

Newtownards

2011 annual business confidence report



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- December 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Newtownards when compared to any previous December.
- Q4 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Newtownards when compared to any previous Q4.
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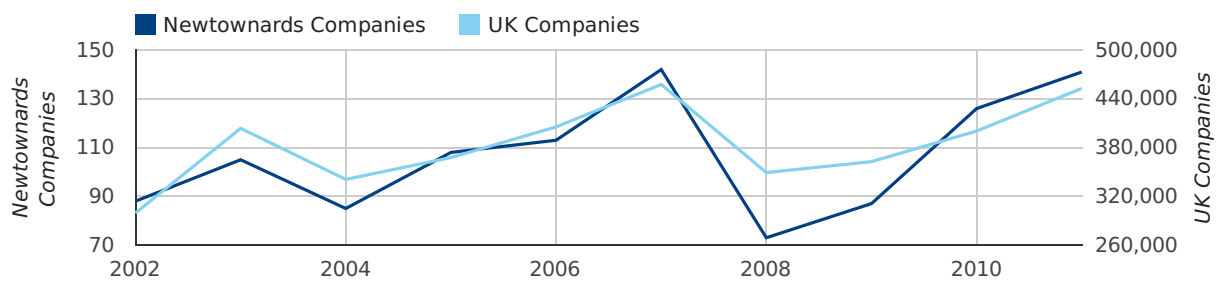
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Annual Data (2011)

A total of 141 companies were formed in Newtownards in 2011. This total is 11.9% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	NEWTOWNARDS	UK
2011	141	452,870
2010	126	400,358
2009	87	362,675
2008	73	349,203
2007	142	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2007 (142)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

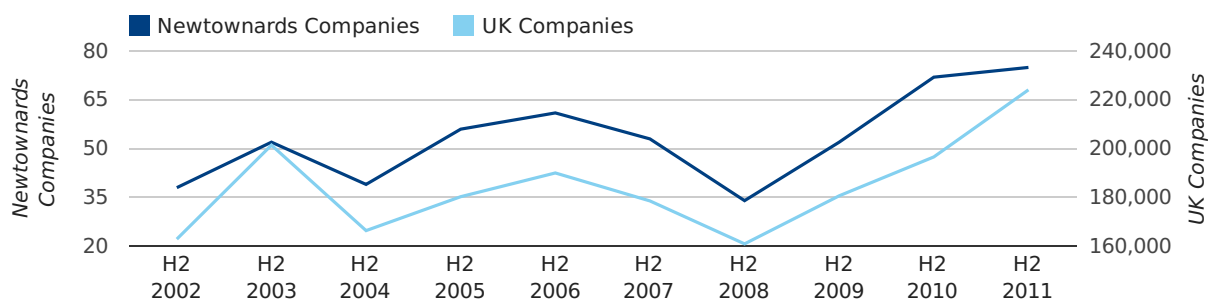
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Newtownards when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 75 companies were formed in Newtownards. This figure is 4.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Newtownards occurred in 2011 when a total of 75 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	NEWTOWNARDS	UK
2011	75	224,135
2010	72	196,609
% CHANGE	4.2%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (75)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



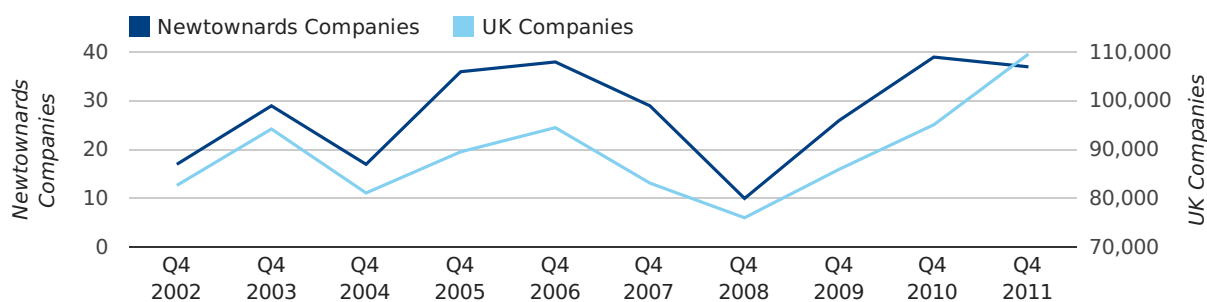
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 37 companies were registered in Newtownards during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 5.1% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 15.3% against the same period last year.

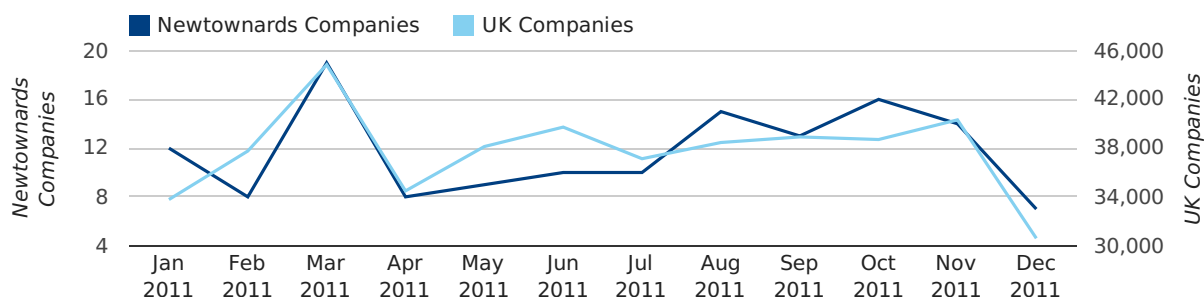
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	NEWTOWNARDS	UK
2011	37	109,623
2010	39	95,117
% CHANGE	-5.1%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (39)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

new companies by month



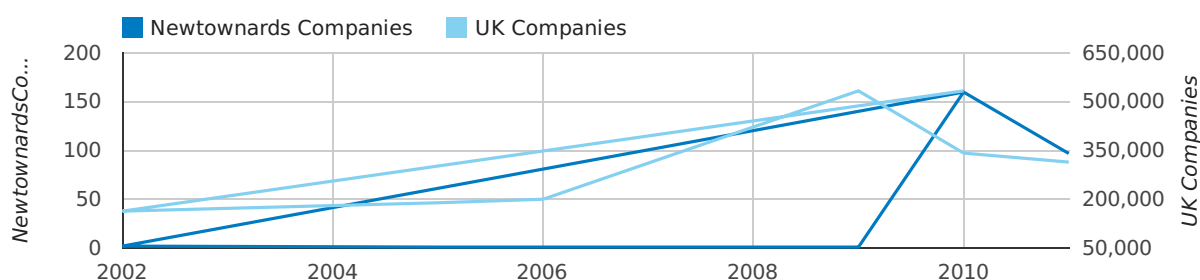
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	16	14	7
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	17	15	7
% CHANGE	-5.9%	-6.7%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (17)	2010 (15)	2006 (17)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 97 companies were dissolved in Newtownards in 2011. This total is 39.4% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	NEWTOWNARDS	UK
2011	97	314,523
2010	160	342,232
2009	1	533,773
2008	1	200,166
2007	1	189,329
RECORD YEAR	2010 (160)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



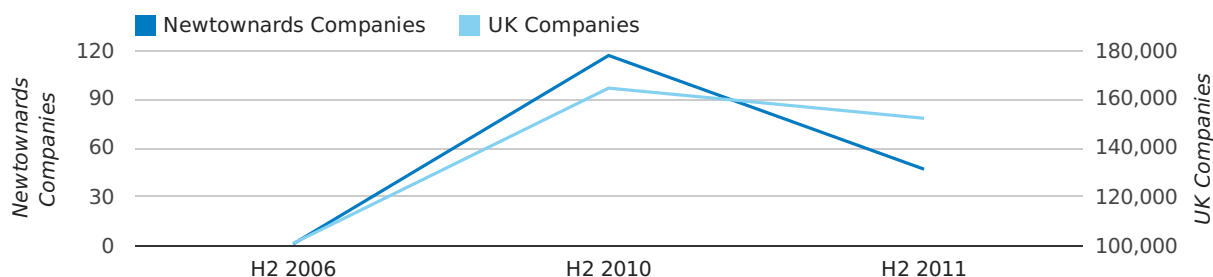
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 47 companies were dissolved in Newtownards. This figure is 59.8% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Newtownards occurred in 2010 when a total of 117 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	NEWTOWNARDS	UK
2011	47	152,213
2010	117	164,601
% CHANGE	-59.8%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (117)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



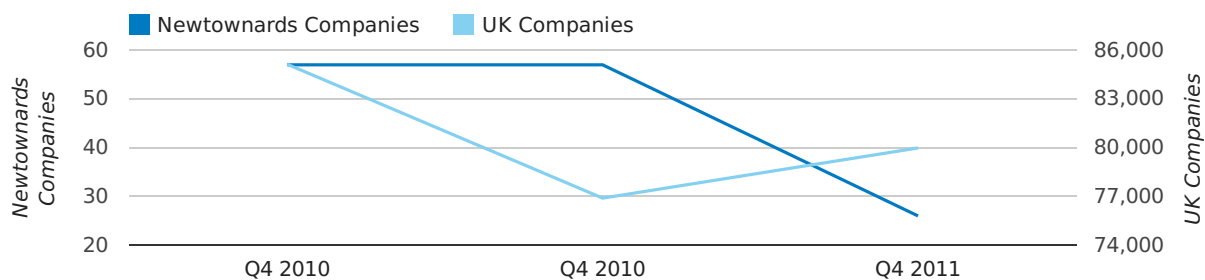
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 26 companies were dissolved in Newtownards during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 54.4% 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)	NEWTOWNARDS	UK
2011	26	79,983
2010	57	76,896
% CHANGE	-54.4%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (57)	2009 (85,136)

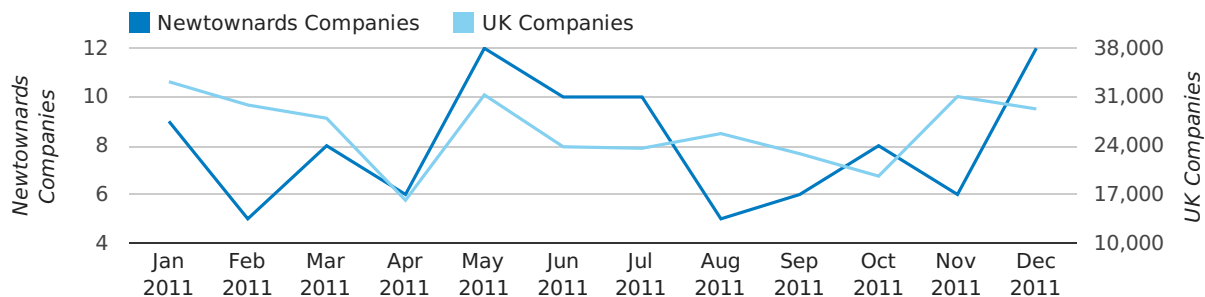
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	8	6	12
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	39	11	7
% CHANGE	-79.5%	-45.5%	71%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (39)	2010 (11)	2011 (12)

Annual Data (2011)

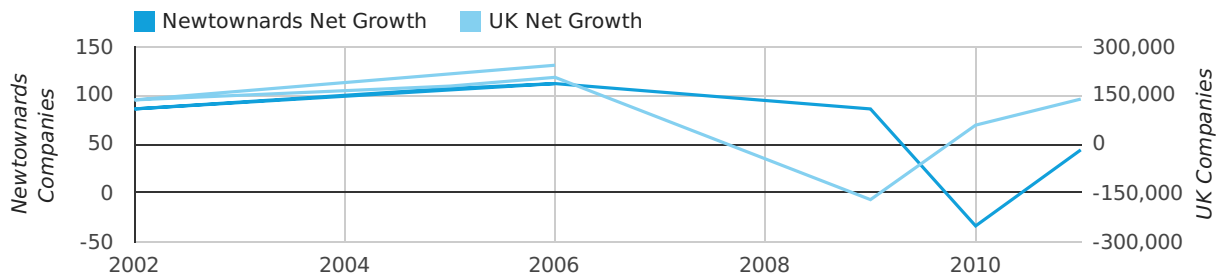
A total of 44 companies were added to the company register for Newtownards in 2011. This number represents growth of 34.9% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 78 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2006 when the Newtownards company register grew by 112 companies.

YEAR	NEWTOWNARDS	UK
2011	44	138,347
2010	-34	58,126
2009	86	-171,098
2008	112	205,274
2007	107	178,360
RECORD YEAR	2006 (112)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

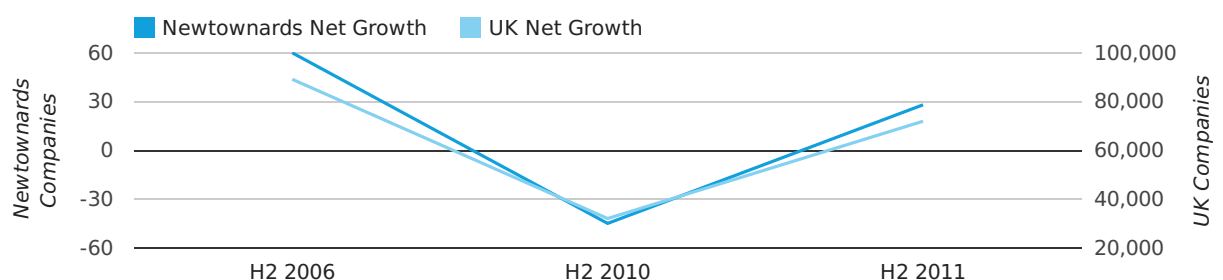


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Newtownards increased by 28 companies. This figure is 162.2% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	NEWTOWNARDS	UK
2011	28	71,922
2010	-45	32,008
% CHANGE	-162.2%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (60)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

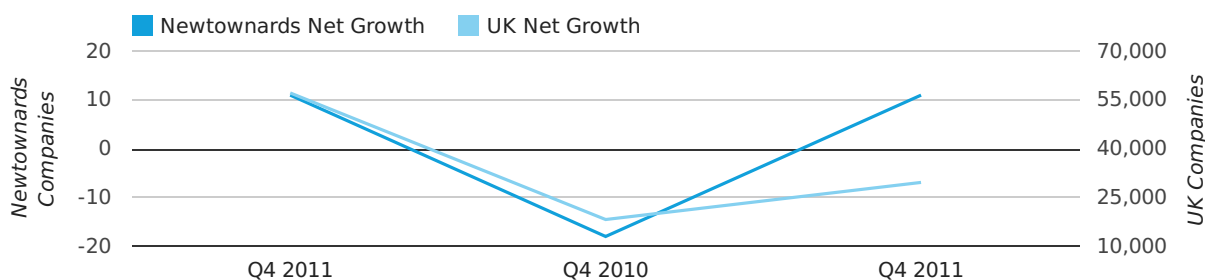
Q4 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Newtownards when compared to any previous Q4.

Net company growth for Newtownards during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 11 companies.

This represents an increase of 161.1% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	NEWTOWNARDS	UK
2011	11	29,640
2010	-18	18,221
% CHANGE	-161.1%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (11)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter

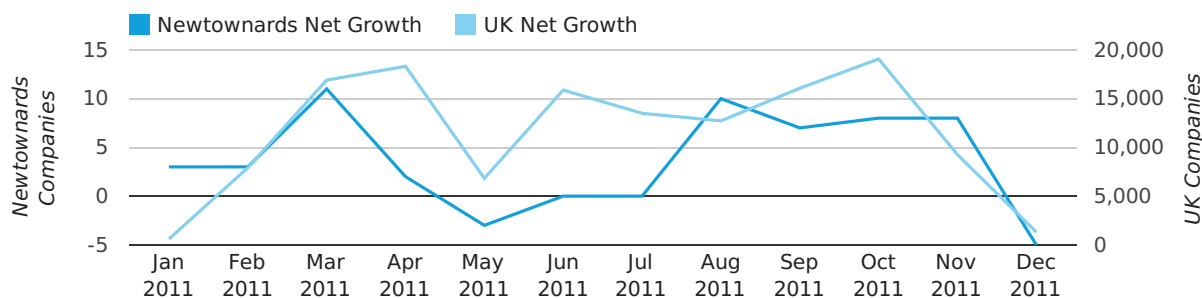


Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

October 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Newtownards when compared to any previous October.

net growth by month



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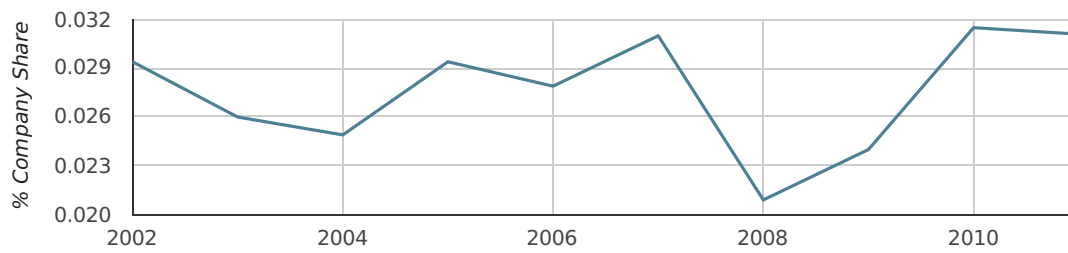
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	8	8	-5
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-22	4	0
% CHANGE	-136.4%	100.0%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (8)	2011 (8)	2010 (0)

Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	NEWTOWNARDS
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.1%)

company share by year

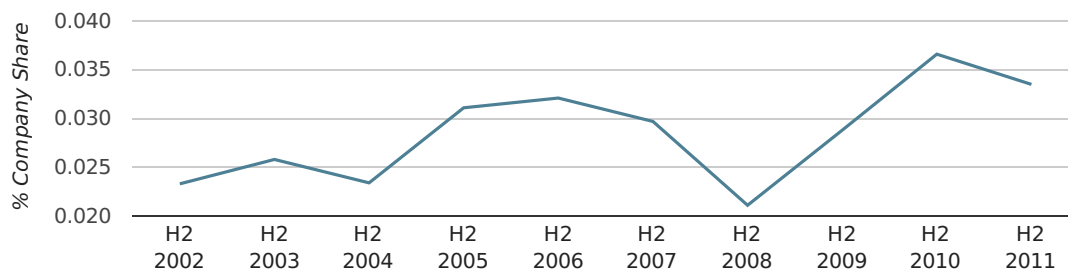


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	NEWTOWNARDS
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.2%)

company share by half year

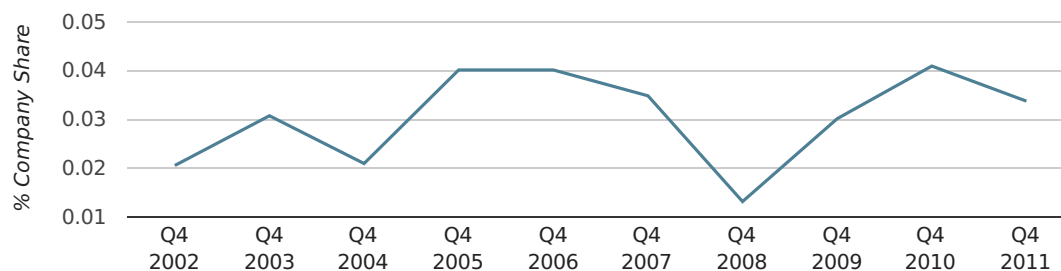


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

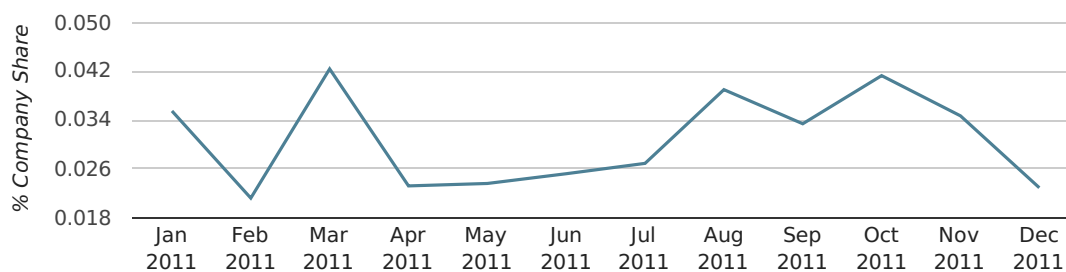
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	NEWTOWNARDS
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.2%)

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	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	-18.2%	-20.6%	-11.2%
RECORD YEAR	1970 (0.3%)	1965 (0.4%)	1966 (0.2%)

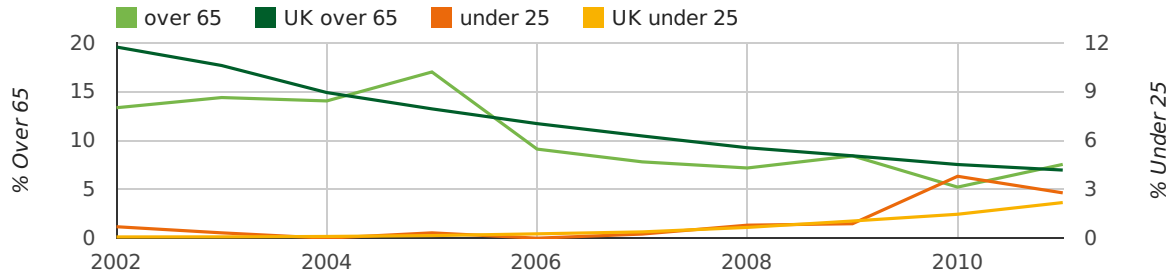
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 45.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 7.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



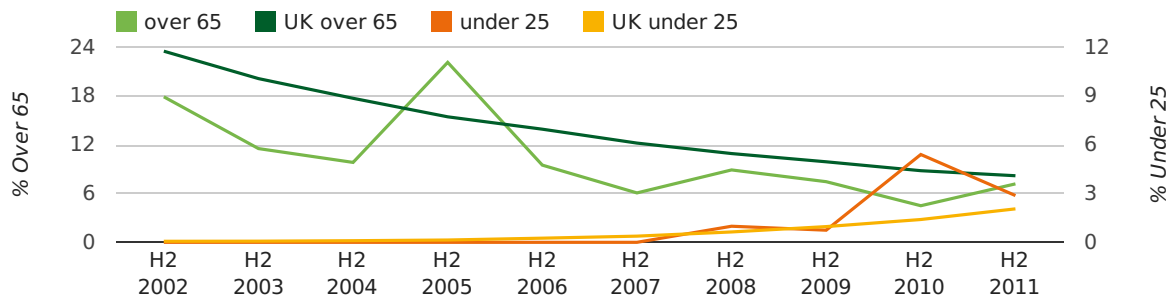
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 45.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 7.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



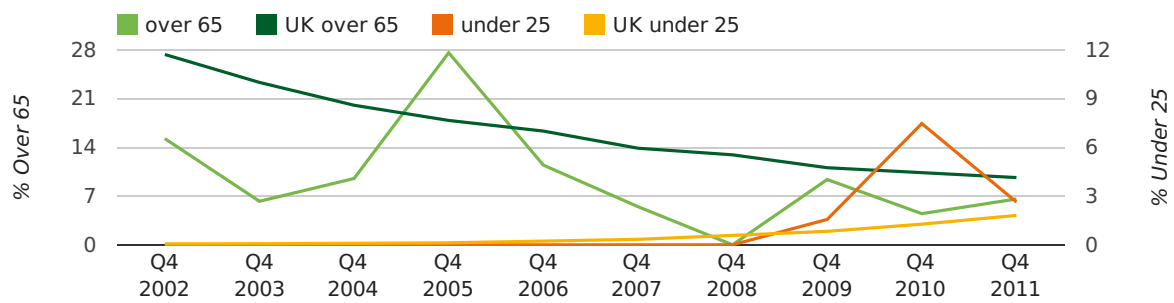
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 46.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

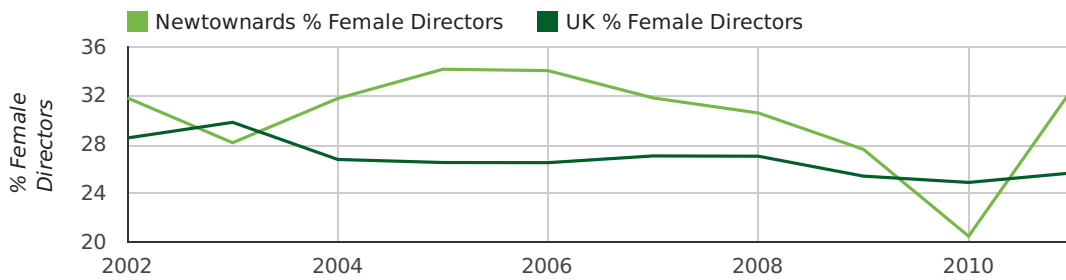


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Newtownards in 2011 was 31.8%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

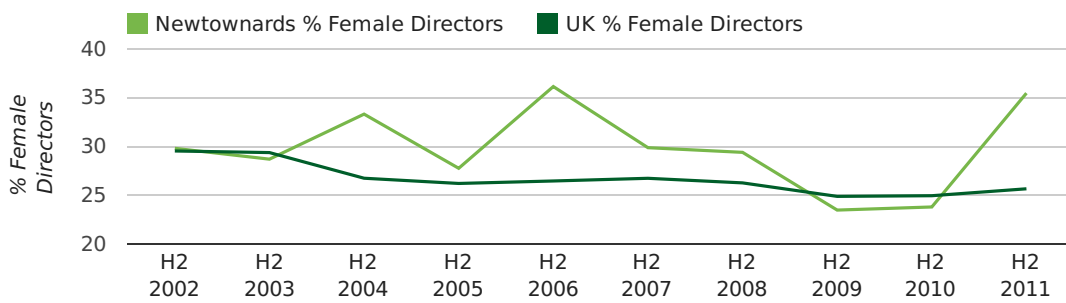


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

35.5% of all director appointments in Newtownards 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

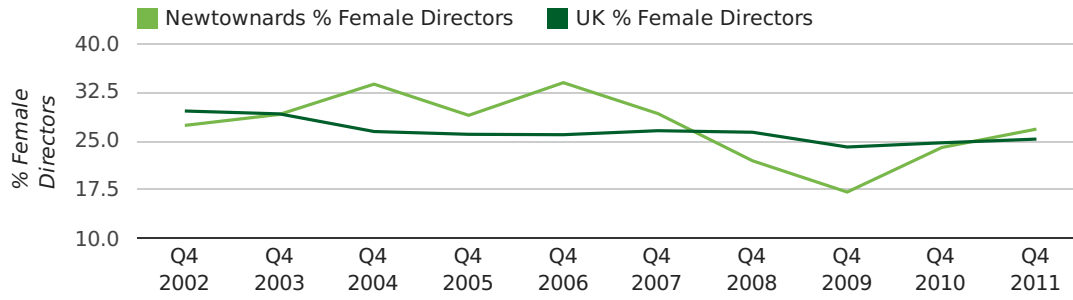


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

26.8% of all director appointments in Newtownards 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
(NI)	2.80%	CONSULTING	5.07%
DOWN	2.10%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
NORTH	1.40%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
SERVICE	1.40%	PROPERTY	2.37%
MANAGEMENT	1.05%	TRADING	2.07%
PROPERTIES	1.05%	DESIGN	1.92%
CATERING	1.05%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
CONSULTANCY	1.05%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
C.I.C.	1.05%	BUSINESS	1.78%
CO	0.70%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
MEDIA	0.70%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
ENERGY	0.70%	MEDIA	1.71%
STEWART	0.70%	LONDON	1.63%
CARS	0.70%	J	1.51%
BUILDING	0.70%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CO.	0.70%	GLOBAL	1.46%
NI	0.70%	IT	1.41%
GREEN	0.70%	CARE	1.39%
PROPERTY	0.70%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
TRADING	0.70%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
FOR	0.70%	M	1.27%
IRELAND	0.70%	BUILDING	1.26%
CONDITIONING	0.70%	ENERGY	1.25%
AIR	0.70%	S	1.20%
TRAINING	0.70%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	40	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	11	57,052
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	6	3,194
66220 - Activities of insurance agents and brokers	5	453
9999 - Dormant Company	5	20,199
41100 - Development of building projects	4	4,331
99999 - Dormant Company	4	21,846
7414 - Business & management consultancy	4	13,034
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	3	12,072
9305 - Other service activities	3	9,492
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	3	3,633
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	3	8,671
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	3	32,483
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	3	4,082
43210 - Electrical installation	2	3,175
98000 - Residents property management	2	2,874
7260 - Other computer related activities	2	7,667
5246 - Retail hardware, paints & glass	2	109
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	2	11,768
47789 - Other retail sale of new goods in specialised stores (not commercial art galleries and opticians)	2	1,057