

Sheffield

2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

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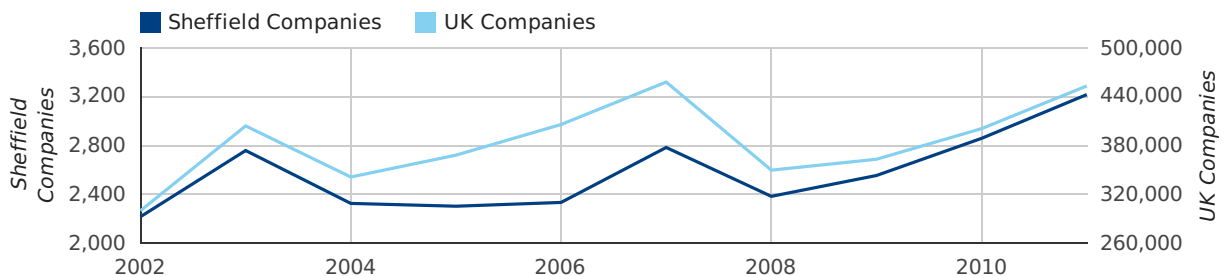
Annual Data (2011)

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

A total of 3,215 companies were formed in Sheffield in 2011. This total is 12.6% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	3,215	452,870
2010	2,856	400,358
2009	2,551	362,675
2008	2,380	349,203
2007	2,781	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (3,215)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

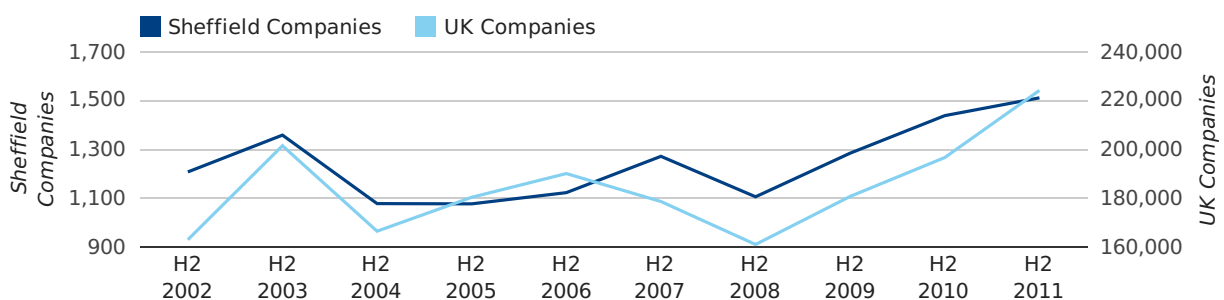
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Sheffield when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 1,511 companies were formed in Sheffield. This figure is 5.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Sheffield occurred in 2011 when a total of 1,511 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	1,511	224,135
2010	1,438	196,609
% CHANGE	5.1%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (1,511)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

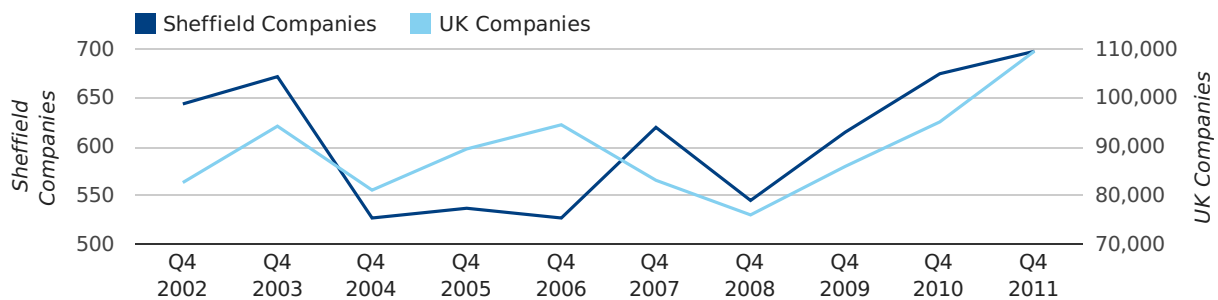
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Sheffield when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 698 companies were registered in Sheffield during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 3.4% 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)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	698	109,623
2010	675	95,117
% CHANGE	3.4%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (698)	2011 (109,623)

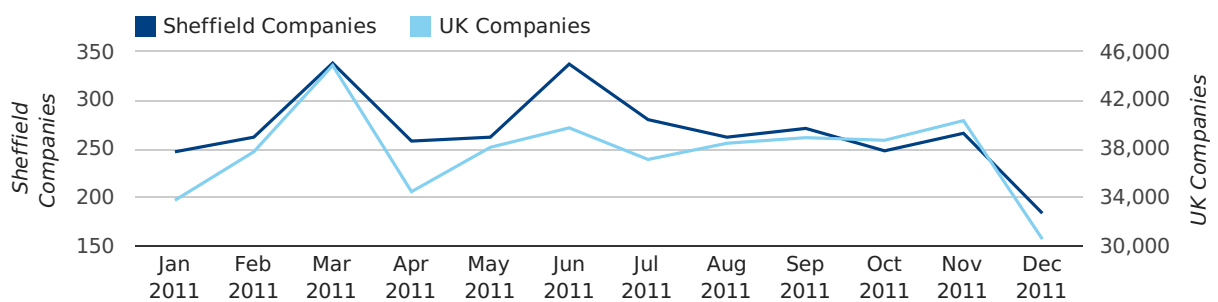
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	248	266	184
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	243	255	177
% CHANGE	2.1%	4.3%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (282)	2011 (266)	2009 (200)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 2,457 companies were dissolved in Sheffield in 2011. This total is 2.0% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	2,457	314,523
2010	2,410	342,232
2009	3,035	533,773
2008	1,336	237,901
2007	1,203	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (3,035)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



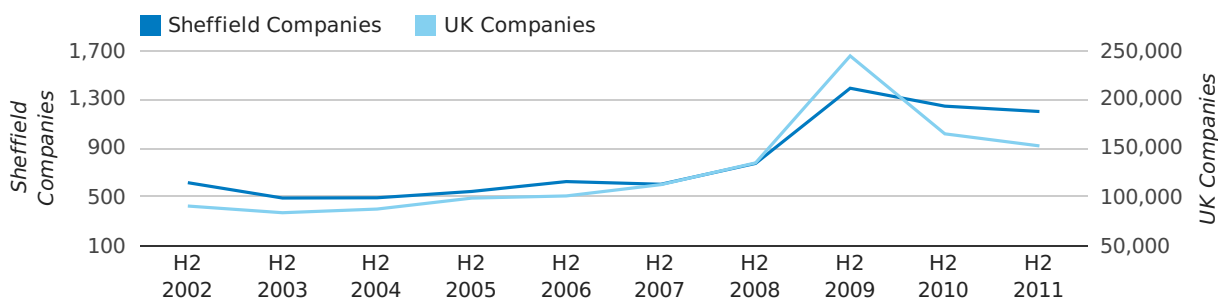
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 1,200 companies were dissolved in Sheffield. This figure is 3.5% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Sheffield occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,391 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	1,200	152,213
2010	1,244	164,601
% CHANGE	-3.5%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,391)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

A total of 619 companies were dissolved in Sheffield during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 0.2% 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)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	619	79,983
2010	618	76,896
% CHANGE	0.2%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (619)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

December 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Sheffield when compared to any previous December.

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	134	230	255
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	208	244	166
% CHANGE	-35.6%	-5.7%	54%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (208)	2010 (244)	2011 (255)

Annual Data (2011)

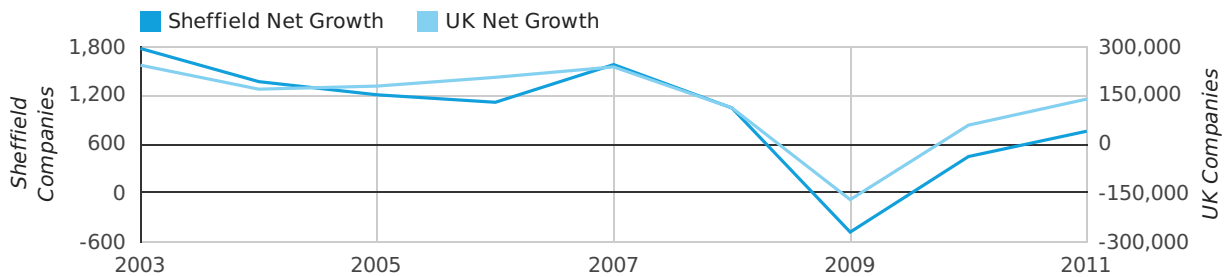
A total of 758 companies were added to the company register for Sheffield in 2011. This number represents growth of 26.5% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 312 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Sheffield company register grew by 1,776 companies.

YEAR	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	758	138,347
2010	446	58,126
2009	-484	-171,098
2008	1,044	111,302
2007	1,578	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,776)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

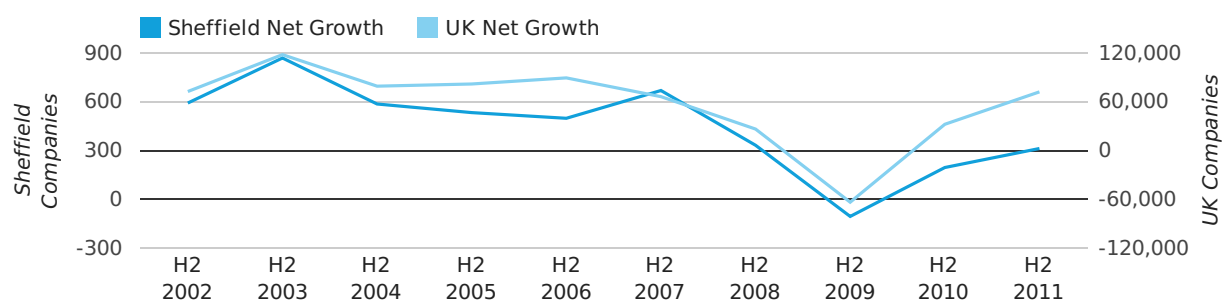


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Sheffield increased by 311 companies. This figure is 60.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	311	71,922
2010	194	32,008
% CHANGE	60.3%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (868)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



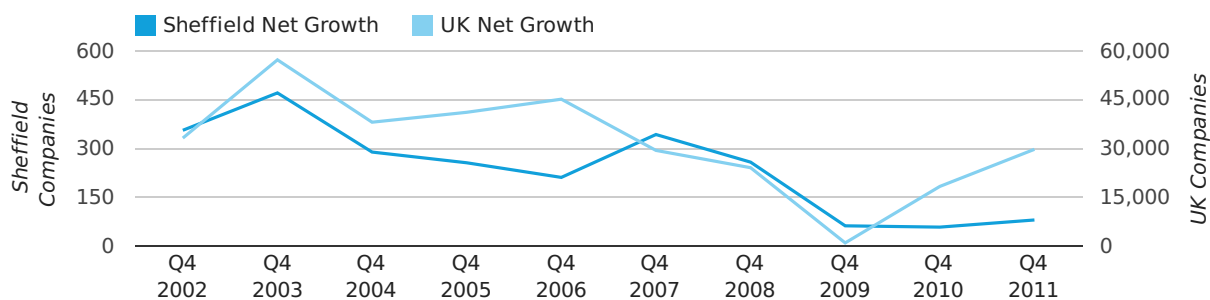
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Sheffield during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 79 companies.

This represents an increase of 38.6% on the same period last year.

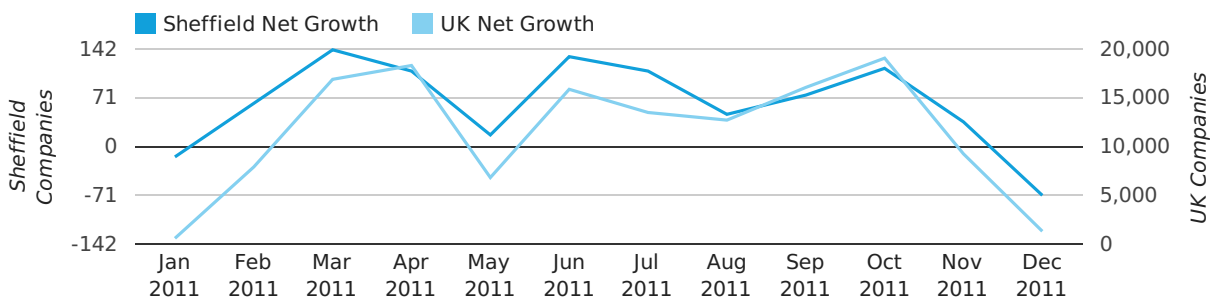
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	SHEFFIELD	UK
2011	79	29,640
2010	57	18,221
% CHANGE	38.6%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (470)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



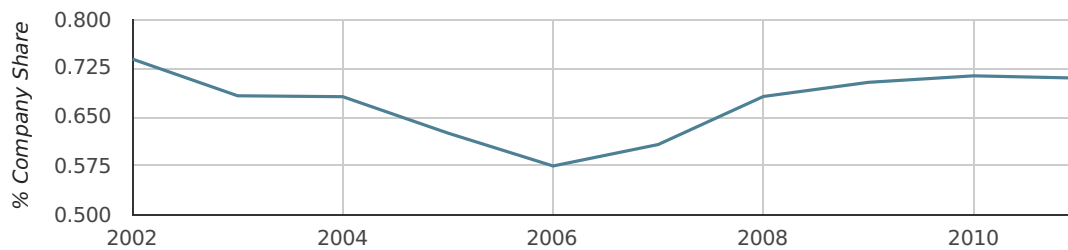
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	114	36	-71
NET GROWTH IN 2010	35	11	11
% CHANGE	225.7%	227.3%	-745.5%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (214)	2003 (139)	2002 (121)

Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Sheffield formed 0.7% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Sheffield was responsible for 0.7% of all UK companies.

YEAR	SHEFFIELD
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
2007	0.6%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1973 (1.1%)

company share by year

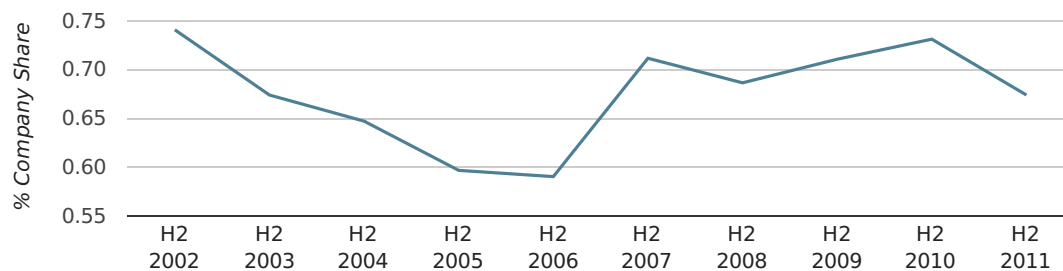


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SHEFFIELD
2011	0.7%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
2007	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1973 (1.2%)

company share by half year

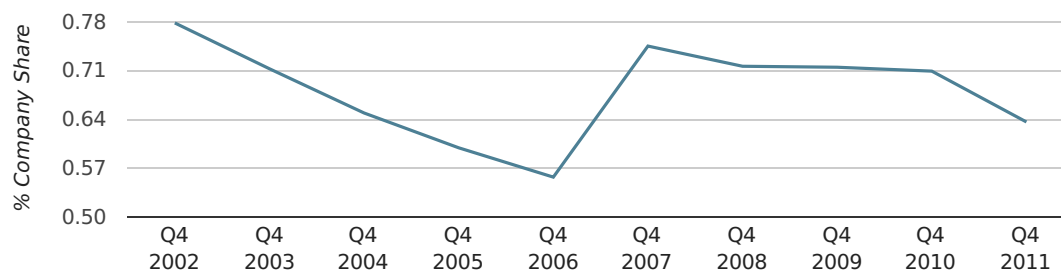


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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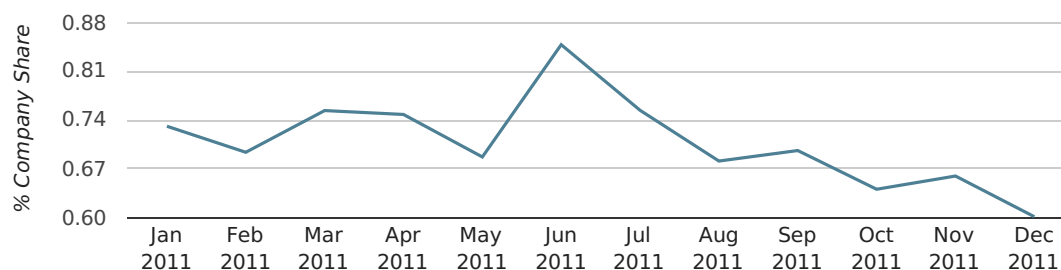
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	SHEFFIELD
2011	0.6%
2010	0.7%
2009	0.7%
2008	0.7%
2007	0.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1975 (1.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.6%	0.7%	0.6%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.7%	0.7%	0.7%
% CHANGE	-11.3%	-11.1%	-7.8%
RECORD YEAR	1975 (1.5%)	1965 (1.6%)	1966 (1.6%)

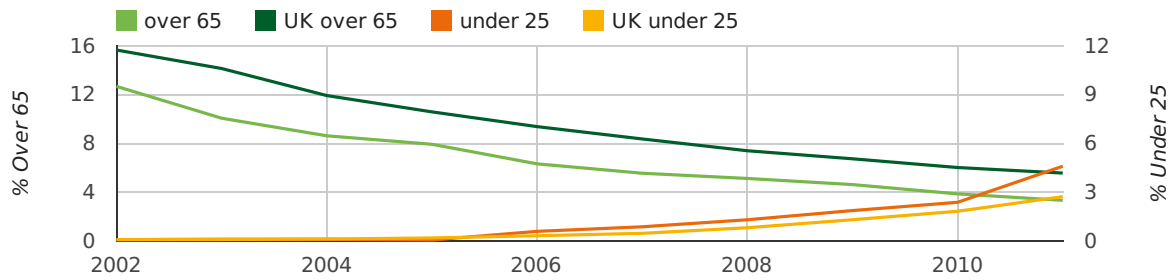
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 42.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



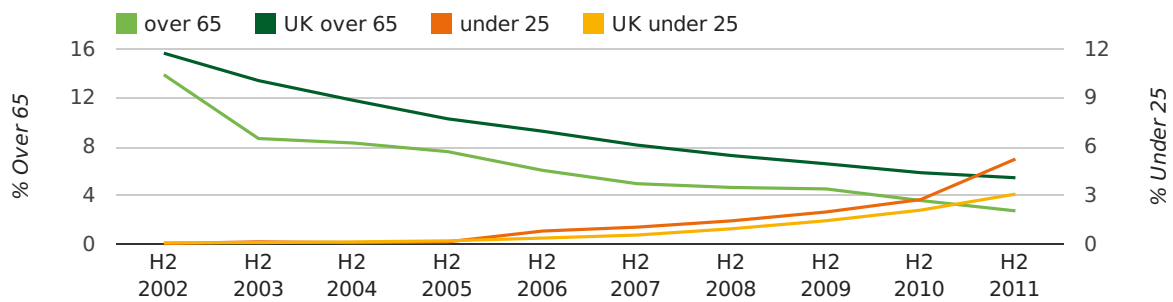
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 41.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



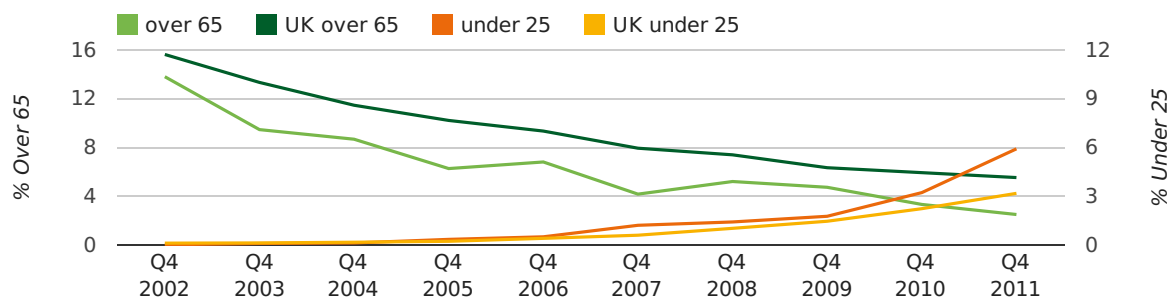
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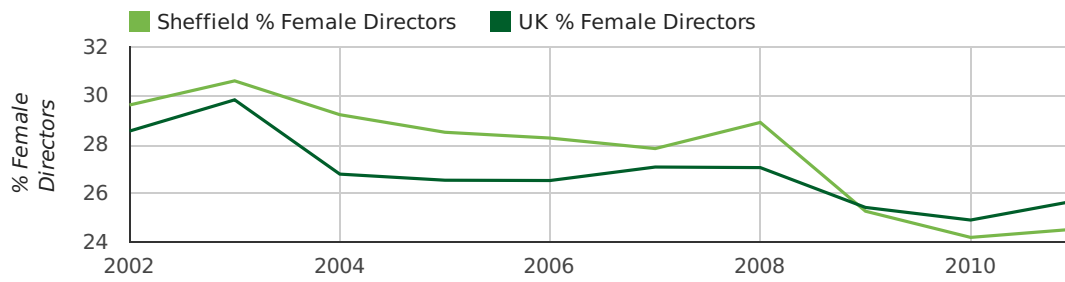


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Sheffield in 2011 was 29.6%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

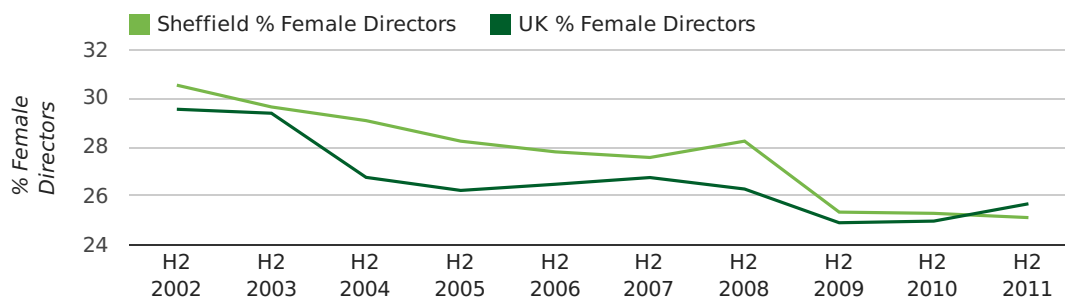


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

25.1% of all director appointments in Sheffield 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

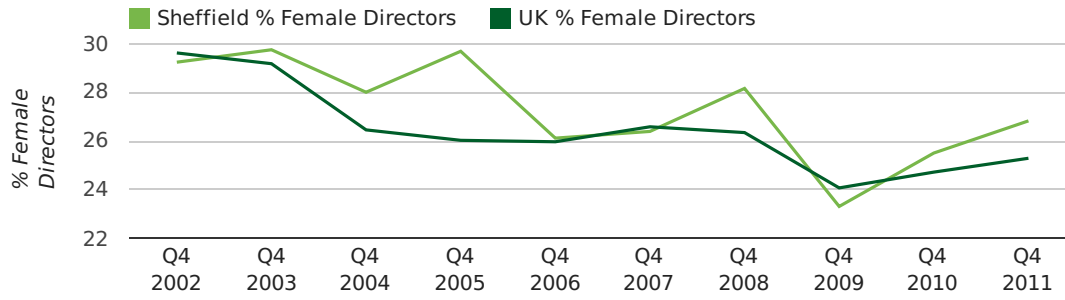


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

26.8% of all director appointments in Sheffield 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
MANAGEMENT	1.44%	CONSULTING	5.07%
SOLAR	1.44%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MY	1.34%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
CO.,	1.25%	PROPERTY	2.37%
FREE	1.01%	TRADING	2.07%
YORKSHIRE	0.86%	DESIGN	1.92%
ENERGY	0.86%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
CONSULTANCY	0.84%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
PROPERTY	0.82%	BUSINESS	1.78%
CONSULTING	0.82%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
RTM	0.82%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
CONSTRUCTION	0.79%	MEDIA	1.71%
TRADING	0.70%	LONDON	1.63%
CONSULTANTS	0.67%	J	1.51%
MEDIA	0.67%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CARE	0.65%	GLOBAL	1.46%
RENEWABLE	0.65%	IT	1.41%
S	0.62%	CARE	1.39%
DESIGN	0.62%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
BUSINESS	0.60%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
ENGINEERING	0.58%	M	1.27%
SYSTEMS	0.58%	BUILDING	1.26%
GLOBAL	0.55%	ENERGY	1.25%
SHEFFIELD	0.53%	S	1.20%
BUILDING	0.53%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	1,357	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	343	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	214	32,483
99999 - Dormant Company	157	21,846
9999 - Dormant Company	138	20,199
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	95	17,765
7414 - Business & management consultancy	76	13,034
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	63	11,768
74990 - Non-trading company	62	8,929
62090 - Other information technology service activities	56	7,493
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	55	12,072
9305 - Other service activities	48	9,492
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	46	7,398
7260 - Other computer related activities	46	7,667
43210 - Electrical installation	45	3,175
9302 - Hairdressing & other beauty treatment	43	1,516
5530 - Restaurants	41	5,013
7499 - Non-trading company	40	9,957
86220 - Specialists medical practice activities	40	1,474
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	38	8,671