Rossendale

2011 annual business confidence report





headlines

- October 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Rossendale when compared to any previous October.
- Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Rossendale when compared to any previous Q4.
- October 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Rossendale when compared to any previous October.

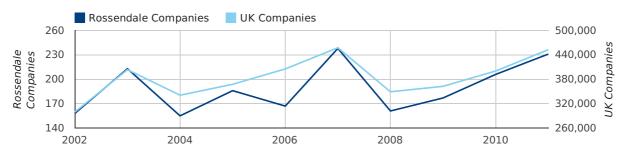
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A total of 231 companies were formed in Rossendale in 2011. This total is 12.1% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	ROSSENDALE	UK
2011	231	452,870
2010	206	400,358
2009	177	362,675
2008	161	349,203
2007	238	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2000 (1,383)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



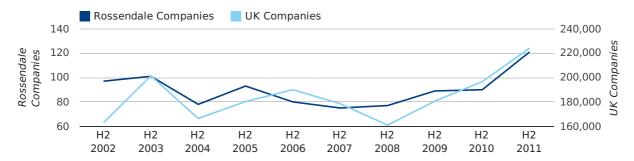
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 121 companies were formed in Rossendale. This figure is 34.4% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Rossendale occurred in 2000 when a total of 829 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ROSSENDALE	UK
2011	121	224,135
2010	90	196,609
% CHANGE	34.4%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (829)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year

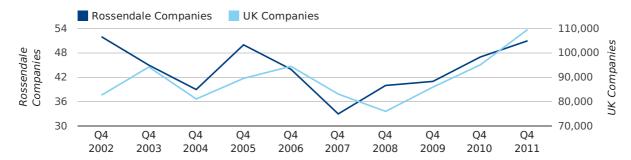


A total of 51 companies were registered in Rossendale during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 8.5% 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)	ROSSENDALE	UK
2011	51	109,623
2010	47	95,117
% CHANGE	8.5%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (52)	2011 (109,623)

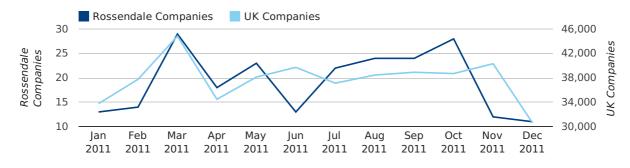
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

new companies by month

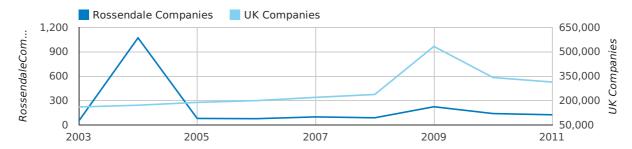


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	28	12	11
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	17	24	6
% CHANGE	64.7%	-50.0%	83.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (28)	2010 (24)	2009 (19)

A total of 126 companies were dissolved in Rossendale in 2011. This total is 10.6% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	ROSSENDALE	UK
2011	126	314,523
2010	141	342,232
2009	225	533,773
2008	89	237,901
2007	100	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2004 (1,073)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



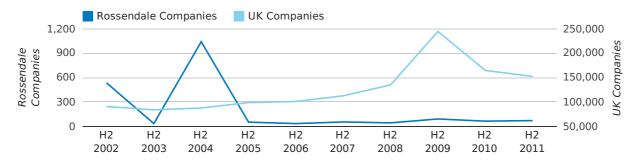
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 70 companies were dissolved in Rossendale. This figure is 11.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Rossendale occurred in 2004 when a total of 1,041 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ROSSENDALE	UK
2011	70	152,213
2010	63	164,601
% CHANGE	11.1%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (1,041)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



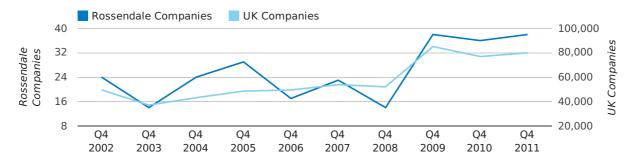
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Rossendale when compared to any previous Q4.

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

This figure is an increase of 5.6% 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.

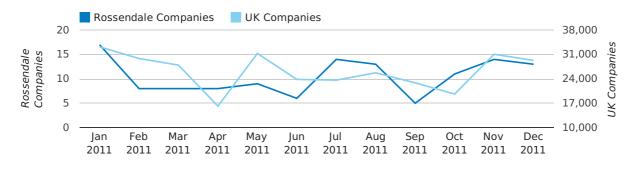
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ROSSENDALE	UK
2011	38	79,983
2010	36	76,896
% CHANGE	5.6%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (38)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	11	14	13
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	13	10	13
% CHANGE	-15.4%	40.0%	0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (13)	2009 (15)	2009 (15)

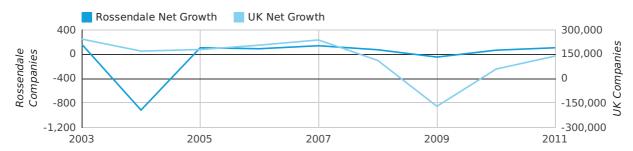
A total of 105 companies were added to the company register for Rossendale in 2011. This number represents growth of 51.0% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 40 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2000 when the Rossendale company register grew by 1,335 companies.

YEAR	ROSSENDALE	UK
2011	105	138,347
2010	65	58,126
2009	-48	-171,098
2008	72	111,302
2007	138	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2000 (1,335)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

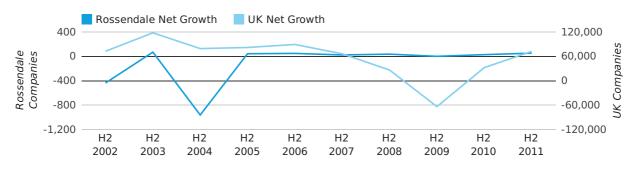


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Rossendale increased by 51 companies. This figure is 88.9% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ROSSENDALE	UK
2011	51	71,922
2010	27	32,008
% CHANGE	88.9%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (803)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year

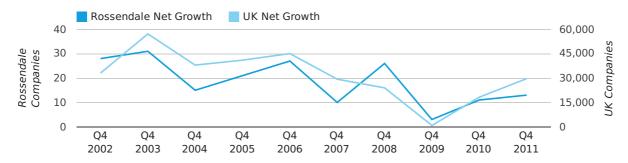


Net company growth for Rossendale during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 13 companies.

This represents an increase of 18.2% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ROSSENDALE	UK
2011	13	29,640
2010	11	18,221
% CHANGE	18.2%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (31)	2003 (57,175)

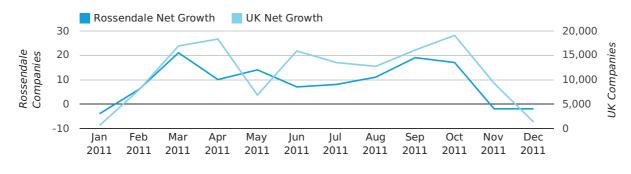
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

net growth by month

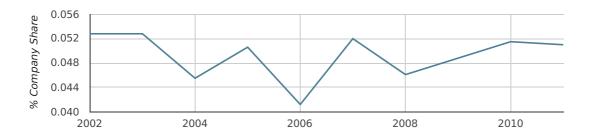


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	17	-2	-2
NET GROWTH IN 2010	4	14	-7
% CHANGE	325.0%	-114.3%	-71.4%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (17)	2010 (14)	2003 (12)

In 2011 Rossendale formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Rossendale was responsible for 0.1% of all UK companies.

YEAR	ROSSENDALE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2000 (0.6%)

company share by year

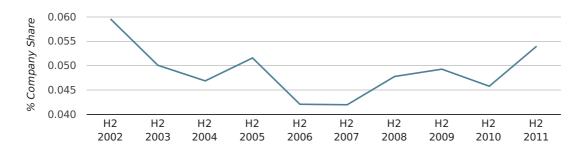


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ROSSENDALE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2000 (0.7%)

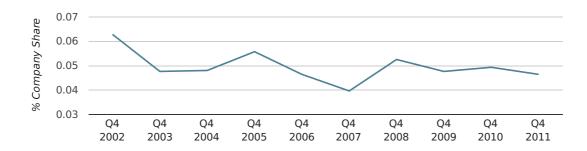
company share by half year



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

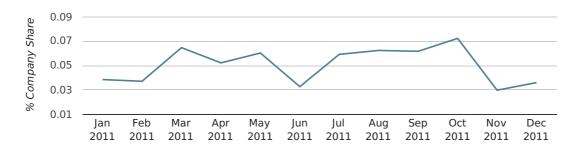
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ROSSENDALE
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1977 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



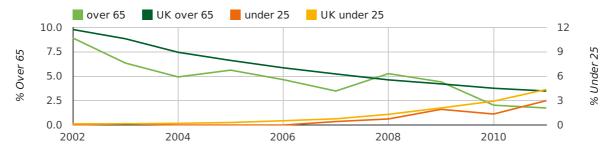
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
% CHANGE	43.2%	-57.4%	62.9%
RECORD YEAR	1965 (0.2%)	1977 (0.3%)	1963 (0.1%)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 45.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.0% 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



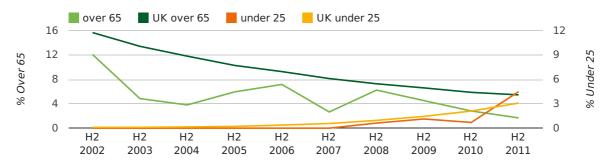
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 44.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year

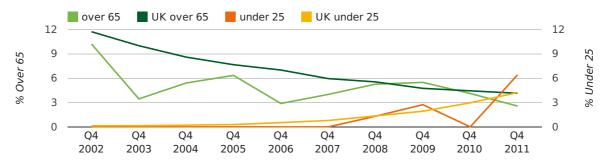


The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 44.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter



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

The percentage of female directors in Rossendale in 2011 was 40.1%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

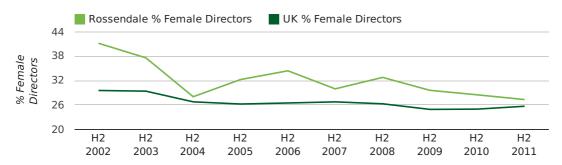


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

27.3% of all director appointments in Rossendale 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



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

22.2% of all director appointments in Rossendale 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)

 ${\sf Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, \&, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.}\\$

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
FIRE	2.02%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONTRACTING	1.79%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSTRUCTION	1.57%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
VULCAN	1.12%	PROPERTY	2.37%
POWER	1.12%	TRADING	2.07%
Р	0.90%	DESIGN	1.92%
TRAINING	0.90%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
J	0.90%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
CONSULTANCY	0.90%	BUSINESS	1.78%
CASSONS	0.67%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
(NW)	0.67%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
LANCASHIRE	0.67%	MEDIA	1.71%
ROSSENDALE	0.67%	LONDON	1.63%
COUNTRY	0.67%	J	1.51%
S	0.67%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
INSPECTIONS	0.45%	GLOBAL	1.46%
NORTH	0.45%	IT	1.41%
IMPERIAL	0.45%	CARE	1.39%
DIGITAL	0.45%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
(CIVIL	0.45%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
GEAL	0.45%	М	1.27%
PUBLISHING	0.45%	BUILDING	1.26%
HOUSE	0.45%	ENERGY	1.25%
EDS	0.45%	S	1.20%
DESIGNS	0.45%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	80	205,525
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	35	32,483
7487 - Other business activities	30	57,052
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	14	17,765
99999 - Dormant Company	12	21,846
7260 - Other computer related activities	8	7,667
9305 - Other service activities	7	9,492
5190 - Other wholesale	6	1,335
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	6	8,671
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	5	3,633
62090 - Other information technology service activities	5	7,493
74990 - Non-trading company	5	8,929
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	4	3,194
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	4	3,342
7499 - Non-trading company	4	9,957
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	4	11,768
7414 - Business & management consultancy	4	13,034
49410 - Freight transport by road	4	2,392
9999 - Dormant Company	4	20,199
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	4	2,740