Bexley

2011 annual business confidence report





headlines

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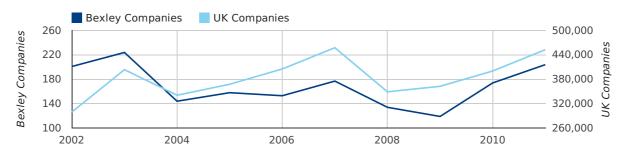
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A total of 204 companies were formed in Bexley in 2011. This total is 17.2% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

| YEAR | BEXLEY | UK |
|-------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 204 | 452,870 |
| 2010 | 174 | 400,358 |
| 2009 | 119 | 362,675 |
| 2008 | 134 | 349,203 |
| 2007 | 177 | 457,649 |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (224) | 2007 (457,649) |

new companies by year



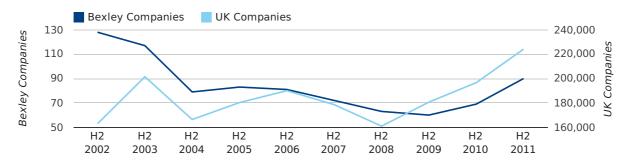
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 90 companies were formed in Bexley. This figure is 30.4% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Bexley occurred in 2002 when a total of 128 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | BEXLEY | UK |
|---------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 90 | 224,135 |
| 2010 | 69 | 196,609 |
| % CHANGE | 30.4% | 14.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2002 (128) | 2011 (224,135) |

new companies by half year

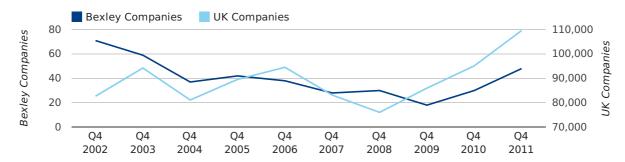


A total of 48 companies were registered in Bexley during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 60.0% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares well 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) | BEXLEY | UK |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 2011 | 48 | 109,623 |
| 2010 | 30 | 95,117 |
| % CHANGE | 60.0% | 15.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2002 (71) | 2011 (109,623) |

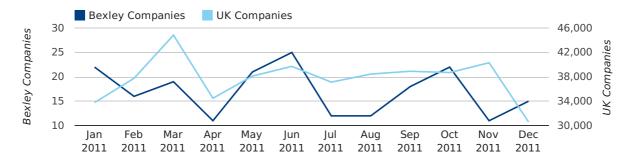
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

new companies by month

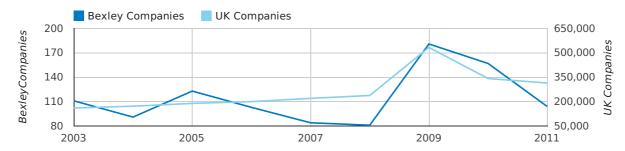


| | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 22 | 11 | 15 |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2010 | 13 | 12 | 5 |
| % CHANGE | 69.2% | -8.3% | 200.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (25) | 2002 (39) | 2011 (15) |

A total of 104 companies were dissolved in Bexley in 2011. This total is 33.8% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

| YEAR | BEXLEY | UK |
|-------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 104 | 314,523 |
| 2010 | 157 | 342,232 |
| 2009 | 181 | 533,773 |
| 2008 | 81 | 237,901 |
| 2007 | 84 | 220,295 |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (181) | 2009 (533,773) |

dissolved companies by year



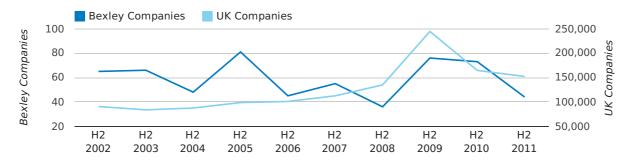
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 44 companies were dissolved in Bexley. This figure is 39.7% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Bexley occurred in 2005 when a total of 81 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | BEXLEY | UK |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 2011 | 44 | 152,213 |
| 2010 | 73 | 164,601 |
| % CHANGE | -39.7% | -7.5% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2005 (81) | 2009 (244,537) |

dissolved companies by half year

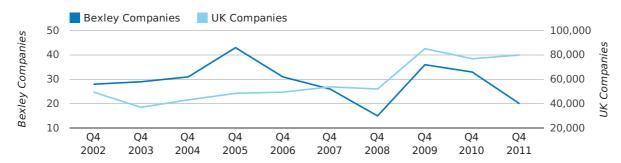


A total of 20 companies were dissolved in Bexley during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 39.4% 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.

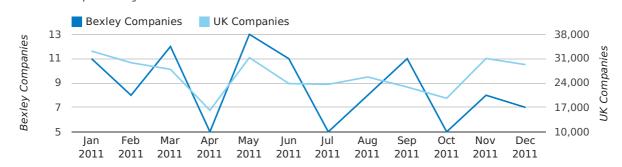
| FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011) | BEXLEY | UK |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| 2011 | 20 | 79,983 |
| 2010 | 33 | 76,896 |
| % CHANGE | -39.4% | 4.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2005 (43) | 2009 (85,136) |

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



| | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 5 | 8 | 7 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010 | 12 | 15 | 6 |
| % CHANGE | -58.3% | -46.7% | 17% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2005 (16) | 2004 (18) | 2009 (19) |

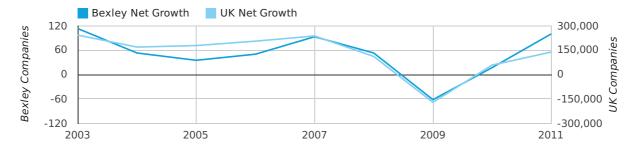
A total of 100 companies were added to the company register for Bexley in 2011. This number represents growth of 57.5% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 83 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Bexley company register grew by 113 companies.

| YEAR | BEXLEY | UK |
|-------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 100 | 138,347 |
| 2010 | 17 | 58,126 |
| 2009 | -62 | -171,098 |
| 2008 | 53 | 111,302 |
| 2007 | 93 | 237,354 |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (113) | 2003 (242,543) |

net growth by year

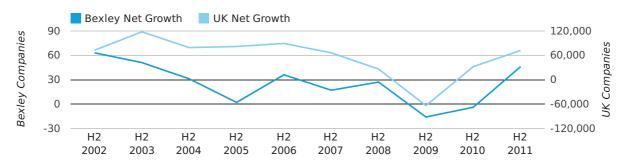


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Bexley increased by 46 companies. This figure is 1,250.0% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | BEXLEY | UK |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 2011 | 46 | 71,922 |
| 2010 | -4 | 32,008 |
| % CHANGE | -1,250.0% | 124.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2002 (63) | 2003 (117,772) |

net growth by half year

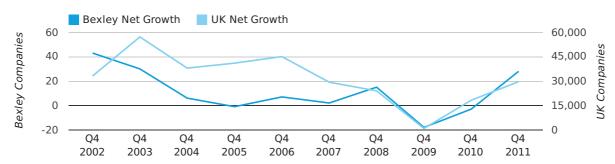


Net company growth for Bexley during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 28 companies.

This represents an increase of 1,033.3% on the same period last year.

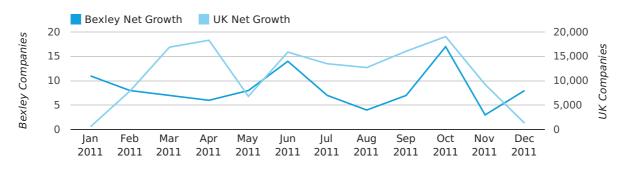
| FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011) | BEXLEY | UK |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| 2011 | 28 | 29,640 |
| 2010 | -3 | 18,221 |
| % CHANGE | -1,033.3% | 62.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2002 (43) | 2003 (57,175) |

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month

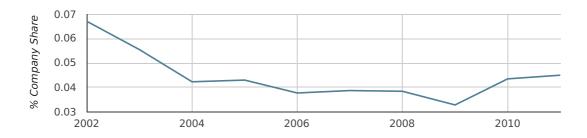


| | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 17 | 3 | 8 |
| NET GROWTH IN 2010 | 1 | -3 | -1 |
| % CHANGE | 1,600.0% | -200.0% | -900.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (19) | 2002 (28) | 2004 (9) |

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

| YEAR | BEXLEY |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.0% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.0% |
| 2008 | 0.0% |
| 2007 | 0.0% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 2002 (0.1%) |

company share by year

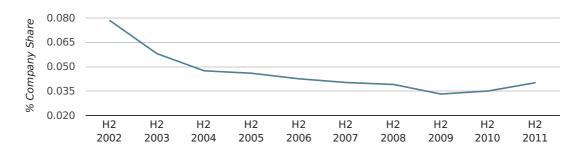


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | BEXLEY |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.0% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.0% |
| 2008 | 0.0% |
| 2007 | 0.0% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 2002 (0.1%) |

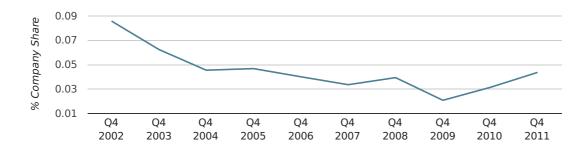
company share by half year



In the fourth quarter of 2011, Bexley formed 0.0% of all UK companies.

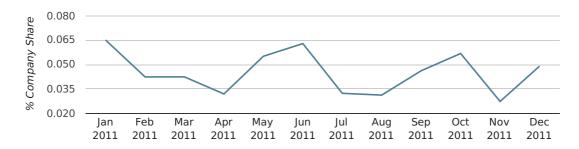
| FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011) | BEXLEY |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.0% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.0% |
| 2008 | 0.0% |
| 2007 | 0.0% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 2002 (0.1%) |

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



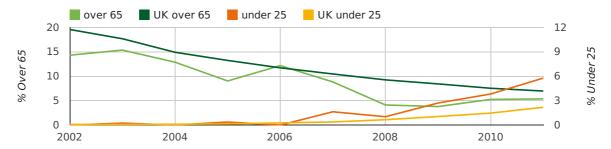
| | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| % CHANGE | 47.2% | -21.8% | 166.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1969 (0.2%) | 1968 (0.2%) | 1961 (0.2%) |

The average age of a director in 2011 was 43.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



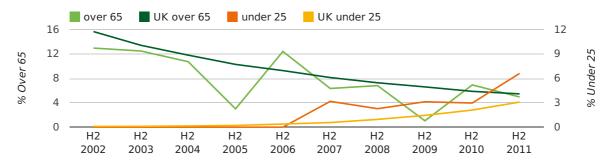
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 42.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.6% 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

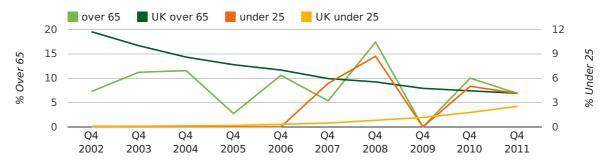


The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 42.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

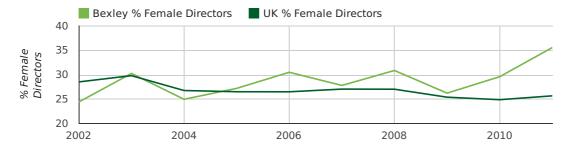
director age by quarter



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

The percentage of female directors in Bexley in 2011 was 24.5%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

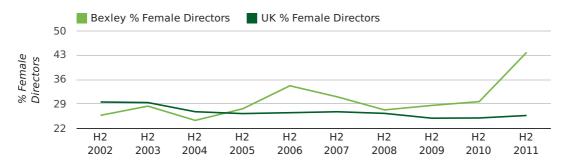


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

43.8% of all director appointments in Bexley 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

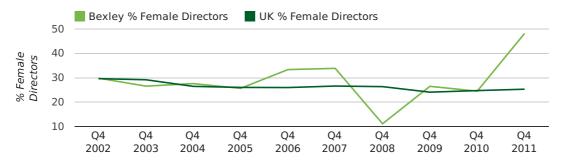


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The record fourth quarter for female directors in Bexley was in 1977 when 31.1% of all directors were female.

48.2% of all director appointments in Bexley 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 |
|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| CONSULTANCY | 1.44% | CONSULTING | 5.07% |
| PROPERTIES | 1.20% | MANAGEMENT | 4.74% |
| PROPERTY | 1.20% | CONSULTANCY | 3.26% |
| J | 0.96% | PROPERTY | 2.37% |
| SUMMER'S | 0.96% | TRADING | 2.07% |
| ELITE | 0.96% | DESIGN | 1.92% |
| М | 0.96% | ASSOCIATES | 1.86% |
| GIRLS | 0.96% | ENGINEERING | 1.78% |
| CREATIVE | 0.72% | BUSINESS | 1.78% |
| SALES | 0.72% | CONSULTANTS | 1.76% |
| ELECTRICAL | 0.72% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.73% |
| PRINT | 0.72% | MEDIA | 1.71% |
| MANAGEMENT | 0.72% | LONDON | 1.63% |
| HEATING | 0.72% | J | 1.51% |
| PLUMBING | 0.72% | INVESTMENTS | 1.48% |
| DIRECT | 0.72% | GLOBAL | 1.46% |
| DEVELOPMENTS | 0.72% | IT | 1.41% |
| MEDIA | 0.72% | CARE | 1.39% |
| 1 | 0.72% | PROPERTIES | 1.29% |
| BEXLEY | 0.72% | ELECTRICAL | 1.29% |
| TOURS | 0.48% | М | 1.27% |
| FOR | 0.48% | BUILDING | 1.26% |
| CONTRACTS | 0.48% | ENERGY | 1.25% |
| SECRETARIAL | 0.48% | S | 1.20% |
| IT | 0.48% | 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 | 52 | 205,525 |
| 7487 - Other business activities | 27 | 57,052 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 19 | 32,483 |
| 99999 - Dormant Company | 9 | 21,846 |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management | 9 | 17,765 |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified | 9 | 11,768 |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy | 7 | 13,034 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 7 | 20,199 |
| 43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation | 6 | 2,372 |
| 9305 - Other service activities | 5 | 9,492 |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities | 5 | 12,072 |
| 61900 - Other telecommunications activities | 4 | 1,386 |
| 43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified | 4 | 3,342 |
| 7499 - Non-trading company | 4 | 9,957 |
| 41100 - Development of building projects | 4 | 4,331 |
| 7222 - Other software consultancy and supply | 4 | 7,398 |
| 74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified | 3 | 8,671 |
| 7260 - Other computer related activities | 3 | 7,667 |
| 70221 - Financial management | 3 | 1,014 |
| 69202 - Bookkeeping activities | 3 | 1,035 |