Huddersfield

2011 annual business confidence report





headlines

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- Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Huddersfield when compared to any previous Q4.
- December 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Huddersfield when compared to any previous December.

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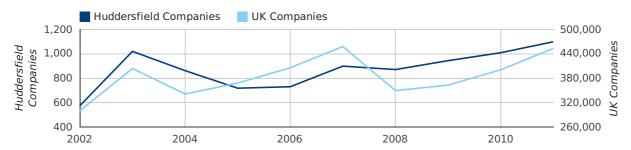
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2011 was a record year for company registrations in Huddersfield when compared to any year in history.

A total of 1,098 companies were formed in Huddersfield in 2011. This total is 8.9% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

| YEAR | HUDDERSFIELD | UK |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 1,098 | 452,870 |
| 2010 | 1,008 | 400,358 |
| 2009 | 943 | 362,675 |
| 2008 | 870 | 349,203 |
| 2007 | 898 | 457,649 |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (1,098) | 2007 (457,649) |

new companies by year



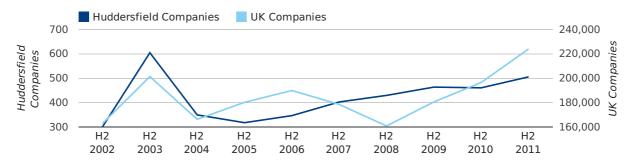
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 506 companies were formed in Huddersfield. This figure is 9.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Huddersfield occurred in 2003 when a total of 605 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | HUDDERSFIELD | UK |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 506 | 224,135 |
| 2010 | 461 | 196,609 |
| % CHANGE | 9.8% | 14.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (605) | 2011 (224,135) |

new companies by half year

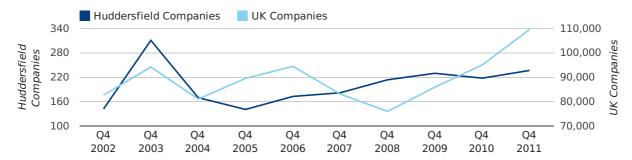


A total of 237 companies were registered in Huddersfield during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 8.7% 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.

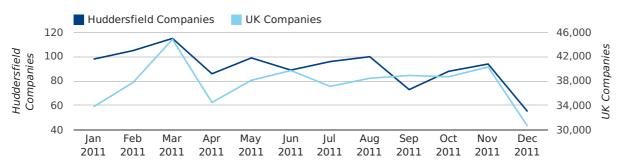
| FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011) | HUDDERSFIELD | UK |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 237 | 109,623 |
| 2010 | 218 | 95,117 |
| % CHANGE | 8.7% | 15.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (311) | 2011 (109,623) |

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

new companies by month

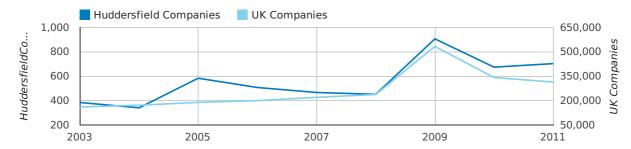


| | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 88 | 94 | 55 |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2010 | 72 | 76 | 70 |
| % CHANGE | 22.2% | 23.7% | -21.4% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (105) | 2003 (100) | 2003 (106) |

A total of 704 companies were dissolved in Huddersfield in 2011. This total is 4.3% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

| YEAR | HUDDERSFIELD | UK |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 704 | 314,523 |
| 2010 | 675 | 342,232 |
| 2009 | 907 | 533,773 |
| 2008 | 452 | 237,901 |
| 2007 | 467 | 220,295 |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (907) | 2009 (533,773) |

dissolved companies by year



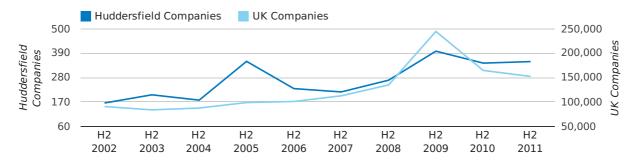
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 352 companies were dissolved in Huddersfield. This figure is 2.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Huddersfield occurred in 2009 when a total of 399 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | HUDDERSFIELD | UK |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 352 | 152,213 |
| 2010 | 345 | 164,601 |
| % CHANGE | 2.0% | -7.5% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (399) | 2009 (244,537) |

dissolved companies by half year



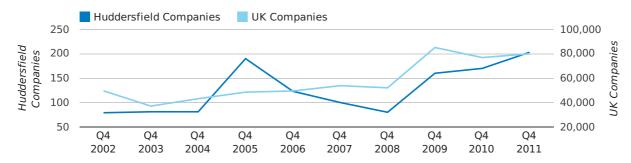
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Huddersfield when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 203 companies were dissolved in Huddersfield during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 19.4% 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) | HUDDERSFIELD | UK |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2011 | 203 | 79,983 |
| 2010 | 170 | 76,896 |
| % CHANGE | 19.4% | 4.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (203) | 2009 (85,136) |

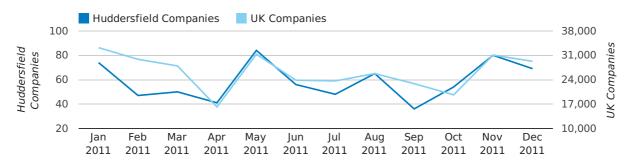
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



| | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------|-----------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 54 | 80 | 69 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010 | 67 | 72 | 31 |
| % CHANGE | -19.4% | 11.1% | 123% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2010 (67) | 2005 (108) | 2011 (69) |

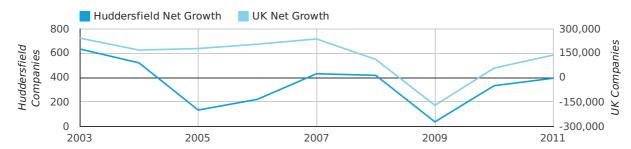
A total of 394 companies were added to the company register for Huddersfield in 2011. This number represents growth of 39.1% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 61 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Huddersfield company register grew by 634 companies.

| YEAR | HUDDERSFIELD | UK |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 394 | 138,347 |
| 2010 | 333 | 58,126 |
| 2009 | 36 | -171,098 |
| 2008 | 418 | 111,302 |
| 2007 | 431 | 237,354 |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (634) | 2003 (242,543) |

net growth by year

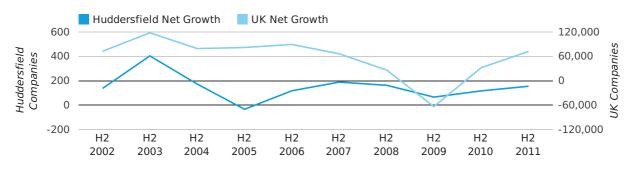


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Huddersfield increased by 154 companies. This figure is 32.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | HUDDERSFIELD | UK |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 154 | 71,922 |
| 2010 | 116 | 32,008 |
| % CHANGE | 32.8% | 124.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (403) | 2003 (117,772) |

net growth by half year

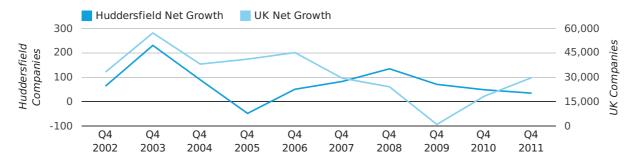


Net company growth for Huddersfield during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 34 companies.

This represents a decrease of 29.2% on the same period last year.

| FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011) | HUDDERSFIELD | UK |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2011 | 34 | 29,640 |
| 2010 | 48 | 18,221 |
| % CHANGE | -29.2% | 62.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (230) | 2003 (57,175) |

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month

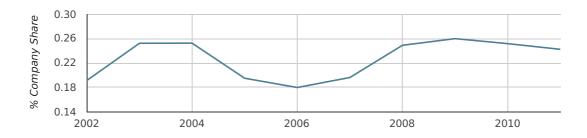


| | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 34 | 14 | -14 |
| NET GROWTH IN 2010 | 5 | 4 | 39 |
| % CHANGE | 580.0% | 250.0% | -135.9% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (84) | 2003 (68) | 2003 (78) |

In 2011 Huddersfield formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is a decline on 2010 when Huddersfield was responsible for 0.3% of all UK companies.

| YEAR | HUDDERSFIELD |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| 2011 | 0.2% |
| 2010 | 0.3% |
| 2009 | 0.3% |
| 2008 | 0.2% |
| 2007 | 0.2% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1970 (0.4%) |

company share by year

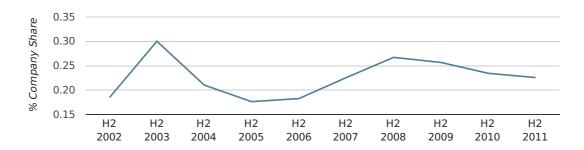


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Huddersfield formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.2%.

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | HUDDERSFIELD |
|--------------------------|--------------|
| 2011 | 0.2% |
| 2010 | 0.2% |
| 2009 | 0.3% |
| 2008 | 0.3% |
| 2007 | 0.2% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1965 (0.4%) |

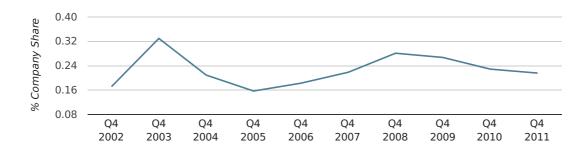
company share by half year



In the fourth quarter of 2011, Huddersfield formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

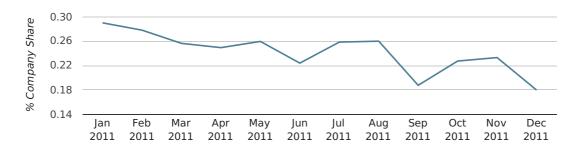
| FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011) | HUDDERSFIELD |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|
| 2011 | 0.2% |
| 2010 | 0.2% |
| 2009 | 0.3% |
| 2008 | 0.3% |
| 2007 | 0.2% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1964 (0.5%) |

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



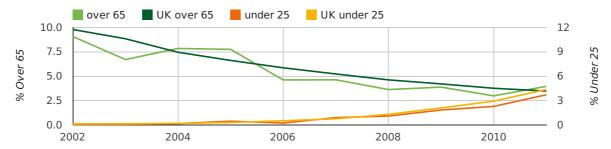
| | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.2% |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010 | 0.2% | 0.2% | 0.3% |
| % CHANGE | 6.2% | 5.3% | -30.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1964 (0.6%) | 1965 (0.6%) | 1966 (1.2%) |

The average age of a director in 2011 was 43.0.

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

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



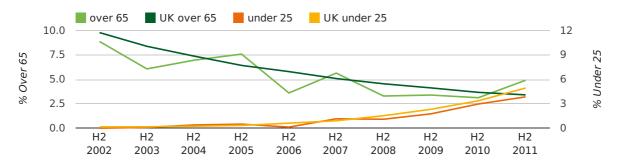
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 43.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year

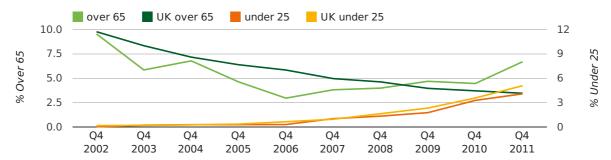


The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 42.8.

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 6.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

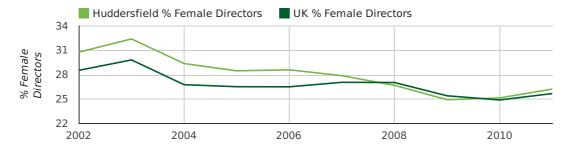
director age by quarter



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

The percentage of female directors in Huddersfield in 2011 was 30.8%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

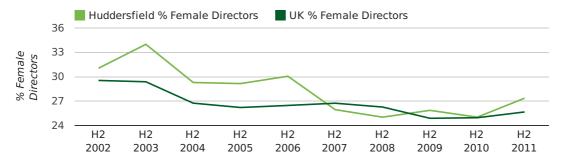


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

27.4% of all director appointments in Huddersfield 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

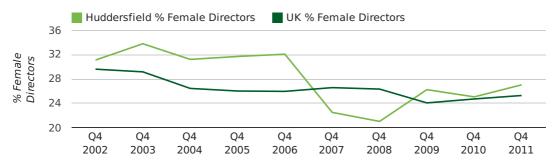


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The record fourth quarter for female directors in Huddersfield was in 1977 when 31.1% of all directors were female.

27.0% of all director appointments in Huddersfield 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)

 ${\sf Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, \&, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.}\\$

| WORD | PERCENTAGE | UK WORD | UK PERCENTAGE |
|----------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| MANAGEMENT | 1.49% | CONSULTING | 5.07% |
| CONSULTING | 1.49% | MANAGEMENT | 4.74% |
| HUDDERSFIELD | 1.08% | CONSULTANCY | 3.26% |
| PROPERTY | 1.02% | PROPERTY | 2.37% |
| CONSULTANCY | 0.96% | TRADING | 2.07% |
| (HUDDERSFIELD) | 0.96% | DESIGN | 1.92% |
| YORKSHIRE | 0.90% | ASSOCIATES | 1.86% |
| CARE | 0.90% | ENGINEERING | 1.78% |
| CONSTRUCTION | 0.84% | BUSINESS | 1.78% |
| STRATEGIES | 0.72% | CONSULTANTS | 1.76% |
| TRADING | 0.72% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.73% |
| (YORKSHIRE) | 0.66% | MEDIA | 1.71% |
| DIRECT | 0.66% | LONDON | 1.63% |
| PROPERTIES | 0.60% | J | 1.51% |
| INVESTMENTS | 0.60% | INVESTMENTS | 1.48% |
| BAR | 0.54% | GLOBAL | 1.46% |
| R | 0.54% | IT | 1.41% |
| М | 0.54% | CARE | 1.39% |
| DESIGN | 0.54% | PROPERTIES | 1.29% |
| SOLAR | 0.48% | ELECTRICAL | 1.29% |
| TRAINING | 0.48% | М | 1.27% |
| CONSULTANTS | 0.48% | BUILDING | 1.26% |
| RECRUITMENT | 0.42% | ENERGY | 1.25% |
| IT | 0.42% | S | 1.20% |
| J | 0.42% | ENTERPRISES | 1.20% |

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|
| None Supplied | 467 | 205,525 |
| 7487 - Other business activities | 112 | 57,052 |
| 99999 - Dormant Company | 63 | 21,846 |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management | 44 | 17,765 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 41 | 32,483 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 39 | 20,199 |
| 9305 - Other service activities | 37 | 9,492 |
| 74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified | 33 | 8,671 |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy | 31 | 13,034 |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities | 30 | 12,072 |
| 86900 - Other human health activities | 29 | 4,457 |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified | 25 | 11,768 |
| 74990 - Non-trading company | 22 | 8,929 |
| 62090 - Other information technology service activities | 20 | 7,493 |
| 4521 - General construction & civil engineering | 20 | 5,558 |
| 86210 - General medical practice activities | 18 | 2,285 |
| 43210 - Electrical installation | 17 | 3,175 |
| 7499 - Non-trading company | 17 | 9,957 |
| 7222 - Other software consultancy and supply | 16 | 7,398 |
| 41100 - Development of building projects | 16 | 4,331 |