

# Taunton

2011 annual business confidence report



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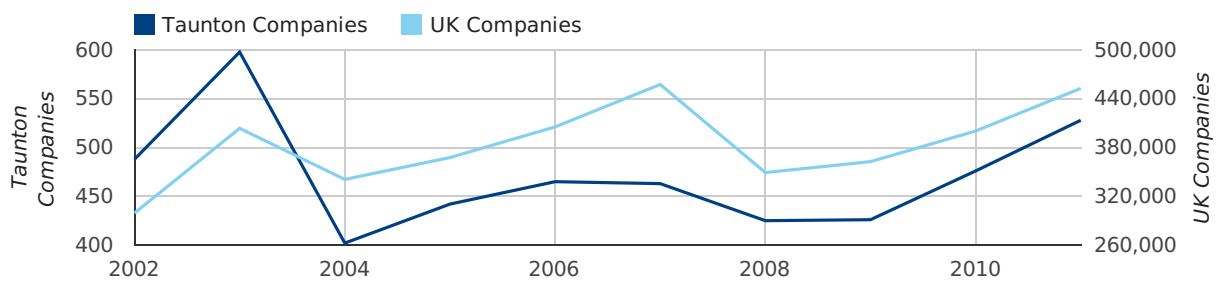
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### Annual Data (2011)

A total of 528 companies were formed in Taunton in 2011. This total is 10.9% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	TAUNTON	UK
2011	528	452,870
2010	476	400,358
2009	426	362,675
2008	425	349,203
2007	463	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2003 (598)	2007 (457,649)

### new companies by year



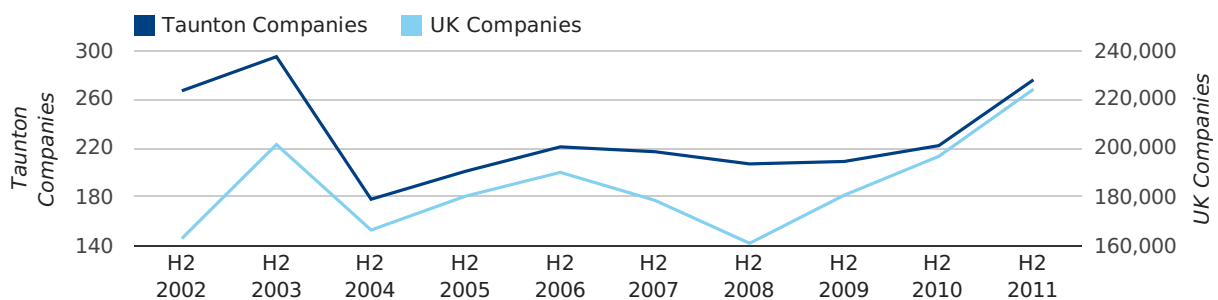
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 276 companies were formed in Taunton. This figure is 24.3% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Taunton occurred in 2003 when a total of 295 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	TAUNTON	UK
2011	276	224,135
2010	222	196,609
% CHANGE	24.3%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (295)	2011 (224,135)

### new companies by half year



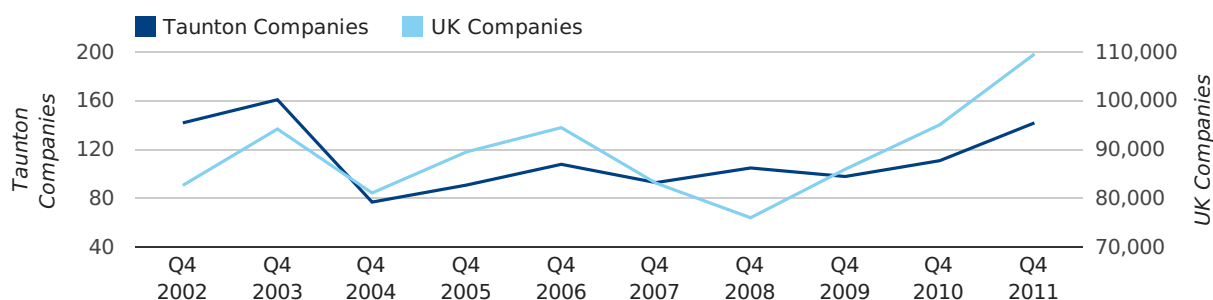
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 142 companies were registered in Taunton during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 27.9% 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.

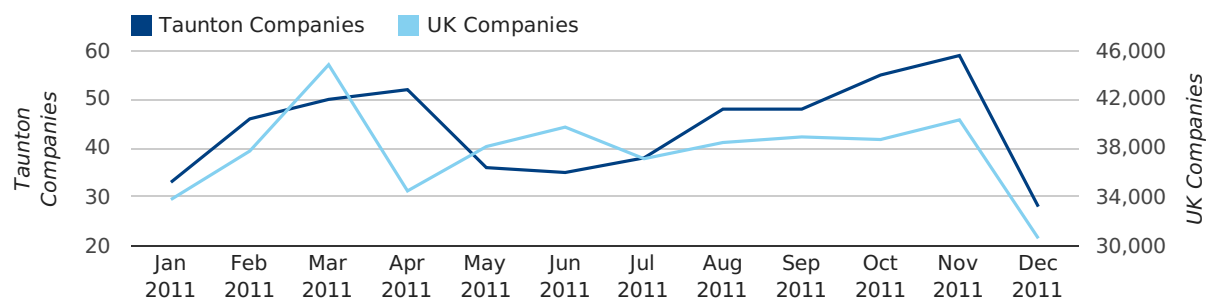
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	TAUNTON	UK
2011	142	109,623
2010	111	95,117
% CHANGE	27.9%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (161)	2011 (109,623)

### new companies by quarter



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

### new companies by month



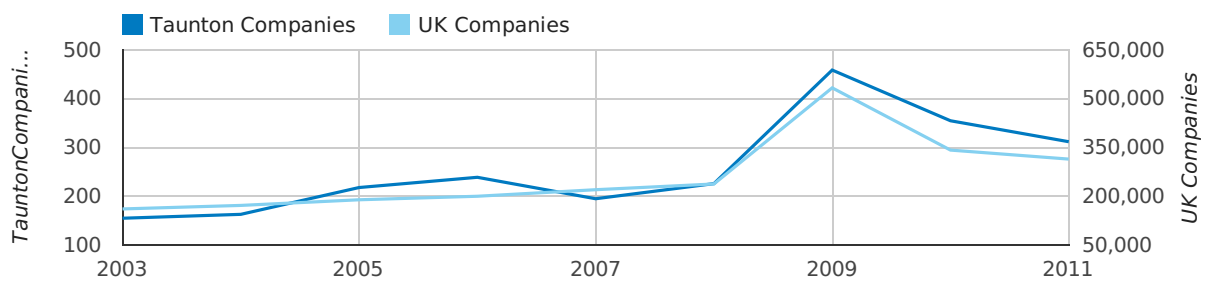
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	55	59	28
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	33	40	38
% CHANGE	66.7%	47.5%	-26.3%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (63)	2011 (59)	2003 (53)

### Annual Data (2011)

A total of 312 companies were dissolved in Taunton in 2011. This total is 12.1% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	TAUNTON	UK
2011	312	314,523
2010	355	342,232
2009	459	533,773
2008	226	237,901
2007	195	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (459)	2009 (533,773)

### dissolved companies by year



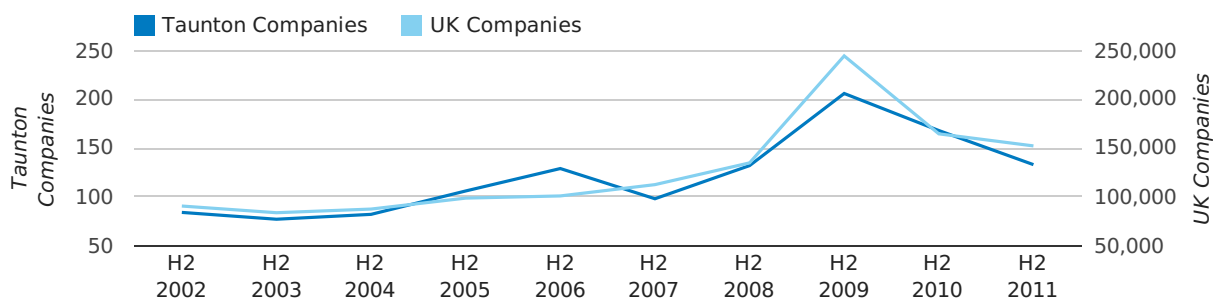
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 133 companies were dissolved in Taunton. This figure is 20.8% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Taunton occurred in 2009 when a total of 206 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	TAUNTON	UK
2011	133	152,213
2010	168	164,601
% CHANGE	-20.8%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (206)	2009 (244,537)

### dissolved companies by half year



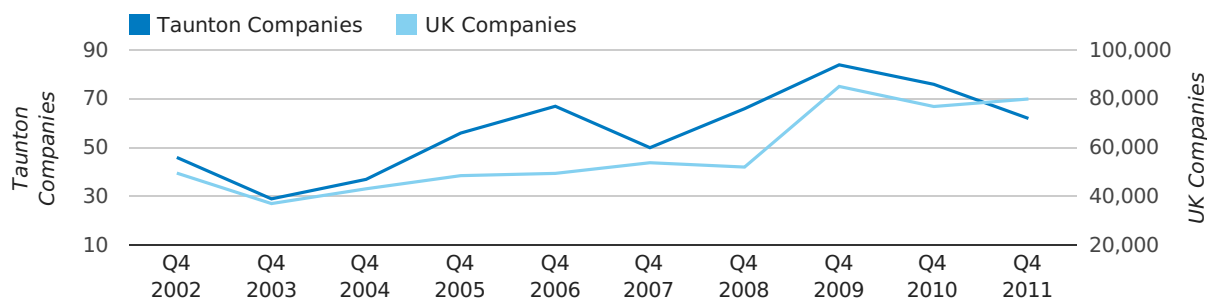
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 62 companies were dissolved in Taunton during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 18.4% 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.

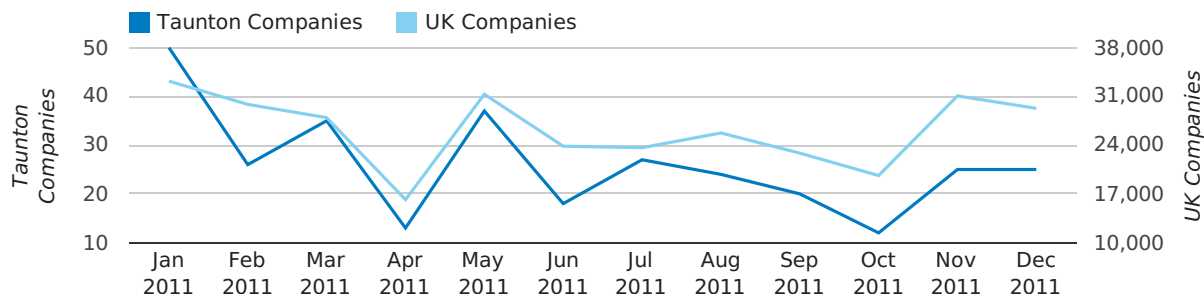
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	TAUNTON	UK
2011	62	79,983
2010	76	76,896
% CHANGE	-18.4%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (84)	2009 (85,136)

### dissolved companies by quarter



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

### dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	12	25	25
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	24	35	17
% CHANGE	-50.0%	-28.6%	47%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (32)	2010 (35)	2008 (35)

### Annual Data (2011)

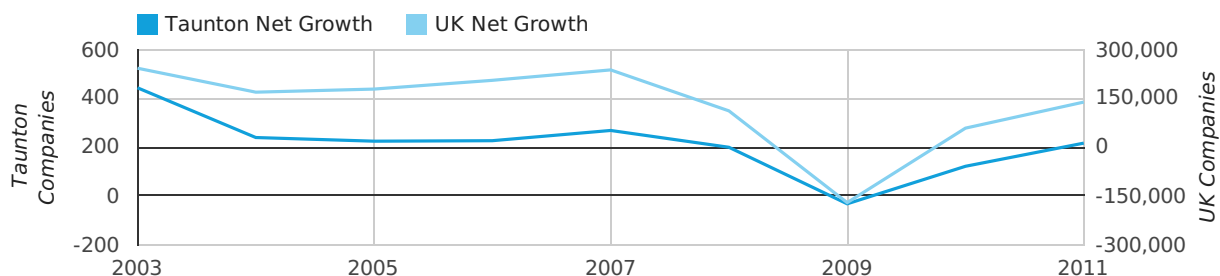
A total of 216 companies were added to the company register for Taunton in 2011. This number represents growth of 45.4% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 95 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Taunton company register grew by 443 companies.

YEAR	TAUNTON	UK
2011	216	138,347
2010	121	58,126
2009	-33	-171,098
2008	199	111,302
2007	268	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (443)	2003 (242,543)

### net growth by year

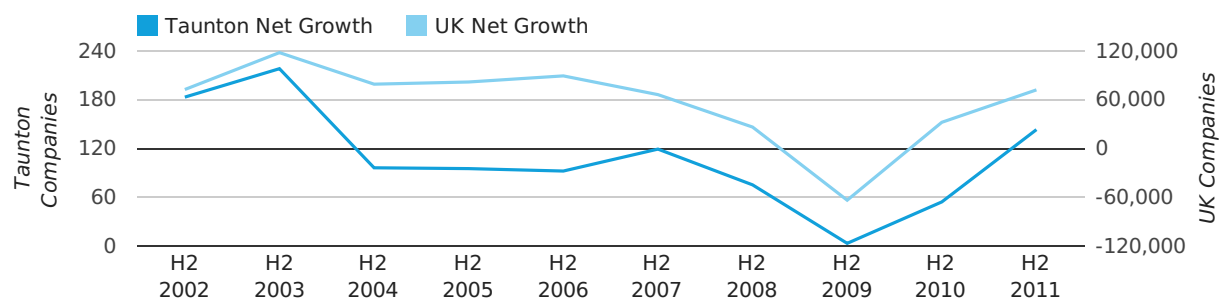


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Taunton increased by 143 companies. This figure is 164.8% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	TAUNTON	UK
2011	143	71,922
2010	54	32,008
% CHANGE	164.8%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (218)	2003 (117,772)

### net growth by half year



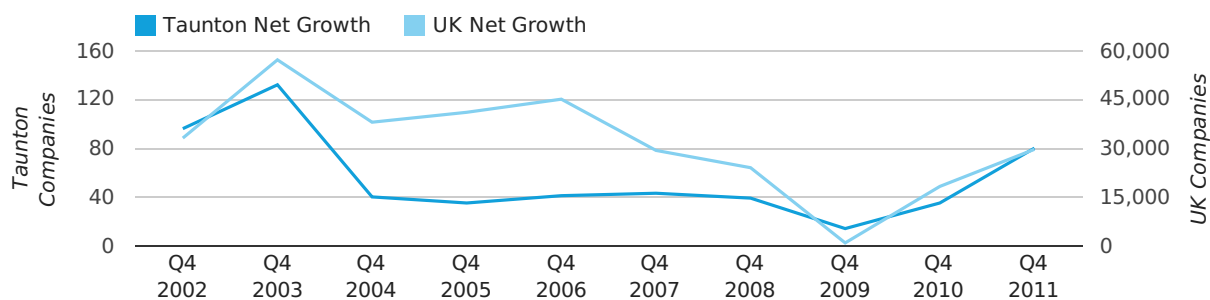
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Taunton during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 80 companies.

This represents an increase of 128.6% on the same period last year.

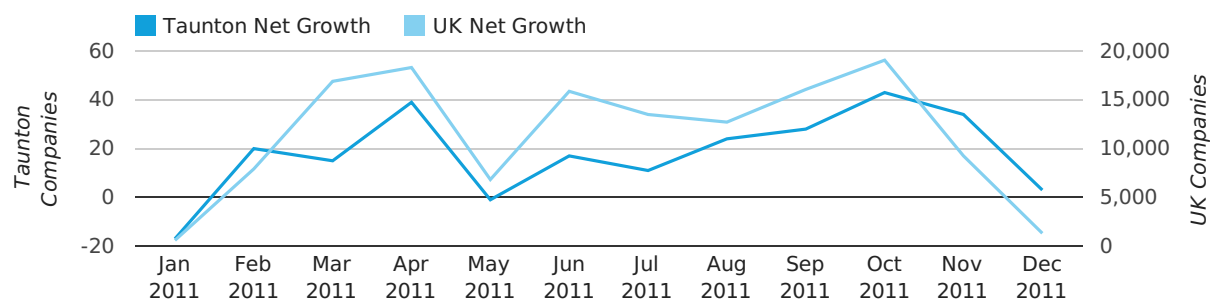
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	TAUNTON	UK
2011	80	29,640
2010	35	18,221
% CHANGE	128.6%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (132)	2003 (57,175)

### net growth by quarter



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

### net growth by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	43	34	3
NET GROWTH IN 2010	9	5	21
% CHANGE	377.8%	580.0%	-85.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (47)	2003 (49)	2003 (42)

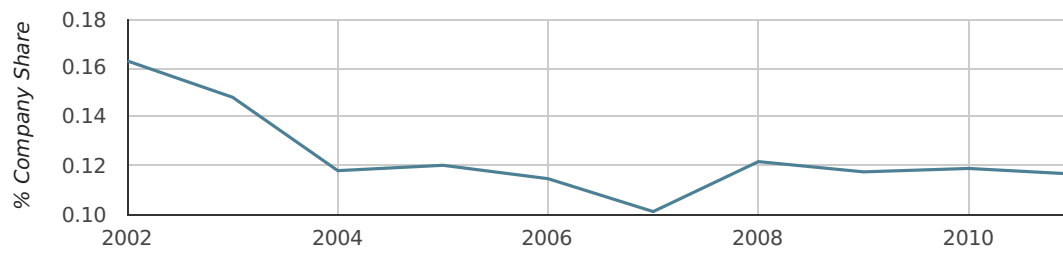


### Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	TAUNTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1962 (0.2%)

### company share by year

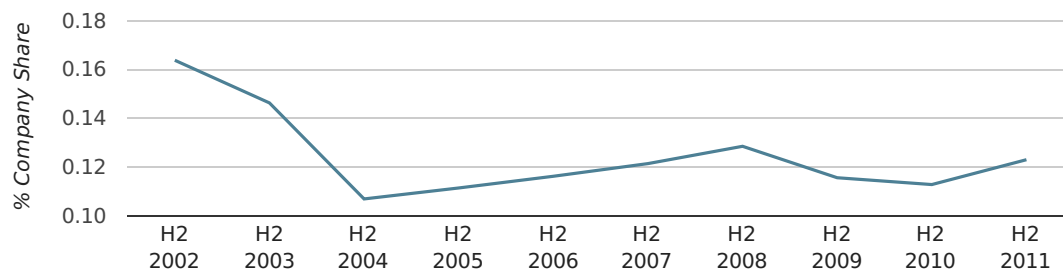


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	TAUNTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.3%)

### company share by half year

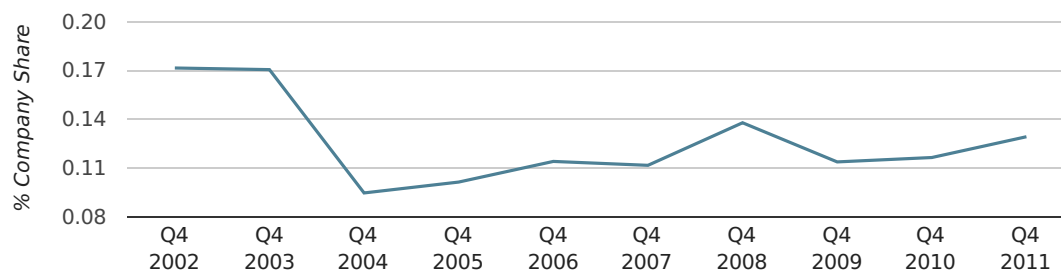


## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

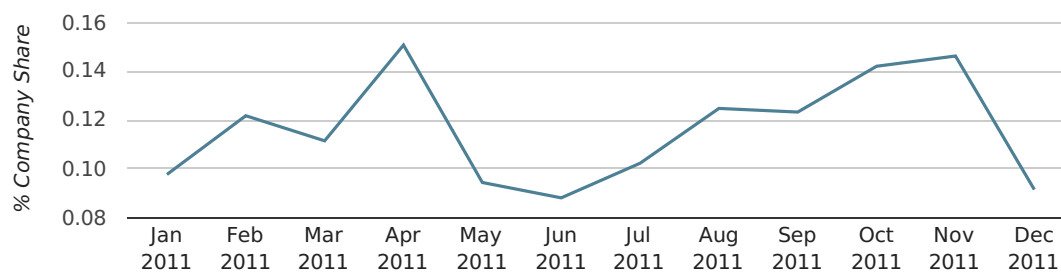
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	TAUNTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.3%)

### company share by quarter



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

### company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	44.9%	25.6%	-34.6%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (0.4%)	1962 (0.3%)	1965 (0.4%)

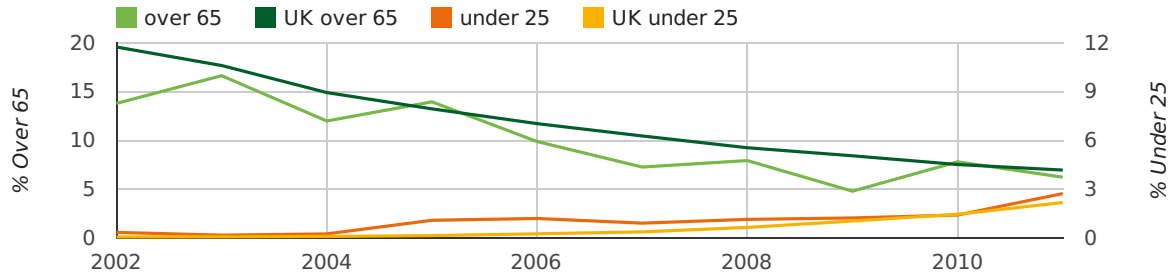
### Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 46.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

#### director age by year



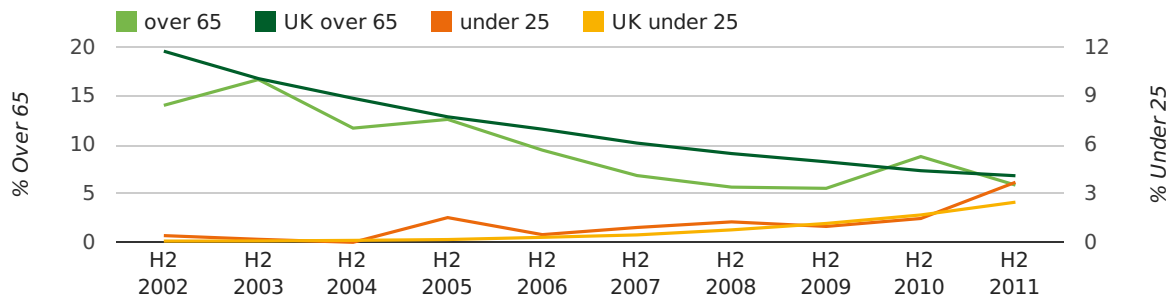
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 46.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

#### director age by half year



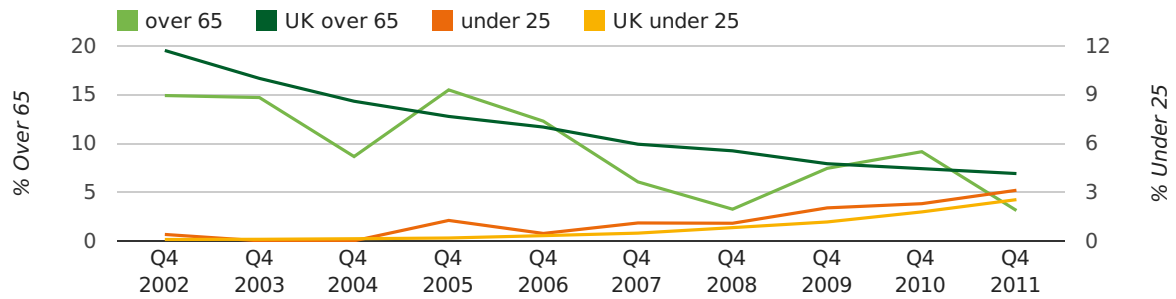
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

### director age by quarter

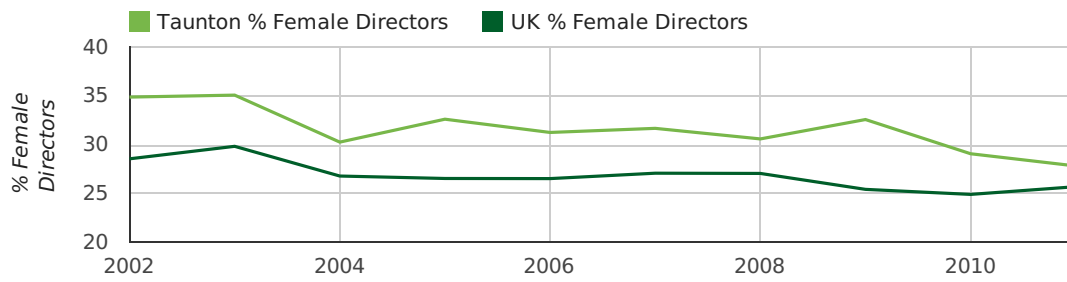


### Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Taunton in 2011 was 34.9%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

#### director gender by year

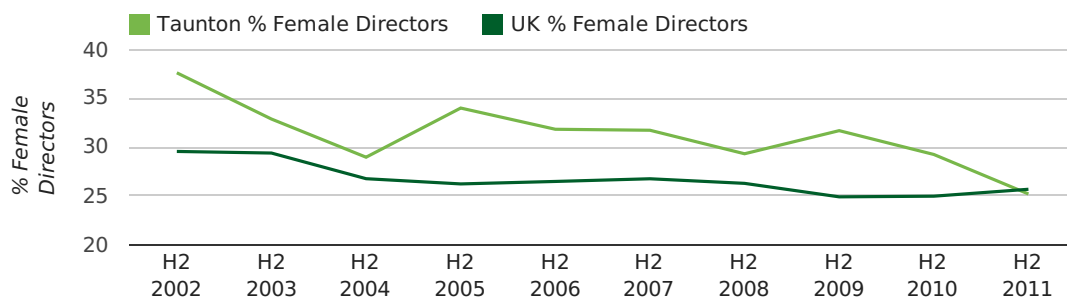


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

25.2% of all director appointments in Taunton 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

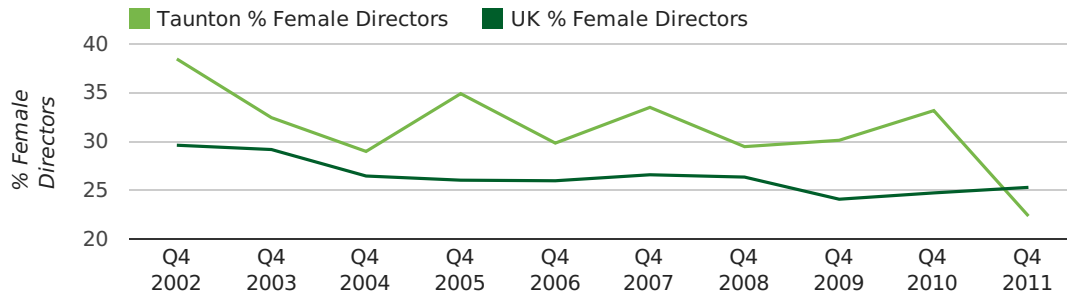


## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

22.4% of all director appointments in Taunton 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
MANAGEMENT	1.38%	CONSULTING	5.07%
TAUNTON	1.27%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANTS	0.95%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
BUSINESS	0.85%	PROPERTY	2.37%
MOORE	0.85%	TRADING	2.07%
CONSULTING	0.74%	DESIGN	1.92%
HIGHER	0.74%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
PROPERTY	0.74%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
WEST	0.63%	BUSINESS	1.78%
WEST)	0.63%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CONSULTANCY	0.63%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
CENTRE	0.63%	MEDIA	1.71%
PROJECTS	0.63%	LONDON	1.63%
M	0.63%	J	1.51%
(SOUTH	0.63%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
SCARROTT	0.63%	GLOBAL	1.46%
ASSOCIATES	0.63%	IT	1.41%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.63%	CARE	1.39%
SCHOOL	0.63%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
SOUTHWEST	0.63%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
ENTERPRISES	0.53%	M	1.27%
SYSTEMS	0.53%	BUILDING	1.26%
(TAUNTON)	0.53%	ENERGY	1.25%
ACADEMY	0.53%	S	1.20%
CARE	0.53%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	141	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	47	57,052
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	30	17,765
99999 - Dormant Company	26	21,846
9999 - Dormant Company	26	20,199
7414 - Business & management consultancy	23	13,034
86900 - Other human health activities	20	4,457
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	19	32,483
41100 - Development of building projects	19	4,331
9305 - Other service activities	18	9,492
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	17	8,671
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	13	5,558
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	12	3,633
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	10	3,194
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	10	4,082
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	9	12,072
7011 - Development & sell real estate	9	2,287
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	9	7,398
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	8	2,832
32990 - Other manufacturing not elsewhere classified	7	1,594