

# Swansea

2011 annual business confidence report



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- November 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Swansea when compared to any previous November.
- December 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Swansea when compared to any previous December.

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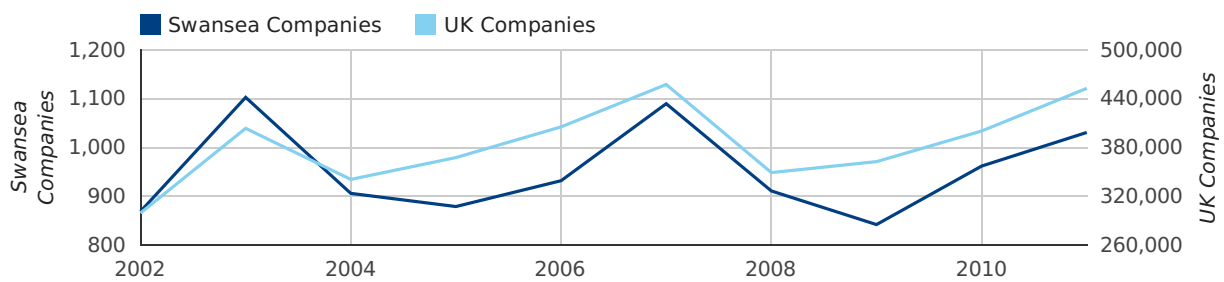
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### Annual Data (2011)

A total of 1,031 companies were formed in Swansea in 2011. This total is 7.2% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	SWANSEA	UK
2011	1,031	452,870
2010	962	400,358
2009	842	362,675
2008	911	349,203
2007	1,090	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,103)	2007 (457,649)

### new companies by year



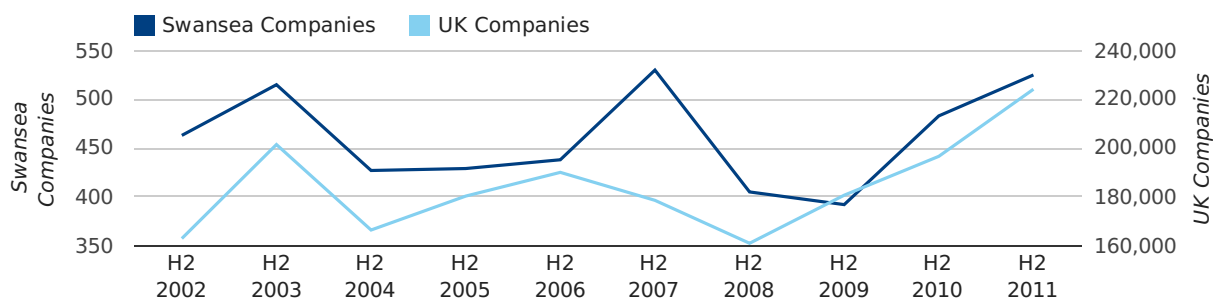
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 525 companies were formed in Swansea. This figure is 8.7% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Swansea occurred in 2007 when a total of 530 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SWANSEA	UK
2011	525	224,135
2010	483	196,609
% CHANGE	8.7%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (530)	2011 (224,135)

### new companies by half year



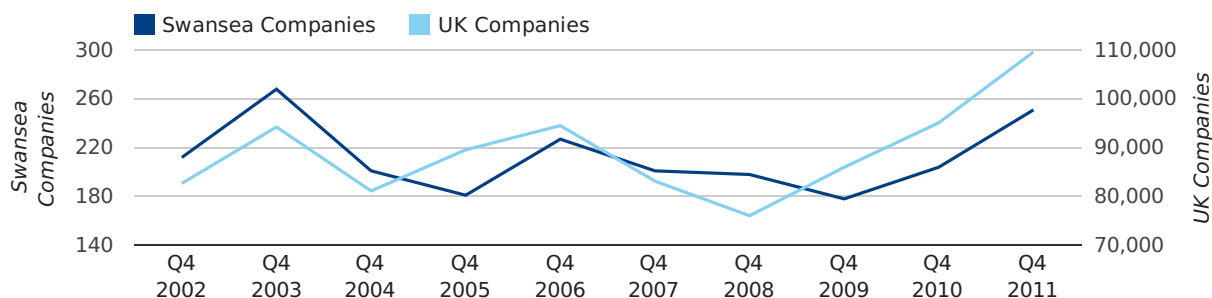
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 251 companies were registered in Swansea during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 23.0% 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)	SWANSEA	UK
2011	251	109,623
2010	204	95,117
% CHANGE	23.0%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (268)	2011 (109,623)

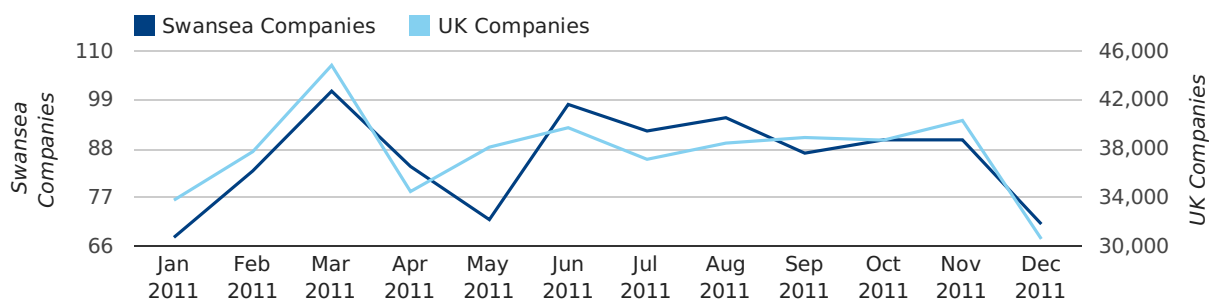
### new companies by quarter



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

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

### new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	90	90	71
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	64	80	60
% CHANGE	40.6%	12.5%	18.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (101)	2011 (90)	2003 (82)

### Annual Data (2011)

A total of 811 companies were dissolved in Swansea in 2011. This total is 4.0% lower than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	SWANSEA	UK
2011	811	314,523
2010	845	342,232
2009	1,231	533,773
2008	550	237,901
2007	523	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,231)	2009 (533,773)

### dissolved companies by year



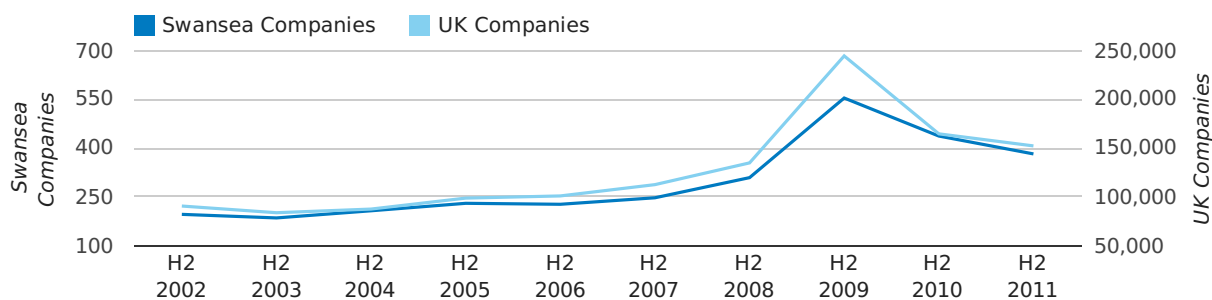
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 382 companies were dissolved in Swansea. This figure is 12.6% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Swansea occurred in 2009 when a total of 554 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SWANSEA	UK
2011	382	152,213
2010	437	164,601
% CHANGE	-12.6%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (554)	2009 (244,537)

### dissolved companies by half year



## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 199 companies were dissolved in Swansea during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 1.5% 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)	SWANSEA	UK
2011	199	79,983
2010	196	76,896
% CHANGE	1.5%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (220)	2009 (85,136)

### dissolved companies by quarter



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

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

### dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	49	64	86
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	59	92	45
% CHANGE	-16.9%	-30.4%	91%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (68)	2010 (92)	2011 (86)

### Annual Data (2011)

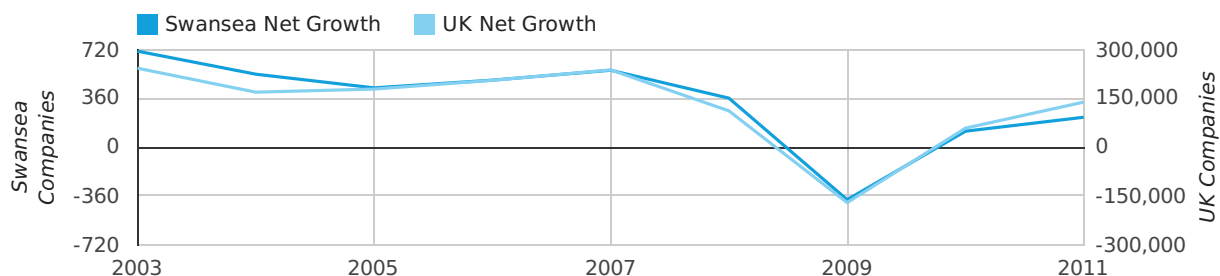
A total of 220 companies were added to the company register for Swansea in 2011. This number represents growth of 22.9% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 103 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Swansea company register grew by 708 companies.

YEAR	SWANSEA	UK
2011	220	138,347
2010	117	58,126
2009	-389	-171,098
2008	361	111,302
2007	567	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (708)	2003 (242,543)

### net growth by year

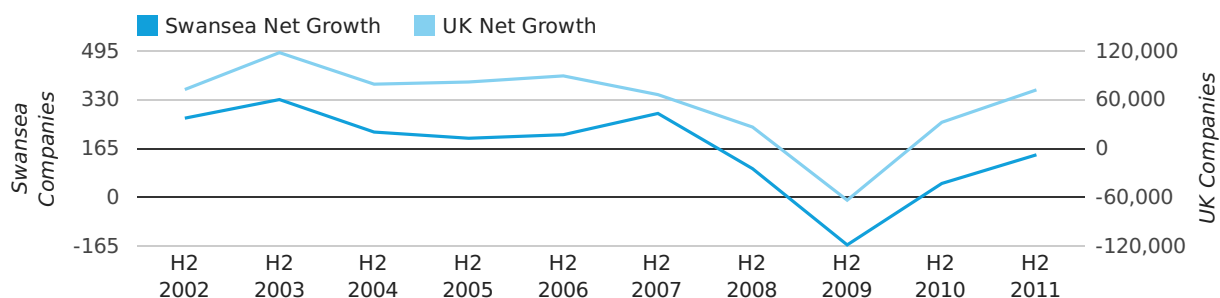


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Swansea increased by 143 companies. This figure is 210.9% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SWANSEA	UK
2011	143	71,922
2010	46	32,008
% CHANGE	210.9%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (330)	2003 (117,772)

### net growth by half year



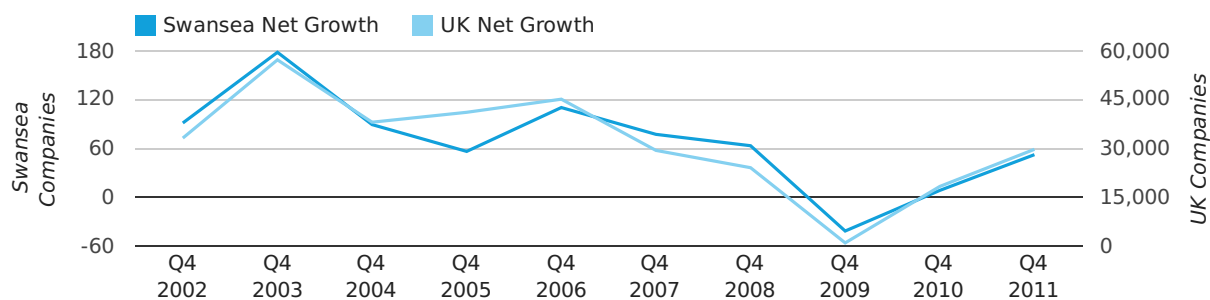
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Swansea during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 52 companies.

This represents an increase of 550.0% on the same period last year.

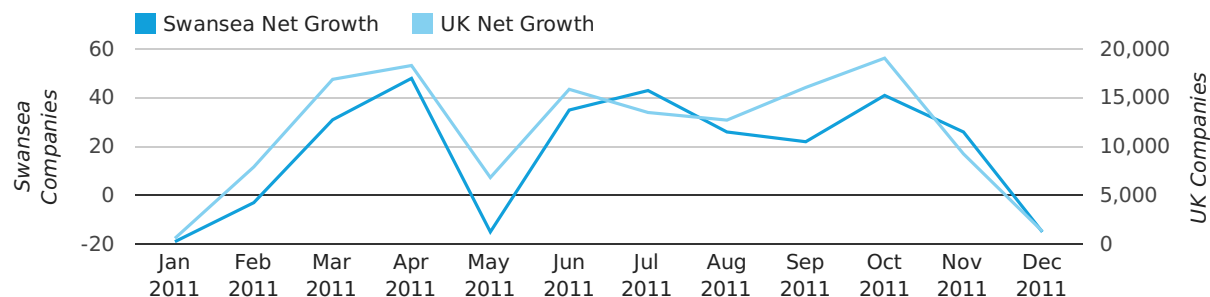
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	SWANSEA	UK
2011	52	29,640
2010	8	18,221
% CHANGE	550.0%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (178)	2003 (57,175)

### net growth by quarter



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

### net growth by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	41	26	-15
NET GROWTH IN 2010	5	-12	15
% CHANGE	720.0%	-316.7%	-200.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (80)	2006 (51)	2003 (63)

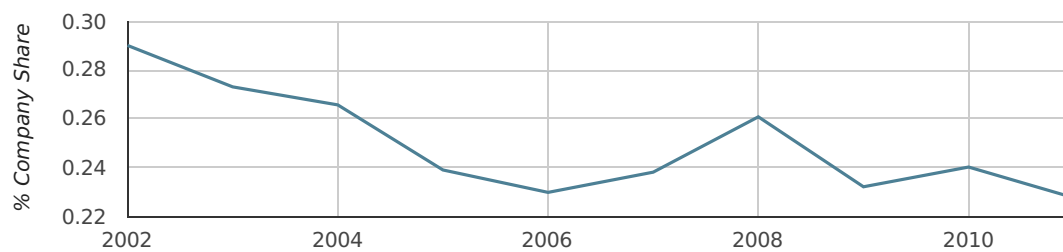


### Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Swansea formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Swansea was responsible for 0.2% of all UK companies.

YEAR	SWANSEA
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1962 (0.5%)

### company share by year

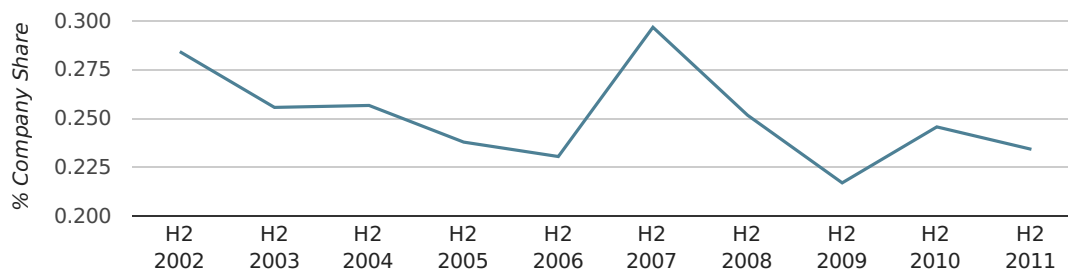


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Swansea formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.2%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SWANSEA
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1962 (0.5%)

### company share by half year

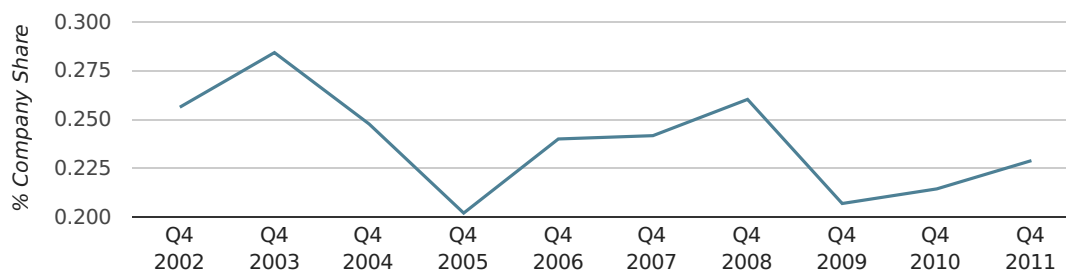


## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, Swansea formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

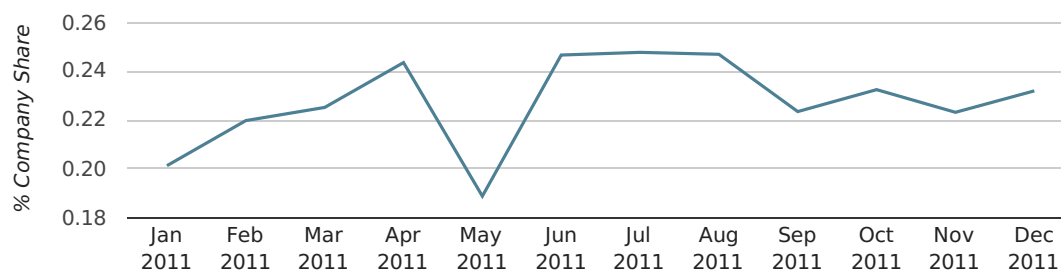
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	SWANSEA
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1962 (0.6%)

### company share by quarter



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

### company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	22.2%	-4.2%	4.9%
RECORD YEAR	1972 (0.7%)	1962 (0.9%)	1971 (0.9%)

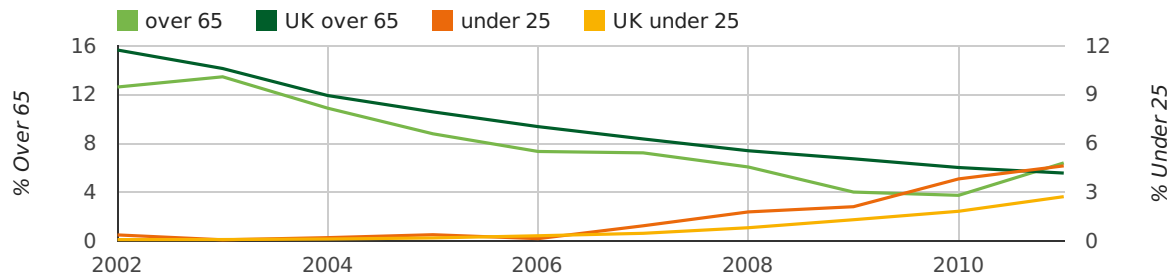
### Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 43.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

#### director age by year



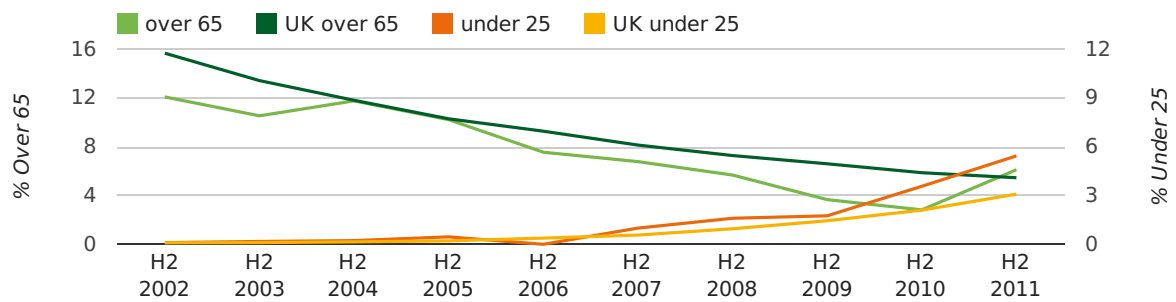
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 43.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

#### director age by half year



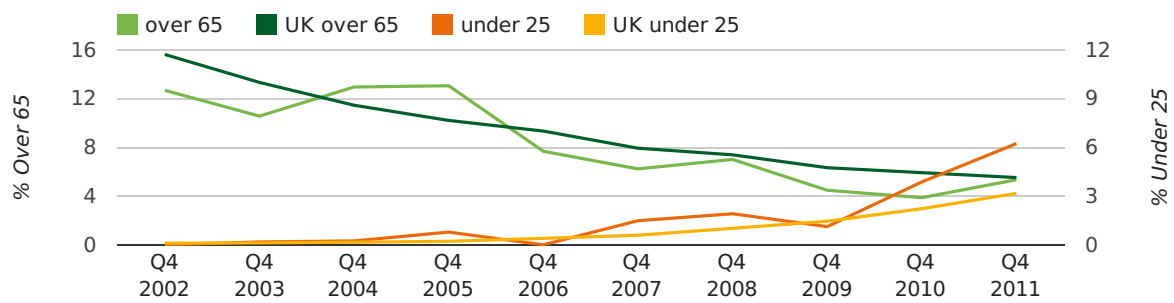
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

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### director age by quarter

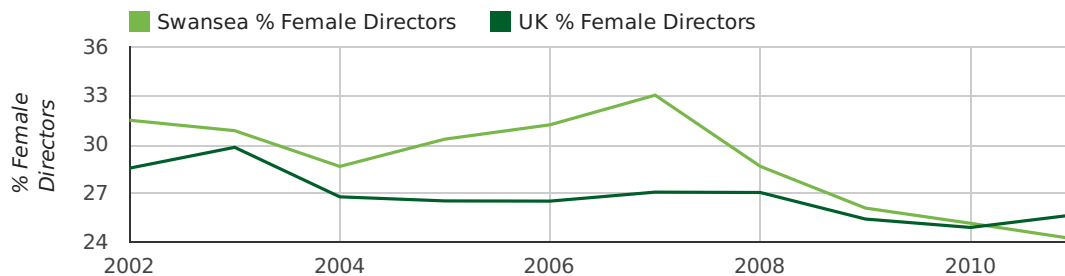


### Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Swansea in 2011 was 31.5%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

#### director gender by year

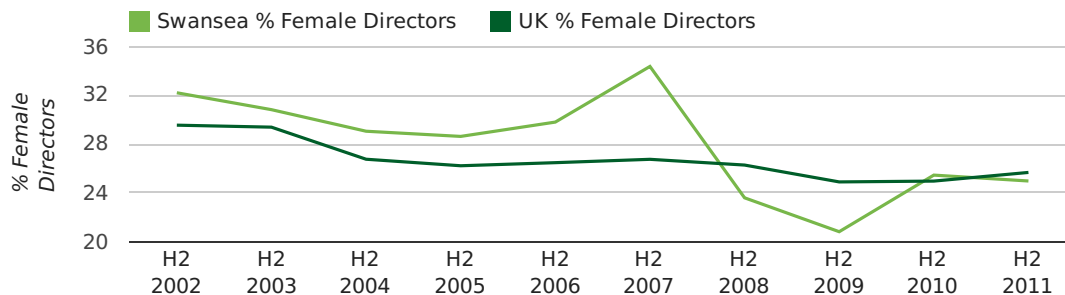


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

25.0% of all director appointments in Swansea 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

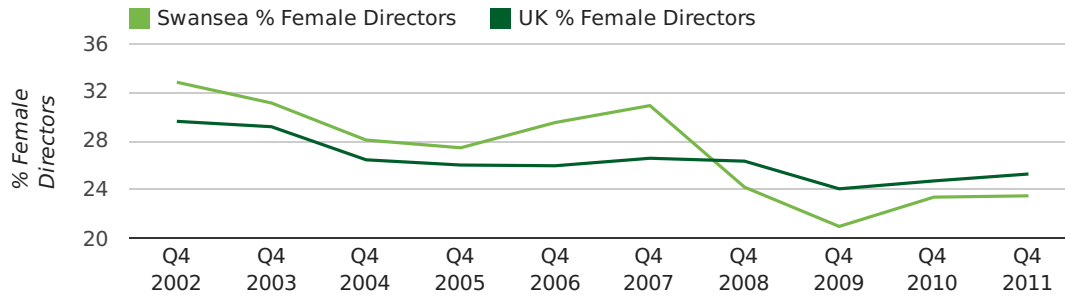


## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

23.5% of all director appointments in Swansea 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
SWANSEA	1.96%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.16%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
GOWER	0.98%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
(SWANSEA)	0.92%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSTRUCTION	0.80%	TRADING	2.07%
CONSULTING	0.80%	DESIGN	1.92%
SYSTEMS	0.80%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
TRAINING	0.74%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
ENERGY	0.74%	BUSINESS	1.78%
(WALES)	0.67%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ELECTRICAL	0.67%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
ASSOCIATES	0.67%	MEDIA	1.71%
ENGINEERING	0.67%	LONDON	1.63%
CONSULTANCY	0.61%	J	1.51%
PROPERTIES	0.55%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
PROPERTY	0.55%	GLOBAL	1.46%
WALES	0.49%	IT	1.41%
HOLDINGS	0.49%	CARE	1.39%
R	0.49%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
BAR	0.49%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
CATERING	0.49%	M	1.27%
SOUTH	0.49%	BUILDING	1.26%
SOLAR	0.49%	ENERGY	1.25%
MUMBLES	0.43%	S	1.20%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.43%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	542	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	101	57,052
99999 - Dormant Company	51	21,846
9999 - Dormant Company	51	20,199
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	47	32,483
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	22	11,768
5530 - Restaurants	18	5,013
7260 - Other computer related activities	18	7,667
9305 - Other service activities	18	9,492
41100 - Development of building projects	15	4,331
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	15	5,558
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	14	17,765
43210 - Electrical installation	14	3,175
62090 - Other information technology service activities	13	7,493
5540 - Bars	13	2,147
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	13	8,671
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	13	12,072
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	12	3,633
86900 - Other human health activities	11	4,457
9262 - Other sporting activities	11	1,650