Maldon

2011 annual business confidence report



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

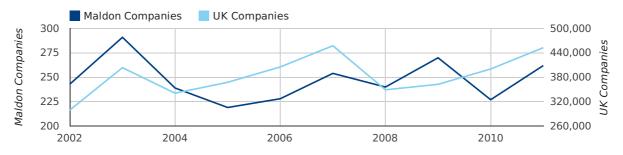
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A total of 262 companies were formed in Maldon in 2011. This total is 15.4% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	MALDON	UK
2011	262	452,870
2010	227	400,358
2009	270	362,675
2008	240	349,203
2007	254	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2003 (291)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year

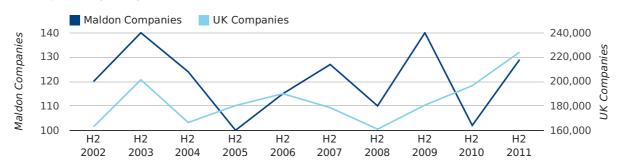


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 129 companies were formed in Maldon. This figure is 26.5% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Maldon occurred in 2003 when a total of 140 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	MALDON	UK
2011	129	224,135
2010	102	196,609
% CHANGE	26.5%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (140)	2011 (224,135)



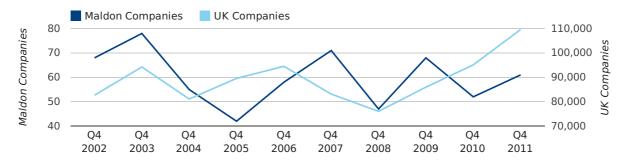
new companies by half year

A total of 61 companies were registered in Maldon during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 17.3% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares equally 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)	MALDON	UK
2011	61	109,623
2010	52	95,117
% CHANGE	17.3%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (78)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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new companies by month

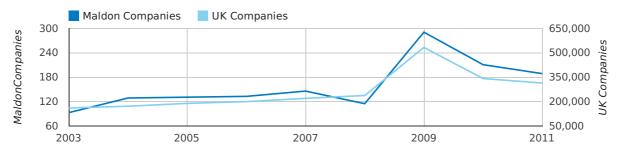
% CHANGE

RECORD YEAR

A total of 189 companies were dissolved in Maldon in 2011. This total is 10.4% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	MALDON	UK
2011	189	314,523
2010	211	342,232
2009	291	533,773
2008	115	237,901
2007	146	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (291)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



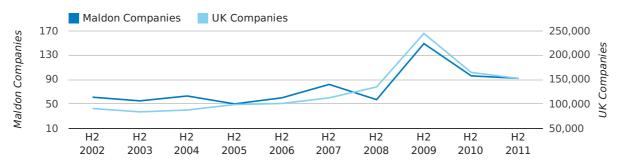
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 92 companies were dissolved in Maldon. This figure is 4.2% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Maldon occurred in 2009 when a total of 149 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	MALDON	UK
2011	92	152,213
2010	96	164,601
% CHANGE	-4.2%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (149)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year

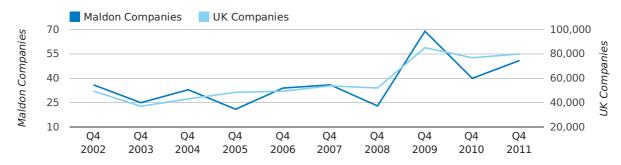


A total of 51 companies were dissolved in Maldon during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 27.5% 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.

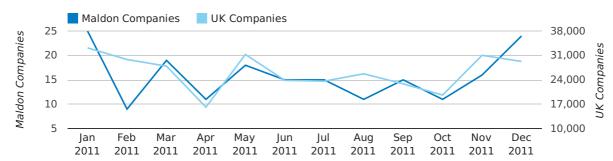
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	MALDON	UK
2011	51	79,983
2010	40	76,896
% CHANGE	27.5%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (69)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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



dissolved companies by month

	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	11	16	24
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	14	16	10
% CHANGE	-21.4%	0.0%	140%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (28)	2009 (19)	2011 (24)



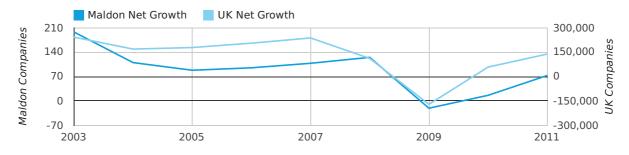
A total of 73 companies were added to the company register for Maldon in 2011. This number represents growth of 32.2% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 57 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Maldon company register grew by 198 companies.

YEAR	MALDON	UK
2011	73	138,347
2010	16	58,126
2009	-21	-171,098
2008	125	111,302
2007	108	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (198)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

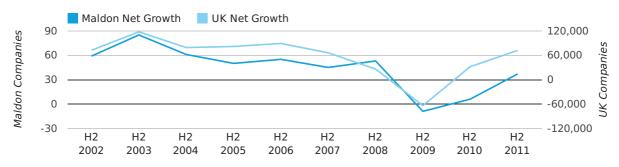


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Maldon increased by 37 companies. This figure is 516.7% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	MALDON	UK
2011	37	71,922
2010	6	32,008
% CHANGE	516.7%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (85)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year

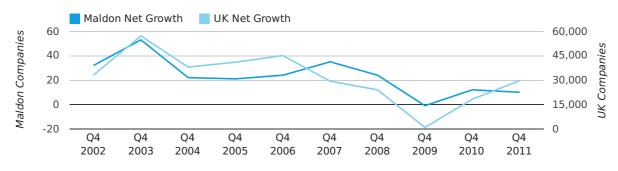


Net company growth for Maldon during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 10 companies.

This represents a decrease of 16.7% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	MALDON	UK
2011	10	29,640
2010	12	18,221
% CHANGE	-16.7%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (53)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



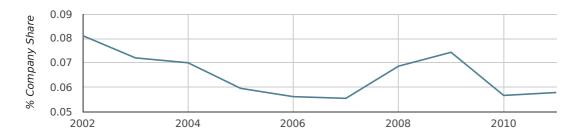
Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)



In 2011 Maldon formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Maldon was responsible for 0.1% of all UK companies.

YEAR	MALDON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1984 (0.1%)

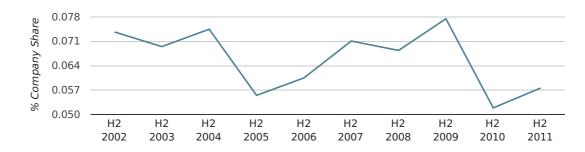
company share by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Maldon formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	MALDON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.1%)

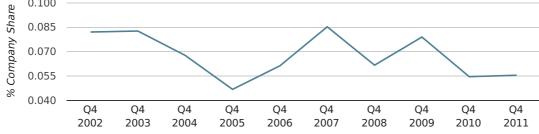


company share by half year

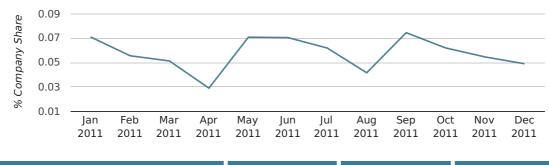
In the fourth quarter of 2011, Maldon formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	MALDON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.2%)





Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
% CHANGE	-9.4%	-6.2%	47.6%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (0.2%)	1984 (0.2%)	1966 (0.7%)

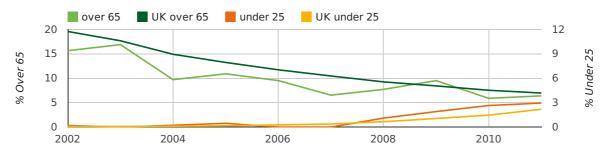
company share by month

The average age of a director in 2011 was 46.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year

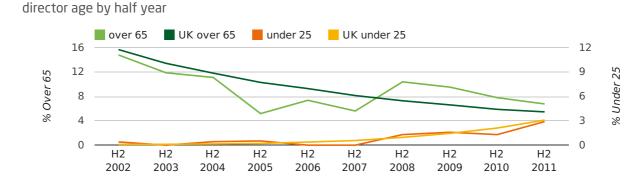


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 46.9.

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 6.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

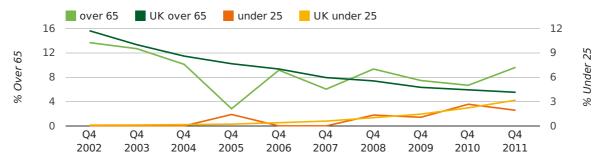


The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 47.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 9.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter



director gender

Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Maldon in 2011 was 30.3%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

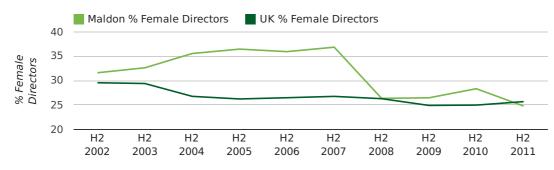


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

24.8% of all director appointments in Maldon in the second half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

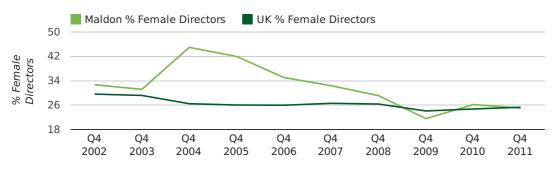
director gender by half year



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

25.0% of all director appointments in Maldon 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
PROPERTY	1.40%	CONSULTING	5.07%
ESSEX	1.20%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	1.00%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
TRAINING	0.80%	PROPERTY	2.37%
ELECTRICAL	0.80%	TRADING	2.07%
J	0.80%	DESIGN	1.92%
Т	0.80%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
TRANSPORT	0.80%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
LOGISTICS	0.60%	BUSINESS	1.78%
ASSOCIATES	0.60%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CAR	0.60%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
INVESTMENTS	0.60%	MEDIA	1.71%
CONSULTING	0.60%	LONDON	1.63%
BUSINESS	0.60%	J	1.51%
MAINTENANCE	0.60%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
COMPLETELY	0.60%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CARE	0.60%	IT	1.41%
MALDON	0.60%	CARE	1.39%
MANAGEMENT	0.60%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
CLEANING	0.60%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
PREMIER	0.60%	М	1.27%
CENTRE	0.60%	BUILDING	1.26%
К	0.60%	ENERGY	1.25%
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BLACKWATER	0.60%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%



Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	89	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	40	57,052
99999 - Dormant Company	21	21,846
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	21	11,768
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	13	32,483
74990 - Non-trading company	13	8,929
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	13	17,765
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	12	8,671
7499 - Non-trading company	10	9,957
9999 - Dormant Company	9	20,199
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	8	5,558
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	7	12,072
62090 - Other information technology service activities	7	7,493
7414 - Business & management consultancy	6	13,034
41100 - Development of building projects	6	4,331
4545 - Other building completion	5	2,369
7260 - Other computer related activities	5	7,667
96020 - Hairdressing and other beauty treatment	5	2,380
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	4	3,194
74100 - specialised design activities	4	1,530