Inverurie

2011 annual business confidence report





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- The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Inverurie when compared to any previous second half year.
- The second half of 2011 was a record second half year for company closures in Inverurie when compared to any half year in history.
- Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Inverurie when compared to any previous Q4.
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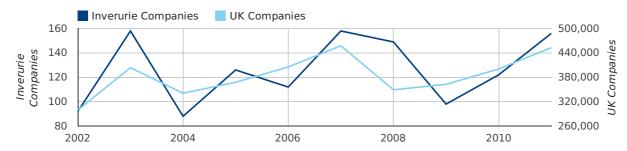
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A total of 156 companies were formed in Inverurie in 2011. This total is 27.9% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	INVERURIE	UK
2011	156	452,870
2010	122	400,358
2009	98	362,675
2008	149	349,203
2007	158	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2003 (158)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

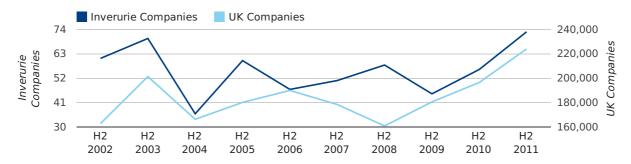
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Inverurie when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 73 companies were formed in Inverurie. This figure is 30.4% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Inverurie occurred in 2011 when a total of 73 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	INVERURIE	UK
2011	73	224,135
2010	56	196,609
% CHANGE	30.4%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (73)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year

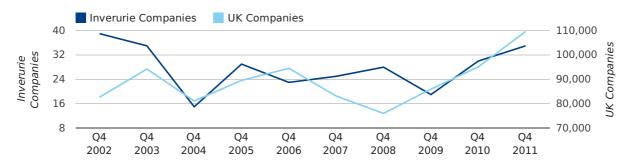


A total of 35 companies were registered in Inverurie during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 16.7% 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)	INVERURIE	UK
2011	35	109,623
2010	30	95,117
% CHANGE	16.7%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (39)	2011 (109,623)

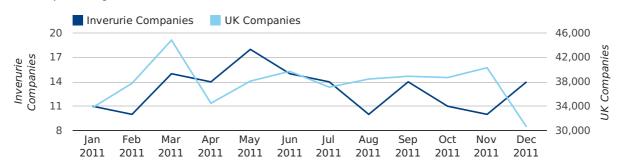
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

December 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Inverurie when compared to any previous December.

new companies by month

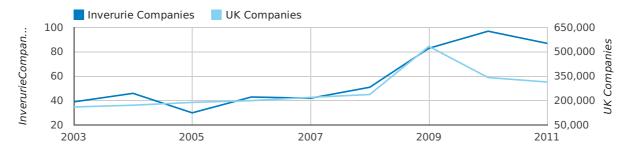


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	11	10	14
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	8	14	8
% CHANGE	37.5%	-28.6%	75.0%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (14)	2003 (18)	2011 (14)

A total of 87 companies were dissolved in Inverurie in 2011. This total is 10.3% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	INVERURIE	UK
2011	87	314,523
2010	97	342,232
2009	83	533,773
2008	51	237,901
2007	42	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2010 (97)	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 Inverurie when compared to any previous second half year.

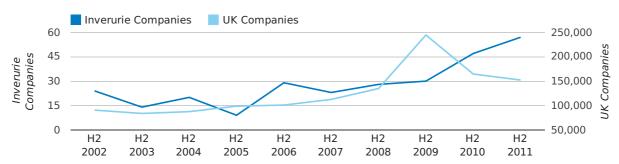
The second half of 2011 was a record second half year for company closures in Inverurie when compared to any half year in history.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 57 companies were dissolved in Inverurie. This figure is 21.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Inverurie occurred in 2011 when a total of 57 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	INVERURIE	UK
2011	57	152,213
2010	47	164,601
% CHANGE	21.3%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (57)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



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

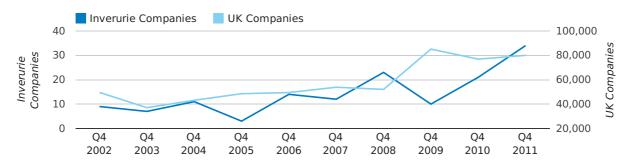
Q4 2011 was a record quarter for company closures in Inverurie when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 34 companies were dissolved in Inverurie during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 61.9% 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)	INVERURIE	UK
2011	34	79,983
2010	21	76,896
% CHANGE	61.9%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (34)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter

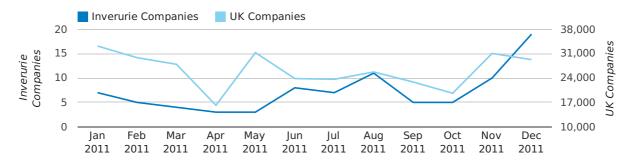


Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

November 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Inverurie when compared to any previous November.

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	5	10	19
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	11	4	6
% CHANGE	-54.5%	150.0%	217%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (20)	2011 (10)	2011 (19)

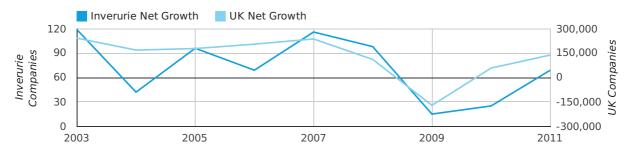
A total of 69 companies were added to the company register for Inverurie in 2011. This number represents growth of 56.6% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 44 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Inverurie company register grew by 119 companies.

YEAR	INVERURIE	UK
2011	69	138,347
2010	25	58,126
2009	15	-171,098
2008	98	111,302
2007	116	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (119)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

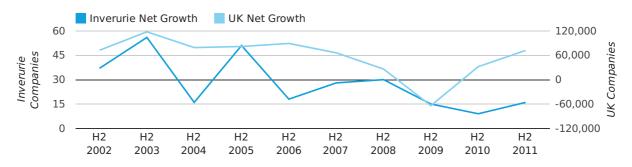


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Inverurie increased by 16 companies. This figure is 77.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	INVERURIE	UK
2011	16	71,922
2010	9	32,008
% CHANGE	77.8%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (56)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year

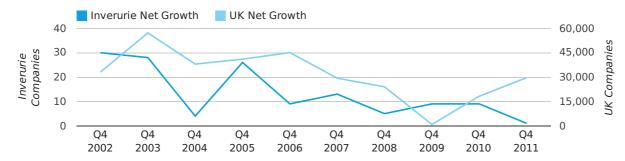


Net company growth for Inverurie during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 1 companies.

This represents a decrease of 88.9% on the same period last year.

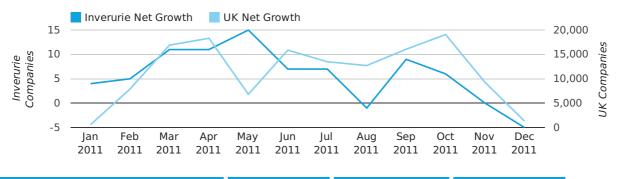
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	INVERURIE	UK
2011	1	29,640
2010	9	18,221
% CHANGE	-88.9%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (30)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month

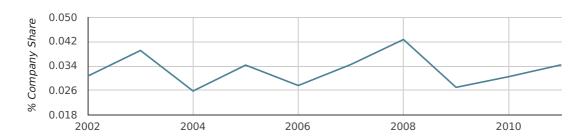


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	6	0	-5
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-3	10	2
% CHANGE	-300.0%	-100.0%	-350.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (9)	2003 (16)	2002 (10)

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

YEAR	INVERURIE
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1990 (0.1%)

company share by year

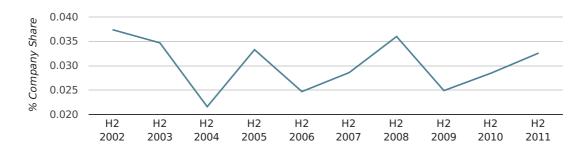


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	INVERURIE
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1990 (0.1%)

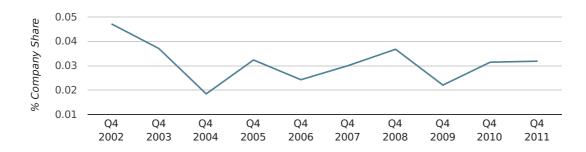
company share by half year



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

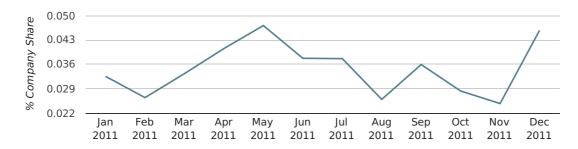
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	INVERURIE
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1990 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



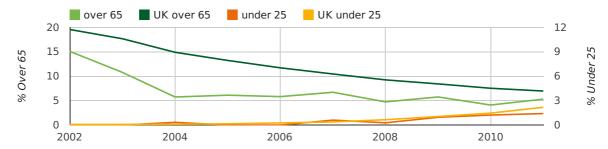
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	19.3%	-39.2%	55.3%
RECORD YEAR	1980 (0.1%)	1970 (0.2%)	1976 (0.2%)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 43.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.3% 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 43.7.

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 7.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year

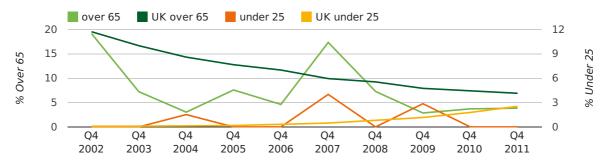


The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 42.4.

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 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

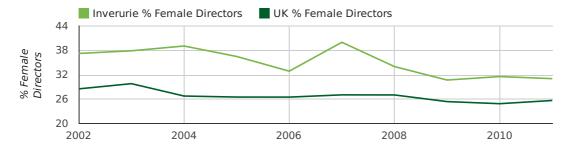
director age by quarter



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

The percentage of female directors in Inverurie in 2011 was 37.3%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

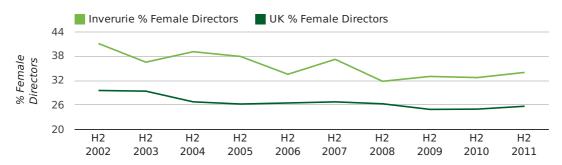


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

34.0% of all director appointments in Inverurie 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

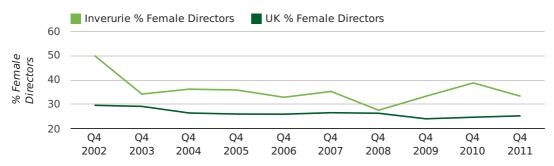


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The record fourth quarter for female directors in Inverurie was in 1977 when 31.1% of all directors were female.

33.3% of all director appointments in Inverurie 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
ENGINEERING	3.89%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTANTS	2.47%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	2.12%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
DESIGN	2.12%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSULTANCY	1.77%	TRADING	2.07%
J	1.41%	DESIGN	1.92%
INVERURIE	1.06%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
ENERGY	1.06%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
C	1.06%	BUSINESS	1.78%
SCOTLAND	1.06%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
MANAGEMENT	1.06%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
GRAMPIAN	1.06%	MEDIA	1.71%
INTEGRITY	1.06%	LONDON	1.63%
SUBSEA	1.06%	J	1.51%
HILL	0.71%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
ASSETS	0.71%	GLOBAL	1.46%
INSPECTION	0.71%	IT	1.41%
IT	0.71%	CARE	1.39%
CREW	0.71%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
RENEWABLES	0.71%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
BUSINESS	0.71%	М	1.27%
JOINERY	0.71%	BUILDING	1.26%
В	0.71%	ENERGY	1.25%
CONTROL	0.71%	S	1.20%
PROJECT	0.71%	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	29	205,525
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	23	32,483
7487 - Other business activities	20	57,052
71129 - Other engineering activities	13	1,823
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	12	8,671
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	8	17,765
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	6	11,768
71122 - Engineering related scientific and technical consulting activities	4	812
99999 - Dormant Company	4	21,846
7011 - Development & sell real estate	3	2,287
06100 - Extraction of crude petroleum	3	176
71121 - Engineering design activities for industrial process and production	3	420
5530 - Restaurants	3	5,013
4531 - Installation electrical wiring etc.	3	1,967
09100 - Support activities for petroleum and natural gas extraction	3	268
7414 - Business & management consultancy	3	13,034
33200 - Installation of industrial machinery and equipment	2	367
63990 - Other information service activities not elsewhere classified	2	1,787
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	2	3,342
1120 - Services to oil and gas extraction	2	193