

Oldham

2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

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- The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Oldham when compared to any previous second half year.
- Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Oldham when compared to any previous Q4.
- November 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Oldham when compared to any previous November.

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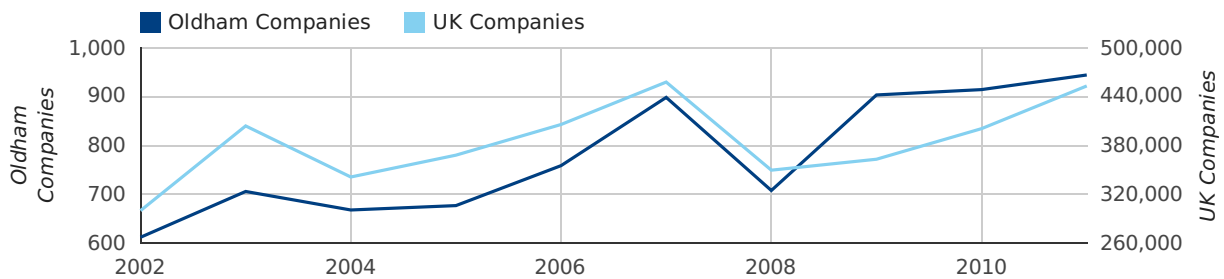
Annual Data (2011)

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

A total of 944 companies were formed in Oldham in 2011. This total is 3.3% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	OLDHAM	UK
2011	944	452,870
2010	914	400,358
2009	903	362,675
2008	707	349,203
2007	898	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (944)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

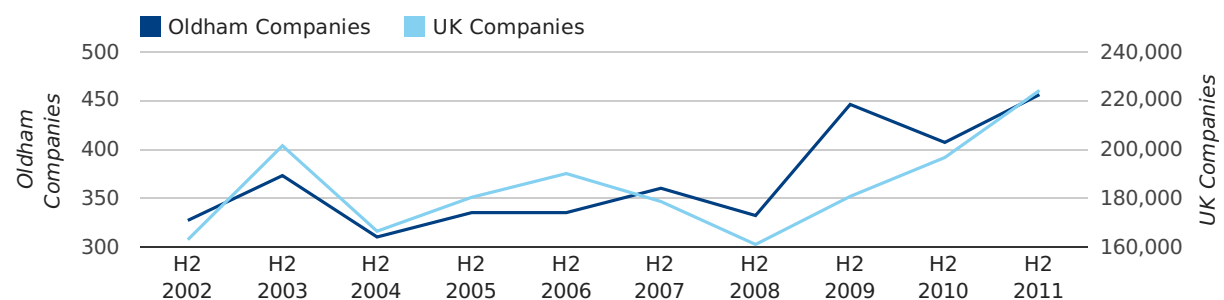
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Oldham when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 456 companies were formed in Oldham. This figure is 12.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Oldham occurred in 2011 when a total of 456 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	OLDHAM	UK
2011	456	224,135
2010	407	196,609
% CHANGE	12.0%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (456)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

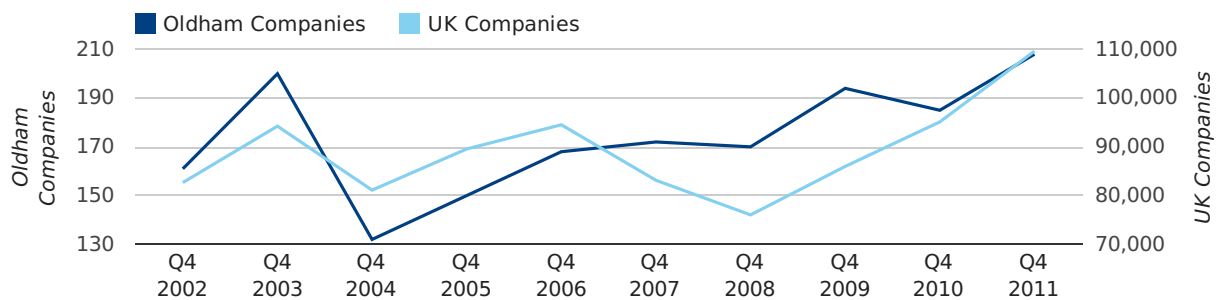
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Oldham when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 208 companies were registered in Oldham during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 12.4% 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)	OLDHAM	UK
2011	208	109,623
2010	185	95,117
% CHANGE	12.4%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (208)	2011 (109,623)

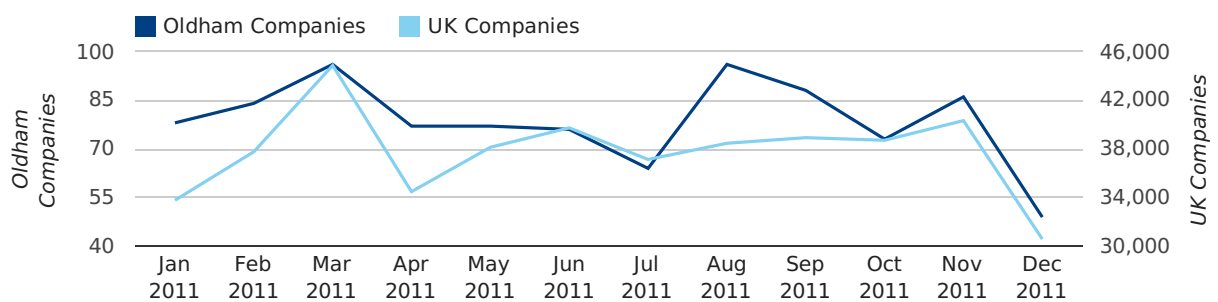
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

new companies by month



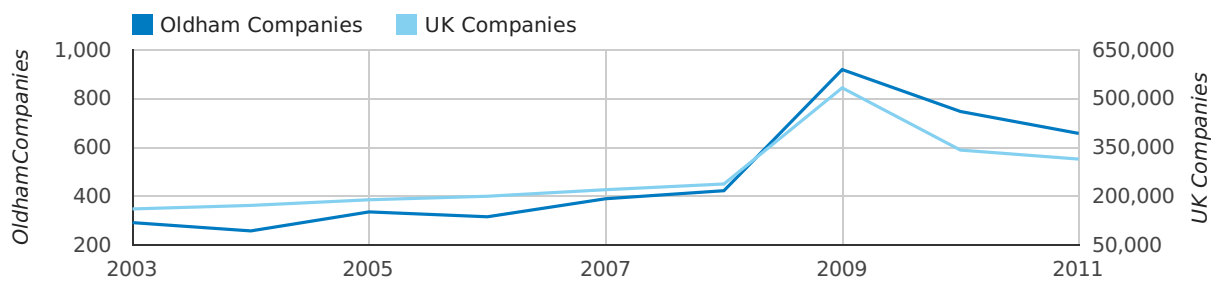
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	73	86	49
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	67	74	44
% CHANGE	9.0%	16.2%	11.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (84)	2011 (86)	2003 (59)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 658 companies were dissolved in Oldham in 2011. This total is 12.0% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	OLDHAM	UK
2011	658	314,523
2010	748	342,232
2009	920	533,773
2008	423	237,901
2007	390	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (920)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



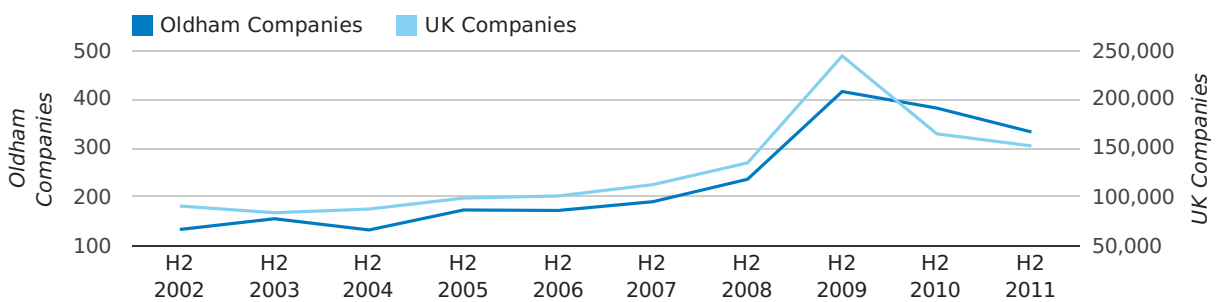
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 333 companies were dissolved in Oldham. This figure is 12.8% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Oldham occurred in 2009 when a total of 416 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	OLDHAM	UK
2011	333	152,213
2010	382	164,601
% CHANGE	-12.8%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (416)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



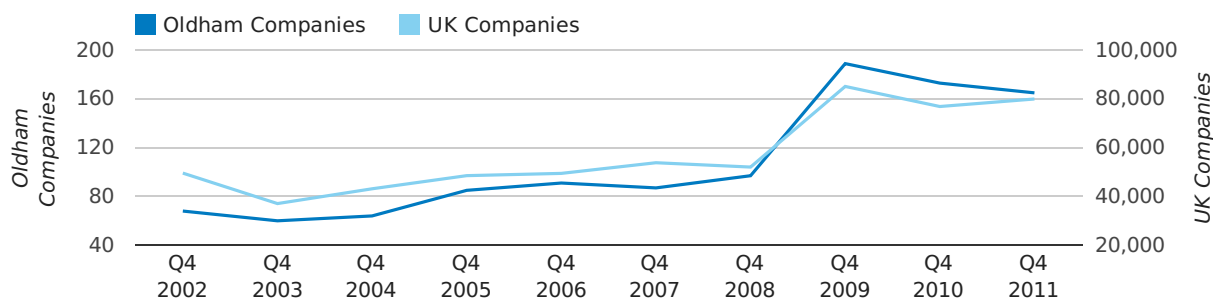
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 165 companies were dissolved in Oldham during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 4.6% 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.

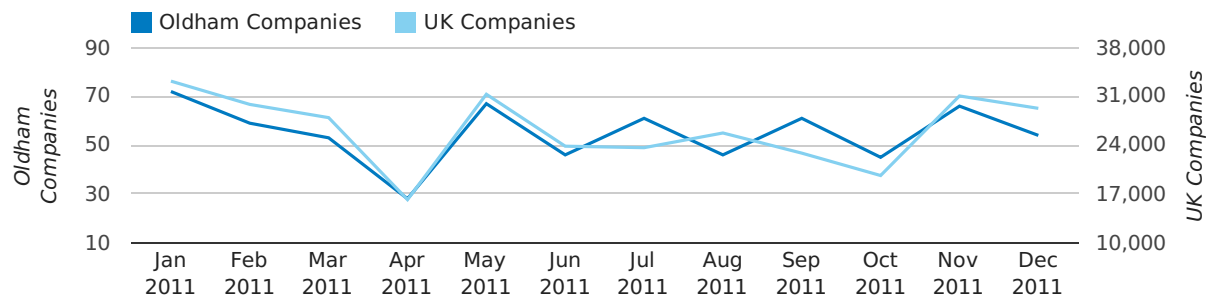
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	OLDHAM	UK
2011	165	79,983
2010	173	76,896
% CHANGE	-4.6%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (189)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	45	66	54
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	59	71	43
% CHANGE	-23.7%	-7.0%	26%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (62)	2010 (71)	2009 (64)

Annual Data (2011)

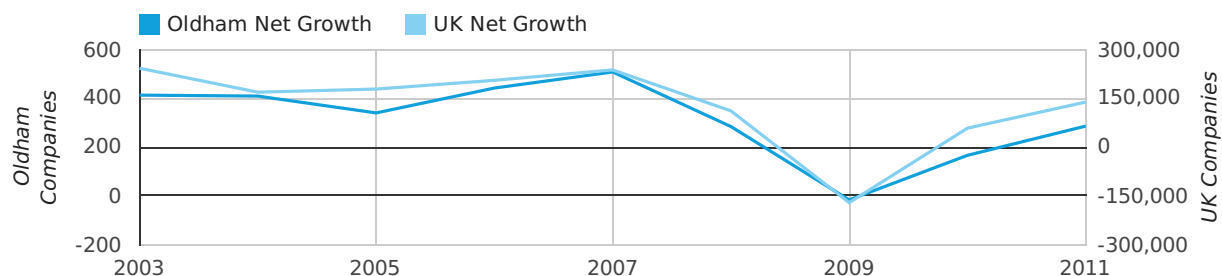
A total of 286 companies were added to the company register for Oldham in 2011. This number represents growth of 31.3% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 120 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2007 when the Oldham company register grew by 508 companies.

YEAR	OLDHAM	UK
2011	286	138,347
2010	166	58,126
2009	-17	-171,098
2008	284	111,302
2007	508	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2007 (508)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

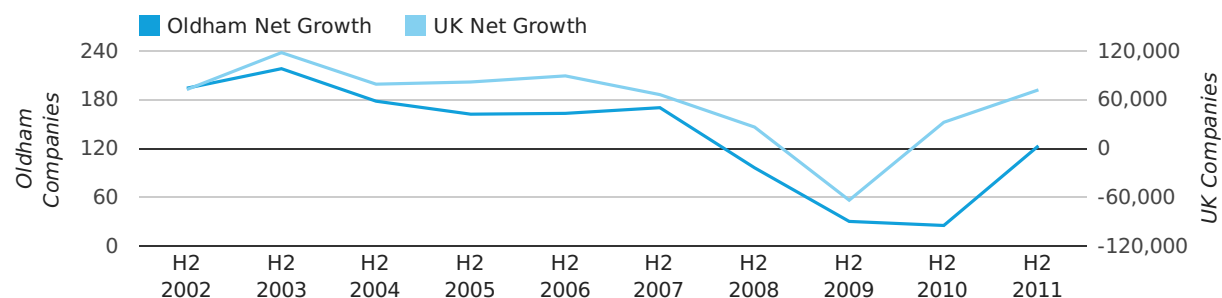


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Oldham increased by 123 companies. This figure is 392.0% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	OLDHAM	UK
2011	123	71,922
2010	25	32,008
% CHANGE	392.0%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (218)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



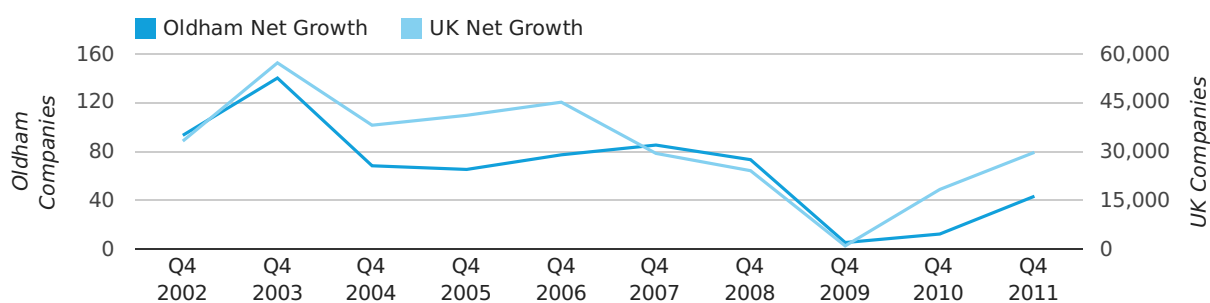
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Oldham during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 43 companies.

This represents an increase of 258.3% on the same period last year.

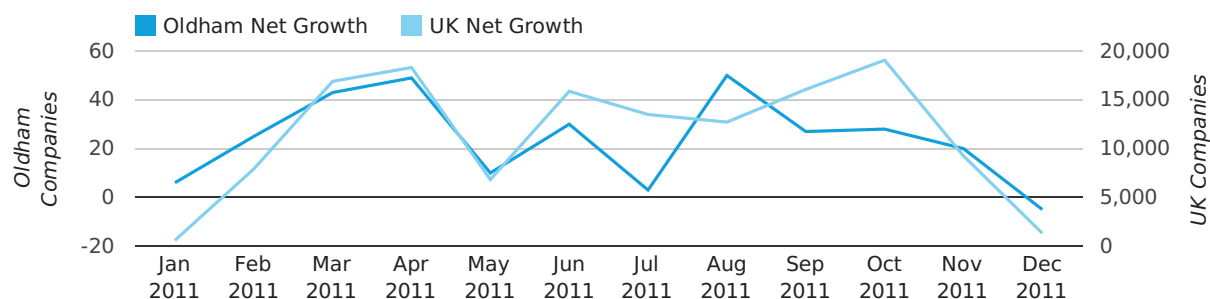
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	OLDHAM	UK
2011	43	29,640
2010	12	18,221
% CHANGE	258.3%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (140)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



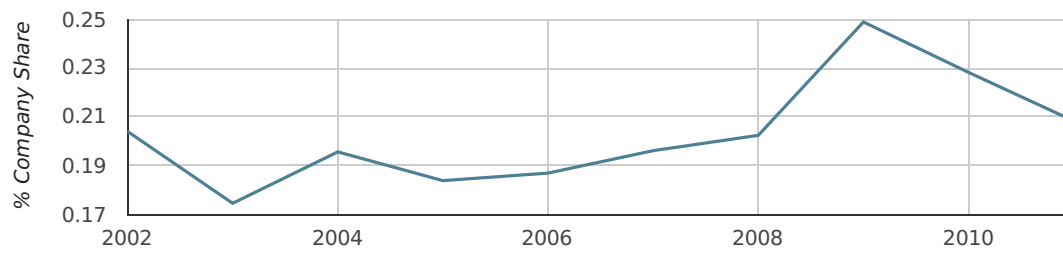
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	28	20	-5
NET GROWTH IN 2010	8	3	1
% CHANGE	250.0%	566.7%	-600.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (69)	2006 (39)	2003 (39)

Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Oldham formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Oldham was responsible for 0.2% of all UK companies.

YEAR	OLDHAM
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.3%)

company share by year

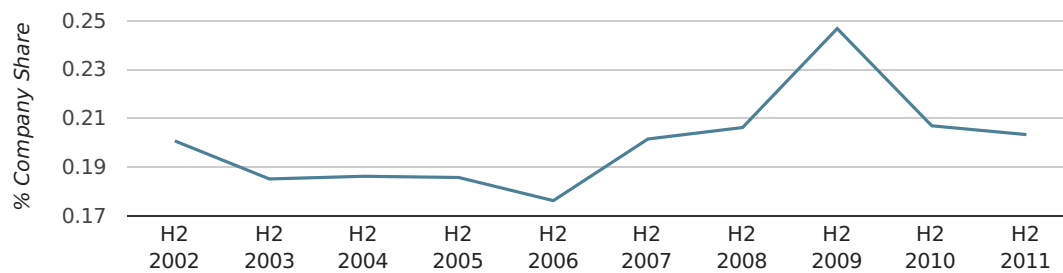


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Oldham formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.2%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	OLDHAM
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.3%)

company share by half year

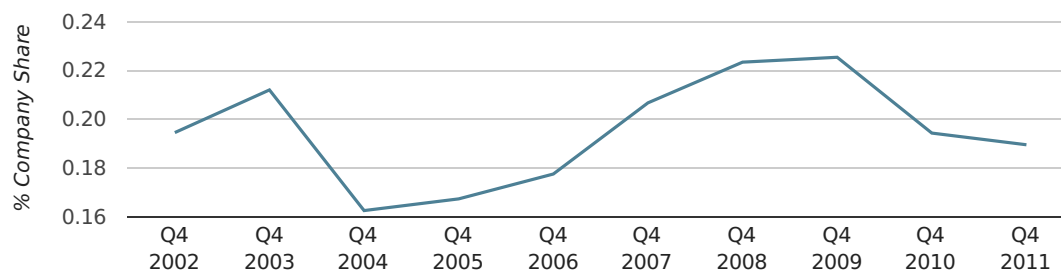


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, Oldham formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

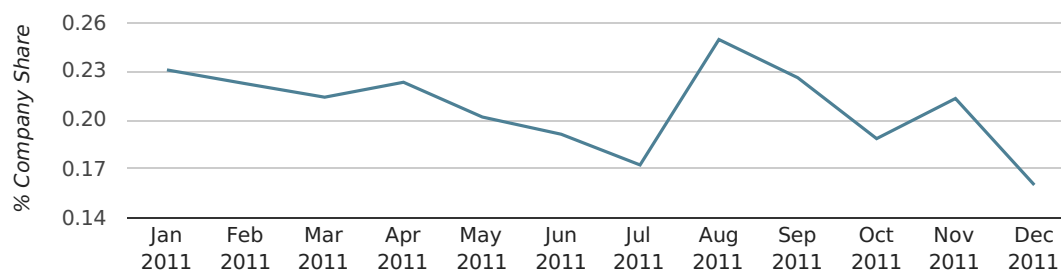
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	OLDHAM
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.5%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-5.3%	-1.0%	-1.3%
RECORD YEAR	1972 (0.6%)	1961 (0.7%)	1968 (0.4%)

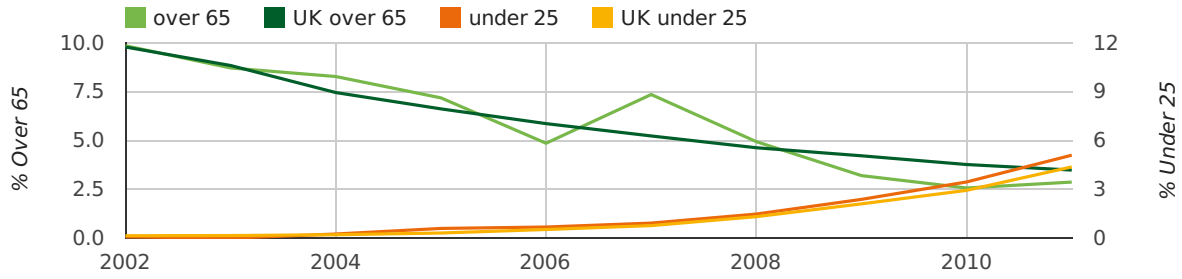
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 41.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



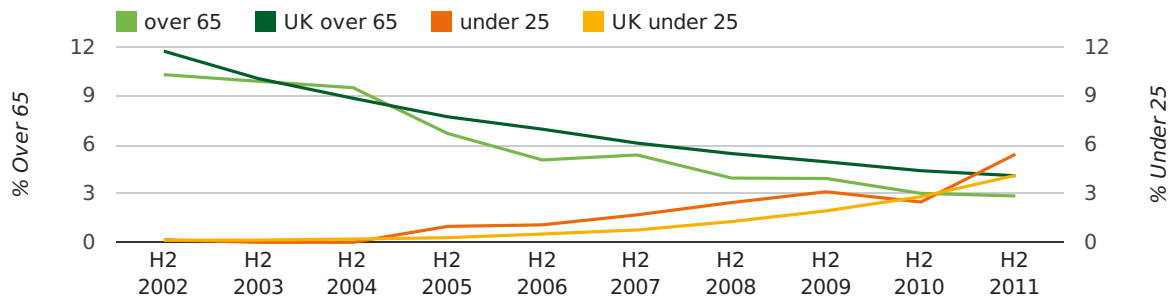
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 42.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



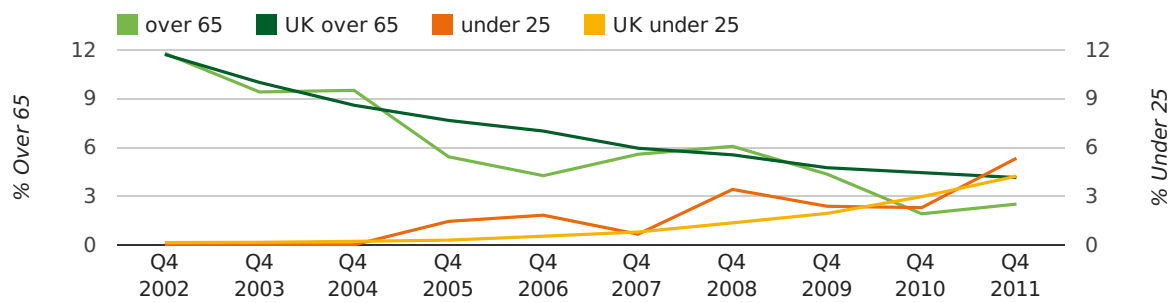
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The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 41.4.

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director age by quarter

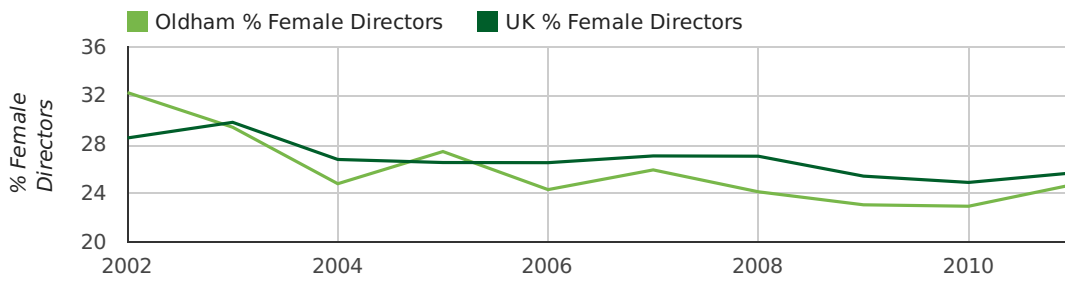


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Oldham in 2011 was 32.3%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

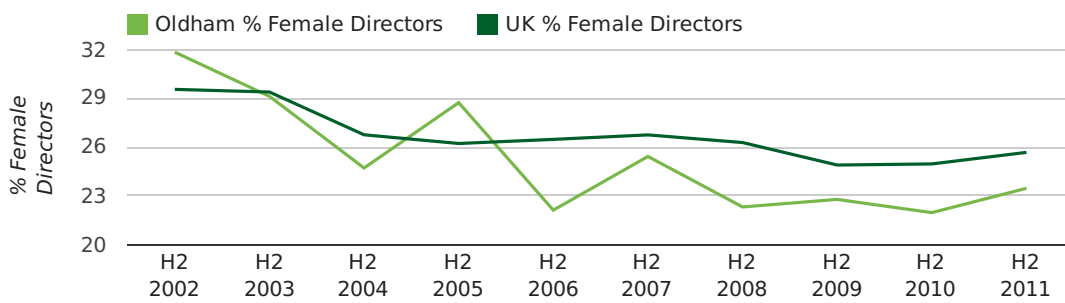


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

23.5% of all director appointments in Oldham 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

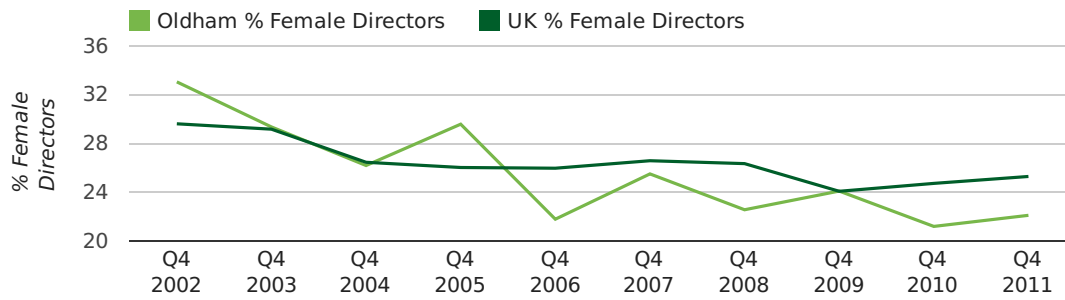


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

22.1% of all director appointments in Oldham 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
OLDHAM	1.17%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.03%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CARE	0.96%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
PROPERTY	0.89%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSTRUCTION	0.89%	TRADING	2.07%
MANCHESTER	0.82%	DESIGN	1.92%
ELECTRICAL	0.75%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
COMMUNITY	0.69%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
PROPERTIES	0.69%	BUSINESS	1.78%
(NORTH	0.69%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
WEST)	0.69%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
(Nw)	0.62%	MEDIA	1.71%
CONSULTANTS	0.62%	LONDON	1.63%
J	0.62%	J	1.51%
(OLDHAM)	0.55%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
TRADING	0.55%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CONSULTING	0.55%	IT	1.41%
M	0.55%	CARE	1.39%
DESIGN	0.55%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
ENGINEERING	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
SECURITY	0.55%	M	1.27%
MEDIA	0.55%	BUILDING	1.26%
CO	0.48%	ENERGY	1.25%
S	0.48%	S	1.20%
CITY	0.48%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	462	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	114	57,052
86230 - Dental practice activities	62	1,598
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	47	32,483
9999 - Dormant Company	41	20,199
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	35	11,768
99999 - Dormant Company	34	21,846
9305 - Other service activities	33	9,492
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	25	17,765
74990 - Non-trading company	19	8,929
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	19	3,342
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	17	5,558
7414 - Business & management consultancy	16	13,034
62090 - Other information technology service activities	15	7,493
7260 - Other computer related activities	15	7,667
5530 - Restaurants	14	5,013
5540 - Bars	13	2,147
7011 - Development & sell real estate	13	2,287
4531 - Installation electrical wiring etc.	12	1,967
7499 - Non-trading company	12	9,957