

Stamford

2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

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- Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Stamford when compared to any previous Q4.
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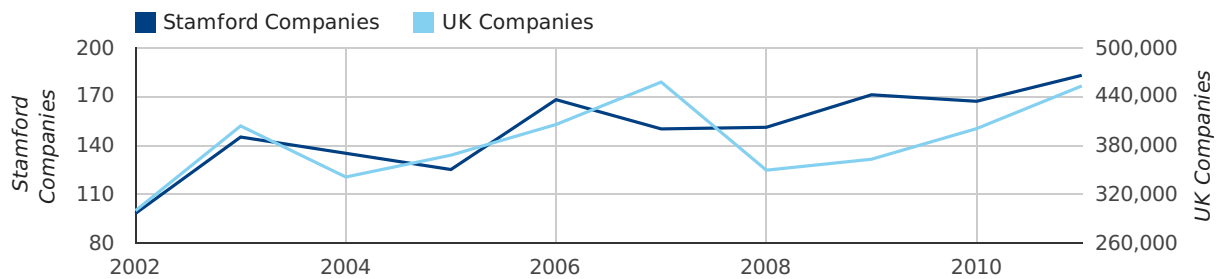
Annual Data (2011)

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

A total of 183 companies were formed in Stamford in 2011. This total is 9.6% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	STAMFORD	UK
2011	183	452,870
2010	167	400,358
2009	171	362,675
2008	151	349,203
2007	150	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (183)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

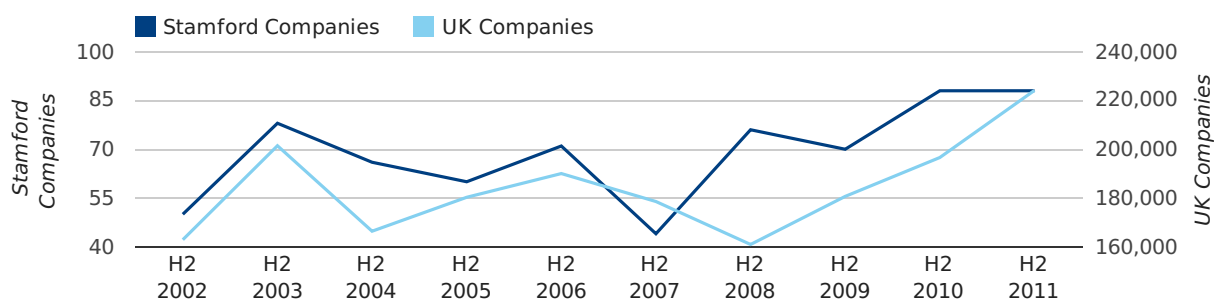
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Stamford when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 88 companies were formed in Stamford. This figure is 0.0% the same as last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Stamford occurred in 2010 when a total of 88 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	STAMFORD	UK
2011	88	224,135
2010	88	196,609
% CHANGE	0.0%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (88)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

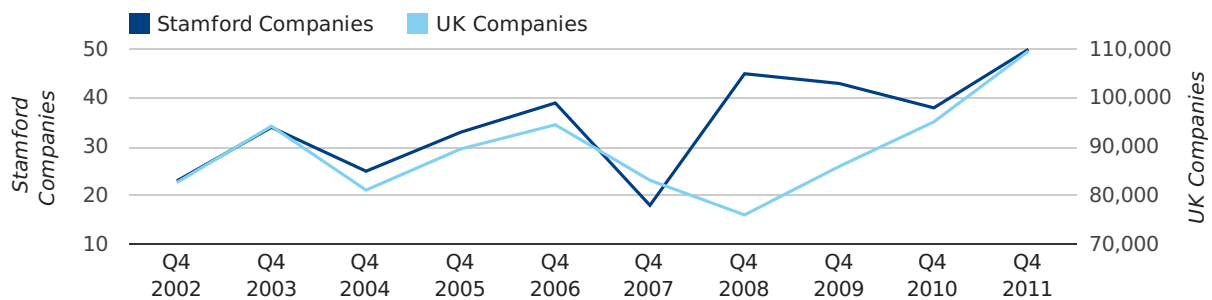
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Stamford when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 50 companies were registered in Stamford during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 31.6% 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)	STAMFORD	UK
2011	50	109,623
2010	38	95,117
% CHANGE	31.6%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (50)	2011 (109,623)

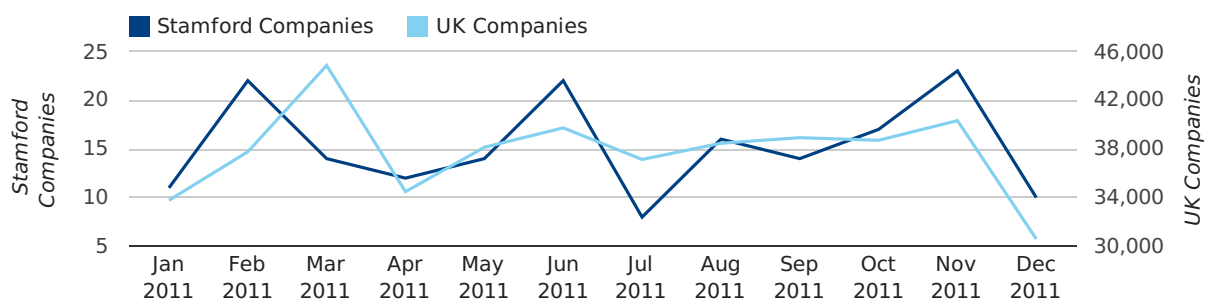
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

new companies by month



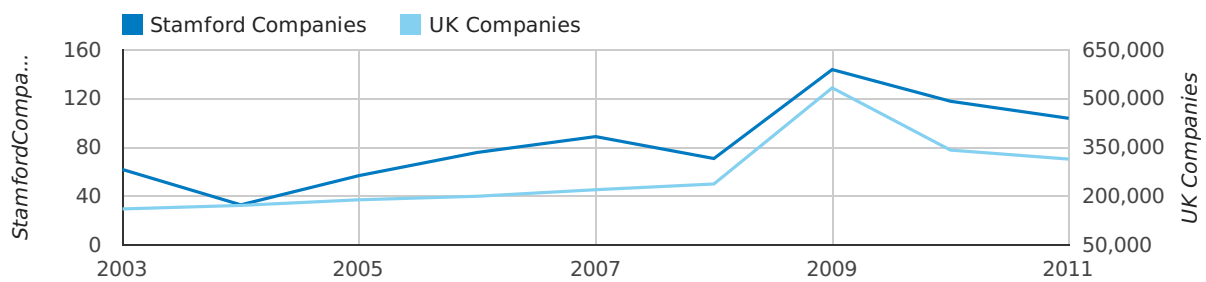
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	17	23	10
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	15	16	7
% CHANGE	13.3%	43.8%	42.9%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (24)	2011 (23)	2006 (13)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 104 companies were dissolved in Stamford in 2011. This total is 11.9% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	STAMFORD	UK
2011	104	314,523
2010	118	342,232
2009	144	533,773
2008	71	237,901
2007	89	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (144)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



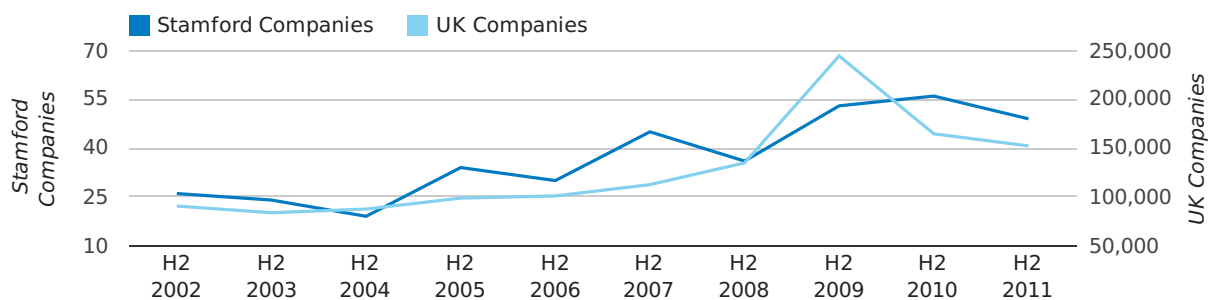
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 49 companies were dissolved in Stamford. This figure is 12.5% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Stamford occurred in 2010 when a total of 56 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	STAMFORD	UK
2011	49	152,213
2010	56	164,601
% CHANGE	-12.5%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (56)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

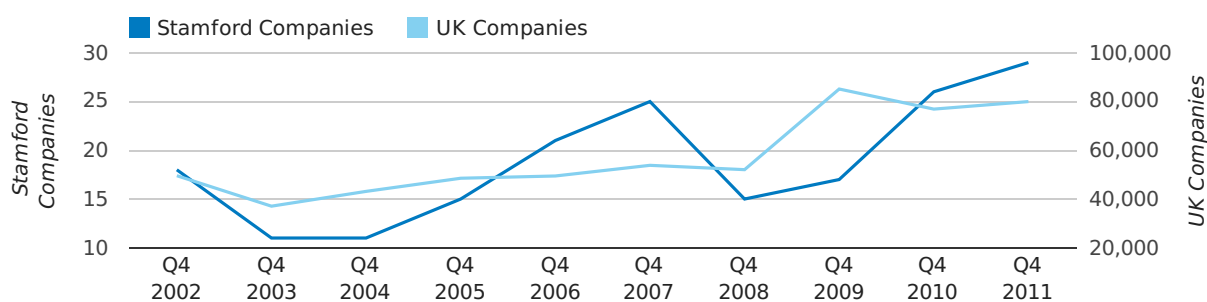
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Stamford when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 29 companies were dissolved in Stamford during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 11.5% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares poorly 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)	STAMFORD	UK
2011	29	79,983
2010	26	76,896
% CHANGE	11.5%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (29)	2009 (85,136)

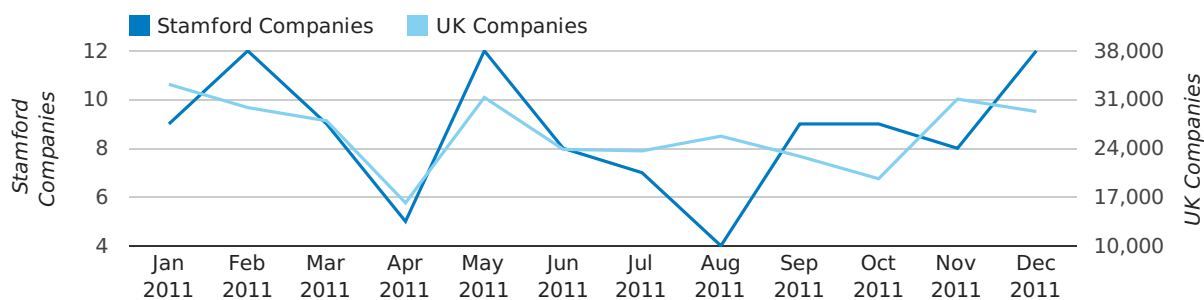
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	9	8	12
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	9	14	3
% CHANGE	0.0%	-42.9%	300%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (12)	2010 (14)	2011 (12)

Annual Data (2011)

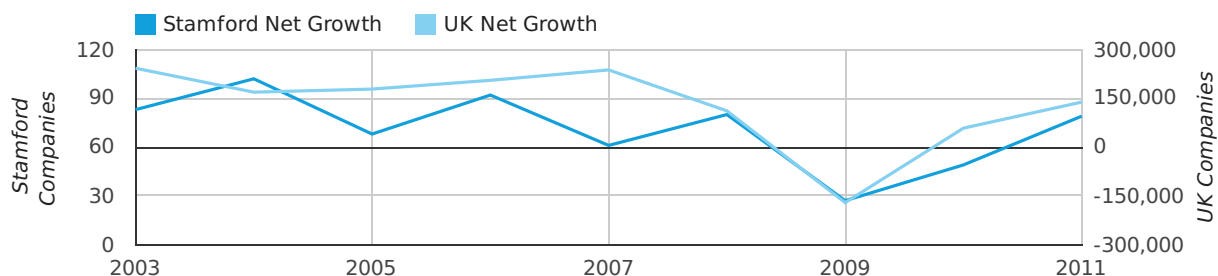
A total of 79 companies were added to the company register for Stamford in 2011. This number represents growth of 47.3% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 30 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2004 when the Stamford company register grew by 102 companies.

YEAR	STAMFORD	UK
2011	79	138,347
2010	49	58,126
2009	27	-171,098
2008	80	111,302
2007	61	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2004 (102)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

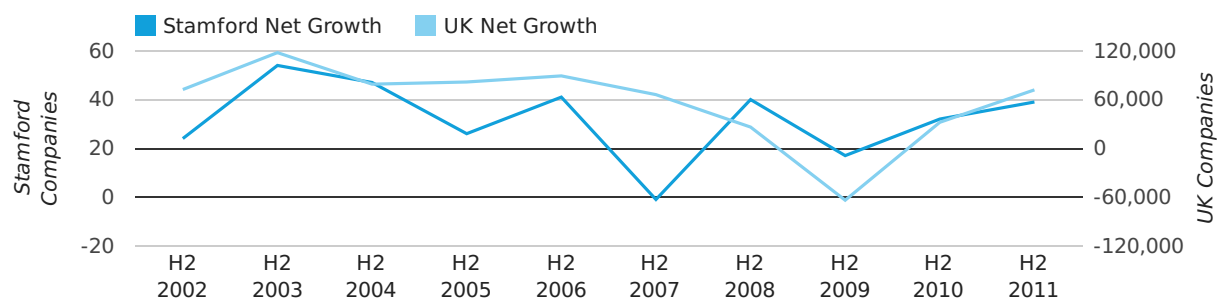


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Stamford increased by 39 companies. This figure is 21.9% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	STAMFORD	UK
2011	39	71,922
2010	32	32,008
% CHANGE	21.9%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (54)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



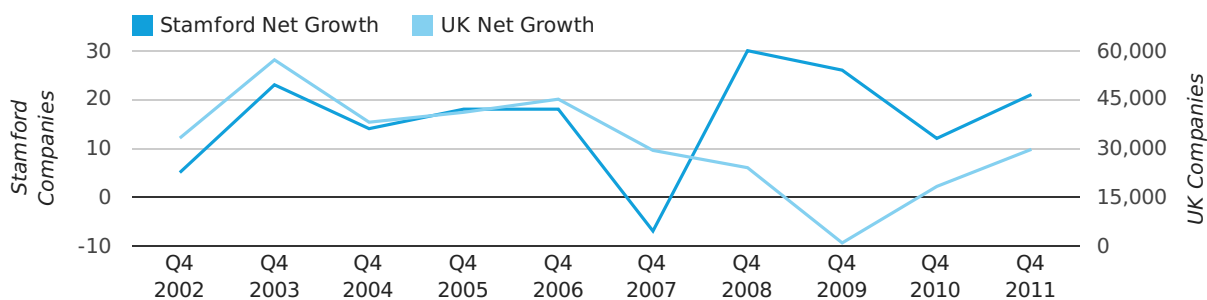
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

This represents an increase of 75.0% on the same period last year.

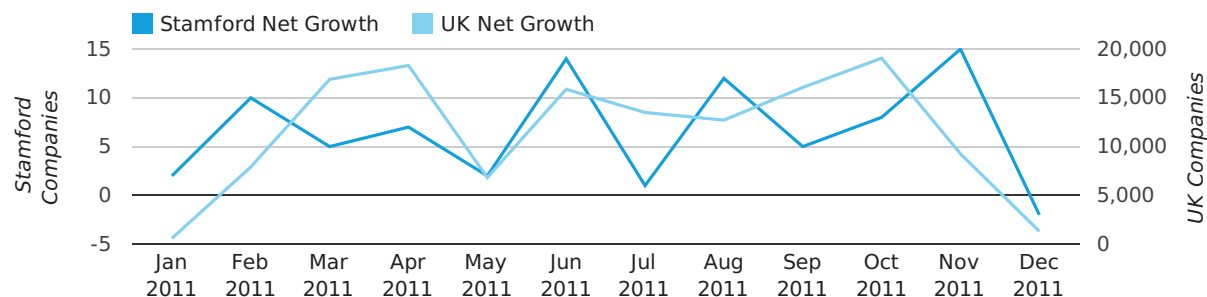
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	STAMFORD	UK
2011	21	29,640
2010	12	18,221
% CHANGE	75.0%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (30)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



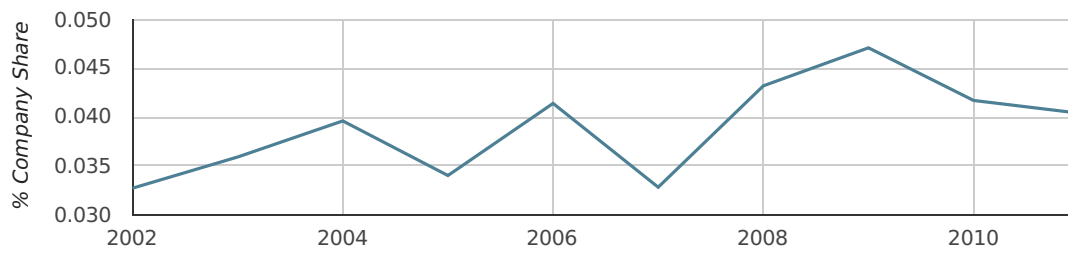
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	8	15	-2
NET GROWTH IN 2010	6	2	4
% CHANGE	33.3%	650.0%	-150.0%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (21)	2009 (15)	2008 (9)

Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	STAMFORD
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1982 (0.1%)

company share by year

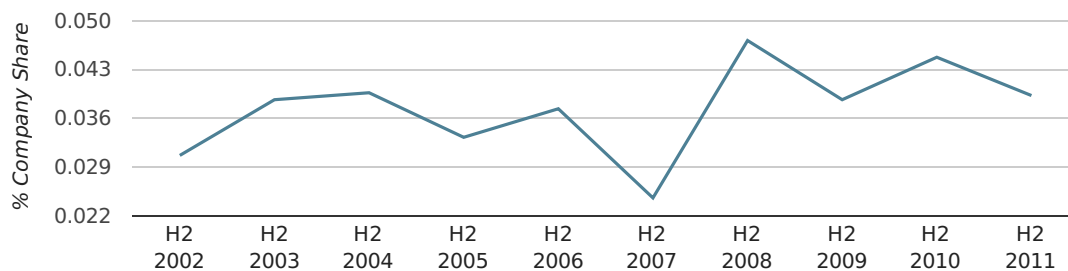


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	STAMFORD
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1976 (0.1%)

company share by half year

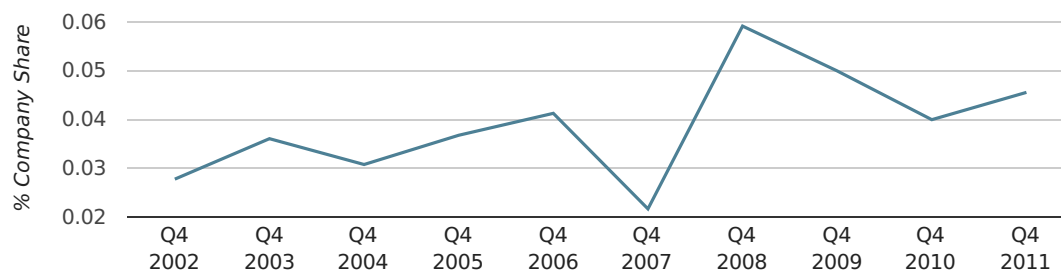


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

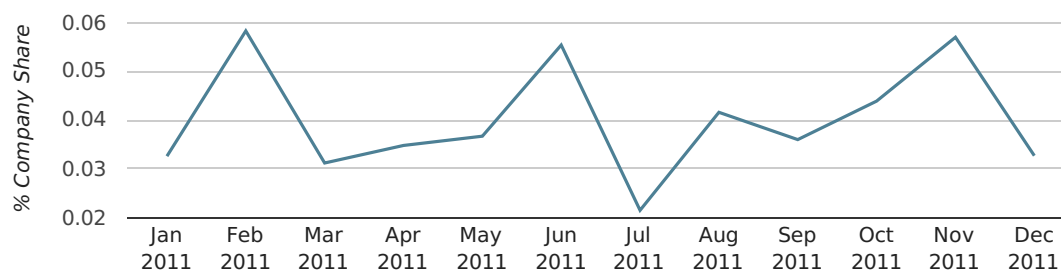
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	STAMFORD
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1962 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	-1.6%	22.3%	26.7%
RECORD YEAR	1971 (0.2%)	1970 (0.2%)	1968 (0.2%)

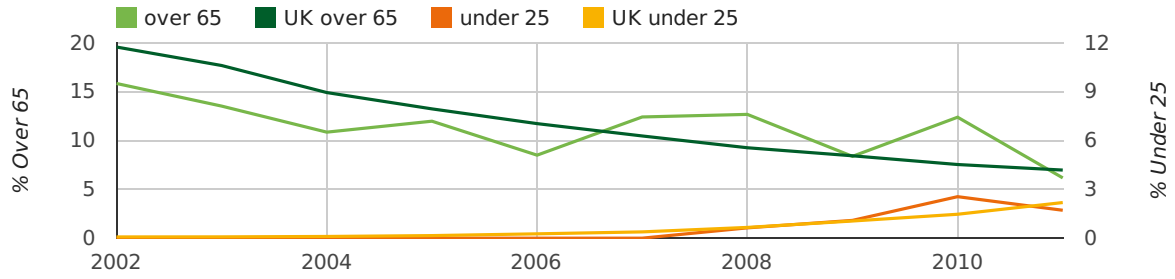
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 45.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



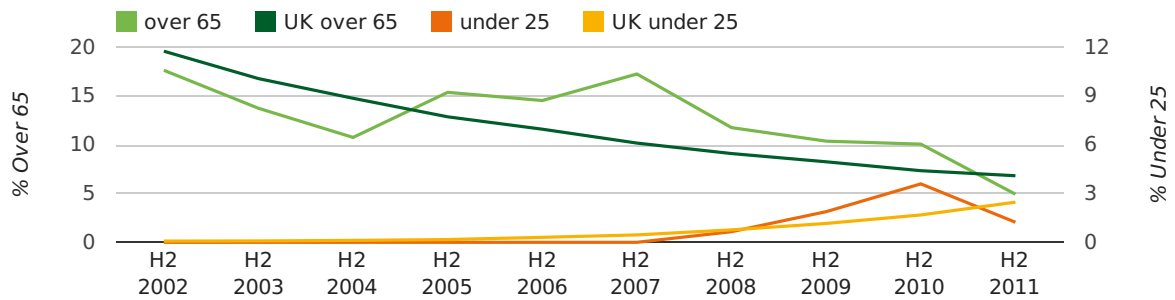
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 45.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



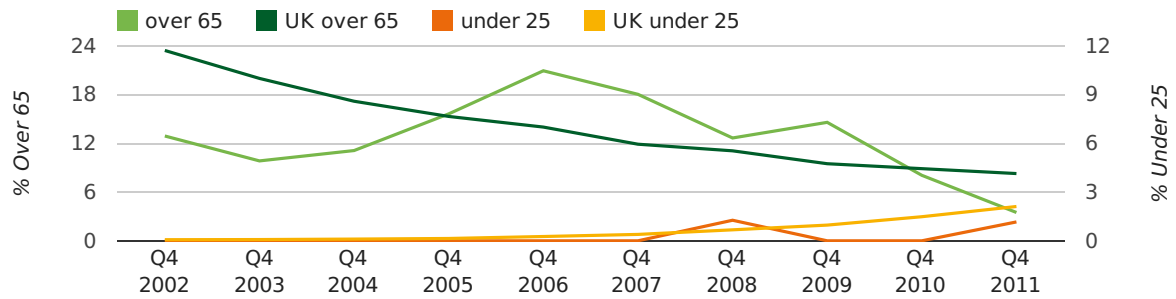
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 44.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

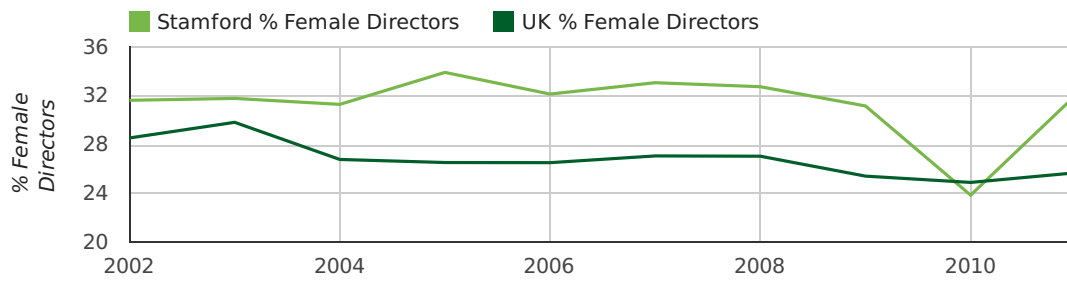


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Stamford in 2011 was 31.7%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

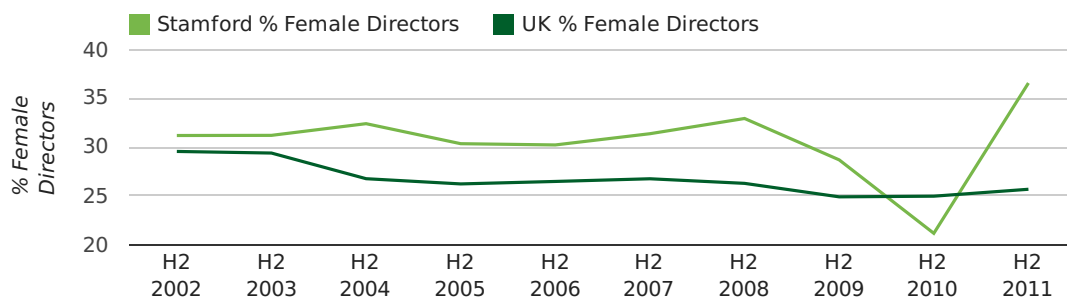


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

36.6% of all director appointments in Stamford 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

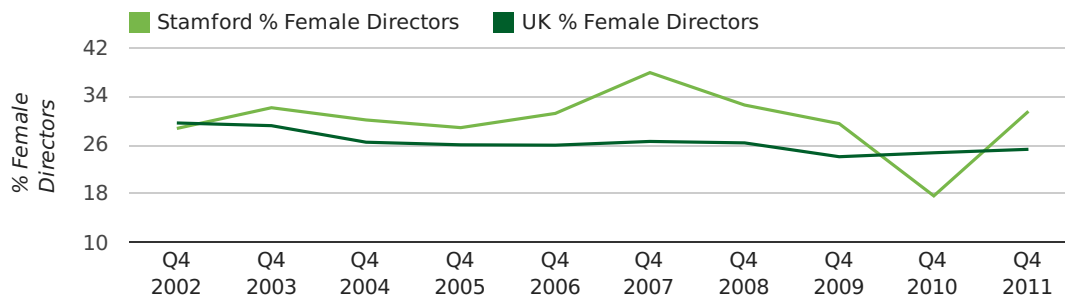


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

31.5% of all director appointments in Stamford 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
STAMFORD	3.63%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	2.42%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
(STAMFORD)	1.81%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
CONSULTANCY	1.51%	PROPERTY	2.37%
BUSINESS	1.21%	TRADING	2.07%
TRAINING	1.21%	DESIGN	1.92%
DEVELOPMENT	0.91%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
MANAGEMENT	0.91%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
TRUST	0.91%	BUSINESS	1.78%
BOWMAN	0.91%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ENTERPRISES	0.91%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
COMMUNICATIONS	0.91%	MEDIA	1.71%
SCHOOL	0.91%	LONDON	1.63%
J	0.60%	J	1.51%
LOGIC	0.60%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
KNIGHT	0.60%	GLOBAL	1.46%
DS	0.60%	IT	1.41%
S	0.60%	CARE	1.39%
CLEANING	0.60%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
ENGINEERING	0.60%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
AS	0.60%	M	1.27%
PRECISION	0.60%	BUILDING	1.26%
R	0.60%	ENERGY	1.25%
SPORTS	0.60%	S	1.20%
T	0.60%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	49	205,525
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	23	17,765
7487 - Other business activities	20	57,052
7414 - Business & management consultancy	16	13,034
86230 - Dental practice activities	9	1,598
99999 - Dormant Company	8	21,846
9305 - Other service activities	7	9,492
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	6	4,082
9999 - Dormant Company	6	20,199
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	6	12,072
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	5	8,671
86900 - Other human health activities	5	4,457
7499 - Non-trading company	5	9,957
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	5	32,483
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	5	3,194
64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified	4	2,946
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	4	3,342
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	4	2,699
8512 - Medical practice activities	3	2,224
56302 - Public houses and bars	3	2,308