

Nelson

2011 annual business confidence report



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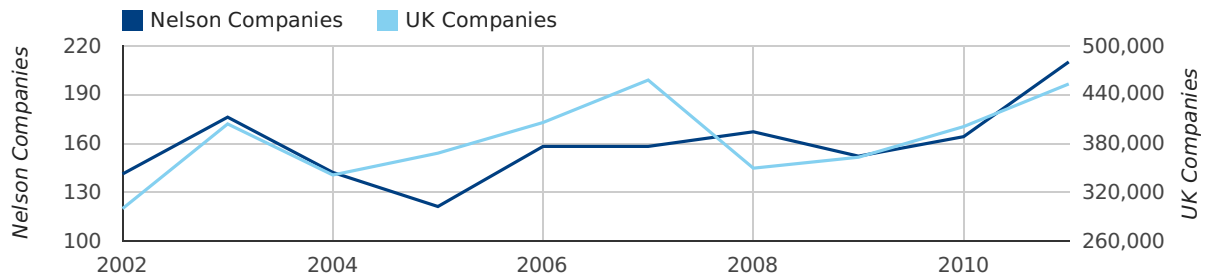
Annual Data (2011)

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

A total of 210 companies were formed in Nelson in 2011. This total is 28.0% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	NELSON	UK
2011	210	452,870
2010	164	400,358
2009	152	362,675
2008	167	349,203
2007	158	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (210)	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 Nelson when compared to any previous second half year.

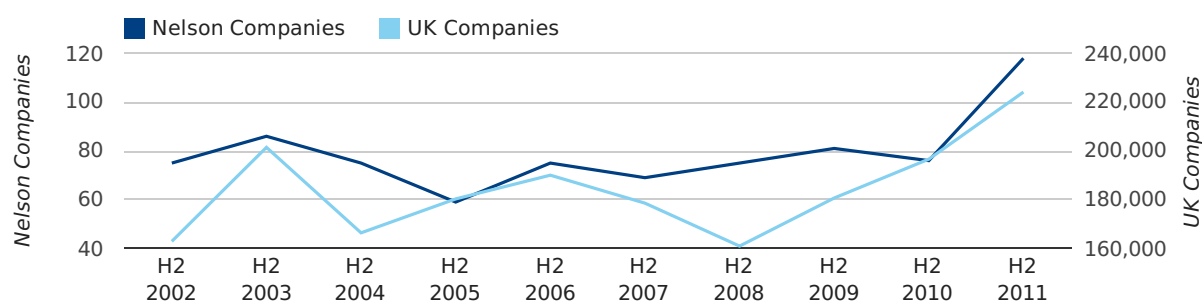
The second half of 2011 was a record second half year for company registrations in Nelson when compared to any half year in history.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 118 companies were formed in Nelson. This figure is 55.3% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Nelson occurred in 2011 when a total of 118 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	NELSON	UK
2011	118	224,135
2010	76	196,609
% CHANGE	55.3%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (118)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

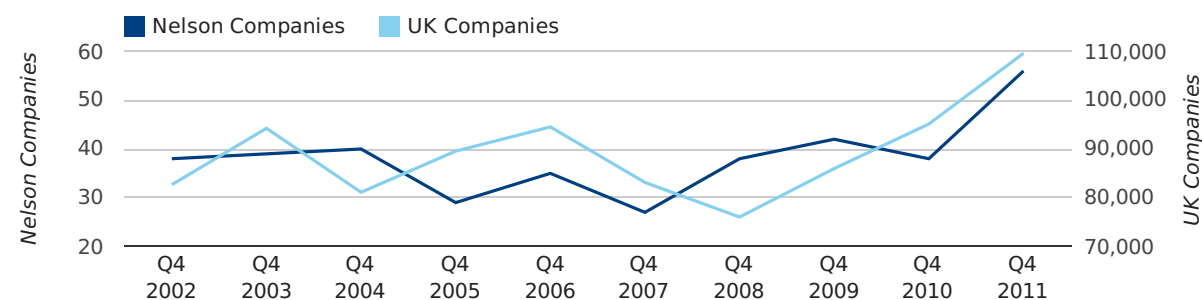
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Nelson when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 56 companies were registered in Nelson during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 47.4% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares well 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)	NELSON	UK
2011	56	109,623
2010	38	95,117
% CHANGE	47.4%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (56)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

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new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	14	23	19
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	17	9	12
% CHANGE	-17.6%	155.6%	58.3%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (19)	2011 (23)	2011 (19)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 118 companies were dissolved in Nelson in 2011. This total is 15.1% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	NELSON	UK
2011	118	314,523
2010	139	342,232
2009	179	533,773
2008	66	237,901
2007	90	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (179)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



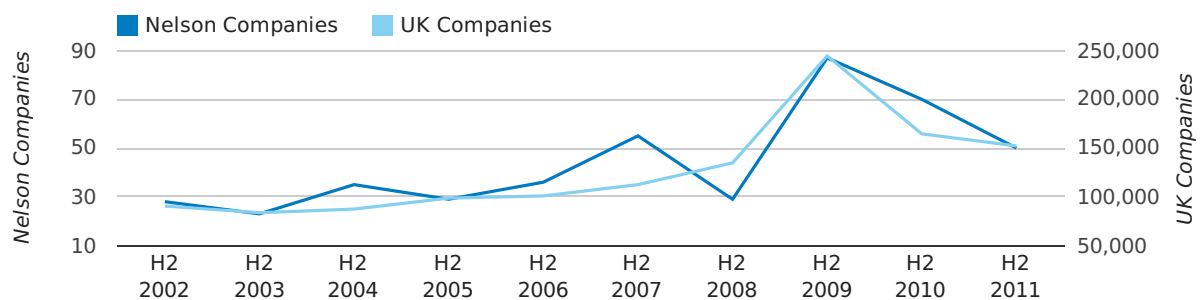
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 50 companies were dissolved in Nelson. This figure is 28.6% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Nelson occurred in 2009 when a total of 87 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	NELSON	UK
2011	50	152,213
2010	70	164,601
% CHANGE	-28.6%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (87)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



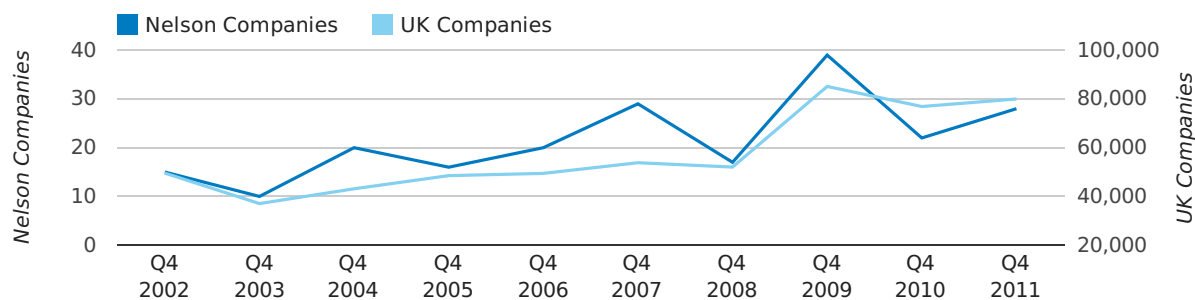
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 28 companies were dissolved in Nelson during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 27.3% 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)	NELSON	UK
2011	28	79,983
2010	22	76,896
% CHANGE	27.3%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (39)	2009 (85,136)

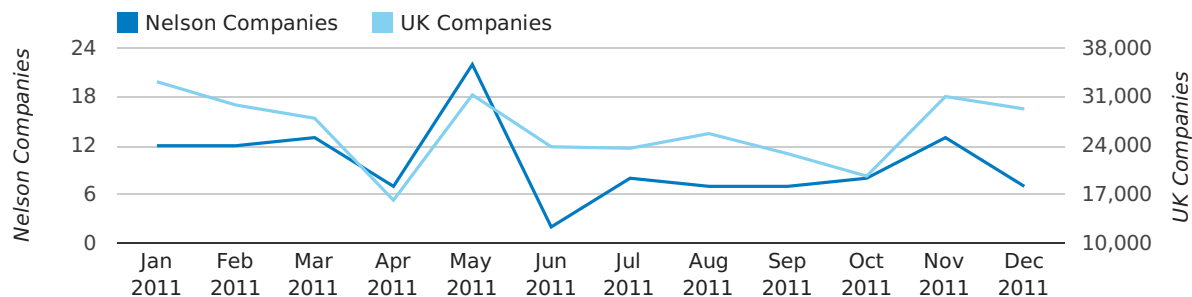
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	8	13	7
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	9	7	6
% CHANGE	-11.1%	85.7%	17%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (12)	2011 (13)	2009 (18)

Annual Data (2011)

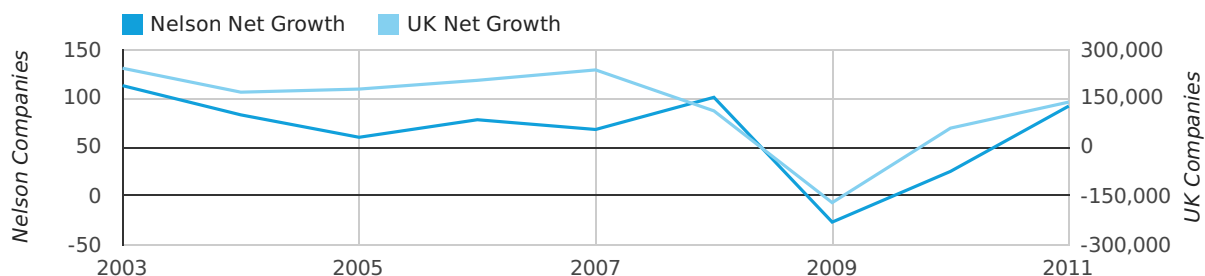
A total of 92 companies were added to the company register for Nelson in 2011. This number represents growth of 56.1% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 67 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Nelson company register grew by 113 companies.

YEAR	NELSON	UK
2011	92	138,347
2010	25	58,126
2009	-27	-171,098
2008	101	111,302
2007	68	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (113)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

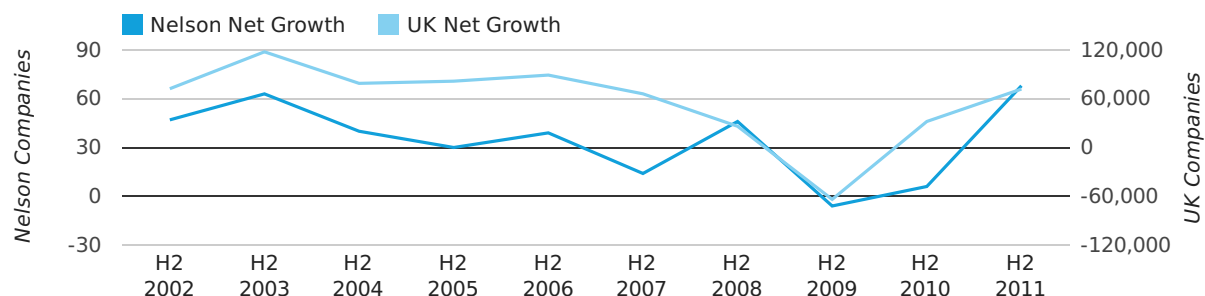
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Nelson when compared to any previous second half year.

The second half of 2011 was a record second half year for net growth in Nelson when compared to any half year in history.

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Nelson increased by 68 companies. This figure is 1,033.3% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	NELSON	UK
2011	68	71,922
2010	6	32,008
% CHANGE	1,033.3%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (68)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



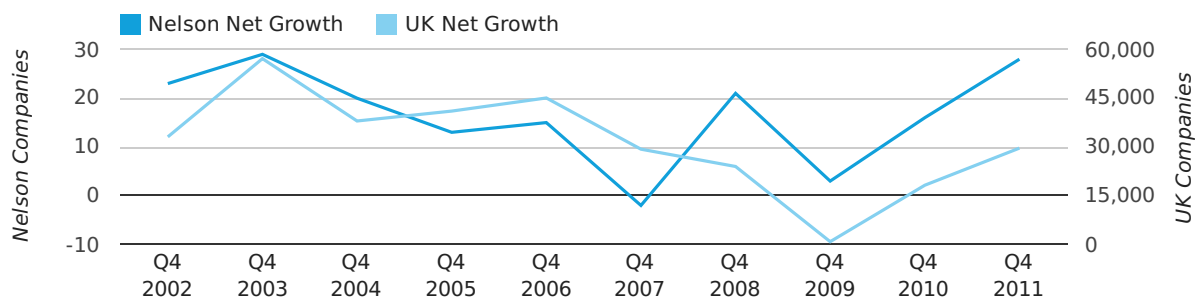
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Nelson during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 28 companies.

This represents an increase of 75.0% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	NELSON	UK
2011	28	29,640
2010	16	18,221
% CHANGE	75.0%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (29)	2003 (57,175)

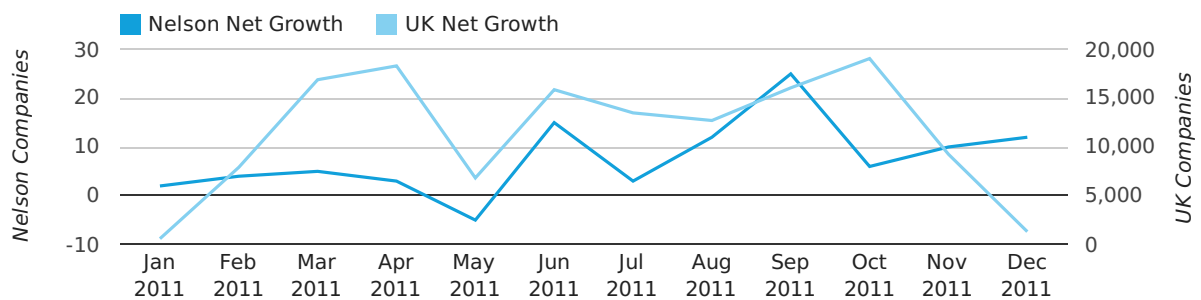
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

December 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Nelson when compared to any previous December.

net growth by month



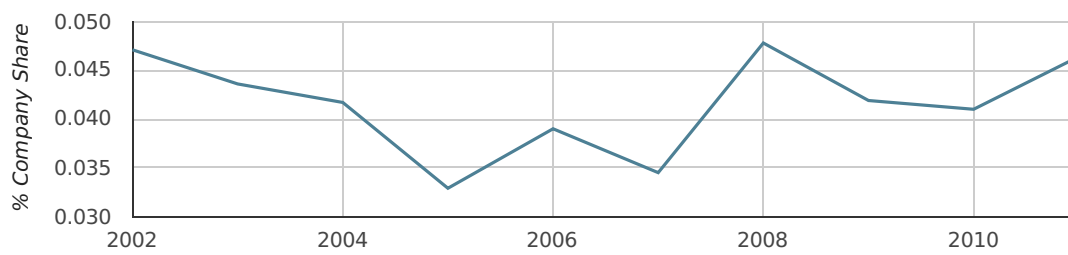
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	6	10	12
NET GROWTH IN 2010	8	2	6
% CHANGE	-25.0%	400.0%	100.0%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (13)	2008 (12)	2011 (12)

Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	NELSON
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (0.1%)

company share by year

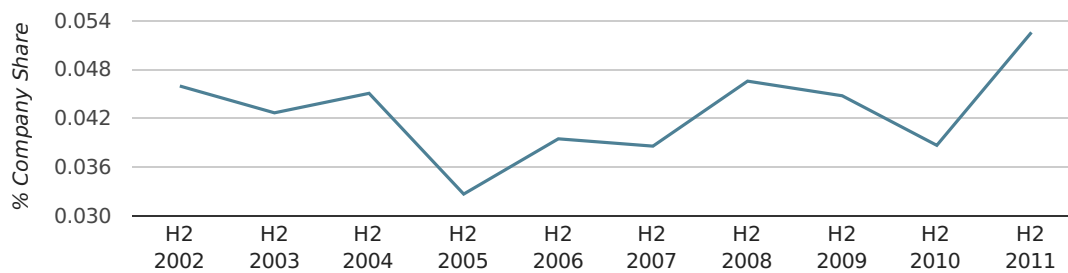


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Nelson formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is more than the 2010 figure of 0.0%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	NELSON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.1%)

company share by half year

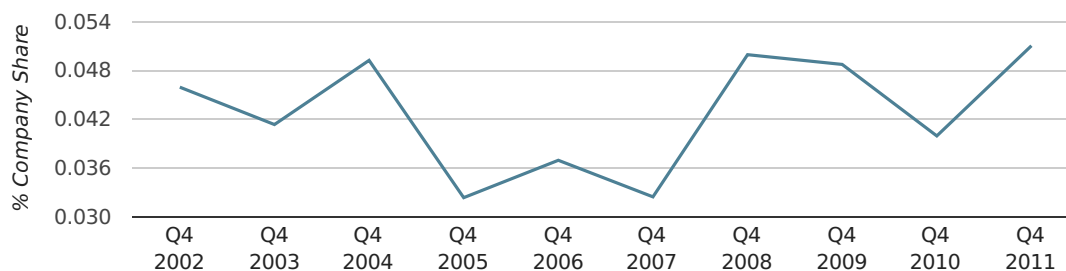


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, Nelson formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

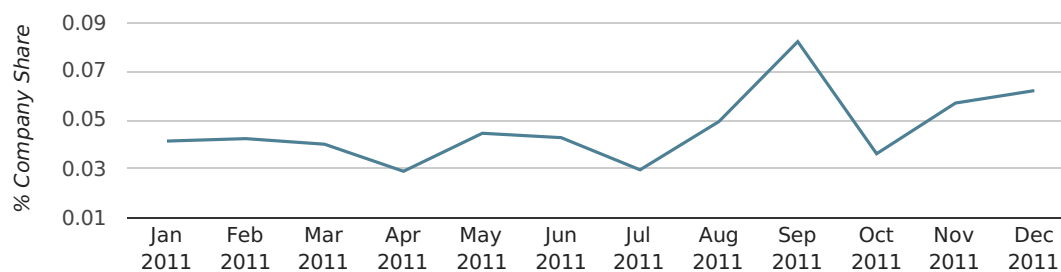
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	NELSON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1974 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	-28.3%	117.6%	40.5%
RECORD YEAR	1963 (0.1%)	1974 (0.1%)	1966 (0.2%)

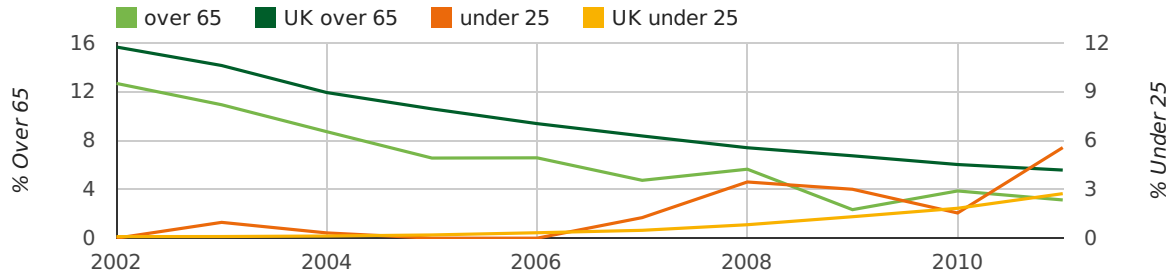
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 41.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.6% 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



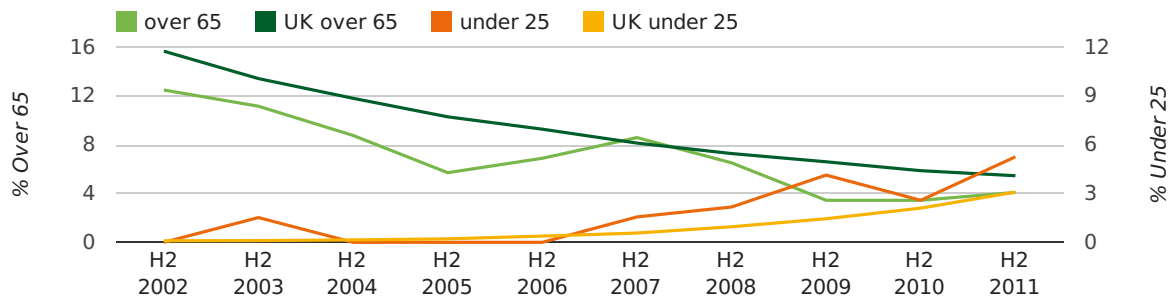
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 41.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

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

director age by half year



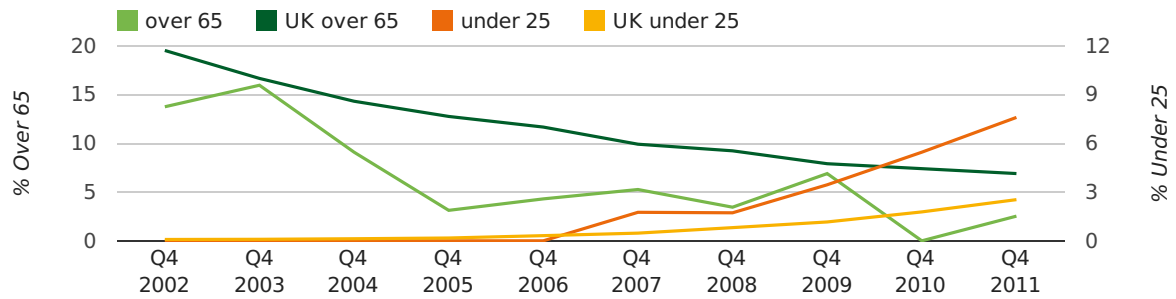
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 39.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 7.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

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director age by quarter

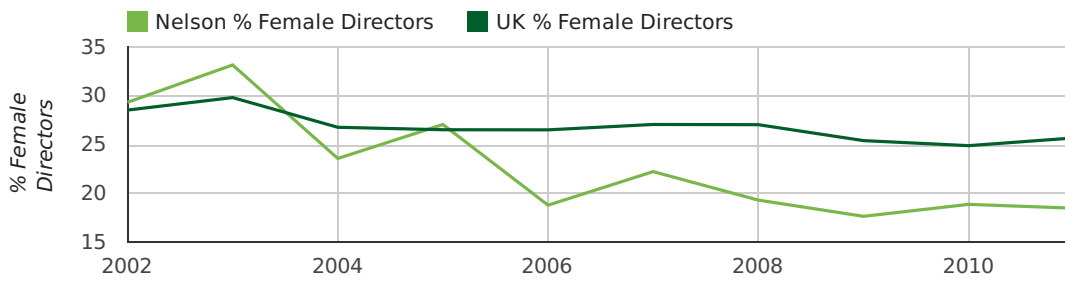


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Nelson in 2011 was 29.4%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

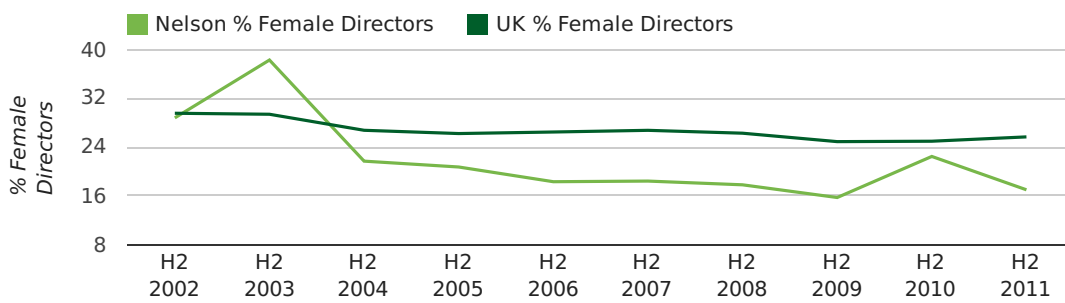


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

17.0% of all director appointments in Nelson 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

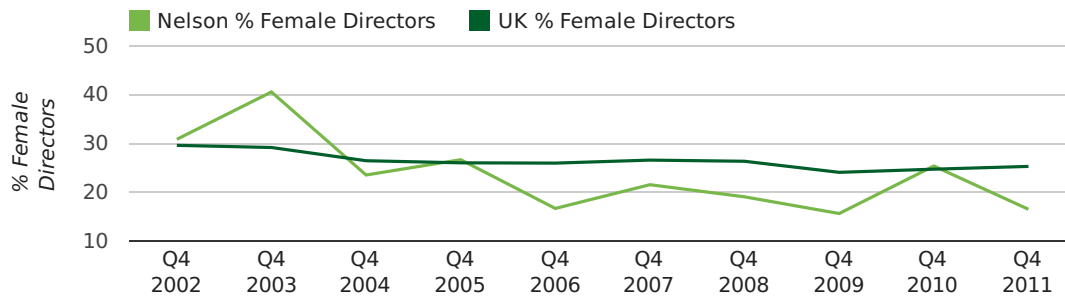


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

16.5% of all director appointments in Nelson 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
CONSULTANCY	1.79%	CONSULTING	5.07%
PENDLE	1.54%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.03%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
TRADING	1.03%	PROPERTY	2.37%
TRADE	1.03%	TRADING	2.07%
(BARROWFORD)	0.77%	DESIGN	1.92%
CLAIMS	0.77%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
DESIGN	0.77%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
CONSTRUCTION	0.77%	BUSINESS	1.78%
T	0.77%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ASSOCIATES	0.77%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
CO	0.77%	MEDIA	1.71%
TRAINING	0.77%	LONDON	1.63%
FOODS	0.51%	J	1.51%
K	0.51%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CITI	0.51%	GLOBAL	1.46%
LAW	0.51%	IT	1.41%
SIDE	0.51%	CARE	1.39%
SUPPLIES	0.51%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
CENTRE	0.51%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
JULIE	0.51%	M	1.27%
CLICK	0.51%	BUILDING	1.26%
WHOLESALE	0.51%	ENERGY	1.25%
N	0.51%	S	1.20%
BOOK	0.51%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	87	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	20	57,052
99999 - Dormant Company	9	21,846
9999 - Dormant Company	9	20,199
7499 - Non-trading company	7	9,957
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	5	32,483
41100 - Development of building projects	4	4,331
62090 - Other information technology service activities	4	7,493
45112 - Sale of used cars and light motor vehicles	4	1,140
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	4	8,671
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	4	11,768
86210 - General medical practice activities	3	2,285
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	3	17,765
61900 - Other telecommunications activities	3	1,386
5241 - Retail sale of textiles	3	233
74990 - Non-trading company	3	8,929
74100 - specialised design activities	3	1,530
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	3	7,398
85590 - Other education not elsewhere classified	3	2,395
7032 - Manage real estate, fee or contract	2	2,198