

Wolverhampton

2011 annual business confidence report



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

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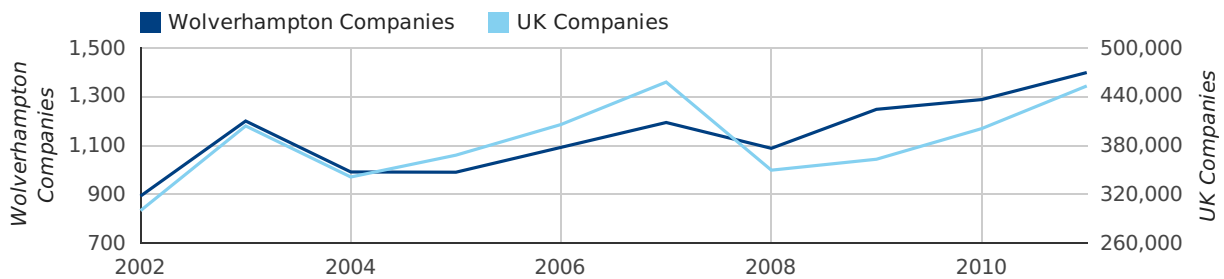
Annual Data (2011)

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

A total of 1,398 companies were formed in Wolverhampton in 2011. This total is 8.6% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	WOLVERHAMPTON	UK
2011	1,398	452,870
2010	1,287	400,358
2009	1,247	362,675
2008	1,087	349,203
2007	1,193	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (1,398)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

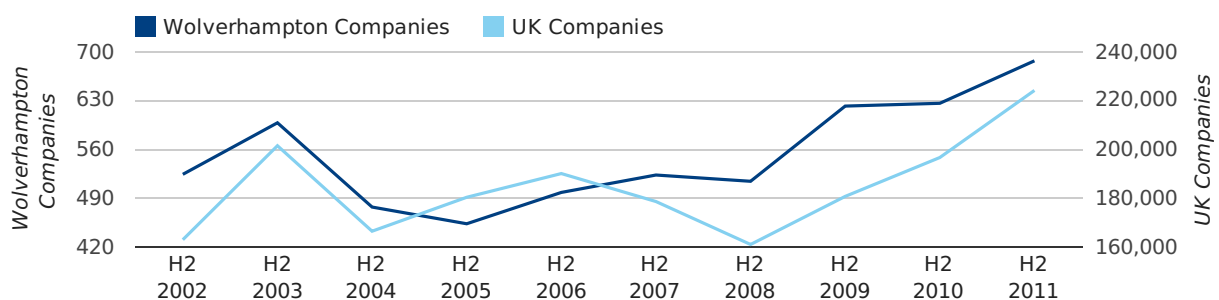
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Wolverhampton when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 687 companies were formed in Wolverhampton. This figure is 9.7% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Wolverhampton occurred in 2011 when a total of 687 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WOLVERHAMPTON	UK
2011	687	224,135
2010	626	196,609
% CHANGE	9.7%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (687)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

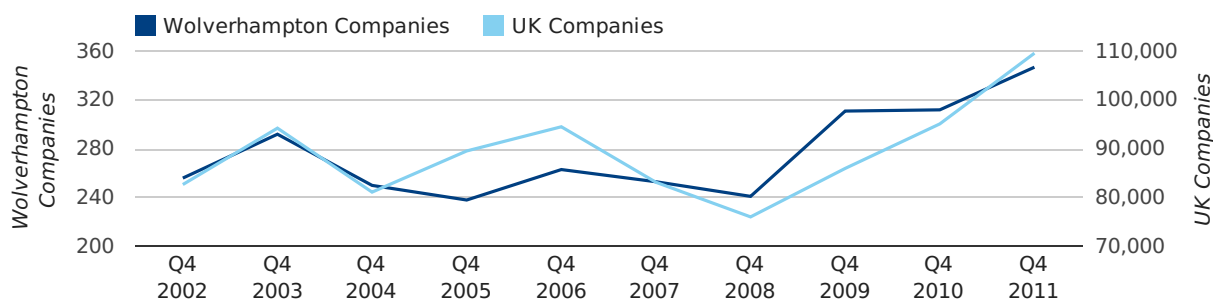
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Wolverhampton when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 347 companies were registered in Wolverhampton during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 11.2% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares badly 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)	WOLVERHAMPTON	UK
2011	347	109,623
2010	312	95,117
% CHANGE	11.2%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (347)	2011 (109,623)

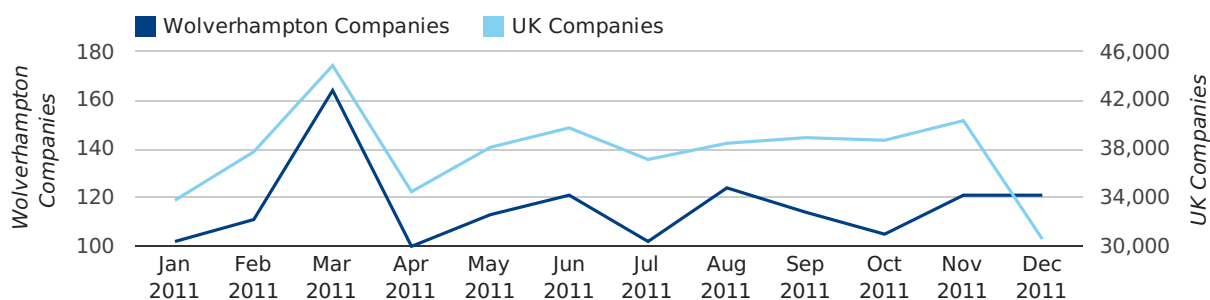
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	105	121	121
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	102	123	87
% CHANGE	2.9%	-1.6%	39.1%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (113)	2010 (123)	2011 (121)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 940 companies were dissolved in Wolverhampton in 2011. This total is 26.5% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	WOLVERHAMPTON	UK
2011	940	314,523
2010	1,279	342,232
2009	1,355	533,773
2008	651	237,901
2007	707	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,355)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



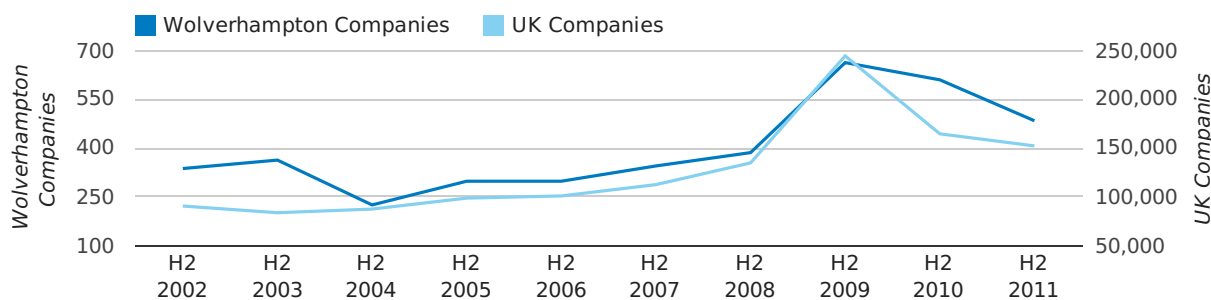
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 484 companies were dissolved in Wolverhampton. This figure is 20.7% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Wolverhampton occurred in 2009 when a total of 663 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WOLVERHAMPTON	UK
2011	484	152,213
2010	610	164,601
% CHANGE	-20.7%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (663)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



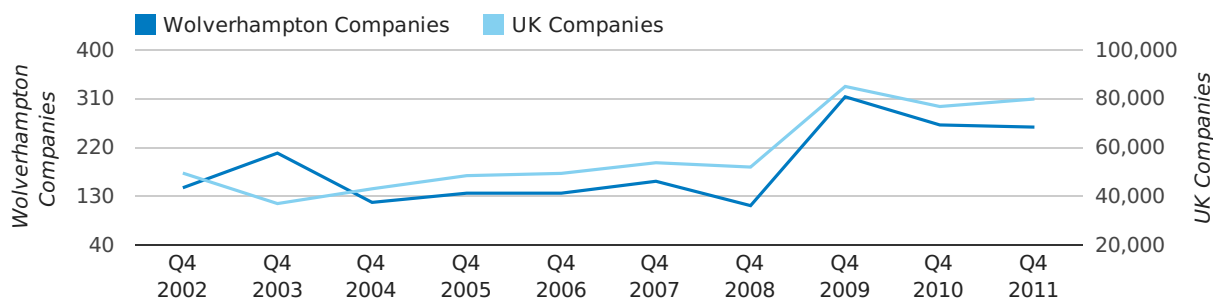
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 258 companies were dissolved in Wolverhampton during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease 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.

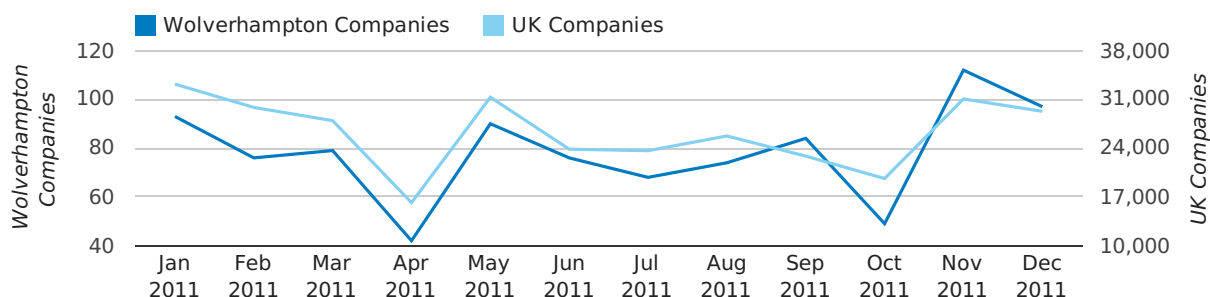
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WOLVERHAMPTON	UK
2011	258	79,983
2010	262	76,896
% CHANGE	-1.5%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (314)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	49	112	97
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	70	113	79
% CHANGE	-30.0%	-0.9%	23%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (91)	2003 (143)	2009 (136)

Annual Data (2011)

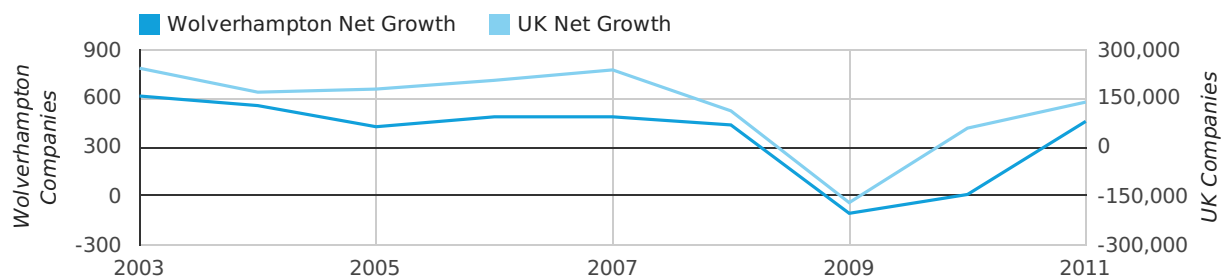
A total of 458 companies were added to the company register for Wolverhampton in 2011. This number represents growth of 35.6% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 450 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Wolverhampton company register grew by 614 companies.

YEAR	WOLVERHAMPTON	UK
2011	458	138,347
2010	8	58,126
2009	-108	-171,098
2008	436	111,302
2007	486	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (614)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

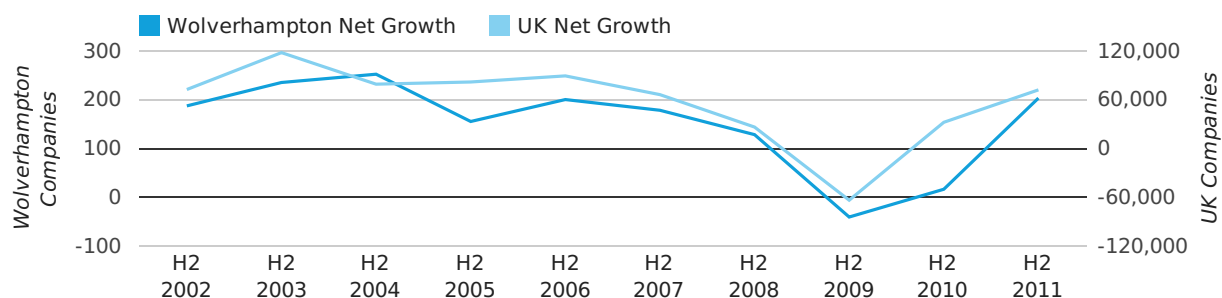


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Wolverhampton increased by 203 companies. This figure is 1,168.8% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WOLVERHAMPTON	UK
2011	203	71,922
2010	16	32,008
% CHANGE	1,168.8%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (252)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



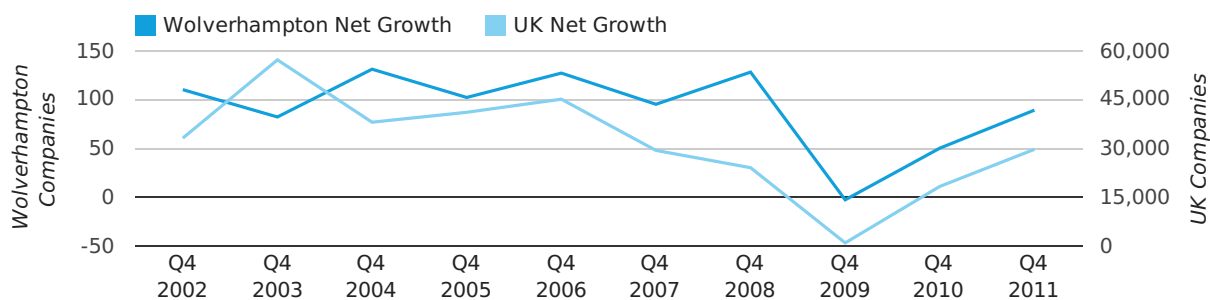
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Wolverhampton during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 89 companies.

This represents an increase of 78.0% on the same period last year.

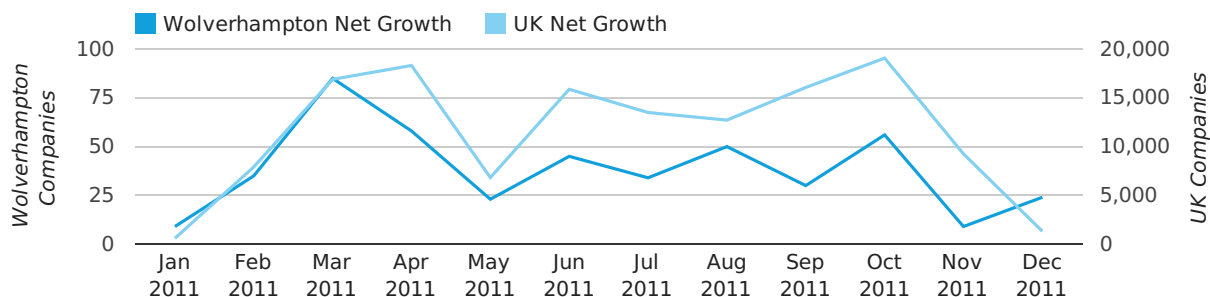
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WOLVERHAMPTON	UK
2011	89	29,640
2010	50	18,221
% CHANGE	78.0%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (131)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



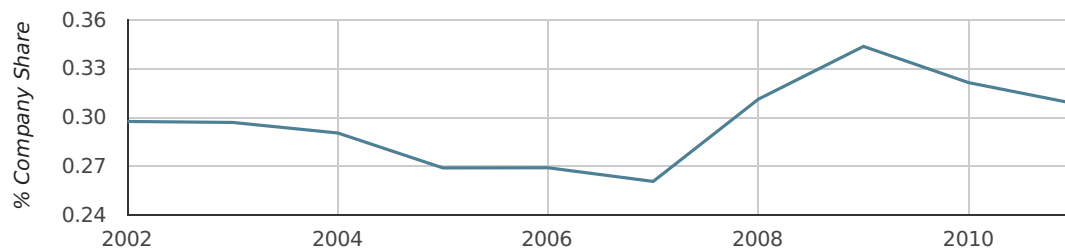
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	56	9	24
NET GROWTH IN 2010	32	10	8
% CHANGE	75.0%	-10.0%	200.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (88)	2008 (60)	2002 (46)

Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Wolverhampton formed 0.3% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Wolverhampton was responsible for 0.3% of all UK companies.

YEAR	WOLVERHAMPTON
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1963 (0.8%)

company share by year

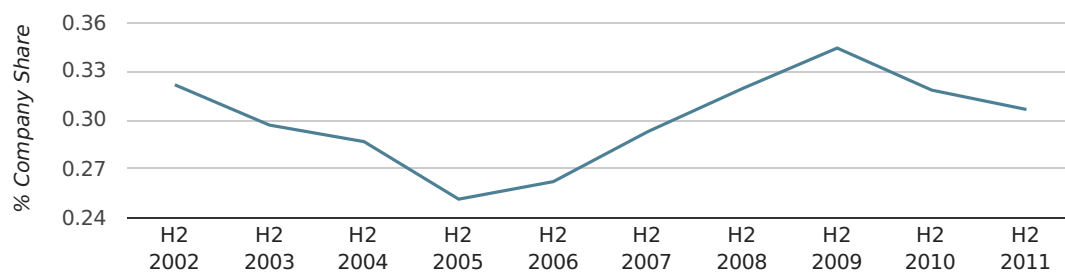


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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company share by half year

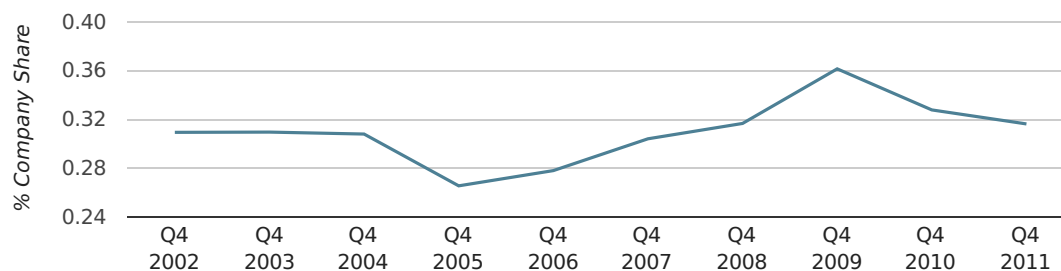


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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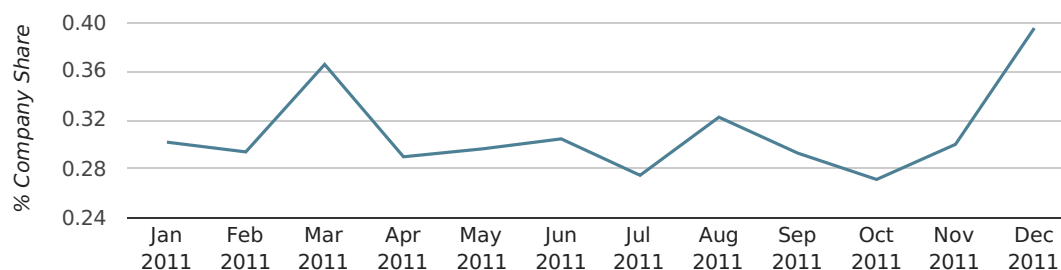
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WOLVERHAMPTON
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1963 (1.0%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
% CHANGE	-10.5%	-16.2%	23.4%
RECORD YEAR	1974 (1.0%)	1970 (1.4%)	1971 (1.2%)

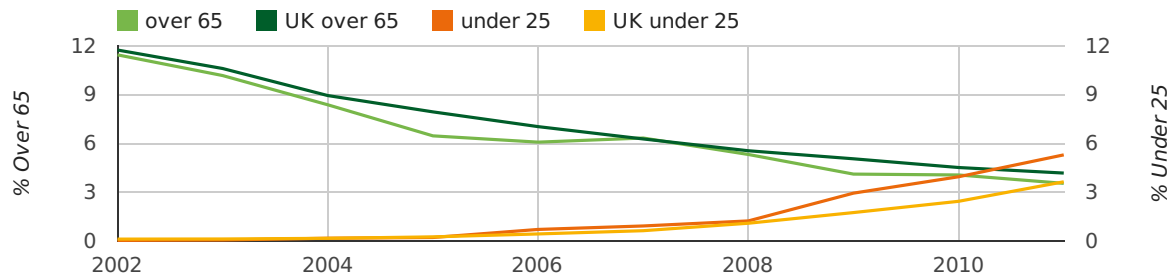
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 42.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



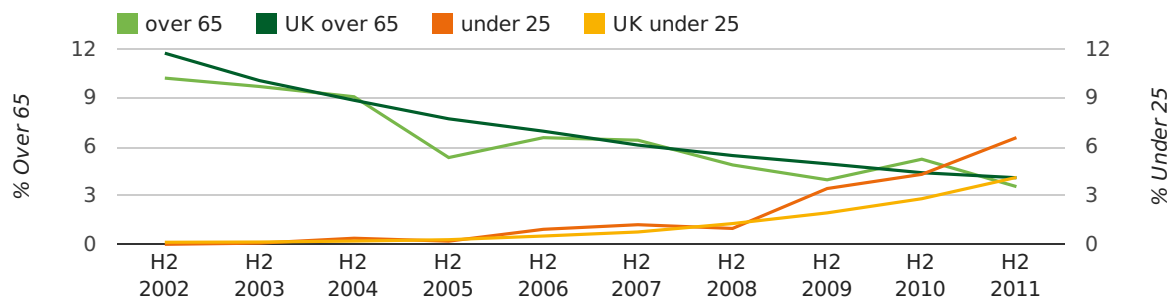
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 41.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

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director age by half year



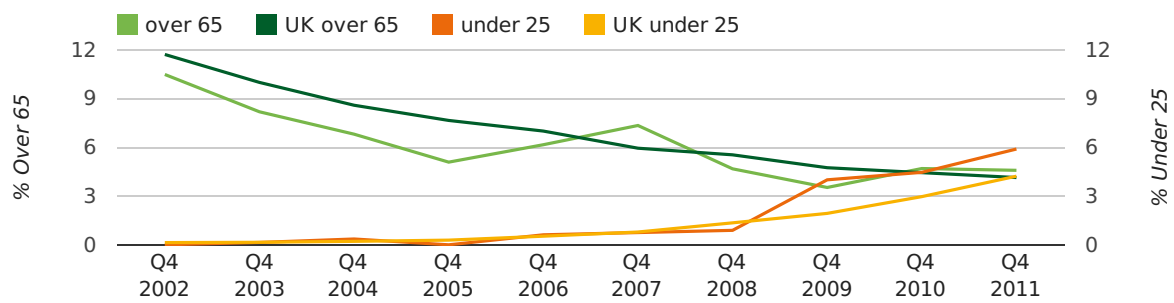
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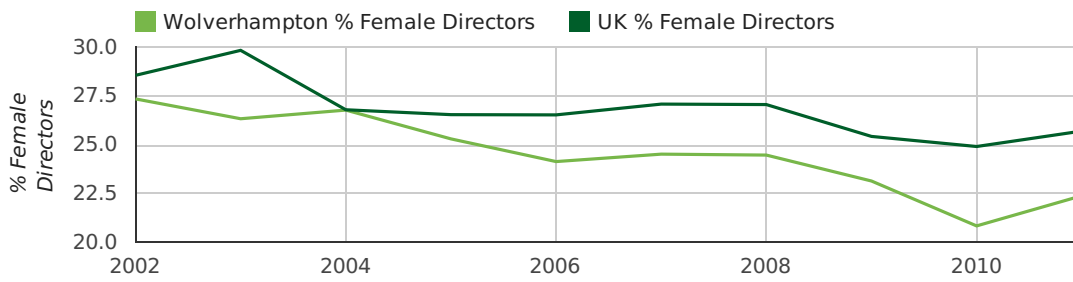


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Wolverhampton in 2011 was 27.4%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

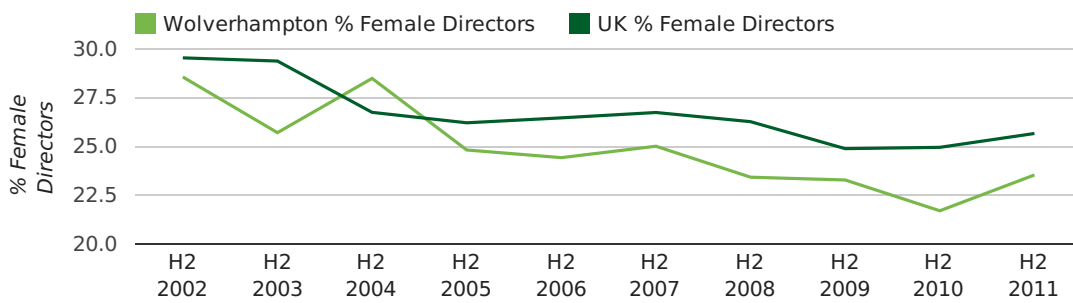


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

23.5% of all director appointments in Wolverhampton 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

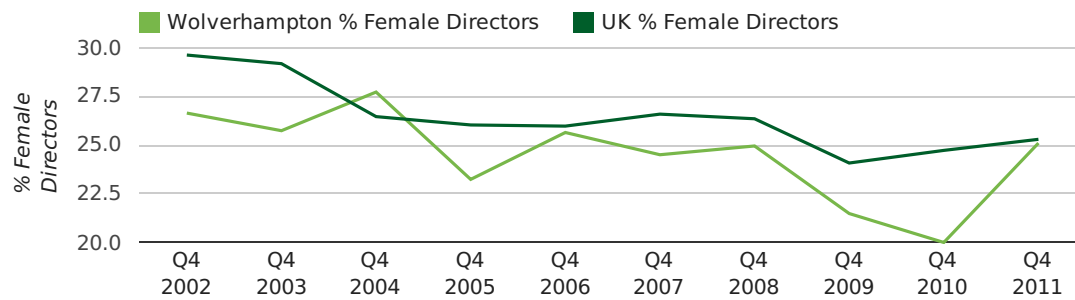


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

25.1% of all director appointments in Wolverhampton 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, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
CONSULTANCY	1.11%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.06%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	0.87%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
CONSTRUCTION	0.82%	PROPERTY	2.37%
J	0.77%	TRADING	2.07%
PROPERTIES	0.72%	DESIGN	1.92%
CARE	0.68%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
DESIGN	0.63%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
S	0.58%	BUSINESS	1.78%
P	0.58%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
TRAINING	0.58%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
WOLVERHAMPTON	0.58%	MEDIA	1.71%
(WOLVERHAMPTON)	0.53%	LONDON	1.63%
R	0.53%	J	1.51%
INTERNATIONAL	0.53%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
ASSOCIATES	0.53%	GLOBAL	1.46%
COMMUNITY	0.53%	IT	1.41%
M	0.53%	CARE	1.39%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.48%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
TRADING	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
SUPPLIES	0.48%	M	1.27%
ENTERPRISES	0.48%	BUILDING	1.26%
CONTRACTS	0.48%	ENERGY	1.25%
GLOBAL	0.43%	S	1.20%
MEDIA	0.43%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	722	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	142	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	66	32,483
9999 - Dormant Company	61	20,199
74990 - Non-trading company	56	8,929
99999 - Dormant Company	46	21,846
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	46	11,768
9305 - Other service activities	36	9,492
7499 - Non-trading company	35	9,957
86900 - Other human health activities	34	4,457
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	29	17,765
7414 - Business & management consultancy	24	13,034
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	24	8,671
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	24	7,398
62090 - Other information technology service activities	23	7,493
7260 - Other computer related activities	22	7,667
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	18	12,072
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	18	5,558
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	16	2,452
6024 - Freight transport by road	16	2,280