

Worcester

2011 annual business confidence report



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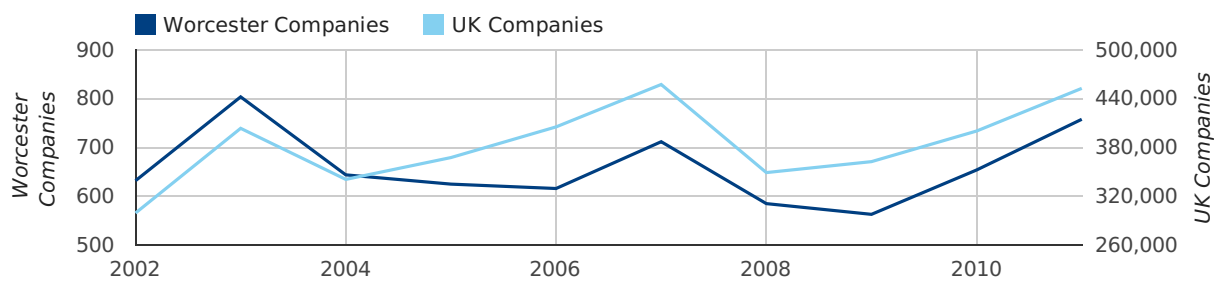
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Annual Data (2011)

A total of 758 companies were formed in Worcester in 2011. This total is 15.9% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	WORCESTER	UK
2011	758	452,870
2010	654	400,358
2009	563	362,675
2008	585	349,203
2007	712	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2003 (804)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



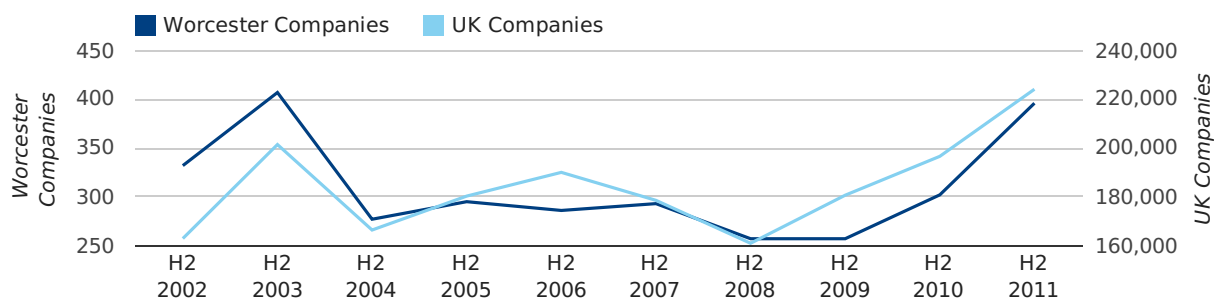
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 396 companies were formed in Worcester. This figure is 31.1% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Worcester occurred in 2003 when a total of 407 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WORCESTER	UK
2011	396	224,135
2010	302	196,609
% CHANGE	31.1%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (407)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



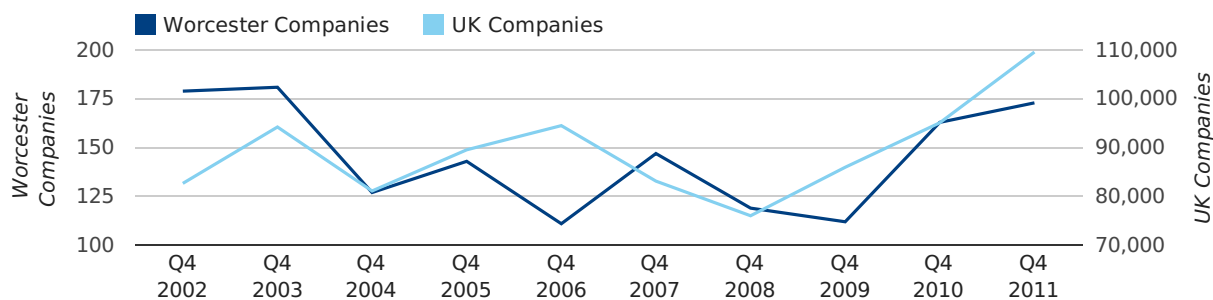
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 173 companies were registered in Worcester during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 6.1% 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.

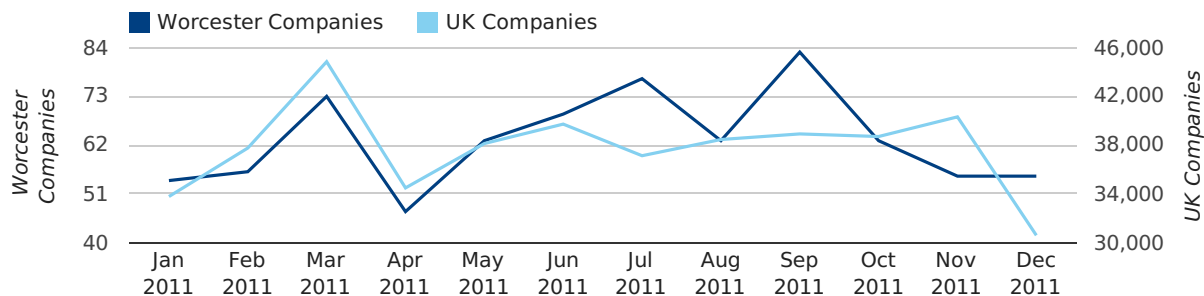
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WORCESTER	UK
2011	173	109,623
2010	163	95,117
% CHANGE	6.1%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (181)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	63	55	55
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	52	60	51
% CHANGE	21.2%	-8.3%	7.8%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (74)	2002 (74)	2005 (59)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 554 companies were dissolved in Worcester in 2011. This total is 24.0% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	WORCESTER	UK
2011	554	314,523
2010	729	342,232
2009	656	533,773
2008	327	237,901
2007	306	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2010 (729)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



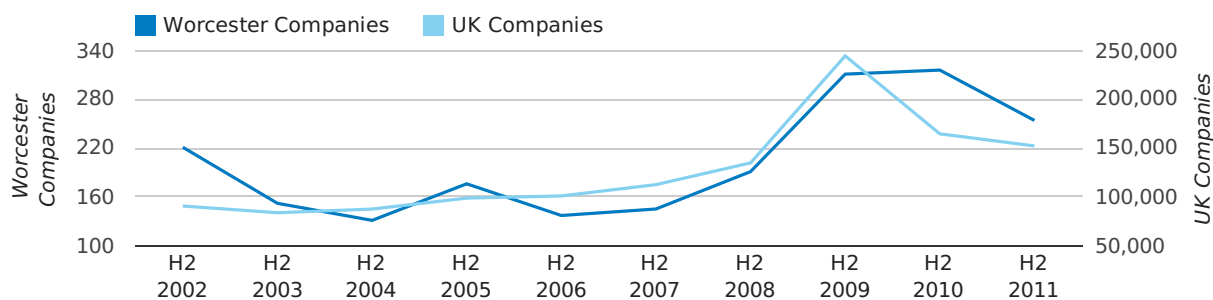
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 254 companies were dissolved in Worcester. This figure is 19.6% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Worcester occurred in 2010 when a total of 316 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WORCESTER	UK
2011	254	152,213
2010	316	164,601
% CHANGE	-19.6%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (316)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



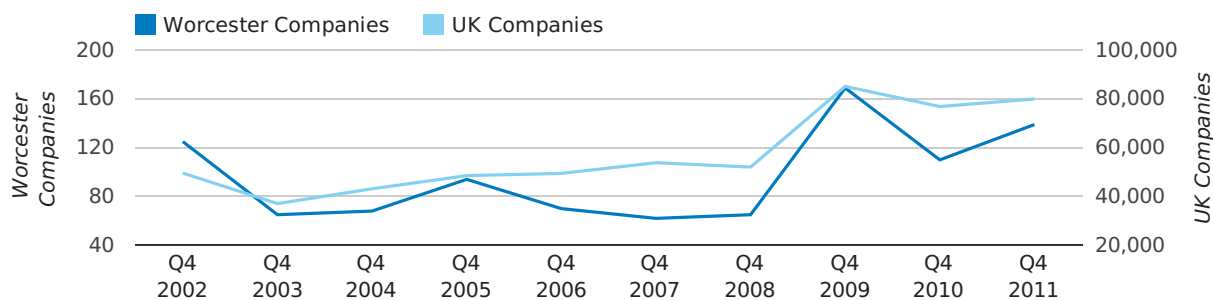
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

This figure is an increase of 26.4% 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.

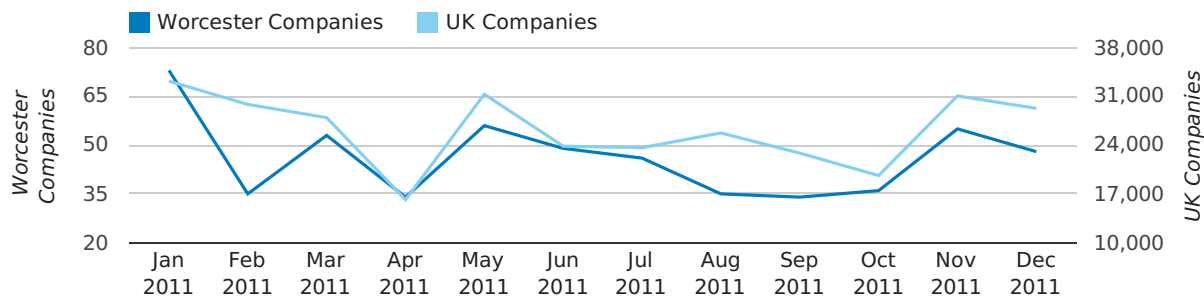
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WORCESTER	UK
2011	139	79,983
2010	110	76,896
% CHANGE	26.4%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (169)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	36	55	48
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	40	43	27
% CHANGE	-10.0%	27.9%	78%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (48)	2005 (60)	2009 (67)

Annual Data (2011)

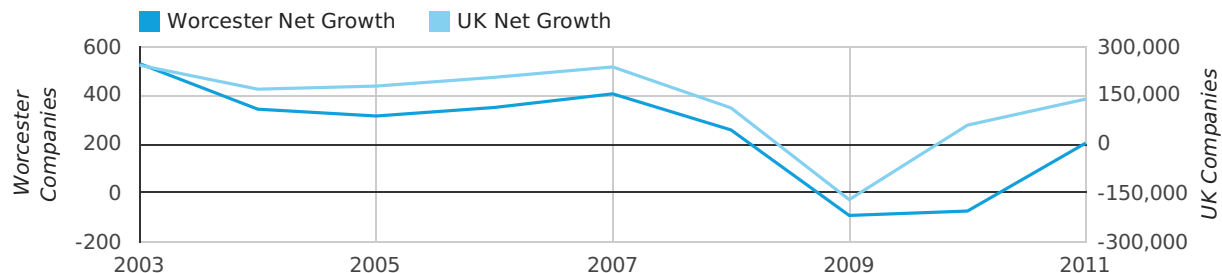
A total of 204 companies were added to the company register for Worcester in 2011. This number represents growth of 31.2% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 279 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Worcester company register grew by 530 companies.

YEAR	WORCESTER	UK
2011	204	138,347
2010	-75	58,126
2009	-93	-171,098
2008	258	111,302
2007	406	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (530)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

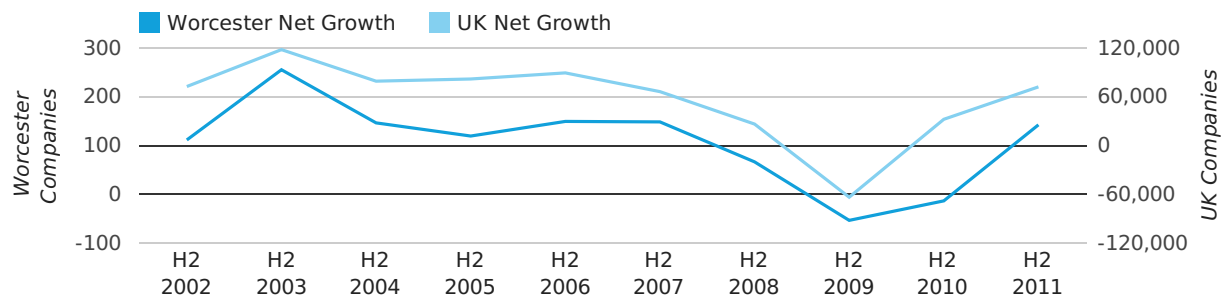


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Worcester increased by 142 companies. This figure is 1,114.3% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WORCESTER	UK
2011	142	71,922
2010	-14	32,008
% CHANGE	-1,114.3%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2000 (277)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



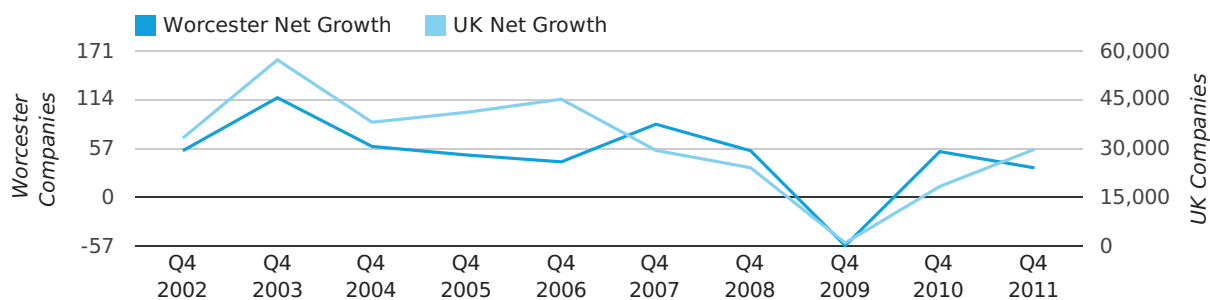
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Worcester during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 34 companies.

This represents a decrease of 35.8% on the same period last year.

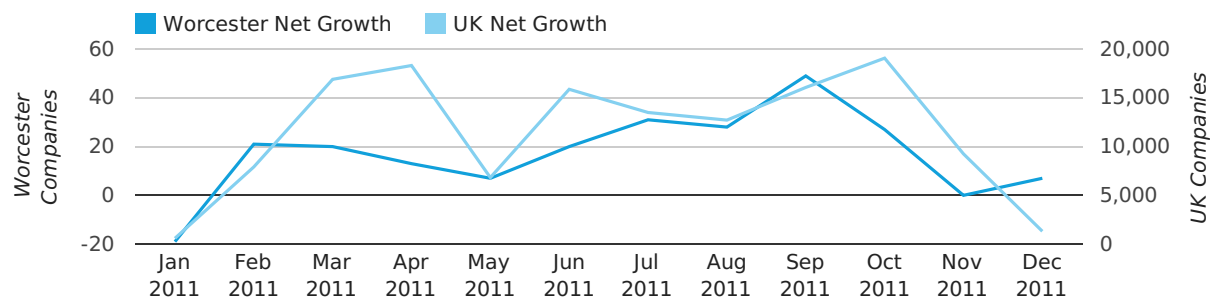
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WORCESTER	UK
2011	34	29,640
2010	53	18,221
% CHANGE	-35.8%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (116)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



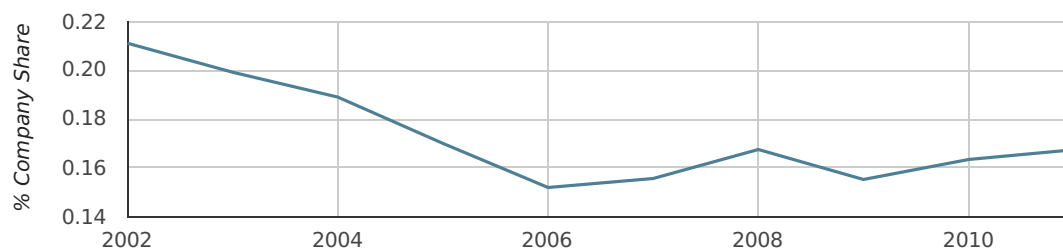
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	27	0	7
NET GROWTH IN 2010	12	17	24
% CHANGE	125.0%	-100.0%	-70.8%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (53)	2000 (52)	2003 (41)

Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	WORCESTER
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1975 (0.3%)

company share by year

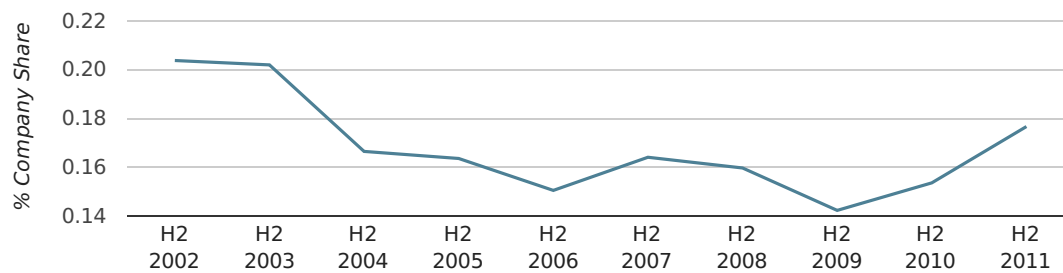


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Worcester formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.2%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WORCESTER
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1975 (0.4%)

company share by half year

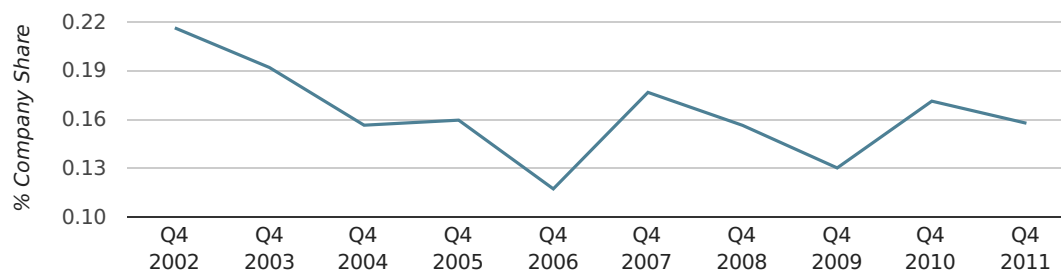


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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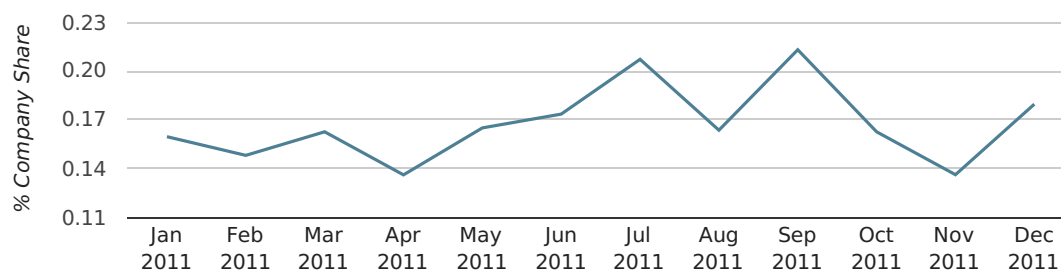
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company share by quarter



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	5.3%	-21.9%	-4.4%
RECORD YEAR	1960 (0.6%)	1965 (0.6%)	1968 (0.4%)

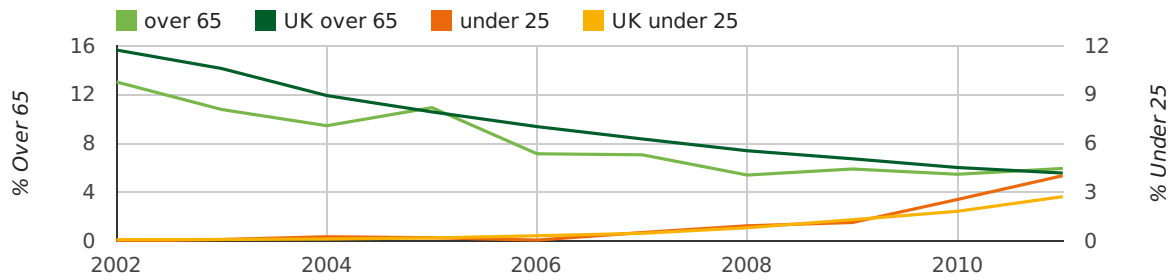
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 45.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



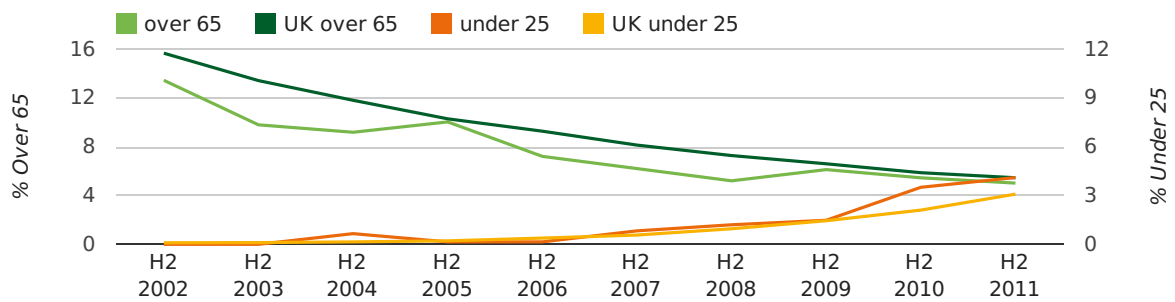
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 44.9.

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

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



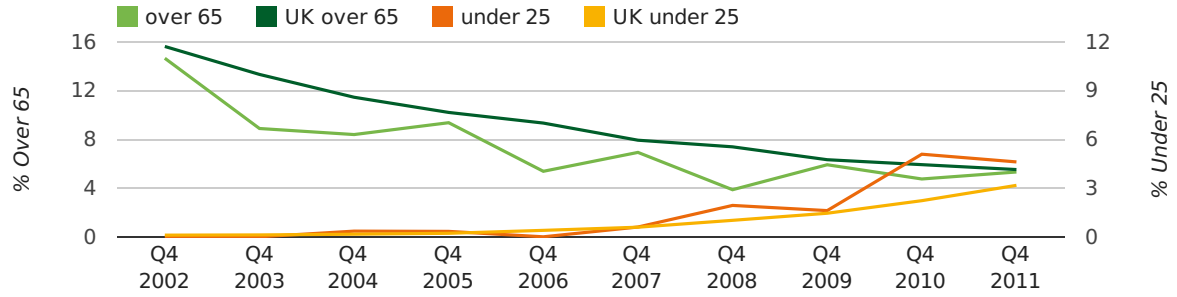
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director age by quarter

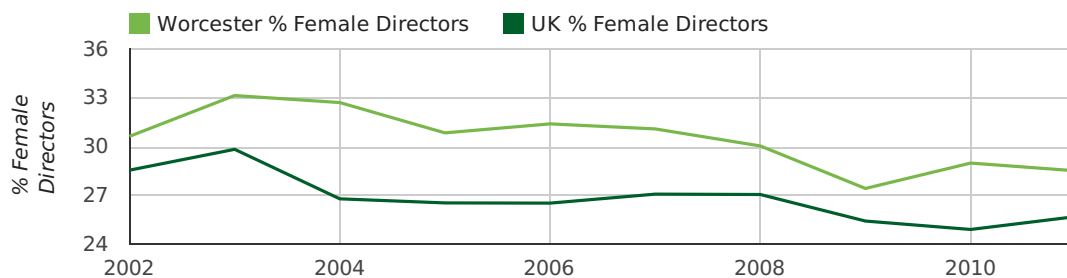


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Worcester in 2011 was 30.6%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

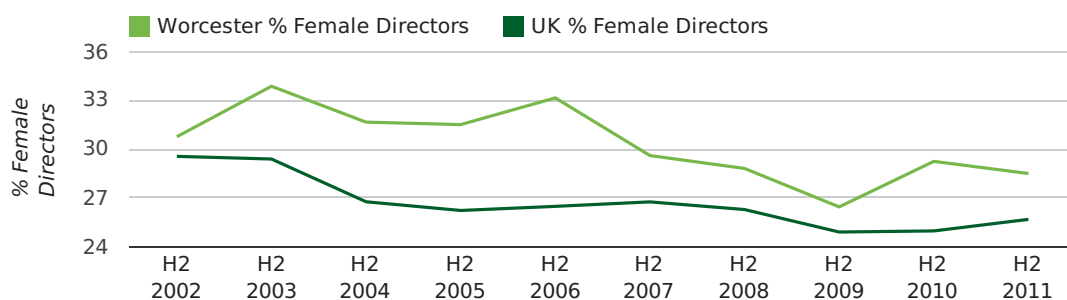


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

28.5% of all director appointments in Worcester 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

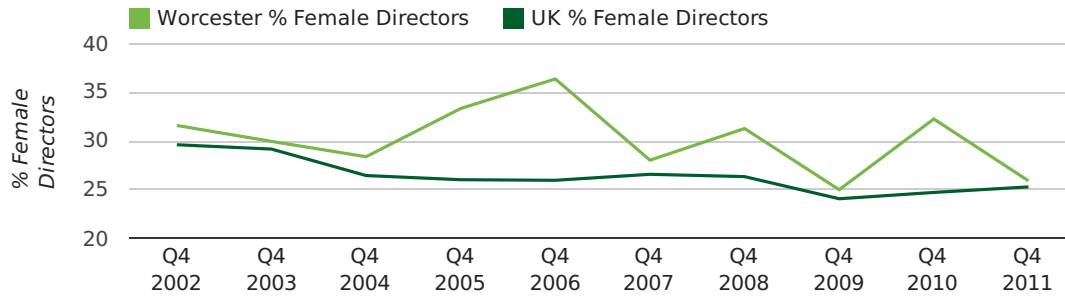


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

25.9% of all director appointments in Worcester 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
CONSULTING	1.43%	CONSULTING	5.07%
PROPERTY	1.19%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.19%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
WORCESTER	1.19%	PROPERTY	2.37%
ENTERPRISES	0.79%	TRADING	2.07%
CONSULTANCY	0.79%	DESIGN	1.92%
GLOBAL	0.72%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
(WORCESTER)	0.64%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
TRADING	0.64%	BUSINESS	1.78%
CARE	0.64%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ASSOCIATES	0.64%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
MEDIA	0.64%	MEDIA	1.71%
HOUSE	0.64%	LONDON	1.63%
DESIGN	0.56%	J	1.51%
CONSTRUCTION	0.56%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
BUSINESS	0.56%	GLOBAL	1.46%
TRAINING	0.48%	IT	1.41%
SCHOOL	0.48%	CARE	1.39%
SUPPLIES	0.48%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
AMENITY	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
INVESTMENTS	0.48%	M	1.27%
BUILDING	0.48%	BUILDING	1.26%
HC	0.48%	ENERGY	1.25%
MARKETING	0.40%	S	1.20%
SPORTS	0.40%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	244	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	60	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	51	32,483
99999 - Dormant Company	42	21,846
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	37	17,765
9999 - Dormant Company	34	20,199
7499 - Non-trading company	30	9,957
7414 - Business & management consultancy	26	13,034
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	25	12,072
74990 - Non-trading company	19	8,929
62090 - Other information technology service activities	14	7,493
7260 - Other computer related activities	13	7,667
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	13	11,768
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	12	8,671
78109 - Other activities of employment placement agencies	10	1,784
98000 - Residents property management	10	2,874
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	10	5,558
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	10	4,082
70100 - Activities of head offices	10	2,662
41202 - Construction of domestic buildings	9	2,598