

Skelmersdale

2011 annual business confidence report



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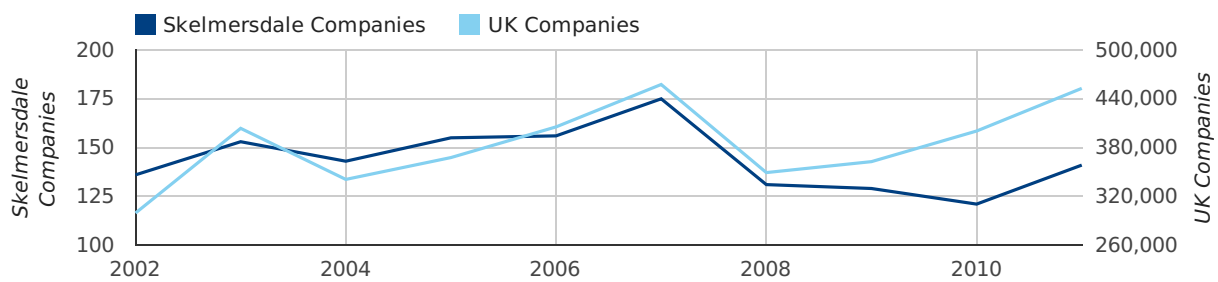
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Annual Data (2011)

A total of 141 companies were formed in Skelmersdale in 2011. This total is 16.5% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	SKELMERSDALE	UK
2011	141	452,870
2010	121	400,358
2009	129	362,675
2008	131	349,203
2007	175	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2007 (175)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



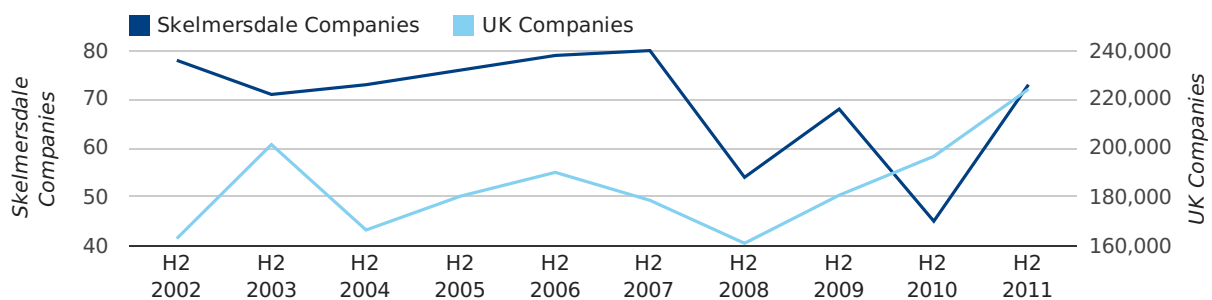
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 73 companies were formed in Skelmersdale. This figure is 62.2% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Skelmersdale occurred in 2007 when a total of 80 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SKELMERSDALE	UK
2011	73	224,135
2010	45	196,609
% CHANGE	62.2%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (80)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



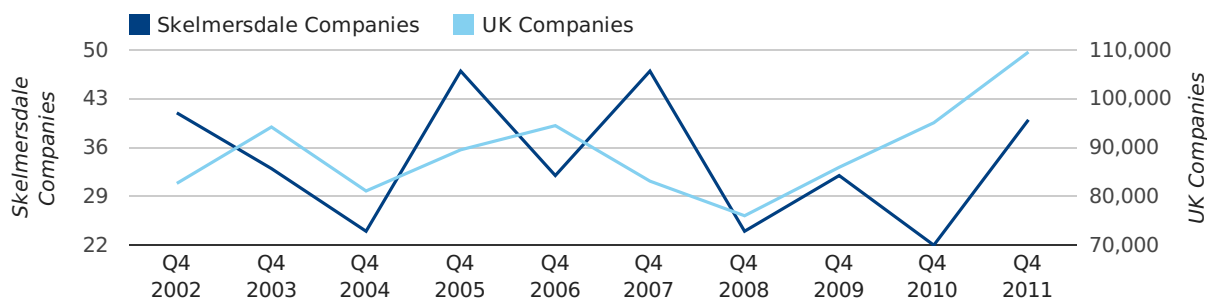
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 40 companies were registered in Skelmersdale during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 81.8% 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.

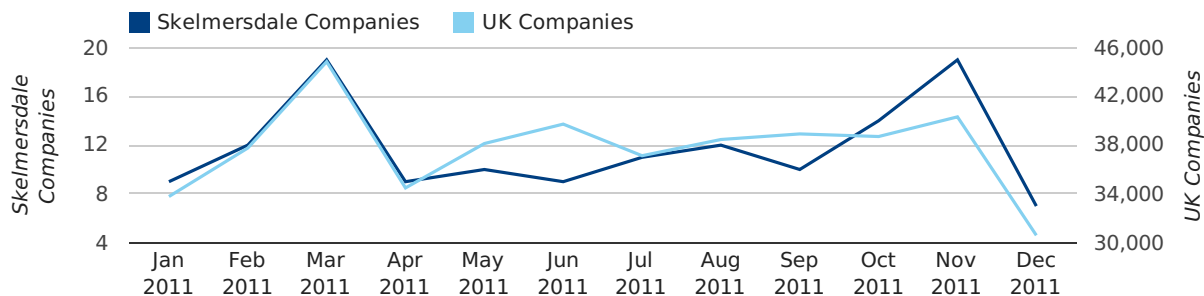
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	SKELMERSDALE	UK
2011	40	109,623
2010	22	95,117
% CHANGE	81.8%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (47)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	14	19	7
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	11	8	3
% CHANGE	27.3%	137.5%	133.3%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (20)	2007 (21)	2002 (13)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 153 companies were dissolved in Skelmersdale in 2011. This total is 29.2% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	SKELMERSDALE	UK
2011	153	314,523
2010	216	342,232
2009	198	533,773
2008	67	237,901
2007	47	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2010 (216)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



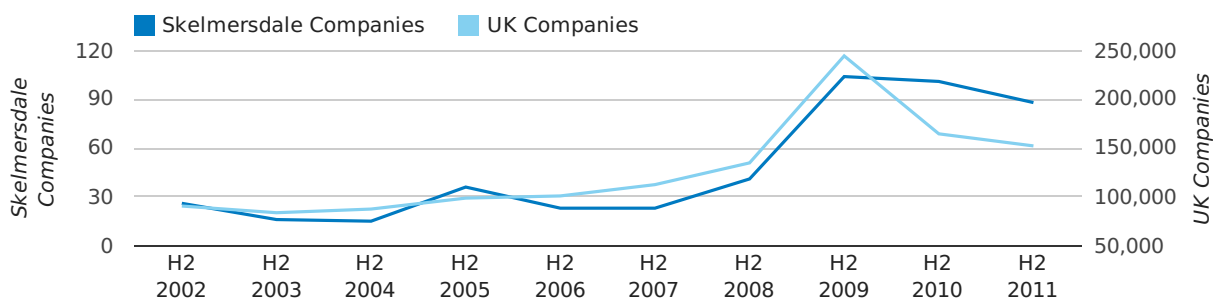
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 88 companies were dissolved in Skelmersdale. This figure is 12.9% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Skelmersdale occurred in 2009 when a total of 104 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SKELMERSDALE	UK
2011	88	152,213
2010	101	164,601
% CHANGE	-12.9%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (104)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



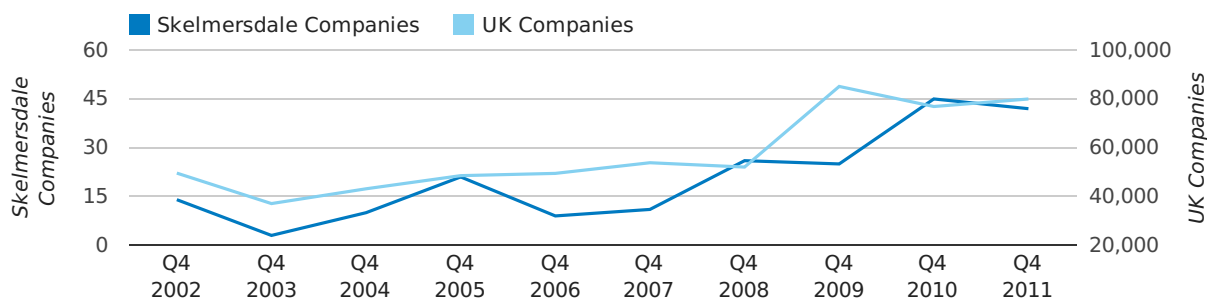
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 42 companies were dissolved in Skelmersdale during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 6.7% 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)	SKELMERSDALE	UK
2011	42	79,983
2010	45	76,896
% CHANGE	-6.7%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (45)	2009 (85,136)

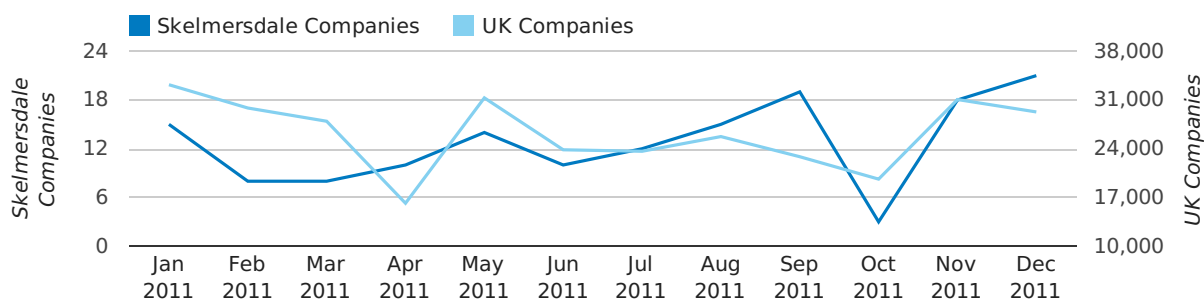
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	3	18	21
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	13	19	13
% CHANGE	-76.9%	-5.3%	62%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (13)	2010 (19)	2011 (21)

Annual Data (2011)

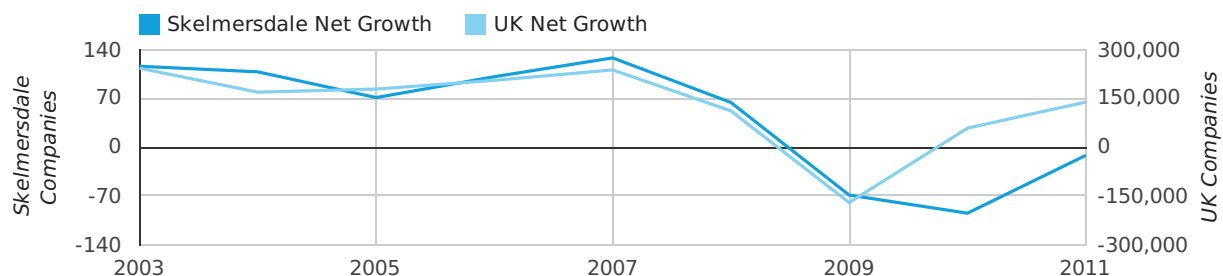
A total of -12 companies were removed to the company register for Skelmersdale in 2011. This number represents decline of 9.9% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 83 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2007 when the Skelmersdale company register grew by 128 companies.

YEAR	SKELMERSDALE	UK
2011	-12	138,347
2010	-95	58,126
2009	-69	-171,098
2008	64	111,302
2007	128	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2007 (128)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

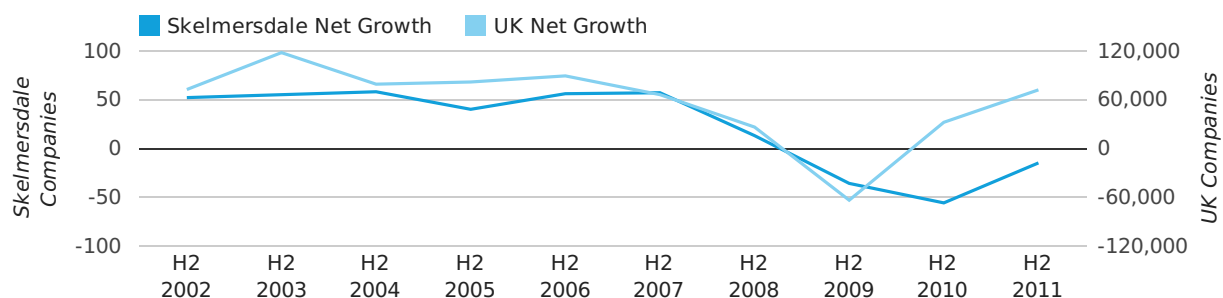


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Skelmersdale decreased by 15 companies. This figure is 73.2% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SKELMERSDALE	UK
2011	-15	71,922
2010	-56	32,008
% CHANGE	-73.2%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (58)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



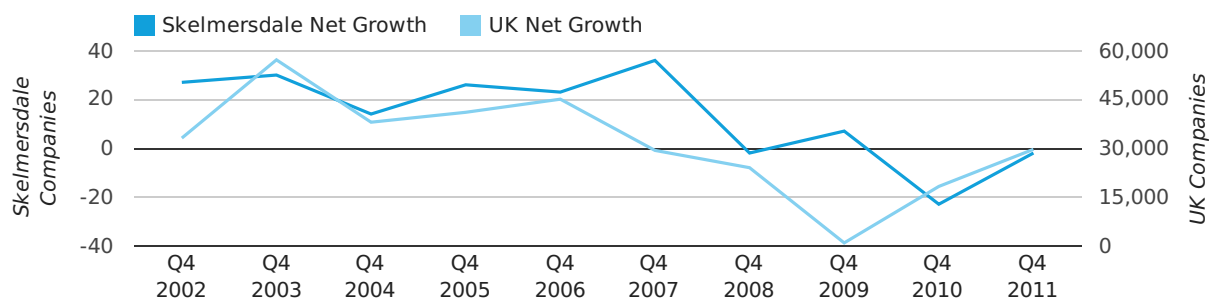
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Skelmersdale during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was -2 companies.

This represents an increase of 91.3% on the same period last year.

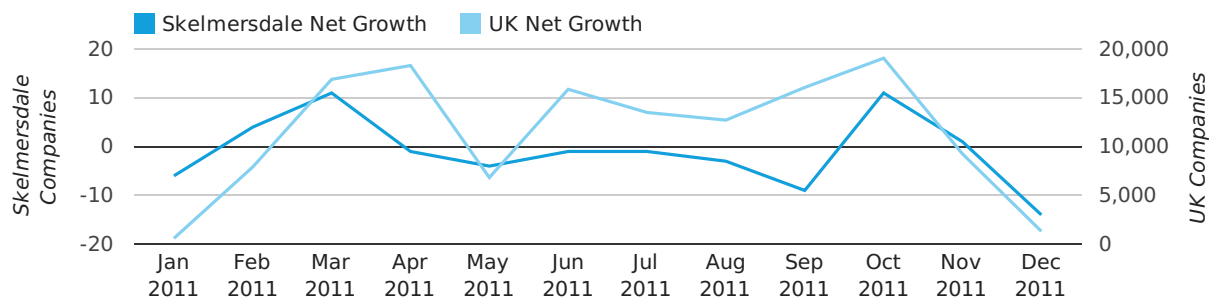
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	SKELMERSDALE	UK
2011	-2	29,640
2010	-23	18,221
% CHANGE	-91.3%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (36)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



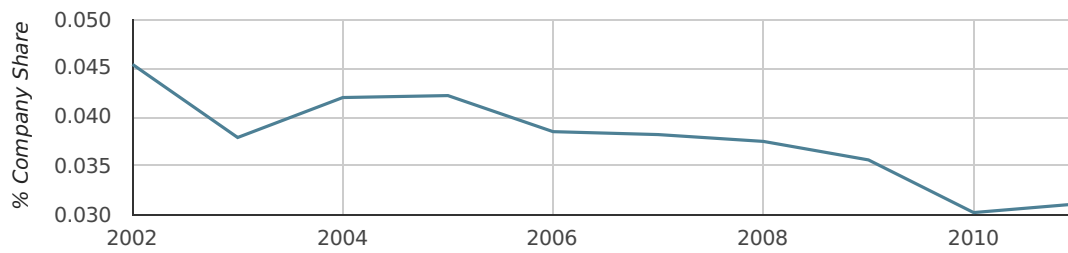
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	11	1	-14
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-2	-11	-10
% CHANGE	-650.0%	-109.1%	40.0%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (17)	2007 (17)	2007 (10)

Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	SKELMERSDALE
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.1%)

company share by year

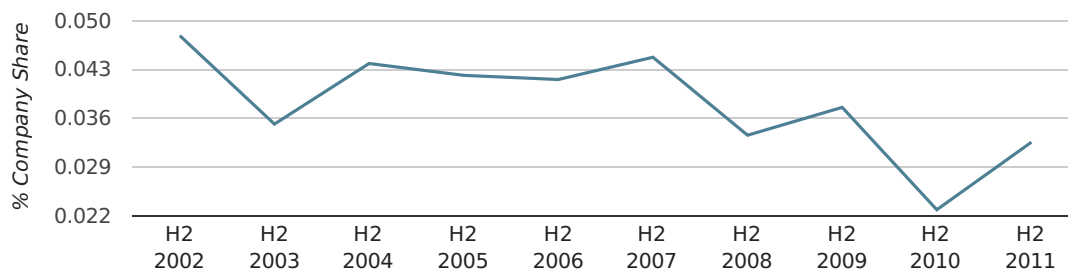


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SKELMERSDALE
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1978 (0.1%)

company share by half year

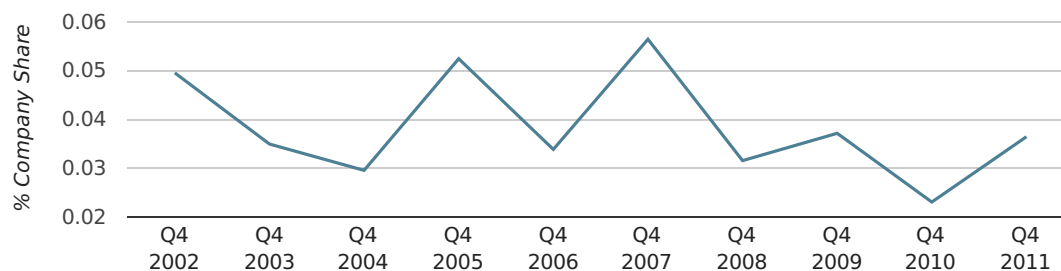


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

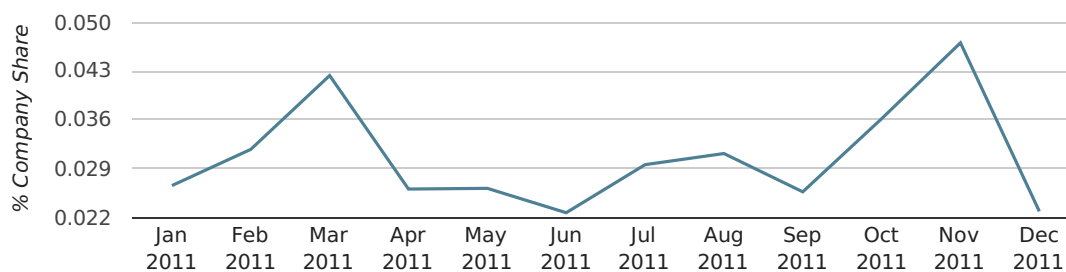
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	SKELMERSDALE
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1963 (0.1%)

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	10.7%	102.1%	106.3%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (0.2%)	1964 (0.1%)	1970 (0.1%)

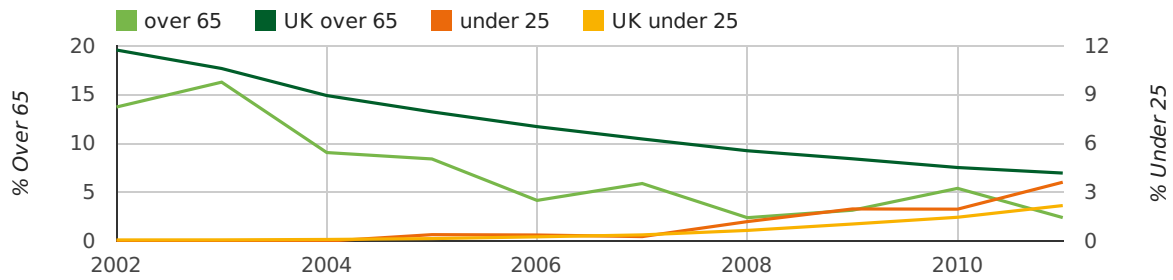
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 43.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



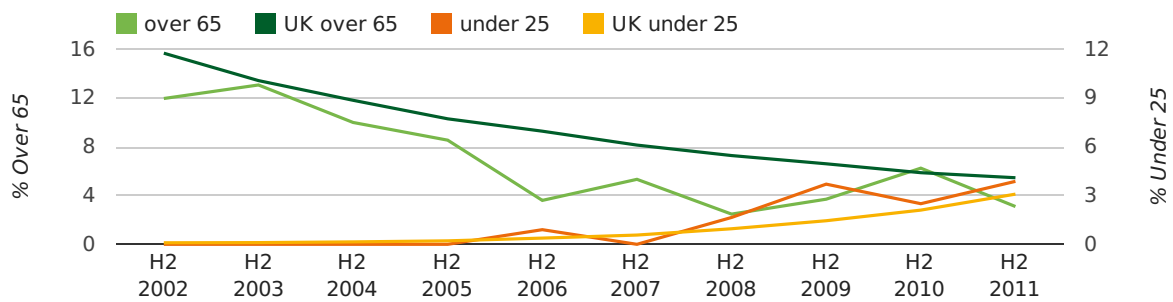
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 44.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



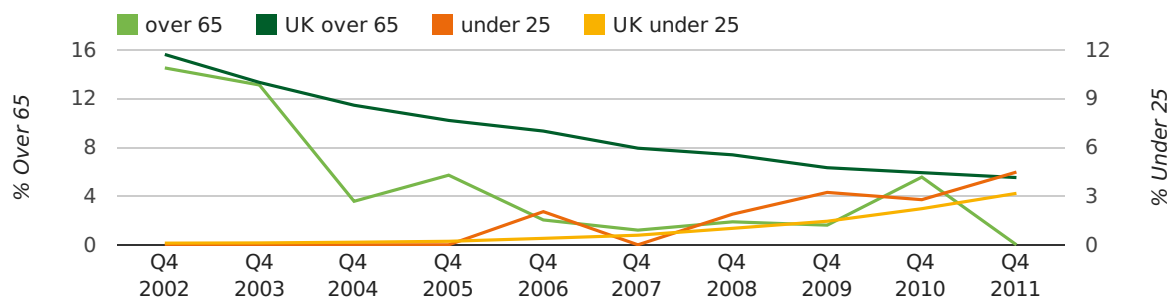
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 43.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 0.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

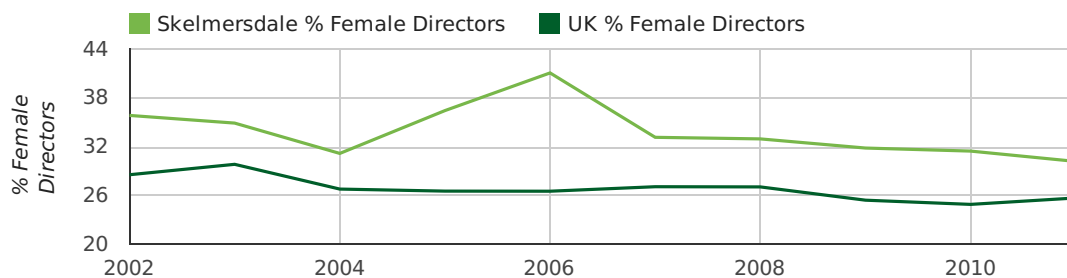


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Skelmersdale in 2011 was 35.9%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

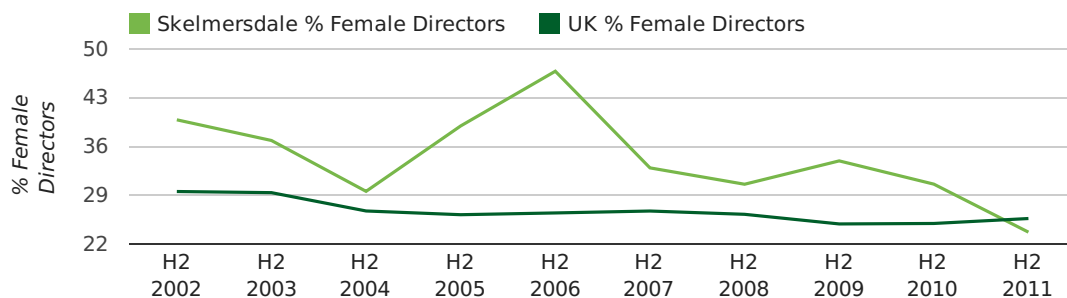


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

23.7% of all director appointments in Skelmersdale 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

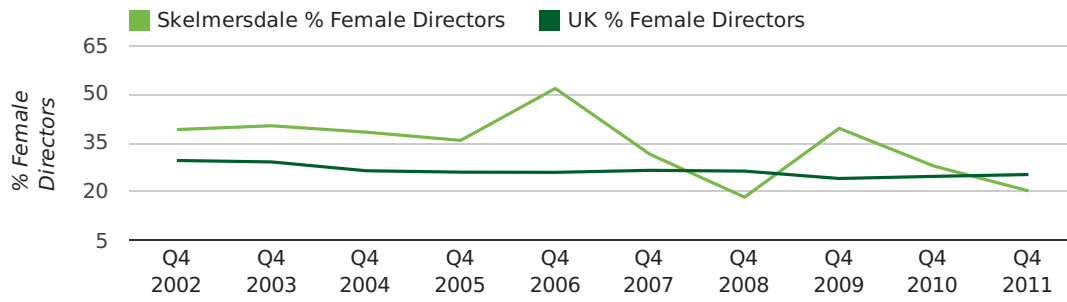


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

20.3% of all director appointments in Skelmersdale 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
WEST	2.42%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSTRUCTION	1.73%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
NORTH	1.73%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
LANCASHIRE	1.38%	PROPERTY	2.37%
BUILDING	1.04%	TRADING	2.07%
CARE	1.04%	DESIGN	1.92%
HIRE	0.69%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
WILLIAMS	0.69%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
T	0.69%	BUSINESS	1.78%
SYSTEMS	0.69%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
STREET	0.69%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
ENGINEERING	0.69%	MEDIA	1.71%
MANAGEMENT	0.69%	LONDON	1.63%
STEVEN'S	0.69%	J	1.51%
QUALITY	0.69%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.69%	GLOBAL	1.46%
K	0.69%	IT	1.41%
WHITE	0.69%	CARE	1.39%
STAR	0.69%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
ROCK	0.69%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
FURNITURE	0.69%	M	1.27%
PR	0.69%	BUILDING	1.26%
DAYZ	0.69%	ENERGY	1.25%
AGENCY	0.69%	S	1.20%
DESIGNS	0.69%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	67	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	8	57,052
9999 - Dormant Company	6	20,199
49410 - Freight transport by road	6	2,392
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	5	11,768
9305 - Other service activities	4	9,492
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	4	17,765
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	4	12,072
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	4	5,558
7260 - Other computer related activities	4	7,667
71129 - Other engineering activities	3	1,823
5540 - Bars	3	2,147
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	3	2,699
7411 - Legal activities	3	1,267
99999 - Dormant Company	3	21,846
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	2	32,483
32990 - Other manufacturing not elsewhere classified	2	1,594
2875 - Manufacture other fabricated metal products	2	268
8514 - Other human health activities	2	2,637
5030 - Sale of motor vehicle parts etc.	2	411