

Southport

2011 annual business confidence report



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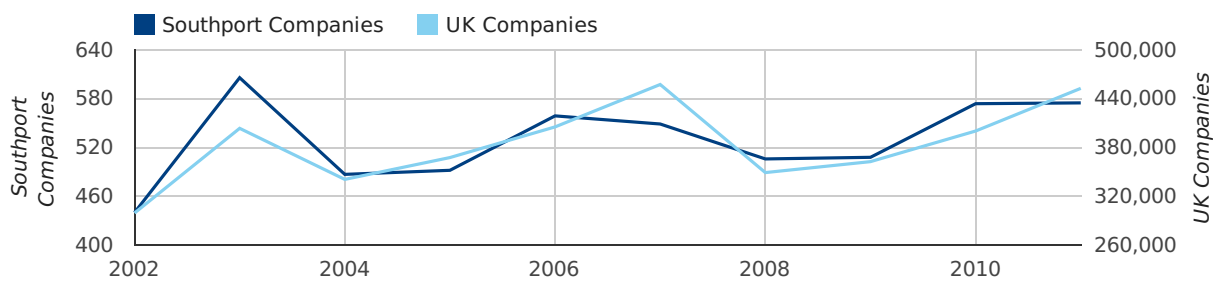
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Annual Data (2011)

A total of 575 companies were formed in Southport in 2011. This total is 0.2% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	SOUTHPORT	UK
2011	575	452,870
2010	574	400,358
2009	508	362,675
2008	506	349,203
2007	549	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2003 (606)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



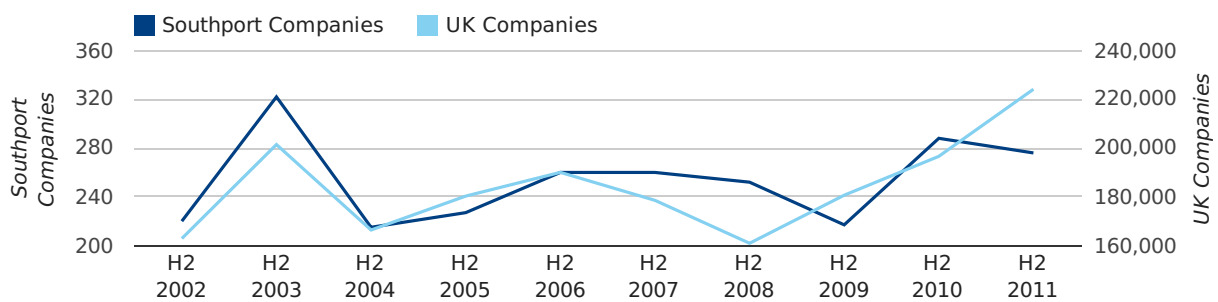
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 276 companies were formed in Southport. This figure is 4.2% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Southport occurred in 2003 when a total of 322 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SOUTHPORT	UK
2011	276	224,135
2010	288	196,609
% CHANGE	-4.2%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (322)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



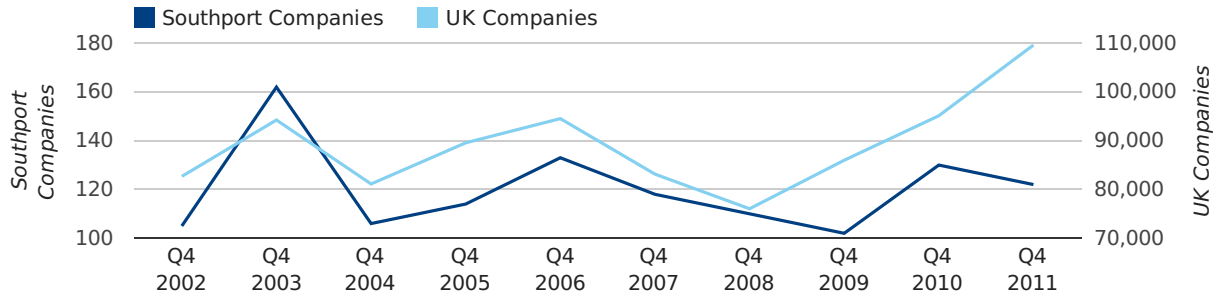
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 122 companies were registered in Southport during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 6.2% 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)	SOUTHPORT	UK
2011	122	109,623
2010	130	95,117
% CHANGE	-6.2%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (162)	2011 (109,623)

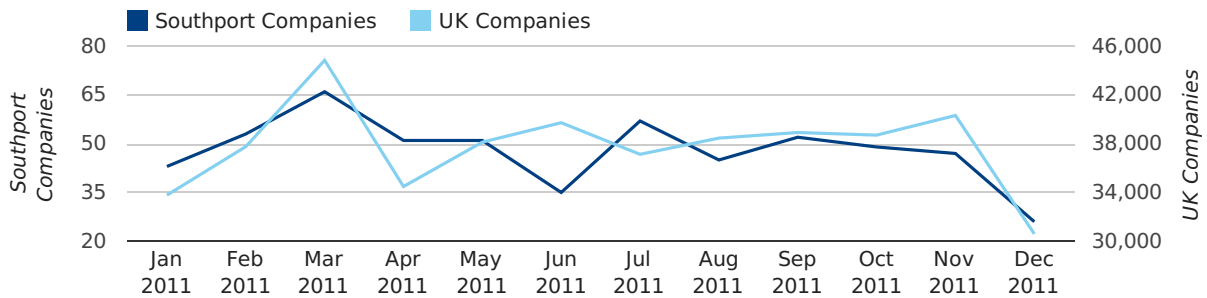
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

new companies by month



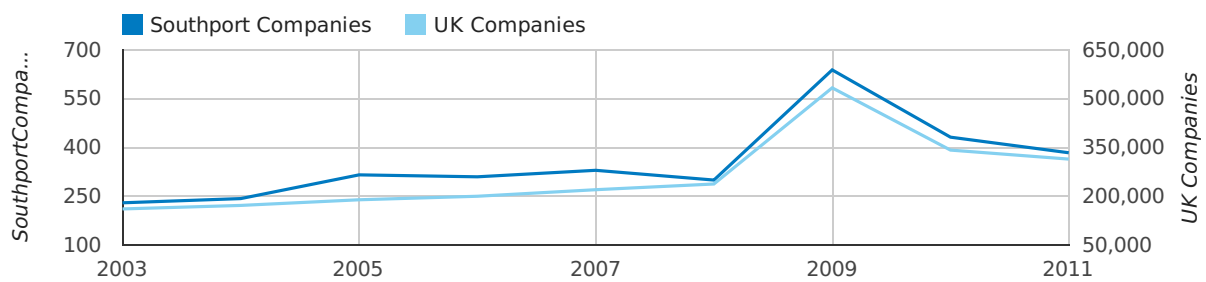
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	49	47	26
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	52	31	47
% CHANGE	-5.8%	51.6%	-44.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (61)	2011 (47)	2003 (55)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 384 companies were dissolved in Southport in 2011. This total is 11.1% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	SOUTHPORT	UK
2011	384	314,523
2010	432	342,232
2009	639	533,773
2008	300	237,901
2007	330	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (639)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



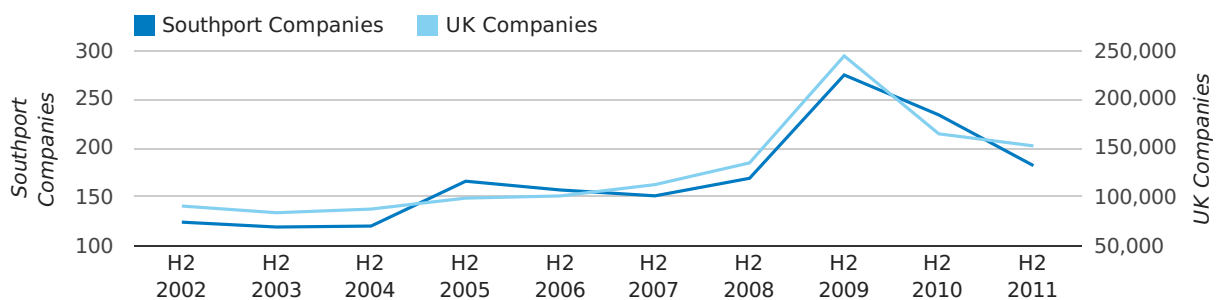
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 182 companies were dissolved in Southport. This figure is 22.2% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Southport occurred in 2009 when a total of 275 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SOUTHPORT	UK
2011	182	152,213
2010	234	164,601
% CHANGE	-22.2%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (275)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

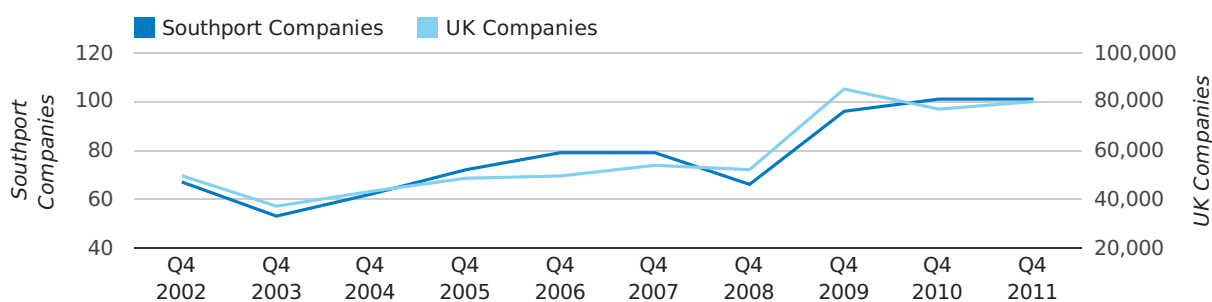
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Southport when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 101 companies were dissolved in Southport during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 0.0% 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)	SOUTHPORT	UK
2011	101	79,983
2010	101	76,896
% CHANGE	0.0%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (101)	2009 (85,136)

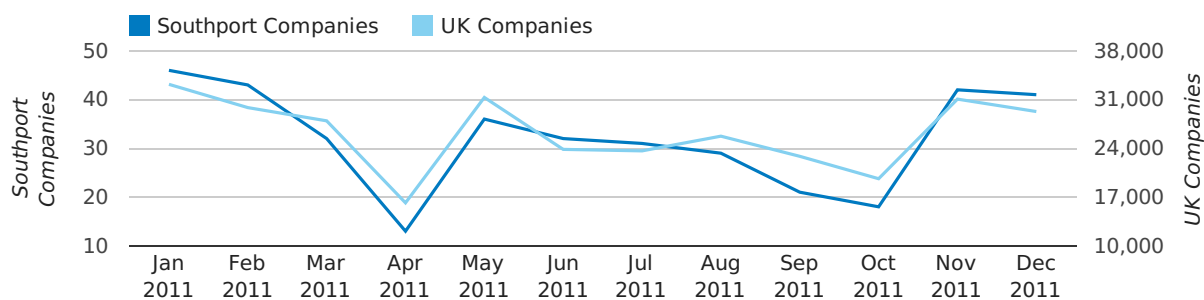
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

November 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Southport when compared to any previous November.

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	18	42	41
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	39	40	22
% CHANGE	-53.8%	5.0%	86%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (39)	2011 (42)	2009 (43)

Annual Data (2011)

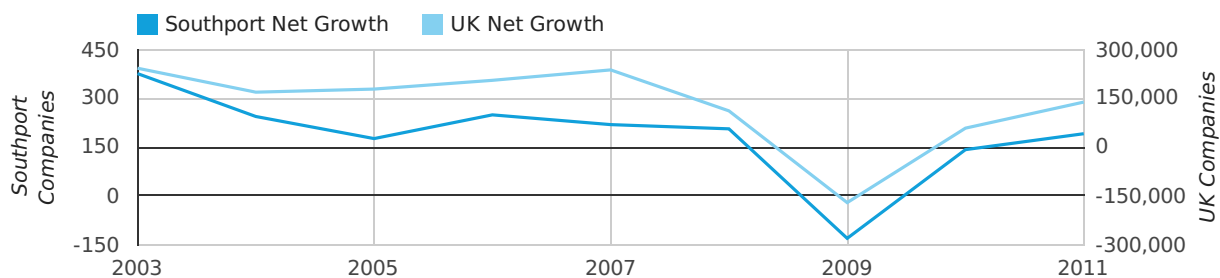
A total of 191 companies were added to the company register for Southport in 2011. This number represents growth of 33.3% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 49 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Southport company register grew by 376 companies.

YEAR	SOUTHPORT	UK
2011	191	138,347
2010	142	58,126
2009	-131	-171,098
2008	206	111,302
2007	219	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (376)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

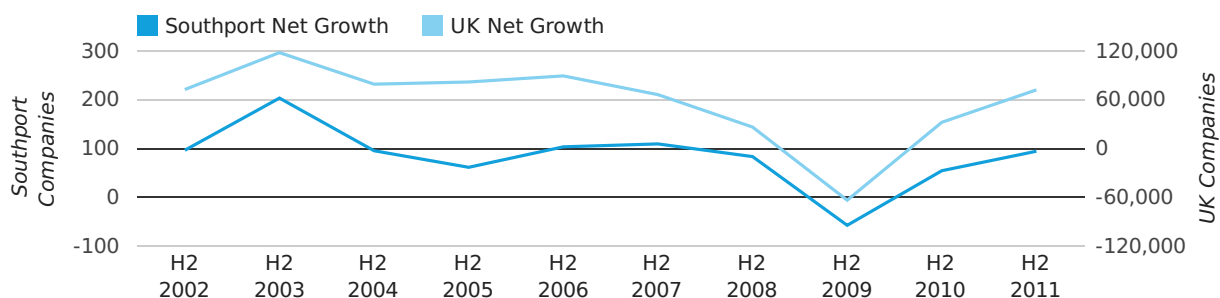


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Southport increased by 94 companies. This figure is 74.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SOUTHPORT	UK
2011	94	71,922
2010	54	32,008
% CHANGE	74.1%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (203)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



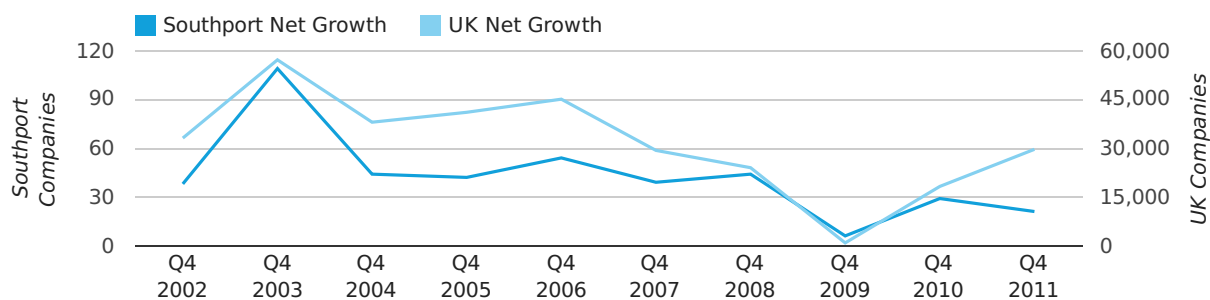
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Southport during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 21 companies.

This represents a decrease of 27.6% on the same period last year.

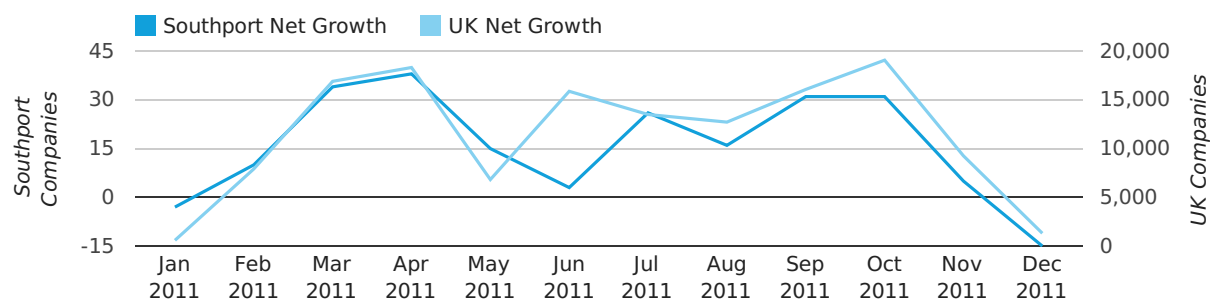
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	SOUTHPORT	UK
2011	21	29,640
2010	29	18,221
% CHANGE	-27.6%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (109)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



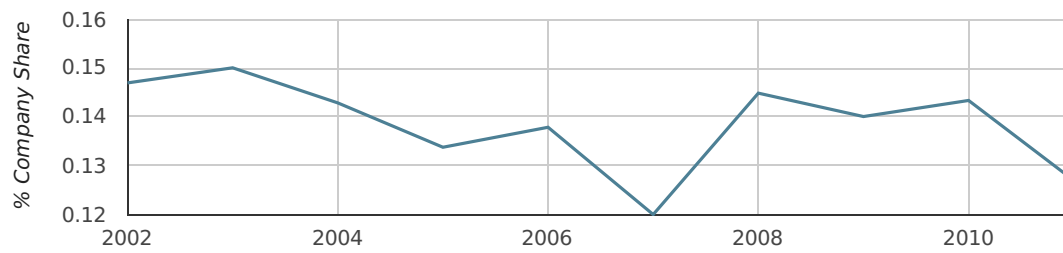
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	31	5	-15
NET GROWTH IN 2010	13	-9	25
% CHANGE	138.5%	-155.6%	-160.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (49)	2002 (23)	2003 (37)

Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	SOUTHPORT
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1977 (0.2%)

company share by year

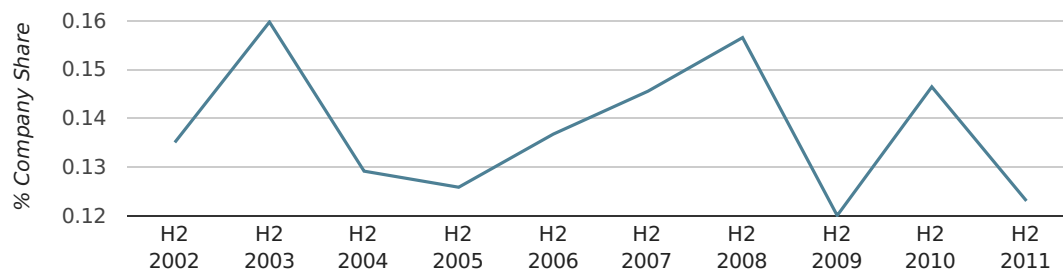


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Southport formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SOUTHPORT
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1977 (0.2%)

company share by half year

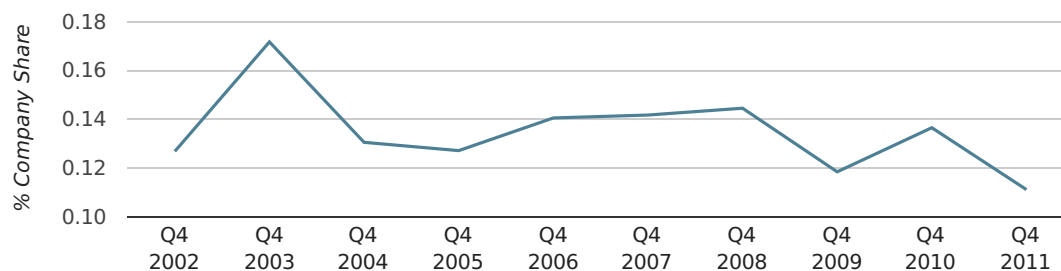


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, Southport formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

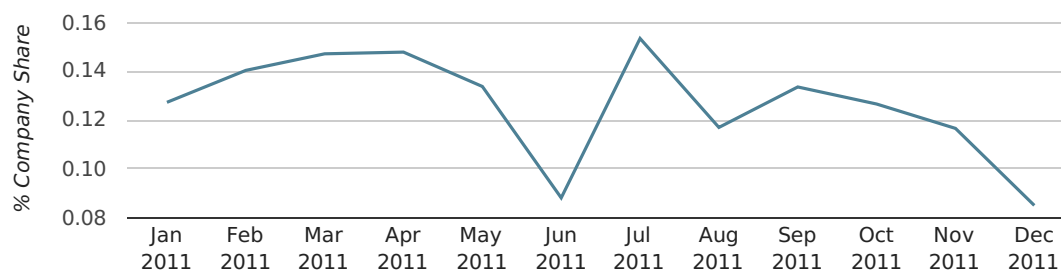
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	SOUTHPORT
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-18.1%	29.1%	-50.9%
RECORD YEAR	1970 (0.5%)	1960 (0.4%)	1977 (0.3%)

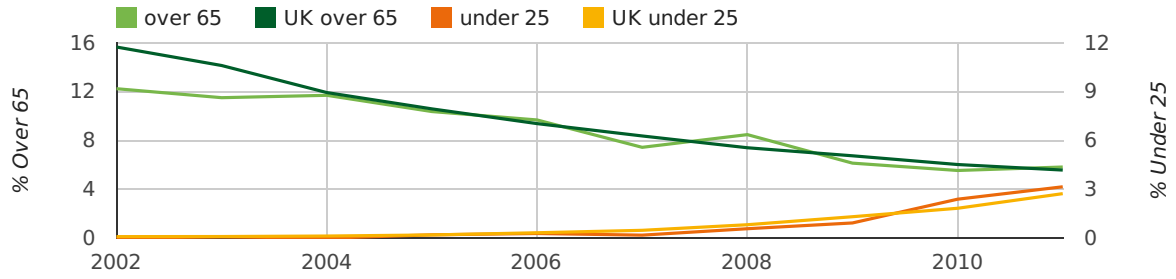
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 45.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



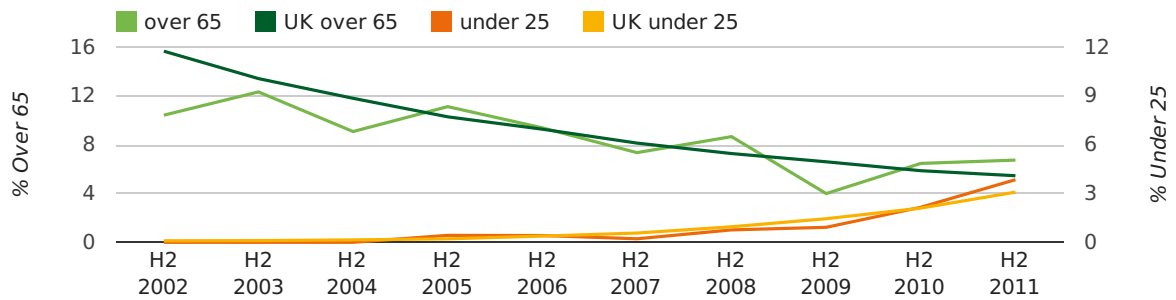
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 45.4.

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 6.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



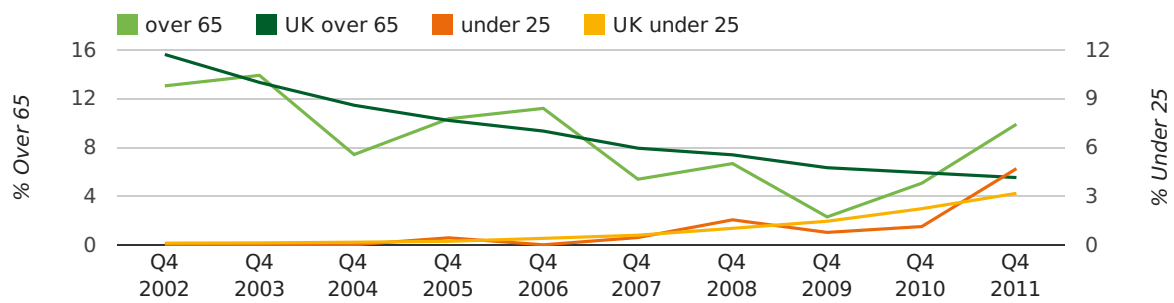
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 45.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 9.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

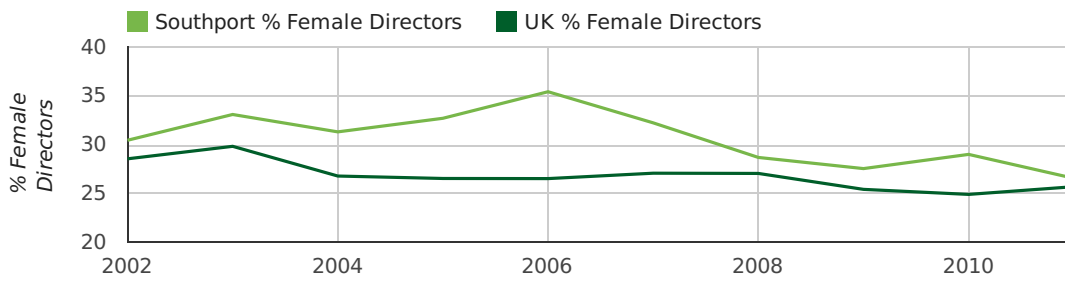


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Southport in 2011 was 30.5%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

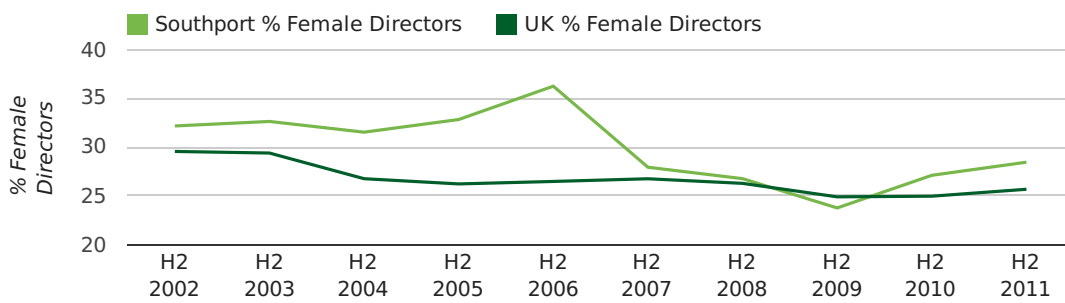


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

28.5% of all director appointments in Southport 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

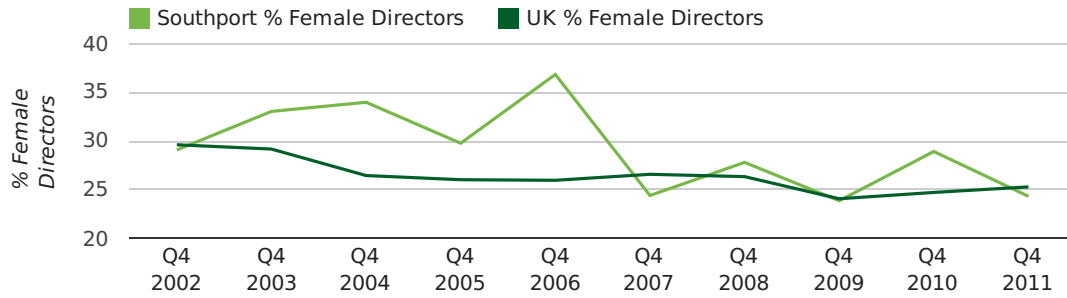


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

24.3% of all director appointments in Southport 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	1.62%	CONSULTING	5.07%
SOUTHPORT	1.42%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
HOUSE	1.22%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
S	0.91%	PROPERTY	2.37%
MEDICAL	0.81%	TRADING	2.07%
WEST)	0.81%	DESIGN	1.92%
(NORTH	0.81%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
PROPERTY	0.71%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.71%	BUSINESS	1.78%
CONSULTANCY	0.71%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CONSULTING	0.71%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
ASSOCIATES	0.61%	MEDIA	1.71%
TRANSPORT	0.61%	LONDON	1.63%
ENTERPRISES	0.61%	J	1.51%
NEWS	0.61%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CARE	0.61%	GLOBAL	1.46%
ASSET	0.51%	IT	1.41%
BUSINESS	0.51%	CARE	1.39%
J	0.51%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
STREET	0.51%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
C	0.51%	M	1.27%
M	0.51%	BUILDING	1.26%
WORLD	0.51%	ENERGY	1.25%
ELECTRICAL	0.51%	S	1.20%
SYSTEMS	0.51%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	272	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	67	57,052
99999 - Dormant Company	49	21,846
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	31	32,483
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	27	17,765
9999 - Dormant Company	22	20,199
9305 - Other service activities	21	9,492
7414 - Business & management consultancy	19	13,034
5540 - Bars	17	2,147
86210 - General medical practice activities	16	2,285
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	16	11,768
5530 - Restaurants	15	5,013
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	12	8,671
8512 - Medical practice activities	10	2,224
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	9	4,082
7499 - Non-trading company	9	9,957
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	8	5,558
7260 - Other computer related activities	8	7,667
74990 - Non-trading company	8	8,929
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	7	2,832