

# Stourbridge

2011 annual business confidence report



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- November 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Stourbridge when compared to any previous November.
- November 2011 was a record month for company registrations in Stourbridge when compared to any month in history.
- November 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Stourbridge when compared to any previous November.

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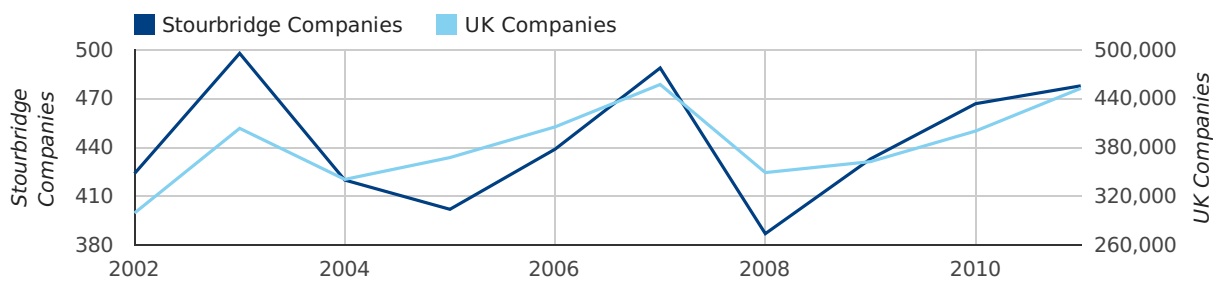
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### Annual Data (2011)

A total of 478 companies were formed in Stourbridge in 2011. This total is 2.4% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2011	478	452,870
2010	467	400,358
2009	433	362,675
2008	387	349,203
2007	489	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2003 (498)	2007 (457,649)

### new companies by year



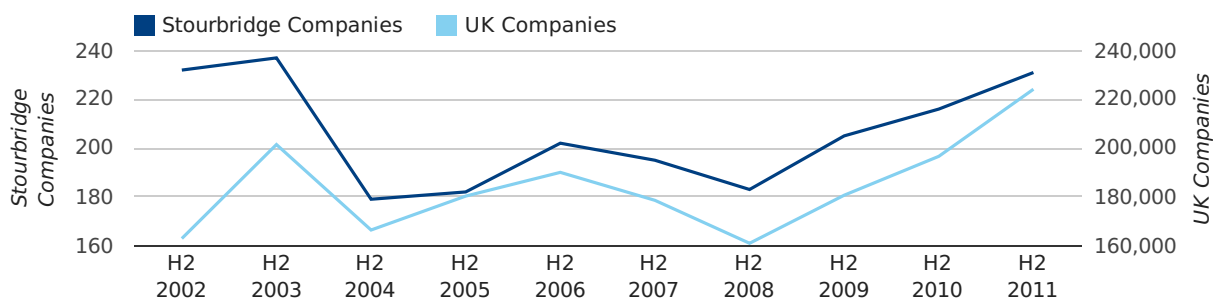
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 231 companies were formed in Stourbridge. This figure is 6.9% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Stourbridge occurred in 2003 when a total of 237 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2011	231	224,135
2010	216	196,609
% CHANGE	6.9%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (237)	2011 (224,135)

### new companies by half year



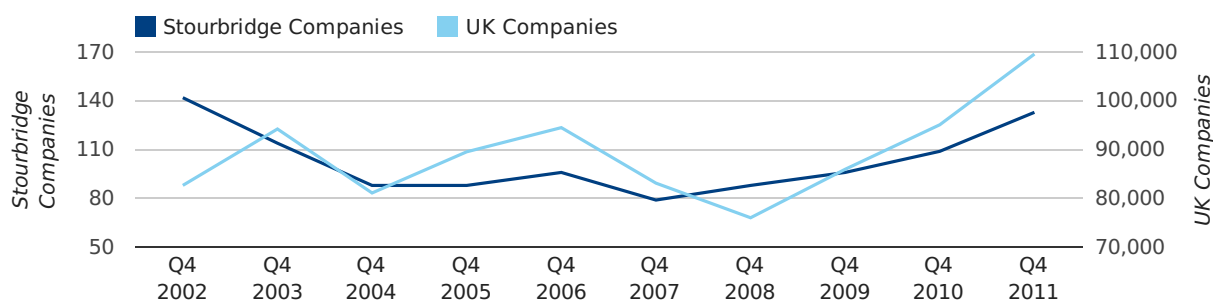
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 133 companies were registered in Stourbridge during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 22.0% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares equally 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)	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2011	133	109,623
2010	109	95,117
% CHANGE	22.0%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (142)	2011 (109,623)

### new companies by quarter

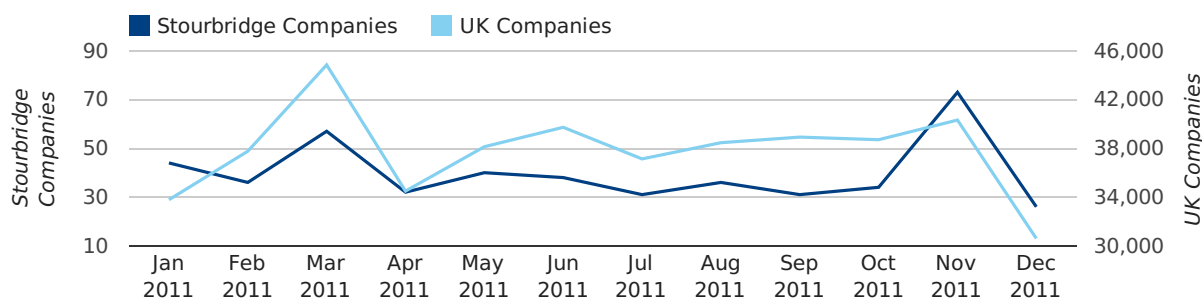


## Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

November 2011 was a record month for company registrations in Stourbridge when compared to any month in history.

### new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	34	73	26
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	38	37	34
% CHANGE	-10.5%	97.3%	-23.5%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (49)	2011 (73)	2002 (39)

### Annual Data (2011)

A total of 336 companies were dissolved in Stourbridge in 2011. This total is 16.4% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2011	336	314,523
2010	402	342,232
2009	502	533,773
2008	247	237,901
2007	254	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (502)	2009 (533,773)

### dissolved companies by year



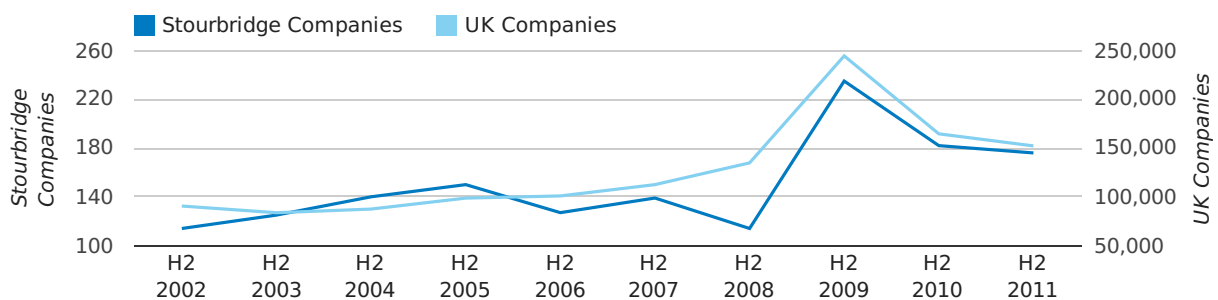
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 176 companies were dissolved in Stourbridge. This figure is 3.3% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Stourbridge occurred in 2009 when a total of 235 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2011	176	152,213
2010	182	164,601
% CHANGE	-3.3%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (235)	2009 (244,537)

### dissolved companies by half year



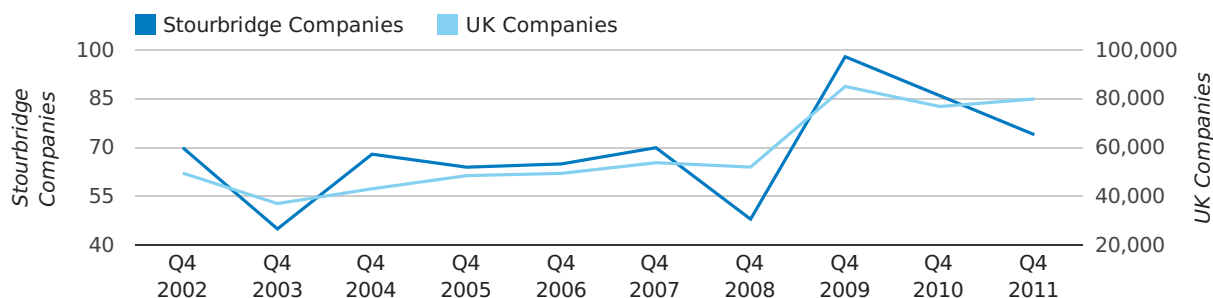
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 74 companies were dissolved in Stourbridge during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 14.0% 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.

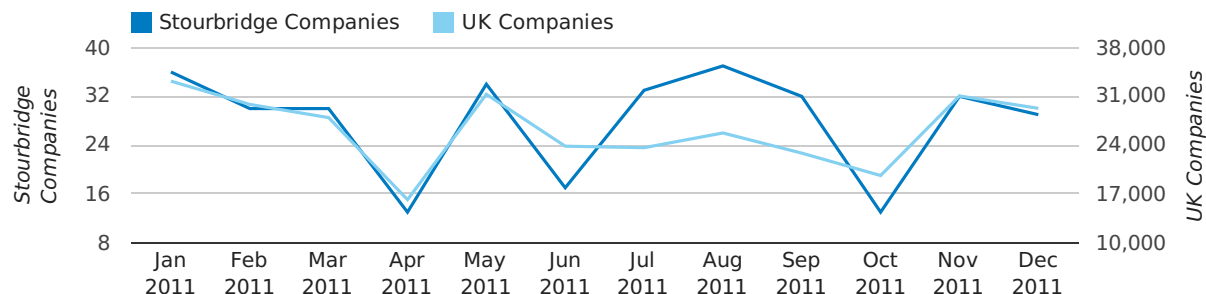
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2011	74	79,983
2010	86	76,896
% CHANGE	-14.0%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (98)	2009 (85,136)

### dissolved companies by quarter



## Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

### dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	13	32	29
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	35	37	14
% CHANGE	-62.9%	-13.5%	107%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (37)	2010 (37)	2009 (32)

### Annual Data (2011)

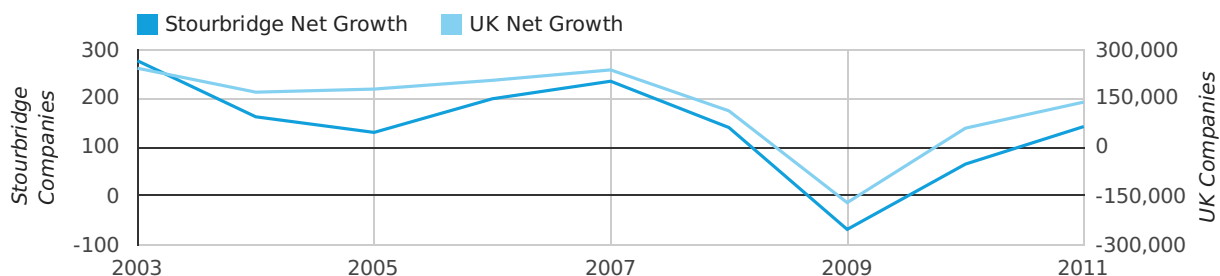
A total of 142 companies were added to the company register for Stourbridge in 2011. This number represents growth of 30.4% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 77 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Stourbridge company register grew by 277 companies.

YEAR	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2011	142	138,347
2010	65	58,126
2009	-69	-171,098
2008	140	111,302
2007	235	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (277)	2003 (242,543)

### net growth by year

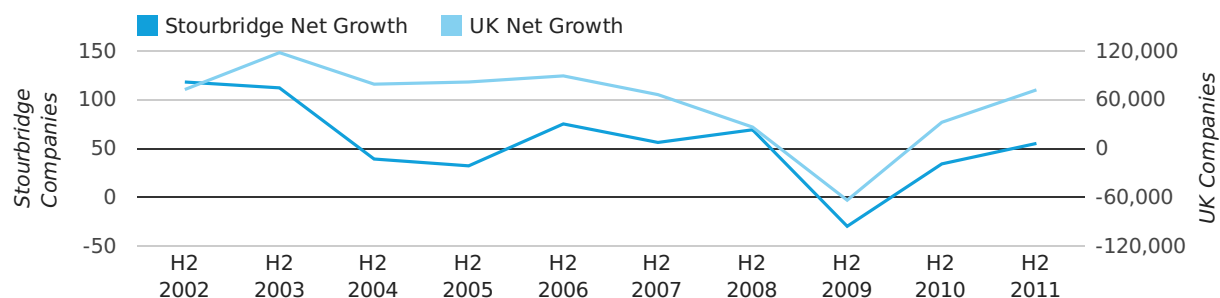


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Stourbridge increased by 55 companies. This figure is 61.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2011	55	71,922
2010	34	32,008
% CHANGE	61.8%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (118)	2003 (117,772)

### net growth by half year



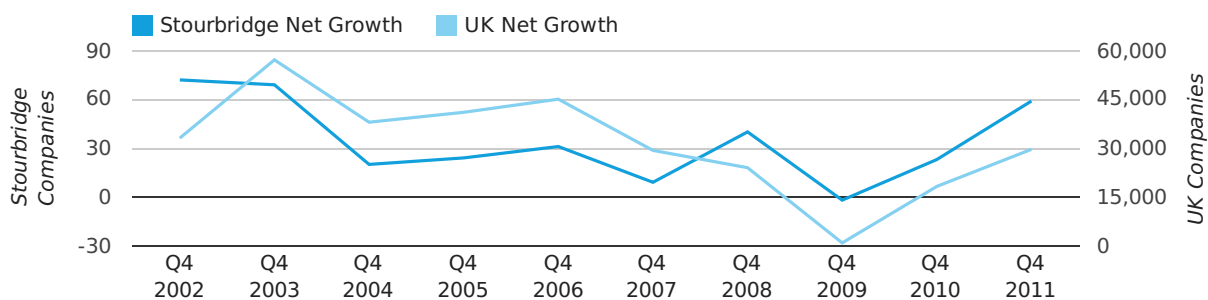
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Stourbridge during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 59 companies.

This represents an increase of 156.5% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	STOURBRIDGE	UK
2011	59	29,640
2010	23	18,221
% CHANGE	156.5%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (72)	2003 (57,175)

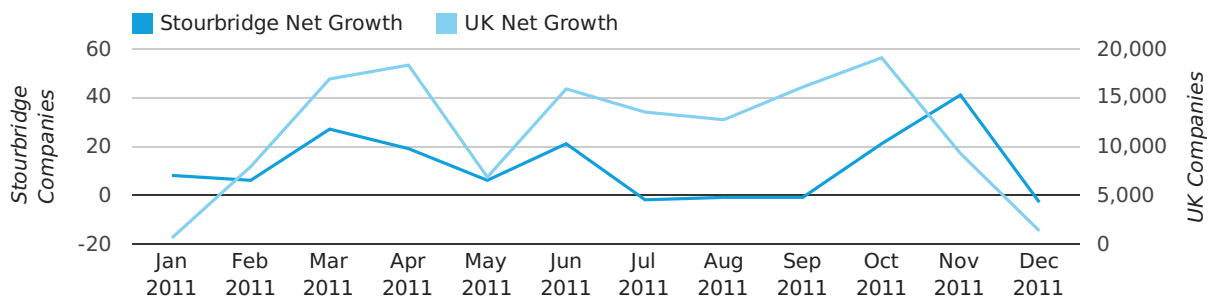
### net growth by quarter



## Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

November 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Stourbridge when compared to any previous November.

### net growth by month



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	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	21	41	-3
NET GROWTH IN 2010	3	0	20
% CHANGE	600.0%	0.0%	-115.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (30)	2011 (41)	2002 (27)

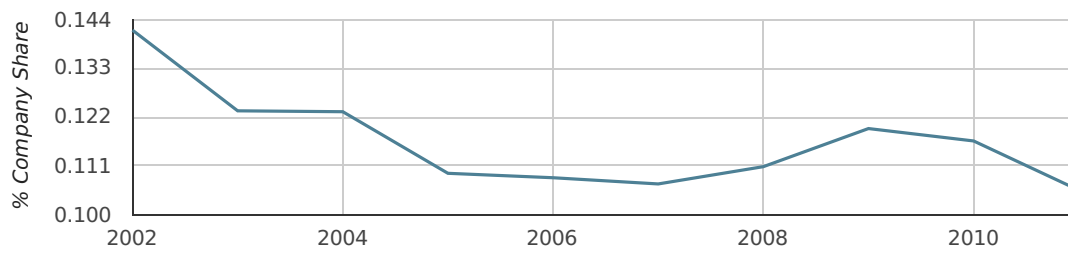


### Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	STOURBRIDGE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1963 (0.2%)

### company share by year

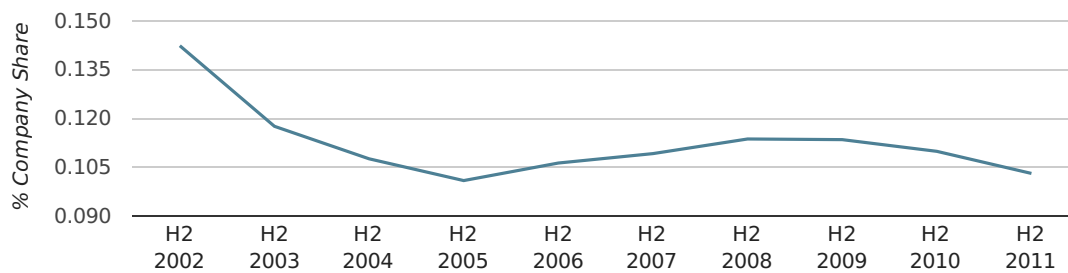


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	STOURBRIDGE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1963 (0.3%)

### company share by half year

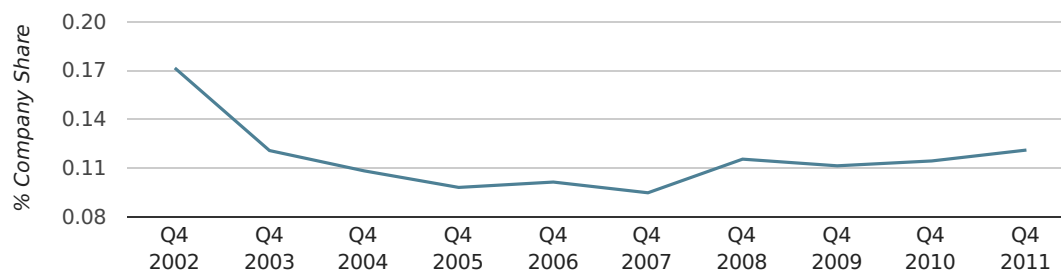


## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

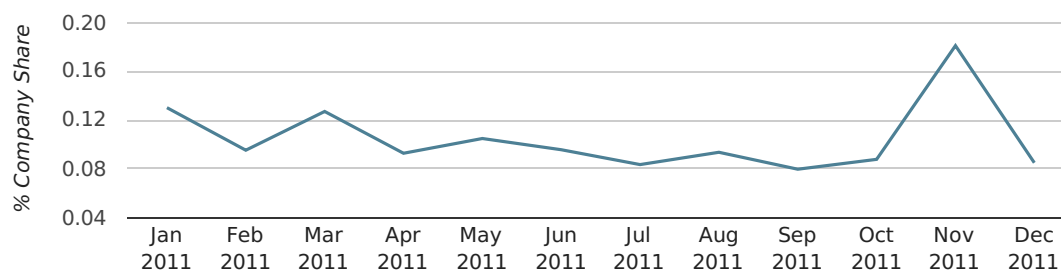
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	STOURBRIDGE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1975 (0.3%)

### company share by quarter



## Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

### company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-22.3%	68.2%	-32.2%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.5%)	1963 (0.5%)	1968 (0.7%)

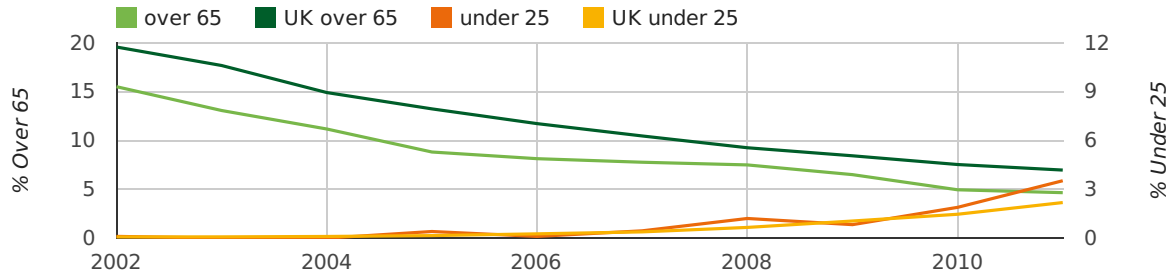
### Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 45.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

#### director age by year



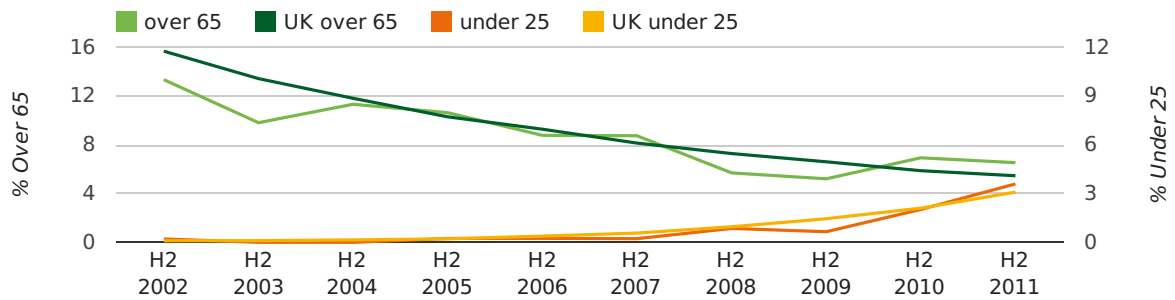
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 46.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

#### director age by half year



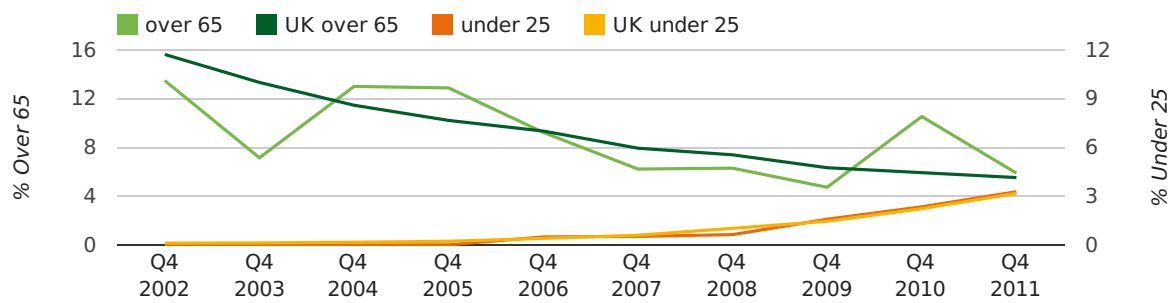
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### director age by quarter

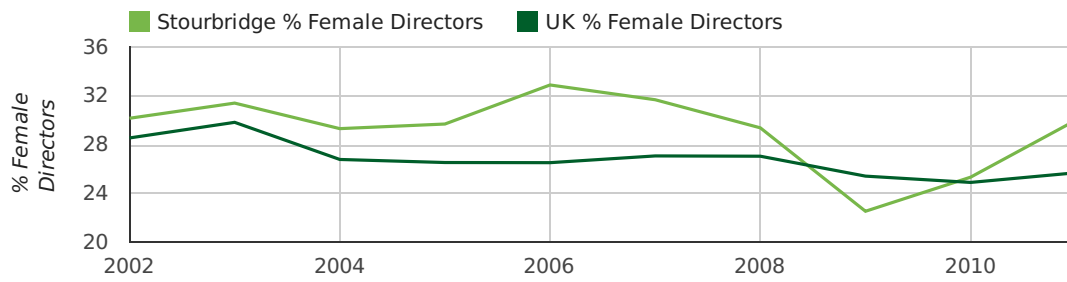


### Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Stourbridge in 2011 was 30.2%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

#### director gender by year

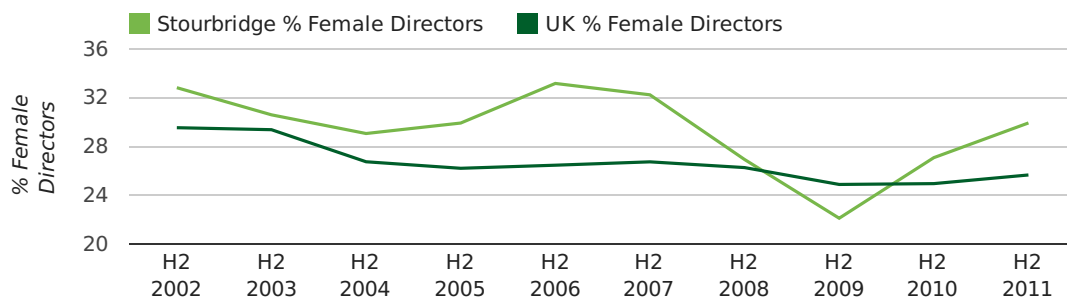


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

29.9% of all director appointments in Stourbridge 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

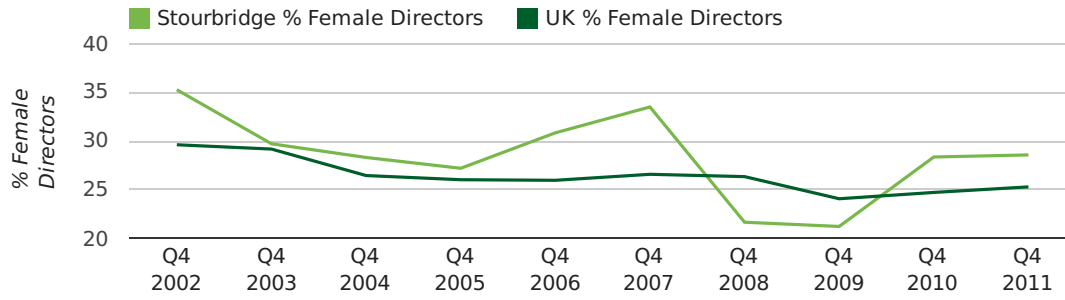


## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

28.6% of all director appointments in Stourbridge 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, &amp;, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
W	3.53%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	2.23%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	0.94%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
PROPERTY	0.82%	PROPERTY	2.37%
J	0.82%	TRADING	2.07%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.82%	DESIGN	1.92%
STOURBRIDGE	0.71%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
RIVERS	0.71%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
SOLAR	0.71%	BUSINESS	1.78%
ASSOCIATES	0.71%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
TRADING	0.59%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
BUSINESS	0.59%	MEDIA	1.71%
CO	0.59%	LONDON	1.63%
FIVE	0.59%	J	1.51%
(MIDLANDS)	0.59%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CONSULTANCY	0.59%	GLOBAL	1.46%
DESIGN	0.59%	IT	1.41%
CONSTRUCTION	0.59%	CARE	1.39%
BUILDING	0.59%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
S	0.47%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
ENGINEERING	0.47%	M	1.27%
PARTNERSHIP	0.47%	BUILDING	1.26%
EDUCATION	0.47%	ENERGY	1.25%
T	0.47%	S	1.20%
PROPERTIES	0.47%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

## Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	196	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	90	57,052
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	34	8,671
74990 - Non-trading company	24	8,929
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	22	32,483
9999 - Dormant Company	21	20,199
7499 - Non-trading company	18	9,957
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	17	17,765
99999 - Dormant Company	16	21,846
32990 - Other manufacturing not elsewhere classified	11	1,594
7414 - Business & management consultancy	10	13,034
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	10	12,072
41100 - Development of building projects	9	4,331
7260 - Other computer related activities	9	7,667
9305 - Other service activities	8	9,492
86900 - Other human health activities	8	4,457
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	8	5,558
62090 - Other information technology service activities	7	7,493
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	7	4,082
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	7	11,768