Tipton

2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

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- The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Tipton when compared to any previous second half year.
- Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Tipton when compared to any previous Q4.
- November 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Tipton when compared to any previous November.
- December 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Tipton when compared to any previous December.

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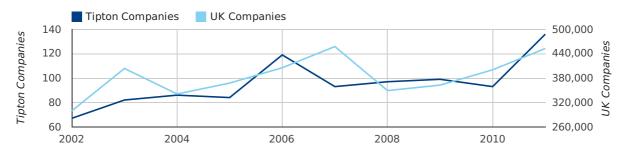
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2011 was a record year for company registrations in Tipton when compared to any year in history.

A total of 136 companies were formed in Tipton in 2011. This total is 46.2% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	TIPTON	UK
2011	136	452,870
2010	93	400,358
2009	99	362,675
2008	97	349,203
2007	93	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (136)	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 Tipton when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 66 companies were formed in Tipton. This figure is 43.5% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Tipton occurred in 2011 when a total of 66 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	TIPTON	UK
2011	66	224,135
2010	46	196,609
% CHANGE	43.5%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (66)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



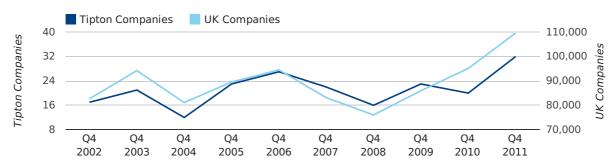
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Tipton when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 32 companies were registered in Tipton during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 60.0% 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)	TIPTON	UK
2011	32	109,623
2010	20	95,117
% CHANGE	60.0%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (32)	2011 (109,623)

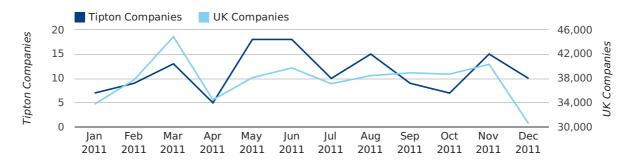
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

new companies by month

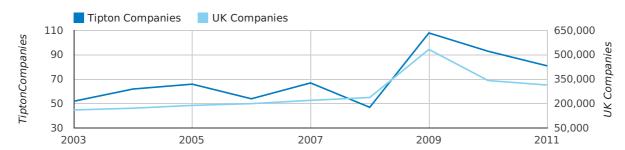


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	7	15	10
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	7	6	7
% CHANGE	0.0%	150.0%	42.9%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (14)	2011 (15)	2009 (11)

A total of 81 companies were dissolved in Tipton in 2011. This total is 12.9% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	TIPTON	UK
2011	81	314,523
2010	93	342,232
2009	108	533,773
2008	47	237,901
2007	67	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (108)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



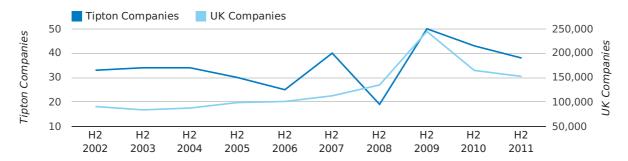
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 38 companies were dissolved in Tipton. This figure is 11.6% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Tipton occurred in 2009 when a total of 50 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	TIPTON	UK
2011	38	152,213
2010	43	164,601
% CHANGE	-11.6%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (50)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year

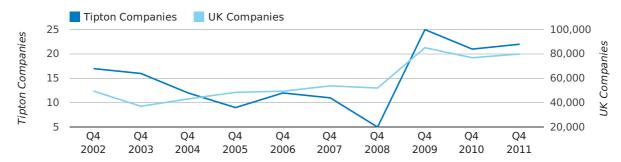


A total of 22 companies were dissolved in Tipton during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 4.8% 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.

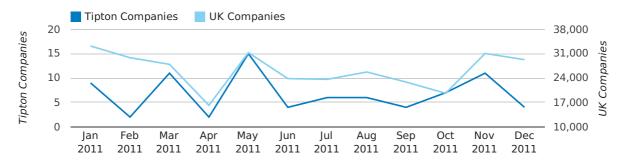
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	TIPTON	UK
2011	22	79,983
2010	21	76,896
% CHANGE	4.8%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (25)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	7	11	4
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	4	14	3
% CHANGE	75.0%	-21.4%	33%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (11)	2010 (14)	2001 (7)

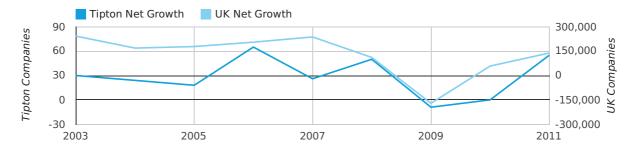
A total of 55 companies were added to the company register for Tipton in 2011. This number represents growth of 59.1% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 55 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2006 when the Tipton company register grew by 65 companies.

YEAR	TIPTON	UK
2011	55	138,347
2010	0	58,126
2009	-9	-171,098
2008	50	111,302
2007	26	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2006 (65)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

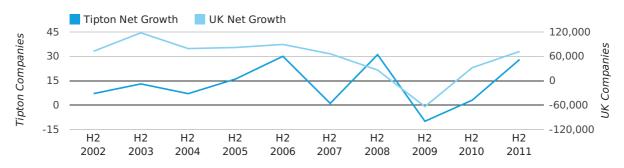


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Tipton increased by 28 companies. This figure is 833.3% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	TIPTON	UK
2011	28	71,922
2010	3	32,008
% CHANGE	833.3%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (31)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year

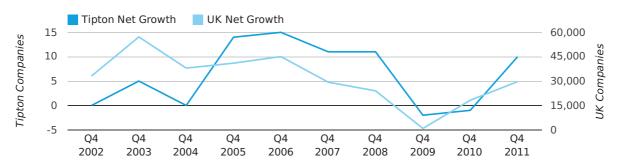


Net company growth for Tipton during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 10 companies.

This represents an increase of 1,100.0% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	TIPTON	UK
2011	10	29,640
2010	-1	18,221
% CHANGE	-1,100.0%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (17)	2003 (57,175)

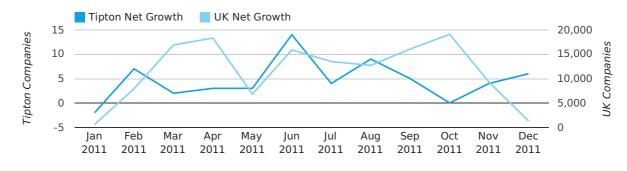
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

December 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Tipton when compared to any previous December.

net growth by month

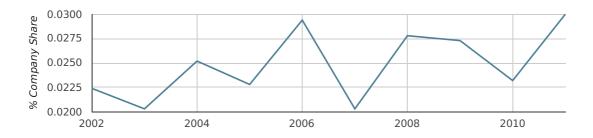


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	0	4	6
NET GROWTH IN 2010	3	-8	4
% CHANGE	-100.0%	-150.0%	50.0%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (11)	2007 (5)	2011 (6)

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

YEAR	TIPTON
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.1%)

company share by year

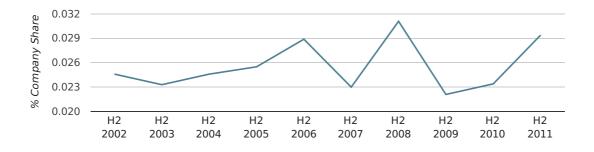


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	TIPTON
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (0.2%)

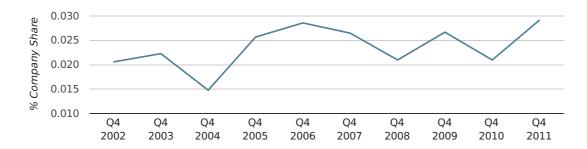
company share by half year



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

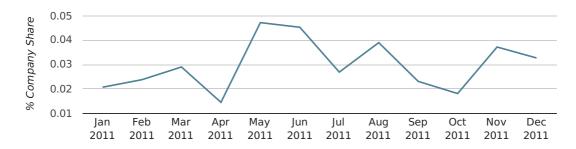
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	TIPTON
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



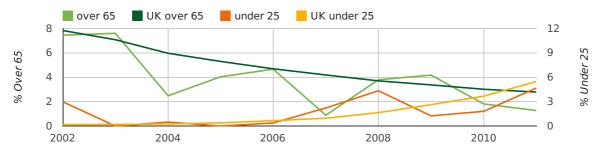
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	-13.0%	112.6%	26.7%
RECORD YEAR	1964 (0.1%)	1960 (0.8%)	1967 (0.3%)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 39.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



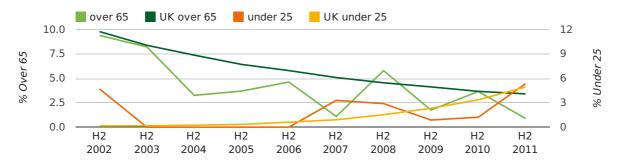
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 39.5.

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 0.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year

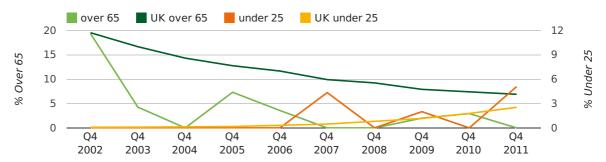


The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 37.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65~was~0.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

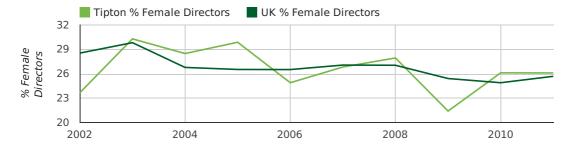
director age by quarter



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

The percentage of female directors in Tipton in 2011 was 23.7%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

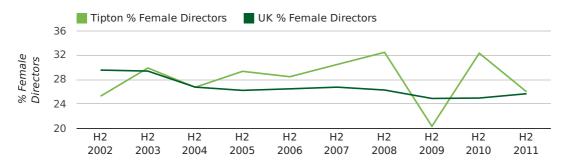


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

26.0% of all director appointments in Tipton 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



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

27.9% of all director appointments in Tipton 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



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Previous 12 months (Dec 2010-Dec 2011)

 ${\sf Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, \&, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.}\\$

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
CARE	1.71%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTANCY	1.37%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
J	1.37%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
SECURITY	1.03%	PROPERTY	2.37%
COMMUNITY	1.03%	TRADING	2.07%
SOUTH	1.03%	DESIGN	1.92%
STEEL	1.03%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
IT	1.03%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
SERVICE	1.03%	BUSINESS	1.78%
HELP	0.68%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CENTRE	0.68%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
ENTERPRISES	0.68%	MEDIA	1.71%
STAFFS	0.68%	LONDON	1.63%
INTERNATIONAL	0.68%	J	1.51%
CHURCH	0.68%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
SPICE	0.68%	GLOBAL	1.46%
INDUSTRIES	0.68%	IT	1.41%
(2011)	0.68%	CARE	1.39%
MAINTENANCE	0.68%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
PREMIER	0.68%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
MANAGEMENT	0.68%	М	1.27%
	0.68%	BUILDING	1.26%
ENGINEERING	0.68%	ENERGY	1.25%
PROPERTIES	0.34%	S	1.20%
JWD	0.34%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	68	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	12	57,052
9305 - Other service activities	4	9,492
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	4	32,483
8514 - Other human health activities	3	2,637
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	3	17,765
6024 - Freight transport by road	3	2,280
7499 - Non-trading company	3	9,957
9999 - Dormant Company	3	20,199
99999 - Dormant Company	3	21,846
56302 - Public houses and bars	3	2,308
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	2	11,768
5020 - Maintenance & repair of motors	2	1,409
9112 - Professional organisations	2	126
49410 - Freight transport by road	2	2,392
8010 - Primary education	2	606
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	2	2,452
62090 - Other information technology service activities	2	7,493
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	2	12,072
78109 - Other activities of employment placement agencies	2	1,784