Wednesbury

2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

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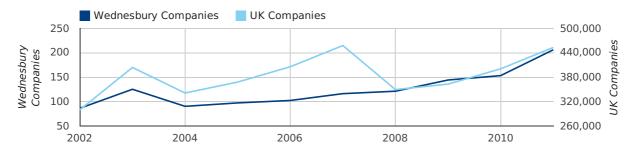
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2011 was a record year for company registrations in Wednesbury when compared to any year in history.

A total of 206 companies were formed in Wednesbury in 2011. This total is 34.6% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	WEDNESBURY	UK
2011	206	452,870
2010	153	400,358
2009	144	362,675
2008	121	349,203
2007	116	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (206)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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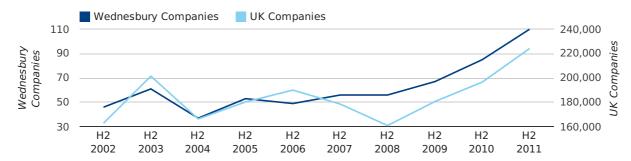
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In the second half of 2011 a total of 110 companies were formed in Wednesbury. This figure is 29.4% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Wednesbury occurred in 2011 when a total of 110 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WEDNESBURY	UK
2011	110	224,135
2010	85	196,609
% CHANGE	29.4%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (110)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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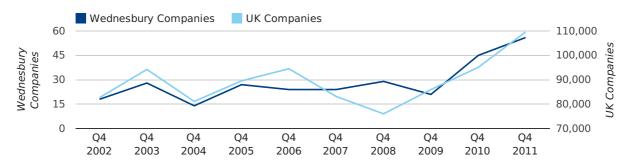
Q4 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Wednesbury when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 56 companies were registered in Wednesbury during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 24.4% 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)	WEDNESBURY	UK
2011	56	109,623
2010	45	95,117
% CHANGE	24.4%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (56)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



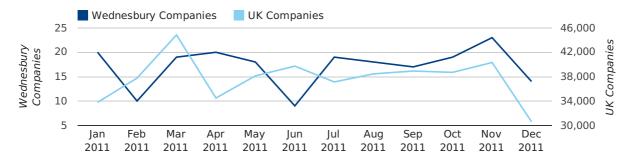
Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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new companies by month

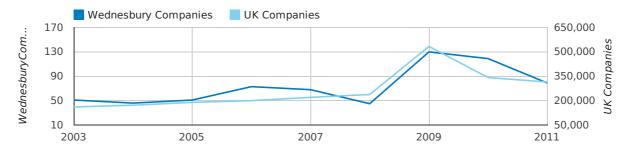


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	19	23	14
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	20	15	10
% CHANGE	-5.0%	53.3%	40.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (20)	2011 (23)	2011 (14)

A total of 79 companies were dissolved in Wednesbury in 2011. This total is 33.6% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	WEDNESBURY	UK
2011	79	314,523
2010	119	342,232
2009	130	533,773
2008	45	237,901
2007	68	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (130)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 34 companies were dissolved in Wednesbury. This figure is 40.4% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Wednesbury occurred in 2009 when a total of 61 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WEDNESBURY	UK
2011	34	152,213
2010	57	164,601
% CHANGE	-40.4%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (61)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year

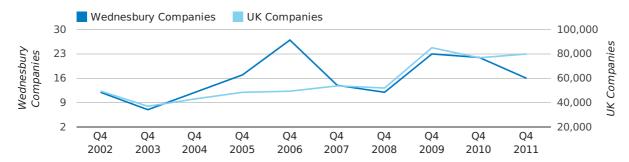


A total of 16 companies were dissolved in Wednesbury during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 27.3% 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.

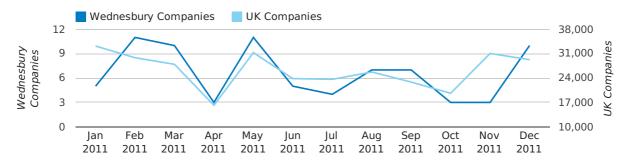
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WEDNESBURY	UK
2011	16	79,983
2010	22	76,896
% CHANGE	-27.3%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (27)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	3	3	10
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	4	16	2
% CHANGE	-25.0%	-81.3%	400%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (12)	2010 (16)	2009 (11)

2011 was a record year for net growth in Wednesbury when compared to any year in history.

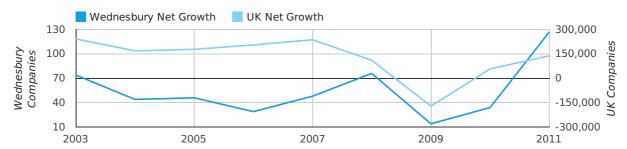
A total of 127 companies were added to the company register for Wednesbury in 2011. This number represents growth of 83.0% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 93 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2011 when the Wednesbury company register grew by 127 companies.

YEAR	WEDNESBURY	UK
2011	127	138,347
2010	34	58,126
2009	14	-171,098
2008	76	111,302
2007	48	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2011 (127)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

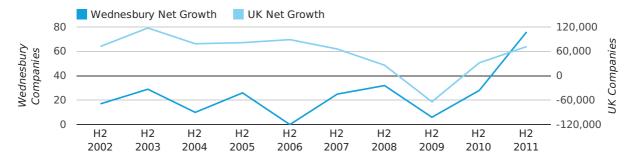
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In the second half of 2011 the company register for Wednesbury increased by 76 companies. This figure is 171.4% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WEDNESBURY	UK
2011	76	71,922
2010	28	32,008
% CHANGE	171.4%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (76)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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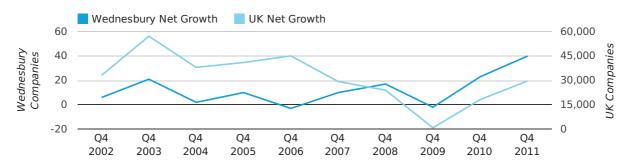
Q4 2011 was a record quarter for net growth in Wednesbury when compared to any quarter in history.

Net company growth for Wednesbury during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 40 companies.

This represents an increase of 73.9% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WEDNESBURY	UK
2011	40	29,640
2010	23	18,221
% CHANGE	73.9%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (40)	2003 (57,175)

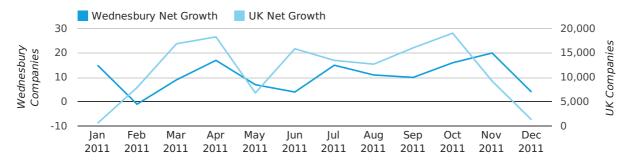
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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net growth by month

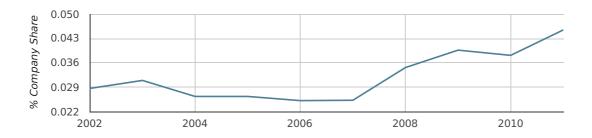


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	16	20	4
NET GROWTH IN 2010	16	-1	8
% CHANGE	0.0%	-2,100.0%	-50.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (16)	2011 (20)	2010 (8)

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

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

company share by year

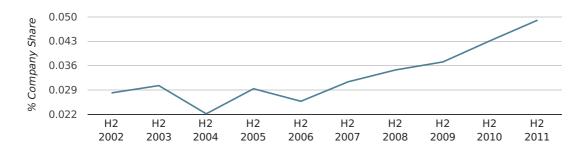


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WEDNESBURY
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1973 (0.1%)

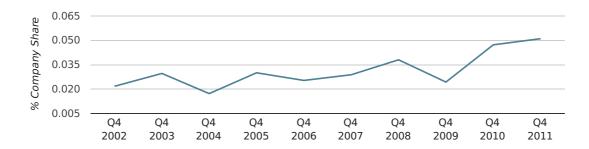
company share by half year



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

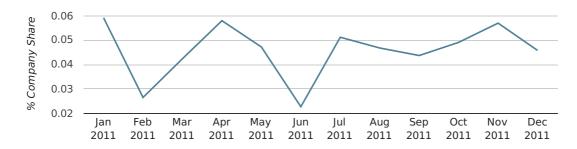
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WEDNESBURY
2011	0.1%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



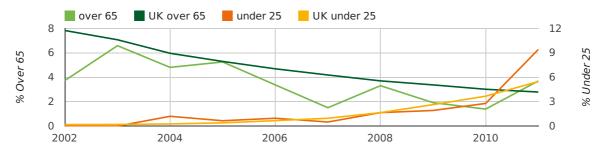
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	-17.5%	30.4%	24.1%
RECORD YEAR	1972 (0.4%)	1960 (0.4%)	1970 (0.3%)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 41.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 9.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



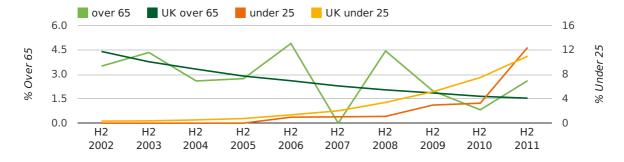
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 39.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 12.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year

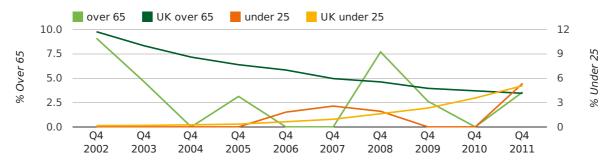


The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 39.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter



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

The percentage of female directors in Wednesbury in 2011 was 23.8%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

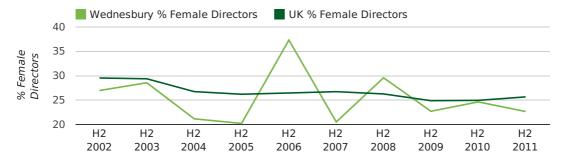


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

22.7% of all director appointments in Wednesbury 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 Wednesbury was in 1977 when 31.1% of all directors were female.

30.6% of all director appointments in Wednesbury 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)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
TRANSPORT	0.95%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CIC	0.95%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CARE	0.95%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
WEDNESBURY	0.95%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSULTANCY	0.71%	TRADING	2.07%
LIGHT	0.71%	DESIGN	1.92%
FOR	0.71%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
MANAGEMENT	0.71%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
IGUARDIAN	0.71%	BUSINESS	1.78%
ALL	0.71%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
R	0.71%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
AUTOS	0.71%	MEDIA	1.71%
TAMBABA	0.71%	LONDON	1.63%
ROOFING	0.71%	J	1.51%
MIDLAND	0.71%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
DISTRIBUTION	0.71%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CLUB	0.71%	IT	1.41%
METALS	0.71%	CARE	1.39%
PARKING	0.47%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
COMMUNITY	0.47%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
ELECTRICAL	0.47%	М	1.27%
4	0.47%	BUILDING	1.26%
GREEN	0.47%	ENERGY	1.25%
COMMUNICATIONS	0.47%	S	1.20%
MIDLANDS	0.47%	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	71	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	15	57,052
99999 - Dormant Company	9	21,846
74990 - Non-trading company	7	8,929
9999 - Dormant Company	6	20,199
9305 - Other service activities	6	9,492
85590 - Other education not elsewhere classified	5	2,395
49410 - Freight transport by road	5	2,392
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	5	11,768
7414 - Business & management consultancy	5	13,034
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	5	2,832
4533 - Plumbing	4	1,374
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	4	3,342
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	4	32,483
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	4	2,452
43120 - Site preparation	3	190
47110 - Retail sale in non-specialised stores with food, beverages or tobacco predominating	3	1,385
43330 - Floor and wall covering	3	648
6024 - Freight transport by road	3	2,280
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	3	2,740