Bexleyheath

2011 annual business confidence report





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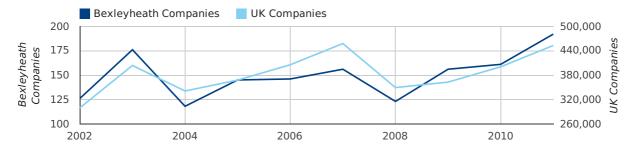


2011 was a record year for company registrations in Bexleyheath when compared to any year in history.

A total of 192 companies were formed in Bexleyheath in 2011. This total is 19.3% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

| YEAR | BEXLEYHEATH | UK |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 192 | 452,870 |
| 2010 | 161 | 400,358 |
| 2009 | 156 | 362,675 |
| 2008 | 123 | 349,203 |
| 2007 | 156 | 457,649 |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (192) | 2007 (457,649) |

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 82 companies were formed in Bexleyheath. This figure is 7.9% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Bexleyheath occurred in 2009 when a total of 84 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | BEXLEYHEATH | UK |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 82 | 224,135 |
| 2010 | 76 | 196,609 |
| % CHANGE | 7.9% | 14.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (84) | 2011 (224,135) |

new companies by half year

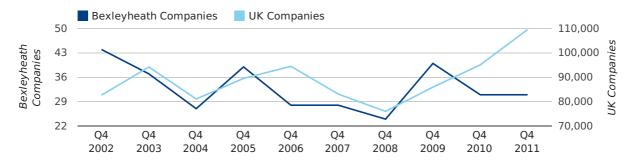


A total of 31 companies were registered in Bexleyheath during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a difference of 0.0% 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.

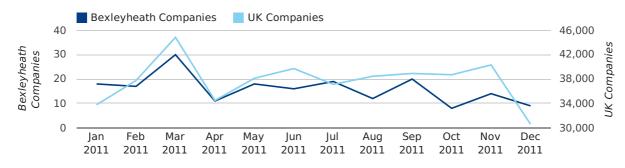
| FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011) | BEXLEYHEATH | UK |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 31 | 109,623 |
| 2010 | 31 | 95,117 |
| % CHANGE | 0.0% | 15.3% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2002 (44) | 2011 (109,623) |

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

new companies by month

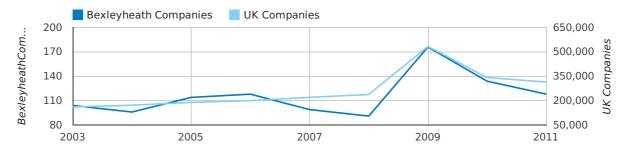


| | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 8 | 14 | 9 |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2010 | 11 | 17 | 3 |
| % CHANGE | -27.3% | -17.6% | 200.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2002 (20) | 2010 (17) | 2005 (14) |

A total of 118 companies were dissolved in Bexleyheath in 2011. This total is 11.9% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

| YEAR | BEXLEYHEATH | UK |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 118 | 314,523 |
| 2010 | 134 | 342,232 |
| 2009 | 176 | 533,773 |
| 2008 | 91 | 237,901 |
| 2007 | 99 | 220,295 |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (176) | 2009 (533,773) |

dissolved companies by year



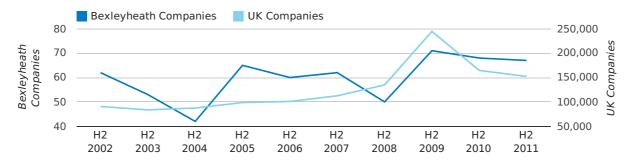
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 67 companies were dissolved in Bexleyheath. This figure is 1.5% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Bexleyheath occurred in 2009 when a total of 71 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | BEXLEYHEATH | UK |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 67 | 152,213 |
| 2010 | 68 | 164,601 |
| % CHANGE | -1.5% | -7.5% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (71) | 2009 (244,537) |

dissolved companies by half year

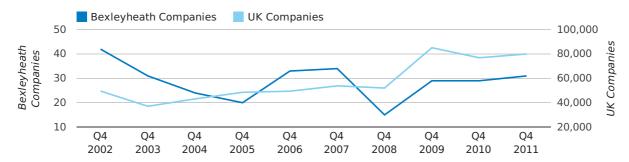


A total of 31 companies were dissolved in Bexleyheath during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 6.9% 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.

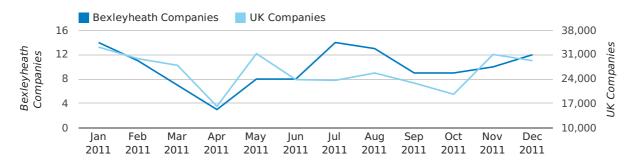
| FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011) | BEXLEYHEATH | UK |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 2011 | 31 | 79,983 |
| 2010 | 29 | 76,896 |
| % CHANGE | 6.9% | 4.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2002 (42) | 2009 (85,136) |

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



| | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 9 | 10 | 12 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010 | 15 | 10 | 4 |
| % CHANGE | -40.0% | 0.0% | 200% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2002 (15) | 2002 (19) | 2003 (13) |

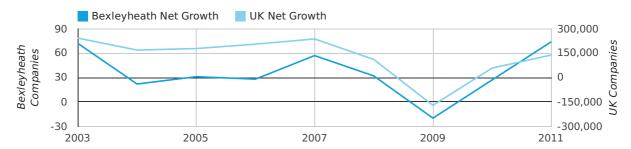
A total of 74 companies were added to the company register for Bexleyheath in 2011. This number represents growth of 46.0% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 47 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 1997 when the Bexleyheath company register grew by 91 companies.

| YEAR | BEXLEYHEATH | UK |
|-------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 74 | 138,347 |
| 2010 | 27 | 58,126 |
| 2009 | -20 | -171,098 |
| 2008 | 32 | 111,302 |
| 2007 | 57 | 237,354 |
| RECORD YEAR | 1997 (91) | 2003 (242,543) |

net growth by year

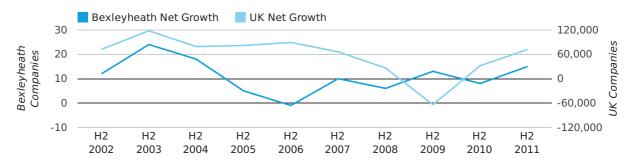


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Bexleyheath increased by 15 companies. This figure is 87.5% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | BEXLEYHEATH | UK |
|---------------------|-------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 15 | 71,922 |
| 2010 | 8 | 32,008 |
| % CHANGE | 87.5% | 124.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1999 (40) | 2003 (117,772) |

net growth by half year

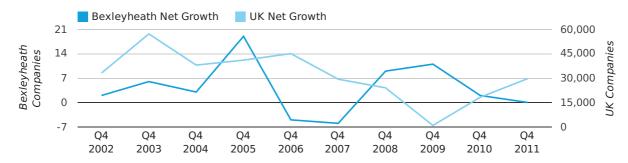


Net company growth for Bexleyheath during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 0 companies.

This represents a decrease of 100.0% on the same period last year.

| FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011) | BEXLEYHEATH | UK |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| 2011 | 0 | 29,640 |
| 2010 | 2 | 18,221 |
| % CHANGE | -100.0% | 62.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1998 (29) | 2003 (57,175) |

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month

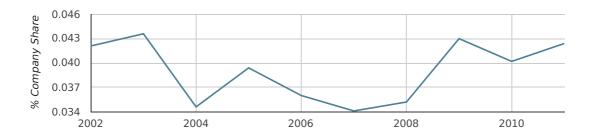


| | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | -1 | 4 | -3 |
| NET GROWTH IN 2010 | -4 | 7 | -1 |
| % CHANGE | -75.0% | -42.9% | 200.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2008 (11) | 1999 (10) | 2005 (10) |

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

| YEAR | BEXLEYHEATH |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.0% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.0% |
| 2008 | 0.0% |
| 2007 | 0.0% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1976 (0.1%) |

company share by year

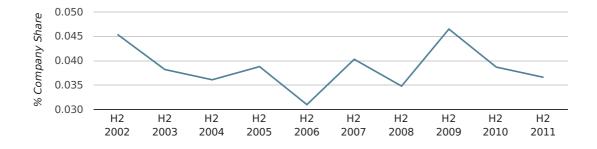


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | BEXLEYHEATH |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.0% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.0% |
| 2008 | 0.0% |
| 2007 | 0.0% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1966 (0.1%) |

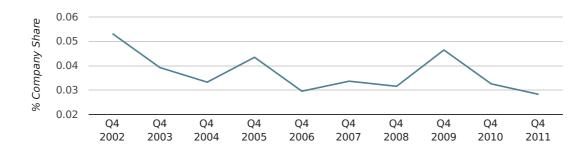
company share by half year



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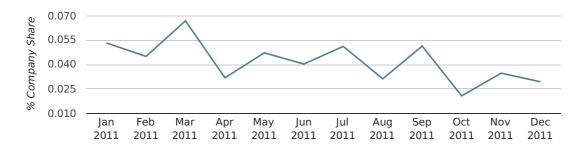
| FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011) | BEXLEYHEATH |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.0% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.0% |
| 2008 | 0.0% |
| 2007 | 0.0% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1979 (0.1%) |

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



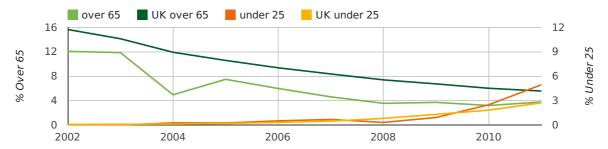
| | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010 | 0.0% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| % CHANGE | -36.7% | -29.9% | 164.9% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1979 (0.2%) | 1975 (0.2%) | 1979 (0.1%) |

The average age of a director in 2011 was 42.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.8% 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 43.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year

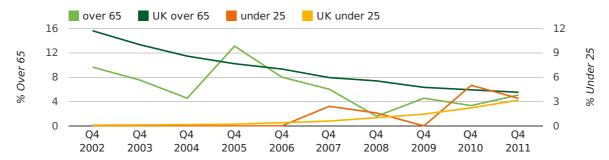


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The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter



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

The percentage of female directors in Bexleyheath in 2011 was 26.4%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

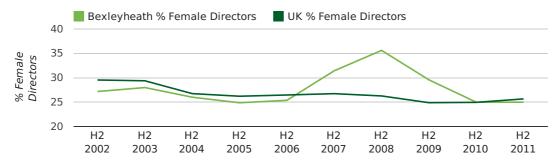


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

25.0% of all director appointments in Bexleyheath 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

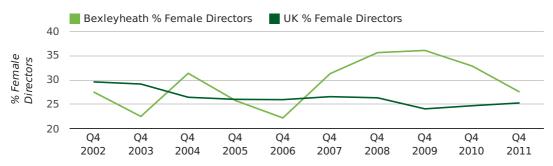


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The record fourth quarter for female directors in Bexleyheath was in 1977 when 31.1% of all directors were female.

27.5% of all director appointments in Bexleyheath 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



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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 |
|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| CONSULTING | 1.61% | CONSULTING | 5.07% |
| BUILDING | 1.61% | MANAGEMENT | 4.74% |
| PROPERTY | 1.34% | CONSULTANCY | 3.26% |
| TRADING | 1.07% | PROPERTY | 2.37% |
| BEXLEYHEATH | 0.80% | TRADING | 2.07% |
| Р | 0.80% | DESIGN | 1.92% |
| SOLAR | 0.80% | ASSOCIATES | 1.86% |
| TRAINING | 0.80% | ENGINEERING | 1.78% |
| SCH00L | 0.80% | BUSINESS | 1.78% |
| CAR | 0.80% | CONSULTANTS | 1.76% |
| BEAUTY | 0.80% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.73% |
| D | 0.80% | MEDIA | 1.71% |
| TO | 0.54% | LONDON | 1.63% |
| J | 0.54% | J | 1.51% |
| CONSULTANCY | 0.54% | INVESTMENTS | 1.48% |
| FOOD | 0.54% | GLOBAL | 1.46% |
| FINO | 0.54% | IT | 1.41% |
| G | 0.54% | CARE | 1.39% |
| DEVELOPMENTS | 0.54% | PROPERTIES | 1.29% |
| ASSET | 0.54% | ELECTRICAL | 1.29% |
| VENTURES | 0.54% | М | 1.27% |
| CLEANING | 0.54% | BUILDING | 1.26% |
| CONSULTANTS | 0.54% | ENERGY | 1.25% |
| AS | 0.54% | S | 1.20% |
| BEXLEY | 0.54% | 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 | 88 | 205,525 |
| 7487 - Other business activities | 14 | 57,052 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 10 | 32,483 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 8 | 20,199 |
| 9305 - Other service activities | 7 | 9,492 |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy | 7 | 13,034 |
| 62090 - Other information technology service activities | 6 | 7,493 |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified | 6 | 11,768 |
| 5530 - Restaurants | 5 | 5,013 |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management | 5 | 17,765 |
| 43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation | 5 | 2,372 |
| 43210 - Electrical installation | 5 | 3,175 |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities | 4 | 12,072 |
| 74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified | 4 | 8,671 |
| 4531 - Installation electrical wiring etc. | 4 | 1,967 |
| 8532 - Social work without accommodation | 3 | 1,189 |
| 4525 - Other special trades construction | 3 | 1,651 |
| 4521 - General construction & civil engineering | 3 | 5,558 |
| 68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate | 3 | 4,082 |
| 90010 - Performing arts | 3 | 900 |
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