Ripon2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

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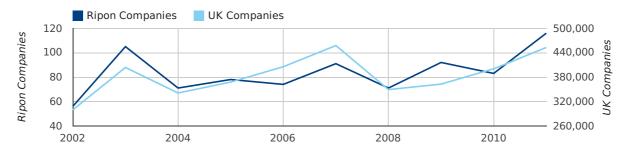
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2011 was a record year for company registrations in Ripon when compared to any year in history.

A total of 116 companies were formed in Ripon in 2011. This total is 39.8% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	RIPON	UK
2011	116	452,870
2010	83	400,358
2009	92	362,675
2008	71	349,203
2007	91	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (116)	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 Ripon when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 57 companies were formed in Ripon. This figure is 50.0% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Ripon occurred in 2011 when a total of 57 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	RIPON	UK
2011	57	224,135
2010	38	196,609
% CHANGE	50.0%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (57)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year

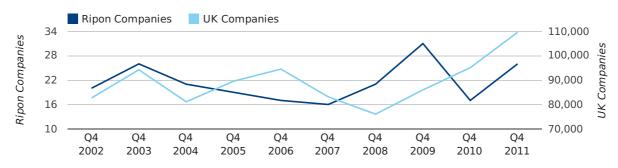


A total of 26 companies were registered in Ripon during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 52.9% 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.

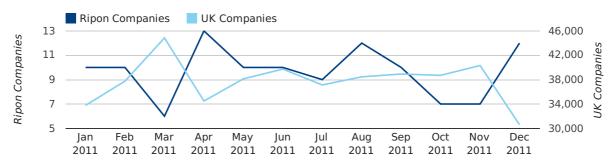
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	RIPON	UK
2011	26	109,623
2010	17	95,117
% CHANGE	52.9%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (31)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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



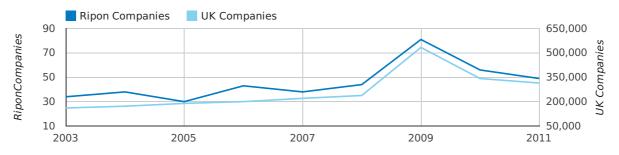
new companies by month

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	7	7	12
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	4	7	6
% CHANGE	75.0%	0.0%	100.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (15)	2005 (13)	2011 (12)

A total of 49 companies were dissolved in Ripon in 2011. This total is 12.5% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	RIPON	UK
2011	49	314,523
2010	56	342,232
2009	81	533,773
2008	44	237,901
2007	38	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (81)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 18 companies were dissolved in Ripon. This figure is 37.9% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Ripon occurred in 2010 when a total of 29 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	RIPON	UK
2011	18	152,213
2010	29	164,601
% CHANGE	-37.9%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (29)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year

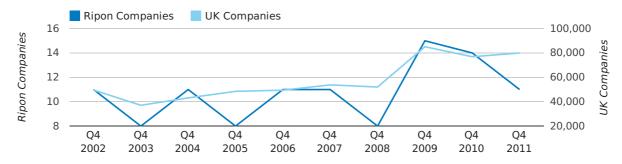


A total of 11 companies were dissolved in Ripon during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

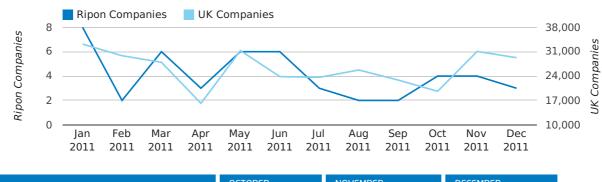
This figure is a decrease of 21.4% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 4.0% against the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	RIPON	UK
2011	11	79,983
2010	14	76,896
% CHANGE	-21.4%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (15)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)



dissolved companies by month

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	4	4	3
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	2	9	3
% CHANGE	100.0%	-55.6%	0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (6)	2010 (9)	2000 (7)

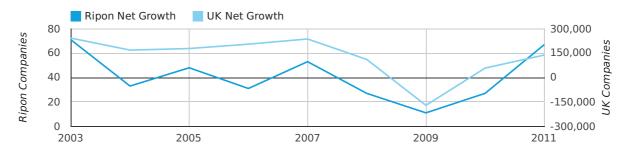
A total of 67 companies were added to the company register for Ripon in 2011. This number represents growth of 80.7% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 40 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Ripon company register grew by 71 companies.

YEAR	RIPON	UK
2011	67	138,347
2010	27	58,126
2009	11	-171,098
2008	27	111,302
2007	53	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (71)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

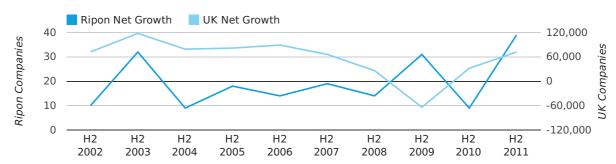
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Ripon when compared to any previous second half year.

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

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Ripon increased by 39 companies. This figure is 333.3% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	RIPON	UK
2011	39	71,922
2010	9	32,008
% CHANGE	333.3%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (39)	2003 (117,772)



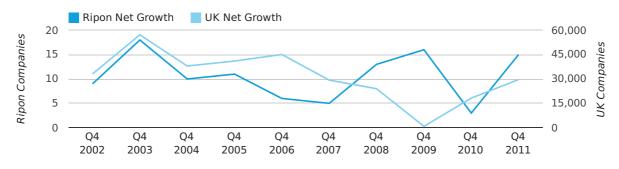


Net company growth for Ripon during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 15 companies.

This represents an increase of 400.0% on the same period last year.

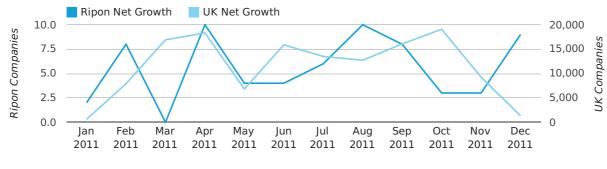
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	RIPON	UK
2011	15	29,640
2010	3	18,221
% CHANGE	400.0%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (18)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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



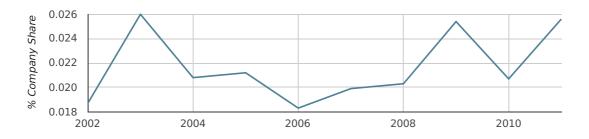
net growth by month

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	3	3	9
NET GROWTH IN 2010	2	-2	3
% CHANGE	50.0%	-250.0%	200.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (13)	2005 (12)	2011 (9)

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

YEAR	RIPON
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1976 (0.1%)

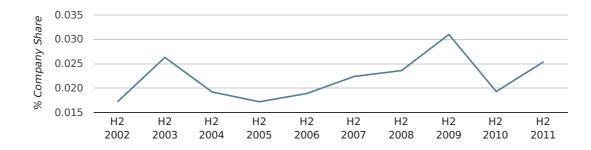
company share by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

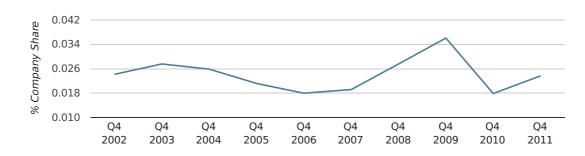
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2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
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company share by half year

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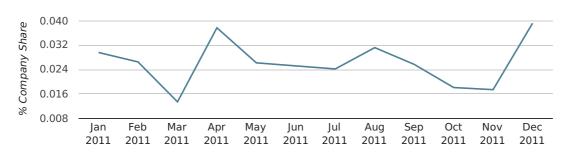
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2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1976 (0.1%)



company share by quarter

Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



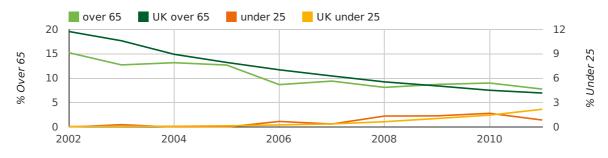
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	52.1%	-14.7%	77.4%
RECORD YEAR	1965 (0.2%)	1976 (0.2%)	1979 (0.1%)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 48.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 0.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 7.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year

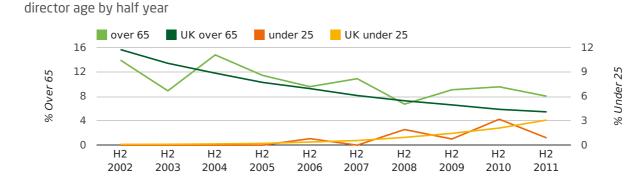


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 48.3.

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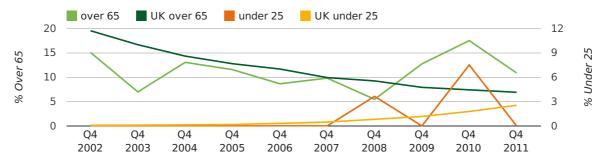


The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 49.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 0.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 10.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter



director gender

Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Ripon in 2011 was 39.3%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

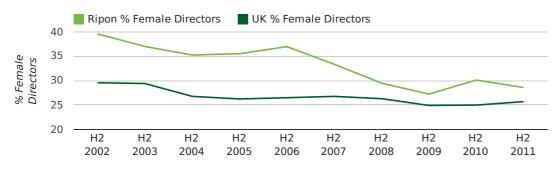


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

28.6% of all director appointments in Ripon in the second half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

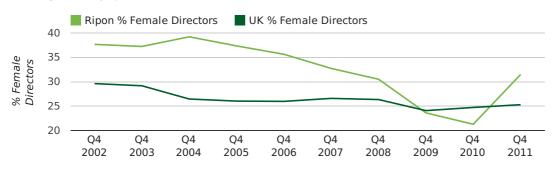
director gender by half year



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

31.5% of all director appointments in Ripon 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
ENERGY	1.15%	CONSULTING	5.07%
OAK	1.15%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
INVESTMENTS	1.15%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
YORKSHIRE	1.15%	PROPERTY	2.37%
BUSINESS	1.15%	TRADING	2.07%
NICHOLSON	1.15%	DESIGN	1.92%
AG	0.77%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
Р	0.77%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
SPEED	0.77%	BUSINESS	1.78%
	0.77%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
IMAGE	0.77%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
EQUESTRIAN	0.77%	MEDIA	1.71%
NETWORK	0.77%	LONDON	1.63%
COMPUTERS	0.77%	J	1.51%
FARMS	0.77%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
INN	0.77%	GLOBAL	1.46%
BH	0.77%	IT	1.41%
CAPITAL	0.77%	CARE	1.39%
CONTRACT	0.77%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
HYDRO	0.77%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
CONSULTANCY	0.77%	М	1.27%
EVENTS	0.77%	BUILDING	1.26%
ESTATES	0.77%	ENERGY	1.25%
CIVILS	0.77%	S	1.20%
OXFORD	0.77%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	28	205,525
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	9	17,765
7487 - Other business activities	6	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	6	32,483
68100 - Buying and selling of own real estate	5	2,749
99999 - Dormant Company	4	21,846
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	3	11,768
93290 - Other amusement and recreation activities not elsewhere classified	3	1,595
9999 - Dormant Company	3	20,199
56290 - Other food services	3	1,281
41100 - Development of building projects	3	4,331
7260 - Other computer related activities	2	7,667
7414 - Business & management consultancy	2	13,034
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	2	3,633
7011 - Development & sell real estate	2	2,287
0141 - Agricultural service activities	2	428
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	2	2,740
55900 - Other accommodation	2	485
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	2	2,699
90030 - Artistic creation	2	1,732