

Ilminster

2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

- 2011 was a record year for company registrations in Ilminster when compared to any year in history.
- 2011 was a record year for company closures in Ilminster when compared to any year in history.
- The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Ilminster when compared to any previous second half year.
- The second half of 2011 was a record second half year for company closures in Ilminster when compared to any half year in history.
- 2011 was a record year for net growth in Ilminster when compared to any year in history.

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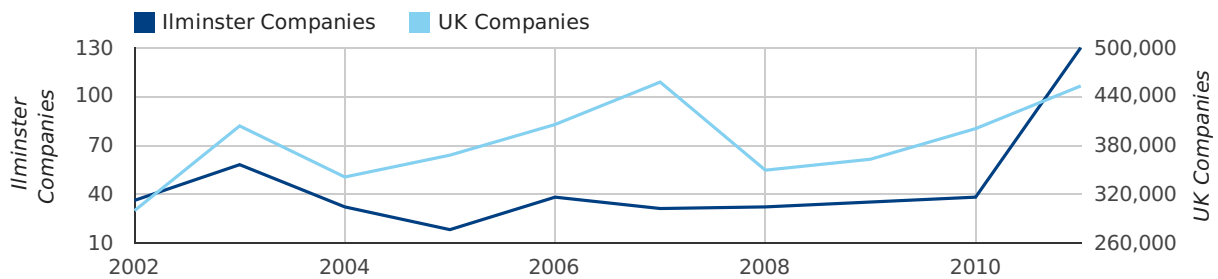
Annual Data (2011)

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

A total of 130 companies were formed in Ilminster in 2011. This total is 242.1% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	ILMINSTER	UK
2011	130	452,870
2010	38	400,358
2009	35	362,675
2008	32	349,203
2007	31	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (130)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



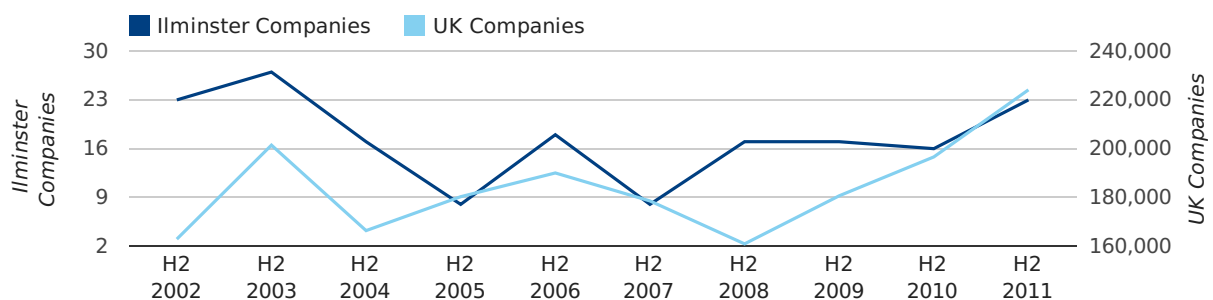
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 23 companies were formed in Ilminster. This figure is 43.8% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Ilminster occurred in 2003 when a total of 27 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ILMINSTER	UK
2011	23	224,135
2010	16	196,609
% CHANGE	43.8%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (27)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



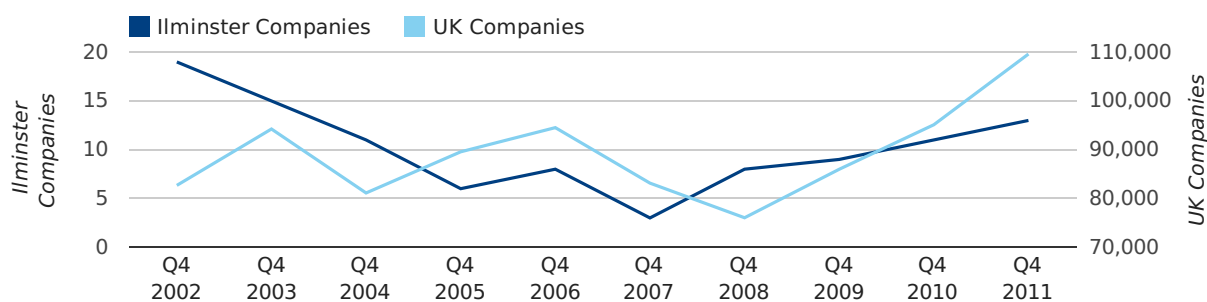
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 13 companies were registered in Ilminster during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 18.2% 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.

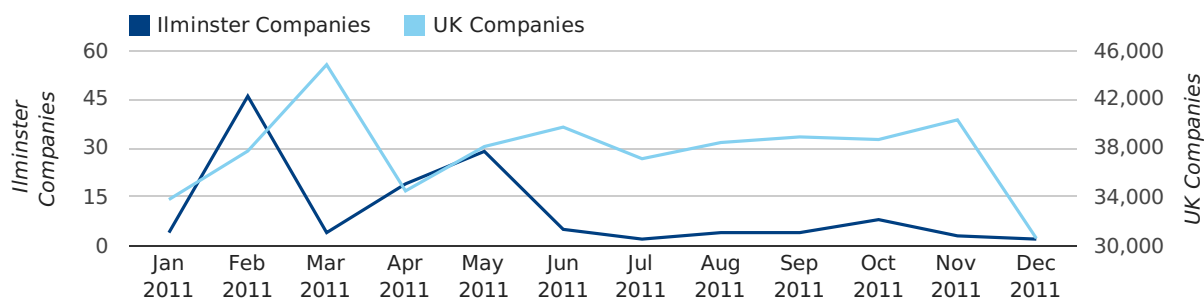
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ILMINSTER	UK
2011	13	109,623
2010	11	95,117
% CHANGE	18.2%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (19)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	8	3	2
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	4	4	3
% CHANGE	100.0%	-25.0%	-33.3%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (8)	2002 (8)	2002 (9)

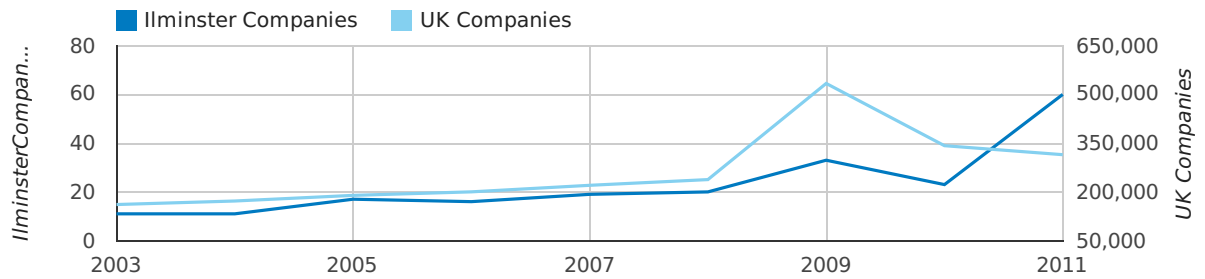
Annual Data (2011)

2011 was a record year for company closures in Ilminster when compared to any year in history.

A total of 60 companies were dissolved in Ilminster in 2011. This total is 160.9% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	ILMINSTER	UK
2011	60	314,523
2010	23	342,232
2009	33	533,773
2008	20	237,901
2007	19	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2011 (60)	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 Ilminster when compared to any previous second half year.

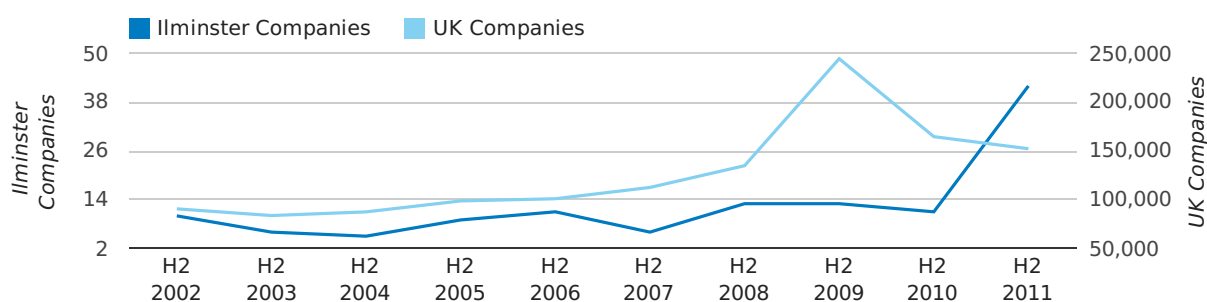
The second half of 2011 was a record second half year for company closures in Ilminster when compared to any half year in history.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 42 companies were dissolved in Ilminster. This figure is 281.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Ilminster occurred in 2011 when a total of 42 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ILMINSTER	UK
2011	42	152,213
2010	11	164,601
% CHANGE	281.8%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (42)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



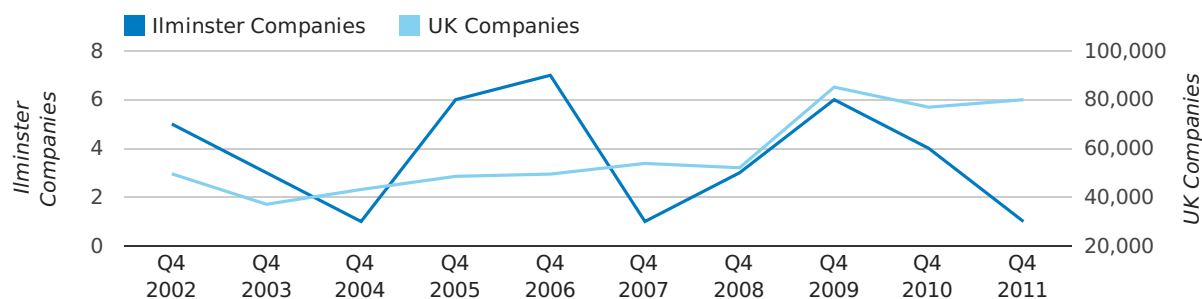
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 1 companies were dissolved in Ilminster during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 75.0% 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.

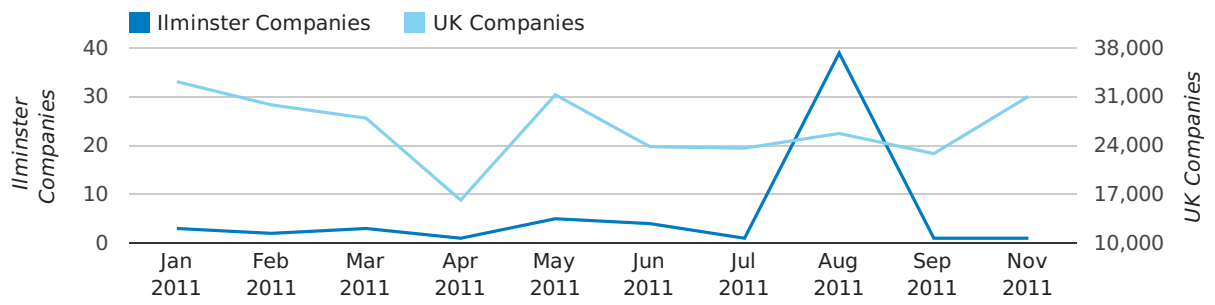
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ILMINSTER	UK
2011	1	79,983
2010	4	76,896
% CHANGE	-75.0%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (7)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	2	1	2
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2002	4	4	3
% CHANGE	-50.0%	-75.0%	-33%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (4)	2009 (4)	1998 (3)

Annual Data (2011)

2011 was a record year for net growth in Ilminster when compared to any year in history.

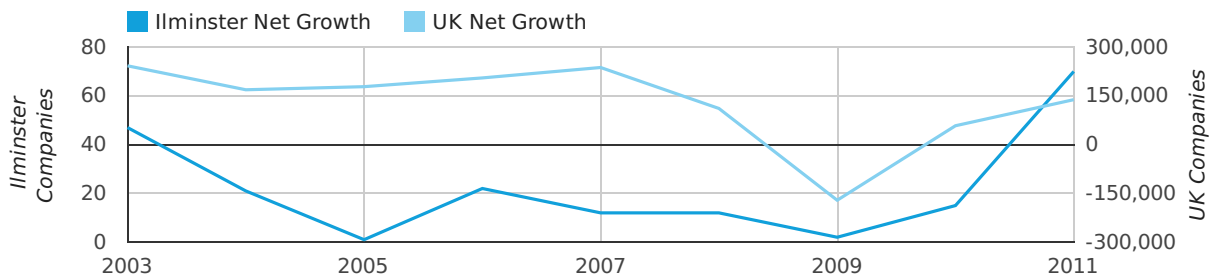
A total of 70 companies were added to the company register for Ilminster in 2011. This number represents growth of 184.2% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 55 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2011 when the Ilminster company register grew by 70 companies.

YEAR	ILMINSTER	UK
2011	70	138,347
2010	15	58,126
2009	2	-171,098
2008	12	111,302
2007	12	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2011 (70)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

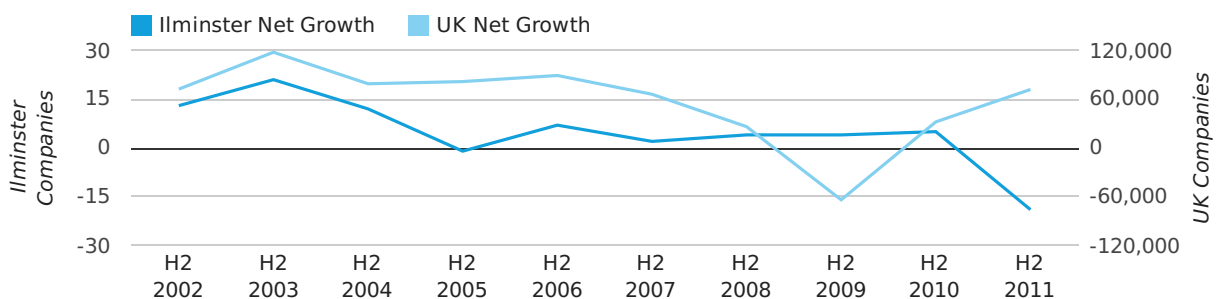


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Ilminster decreased by 19 companies. This figure is 480.0% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ILMINSTER	UK
2011	-19	71,922
2010	5	32,008
% CHANGE	-480.0%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (21)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



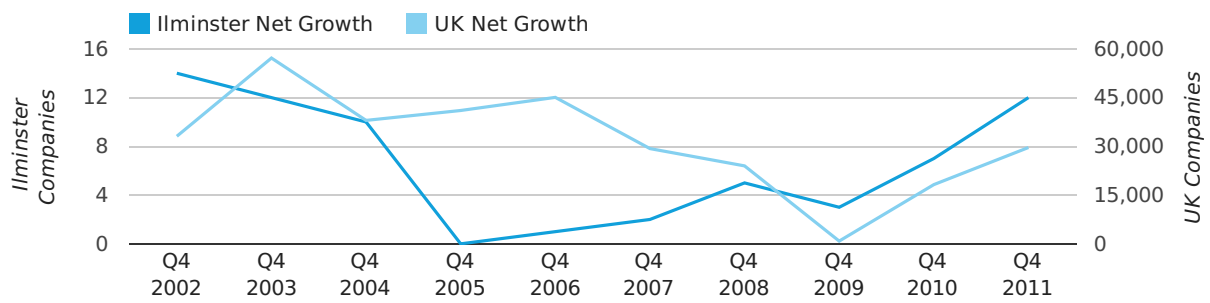
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Ilminster during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 12 companies.

This represents an increase of 71.4% on the same period last year.

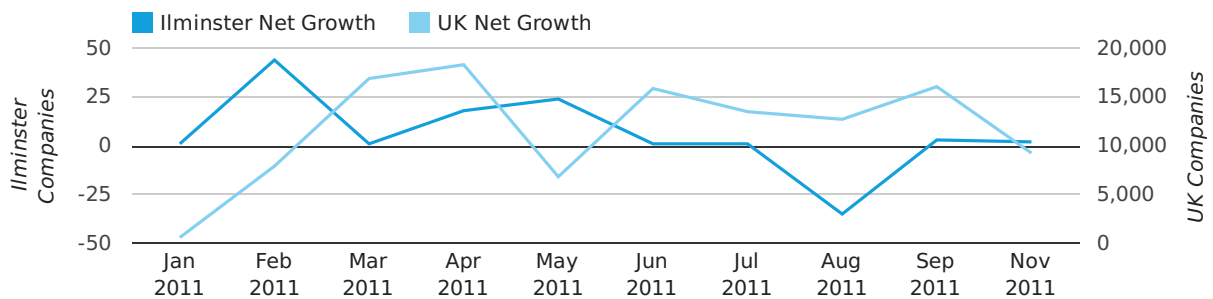
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ILMINSTER	UK
2011	12	29,640
2010	7	18,221
% CHANGE	71.4%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (14)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



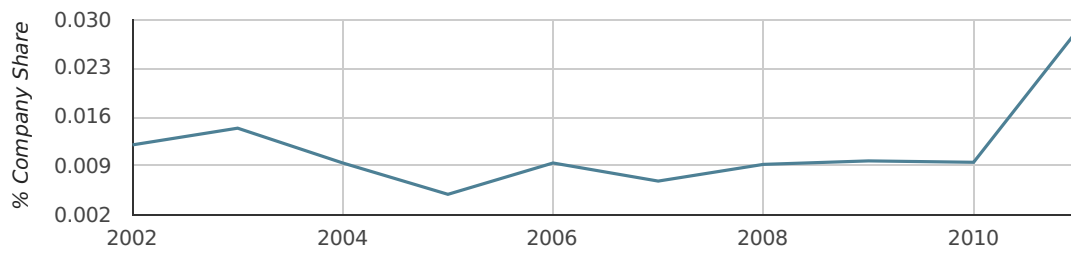
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2010	2	2	1
NET GROWTH IN 2009	4	7	6
% CHANGE	-50.0%	-71.4%	-83.3%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (4)	2002 (7)	2003 (6)

Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Ilminster formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Ilminster was responsible for 0.0% of all UK companies.

YEAR	ILMINSTER
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (0.0%)

company share by year

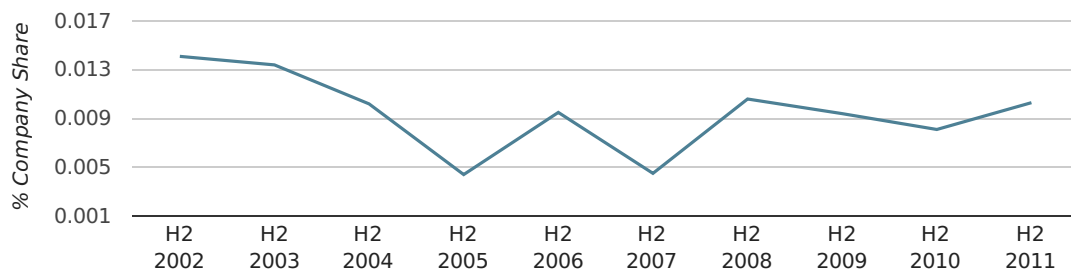


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Ilminster formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.0%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ILMINSTER
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1971 (0.1%)

company share by half year

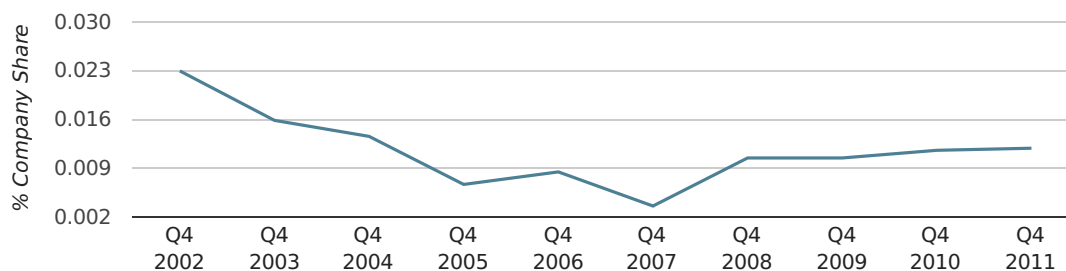


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, Ilminster formed 0.0% of all UK companies.

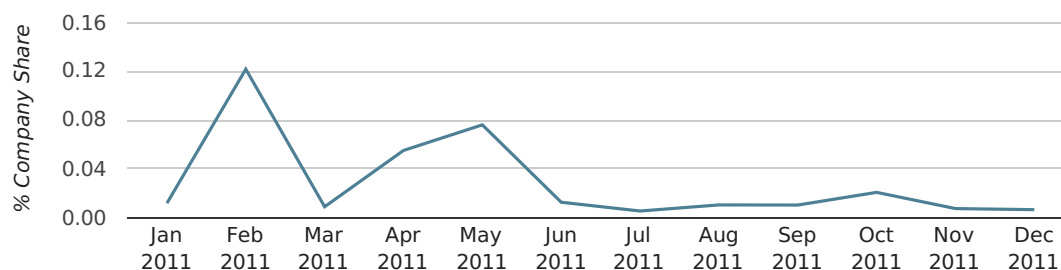
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ILMINSTER
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1973 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	73.9%	-36.2%	-41.4%
RECORD YEAR	1969 (0.2%)	1973 (0.2%)	1972 (0.1%)

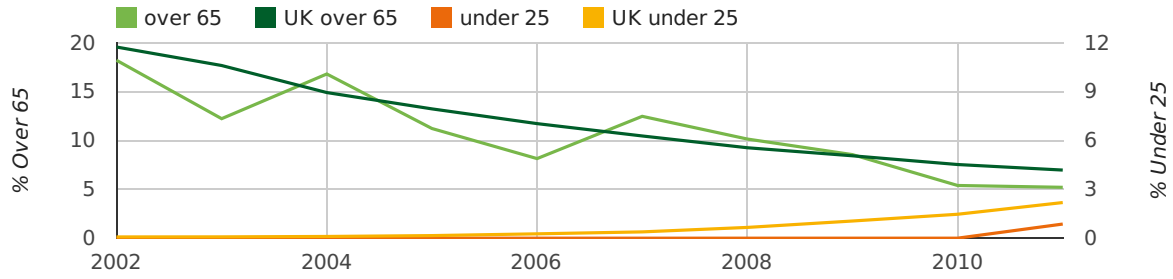
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 46.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 0.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



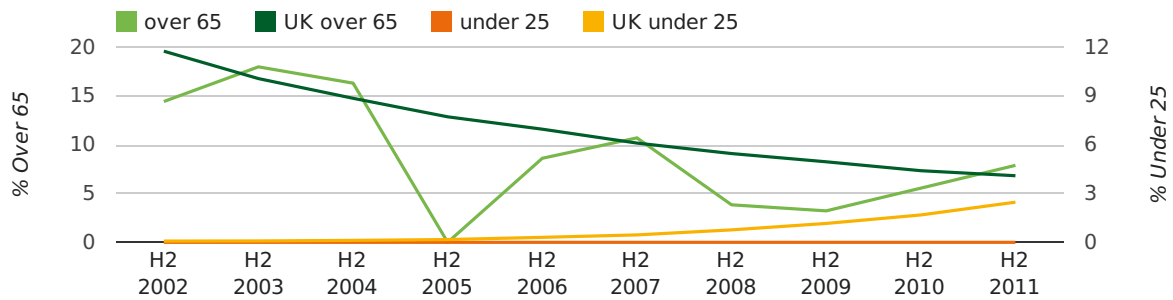
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 47.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 0.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 7.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



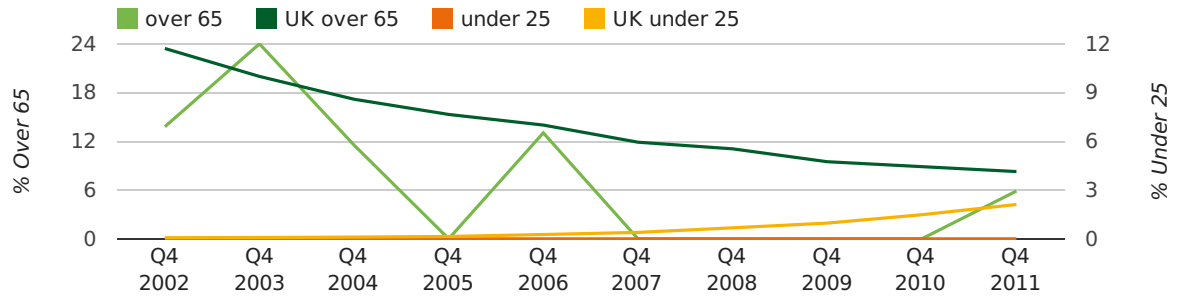
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 50.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 0.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

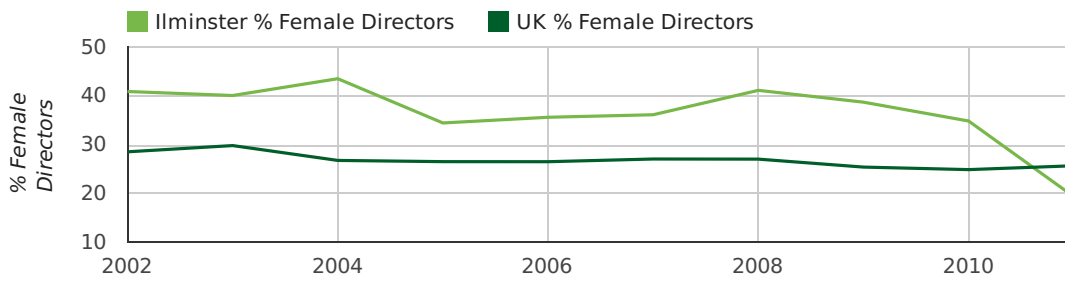


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Ilminster in 2011 was 40.9%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

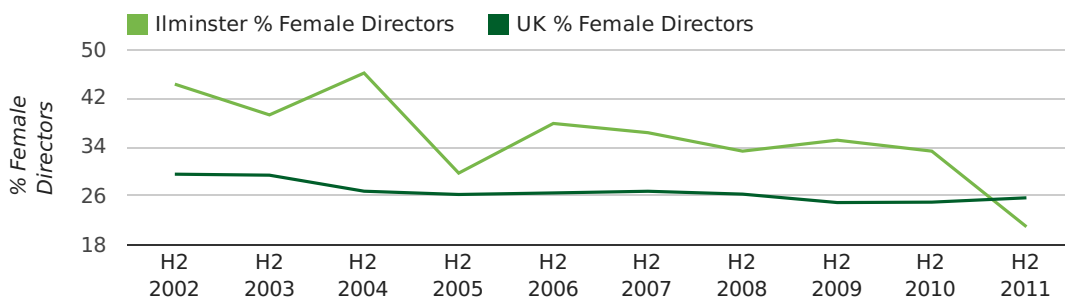


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

20.9% of all director appointments in Ilminster 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

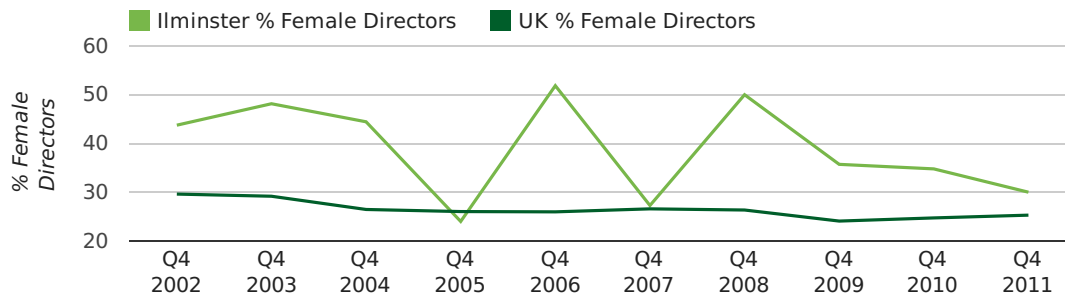


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

30.0% of all director appointments in Ilminster 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
WRS	31.10%	CONSULTING	5.07%
HC	10.53%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
ZW	9.09%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
FARM	1.91%	PROPERTY	2.37%
ME	1.44%	TRADING	2.07%
ASSOCIATES	1.44%	DESIGN	1.92%
WEST	1.44%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
SOLAR	1.44%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
CONSERVE	1.44%	BUSINESS	1.78%
GREEN	1.44%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
MONMOUTH	1.44%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
BURRIDGE	1.44%	MEDIA	1.71%
SOUTH	0.96%	LONDON	1.63%
BLACKDOWN	0.96%	J	1.51%
CHURCHTOWN	0.96%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
LANE	0.96%	GLOBAL	1.46%
NORTH	0.96%	IT	1.41%
WESTACOTT	0.96%	CARE	1.39%
PLUMBING	0.96%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
HEATING	0.96%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
MEARE	0.96%	M	1.27%
ORCHARD	0.96%	BUILDING	1.26%
2	0.96%	ENERGY	1.25%
3	0.96%	S	1.20%
FAIR	0.96%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	13	205,525
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	4	8,671
99999 - Dormant Company	4	21,846
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	2	12,072
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	2	3,194
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	2	32,483
7412 - Accounting, auditing; tax consult	2	2,496
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	2	11,768
62012 - Business and domestic software development	2	3,714
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	2	17,765
7487 - Other business activities	2	57,052
8514 - Other human health activities	1	2,637
94990 - Activities of other membership organizations not elsewhere classified	1	858
73120 - Media representation services	1	714
2811 - Manufacture metal structures & parts	1	254
70210 - Public relations and communications activities	1	589
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	1	2,452
43910 - Roofing activities	1	591
74990 - Non-trading company	1	8,929
27120 - Manufacture of electricity distribution and control apparatus	1	40