Skipton

2011 annual business confidence report



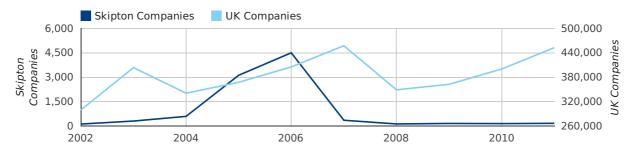
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A total of 166 companies were formed in Skipton in 2011. This total is 10.7% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

| YEAR | SKIPTON | UK |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 166 | 452,870 |
| 2010 | 150 | 400,358 |
| 2009 | 158 | 362,675 |
| 2008 | 128 | 349,203 |
| 2007 | 355 | 457,649 |
| RECORD YEAR | 2006 (4,506) | 2007 (457,649) |

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 64 companies were formed in Skipton. This figure is 8.6% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Skipton occurred in 2006 when a total of 2,050 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | SKIPTON | UK |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 64 | 224,135 |
| 2010 | 70 | 196,609 |
| % CHANGE | -8.6% | 14.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2006 (2,050) | 2011 (224,135) |

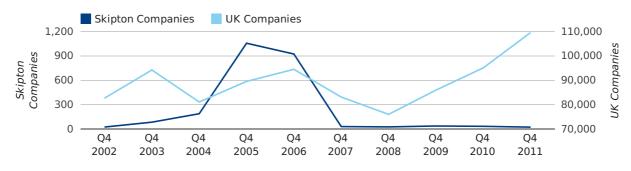


new companies by half year

A total of 24 companies were registered in Skipton during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 29.4% 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) | SKIPTON | UK |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 24 | 109,623 |
| 2010 | 34 | 95,117 |
| % CHANGE | -29.4% | 15.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2005 (1,057) | 2011 (109,623) |



new companies by quarter

Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)



2005 (346)

2005 (290)

2006 (439)

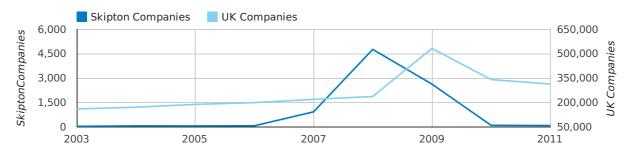
new companies by month

RECORD YEAR

A total of 92 companies were dissolved in Skipton in 2011. This total is 12.4% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

| YEAR | SKIPTON | UK |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 92 | 314,523 |
| 2010 | 105 | 342,232 |
| 2009 | 2,642 | 533,773 |
| 2008 | 4,778 | 237,901 |
| 2007 | 934 | 220,295 |
| RECORD YEAR | 2008 (4,778) | 2009 (533,773) |

dissolved companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 44 companies were dissolved in Skipton. This figure is 18.5% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Skipton occurred in 2008 when a total of 2,114 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | SKIPTON | UK |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 44 | 152,213 |
| 2010 | 54 | 164,601 |
| % CHANGE | -18.5% | -7.5% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2008 (2,114) | 2009 (244,537) |

dissolved companies by half year

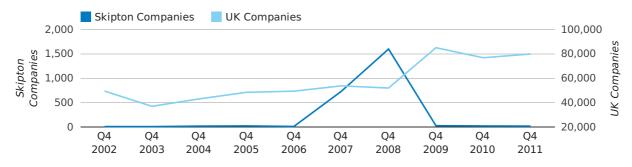


A total of 20 companies were dissolved in Skipton during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 13.0% 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) | SKIPTON | UK |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2011 | 20 | 79,983 |
| 2010 | 23 | 76,896 |
| % CHANGE | -13.0% | 4.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2008 (1,601) | 2009 (85,136) |

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)



dissolved companies by month

| | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 7 | 6 | 7 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010 | 6 | 13 | 4 |
| % CHANGE | 16.7% | -53.8% | 75% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2007 (78) | 2008 (820) | 2008 (760) |

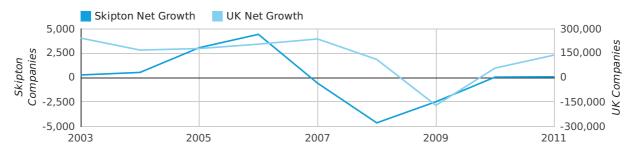
A total of 74 companies were added to the company register for Skipton in 2011. This number represents growth of 49.3% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 29 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2006 when the Skipton company register grew by 4,429 companies.

| YEAR | SKIPTON | UK |
|-------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 74 | 138,347 |
| 2010 | 45 | 58,126 |
| 2009 | -2,484 | -171,098 |
| 2008 | -4,650 | 111,302 |
| 2007 | -579 | 237,354 |
| RECORD YEAR | 2006 (4,429) | 2003 (242,543) |

net growth by year

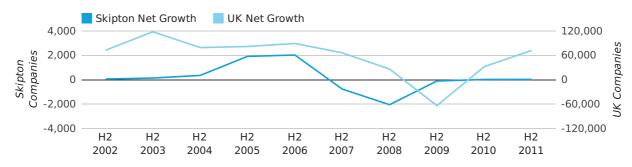


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Skipton increased by 20 companies. This figure is 25.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | SKIPTON | UK |
|---------------------|--------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 20 | 71,922 |
| 2010 | 16 | 32,008 |
| % CHANGE | 25.0% | 124.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2006 (2,020) | 2003 (117,772) |



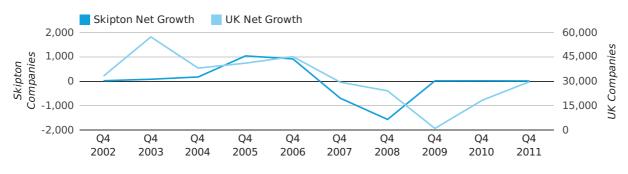


Net company growth for Skipton during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 4 companies.

This represents a decrease of 63.6% on the same period last year.

| FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011) | SKIPTON | UK |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|---------------|
| 2011 | 4 | 29,640 |
| 2010 | 11 | 18,221 |
| % CHANGE | -63.6% | 62.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2005 (1,033) | 2003 (57,175) |

net growth by quarter



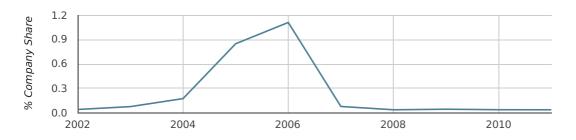
Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)



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

| YEAR | SKIPTON |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.0% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.0% |
| 2008 | 0.0% |
| 2007 | 0.1% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 2006 (1.1%) |

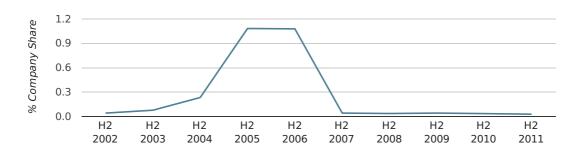
company share by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | SKIPTON |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.0% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
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| 2008 | 0.0% |
| 2007 | 0.0% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 2005 (1.1%) |

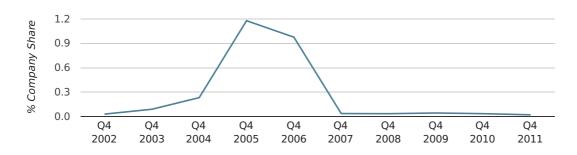


company share by half year

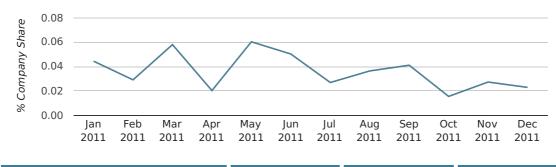
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| FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011) | SKIPTON |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.0% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.0% |
| 2008 | 0.0% |
| 2007 | 0.0% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 2005 (1.2%) |

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)



| | 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 | -62.7% | -21.8% | -22.4% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2005 (1.4%) | 2005 (1.0%) | 2005 (1.2%) |

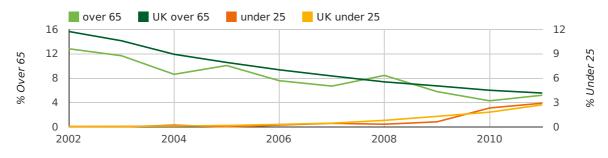
company share by month

The average age of a director in 2011 was 46.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.2% 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 45.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 0.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



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director age by quarter



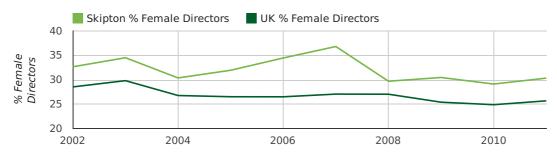
director gender

Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Skipton in 2011 was 32.7%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

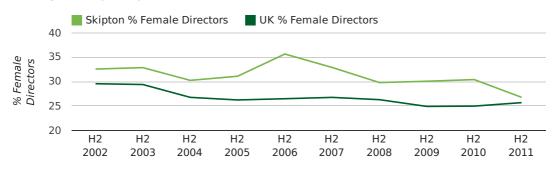


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

26.8% of all director appointments in Skipton in the second half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

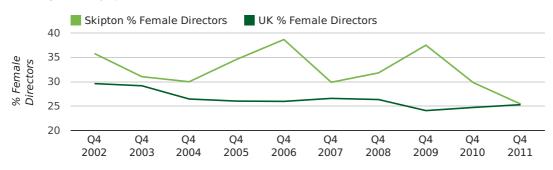
director gender by half year



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

25.4% of all director appointments in Skipton 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 |
|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| CONSULTING | 1.81% | CONSULTING | 5.07% |
| R | 1.81% | MANAGEMENT | 4.74% |
| CONSULTANTS | 1.81% | CONSULTANCY | 3.26% |
| CARE | 1.51% | PROPERTY | 2.37% |
| PROPERTY | 1.21% | TRADING | 2.07% |
| ASSOCIATES | 1.21% | DESIGN | 1.92% |
| BUSINESS | 1.21% | ASSOCIATES | 1.86% |
| CRAVEN | 1.21% | ENGINEERING | 1.78% |
| (YORKSHIRE) | 0.91% | BUSINESS | 1.78% |
| PEEL | 0.91% | CONSULTANTS | 1.76% |
| DEVELOPMENT | 0.91% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.73% |
| DESIGN | 0.91% | MEDIA | 1.71% |
| SKIPTON | 0.91% | LONDON | 1.63% |
| FIRSTLINE | 0.91% | J | 1.51% |
| FARM | 0.60% | INVESTMENTS | 1.48% |
| MEDICAL | 0.60% | GLOBAL | 1.46% |
| BUILDERS | 0.60% | IT | 1.41% |
| ARTS | 0.60% | CARE | 1.39% |
| TRUST | 0.60% | PROPERTIES | 1.29% |
| INTERIORS | 0.60% | ELECTRICAL | 1.29% |
| FINANCE | 0.60% | М | 1.27% |
| GOSTLING | 0.60% | BUILDING | 1.26% |
| CROSS | 0.60% | ENERGY | 1.25% |
| SILVER | 0.60% | S | 1.20% |
| HARP | 0.60% | ENTERPRISES | 1.20% |



Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|------------------------|-----------------|
| None Supplied | 68 | 205,525 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 18 | 32,483 |
| 7487 - Other business activities | 14 | 57,052 |
| 74990 - Non-trading company | 12 | 8,929 |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities | 8 | 12,072 |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management | 8 | 17,765 |
| 99999 - Dormant Company | 7 | 21,846 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 6 | 20,199 |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy | 5 | 13,034 |
| 68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate | 5 | 4,082 |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified | 5 | 11,768 |
| 62090 - Other information technology service activities | 4 | 7,493 |
| 74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified | 4 | 8,671 |
| 86210 - General medical practice activities | 4 | 2,285 |
| 7222 - Other software consultancy and supply | 4 | 7,398 |
| 47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets | 3 | 2,699 |
| 64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified | 3 | 2,946 |
| 5190 - Other wholesale | 3 | 1,335 |
| 43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified | 3 | 3,342 |
| 5263 - Other non-store retail sale | 3 | 1,888 |