

Rickmansworth

q3 2011 business confidence report



headlines

- August 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Rickmansworth when compared to any previous August.
- Q3 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Rickmansworth when compared to any previous Q3.

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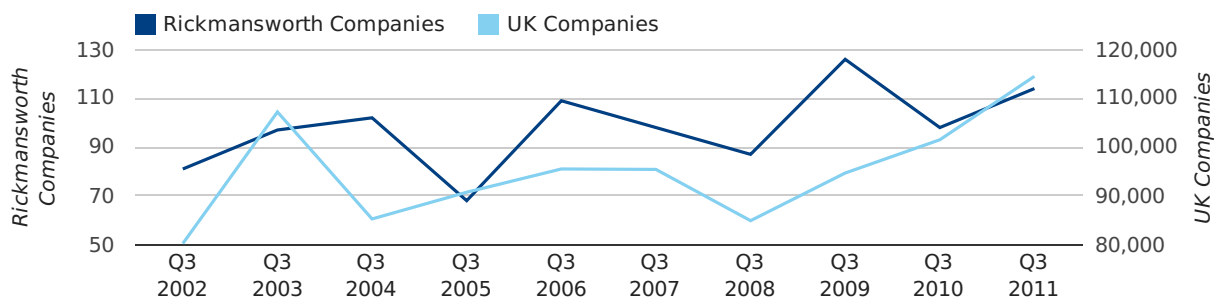
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 114 companies were registered in Rickmansworth during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 16.3% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.8% against the same period last year.

| THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011) | RICKMANSWORTH | UK |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 114 | 114,512 |
| 2010 | 98 | 101,492 |
| % CHANGE | 16.3% | 12.8% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (126) | 2011 (114,512) |

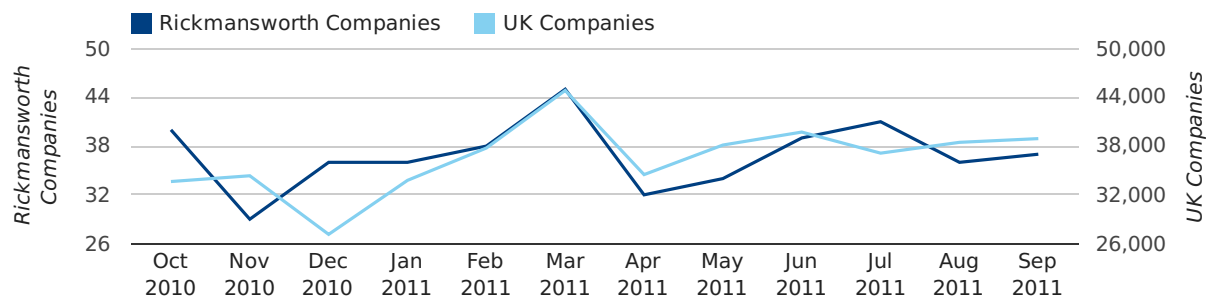
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

August 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Rickmansworth when compared to any previous August.

new companies by month



| | JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |
|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 41 | 36 | 37 |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2010 | 32 | 22 | 44 |
| % CHANGE | 28.1% | 63.6% | -15.9% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2006 (51) | 2011 (36) | 2003 (47) |

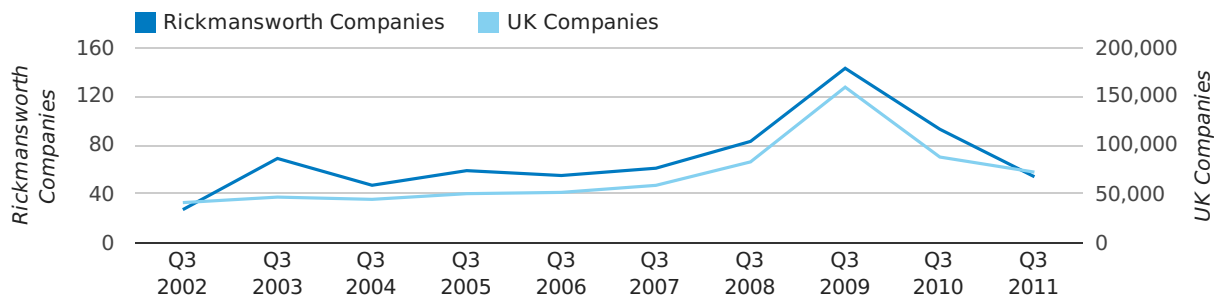
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 54 companies were dissolved in Rickmansworth during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 41.9% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 17.6% against the same period last year.

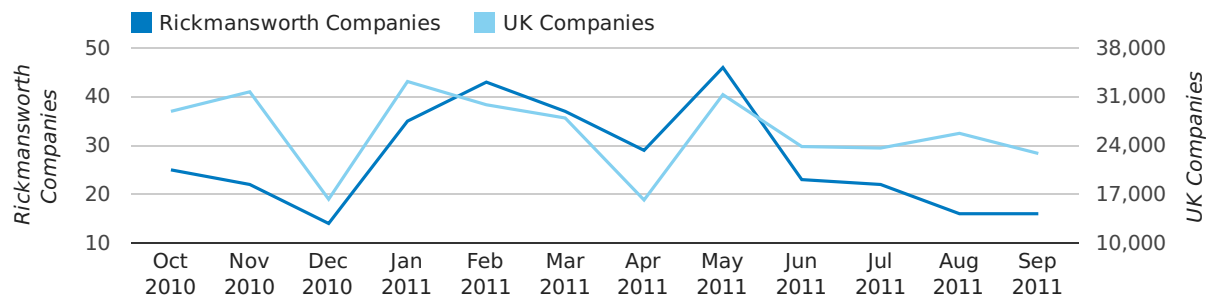
| THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011) | RICKMANSWORTH | UK |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|----------------|
| 2011 | 54 | 72,230 |
| 2010 | 93 | 87,705 |
| % CHANGE | -41.9% | -17.6% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (143) | 2009 (159,401) |

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



| | JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |
|--------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 22 | 16 | 16 |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010 | 26 | 34 | 33 |
| % CHANGE | -15.4% | -52.9% | -52% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2009 (38) | 2008 (57) | 2009 (59) |

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

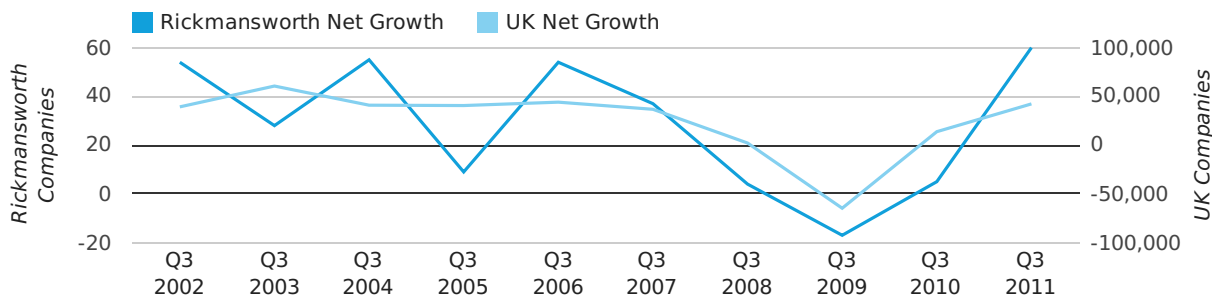
Q3 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Rickmansworth when compared to any previous Q3.

Net company growth for Rickmansworth during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 60 companies.

This represents an increase of 1,100.0% on the same period last year.

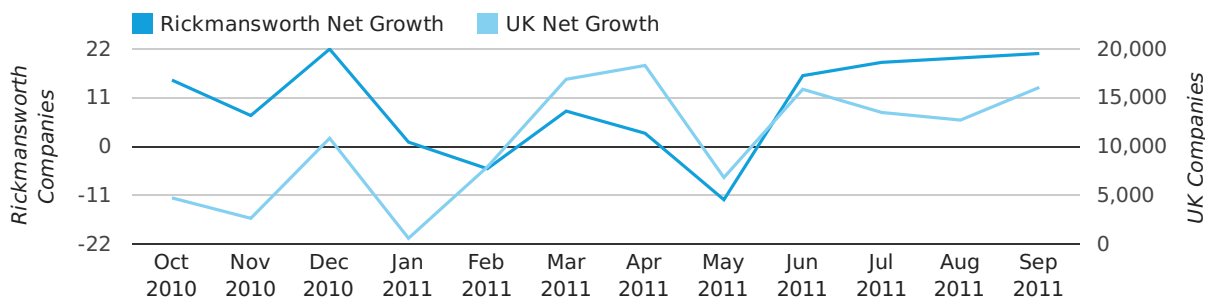
| THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011) | RICKMANSWORTH | UK |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| 2011 | 60 | 42,282 |
| 2010 | 5 | 13,787 |
| % CHANGE | 1,100.0% | 206.7% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2011 (60) | 2003 (60,597) |

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

net growth by month



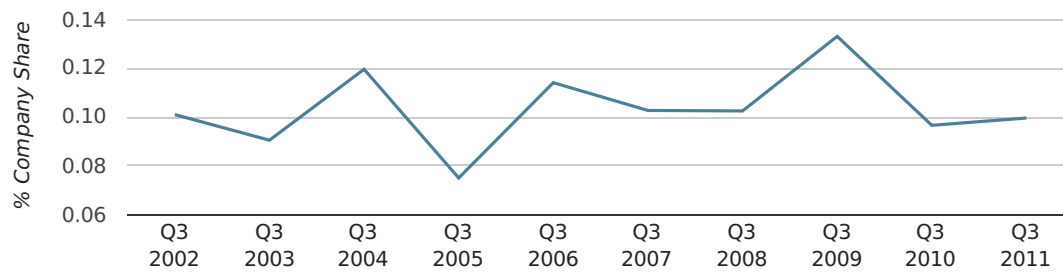
| | JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 19 | 20 | 21 |
| NET GROWTH IN 2010 | 6 | -12 | 11 |
| % CHANGE | 216.7% | -266.7% | 90.9% |
| RECORD YEAR | 2006 (35) | 1998 (20) | 2004 (26) |

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

In the third quarter of 2011, Rickmansworth formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

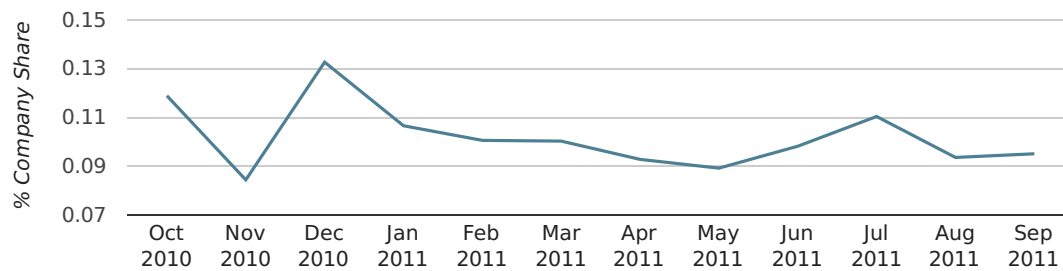
| THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011) | RICKMANSWORTH |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|
| 2011 | 0.1% |
| 2010 | 0.1% |
| 2009 | 0.1% |
| 2008 | 0.1% |
| 2007 | 0.1% |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960) | 1969 (0.3%) |

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



| | JULY | AUGUST | SEPTEMBER |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010 | 0.1% | 0.1% | 0.1% |
| % CHANGE | 17.2% | 37.6% | -24.0% |
| RECORD YEAR | 1985 (0.3%) | 1969 (0.7%) | 1961 (0.4%) |

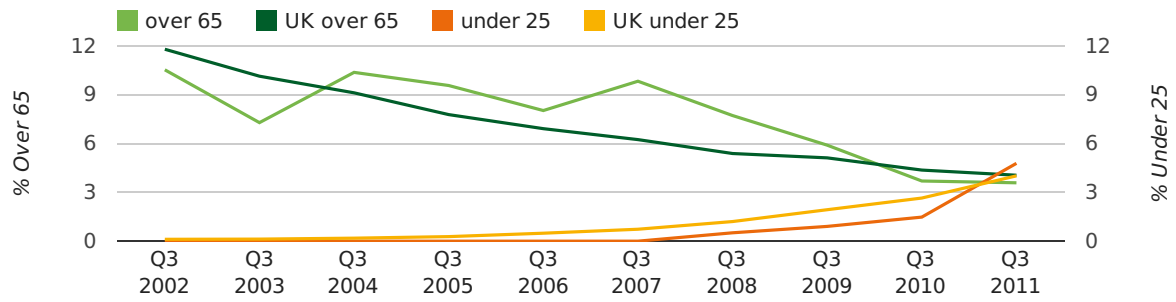
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 43.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

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

director age by quarter

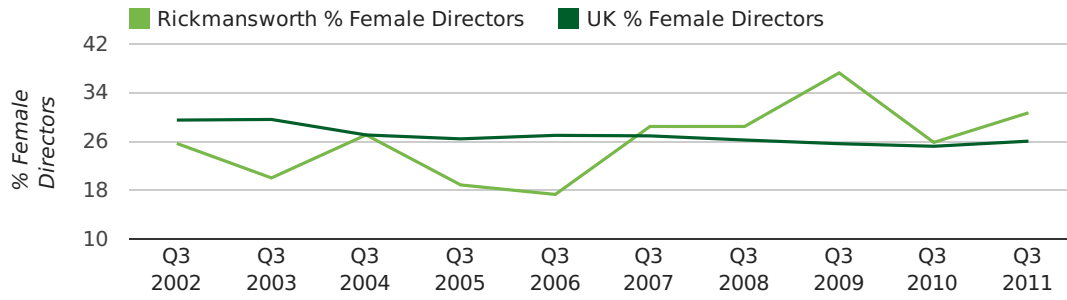


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The record third quarter for female directors in Rickmansworth was in 1862 when 50.0% of all directors were female.

30.7% of all director appointments in Rickmansworth in the third quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.0% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Sep 2010-Sep 2011)

Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

| WORD | PERCENTAGE | UK WORD | UK PERCENTAGE |
|---------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| CONSULTING | 2.58% | CONSULTING | 5.11% |
| MANAGEMENT | 1.94% | MANAGEMENT | 4.75% |
| GLOBAL | 1.03% | CONSULTANCY | 3.19% |
| DESIGN | 1.03% | PROPERTY | 2.41% |
| CONSULTANCY | 1.03% | TRADING | 2.06% |
| PRODUCTIONS | 0.90% | DESIGN | 1.94% |
| DEVELOPMENTS | 0.78% | ASSOCIATES | 1.85% |
| INTERNATIONAL | 0.78% | BUSINESS | 1.82% |
| LONDON | 0.78% | CONSULTANTS | 1.76% |
| CONSULTANTS | 0.65% | ENGINEERING | 1.74% |
| CONSTRUCTION | 0.65% | MEDIA | 1.72% |
| ENGINEERING | 0.65% | CONSTRUCTION | 1.72% |
| BUILDING | 0.65% | LONDON | 1.63% |
| MEDICAL | 0.52% | J | 1.47% |
| ASSOCIATES | 0.52% | GLOBAL | 1.46% |
| PROJECT | 0.52% | INVESTMENTS | 1.43% |
| ELECTRICAL | 0.52% | CARE | 1.42% |
| TECHNOLOGIES | 0.52% | IT | 1.38% |
| HOME | 0.52% | BUILDING | 1.30% |
| WRIGHT | 0.52% | PROPERTIES | 1.28% |
| INVESTMENTS | 0.39% | ELECTRICAL | 1.27% |
| M | 0.39% | M | 1.25% |
| YOUR | 0.39% | ENERGY | 1.22% |
| NEW | 0.39% | TRAINING | 1.21% |
| L | 0.39% | S | 1.21% |

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| None Supplied | 163 | 204,493 |
| 7487 - Other business activities | 62 | 65,177 |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 47 | 29,245 |
| 9999 - Dormant Company | 29 | 22,587 |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy | 23 | 14,755 |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management | 22 | 15,760 |
| 99999 - Dormant Company | 18 | 18,281 |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities | 16 | 10,137 |
| 74990 - Non-trading company | 15 | 8,064 |
| 7499 - Non-trading company | 15 | 11,543 |
| 7222 - Other software consultancy and supply | 13 | 8,345 |
| 9305 - Other service activities | 12 | 10,525 |
| 41100 - Development of building projects | 12 | 3,697 |
| 4521 - General construction & civil engineering | 11 | 6,321 |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified | 10 | 10,018 |
| 70100 - Activities of head offices | 9 | 2,479 |
| 7450 - Labour recruitment | 8 | 2,129 |
| 74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified | 8 | 7,551 |
| 86900 - Other human health activities | 8 | 4,019 |
| 7011 - Development & sell real estate | 7 | 2,638 |