORPORATION	1.69%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
MANAGEMENT	1.57%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
(SCOTLAND)	1.29%	MEDIA	1.73%
SCOTLAND	1.27%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
CAPITAL	1.27%	LONDON	1.60%
CONSULTANCY	1.12%	GLOBAL	1.46%
GLOBAL	1.02%	J	1.44%
PARTNERSHIP	1.00%	CARE	1.44%
TRADING	0.98%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
PROPERTY	0.96%	IT	1.39%
BUSINESS	0.96%	BUILDING	1.32%
(EDINBURGH)	0.90%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ASSOCIATES	0.84%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
GP	0.69%	M	1.27%
ENTERPRISES	0.67%	S	1.23%
III	0.67%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
TRADE	0.67%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	2,710	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	438	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	242	30,647
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	161	16,419
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	126	10,545
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	101	7,835
99999 - Dormant Company	96	18,918
74990 - Non-trading company	92	8,481
9999 - Dormant Company	92	20,111
7499 - Non-trading company	90	10,955
7414 - Business & management consultancy	89	13,053
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	86	10,322
56103 - Take-away food shops and mobile food stands	72	1,826
5552 - Catering	67	2,138
5530 - Restaurants	64	5,086
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	56	7,143
56101 - Licensed restaurants	56	2,441
62090 - Other information technology service activities	51	7,095
7260 - Other computer related activities	45	7,849
9305 - Other service activities	39	9,063