

Epping

2011 annual business confidence report



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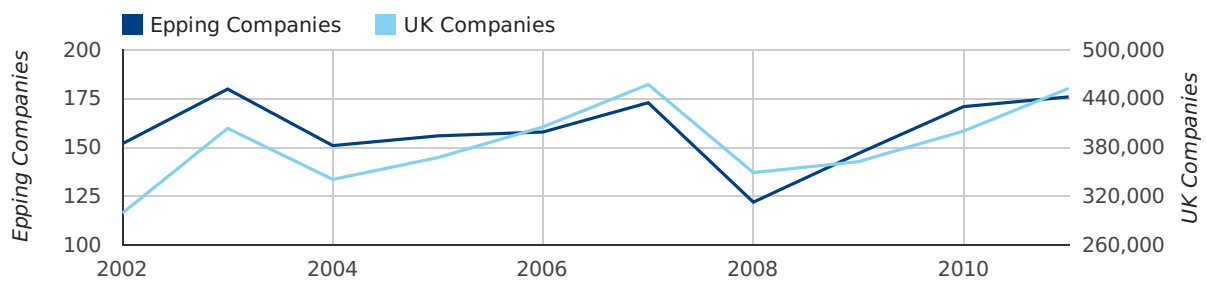
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Annual Data (2011)

A total of 176 companies were formed in Epping in 2011. This total is 2.9% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

| YEAR | EPPING | UK |
|-------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 176 | 452,870 |
| 2010 | 171 | 400,358 |
| 2009 | 147 | 362,675 |
| 2008 | 122 | 349,203 |
| 2007 | 173 | 457,649 |
| RECORD YEAR | 2003 (180) | 2007 (457,649) |

new companies by year



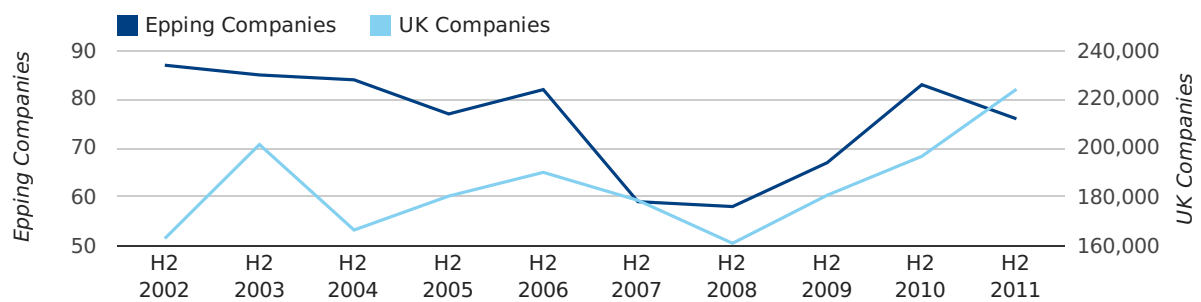
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 76 companies were formed in Epping. This figure is 8.4% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Epping occurred in 2002 when a total of 87 were formed.

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | EPPING | UK |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 2011 | 76 | 224,135 |
| 2010 | 83 | 196,609 |
| % CHANGE | -8.4% | 14.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2002 (87) | 2011 (224,135) |

new companies by half year



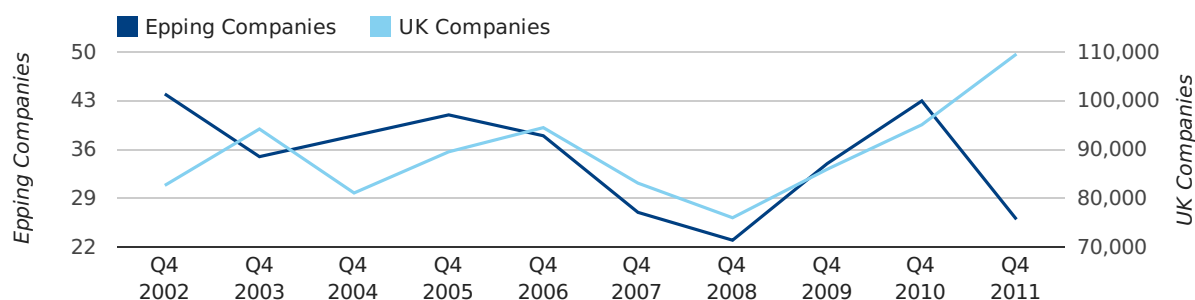
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 26 companies were registered in Epping during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 39.5% 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) | EPPING | UK |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 2011 | 26 | 109,623 |
| 2010 | 43 | 95,117 |
| % CHANGE | -39.5% | 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 | 11 | 8 | 7 |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2010 | 18 | 17 | 8 |
| % CHANGE | -38.9% | -52.9% | -12.5% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2010 (18) | 2006 (19) | 2000 (13) |

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 133 companies were dissolved in Epping in 2011. This total is 0.0% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

| YEAR | EPPING | UK |
|-------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 133 | 314,523 |
| 2010 | 133 | 342,232 |
| 2009 | 172 | 533,773 |
| 2008 | 86 | 237,901 |
| 2007 | 116 | 220,295 |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (172) | 2009 (533,773) |

dissolved companies by year



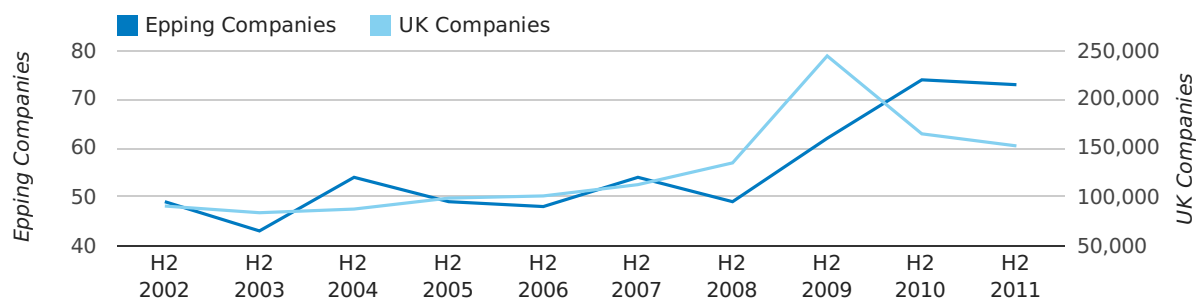
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 73 companies were dissolved in Epping. This figure is 1.4% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Epping occurred in 2010 when a total of 74 were closed.

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | EPPING | UK |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 2011 | 73 | 152,213 |
| 2010 | 74 | 164,601 |
| % CHANGE | -1.4% | -7.5% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2010 (74) | 2009 (244,537) |

dissolved companies by half year



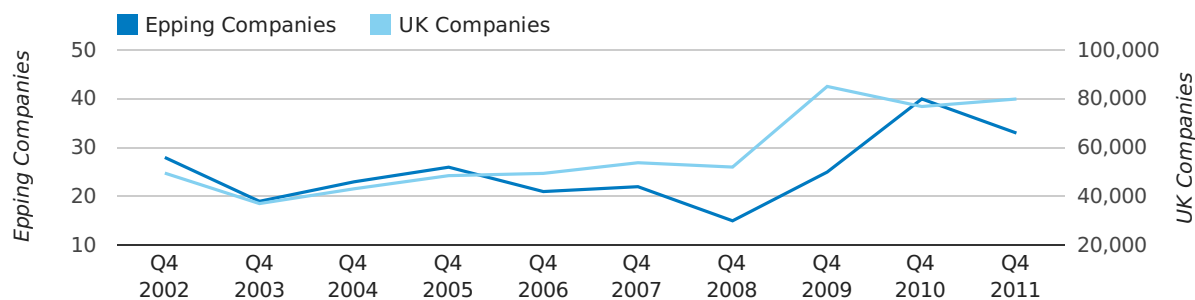
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 33 companies were dissolved in Epping during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 17.5% 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) | EPPING | UK |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| 2011 | 33 | 79,983 |
| 2010 | 40 | 76,896 |
| % CHANGE | -17.5% | 4.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2010 (40) | 2009 (85,136) |

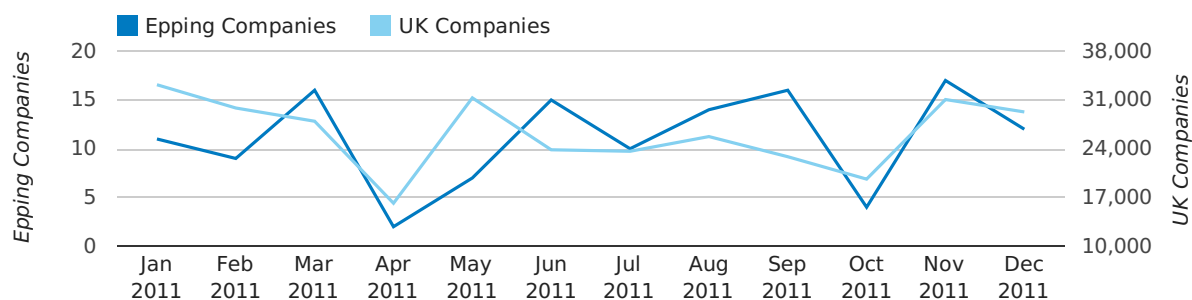
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

December 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Epping when compared to any previous December.

dissolved companies by month



| | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 4 | 17 | 12 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010 | 18 | 17 | 5 |
| % CHANGE | -77.8% | 0.0% | 140% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2010 (18) | 2011 (17) | 2011 (12) |

Annual Data (2011)

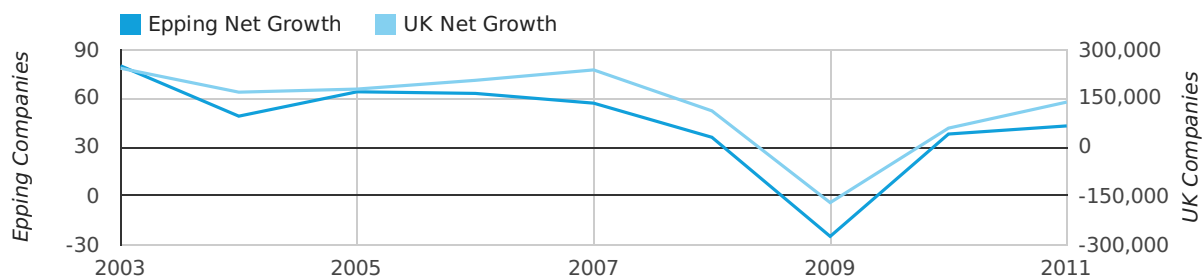
A total of 43 companies were added to the company register for Epping in 2011. This number represents growth of 25.1% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 5 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 1999 when the Epping company register grew by 89 companies.

| YEAR | EPPING | UK |
|-------------|-----------|----------------|
| 2011 | 43 | 138,347 |
| 2010 | 38 | 58,126 |
| 2009 | -25 | -171,098 |
| 2008 | 36 | 111,302 |
| 2007 | 57 | 237,354 |
| RECORD YEAR | 1999 (89) | 2003 (242,543) |

net growth by year

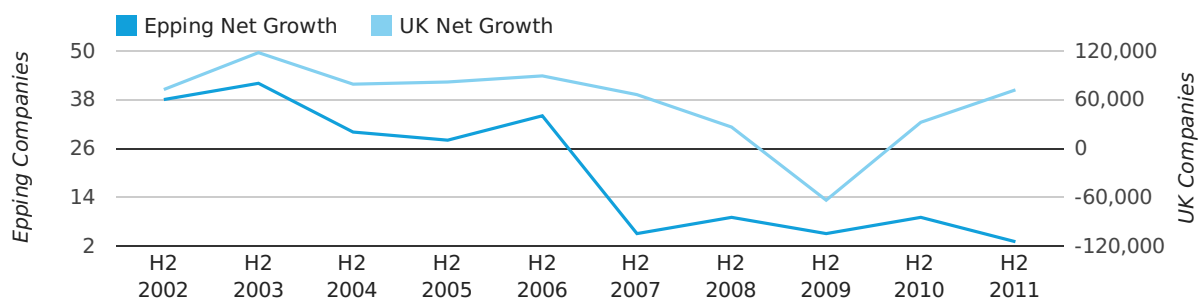


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Epping increased by 3 companies. This figure is 66.7% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | EPPING | UK |
|---------------------|-----------|----------------|
| 2011 | 3 | 71,922 |
| 2010 | 9 | 32,008 |
| % CHANGE | -66.7% | 124.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2000 (43) | 2003 (117,772) |

net growth by half year



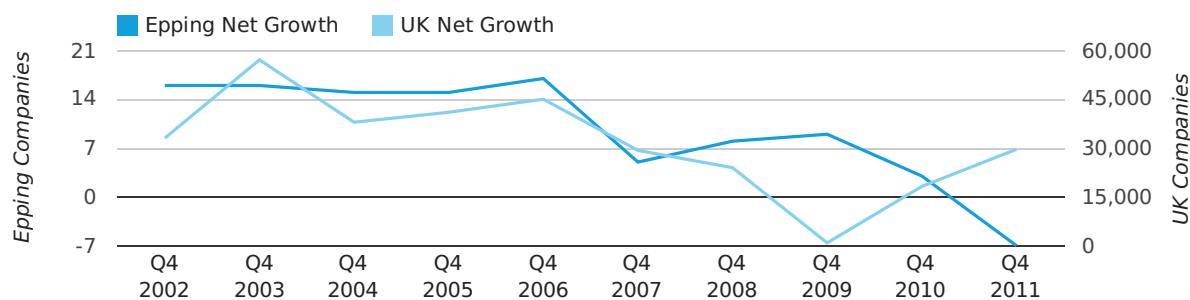
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Epping during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was -7 companies.

This represents a decrease of 333.3% on the same period last year.

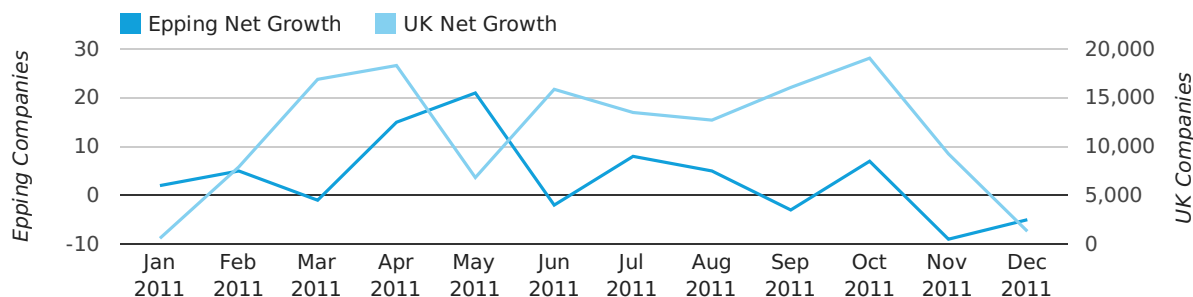
| FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011) | EPPING | UK |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| 2011 | -7 | 29,640 |
| 2010 | 3 | 18,221 |
| % CHANGE | -333.3% | 62.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2006 (17) | 2003 (57,175) |

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



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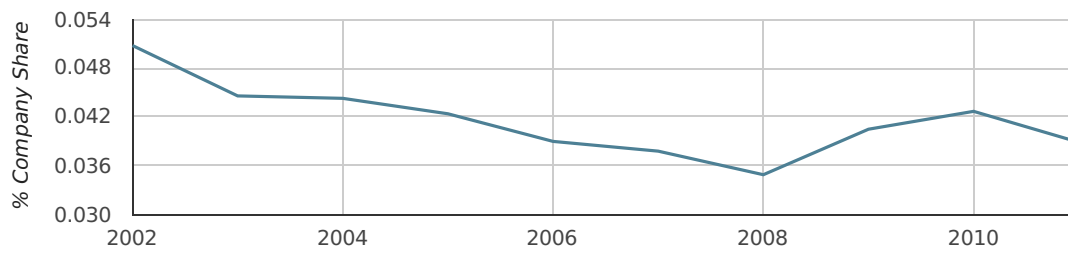
| | OCTOBER | NOVEMBER | DECEMBER |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 7 | -9 | -5 |
| NET GROWTH IN 2010 | 0 | 0 | 3 |
| % CHANGE | 0.0% | 0.0% | -266.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2005 (10) | 1999 (11) | 2002 (9) |

Annual Data (2011)

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

| YEAR | EPPING |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.0% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.0% |
| 2008 | 0.0% |
| 2007 | 0.0% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1968 (0.1%) |

company share by year

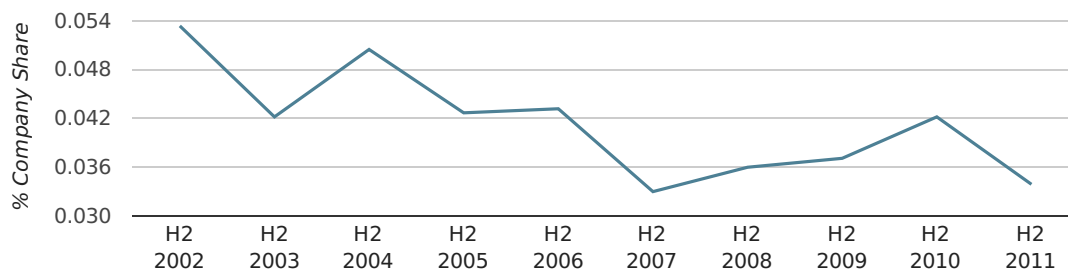


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

| HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC) | EPPING |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.0% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.0% |
| 2008 | 0.0% |
| 2007 | 0.0% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1968 (0.2%) |

company share by half year

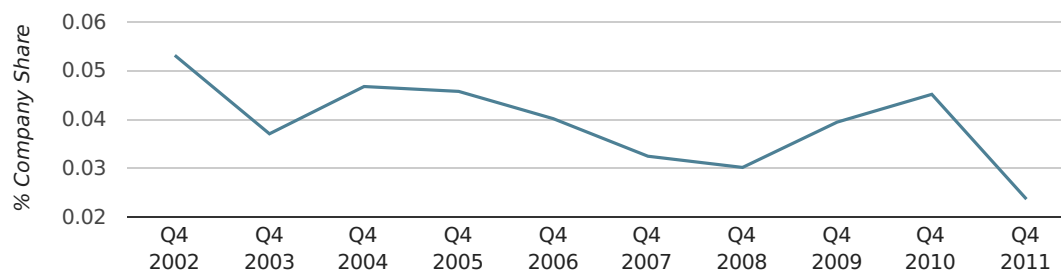


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

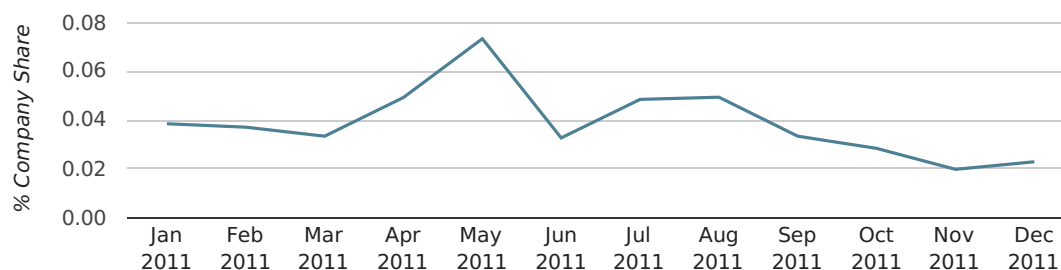
| FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011) | EPPING |
|--------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2011 | 0.0% |
| 2010 | 0.0% |
| 2009 | 0.0% |
| 2008 | 0.0% |
| 2007 | 0.0% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1961 (0.1%) |

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 | 0.1% | 0.0% | 0.0% |
| % CHANGE | -46.9% | -60.0% | -22.4% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1982 (0.2%) | 1968 (0.2%) | 1961 (0.2%) |

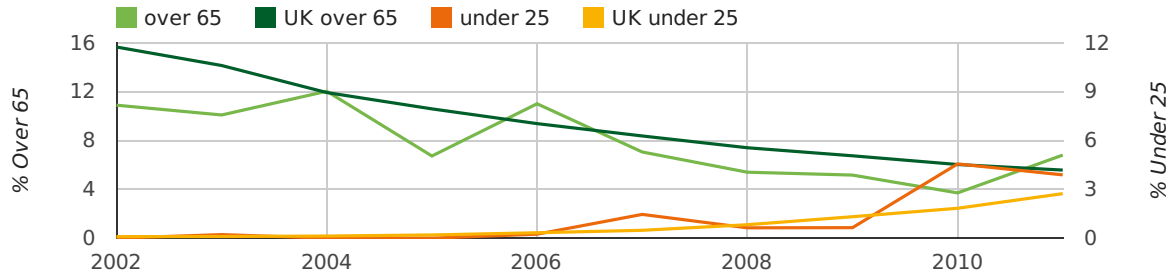
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 45.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



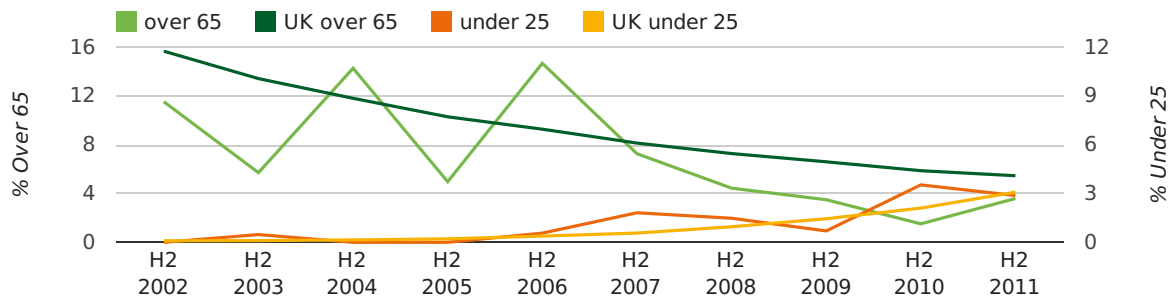
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 45.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



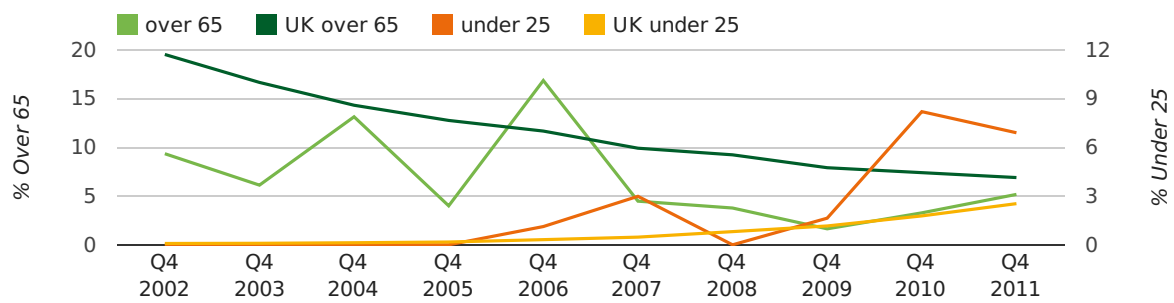
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 43.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

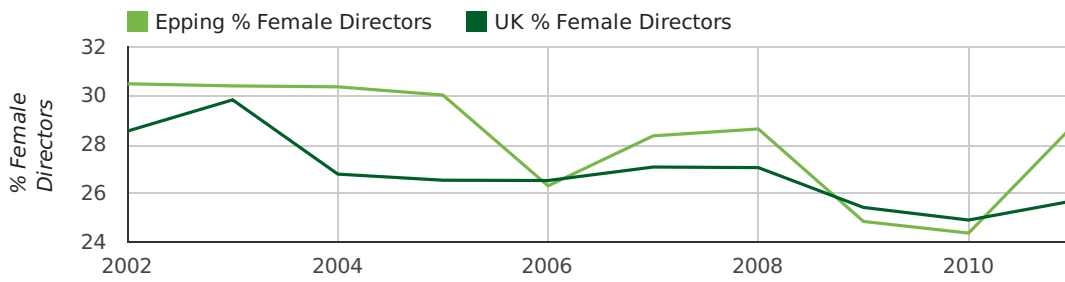


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Epping in 2011 was 30.5%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

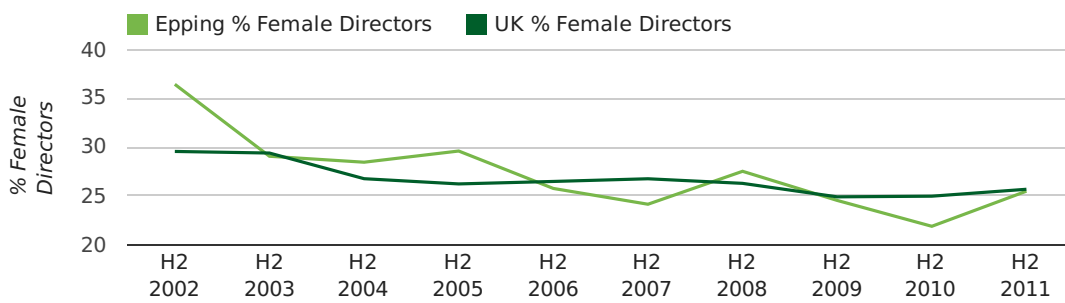


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

25.5% of all director appointments in Epping 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

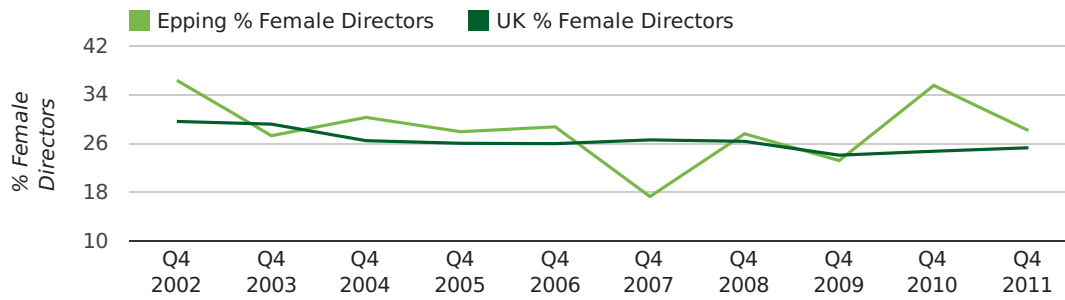


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

28.1% of all director appointments in Epping 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 |
|-------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| MANAGEMENT | 2.06% | CONSULTING | 5.07% |
| CONSULTING | 1.18% | MANAGEMENT | 4.74% |
| TRADING | 1.18% | CONSULTANCY | 3.26% |
| PRODUCTION | 0.88% | PROPERTY | 2.37% |
| MEDIA | 0.88% | TRADING | 2.07% |
| CONSULTANCY | 0.88% | DESIGN | 1.92% |
| DIAMOND | 0.88% | ASSOCIATES | 1.86% |
| EPPING | 0.88% | ENGINEERING | 1.78% |
| ESSEX | 0.88% | BUSINESS | 1.78% |
| ENTERPRISES | 0.88% | CONSULTANTS | 1.76% |
| MAINTENANCE | 0.88% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.73% |
| FILM | 0.88% | MEDIA | 1.71% |
| CLEANING | 0.88% | LONDON | 1.63% |
| CREATIVE | 0.88% | J | 1.51% |
| SYSTEMS | 0.59% | INVESTMENTS | 1.48% |
| CONSULTANTS | 0.59% | GLOBAL | 1.46% |
| A1 | 0.59% | IT | 1.41% |
| HEATING | 0.59% | CARE | 1.39% |
| PROPERTY | 0.59% | PROPERTIES | 1.29% |
| RAIL | 0.59% | ELECTRICAL | 1.29% |
| FRATER | 0.59% | M | 1.27% |
| LONDON | 0.59% | BUILDING | 1.26% |
| COMMUNITY | 0.59% | ENERGY | 1.25% |
| 2 | 0.59% | S | 1.20% |
| COX | 0.59% | ENTERPRISES | 1.20% |

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| None Supplied | 84 | 205,525 |
| 7487 - Other business activities | 30 | 57,052 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 27 | 32,483 |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified | 8 | 11,768 |
| 9305 - Other service activities | 8 | 9,492 |
| 99999 - Dormant Company | 7 | 21,846 |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities | 6 | 12,072 |
| 73110 - Advertising agencies | 6 | 1,823 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 5 | 20,199 |
| 7411 - Legal activities | 5 | 1,267 |
| 74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified | 5 | 8,671 |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management | 4 | 17,765 |
| 62090 - Other information technology service activities | 4 | 7,493 |
| 56101 - Licensed restaurants | 4 | 2,159 |
| 4521 - General construction & civil engineering | 4 | 5,558 |
| 7415 - Holding companies including head offices | 3 | 1,653 |
| 98000 - Residents property management | 3 | 2,874 |
| 5248 - Other retail specialised stores | 2 | 1,968 |
| 18129 - Printing not elsewhere classified | 2 | 685 |
| 5212 - Other retail non-specialised stores | 2 | 1,088 |