

Stowmarket

2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

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

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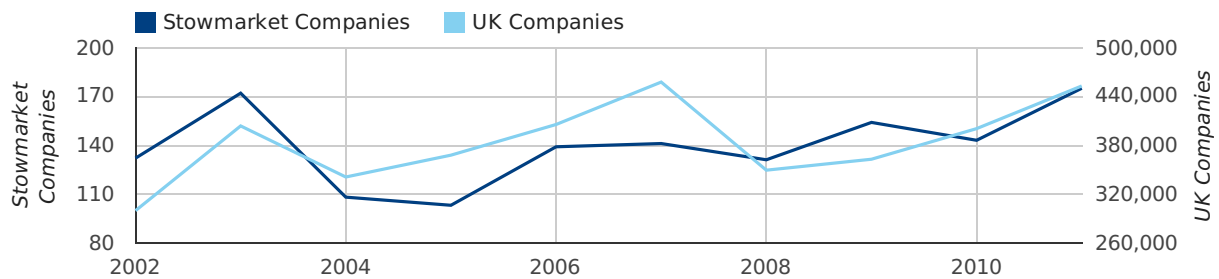
Annual Data (2011)

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

A total of 175 companies were formed in Stowmarket in 2011. This total is 22.4% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	STOWMARKET	UK
2011	175	452,870
2010	143	400,358
2009	154	362,675
2008	131	349,203
2007	141	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (175)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

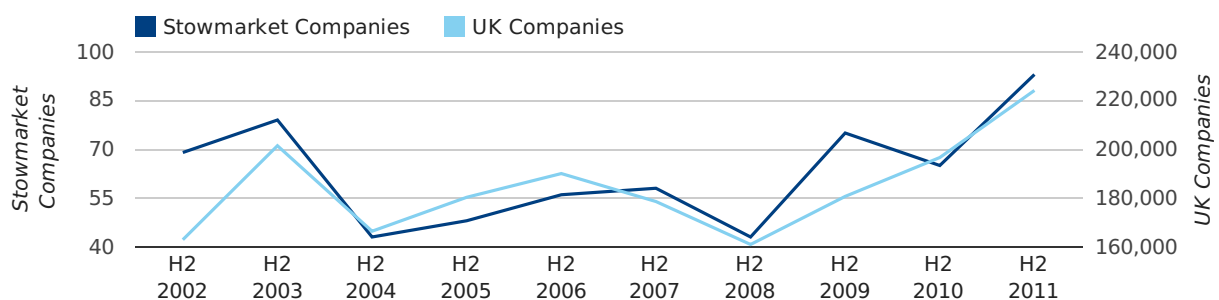
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Stowmarket when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 93 companies were formed in Stowmarket. This figure is 43.1% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Stowmarket occurred in 2011 when a total of 93 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	STOWMARKET	UK
2011	93	224,135
2010	65	196,609
% CHANGE	43.1%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (93)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

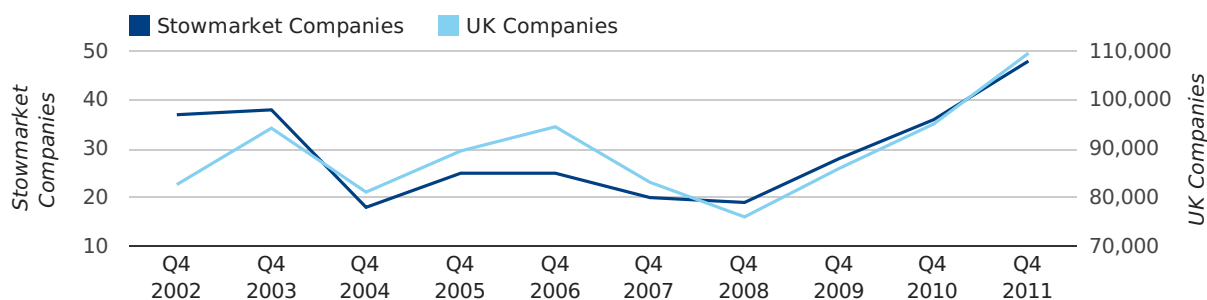
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Stowmarket when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 48 companies were registered in Stowmarket during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 33.3% 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)	STOWMARKET	UK
2011	48	109,623
2010	36	95,117
% CHANGE	33.3%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (48)	2011 (109,623)

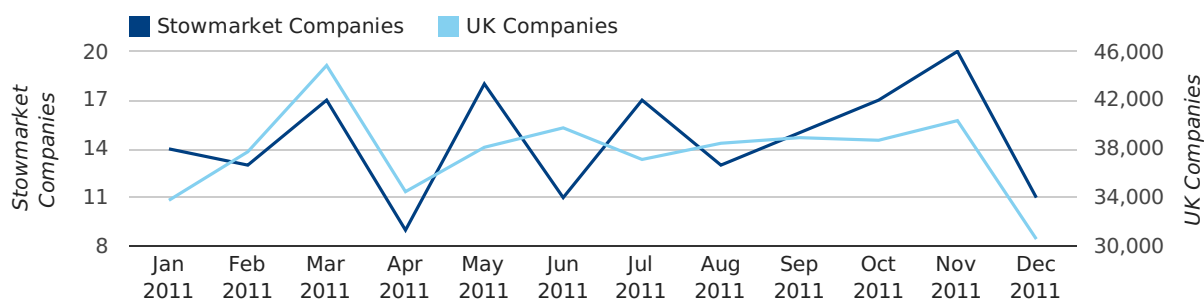
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

new companies by month



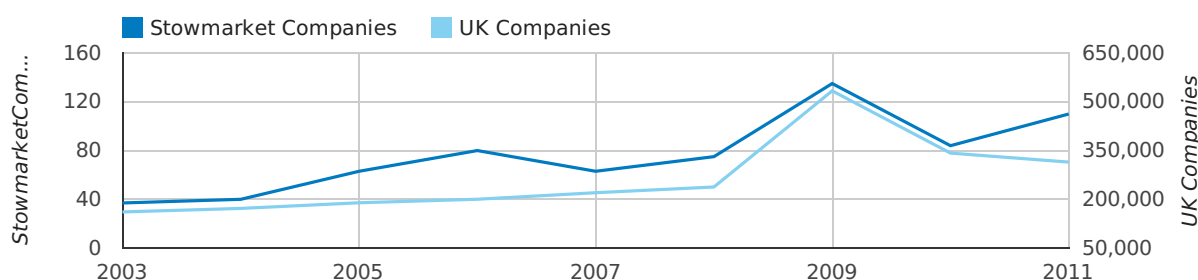
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	17	20	11
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	11	14	11
% CHANGE	54.5%	42.9%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (18)	2011 (20)	2003 (14)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 110 companies were dissolved in Stowmarket in 2011. This total is 31.0% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	STOWMARKET	UK
2011	110	314,523
2010	84	342,232
2009	135	533,773
2008	75	237,901
2007	63	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (135)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

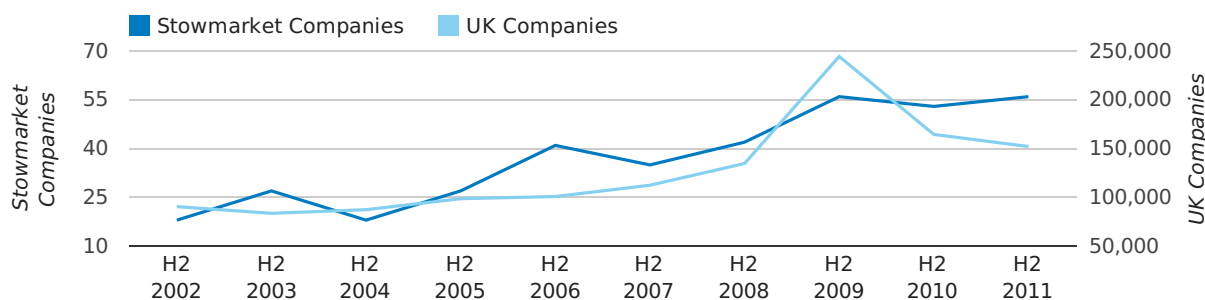
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Stowmarket when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 56 companies were dissolved in Stowmarket. This figure is 5.7% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Stowmarket occurred in 2011 when a total of 56 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	STOWMARKET	UK
2011	56	152,213
2010	53	164,601
% CHANGE	5.7%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (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 Stowmarket when compared to any previous Q4.

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

This figure is an increase of 31.8% 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)	STOWMARKET	UK
2011	29	79,983
2010	22	76,896
% CHANGE	31.8%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (29)	2009 (85,136)

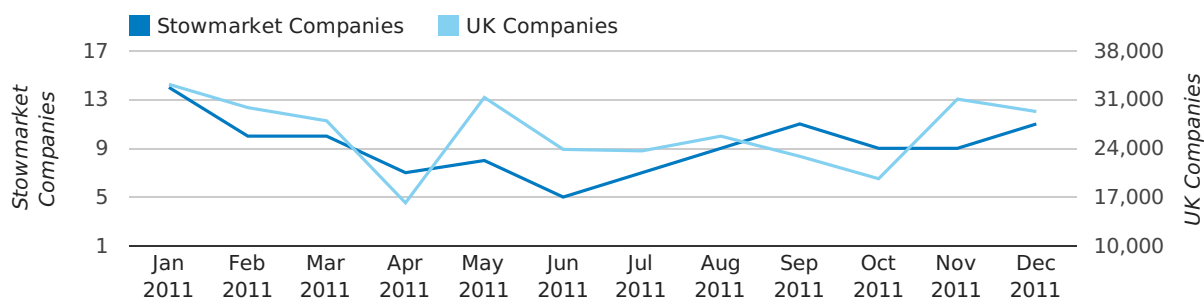
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	9	9	11
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	9	7	6
% CHANGE	0.0%	28.6%	83%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (10)	2006 (11)	2011 (11)

Annual Data (2011)

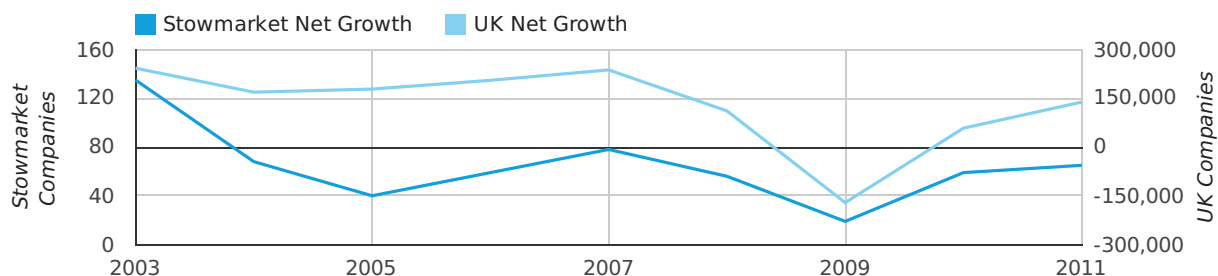
A total of 65 companies were added to the company register for Stowmarket in 2011. This number represents growth of 45.5% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 6 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Stowmarket company register grew by 135 companies.

YEAR	STOWMARKET	UK
2011	65	138,347
2010	59	58,126
2009	19	-171,098
2008	56	111,302
2007	78	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (135)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

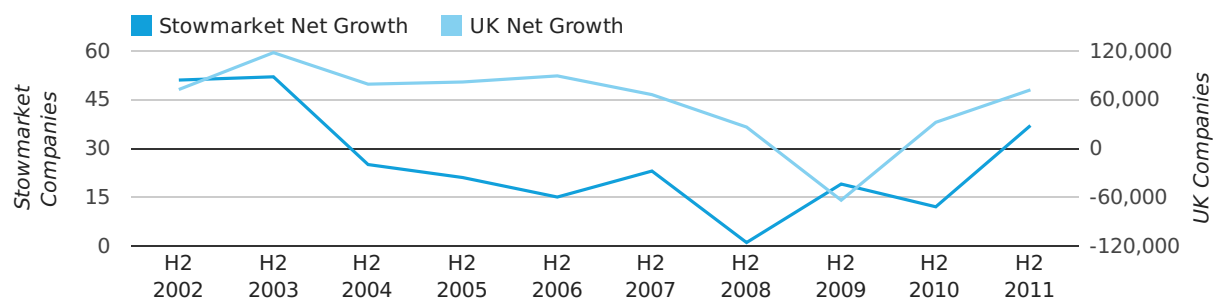


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Stowmarket increased by 37 companies. This figure is 208.3% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	STOWMARKET	UK
2011	37	71,922
2010	12	32,008
% CHANGE	208.3%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (52)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



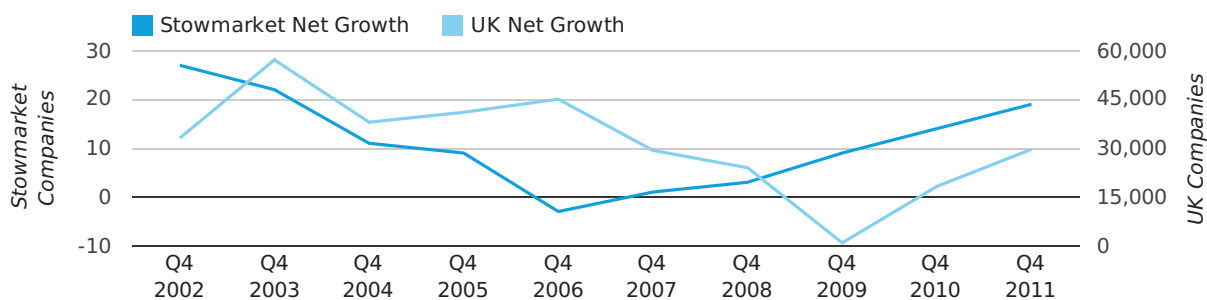
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Stowmarket during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 19 companies.

This represents an increase of 35.7% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	STOWMARKET	UK
2011	19	29,640
2010	14	18,221
% CHANGE	35.7%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (27)	2003 (57,175)

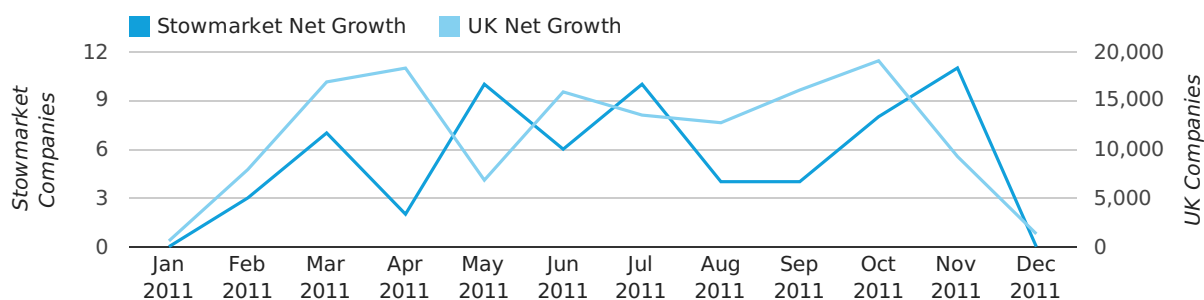
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

net growth by month



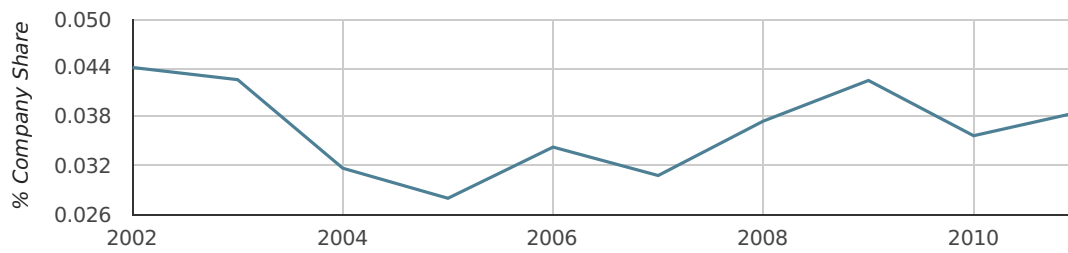
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	8	11	0
NET GROWTH IN 2010	2	7	5
% CHANGE	300.0%	57.1%	-100.0%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (15)	2011 (11)	2003 (7)

Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	STOWMARKET
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 year

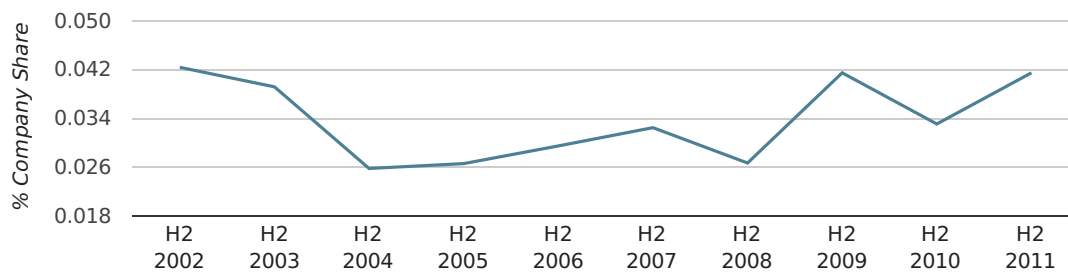


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	STOWMARKET
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1977 (0.1%)

company share by half year

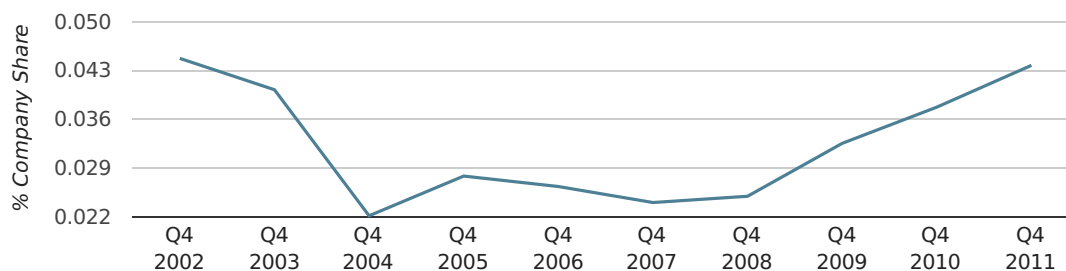


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

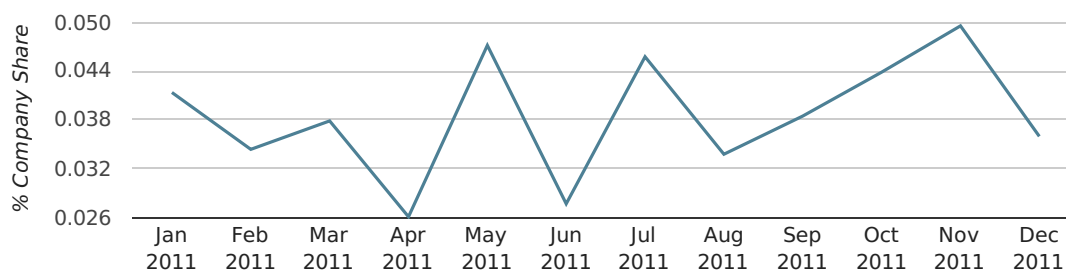
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	STOWMARKET
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1977 (0.1%)

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	34.3%	21.6%	-11.1%
RECORD YEAR	1977 (0.2%)	1984 (0.1%)	1966 (0.2%)

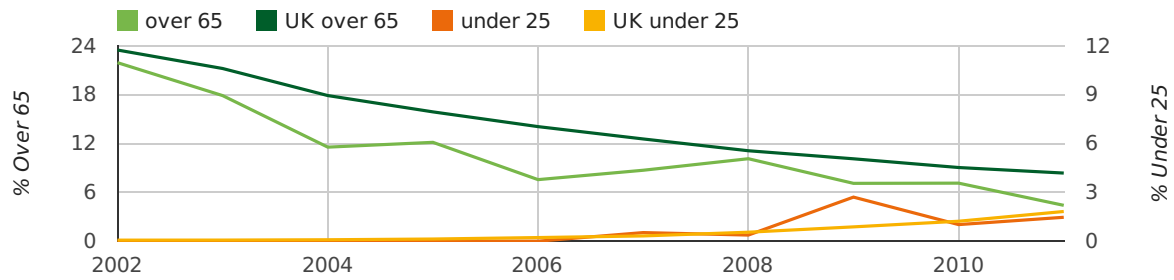
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 46.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



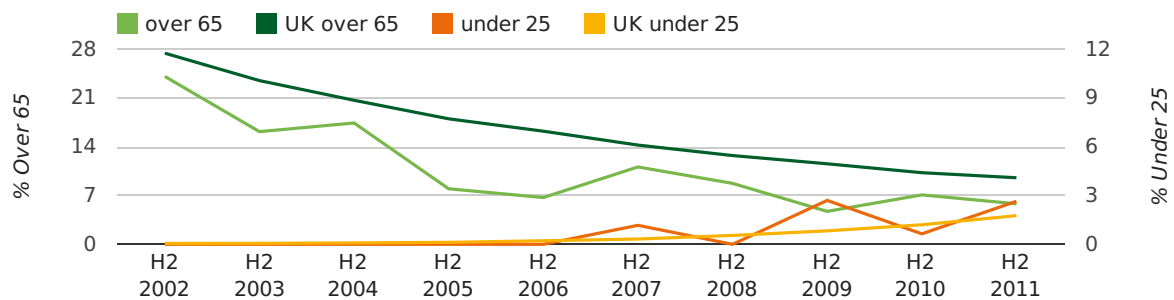
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 46.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



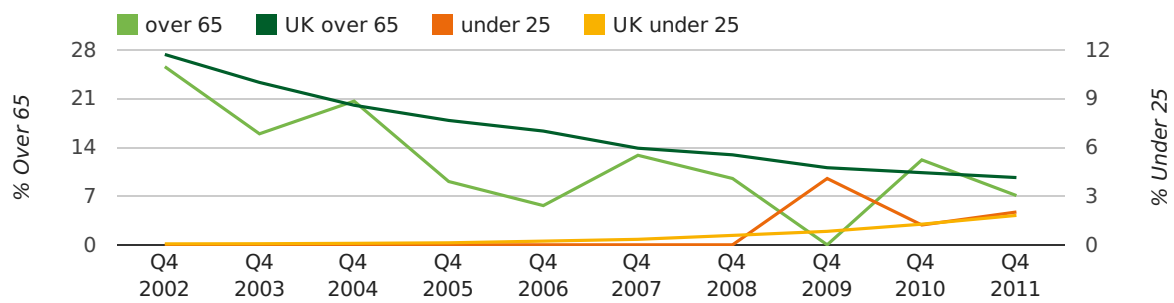
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The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 46.7.

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The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 7.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

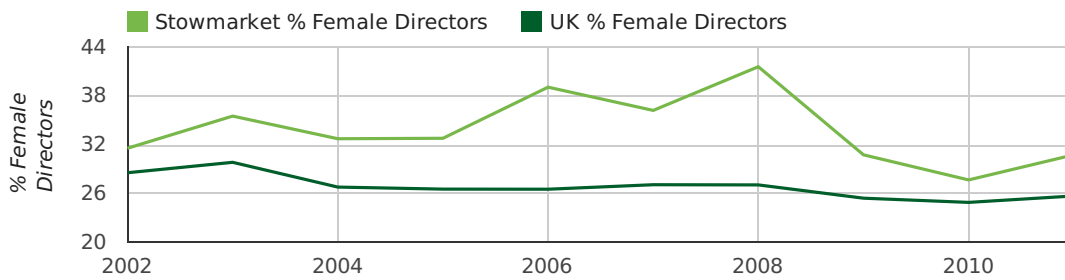


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Stowmarket in 2011 was 31.6%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

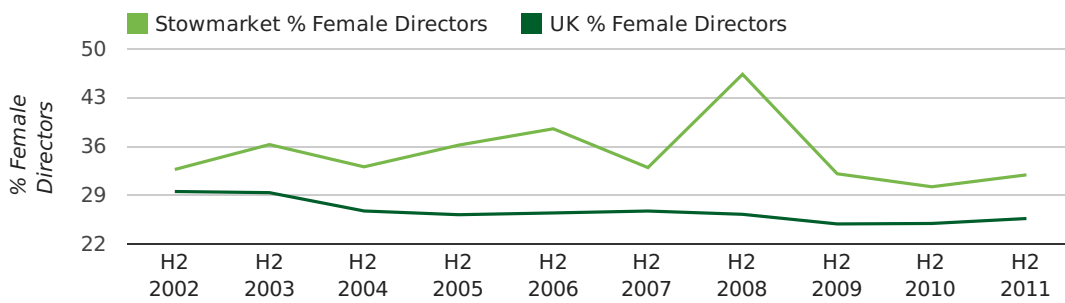


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

31.9% of all director appointments in Stowmarket 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

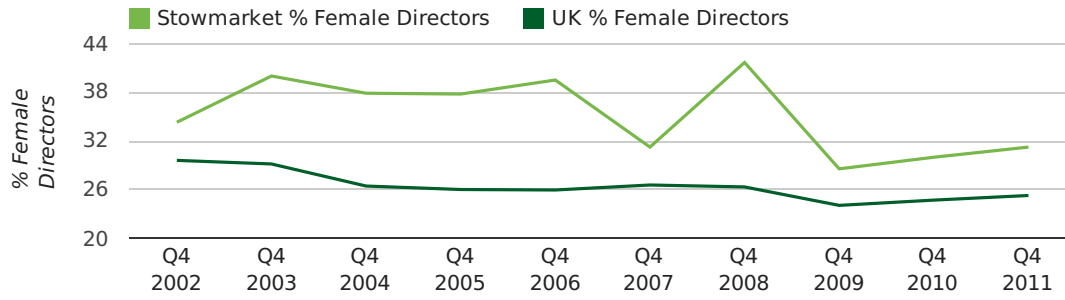


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

31.3% of all director appointments in Stowmarket 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	2.20%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.65%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
TRAINING	0.83%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
DESIGN	0.83%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CARE	0.83%	TRADING	2.07%
SYSTEMS	0.83%	DESIGN	1.92%
FARM	0.83%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
LEARNING	0.83%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
CONSULTANCY	0.83%	BUSINESS	1.78%
D	0.83%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
PAUL	0.83%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
ENGINEERING	0.83%	MEDIA	1.71%
GIPPING	0.83%	LONDON	1.63%
CONSULTANTS	0.55%	J	1.51%
WEST	0.55%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
ANDREW	0.55%	GLOBAL	1.46%
HARDING	0.55%	IT	1.41%
FINANCIAL	0.55%	CARE	1.39%
MAINTENANCE	0.55%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
RECRUITMENT	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
J	0.55%	M	1.27%
CO	0.55%	BUILDING	1.26%
VALLEY	0.55%	ENERGY	1.25%
STOWMARKET	0.55%	S	1.20%
RECOVERY	0.55%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	53	205,525
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	35	17,765
7414 - Business & management consultancy	15	13,034
7487 - Other business activities	11	57,052
9999 - Dormant Company	8	20,199
99999 - Dormant Company	5	21,846
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	5	32,483
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	5	3,633
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	5	5,558
43320 - Joinery installation	4	1,158
43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation	4	2,372
74990 - Non-trading company	3	8,929
6024 - Freight transport by road	3	2,280
62090 - Other information technology service activities	3	7,493
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	3	11,768
42990 - Construction of other civil engineering projects not elsewhere classified	3	1,441
41100 - Development of building projects	3	4,331
9305 - Other service activities	3	9,492
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	3	3,342
7260 - Other computer related activities	3	7,667