

Hatfield

2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

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- October 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Hatfield when compared to any previous October.
- Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Hatfield when compared to any previous Q4.

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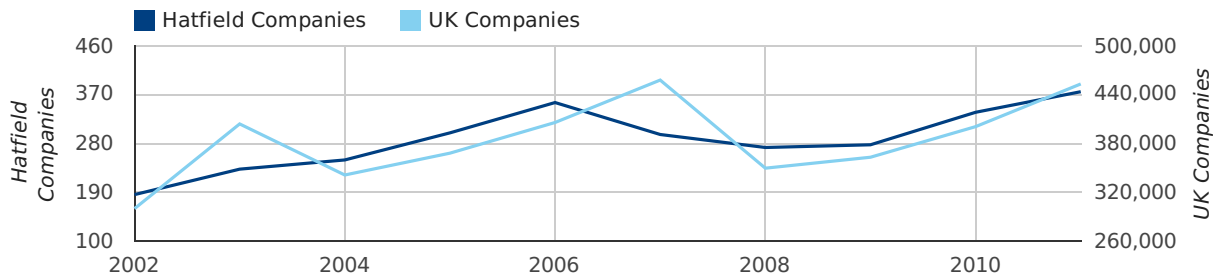
Annual Data (2011)

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

A total of 375 companies were formed in Hatfield in 2011. This total is 11.3% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	HATFIELD	UK
2011	375	452,870
2010	337	400,358
2009	277	362,675
2008	272	349,203
2007	296	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (375)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



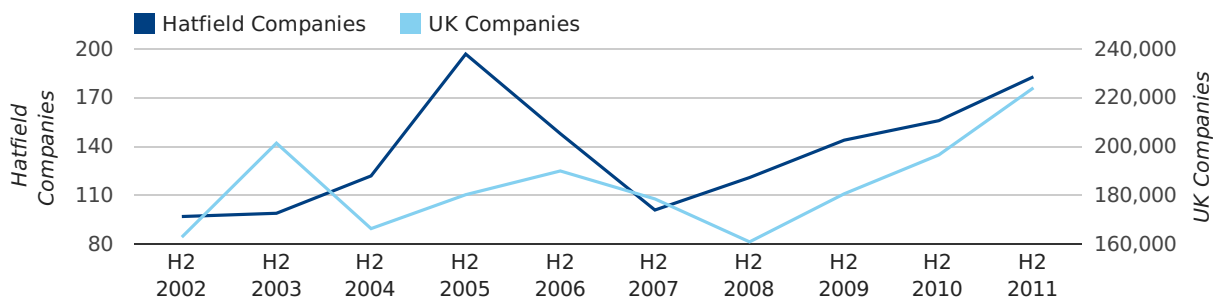
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 183 companies were formed in Hatfield. This figure is 17.3% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Hatfield occurred in 2005 when a total of 197 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	HATFIELD	UK
2011	183	224,135
2010	156	196,609
% CHANGE	17.3%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (197)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



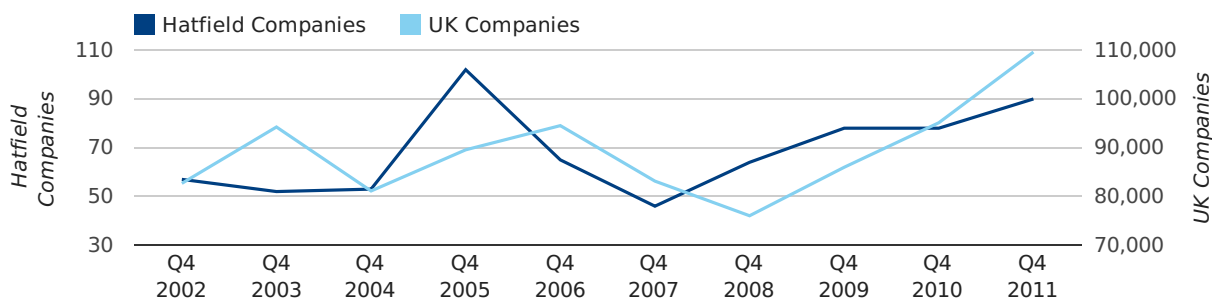
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 90 companies were registered in Hatfield during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 15.4% 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)	HATFIELD	UK
2011	90	109,623
2010	78	95,117
% CHANGE	15.4%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (102)	2011 (109,623)

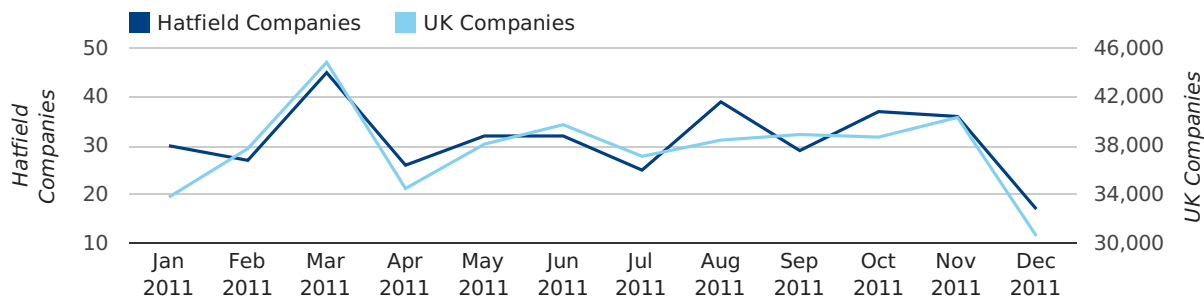
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

October 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Hatfield when compared to any previous October.

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	37	36	17
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	25	27	26
% CHANGE	48.0%	33.3%	-34.6%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (37)	2005 (41)	2010 (26)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 248 companies were dissolved in Hatfield in 2011. This total is 2.1% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	HATFIELD	UK
2011	248	314,523
2010	243	342,232
2009	444	533,773
2008	227	237,901
2007	196	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (444)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



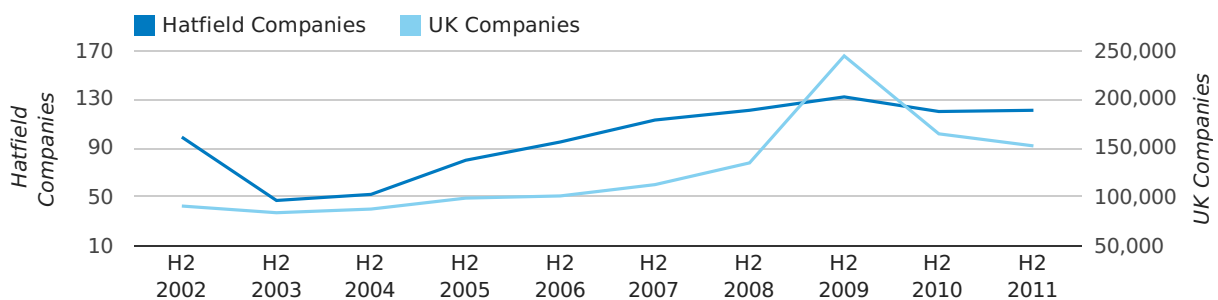
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 121 companies were dissolved in Hatfield. This figure is 0.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Hatfield occurred in 2009 when a total of 132 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	HATFIELD	UK
2011	121	152,213
2010	120	164,601
% CHANGE	0.8%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (132)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

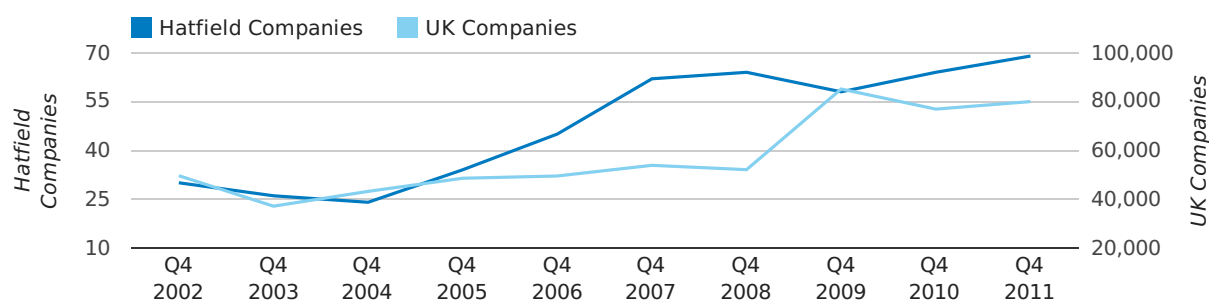
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Hatfield when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 69 companies were dissolved in Hatfield during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 7.8% 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.

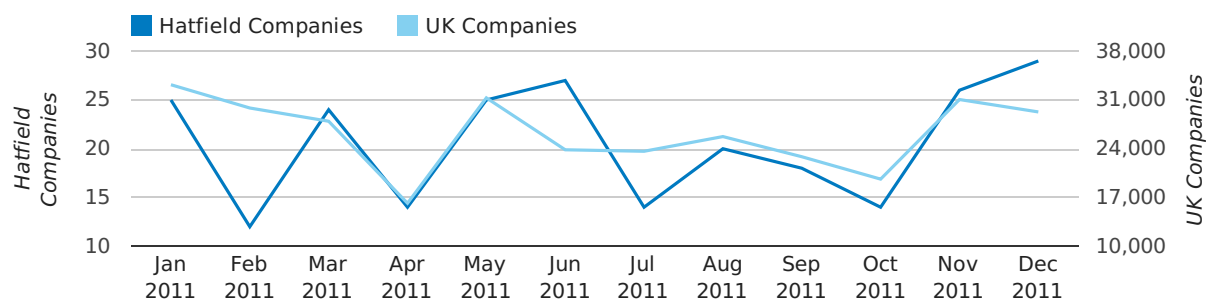
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	HATFIELD	UK
2011	69	79,983
2010	64	76,896
% CHANGE	7.8%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (69)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	14	26	29
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	26	27	11
% CHANGE	-46.2%	-3.7%	164%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (26)	2007 (31)	2008 (39)

Annual Data (2011)

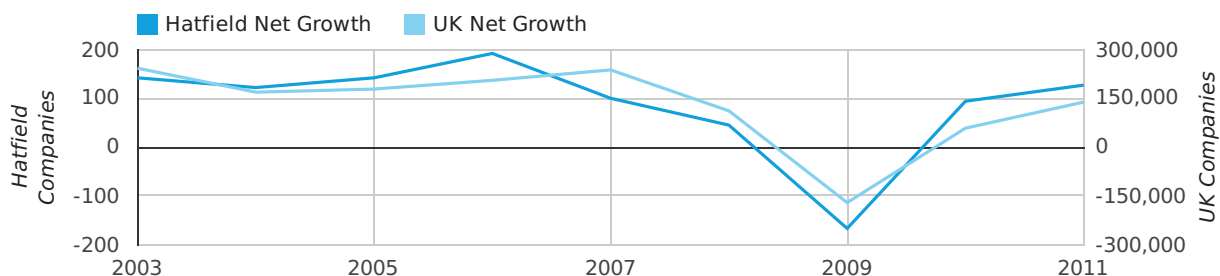
A total of 127 companies were added to the company register for Hatfield in 2011. This number represents growth of 37.7% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 33 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2006 when the Hatfield company register grew by 192 companies.

YEAR	HATFIELD	UK
2011	127	138,347
2010	94	58,126
2009	-167	-171,098
2008	45	111,302
2007	100	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2006 (192)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

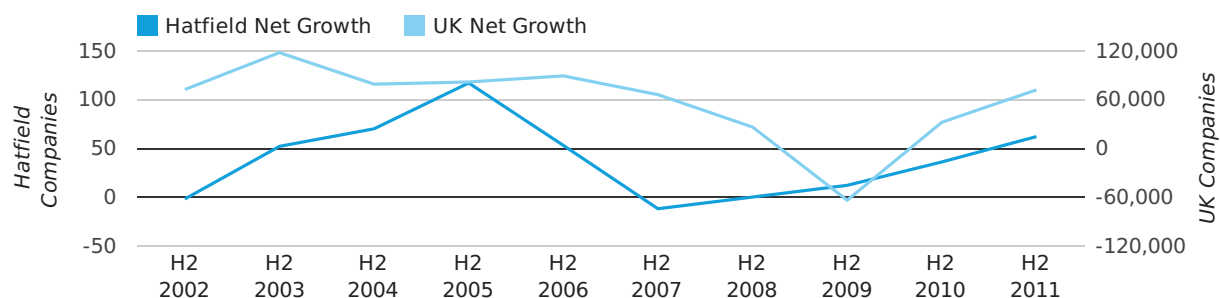


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Hatfield increased by 62 companies. This figure is 72.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	HATFIELD	UK
2011	62	71,922
2010	36	32,008
% CHANGE	72.2%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (117)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



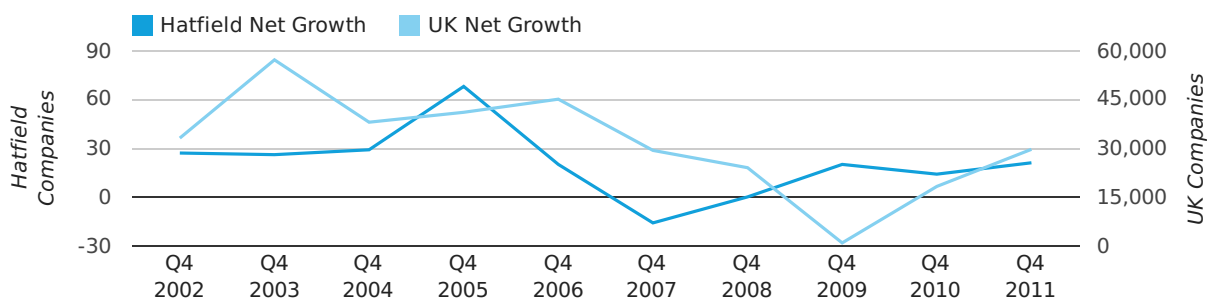
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Hatfield during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 21 companies.

This represents an increase of 50.0% on the same period last year.

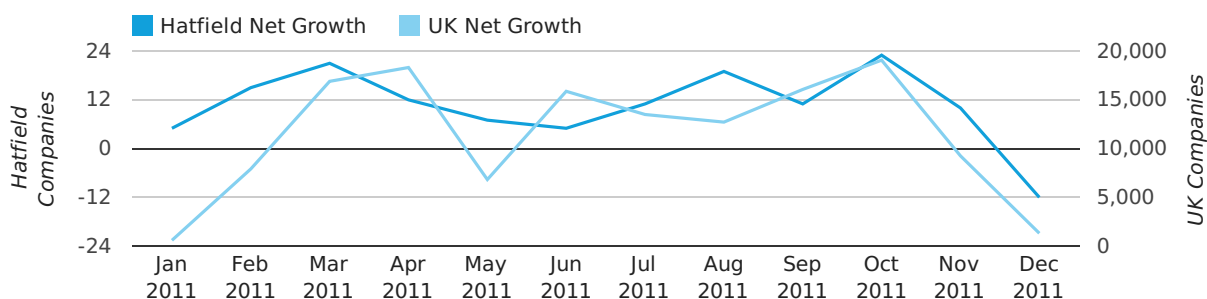
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	HATFIELD	UK
2011	21	29,640
2010	14	18,221
% CHANGE	50.0%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (68)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



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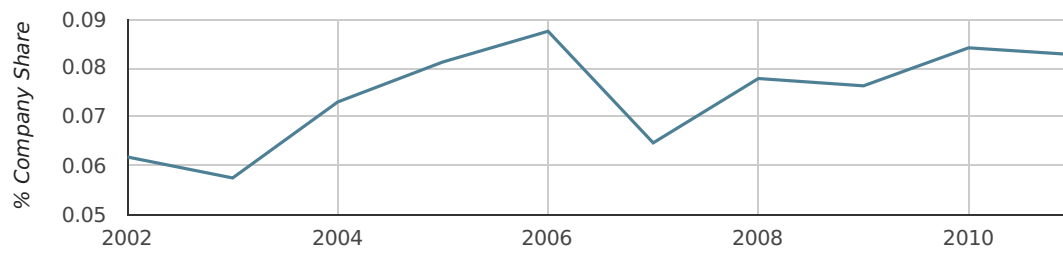
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	23	10	-12
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-1	0	15
% CHANGE	-2,400.0%	0.0%	-180.0%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (26)	2005 (25)	2005 (17)

Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	HATFIELD
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1970 (0.2%)

company share by year

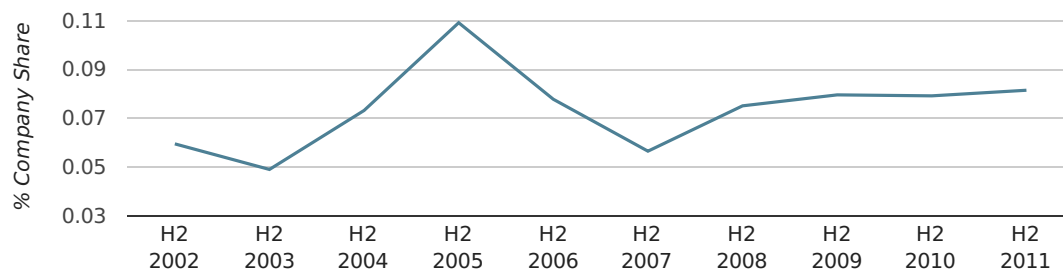


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	HATFIELD
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1970 (0.2%)

company share by half year

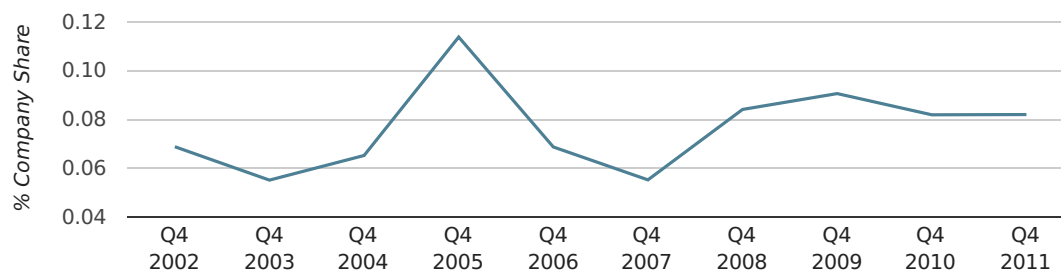


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

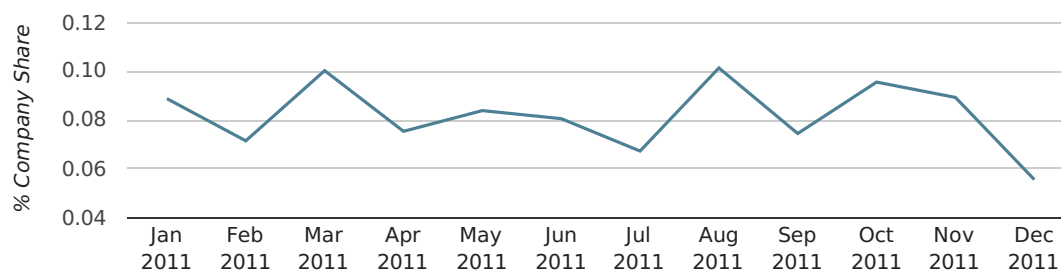
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	HATFIELD
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1970 (0.3%)

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	28.7%	13.6%	-42.0%
RECORD YEAR	1962 (0.5%)	1970 (0.5%)	1962 (0.3%)

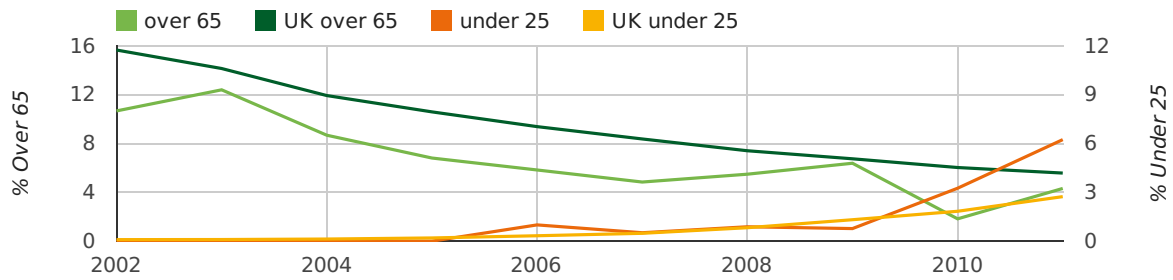
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 42.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



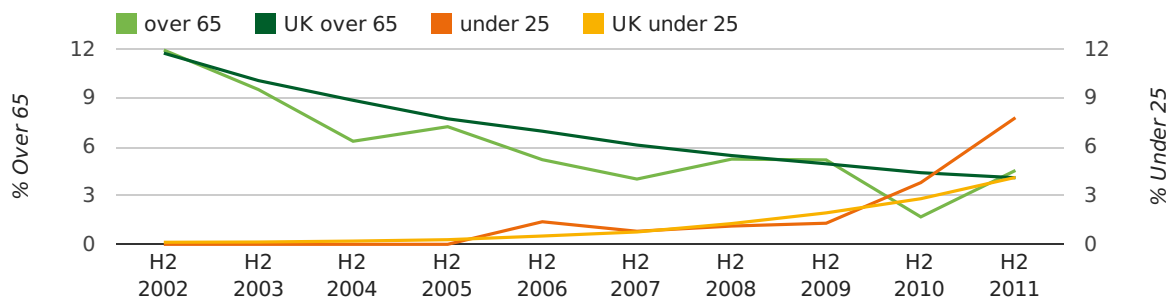
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 42.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 7.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



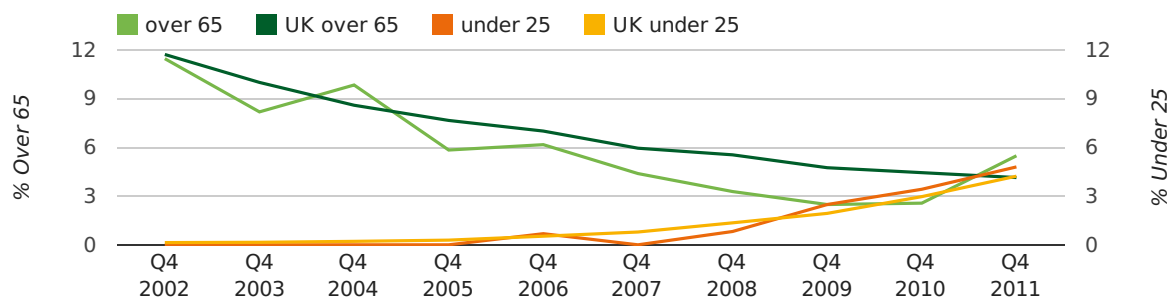
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 44.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

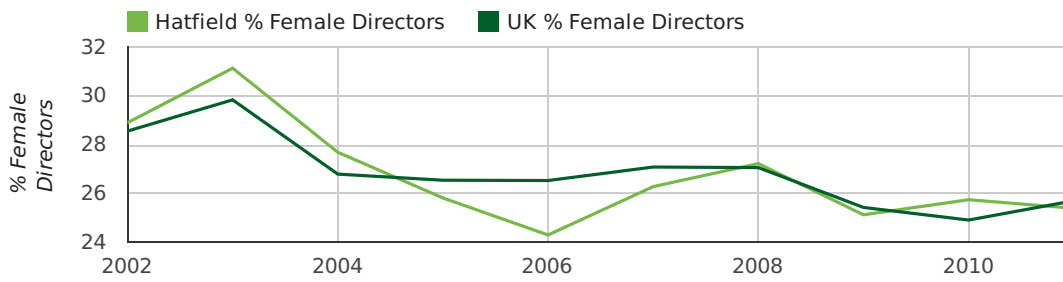


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Hatfield in 2011 was 28.9%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

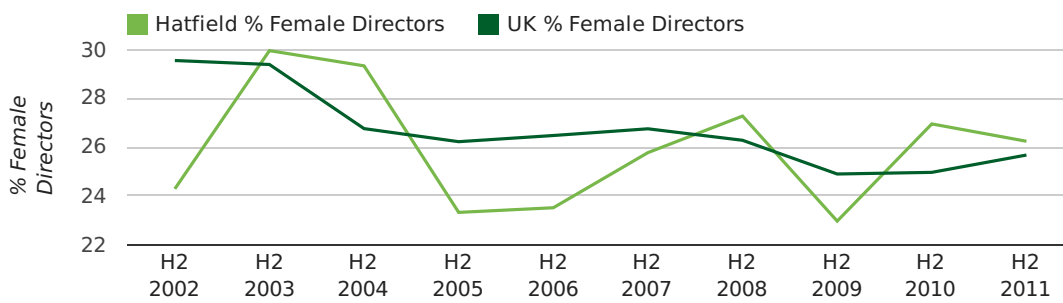


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

26.2% of all director appointments in Hatfield 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

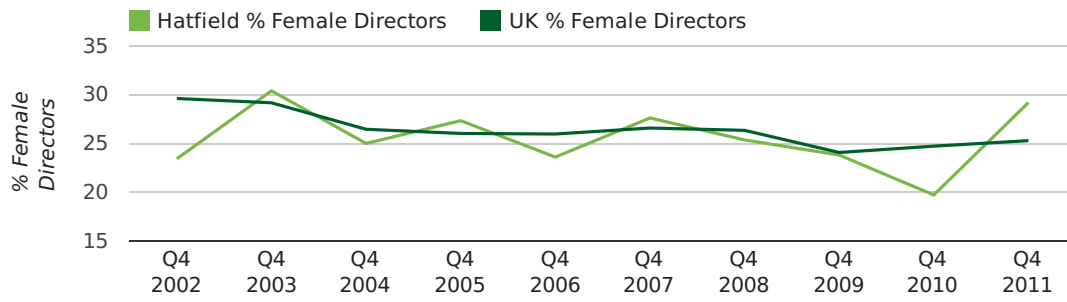


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

29.2% of all director appointments in Hatfield 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
CONSULTANCY	1.48%	CONSULTING	5.07%
HATFIELD	1.33%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.03%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
TECH	0.89%	PROPERTY	2.37%
ENTERPRISE	0.74%	TRADING	2.07%
TECHNOLOGIES	0.74%	DESIGN	1.92%
CONSULTING	0.74%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
BUILDING	0.74%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
LONDON	0.59%	BUSINESS	1.78%
FOCUS	0.59%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
HOTELS	0.59%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
HERTS	0.59%	MEDIA	1.71%
ELECTRICAL	0.59%	LONDON	1.63%
COMMUNICATIONS	0.59%	J	1.51%
TRANSPORT	0.59%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
ENTERPRISES	0.59%	GLOBAL	1.46%
IT	0.59%	IT	1.41%
FOOD	0.44%	CARE	1.39%
SERVICE	0.44%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
CITY	0.44%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
GREEN	0.44%	M	1.27%
CONSULTANTS	0.44%	BUILDING	1.26%
INVESTMENTS	0.44%	ENERGY	1.25%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.44%	S	1.20%
CAPITAL	0.44%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	159	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	41	57,052
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	22	17,765
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	17	32,483
7414 - Business & management consultancy	15	13,034
99999 - Dormant Company	15	21,846
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	14	11,768
9305 - Other service activities	13	9,492
55100 - Hotels and similar accommodation	12	757
7499 - Non-trading company	12	9,957
9999 - Dormant Company	10	20,199
62090 - Other information technology service activities	10	7,493
49410 - Freight transport by road	9	2,392
6024 - Freight transport by road	8	2,280
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	8	7,398
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	8	8,671
74990 - Non-trading company	7	8,929
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	7	12,072
62012 - Business and domestic software development	5	3,714
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	4	3,342