

Hamilton

2011 annual business confidence report



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- November 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Hamilton when compared to any previous November.
- November 2011 was a record month for company registrations in Hamilton when compared to any month in history.
- November 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Hamilton when compared to any previous November.

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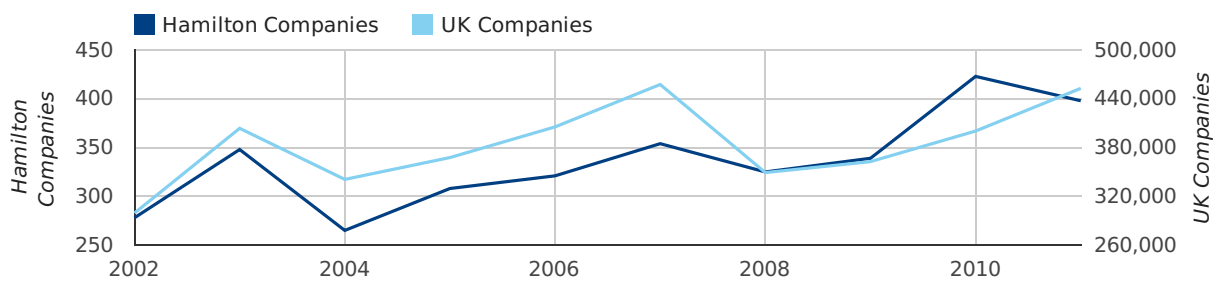
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Annual Data (2011)

A total of 398 companies were formed in Hamilton in 2011. This total is 5.9% lower than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	HAMILTON	UK
2011	398	452,870
2010	423	400,358
2009	339	362,675
2008	325	349,203
2007	354	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2010 (423)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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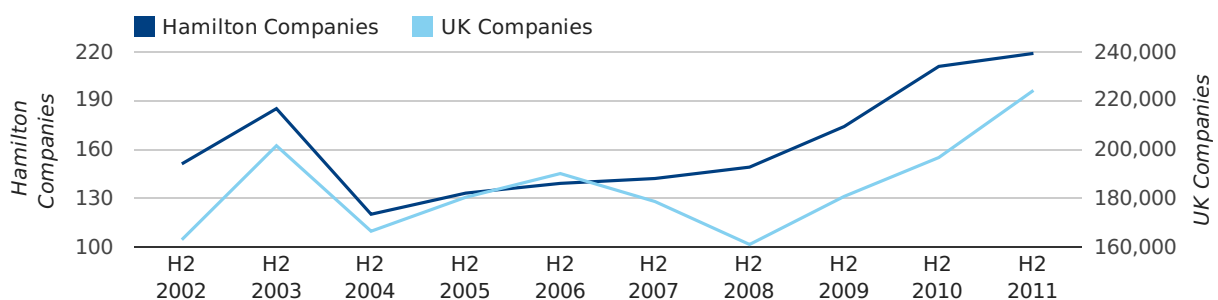
The second half of 2011 was a record second half year for company registrations in Hamilton when compared to any half year in history.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 219 companies were formed in Hamilton. This figure is 3.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Hamilton occurred in 2011 when a total of 219 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	HAMILTON	UK
2011	219	224,135
2010	211	196,609
% CHANGE	3.8%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (219)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



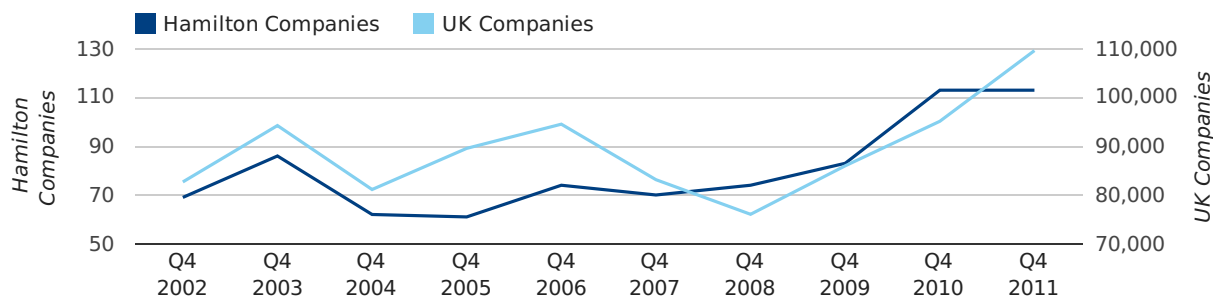
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 113 companies were registered in Hamilton during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a difference of 0.0% 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)	HAMILTON	UK
2011	113	109,623
2010	113	95,117
% CHANGE	0.0%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (113)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter

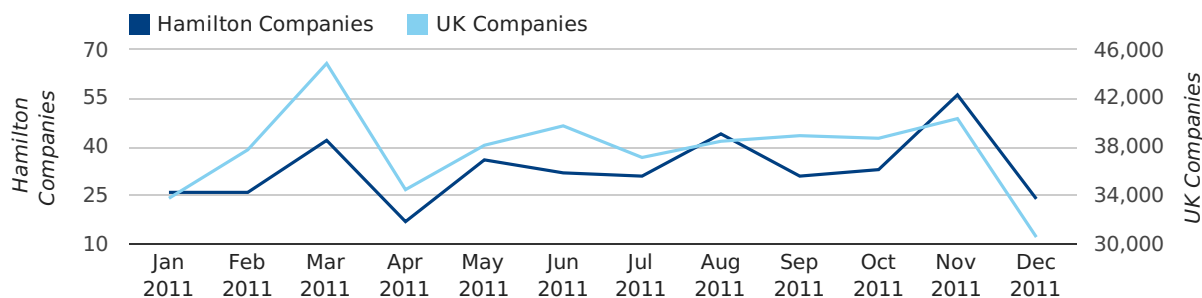


Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

November 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Hamilton when compared to any previous November.

November 2011 was a record month for company registrations in Hamilton when compared to any month in history.

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	33	56	24
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	43	54	16
% CHANGE	-23.3%	3.7%	50.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (43)	2011 (56)	2003 (27)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 244 companies were dissolved in Hamilton in 2011. This total is 28.2% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	HAMILTON	UK
2011	244	314,523
2010	340	342,232
2009	291	533,773
2008	155	237,901
2007	177	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2010 (340)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



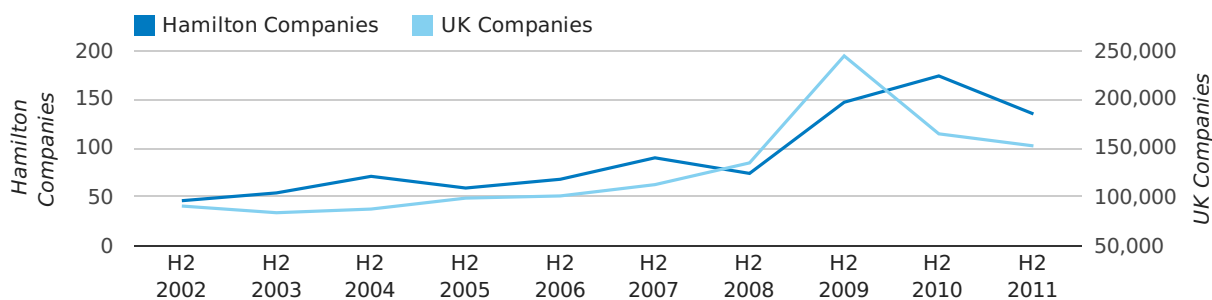
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 135 companies were dissolved in Hamilton. This figure is 22.4% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Hamilton occurred in 2010 when a total of 174 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	HAMILTON	UK
2011	135	152,213
2010	174	164,601
% CHANGE	-22.4%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (174)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



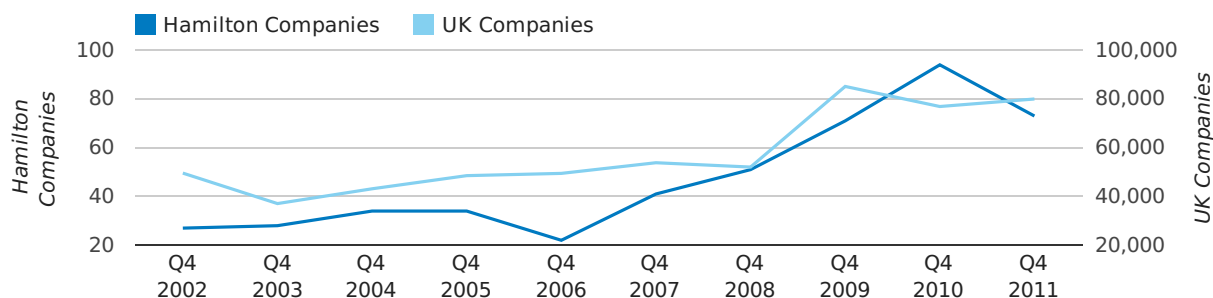
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 73 companies were dissolved in Hamilton during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 22.3% 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)	HAMILTON	UK
2011	73	79,983
2010	94	76,896
% CHANGE	-22.3%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (94)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	20	29	24
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	34	32	28
% CHANGE	-41.2%	-9.4%	-14%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (35)	2010 (32)	2010 (28)

Annual Data (2011)

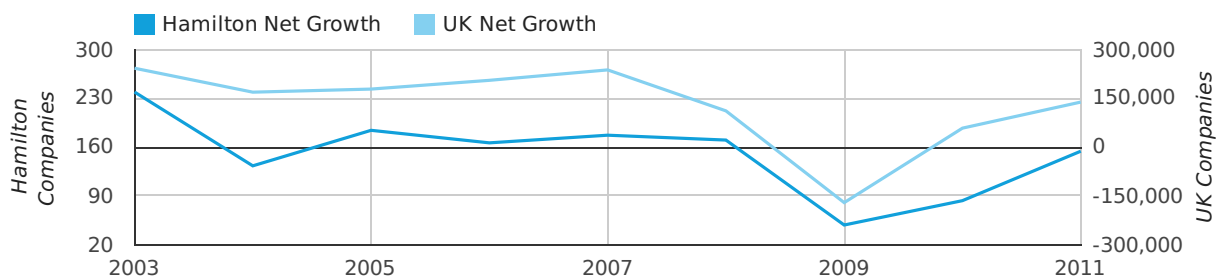
A total of 154 companies were added to the company register for Hamilton in 2011. This number represents growth of 36.4% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 71 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Hamilton company register grew by 239 companies.

YEAR	HAMILTON	UK
2011	154	138,347
2010	83	58,126
2009	48	-171,098
2008	170	111,302
2007	177	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (239)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

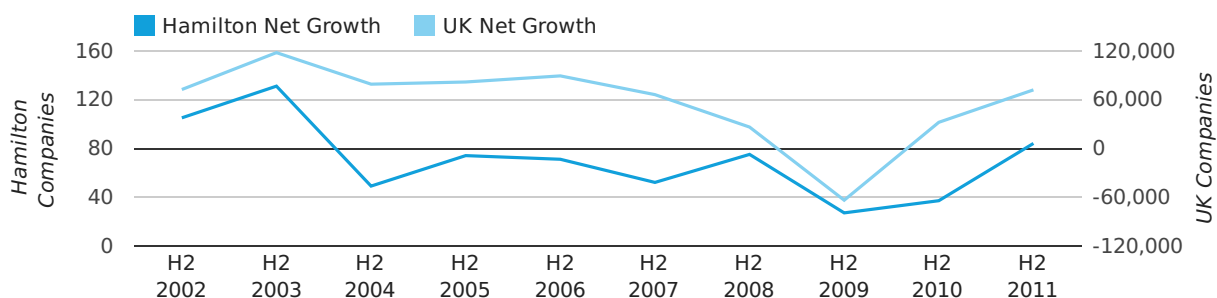


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Hamilton increased by 84 companies. This figure is 127.0% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	HAMILTON	UK
2011	84	71,922
2010	37	32,008
% CHANGE	127.0%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (131)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



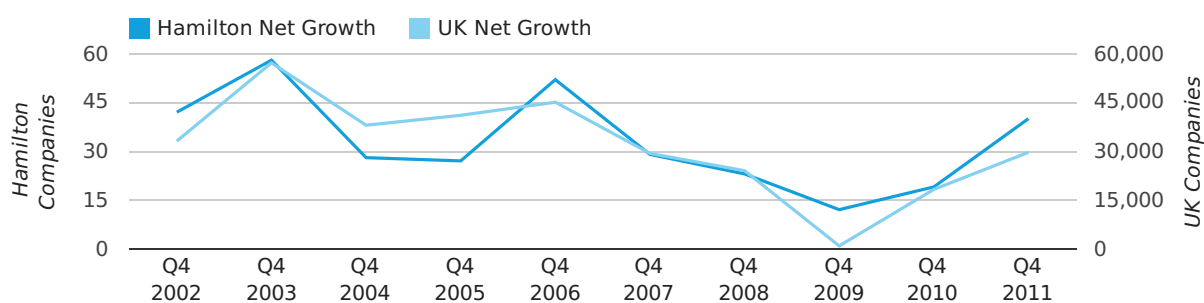
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Hamilton during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 40 companies.

This represents an increase of 110.5% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	HAMILTON	UK
2011	40	29,640
2010	19	18,221
% CHANGE	110.5%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (58)	2003 (57,175)

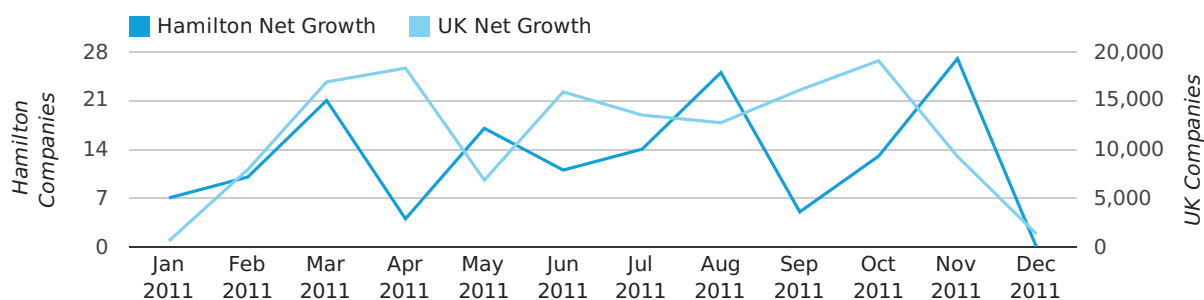
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

November 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Hamilton when compared to any previous November.

net growth by month



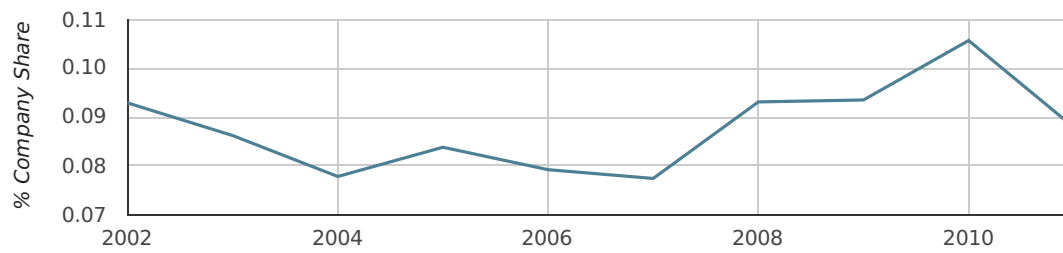
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	13	27	0
NET GROWTH IN 2010	9	22	-12
% CHANGE	44.4%	22.7%	-100.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (23)	2011 (27)	2002 (21)

Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	HAMILTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (0.1%)

company share by year

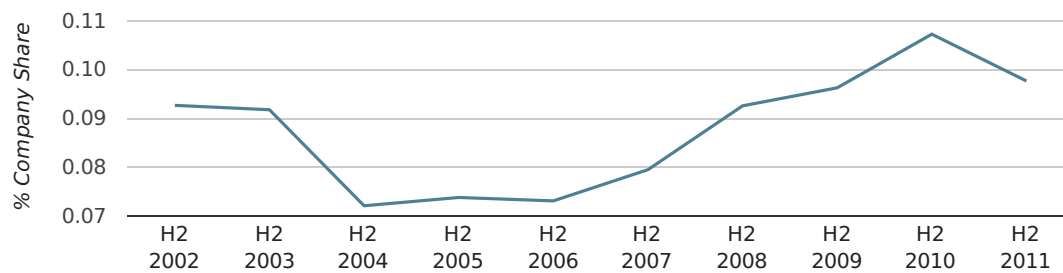


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	HAMILTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (0.2%)

company share by half year

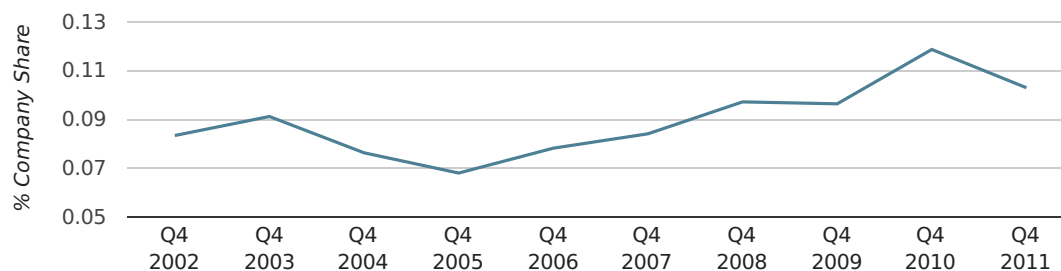


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

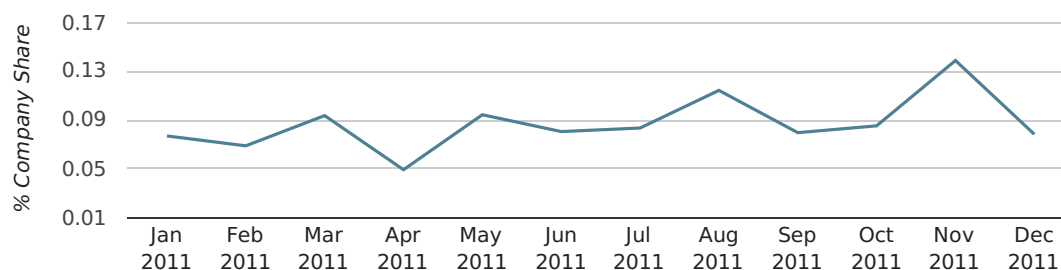
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	HAMILTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (0.2%)

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%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-33.3%	-11.6%	32.9%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (0.2%)	1972 (0.3%)	1961 (0.2%)

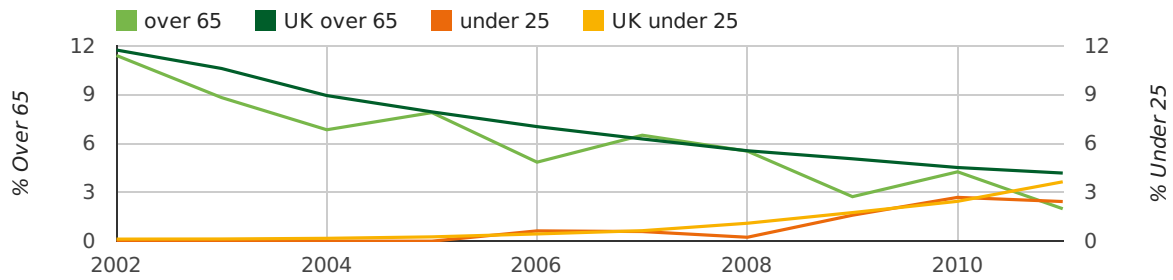
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 43.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



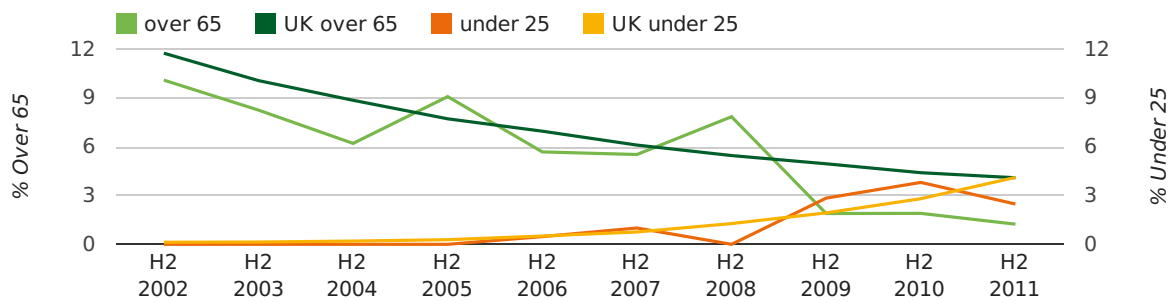
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 43.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



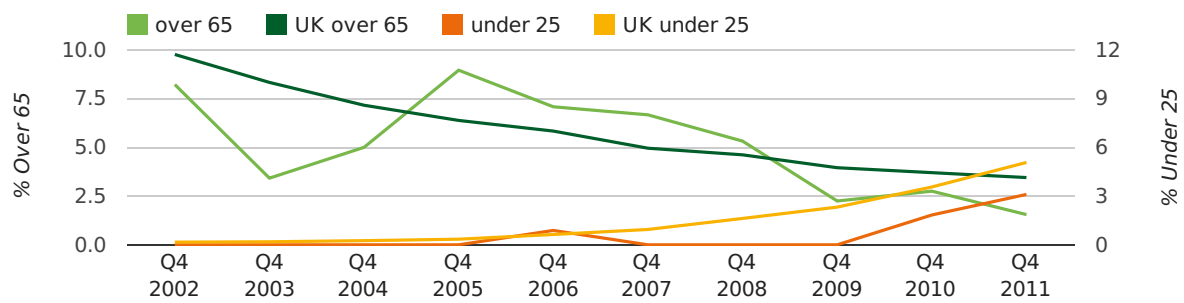
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director age by quarter

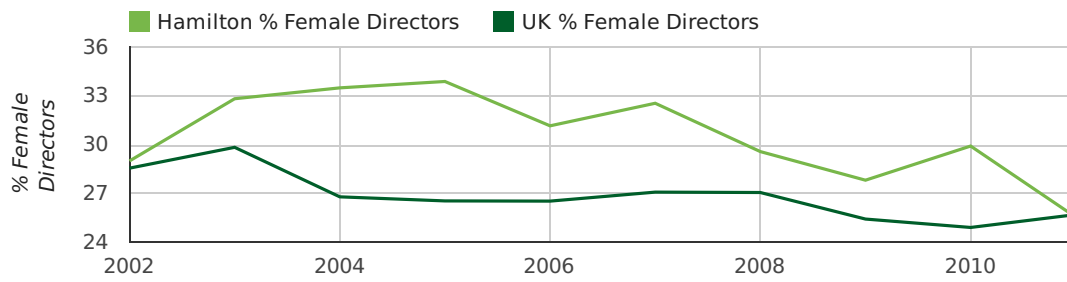


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Hamilton in 2011 was 29.0%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

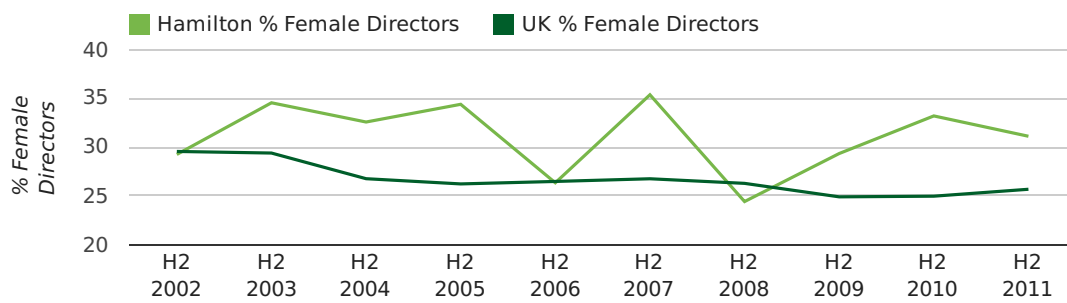


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

31.1% of all director appointments in Hamilton 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

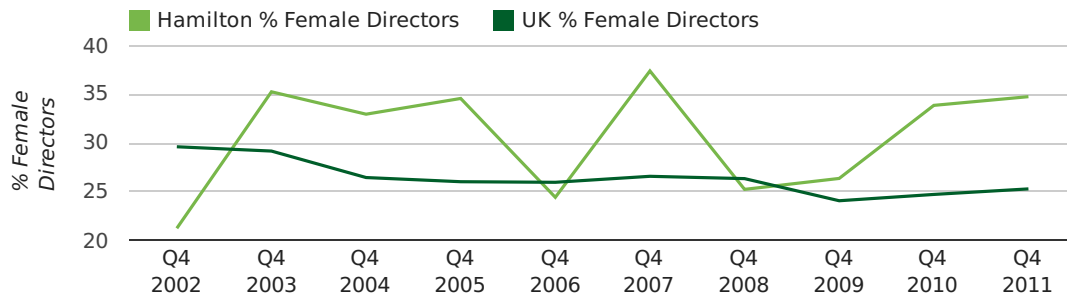


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

34.8% of all director appointments in Hamilton 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
(SCOTLAND)	3.57%	CONSULTING	5.07%
ILI	2.71%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
PROPERTY	1.29%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
CONSTRUCTION	1.14%	PROPERTY	2.37%
S	1.00%	TRADING	2.07%
D	1.00%	DESIGN	1.92%
ELECTRICAL	1.00%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
CONSULTANCY	0.86%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
MANAGEMENT	0.86%	BUSINESS	1.78%
C	0.86%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ENERGY	0.71%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
TRAINING	0.71%	MEDIA	1.71%
SCOTLAND	0.71%	LONDON	1.63%
LOGISTICS	0.71%	J	1.51%
ENTERPRISES	0.71%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
BUSINESS	0.71%	GLOBAL	1.46%
K	0.57%	IT	1.41%
ENGINEERING	0.57%	CARE	1.39%
CONSULTING	0.57%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
BUILDERS	0.57%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
SALES	0.57%	M	1.27%
CONTRACTS	0.57%	BUILDING	1.26%
CENTRE	0.57%	ENERGY	1.25%
WORLD	0.57%	S	1.20%
FLOORING	0.57%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	143	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	74	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	25	32,483
74990 - Non-trading company	22	8,929
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	19	17,765
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	17	8,671
9999 - Dormant Company	15	20,199
99999 - Dormant Company	13	21,846
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	12	3,342
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	10	11,768
7499 - Non-trading company	9	9,957
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	9	4,082
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	9	12,072
49410 - Freight transport by road	8	2,392
86230 - Dental practice activities	7	1,598
41202 - Construction of domestic buildings	7	2,598
7414 - Business & management consultancy	7	13,034
86900 - Other human health activities	6	4,457
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	6	2,832
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	6	5,558