

Leigh

2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

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- November 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Leigh when compared to any previous November.
- December 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Leigh when compared to any previous December.
- November 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Leigh when compared to any previous November.

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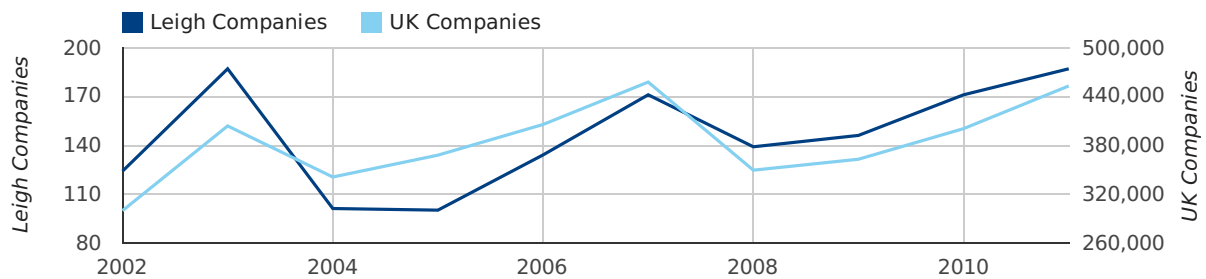
Annual Data (2011)

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

A total of 187 companies were formed in Leigh in 2011. This total is 9.4% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	LEIGH	UK
2011	187	452,870
2010	171	400,358
2009	146	362,675
2008	139	349,203
2007	171	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2003 (187)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



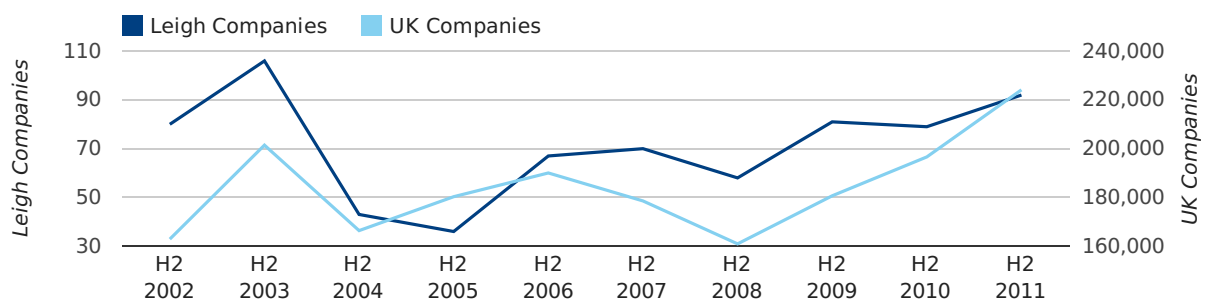
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 92 companies were formed in Leigh. This figure is 16.5% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Leigh occurred in 2003 when a total of 106 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	LEIGH	UK
2011	92	224,135
2010	79	196,609
% CHANGE	16.5%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (106)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



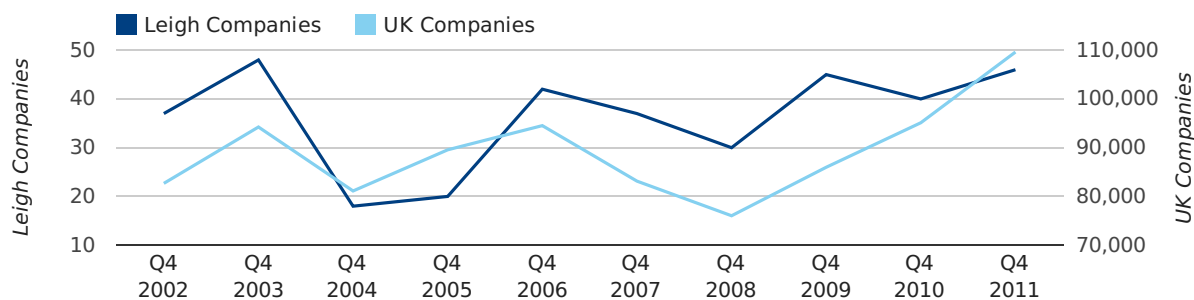
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 46 companies were registered in Leigh during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 15.0% 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)	LEIGH	UK
2011	46	109,623
2010	40	95,117
% CHANGE	15.0%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (48)	2011 (109,623)

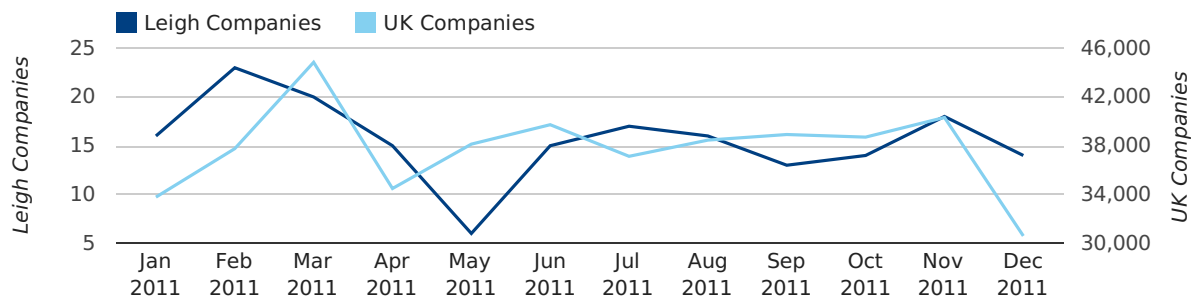
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	14	18	14
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	15	13	12
% CHANGE	-6.7%	38.5%	16.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (19)	2009 (18)	2003 (18)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 97 companies were dissolved in Leigh in 2011. This total is 14.9% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	LEIGH	UK
2011	97	314,523
2010	114	342,232
2009	155	533,773
2008	69	237,901
2007	79	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (155)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



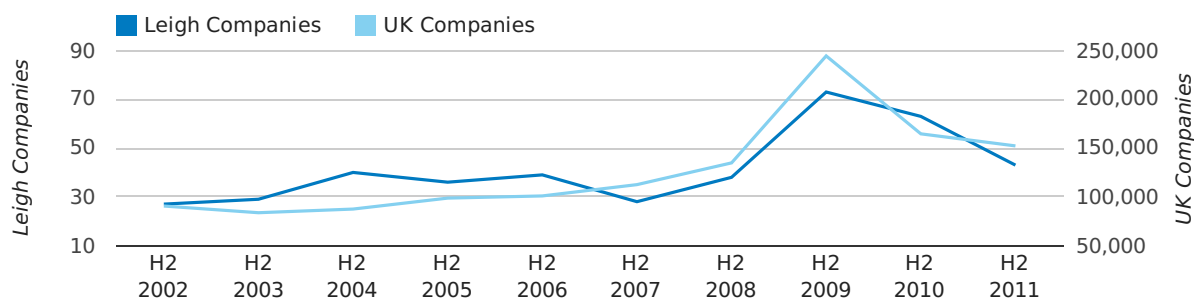
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 43 companies were dissolved in Leigh. This figure is 31.7% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Leigh occurred in 2009 when a total of 73 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	LEIGH	UK
2011	43	152,213
2010	63	164,601
% CHANGE	-31.7%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (73)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



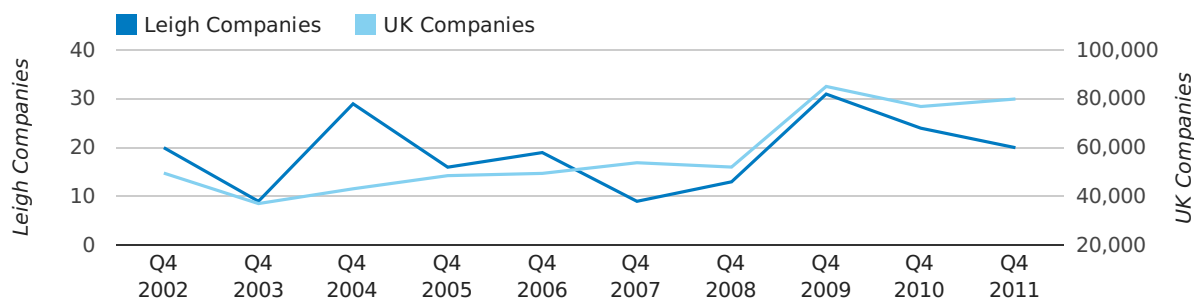
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 20 companies were dissolved in Leigh during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 16.7% 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)	LEIGH	UK
2011	20	79,983
2010	24	76,896
% CHANGE	-16.7%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (31)	2009 (85,136)

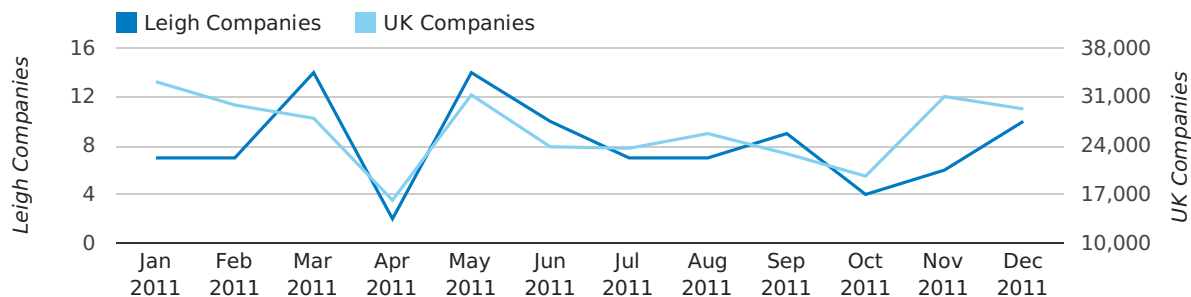
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	4	6	10
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	9	8	7
% CHANGE	-55.6%	-25.0%	43%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (14)	2004 (18)	2011 (10)

Annual Data (2011)

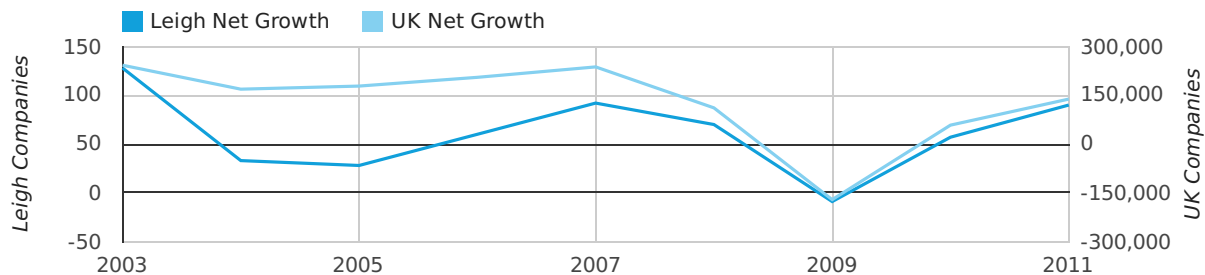
A total of 90 companies were added to the company register for Leigh in 2011. This number represents growth of 52.6% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 33 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Leigh company register grew by 128 companies.

YEAR	LEIGH	UK
2011	90	138,347
2010	57	58,126
2009	-9	-171,098
2008	70	111,302
2007	92	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (128)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

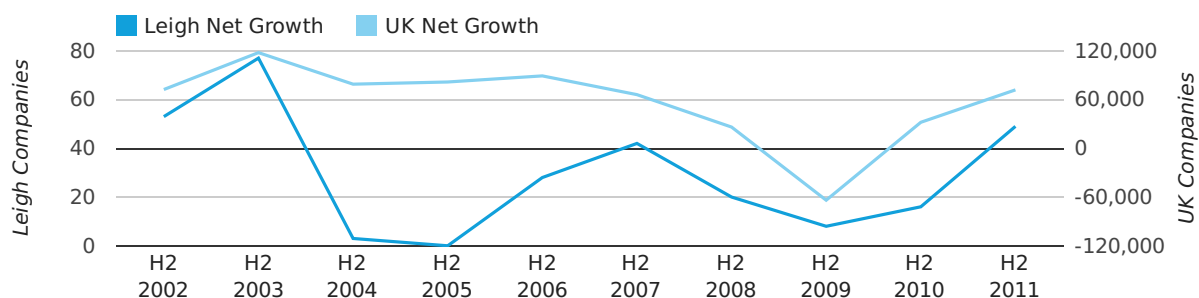


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Leigh increased by 49 companies. This figure is 206.3% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	LEIGH	UK
2011	49	71,922
2010	16	32,008
% CHANGE	206.3%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (77)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



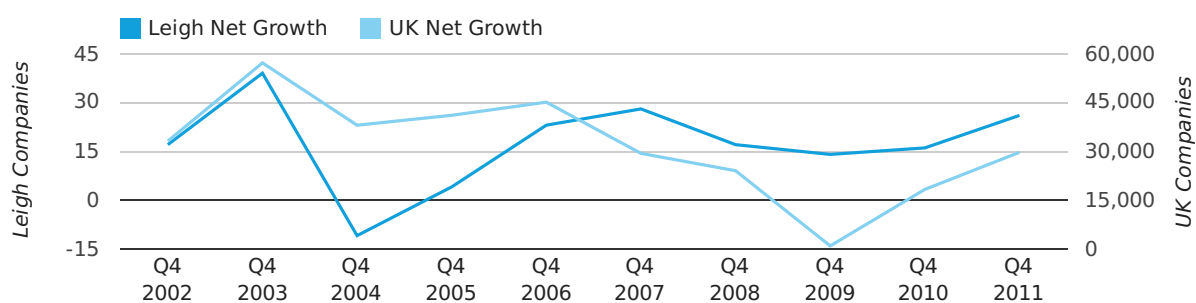
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Leigh during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 26 companies.

This represents an increase of 62.5% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	LEIGH	UK
2011	26	29,640
2010	16	18,221
% CHANGE	62.5%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (39)	2003 (57,175)

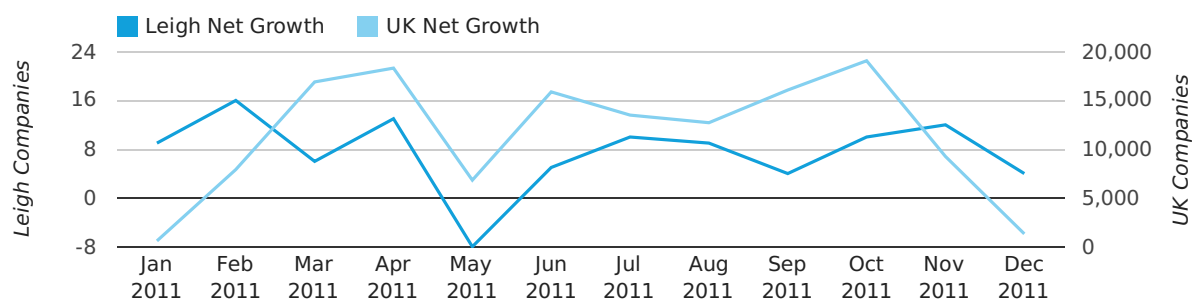
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

November 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Leigh when compared to any previous November.

net growth by month



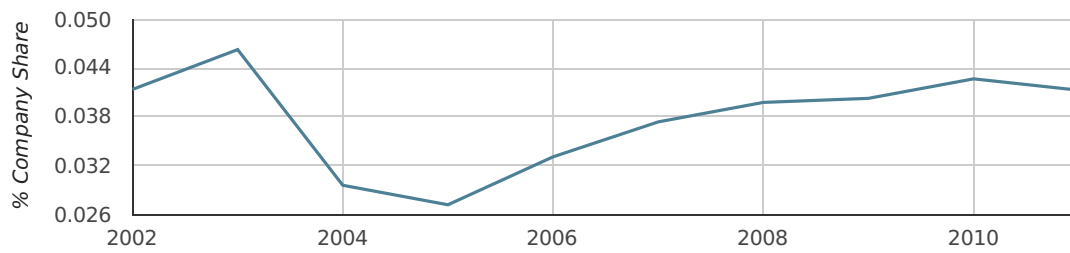
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	10	12	4
NET GROWTH IN 2010	6	5	5
% CHANGE	66.7%	140.0%	-20.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (15)	2011 (12)	2003 (17)

Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	LEIGH
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.1%)

company share by year

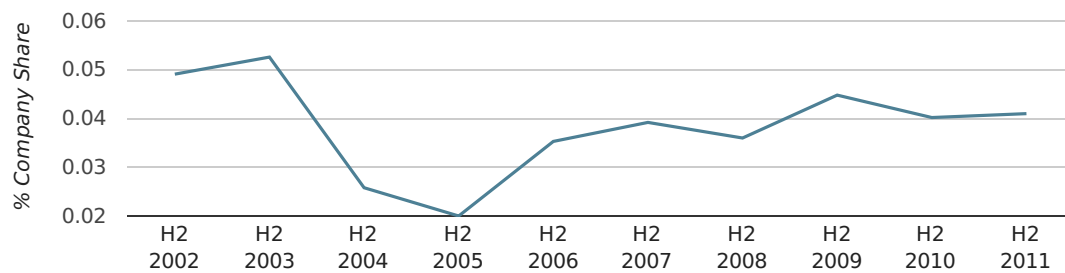


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	LEIGH
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1962 (0.1%)

company share by half year

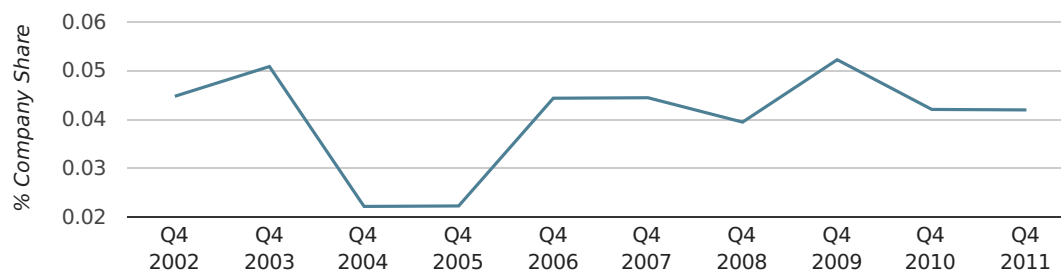


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

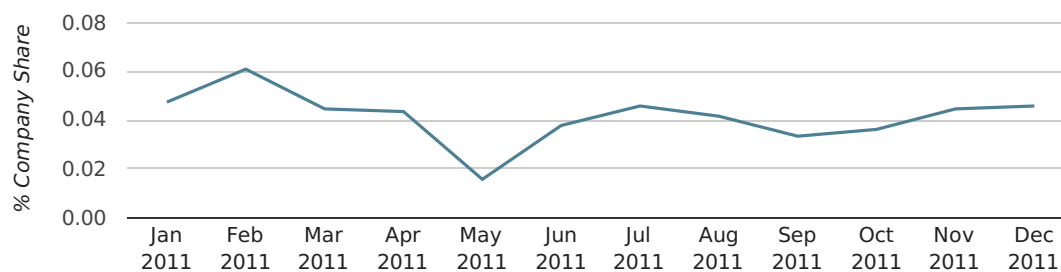
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	LEIGH
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1962 (0.2%)

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	-18.8%	18.0%	3.6%
RECORD YEAR	1963 (0.3%)	1962 (0.3%)	1961 (0.2%)

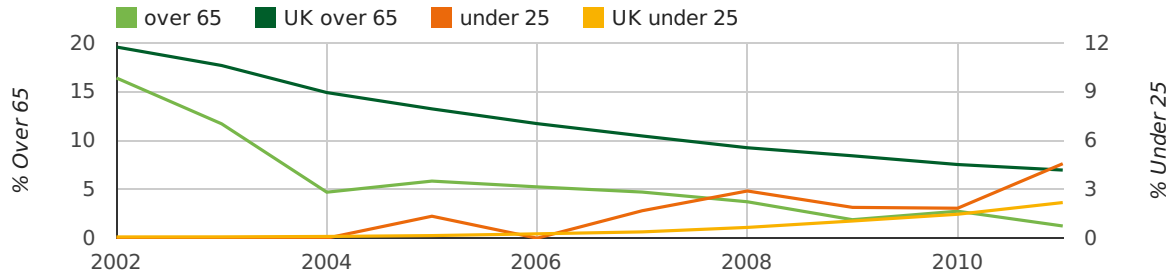
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 42.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



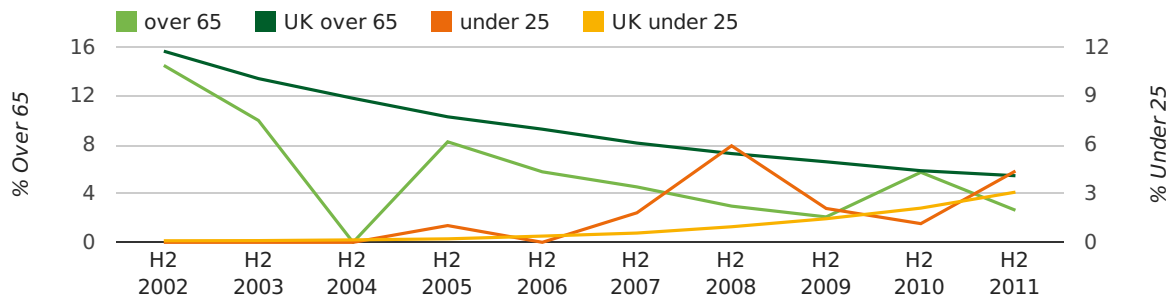
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 42.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



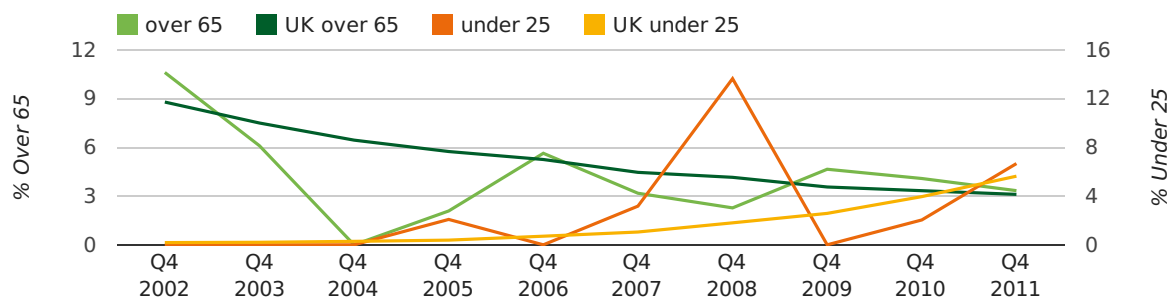
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 42.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

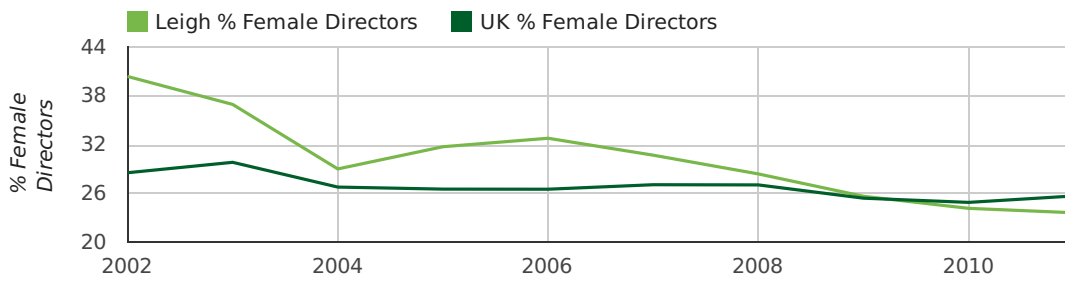


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Leigh in 2011 was 40.4%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

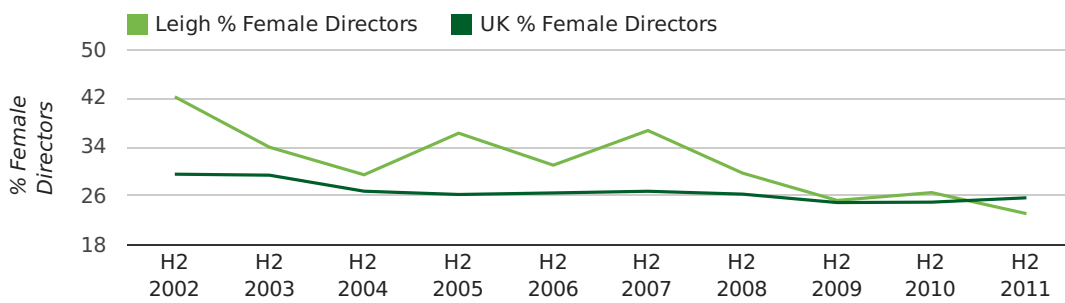


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

23.1% of all director appointments in Leigh 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

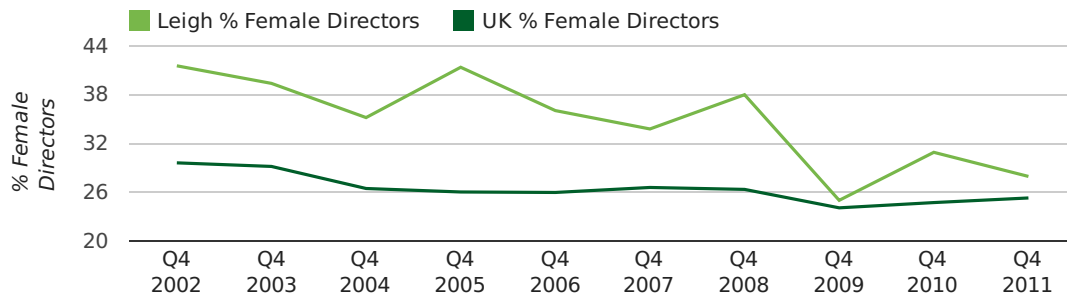


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

27.9% of all director appointments in Leigh 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
ENGINEERING	2.02%	CONSULTING	5.07%
S	1.01%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
M	1.01%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
J	1.01%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSULTING	1.01%	TRADING	2.07%
MEDIA	1.01%	DESIGN	1.92%
CIC	0.76%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
(LEIGH)	0.76%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
P	0.76%	BUSINESS	1.78%
PRODUCTS	0.76%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
(NW)	0.76%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
TRAINING	0.76%	MEDIA	1.71%
LEIGH	0.76%	LONDON	1.63%
VENTURES	0.76%	J	1.51%
BUILDING	0.51%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
LANE	0.51%	GLOBAL	1.46%
PROFESSIONAL	0.51%	IT	1.41%
4	0.51%	CARE	1.39%
CONSTRUCTION	0.51%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
BARGAINS	0.51%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
L	0.51%	M	1.27%
STORAGE	0.51%	BUILDING	1.26%
SUPPLY	0.51%	ENERGY	1.25%
TRANSPORT	0.51%	S	1.20%
LITTLE	0.51%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	73	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	25	57,052
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	22	8,671
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	11	17,765
9999 - Dormant Company	7	20,199
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	5	11,768
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	5	5,558
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	4	3,342
41100 - Development of building projects	4	4,331
74990 - Non-trading company	4	8,929
43210 - Electrical installation	4	3,175
99999 - Dormant Company	4	21,846
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	4	32,483
9305 - Other service activities	4	9,492
42990 - Construction of other civil engineering projects not elsewhere classified	3	1,441
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	3	2,832
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	3	12,072
96020 - Hairdressing and other beauty treatment	3	2,380
7430 - Technical testing and analysis	3	505
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	3	7,398