

Oldbury

2011 annual business confidence report



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- Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Oldbury when compared to any previous Q4.
- October 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Oldbury when compared to any previous October.
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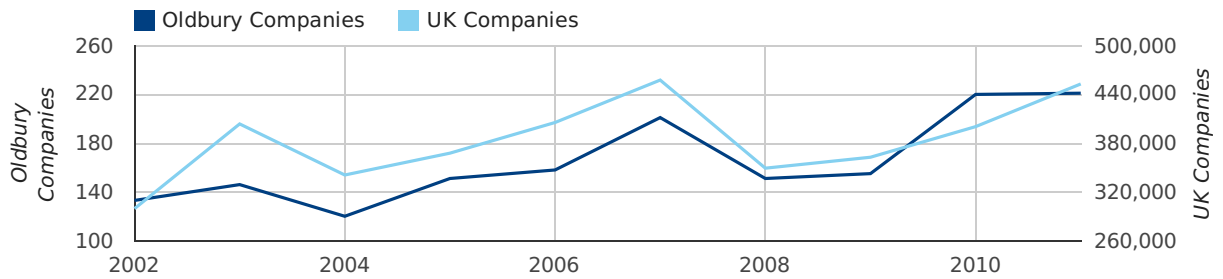
Annual Data (2011)

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

A total of 221 companies were formed in Oldbury in 2011. This total is 0.5% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	OLDBURY	UK
2011	221	452,870
2010	220	400,358
2009	155	362,675
2008	151	349,203
2007	201	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (221)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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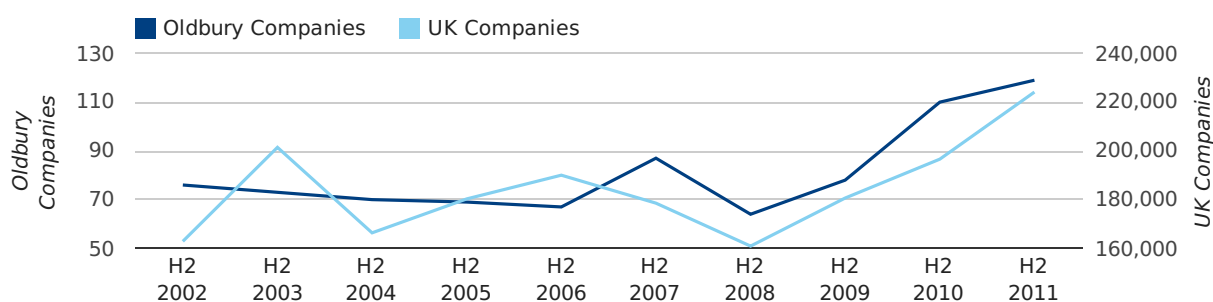
The second half of 2011 was a record second half year for company registrations in Oldbury when compared to any half year in history.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 119 companies were formed in Oldbury. This figure is 8.2% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Oldbury occurred in 2011 when a total of 119 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	OLDBURY	UK
2011	119	224,135
2010	110	196,609
% CHANGE	8.2%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (119)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

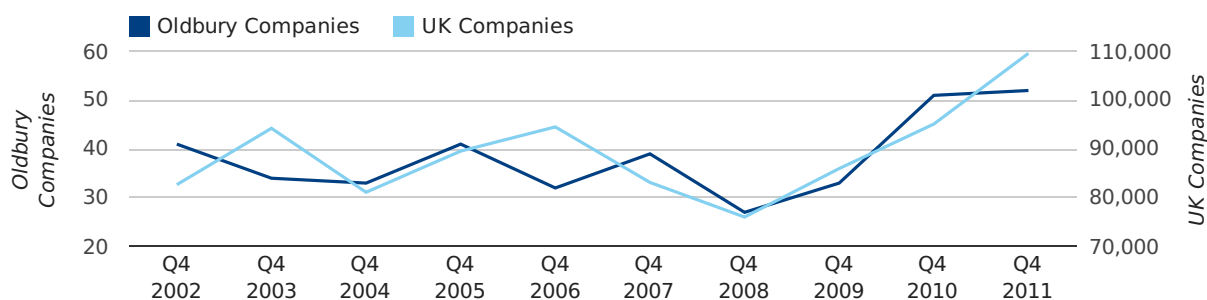
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Oldbury when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 52 companies were registered in Oldbury during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 2.0% 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)	OLDBURY	UK
2011	52	109,623
2010	51	95,117
% CHANGE	2.0%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (52)	2011 (109,623)

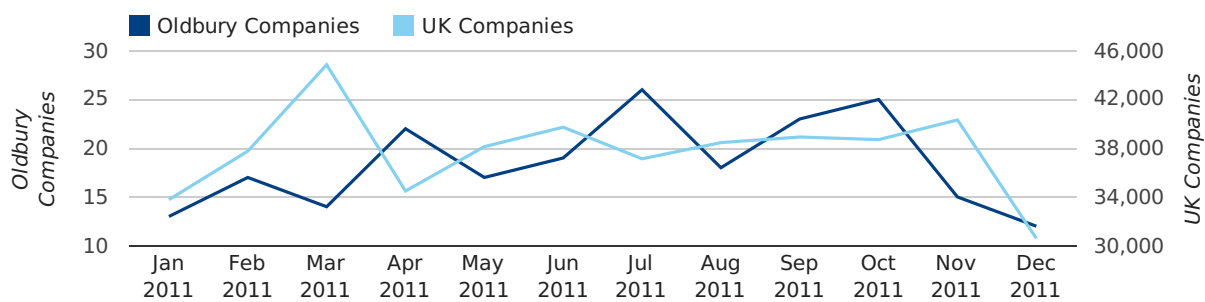
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

October 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Oldbury when compared to any previous October.

new companies by month



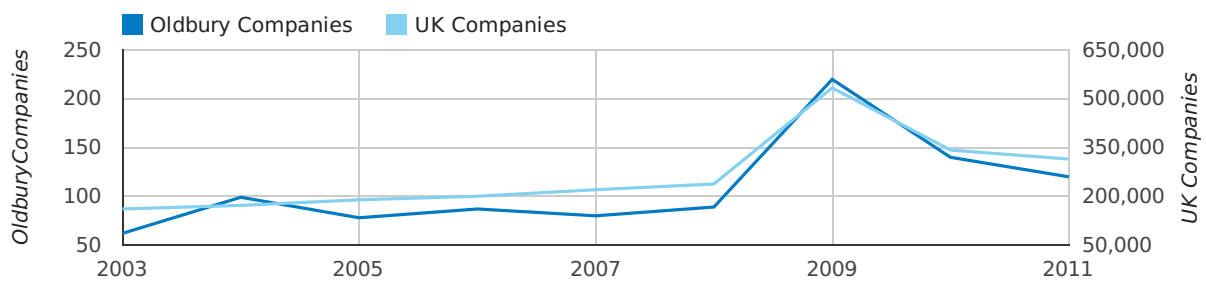
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	25	15	12
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	19	19	13
% CHANGE	31.6%	-21.1%	-7.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (25)	2010 (19)	2010 (13)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 120 companies were dissolved in Oldbury in 2011. This total is 14.3% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	OLDBURY	UK
2011	120	314,523
2010	140	342,232
2009	220	533,773
2008	89	237,901
2007	80	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (220)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



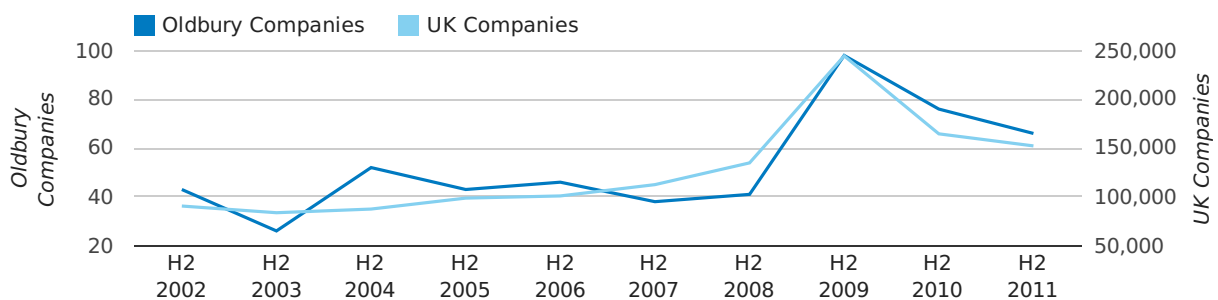
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 66 companies were dissolved in Oldbury. This figure is 13.2% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Oldbury occurred in 2009 when a total of 98 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	OLDBURY	UK
2011	66	152,213
2010	76	164,601
% CHANGE	-13.2%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (98)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



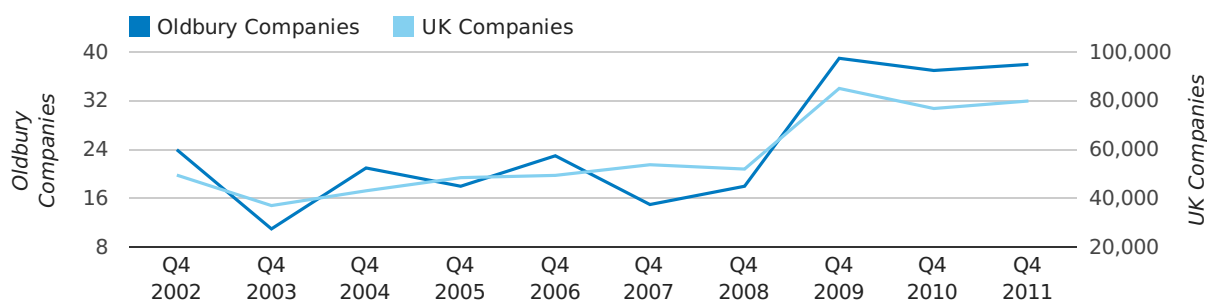
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 38 companies were dissolved in Oldbury during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 2.7% 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.

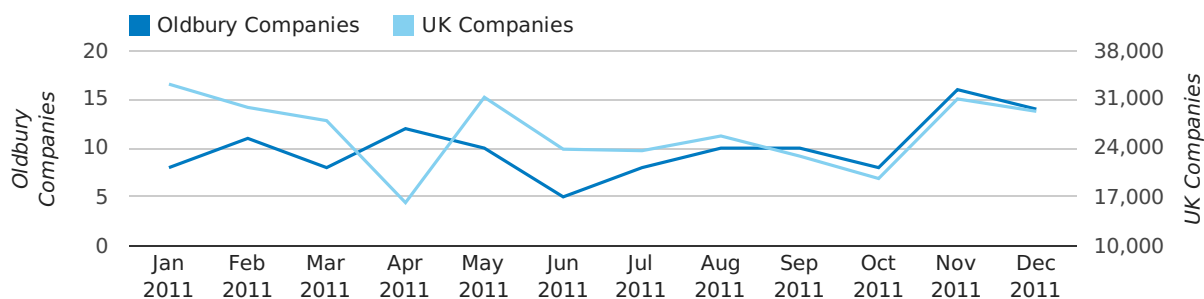
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	OLDBURY	UK
2011	38	79,983
2010	37	76,896
% CHANGE	2.7%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (39)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	8	16	14
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	15	18	4
% CHANGE	-46.7%	-11.1%	250%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (16)	2010 (18)	2009 (14)

Annual Data (2011)

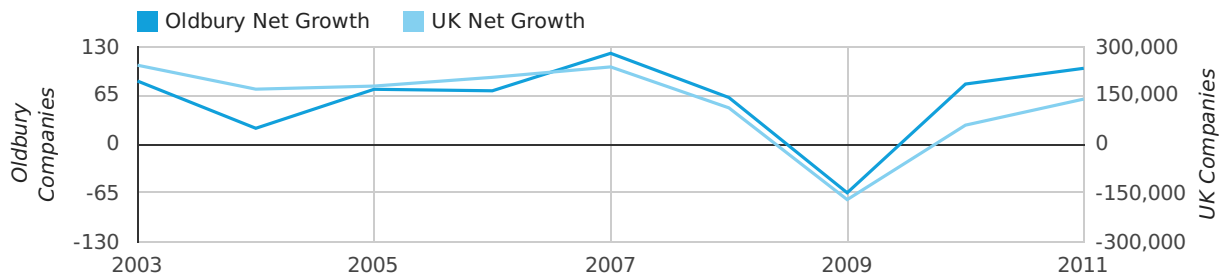
A total of 101 companies were added to the company register for Oldbury in 2011. This number represents growth of 45.9% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 21 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2007 when the Oldbury company register grew by 121 companies.

YEAR	OLDBURY	UK
2011	101	138,347
2010	80	58,126
2009	-65	-171,098
2008	62	111,302
2007	121	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2007 (121)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year



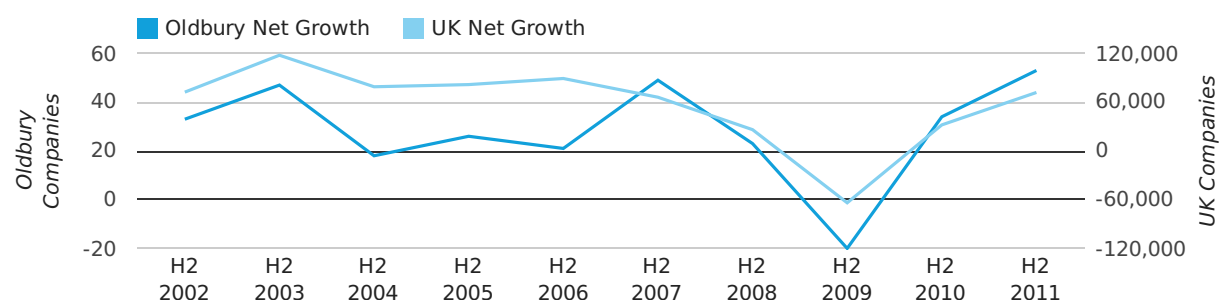
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Oldbury increased by 53 companies. This figure is 55.9% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	OLDBURY	UK
2011	53	71,922
2010	34	32,008
% CHANGE	55.9%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (53)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



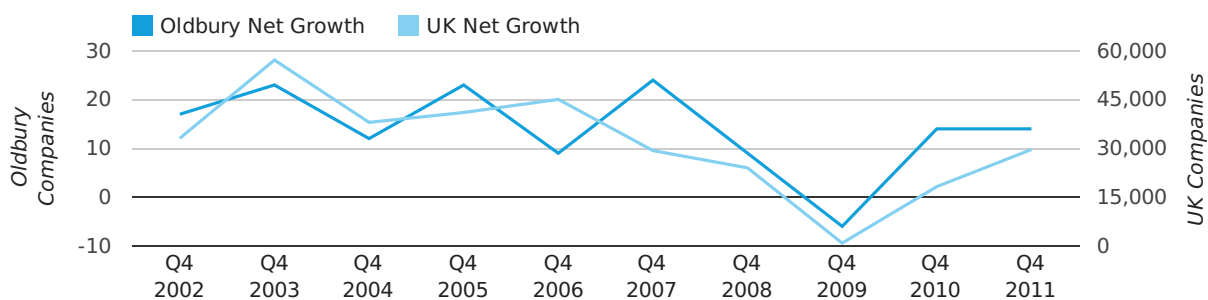
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Oldbury during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 14 companies.

This represents an increase of 0.0% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	OLDBURY	UK
2011	14	29,640
2010	14	18,221
% CHANGE	0.0%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (24)	2003 (57,175)

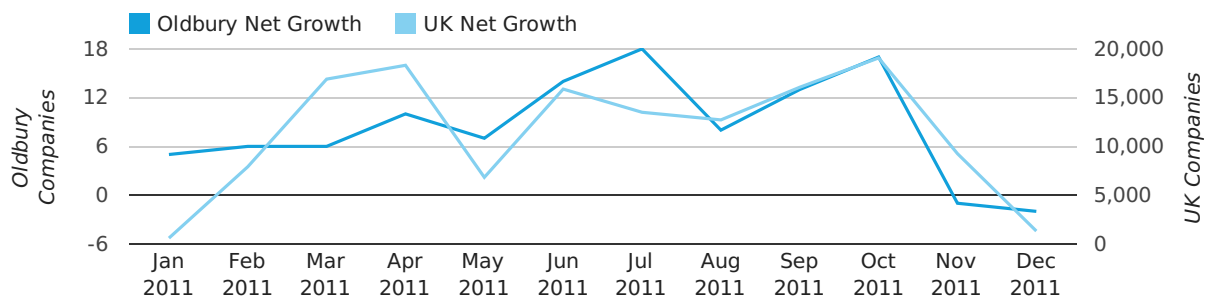
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

net growth by month



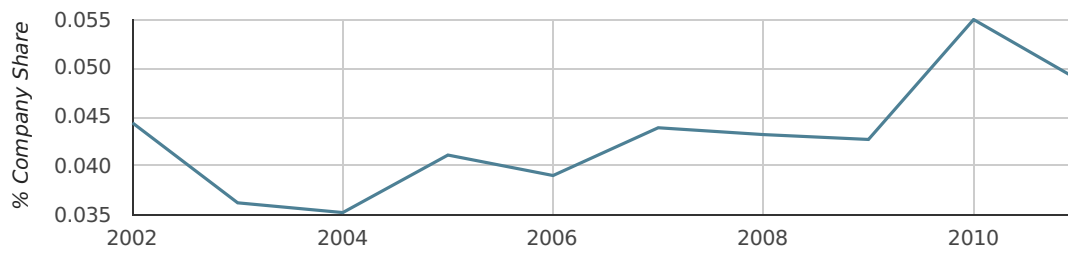
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	17	-1	-2
NET GROWTH IN 2010	4	1	9
% CHANGE	325.0%	-200.0%	-122.2%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (17)	1998 (12)	2000 (10)

Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Oldbury formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is a decline on 2010 when Oldbury was responsible for 0.1% of all UK companies.

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

company share by year

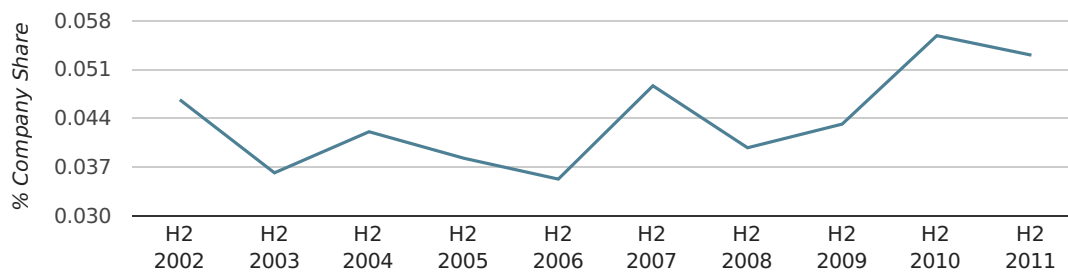


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Oldbury formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	OLDBURY
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1964 (0.2%)

company share by half year

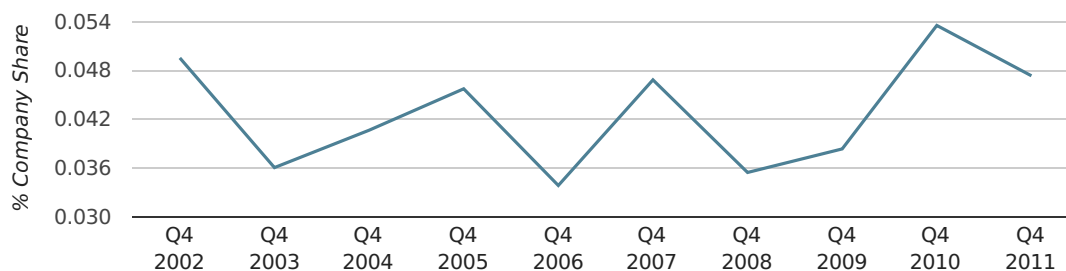


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

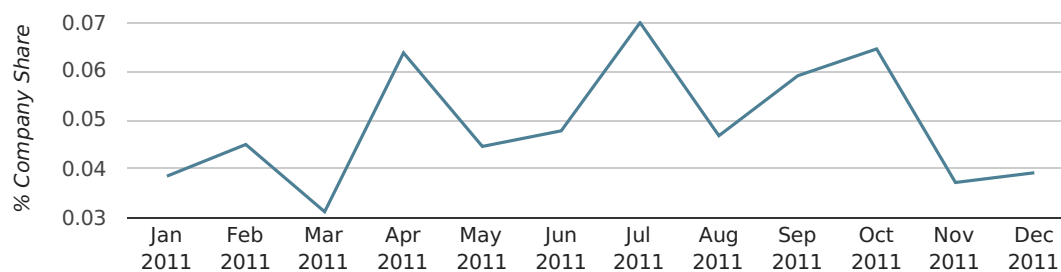
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	OLDBURY
2011	0.0%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1964 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
% CHANGE	14.3%	-32.7%	-18.2%
RECORD YEAR	1964 (0.5%)	1971 (0.3%)	1965 (0.2%)

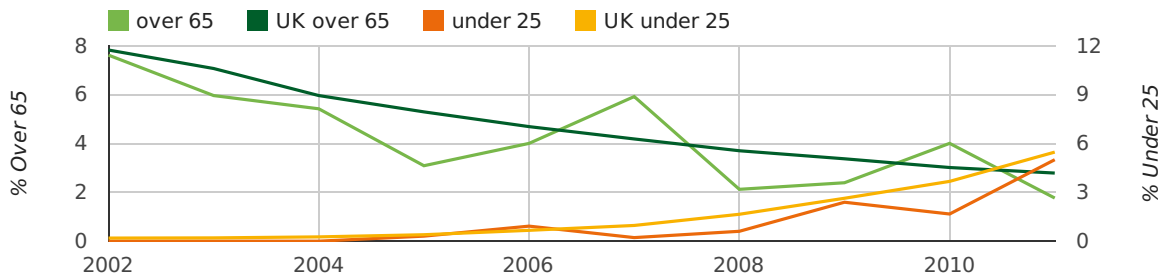
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 40.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



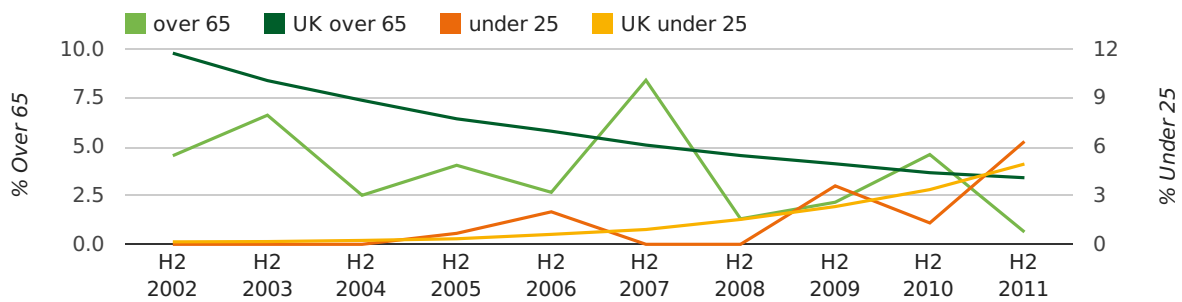
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 38.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 0.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



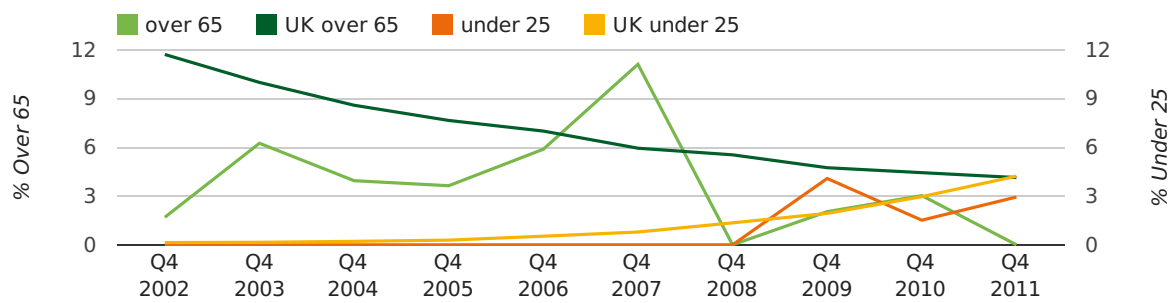
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The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 38.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

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director age by quarter

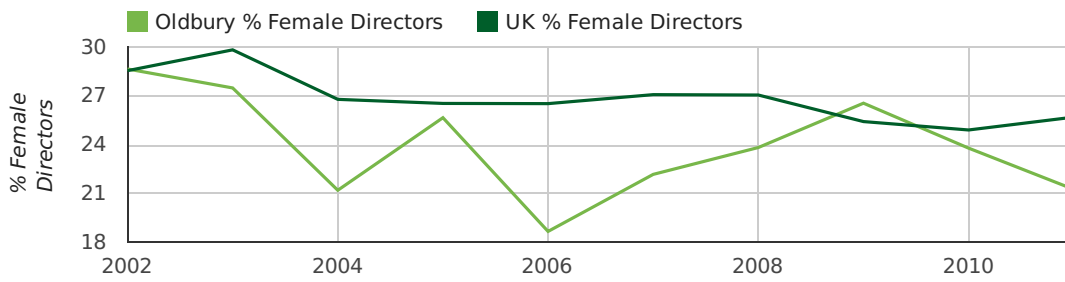


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Oldbury in 2011 was 28.7%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

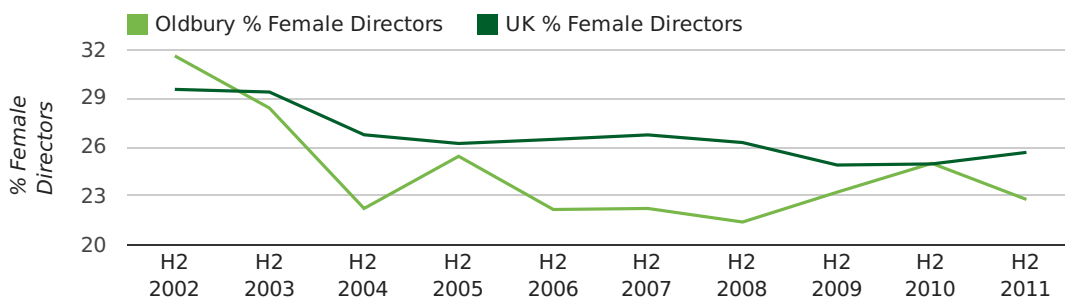


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

22.8% of all director appointments in Oldbury 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

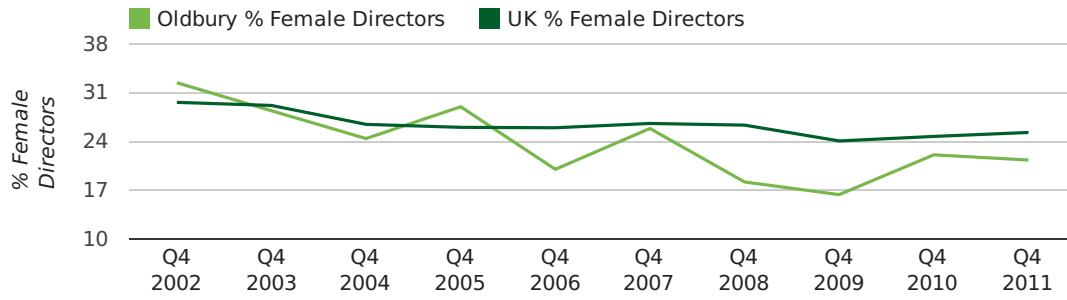


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

21.3% of all director appointments in Oldbury 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
S	1.38%	CONSULTING	5.07%
TRANSPORT	1.15%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
PROPERTY	0.92%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
TIVIDALE	0.92%	PROPERTY	2.37%
(OLDBURY)	0.92%	TRADING	2.07%
OLDBURY	0.92%	DESIGN	1.92%
MARKETING	0.69%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
RECRUITMENT	0.69%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
MANAGEMENT	0.69%	BUSINESS	1.78%
CONSTRUCTION	0.69%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
WOLVERHAMPTON	0.69%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
IT	0.69%	MEDIA	1.71%
MOTORING	0.69%	LONDON	1.63%
CARE	0.69%	J	1.51%
JOY	0.46%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
AGENCY	0.46%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CONTRACTORS	0.46%	IT	1.41%
ENERGY	0.46%	CARE	1.39%
BUILDING	0.46%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
SOT	0.46%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
CITY	0.46%	M	1.27%
RECYCLING	0.46%	BUILDING	1.26%
MAVEN	0.46%	ENERGY	1.25%
B	0.46%	S	1.20%
ASSOCIATES	0.46%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	106	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	23	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	18	32,483
86900 - Other human health activities	8	4,457
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	6	11,768
9999 - Dormant Company	6	20,199
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	5	2,452
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	5	5,558
7414 - Business & management consultancy	5	13,034
32990 - Other manufacturing not elsewhere classified	4	1,594
7260 - Other computer related activities	4	7,667
49410 - Freight transport by road	4	2,392
59200 - Sound recording and music publishing activities	4	1,124
86210 - General medical practice activities	4	2,285
8514 - Other human health activities	4	2,637
99999 - Dormant Company	4	21,846
7412 - Accounting, auditing; tax consult	3	2,496
78109 - Other activities of employment placement agencies	3	1,784
7450 - Labour recruitment	3	1,864
8512 - Medical practice activities	3	2,224