Orpington

2011 annual business confidence report





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

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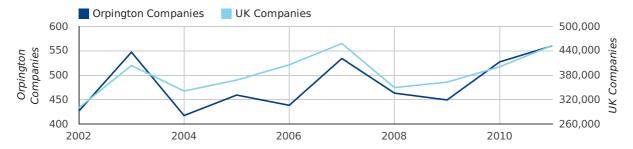
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2011 was a record year for company registrations in Orpington when compared to any year in history.

A total of 560 companies were formed in Orpington in 2011. This total is 6.3% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	ORPINGTON	UK
2011	560	452,870
2010	527	400,358
2009	449	362,675
2008	463	349,203
2007	534	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (560)	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 Orpington when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 281 companies were formed in Orpington. This figure is 6.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Orpington occurred in 2011 when a total of 281 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ORPINGTON	UK
2011	281	224,135
2010	265	196,609
% CHANGE	6.0%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (281)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year

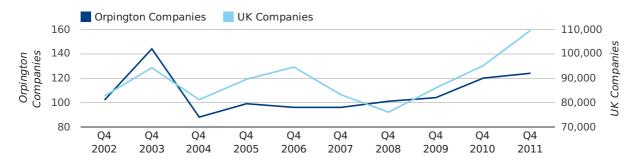


A total of 124 companies were registered in Orpington during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 3.3% 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.

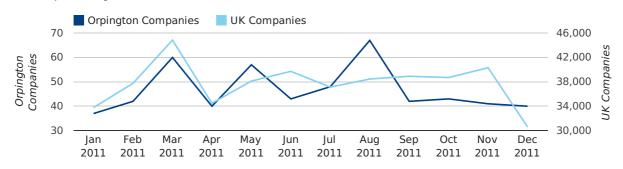
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ORPINGTON	UK
2011	124	109,623
2010	120	95,117
% CHANGE	3.3%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (144)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

new companies by month

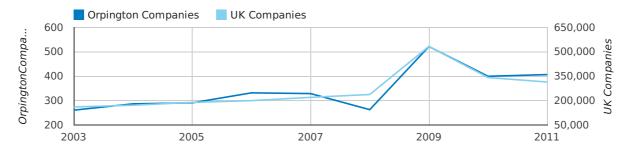


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	43	41	40
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	42	42	36
% CHANGE	2.4%	-2.4%	11.1%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (54)	2003 (49)	2003 (41)

A total of 407 companies were dissolved in Orpington in 2011. This total is 1.8% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	ORPINGTON	UK
2011	407	314,523
2010	400	342,232
2009	522	533,773
2008	263	237,901
2007	329	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (522)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



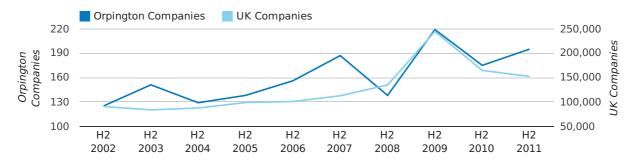
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 195 companies were dissolved in Orpington. This figure is 11.4% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Orpington occurred in 2009 when a total of 219 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ORPINGTON	UK
2011	195	152,213
2010	175	164,601
% CHANGE	11.4%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (219)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



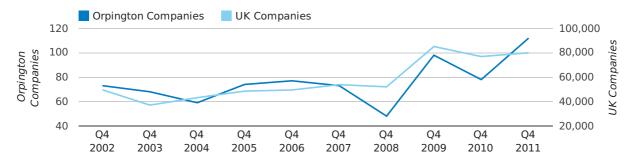
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Orpington when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 112 companies were dissolved in Orpington during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 43.6% 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)	ORPINGTON	UK
2011	112	79,983
2010	78	76,896
% CHANGE	43.6%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (112)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter

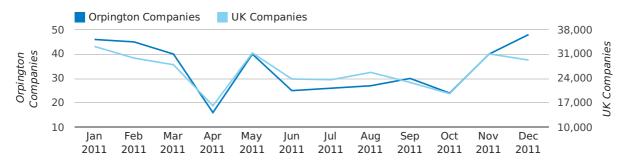


Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

November 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Orpington when compared to any previous November.

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	24	40	48
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	37	27	14
% CHANGE	-35.1%	48.1%	243%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (40)	2011 (40)	2011 (48)

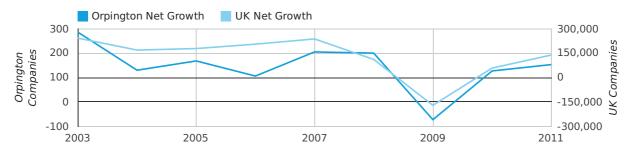
A total of 153 companies were added to the company register for Orpington in 2011. This number represents growth of 29.0% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 26 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Orpington company register grew by 286 companies.

YEAR	ORPINGTON	UK
2011	153	138,347
2010	127	58,126
2009	-73	-171,098
2008	200	111,302
2007	205	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (286)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

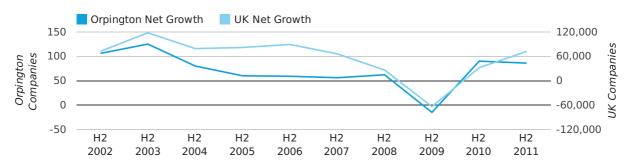


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Orpington increased by 86 companies. This figure is 4.4% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ORPINGTON	UK
2011	86	71,922
2010	90	32,008
% CHANGE	-4.4%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (125)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year

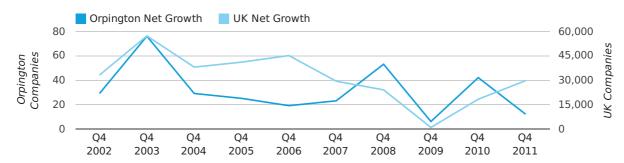


Net company growth for Orpington during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 12 companies.

This represents a decrease of 71.4% on the same period last year.

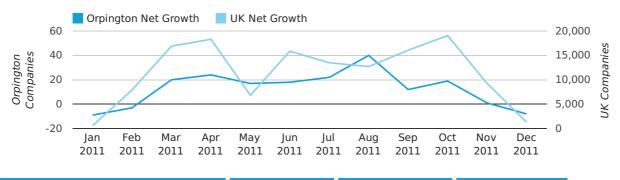
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ORPINGTON	UK
2011	12	29,640
2010	42	18,221
% CHANGE	-71.4%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (76)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month

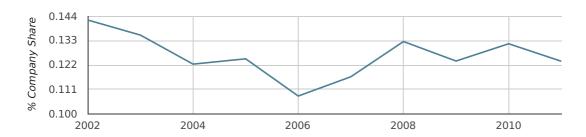


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	19	1	-8
NET GROWTH IN 2010	5	15	22
% CHANGE	280.0%	-93.3%	-136.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (35)	2003 (18)	2006 (24)

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

YEAR	ORPINGTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1997 (0.2%)

company share by year

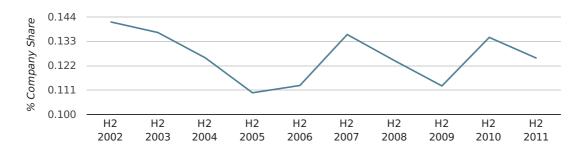


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	ORPINGTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.2%)

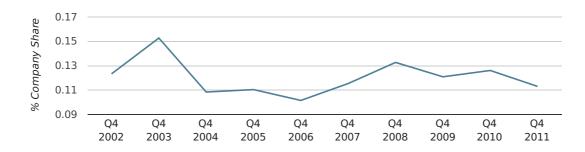
company share by half year



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

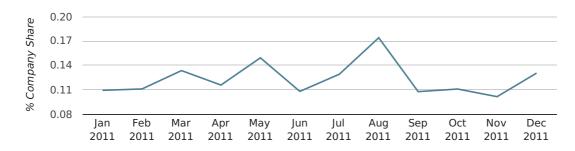
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	ORPINGTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



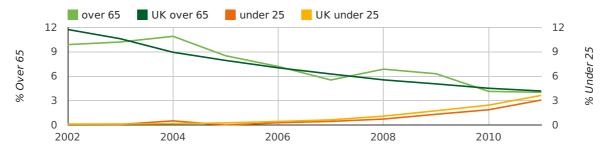
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-11.0%	-16.8%	-1.5%
RECORD YEAR	1961 (0.6%)	1967 (0.5%)	1973 (0.4%)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 44.4.

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 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



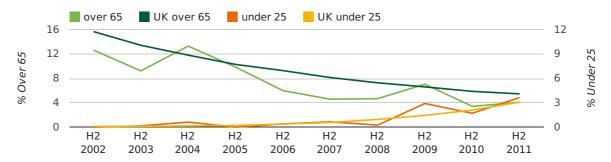
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director age by half year

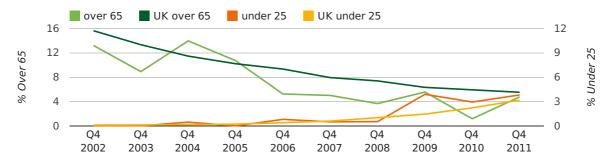


The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 45.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

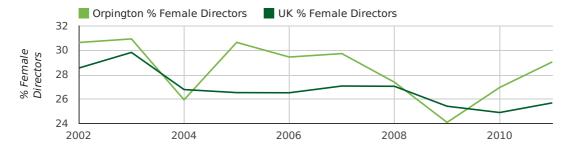
director age by quarter



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

The percentage of female directors in Orpington in 2011 was 30.7%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

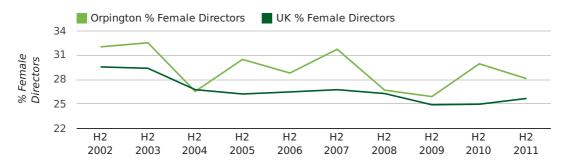


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

28.1% of all director appointments in Orpington 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 Orpington was in 1977 when 31.1% of all directors were female.

28.2% of all director appointments in Orpington 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
MANAGEMENT	2.57%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTING	1.28%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	1.28%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
CONSTRUCTION	1.07%	PROPERTY	2.37%
BUILDING	1.07%	TRADING	2.07%
PROPERTY	0.86%	DESIGN	1.92%
J	0.86%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
ASSOCIATES	0.86%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
ELECTRICAL	0.86%	BUSINESS	1.78%
C	0.64%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ENERGY	0.64%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
FINANCIAL	0.64%	MEDIA	1.71%
MAINTENANCE	0.53%	LONDON	1.63%
DESIGN	0.53%	J	1.51%
WOOD	0.53%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
SCH00L	0.53%	GLOBAL	1.46%
EAST	0.53%	IT	1.41%
(LONDON)	0.53%	CARE	1.39%
М	0.53%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
(2010)	0.53%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
HOUSE	0.43%	М	1.27%
PROPERTIES	0.43%	BUILDING	1.26%
INTERIORS	0.43%	ENERGY	1.25%
MEDIA	0.43%	S	1.20%
LONDON	0.43%	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	244	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	68	57,052
99999 - Dormant Company	42	21,846
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	42	32,483
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	32	17,765
9999 - Dormant Company	31	20,199
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	22	12,072
7414 - Business & management consultancy	19	13,034
74990 - Non-trading company	18	8,929
9305 - Other service activities	16	9,492
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	16	8,671
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	13	7,398
63110 - Data processing, hosting and related activities	11	426
7260 - Other computer related activities	10	7,667
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	9	2,832
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	9	11,768
62090 - Other information technology service activities	9	7,493
43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation	8	2,372
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	7	3,633
8514 - Other human health activities	7	2,637