

Sheffield

2011 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Sheffield when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Sheffield when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Sheffield when compared to any previous Q2.
- Q2 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Sheffield when compared to any quarter in history.
- June 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Sheffield when compared to any previous June.
- May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Sheffield when compared to any previous May.

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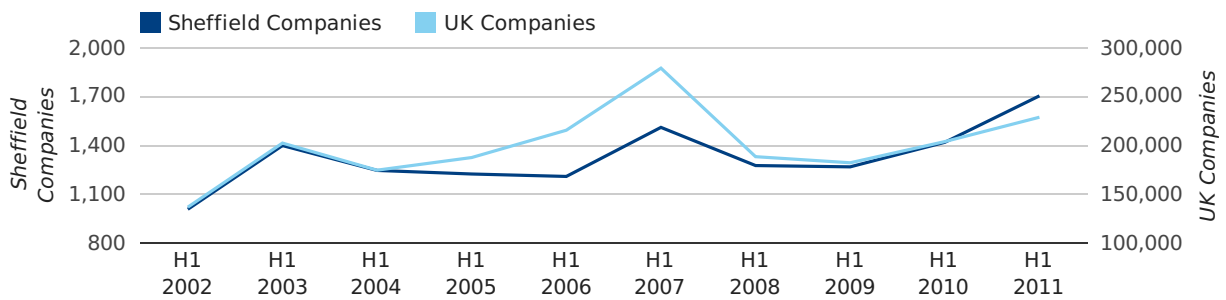
The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Sheffield when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2011 a total of 1,704 companies were formed in Sheffield. This figure is 20.2% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Sheffield occurred in 2011 when a total of 1,704 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	1,704	228,735
2010	1,418	203,749
% CHANGE	20.2%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (1,704)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Sheffield when compared to any previous Q2.

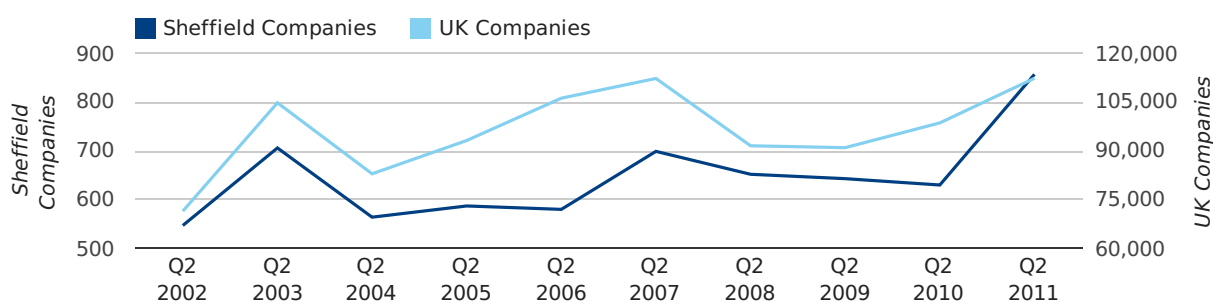
Q2 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Sheffield when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 857 companies were registered in Sheffield during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 36.0% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	857	112,344
2010	630	98,612
% CHANGE	36.0%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (857)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter

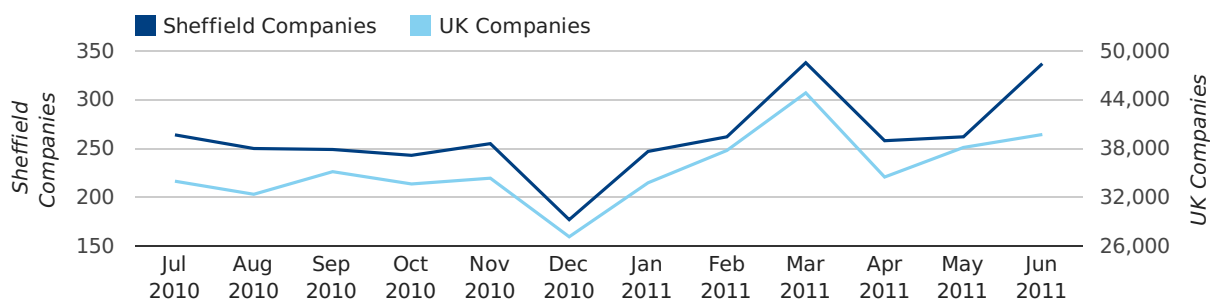


Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

June 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Sheffield when compared to any previous June.

May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Sheffield when compared to any previous May.

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	258	262	337
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	222	186	222
% CHANGE	16.2%	40.9%	51.8%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (261)	2011 (262)	2011 (337)

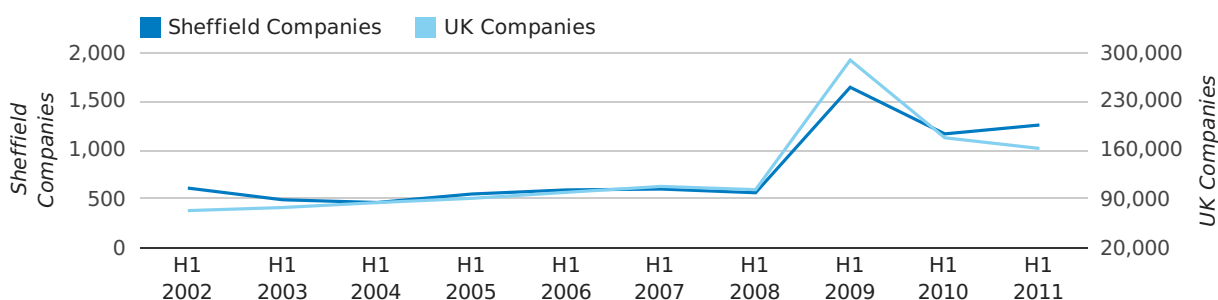
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 1,257 companies were dissolved in Sheffield. This figure is 7.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Sheffield occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,644 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	1,257	162,310
2010	1,166	177,631
% CHANGE	7.8%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,644)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



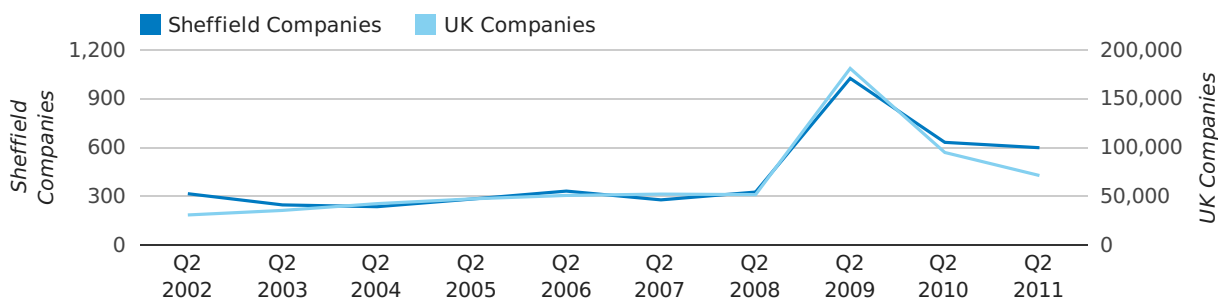
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 599 companies were dissolved in Sheffield during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 5.2% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

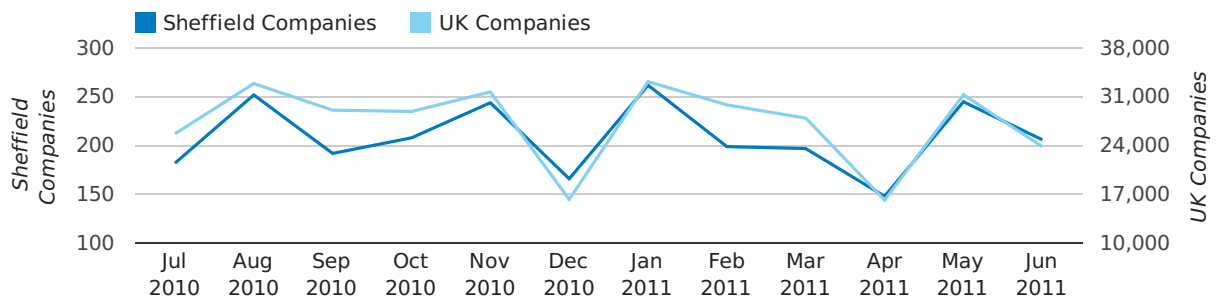
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	599	71,324
2010	632	94,954
% CHANGE	-5.2%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,026)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



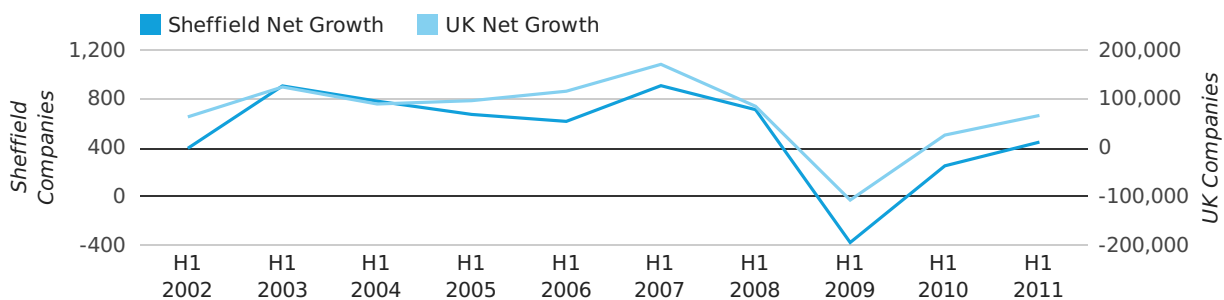
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	148	245	206
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	141	219	272
% CHANGE	5.0%	11.9%	-24%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (288)	2009 (420)	2009 (318)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Sheffield increased by 447 companies. This figure is 77.4% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	447	66,425
2010	252	26,118
% CHANGE	77.4%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (910)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



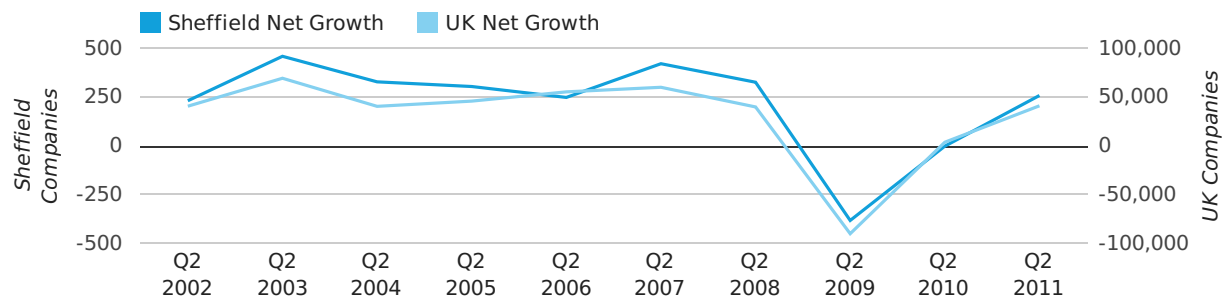
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Sheffield during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 258 companies.

This represents an increase of 13,000.0% on the same period last year.

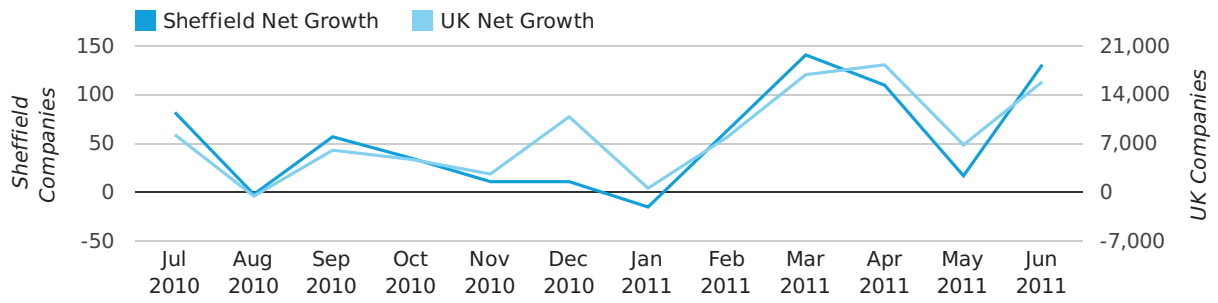
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	258	41,020
2010	-2	3,658
% CHANGE	-13,000.0%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (459)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



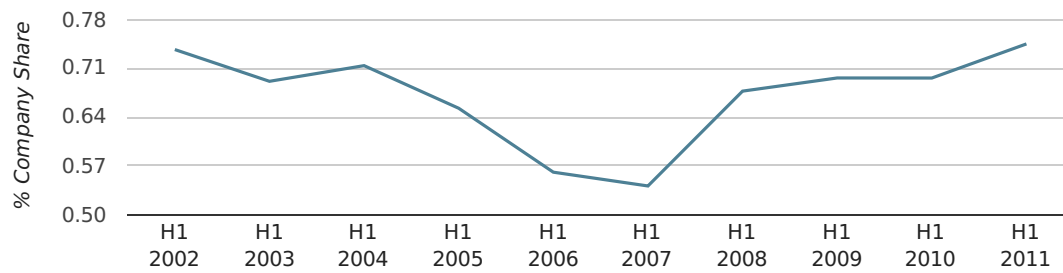
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	110	17	131
NET GROWTH IN 2010	81	-33	-50
% CHANGE	35.8%	-151.5%	-362.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (180)	2003 (152)	2008 (181)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 Sheffield formed 0.7% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.7%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SHEFFIELD
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
2007	0.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (1.2%)

company share by half year

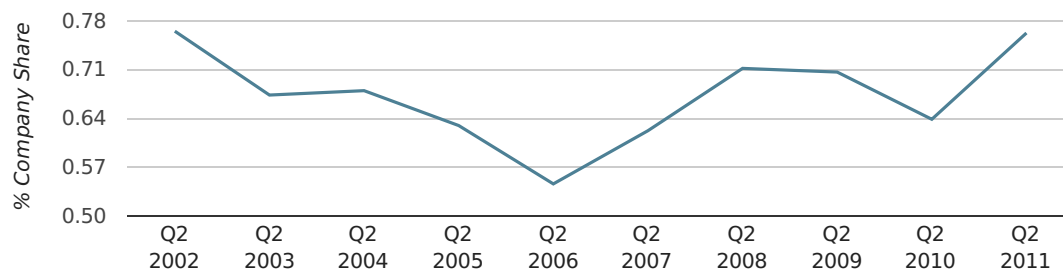


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

In the second quarter of 2011, Sheffield formed 0.8% of all UK companies.

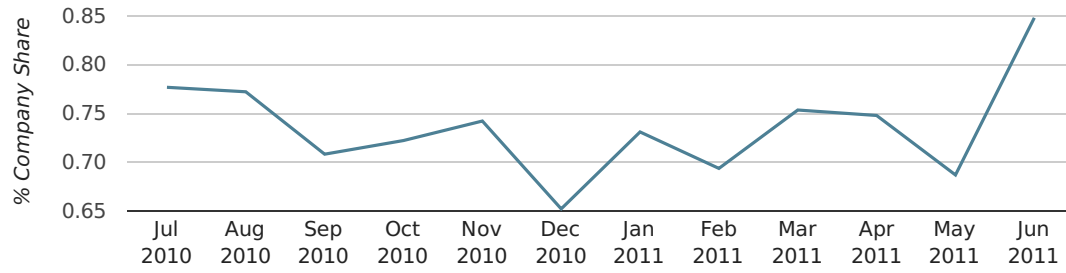
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	SHEFFIELD
2011	0.8%
2010	0.6%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
2007	0.6%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1974 (1.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.7%	0.7%	0.8%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.7%	0.6%	0.6%
% CHANGE	12.5%	10.9%	34.5%
RECORD YEAR	1964 (1.3%)	1974 (1.7%)	1982 (1.3%)

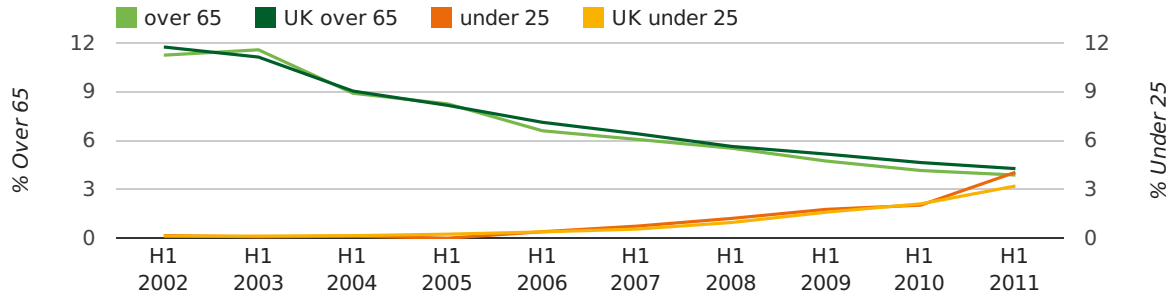
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 43.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



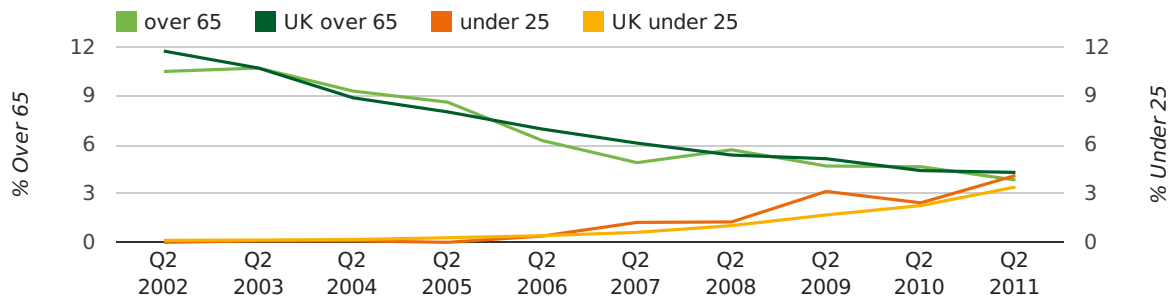
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 43.5.

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director age by quarter

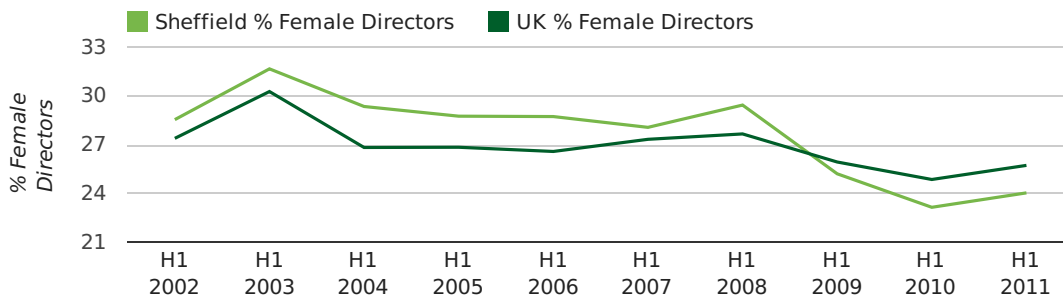


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The record first half year for female directors in Sheffield was 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

24.0% of all director appointments in Sheffield in the first half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

director gender by half year

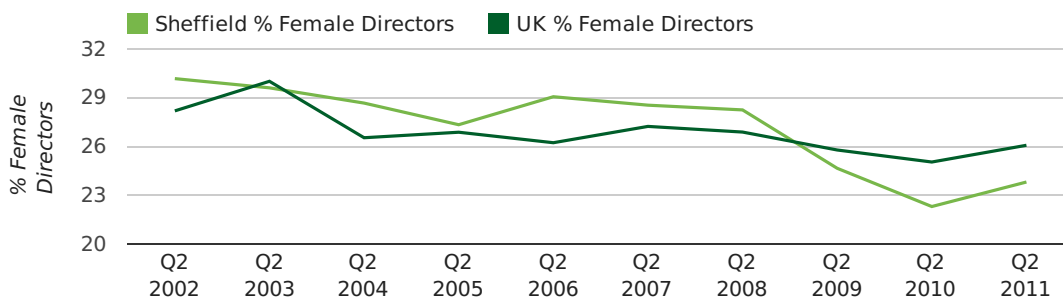


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The record second quarter for female directors in Sheffield was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

23.8% of all director appointments in Sheffield in the second quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.1% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Jun 2010-Jun 2011)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	1.68%	CONSULTING	5.09%
CO.,	1.45%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
MY	1.28%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
SOLAR	1.28%	PROPERTY	2.43%
FREE	1.03%	TRADING	2.05%
CONSULTING	1.03%	DESIGN	1.94%
ENERGY	0.95%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
YORKSHIRE	0.88%	BUSINESS	1.87%
PROPERTY	0.83%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
FEET	0.80%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CONSTRUCTION	0.80%	MEDIA	1.73%
APPY	0.78%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
INTERNATIONAL	0.75%	LONDON	1.60%
CONSULTANTS	0.73%	GLOBAL	1.46%
ENGINEERING	0.68%	J	1.44%
SHEFFIELD	0.68%	CARE	1.44%
MEDIA	0.68%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
CARE	0.68%	IT	1.39%
DESIGN	0.68%	BUILDING	1.32%
TRADING	0.65%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
RENEWABLE	0.63%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
S	0.63%	M	1.27%
CONSULTANCY	0.63%	S	1.23%
CARPETS	0.63%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
IT	0.53%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,306	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	345	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	208	30,647
9999 - Dormant Company	124	20,111
99999 - Dormant Company	120	18,918
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	87	16,419
7414 - Business & management consultancy	80	13,053
74990 - Non-trading company	62	8,481
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	58	10,322
7499 - Non-trading company	57	10,955
62090 - Other information technology service activities	54	7,095
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	54	10,545
9305 - Other service activities	50	9,063
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	47	7,143
7260 - Other computer related activities	47	7,849
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	43	5,928
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	41	7,835
43210 - Electrical installation	39	3,085
5530 - Restaurants	35	5,086
86900 - Other human health activities	32	4,154