

York

2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

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

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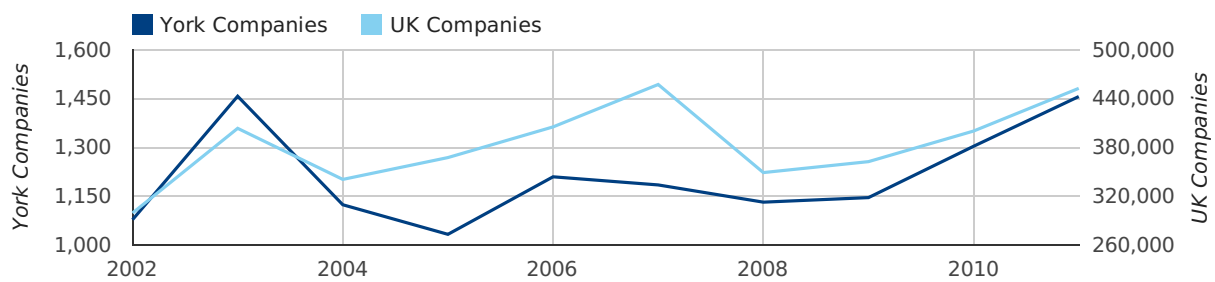
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Annual Data (2011)

A total of 1,457 companies were formed in York in 2011. This total is 11.7% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	YORK	UK
2011	1,457	452,870
2010	1,304	400,358
2009	1,146	362,675
2008	1,132	349,203
2007	1,185	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,458)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

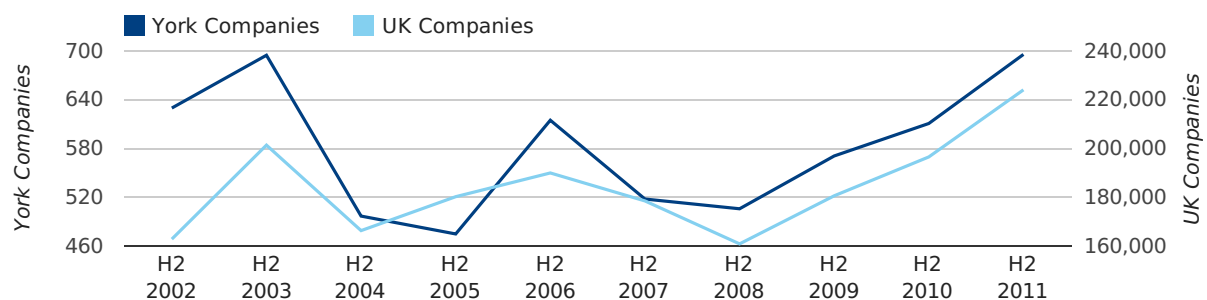
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in York when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 696 companies were formed in York. This figure is 13.9% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in York occurred in 2011 when a total of 696 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	YORK	UK
2011	696	224,135
2010	611	196,609
% CHANGE	13.9%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (696)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

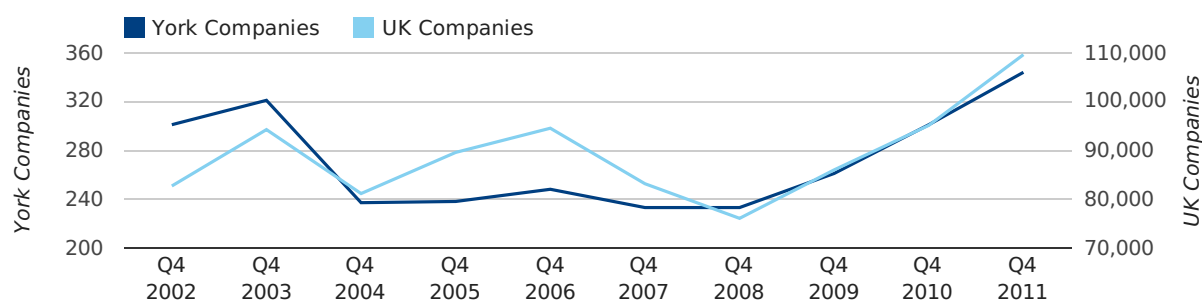
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in York when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 344 companies were registered in York during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 14.3% 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)	YORK	UK
2011	344	109,623
2010	301	95,117
% CHANGE	14.3%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (344)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter

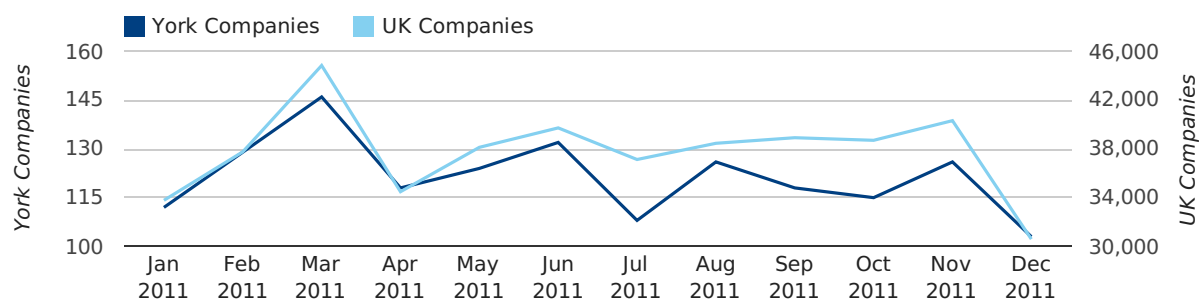


Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

October 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in York when compared to any previous October.

new companies by month



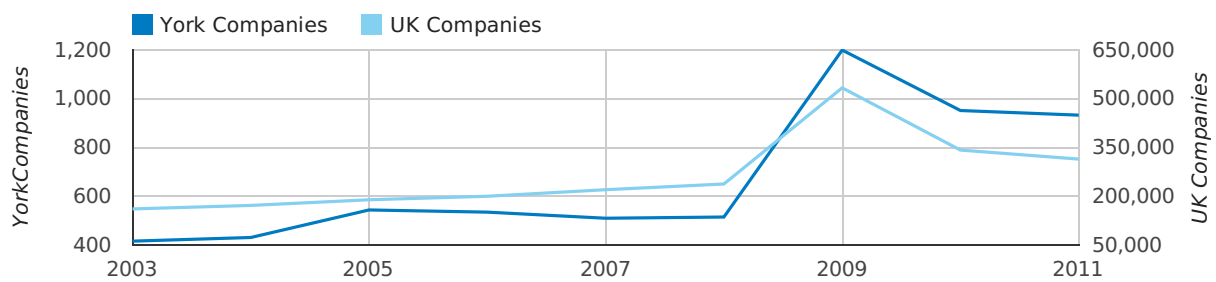
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	115	126	103
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	103	117	81
% CHANGE	11.7%	7.7%	27.2%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (115)	2011 (126)	2003 (105)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 933 companies were dissolved in York in 2011. This total is 2.0% lower than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	YORK	UK
2011	933	314,523
2010	952	342,232
2009	1,200	533,773
2008	515	237,901
2007	510	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,200)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



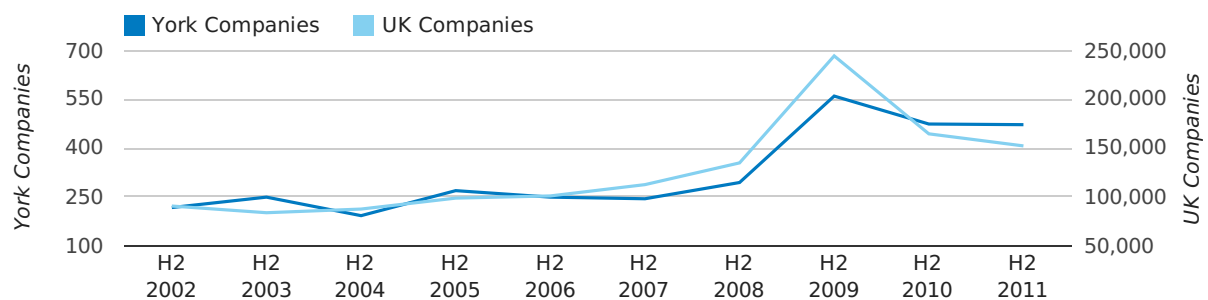
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 472 companies were dissolved in York. 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 York occurred in 2009 when a total of 560 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	YORK	UK
2011	472	152,213
2010	474	164,601
% CHANGE	-0.4%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (560)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



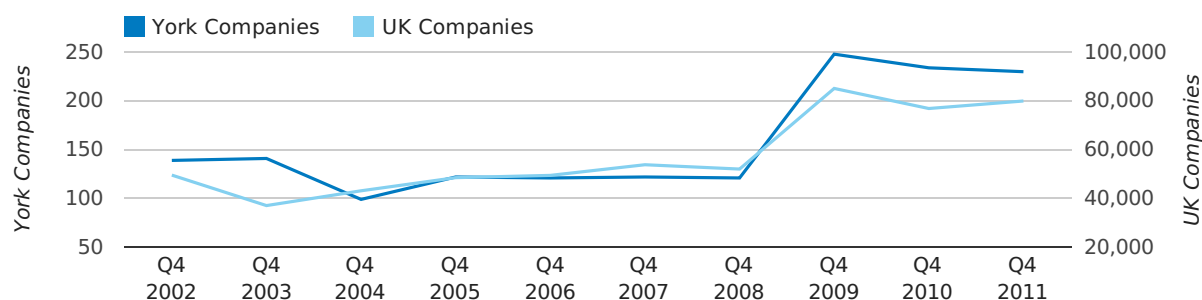
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 230 companies were dissolved in York during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 1.7% 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)	YORK	UK
2011	230	79,983
2010	234	76,896
% CHANGE	-1.7%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (248)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	62	84	84
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	96	96	42
% CHANGE	-35.4%	-12.5%	100%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (98)	2010 (96)	2009 (85)

Annual Data (2011)

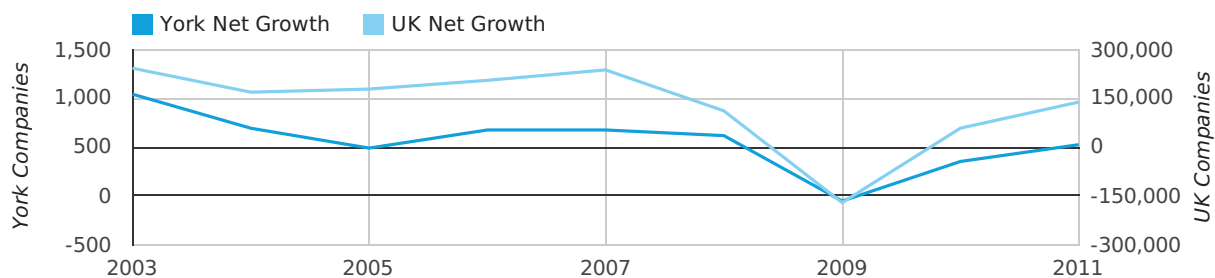
A total of 524 companies were added to the company register for York in 2011. This number represents growth of 40.2% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 172 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the York company register grew by 1,042 companies.

YEAR	YORK	UK
2011	524	138,347
2010	352	58,126
2009	-54	-171,098
2008	617	111,302
2007	675	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,042)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

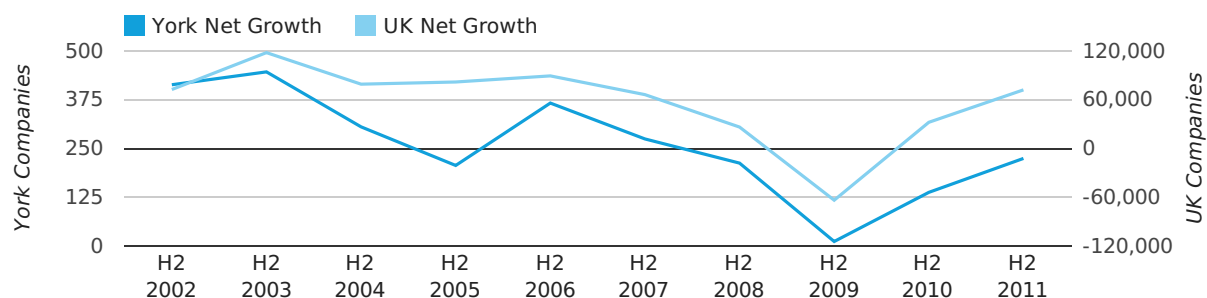


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for York increased by 224 companies. This figure is 63.5% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	YORK	UK
2011	224	71,922
2010	137	32,008
% CHANGE	63.5%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (446)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



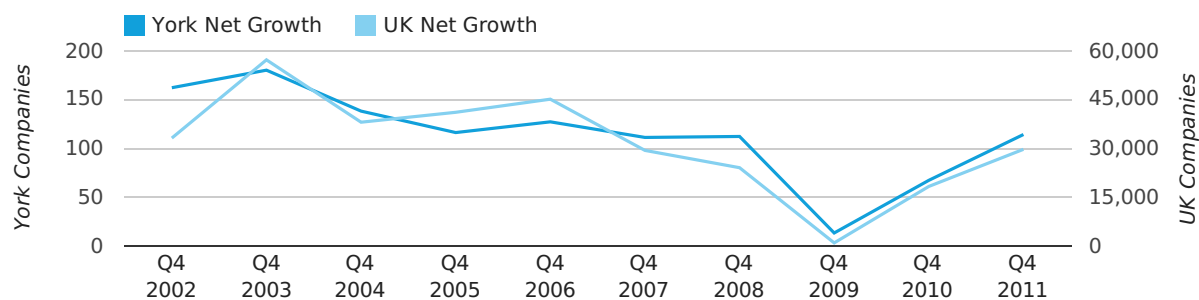
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for York during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 114 companies.

This represents an increase of 70.1% on the same period last year.

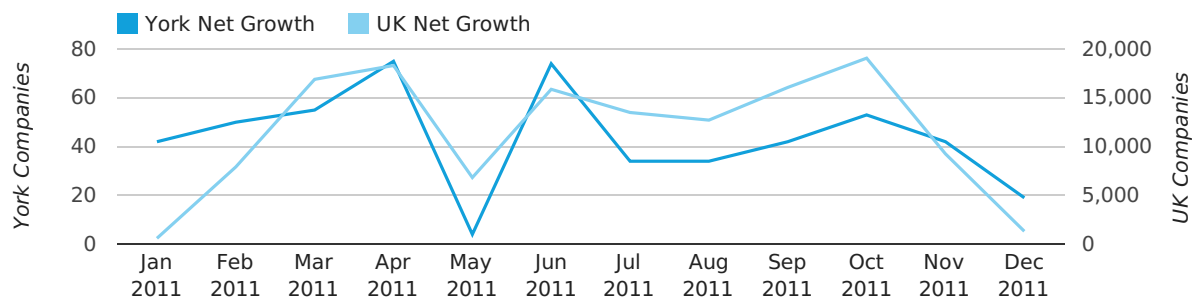
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	YORK	UK
2011	114	29,640
2010	67	18,221
% CHANGE	70.1%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (180)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



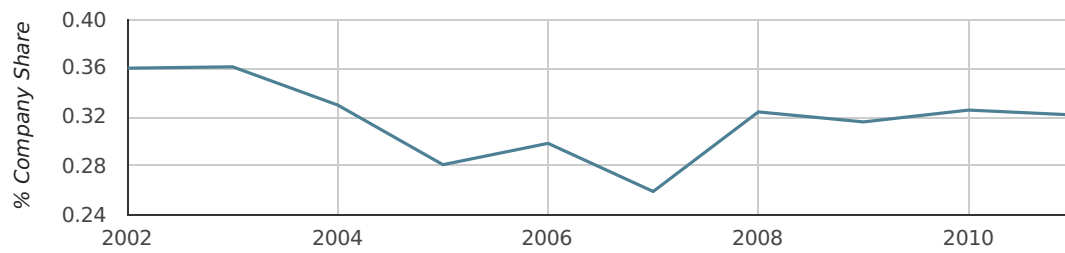
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	53	42	19
NET GROWTH IN 2010	7	21	39
% CHANGE	657.1%	100.0%	-51.3%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (74)	2003 (77)	2002 (61)

Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	YORK
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1980 (0.5%)

company share by year

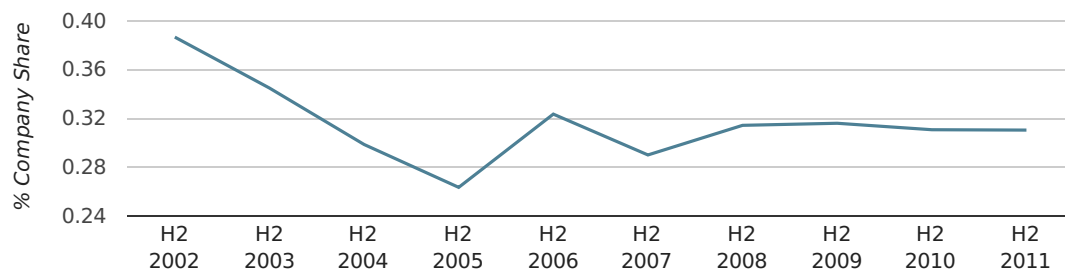


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 York formed 0.3% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.3%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	YORK
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1980 (0.6%)

company share by half year

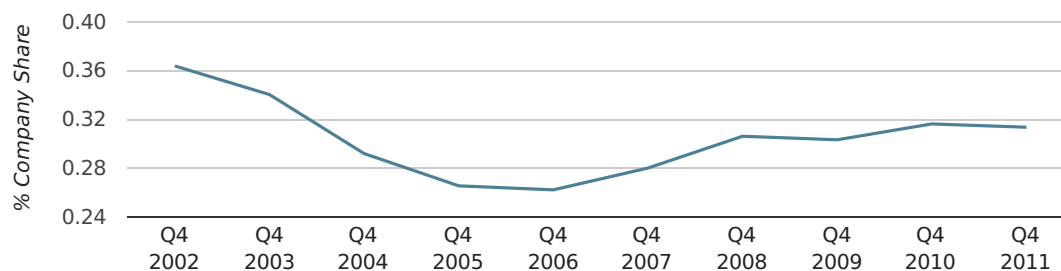


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, York formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

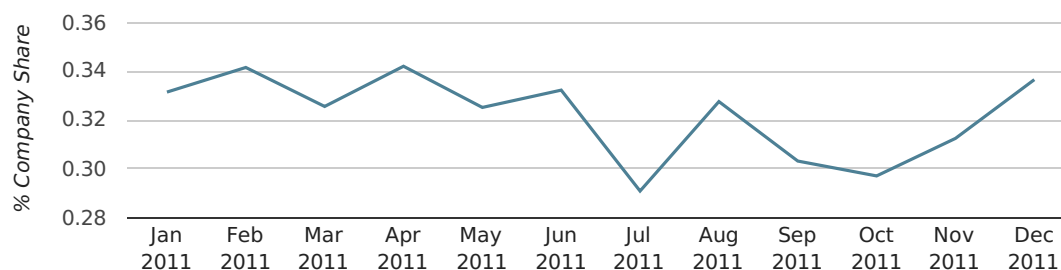
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	YORK
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.5%)

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%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
% CHANGE	-3.0%	-8.3%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	1980 (0.7%)	1961 (0.7%)	1968 (0.7%)

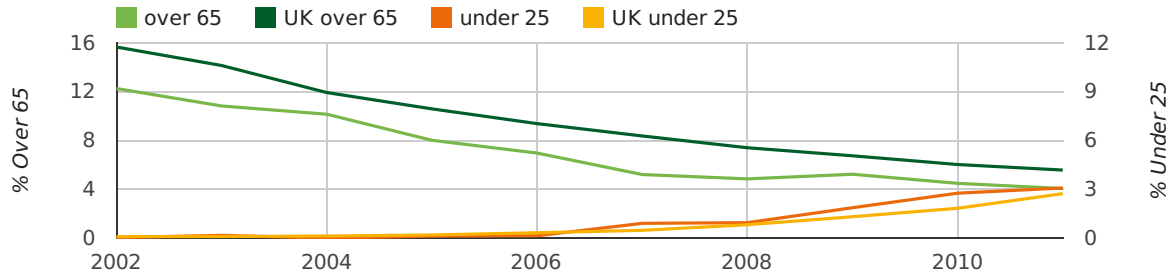
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 44.6.

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 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



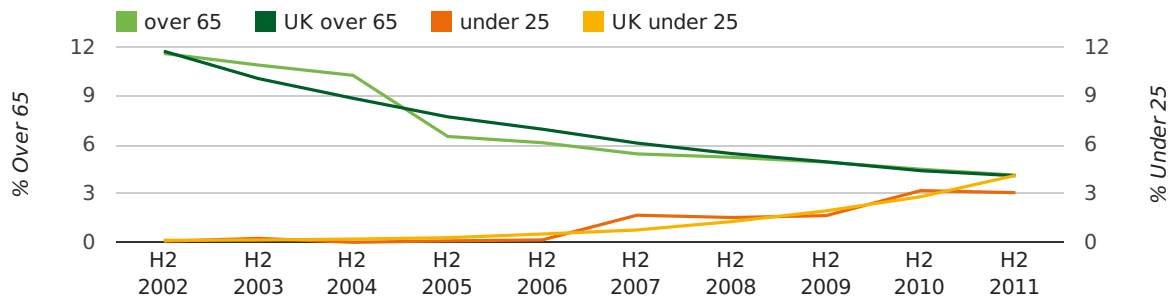
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 44.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

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

director age by half year



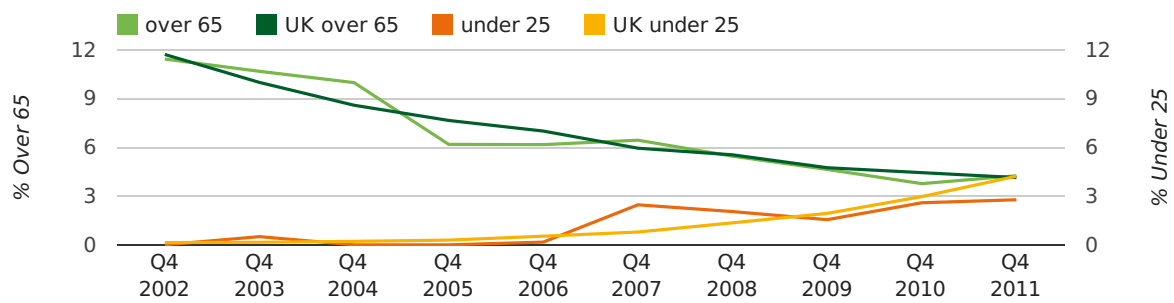
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 44.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

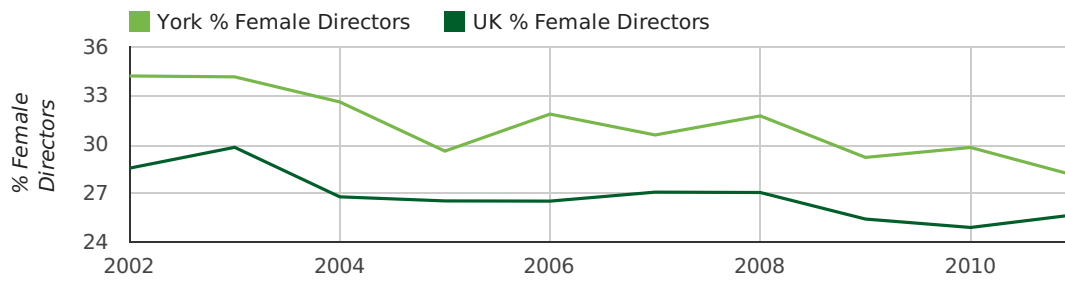


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in York in 2011 was 34.2%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

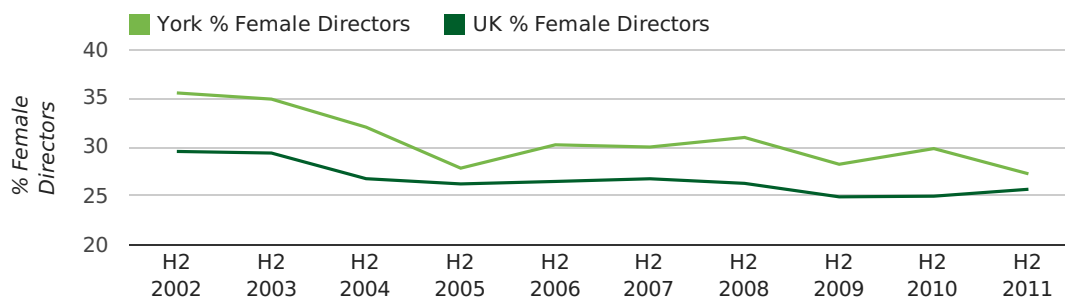


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

27.3% of all director appointments in York 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

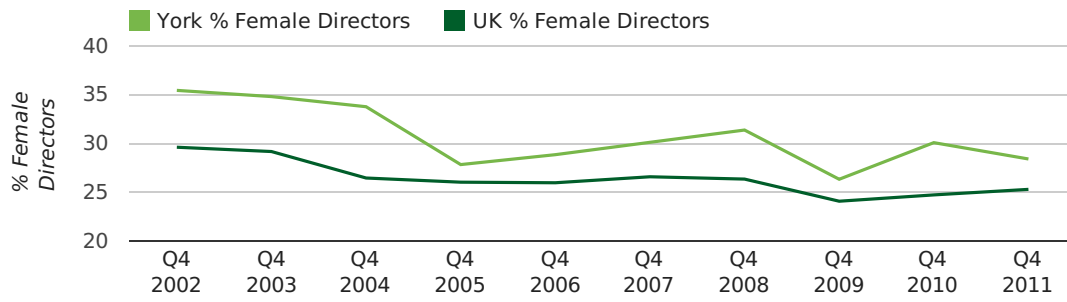


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

28.4% of all director appointments in York 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
YORK	3.43%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.90%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
(YORK)	1.62%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
CONSULTING	1.30%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSULTANCY	1.25%	TRADING	2.07%
J	0.88%	DESIGN	1.92%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.79%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
PROPERTY	0.69%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
BUSINESS	0.69%	BUSINESS	1.78%
ELECTRICAL	0.65%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
MEDIA	0.60%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
DESIGN	0.60%	MEDIA	1.71%
MINSTER	0.56%	LONDON	1.63%
JOINERY	0.51%	J	1.51%
PROJECT	0.51%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
C	0.51%	GLOBAL	1.46%
HOUSE	0.46%	IT	1.41%
CONSTRUCTION	0.46%	CARE	1.39%
ASSOCIATES	0.46%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
ENERGY	0.46%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
TRADING	0.46%	M	1.27%
YORKSHIRE	0.46%	BUILDING	1.26%
BLACK	0.42%	ENERGY	1.25%
G	0.42%	S	1.20%
HUB	0.42%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	525	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	125	57,052
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	88	17,765
9999 - Dormant Company	73	20,199
99999 - Dormant Company	68	21,846
7414 - Business & management consultancy	62	13,034
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	60	32,483
7499 - Non-trading company	40	9,957
98000 - Residents property management	35	2,874
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	34	11,768
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	32	12,072
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	29	8,671
7260 - Other computer related activities	27	7,667
41100 - Development of building projects	27	4,331
74990 - Non-trading company	26	8,929
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	25	3,633
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	24	5,558
62090 - Other information technology service activities	22	7,493
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	18	3,194
56302 - Public houses and bars	18	2,308