# Wigan 2011 annual business confidence report



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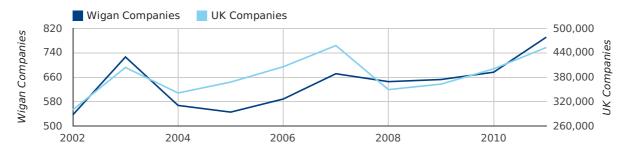
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2011 was a record year for company registrations in Wigan when compared to any year in history.

A total of 791 companies were formed in Wigan in 2011. This total is 17.0% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	WIGAN	UK
2011	791	452,870
2010	676	400,358
2009	652	362,675
2008	645	349,203
2007	671	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (791)	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 Wigan when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 395 companies were formed in Wigan. This figure is 21.5% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Wigan occurred in 2011 when a total of 395 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WIGAN	UK
2011	395	224,135
2010	325	196,609
% CHANGE	21.5%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (395)	2011 (224,135)

#### new companies by half year

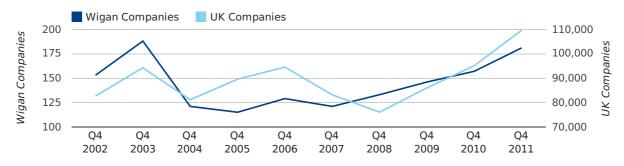


A total of 181 companies were registered in Wigan during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 15.3% 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.

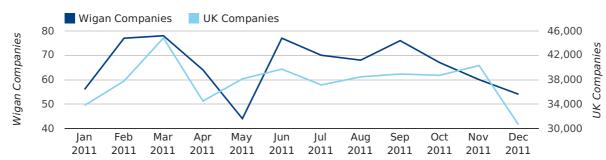
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WIGAN	UK
2011	181	109,623
2010	157	95,117
% CHANGE	15.3%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (188)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



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

December 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Wigan when compared to any previous December.



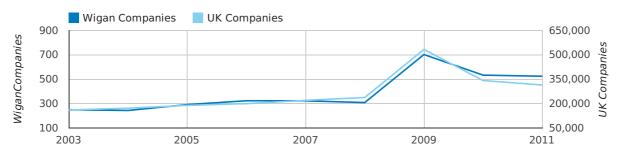
#### new companies by month

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	67	60	54
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	57	59	41
% CHANGE	17.5%	1.7%	31.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (70)	2003 (66)	2011 (54)

A total of 525 companies were dissolved in Wigan in 2011. This total is 1.7% lower than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	WIGAN	UK
2011	525	314,523
2010	534	342,232
2009	703	533,773
2008	309	237,901
2007	323	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (703)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



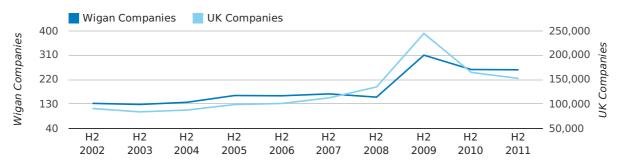
## Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 256 companies were dissolved in Wigan. This figure is 0.4% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Wigan occurred in 2009 when a total of 310 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WIGAN	UK
2011	256	152,213
2010	257	164,601
% CHANGE	-0.4%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (310)	2009 (244,537)

#### dissolved companies by half year

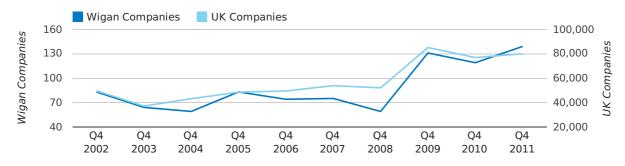


Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Wigan when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 139 companies were dissolved in Wigan during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 16.8% 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.

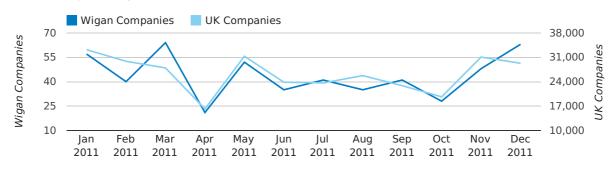
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WIGAN	UK
2011	139	79,983
2010	119	76,896
% CHANGE	16.8%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (139)	2009 (85,136)



dissolved companies by quarter

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

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



#### dissolved companies by month

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	28	48	63
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	41	58	20
% CHANGE	-31.7%	-17.2%	215%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (41)	2010 (58)	2011 (63)

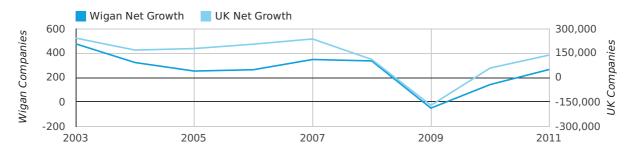
A total of 266 companies were added to the company register for Wigan in 2011. This number represents growth of 39.3% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 124 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Wigan company register grew by 476 companies.

YEAR	WIGAN	UK
2011	266	138,347
2010	142	58,126
2009	-51	-171,098
2008	336	111,302
2007	348	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (476)	2003 (242,543)

#### net growth by year

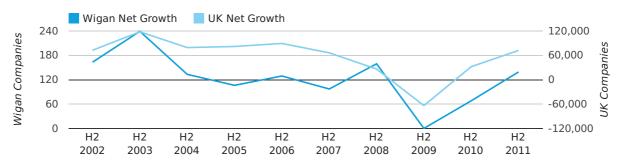


#### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Wigan increased by 139 companies. This figure is 104.4% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WIGAN	UK
2011	139	71,922
2010	68	32,008
% CHANGE	104.4%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (239)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year

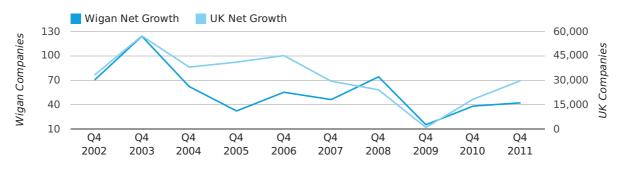


Net company growth for Wigan during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 42 companies.

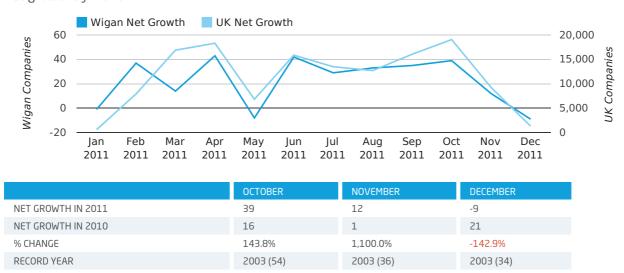
This represents an increase of 10.5% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WIGAN	UK
2011	42	29,640
2010	38	18,221
% CHANGE	10.5%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (124)	2003 (57,175)

#### net growth by quarter



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

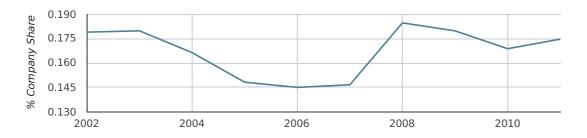


#### net growth by month

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

YEAR	WIGAN
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.3%)

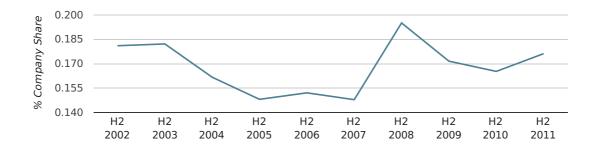
company share by year



## Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.4%)

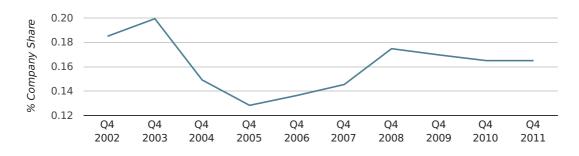


company share by half year

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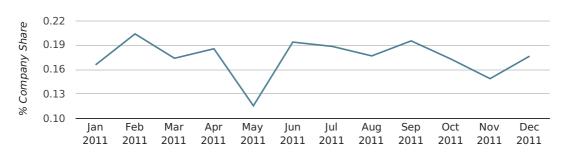
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#### Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



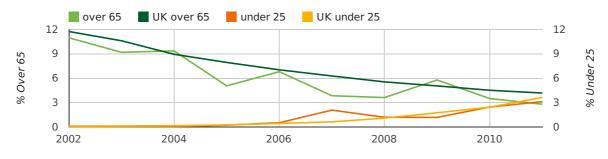
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.1%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	2.1%	-13.4%	16.8%
RECORD YEAR	1985 (0.5%)	1961 (0.7%)	1961 (0.4%)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 42.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

#### director age by year



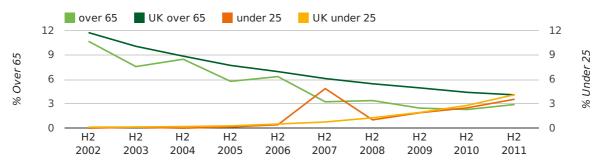
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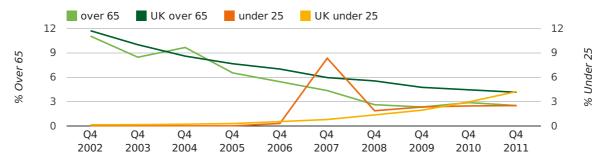


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#### director age by quarter



## director gender

#### Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Wigan in 2011 was 33.3%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

#### director gender by year

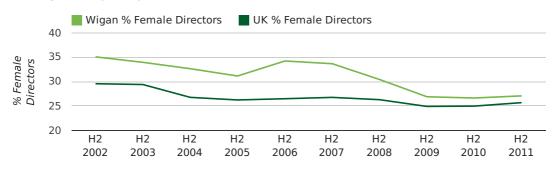


## Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

27.1% of all director appointments in Wigan in the second half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

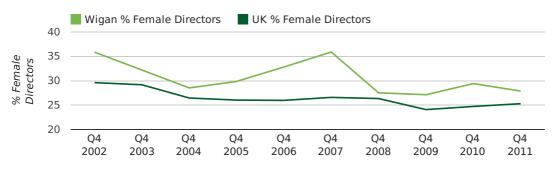
#### director gender by half year



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

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#### 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
MANAGEMENT	2.33%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CIC	1.24%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
WIGAN	1.24%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
(NW)	1.16%	PROPERTY	2.37%
(WIGAN)	1.09%	TRADING	2.07%
J	1.01%	DESIGN	1.92%
CONSULTANCY	0.93%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
BUILDING	0.85%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
D	0.85%	BUSINESS	1.78%
NORTH	0.78%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
PROPERTY	0.78%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
S	0.70%	MEDIA	1.71%
HEATING	0.70%	LONDON	1.63%
CONSTRUCTION	0.70%	J	1.51%
MEDIA	0.70%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
C.I.C.	0.70%	GLOBAL	1.46%
ELECTRICAL	0.70%	IT	1.41%
WEST	0.70%	CARE	1.39%
М	0.62%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
К	0.62%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
CONSULTANTS	0.54%	М	1.27%
DESIGN	0.54%	BUILDING	1.26%
CONSULTING	0.54%	ENERGY	1.25%
ENGINEERING	0.54%	S	1.20%
SECURITY	0.54%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

# sic data



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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	353	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	67	57,052
9999 - Dormant Company	36	20,199
99999 - Dormant Company	30	21,846
7414 - Business & management consultancy	26	13,034
9305 - Other service activities	21	9,492
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	20	5,558
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	20	8,671
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	18	17,765
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	16	11,768
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	16	32,483
43210 - Electrical installation	15	3,175
49410 - Freight transport by road	13	2,392
7499 - Non-trading company	13	9,957
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	13	12,072
41100 - Development of building projects	13	4,331
6024 - Freight transport by road	12	2,280
56302 - Public houses and bars	12	2,308
5248 - Other retail specialised stores	11	1,968
62090 - Other information technology service activities	11	7,493