

Leeds

2011 annual business confidence report



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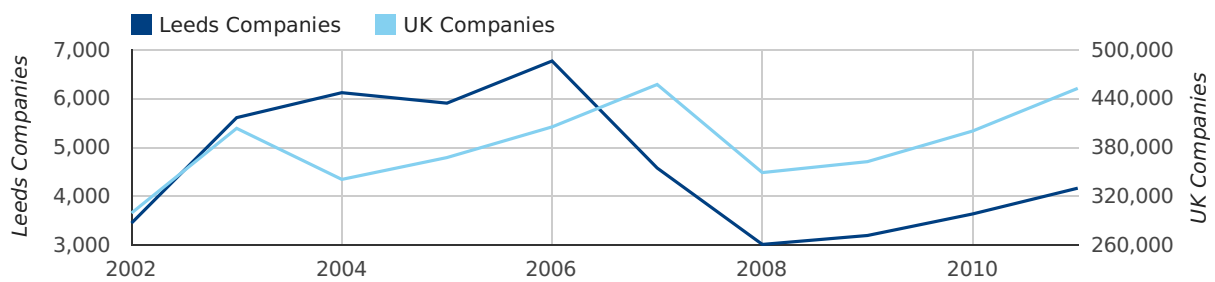
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Annual Data (2011)

A total of 4,167 companies were formed in Leeds in 2011. This total is 14.5% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	LEEDS	UK
2011	4,167	452,870
2010	3,638	400,358
2009	3,196	362,675
2008	3,013	349,203
2007	4,580	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2006 (6,776)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



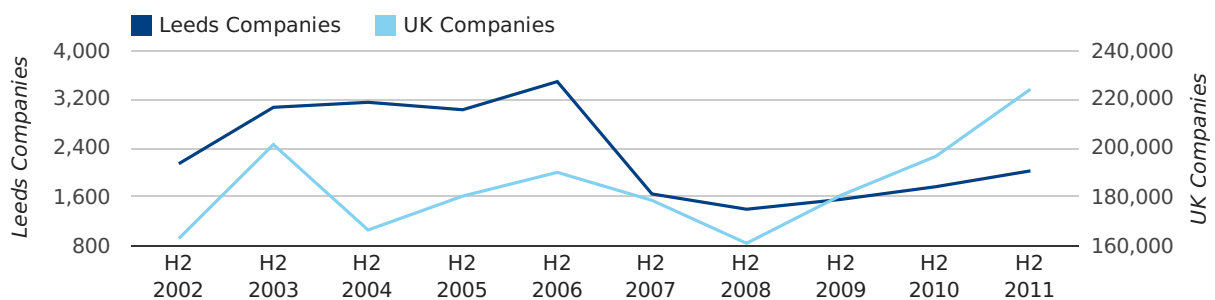
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 2,026 companies were formed in Leeds. This figure is 14.7% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Leeds occurred in 2006 when a total of 3,491 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	LEEDS	UK
2011	2,026	224,135
2010	1,766	196,609
% CHANGE	14.7%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (3,491)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



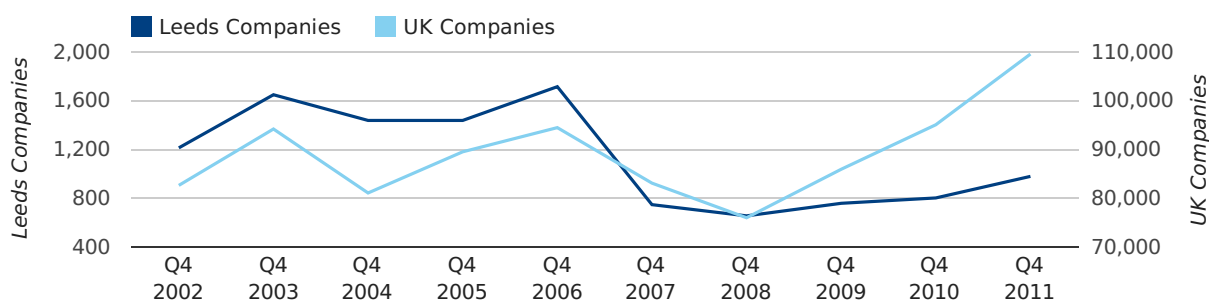
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 981 companies were registered in Leeds during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 22.0% 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.

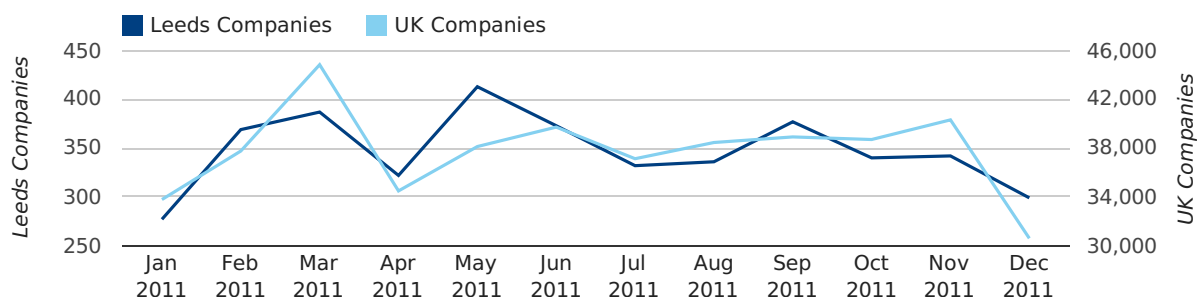
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	LEEDS	UK
2011	981	109,623
2010	804	95,117
% CHANGE	22.0%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (1,717)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

new companies by month



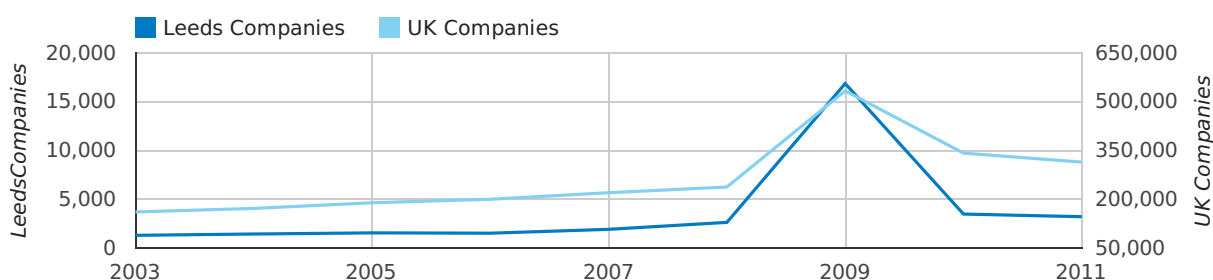
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	340	342	299
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	301	293	210
% CHANGE	13.0%	16.7%	42.4%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (703)	2006 (654)	2003 (621)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 3,214 companies were dissolved in Leeds in 2011. This total is 7.8% lower than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	LEEDS	UK
2011	3,214	314,523
2010	3,487	342,232
2009	16,874	533,773
2008	2,633	237,901
2007	1,920	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (16,874)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



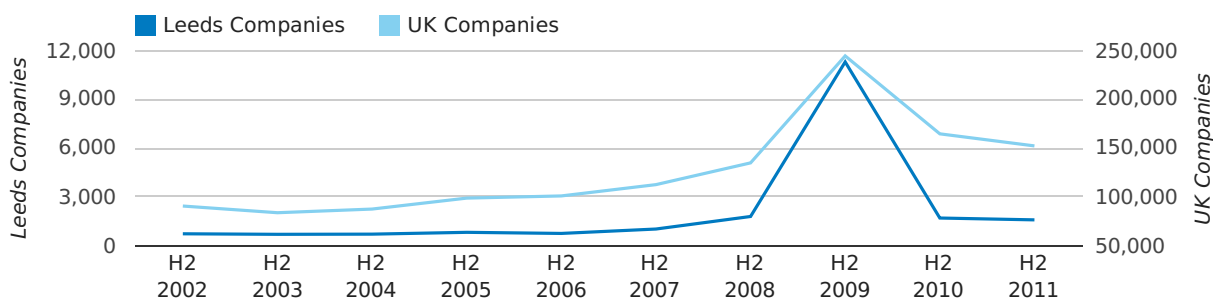
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 1,581 companies were dissolved in Leeds. This figure is 6.7% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Leeds occurred in 2009 when a total of 11,302 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	LEEDS	UK
2011	1,581	152,213
2010	1,694	164,601
% CHANGE	-6.7%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (11,302)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



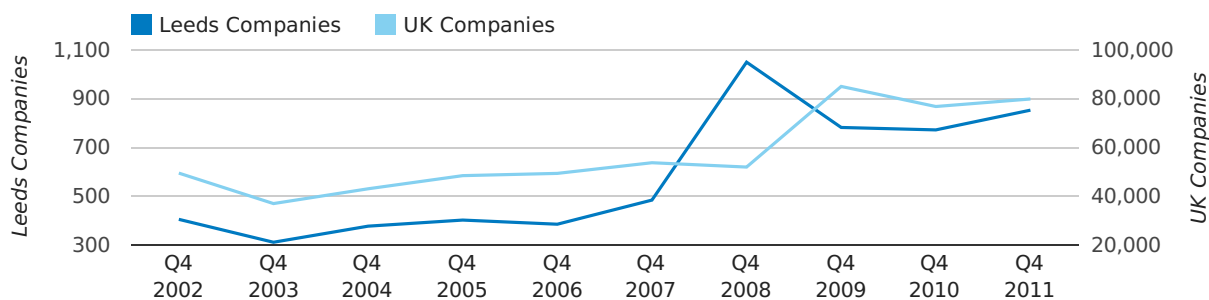
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 854 companies were dissolved in Leeds during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 10.5% 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)	LEEDS	UK
2011	854	79,983
2010	773	76,896
% CHANGE	10.5%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (1,051)	2009 (85,136)

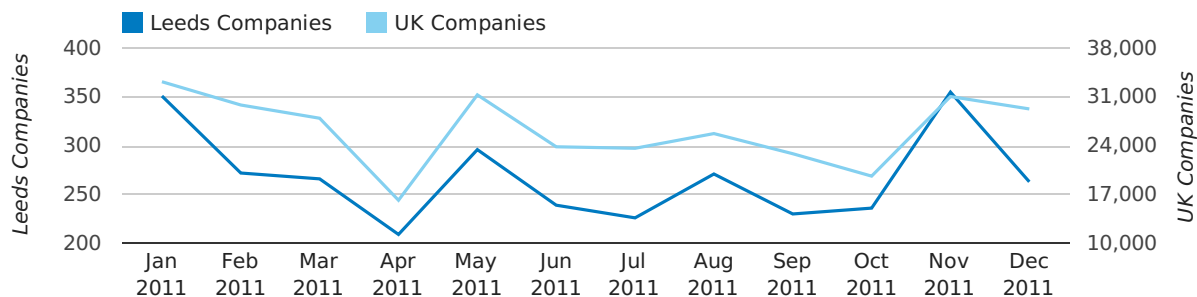
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	236	355	263
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	290	288	195
% CHANGE	-18.6%	23.3%	35%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (290)	2011 (355)	2008 (785)

Annual Data (2011)

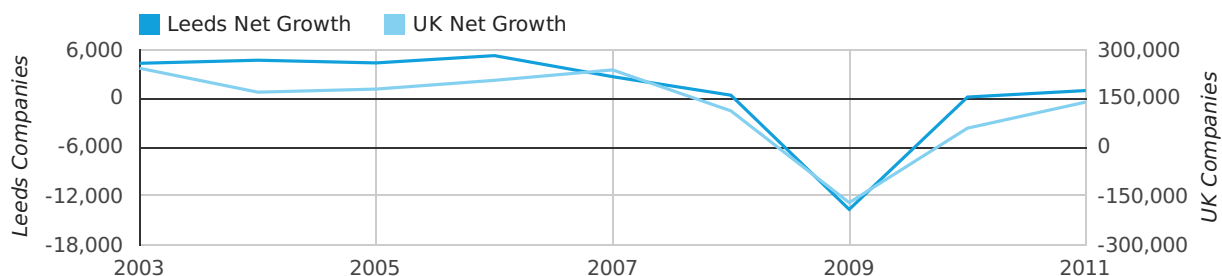
A total of 953 companies were added to the company register for Leeds in 2011. This number represents growth of 26.2% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 802 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2006 when the Leeds company register grew by 5,252 companies.

YEAR	LEEDS	UK
2011	953	138,347
2010	151	58,126
2009	-13,678	-171,098
2008	380	111,302
2007	2,660	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2006 (5,252)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

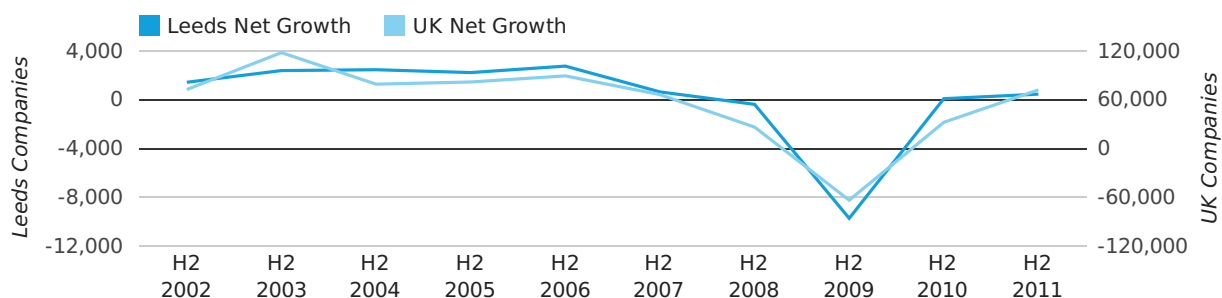


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Leeds increased by 445 companies. This figure is 518.1% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	LEEDS	UK
2011	445	71,922
2010	72	32,008
% CHANGE	518.1%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (2,745)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



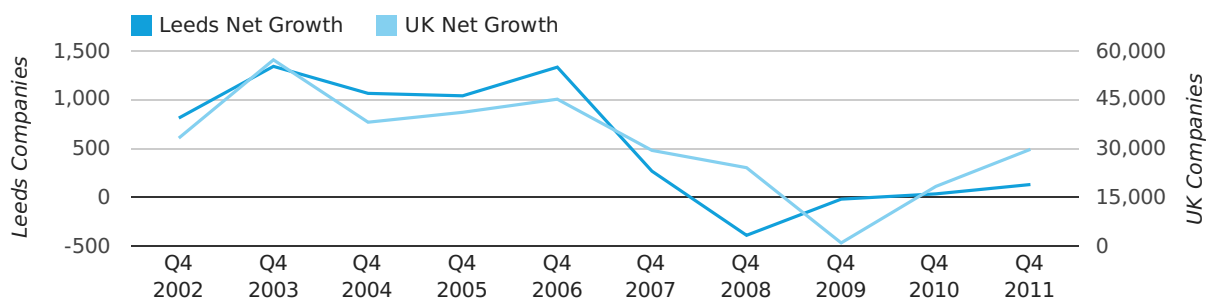
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Leeds during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 127 companies.

This represents an increase of 309.7% on the same period last year.

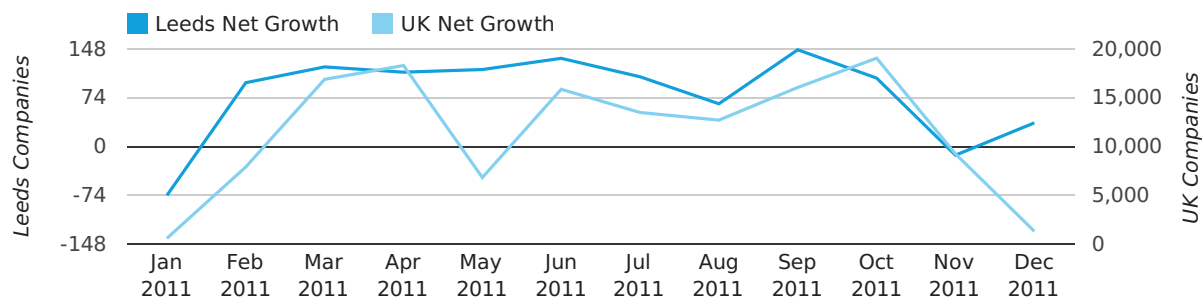
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	LEEDS	UK
2011	127	29,640
2010	31	18,221
% CHANGE	309.7%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,339)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



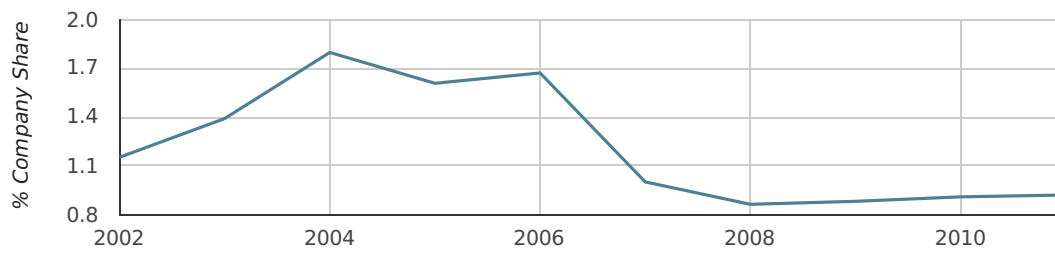
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	104	-13	36
NET GROWTH IN 2010	11	5	15
% CHANGE	845.5%	-360.0%	140.0%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (538)	2006 (517)	2003 (506)

Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Leeds formed 0.9% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Leeds was responsible for 0.9% of all UK companies.

YEAR	LEEDS
2011	0.9%
2010	0.9%
2009	0.9%
2008	0.9%
2007	1.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1964 (1.9%)

company share by year

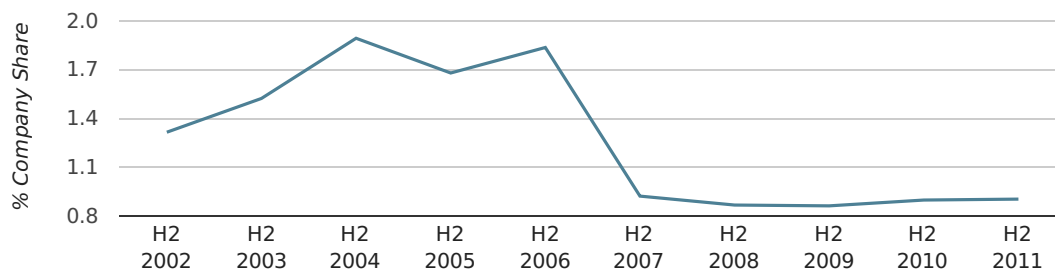


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Leeds formed 0.9% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.9%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	LEEDS
2011	0.9%
2010	0.9%
2009	0.9%
2008	0.9%
2007	0.9%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1964 (2.1%)

company share by half year

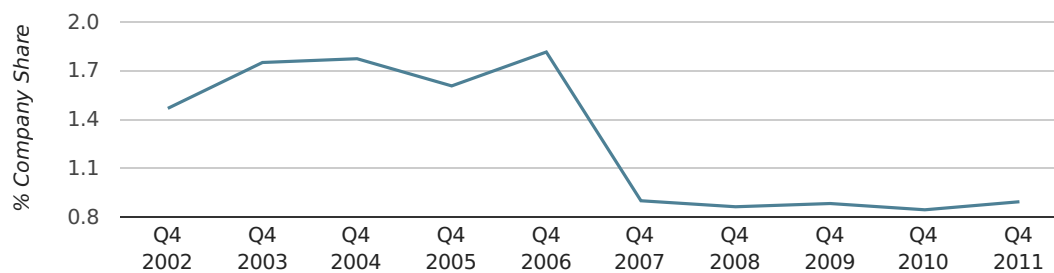


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, Leeds formed 0.9% of all UK companies.

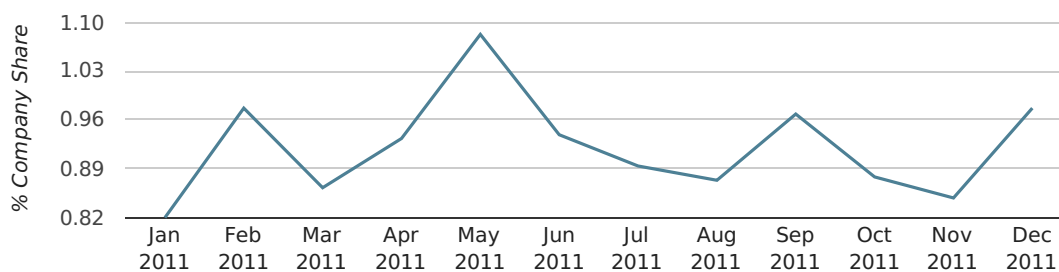
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	LEEDS
2011	0.9%
2010	0.8%
2009	0.9%
2008	0.9%
2007	0.9%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (2.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.9%	0.8%	1.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.9%	0.9%	0.8%
% CHANGE	-1.8%	-0.6%	26.3%
RECORD YEAR	1973 (2.9%)	1962 (2.8%)	1967 (3.1%)

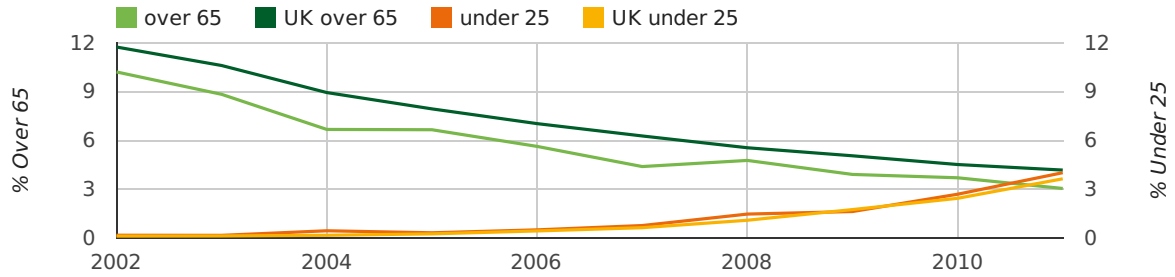
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 42.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



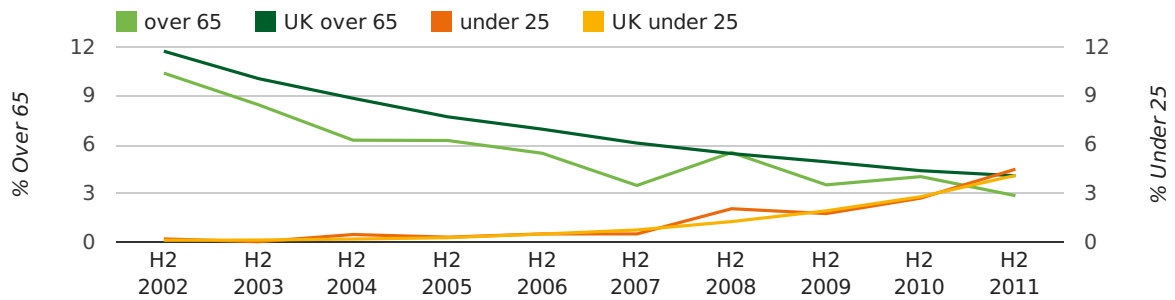
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 42.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



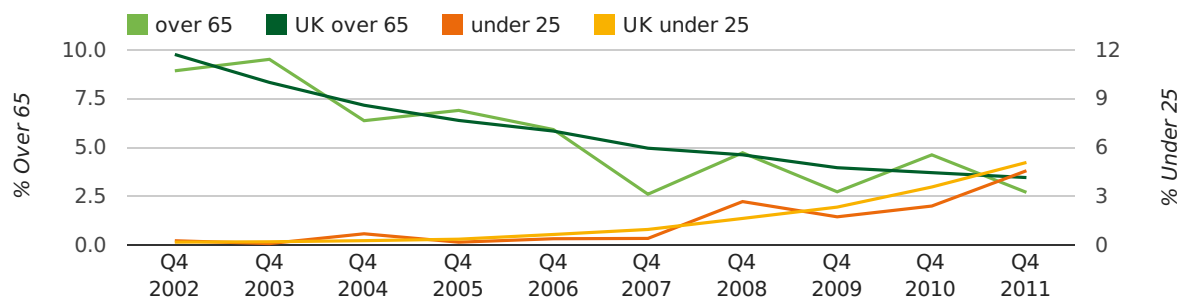
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director age by quarter

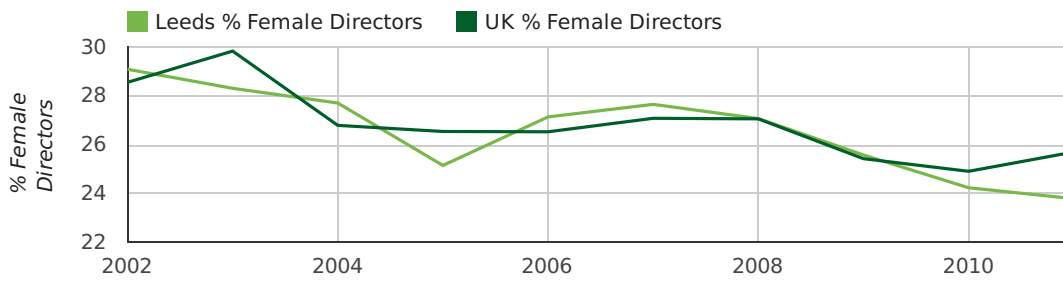


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Leeds in 2011 was 29.1%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

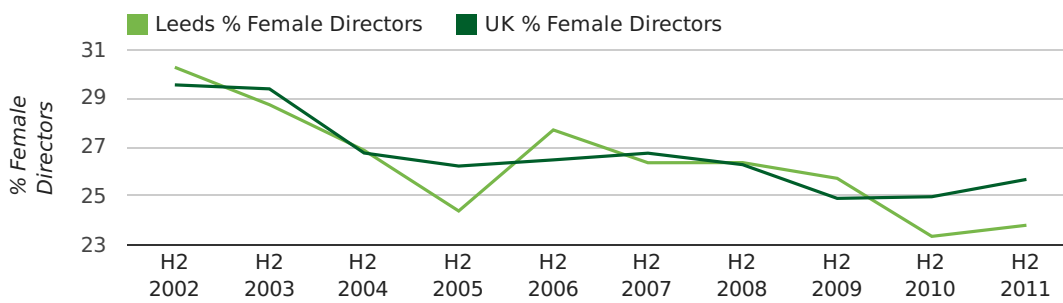


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

23.8% of all director appointments in Leeds 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

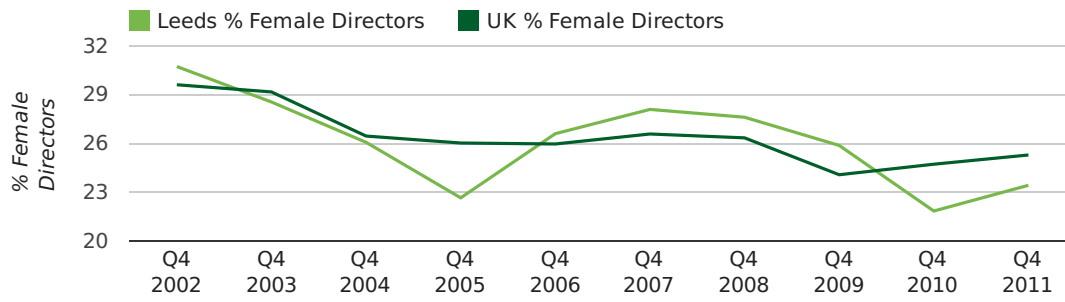


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

23.4% of all director appointments in Leeds 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
MANAGEMENT	2.08%	CONSULTING	5.07%
LEEDS	1.90%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.64%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
(LEEDS)	1.41%	PROPERTY	2.37%
PROPERTY	1.17%	TRADING	2.07%
CONSULTANCY	1.15%	DESIGN	1.92%
(YORKSHIRE)	0.75%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
ASSOCIATES	0.73%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
J	0.71%	BUSINESS	1.78%
YORKSHIRE	0.67%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CARE	0.67%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
MEDICAL	0.65%	MEDIA	1.71%
BUSINESS	0.63%	LONDON	1.63%
DESIGN	0.63%	J	1.51%
CONSTRUCTION	0.63%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
PROPERTIES	0.61%	GLOBAL	1.46%
INVESTMENTS	0.59%	IT	1.41%
M	0.59%	CARE	1.39%
ENERGY	0.57%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
MEDIA	0.57%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
TRADING	0.57%	M	1.27%
CENTRE	0.50%	BUILDING	1.26%
CONSULTANTS	0.50%	ENERGY	1.25%
CO	0.50%	S	1.20%
CLEANING	0.48%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,884	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	353	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	179	32,483
9999 - Dormant Company	167	20,199
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	152	17,765
99999 - Dormant Company	147	21,846
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	122	12,072
7414 - Business & management consultancy	118	13,034
74990 - Non-trading company	92	8,929
7499 - Non-trading company	83	9,957
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	80	7,398
7260 - Other computer related activities	77	7,667
9305 - Other service activities	71	9,492
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	65	8,671
86900 - Other human health activities	63	4,457
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	61	11,768
5530 - Restaurants	52	5,013
62090 - Other information technology service activities	48	7,493
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	47	3,194
7450 - Labour recruitment	47	1,864