

Leicester

2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

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- The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous second half year.
- Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous Q4.
- November 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous November.
- November 2011 was a record month for company registrations in Leicester when compared to any month in history.
- November 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Leicester when compared to any previous November.

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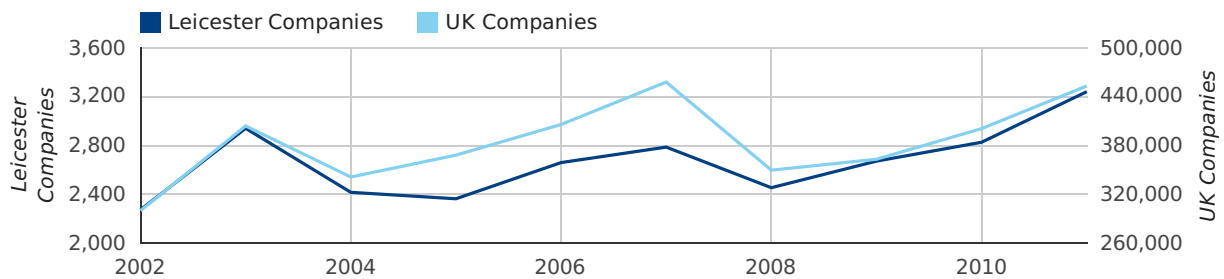
Annual Data (2011)

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

A total of 3,239 companies were formed in Leicester in 2011. This total is 14.7% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	LEICESTER	UK
2011	3,239	452,870
2010	2,824	400,358
2009	2,669	362,675
2008	2,451	349,203
2007	2,784	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (3,239)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

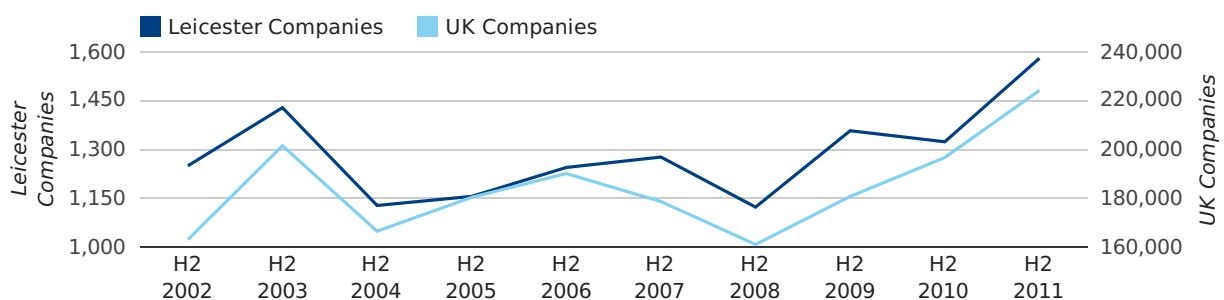
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 1,580 companies were formed in Leicester. This figure is 19.4% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Leicester occurred in 2011 when a total of 1,580 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	LEICESTER	UK
2011	1,580	224,135
2010	1,323	196,609
% CHANGE	19.4%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (1,580)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

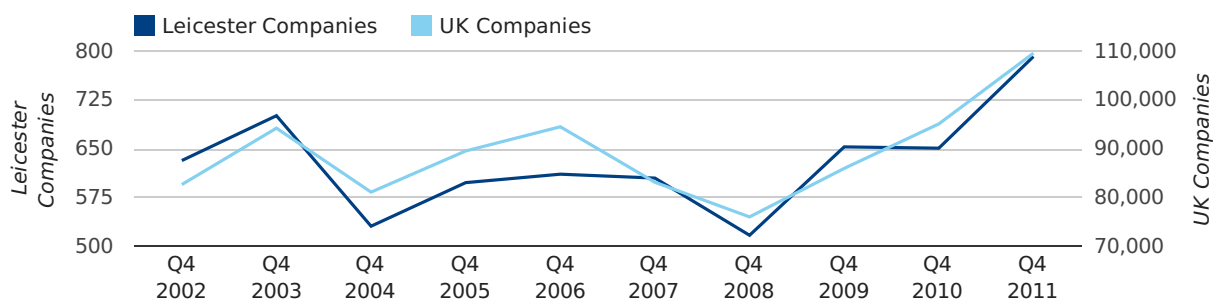
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 792 companies were registered in Leicester during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 21.7% 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)	LEICESTER	UK
2011	792	109,623
2010	651	95,117
% CHANGE	21.7%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (792)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter

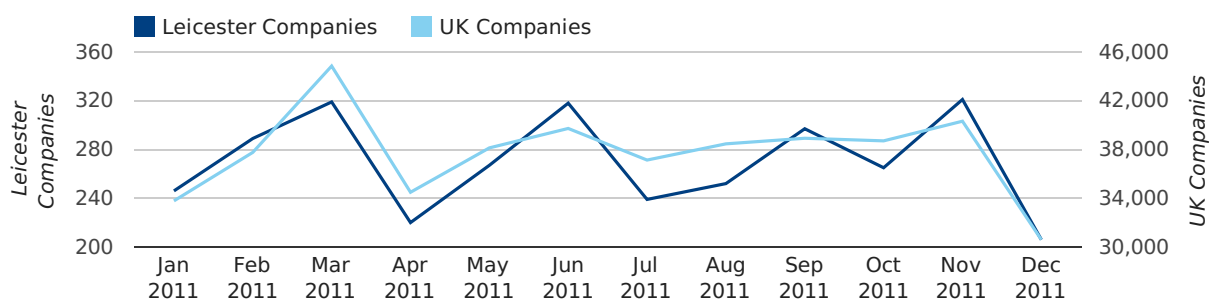


Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

November 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Leicester when compared to any previous November.

November 2011 was a record month for company registrations in Leicester when compared to any month in history.

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	265	321	206
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	234	253	164
% CHANGE	13.2%	26.9%	25.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (272)	2011 (321)	2003 (212)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 2,232 companies were dissolved in Leicester in 2011. This total is 5.2% lower than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	LEICESTER	UK
2011	2,232	314,523
2010	2,354	342,232
2009	3,499	533,773
2008	1,409	237,901
2007	1,537	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (3,499)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



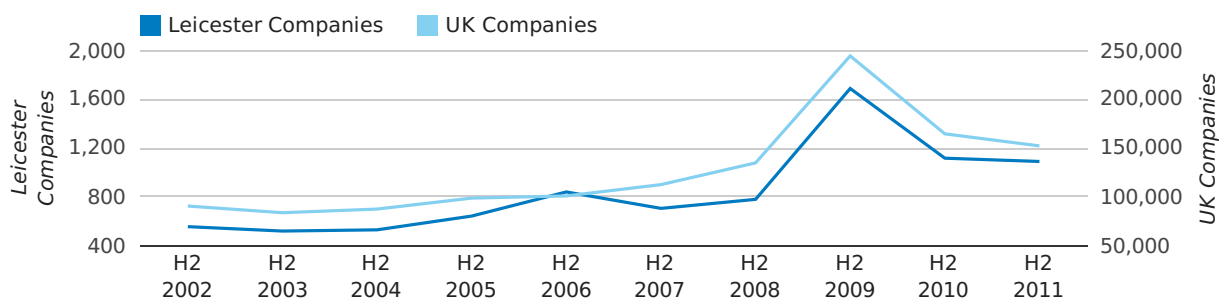
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 1,090 companies were dissolved in Leicester. This figure is 2.4% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Leicester occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,689 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	LEICESTER	UK
2011	1,090	152,213
2010	1,117	164,601
% CHANGE	-2.4%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,689)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



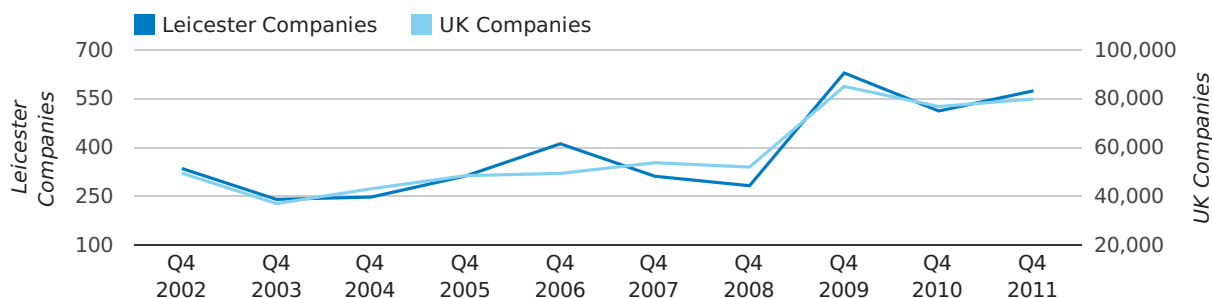
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 575 companies were dissolved in Leicester during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 12.1% 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)	LEICESTER	UK
2011	575	79,983
2010	513	76,896
% CHANGE	12.1%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (630)	2009 (85,136)

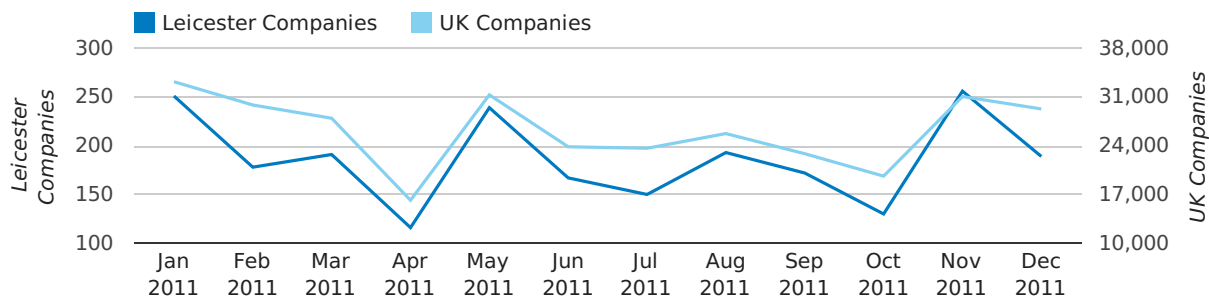
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	130	256	189
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	208	218	87
% CHANGE	-37.5%	17.4%	117%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (263)	2011 (256)	2009 (210)

Annual Data (2011)

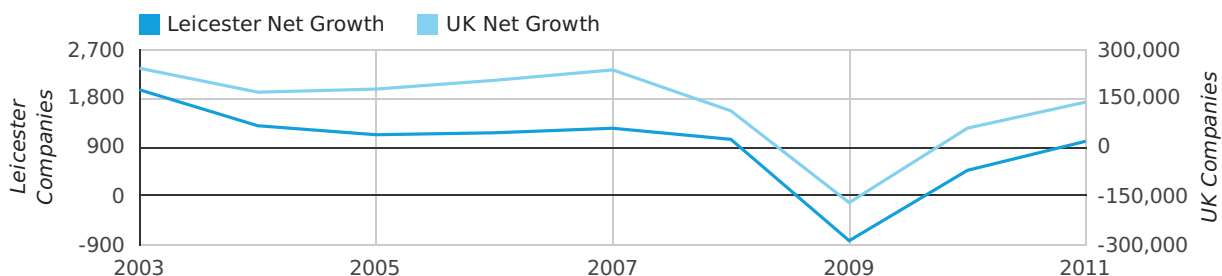
A total of 1,007 companies were added to the company register for Leicester in 2011. This number represents growth of 35.7% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 537 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Leicester company register grew by 1,957 companies.

YEAR	LEICESTER	UK
2011	1,007	138,347
2010	470	58,126
2009	-830	-171,098
2008	1,042	111,302
2007	1,247	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,957)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

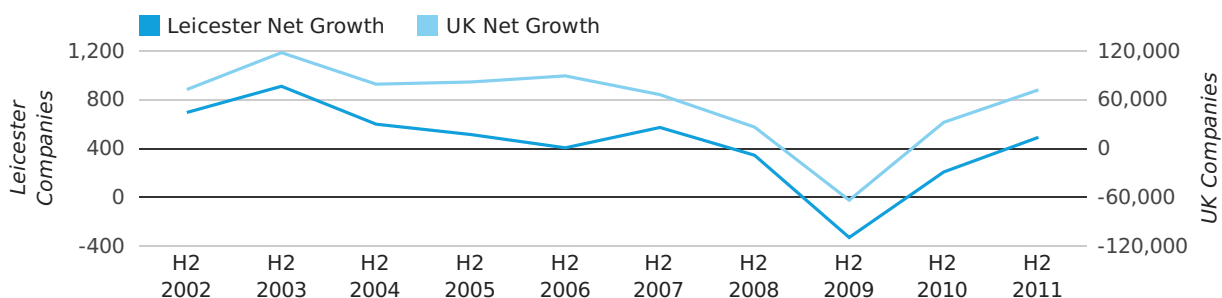


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Leicester increased by 490 companies. This figure is 137.9% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	LEICESTER	UK
2011	490	71,922
2010	206	32,008
% CHANGE	137.9%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (909)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



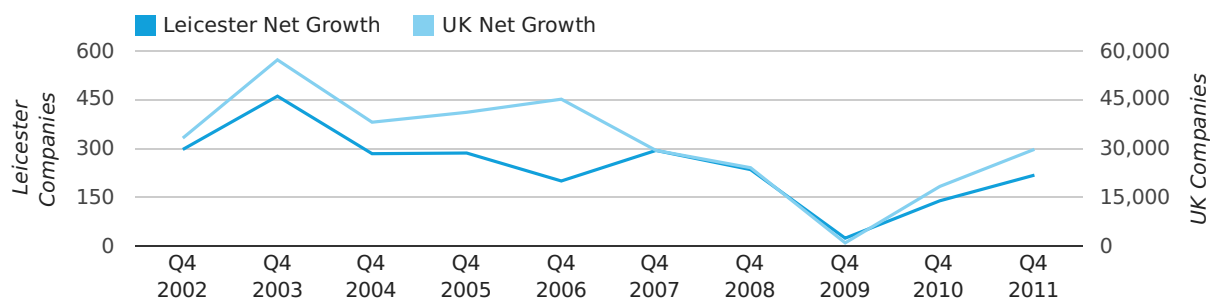
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Leicester during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 217 companies.

This represents an increase of 57.2% on the same period last year.

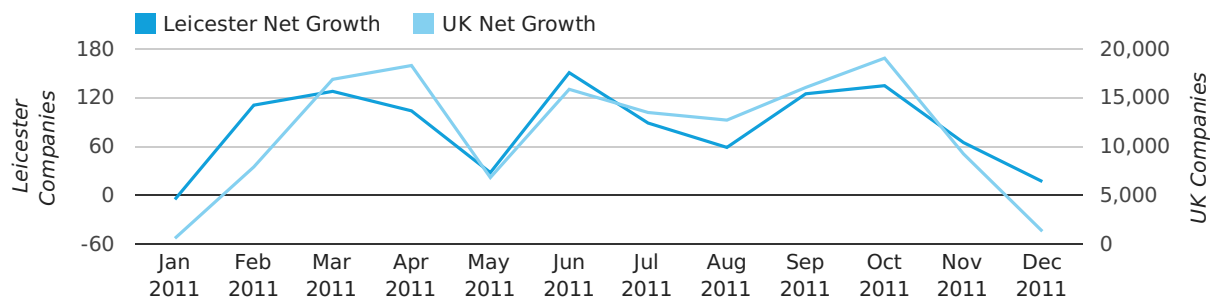
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	LEICESTER	UK
2011	217	29,640
2010	138	18,221
% CHANGE	57.2%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (460)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



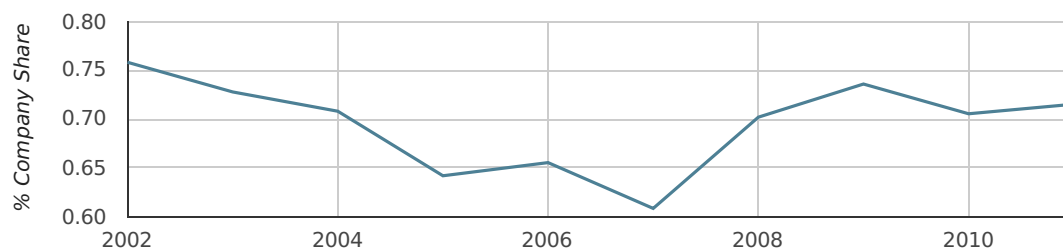
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	135	65	17
NET GROWTH IN 2010	26	35	77
% CHANGE	419.2%	85.7%	-77.9%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (205)	2003 (123)	2003 (132)

Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Leicester formed 0.7% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Leicester was responsible for 0.7% of all UK companies.

YEAR	LEICESTER
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
2007	0.6%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (1.1%)

company share by year

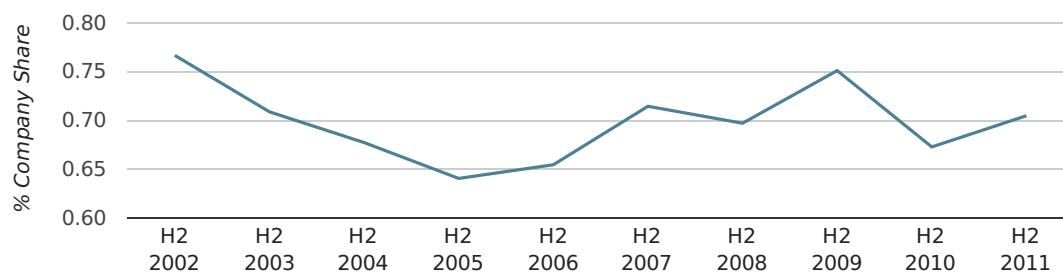


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Leicester formed 0.7% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	LEICESTER
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.8%
2008	0.7%
2007	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (1.2%)

company share by half year

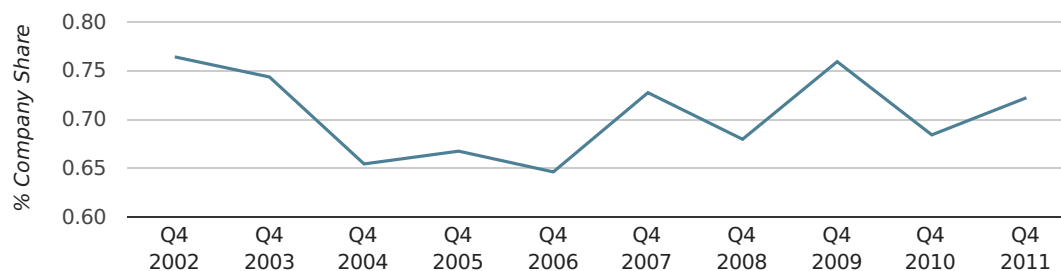


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, Leicester formed 0.7% of all UK companies.

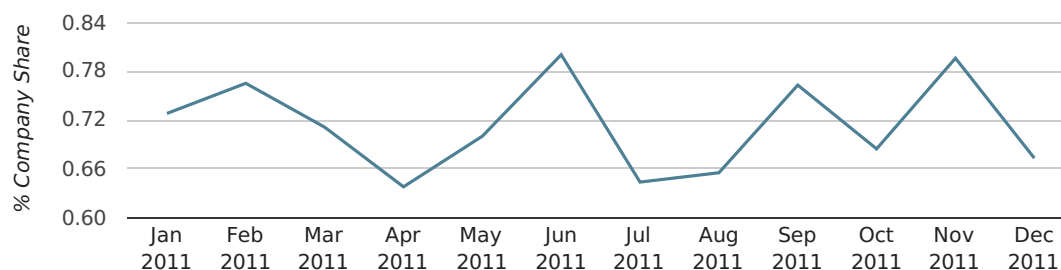
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	LEICESTER
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.8%
2008	0.7%
2007	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (1.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.7%	0.8%	0.7%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.7%	0.7%	0.6%
% CHANGE	-1.6%	8.1%	11.4%
RECORD YEAR	1960 (1.7%)	1970 (1.7%)	1967 (1.9%)

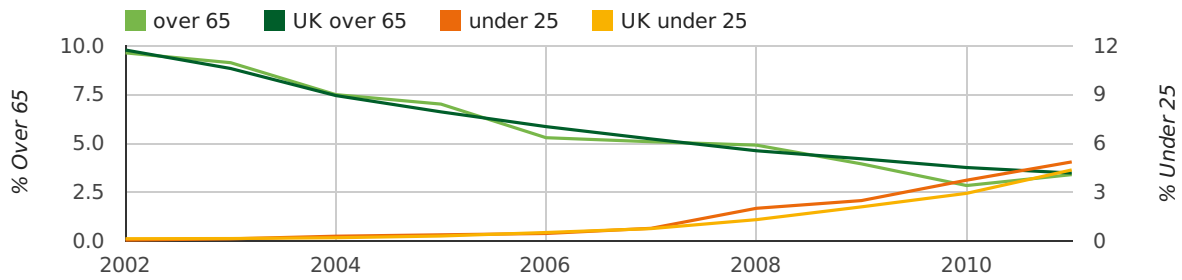
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 41.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



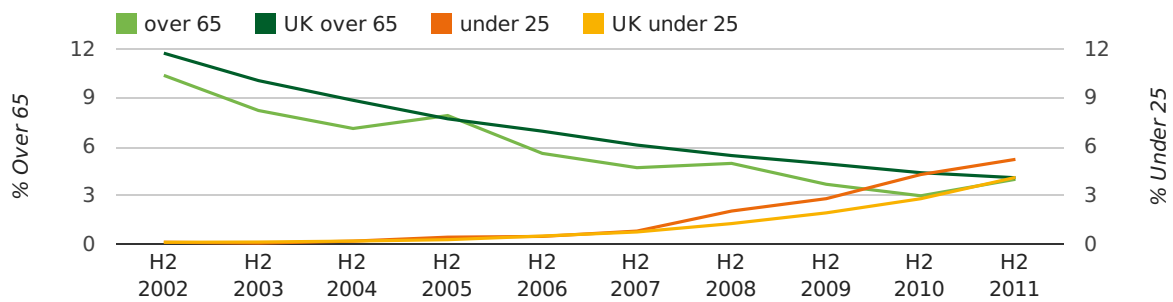
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 41.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



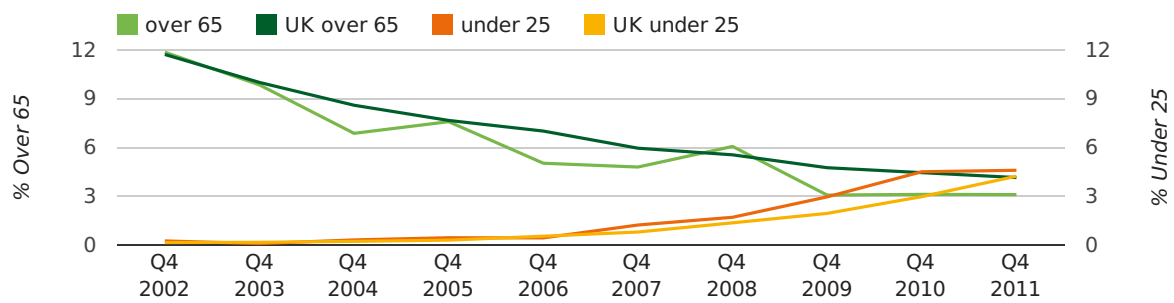
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 40.8.

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The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

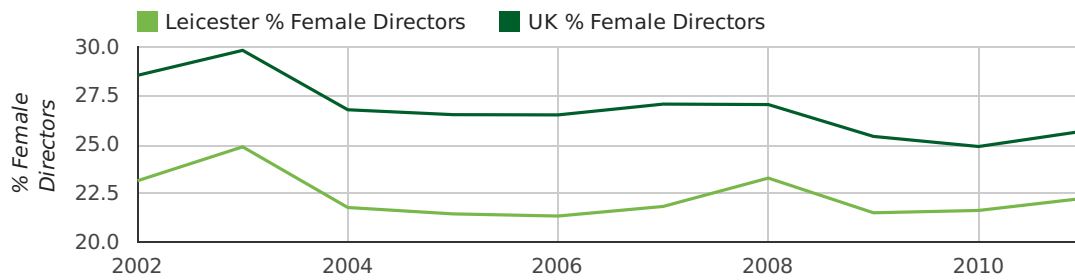


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Leicester in 2011 was 23.2%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

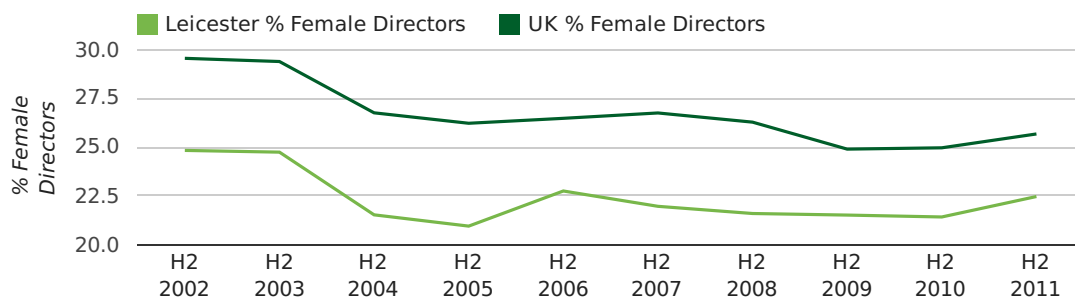


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

22.5% of all director appointments in Leicester 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

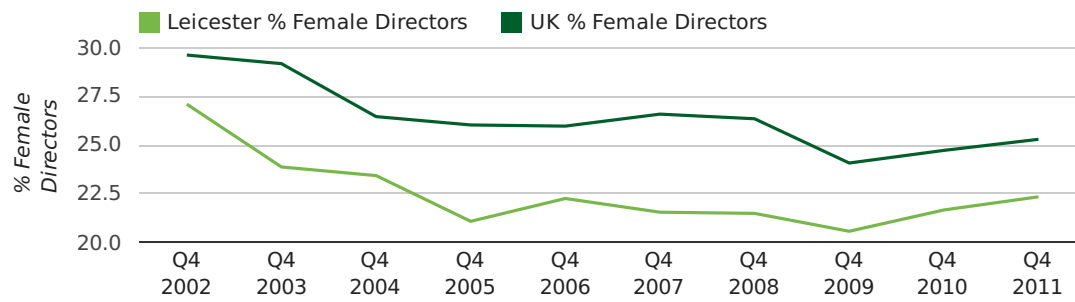


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

22.3% of all director appointments in Leicester 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
(LEICESTER)	1.84%	CONSULTING	5.07%
LEICESTER	1.80%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.21%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
CONSULTING	1.08%	PROPERTY	2.37%
TRADING	1.03%	TRADING	2.07%
CONSULTANCY	0.98%	DESIGN	1.92%
J	0.84%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
S	0.79%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
CARE	0.76%	BUSINESS	1.78%
PROPERTY	0.76%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
DESIGN	0.71%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
M	0.66%	MEDIA	1.71%
TRAINING	0.64%	LONDON	1.63%
GLOBAL	0.61%	J	1.51%
INVESTMENTS	0.61%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
BUSINESS	0.61%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CLOTHING	0.59%	IT	1.41%
IT	0.59%	CARE	1.39%
ASSOCIATES	0.59%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
ENTERPRISE	0.57%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
R	0.54%	M	1.27%
LOGISTICS	0.49%	BUILDING	1.26%
CONSTRUCTION	0.49%	ENERGY	1.25%
ELECTRICAL	0.47%	S	1.20%
FOODS	0.47%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,421	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	314	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	140	32,483
99999 - Dormant Company	136	21,846
9999 - Dormant Company	134	20,199
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	104	17,765
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	84	11,768
9305 - Other service activities	69	9,492
7414 - Business & management consultancy	60	13,034
86900 - Other human health activities	55	4,457
7499 - Non-trading company	51	9,957
7260 - Other computer related activities	49	7,667
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	43	12,072
5530 - Restaurants	42	5,013
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	42	8,671
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	40	7,398
6024 - Freight transport by road	40	2,280
62090 - Other information technology service activities	38	7,493
8512 - Medical practice activities	37	2,224
49410 - Freight transport by road	35	2,392