

Rickmansworth

2011 annual business confidence report



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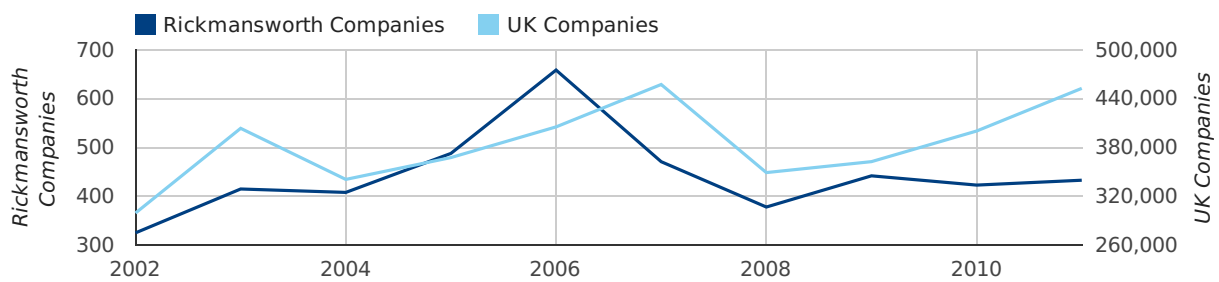
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Annual Data (2011)

A total of 433 companies were formed in Rickmansworth in 2011. This total is 2.4% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	RICKMANSWORTH	UK
2011	433	452,870
2010	423	400,358
2009	442	362,675
2008	378	349,203
2007	471	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2006 (659)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



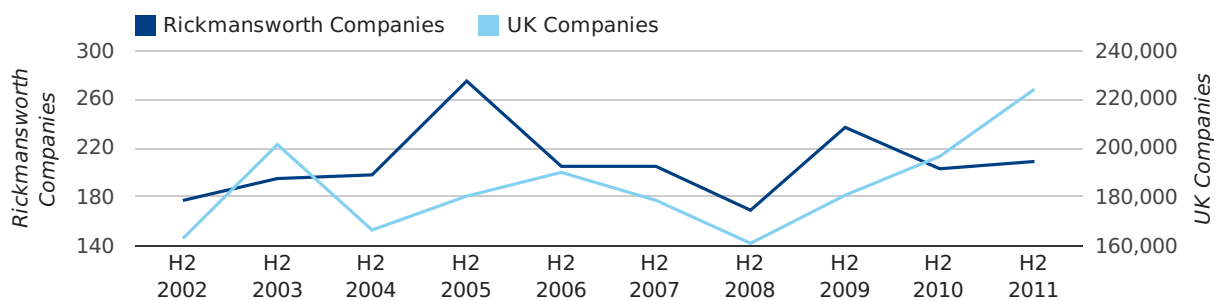
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 209 companies were formed in Rickmansworth. This figure is 3.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Rickmansworth occurred in 2005 when a total of 275 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	RICKMANSWORTH	UK
2011	209	224,135
2010	203	196,609
% CHANGE	3.0%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (275)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



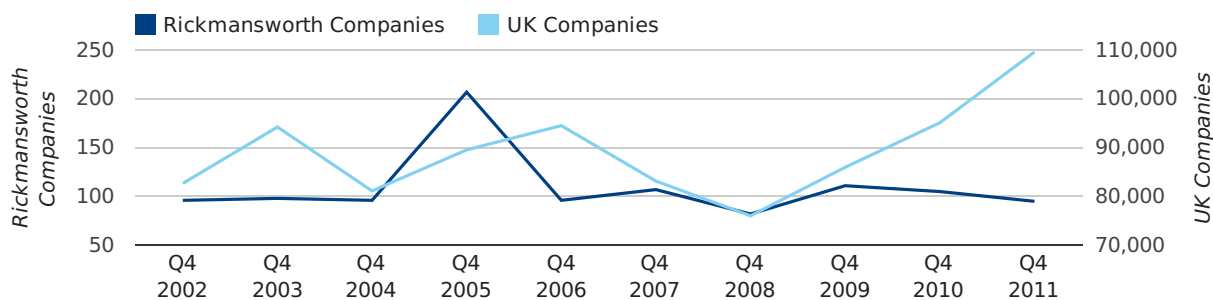
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 95 companies were registered in Rickmansworth during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 9.5% 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.

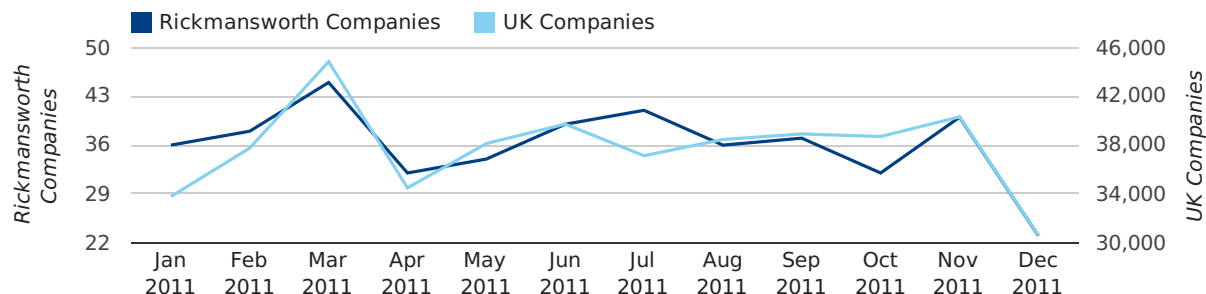
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	RICKMANSWORTH	UK
2011	95	109,623
2010	105	95,117
% CHANGE	-9.5%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (207)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	32	40	23
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	40	29	36
% CHANGE	-20.0%	37.9%	-36.1%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (56)	2005 (130)	2002 (37)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 350 companies were dissolved in Rickmansworth in 2011. This total is 10.5% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	RICKMANSWORTH	UK
2011	350	314,523
2010	391	342,232
2009	511	533,773
2008	286	237,901
2007	409	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (511)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



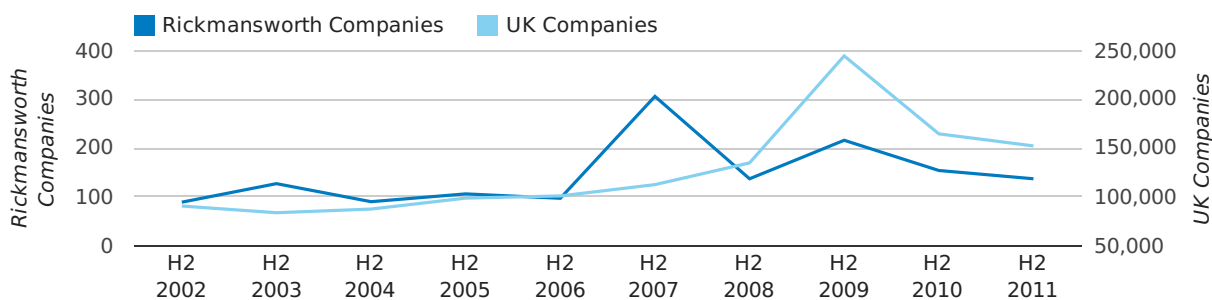
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 137 companies were dissolved in Rickmansworth. This figure is 11.0% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Rickmansworth occurred in 2007 when a total of 306 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	RICKMANSWORTH	UK
2011	137	152,213
2010	154	164,601
% CHANGE	-11.0%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (306)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



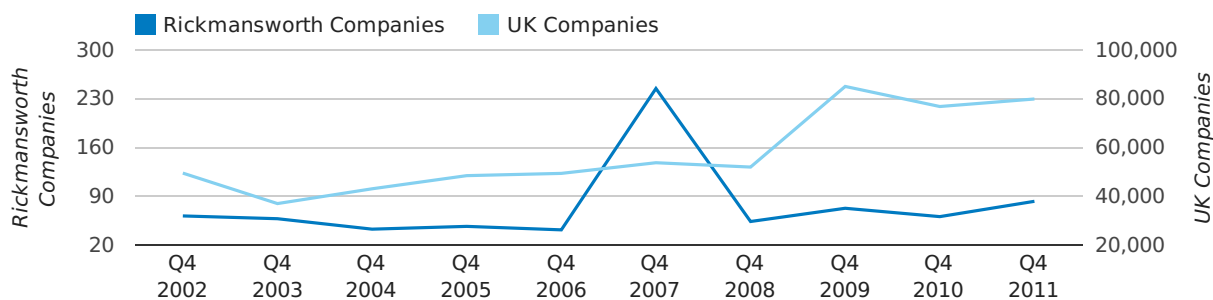
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 83 companies were dissolved in Rickmansworth during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 36.1% 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)	RICKMANSWORTH	UK
2011	83	79,983
2010	61	76,896
% CHANGE	36.1%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (245)	2009 (85,136)

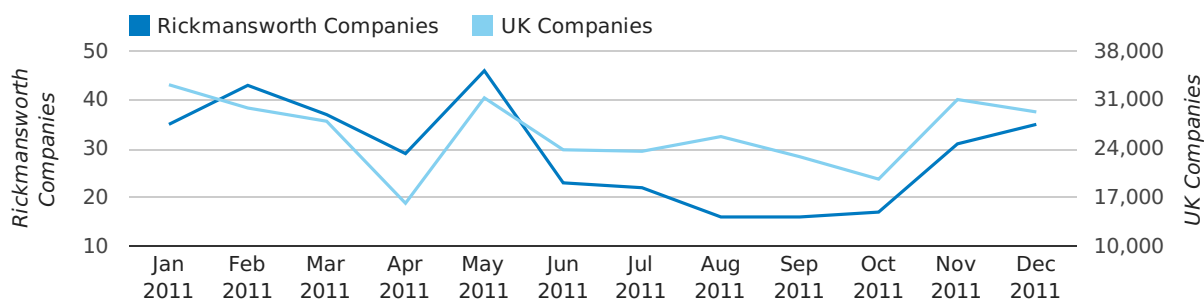
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	17	31	35
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	25	22	14
% CHANGE	-32.0%	40.9%	150%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (26)	2011 (31)	2007 (190)

Annual Data (2011)

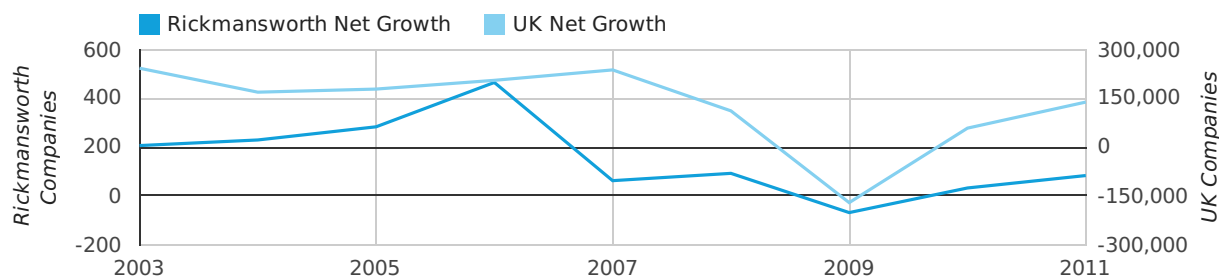
A total of 83 companies were added to the company register for Rickmansworth in 2011. This number represents growth of 19.6% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 51 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2006 when the Rickmansworth company register grew by 465 companies.

YEAR	RICKMANSWORTH	UK
2011	83	138,347
2010	32	58,126
2009	-69	-171,098
2008	92	111,302
2007	62	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2006 (465)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

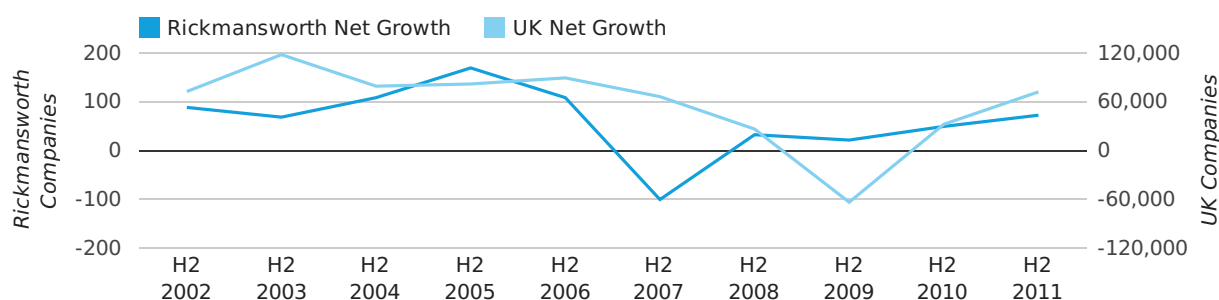


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Rickmansworth increased by 72 companies. This figure is 46.9% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	RICKMANSWORTH	UK
2011	72	71,922
2010	49	32,008
% CHANGE	46.9%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (169)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



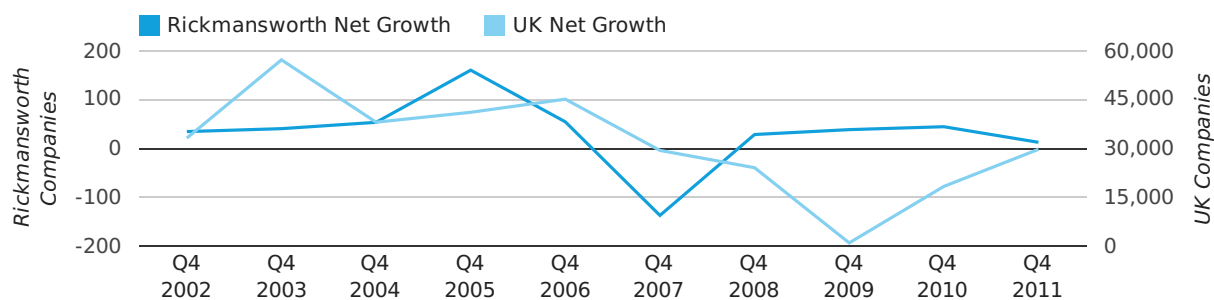
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

This represents a decrease of 72.7% on the same period last year.

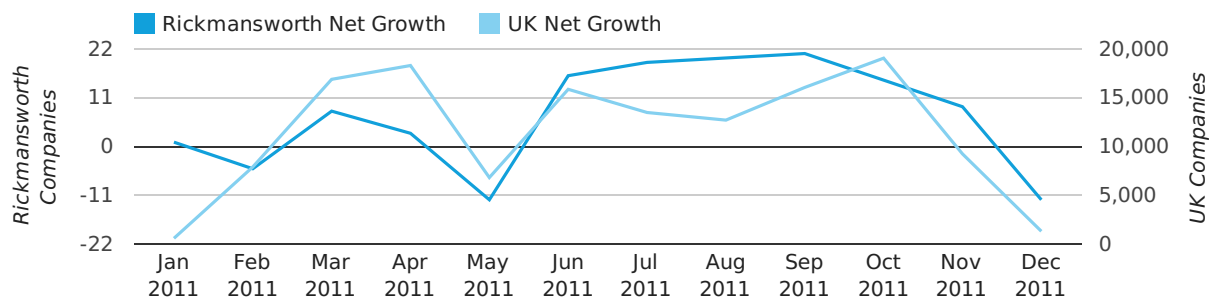
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	RICKMANSWORTH	UK
2011	12	29,640
2010	44	18,221
% CHANGE	-72.7%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (160)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



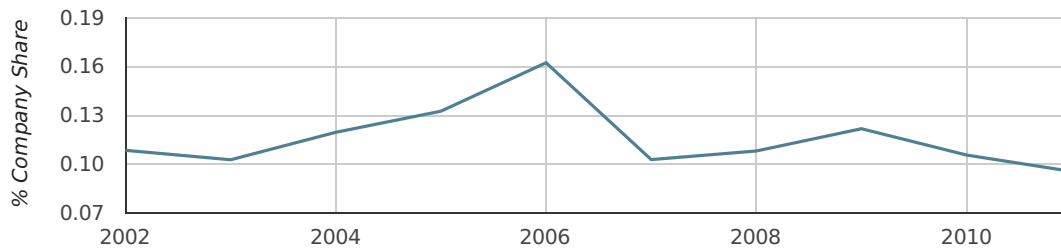
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	15	9	-12
NET GROWTH IN 2010	15	7	22
% CHANGE	0.0%	28.6%	-154.5%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (42)	2005 (111)	2004 (26)

Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	RICKMANSWORTH
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1969 (0.2%)

company share by year

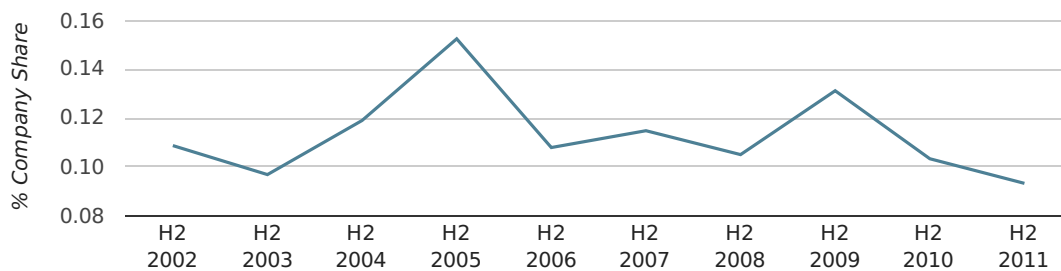


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	RICKMANSWORTH
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.3%)

company share by half year

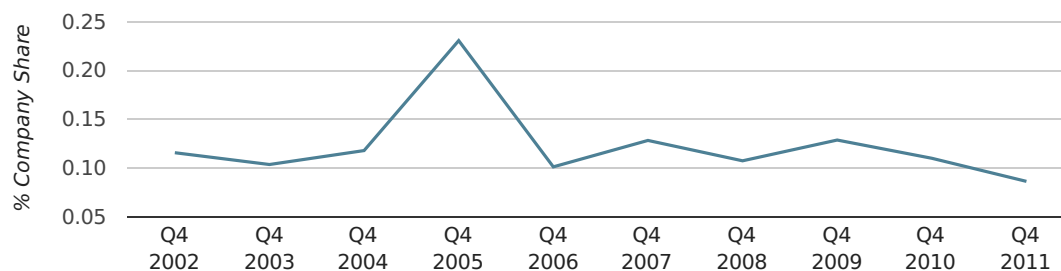


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

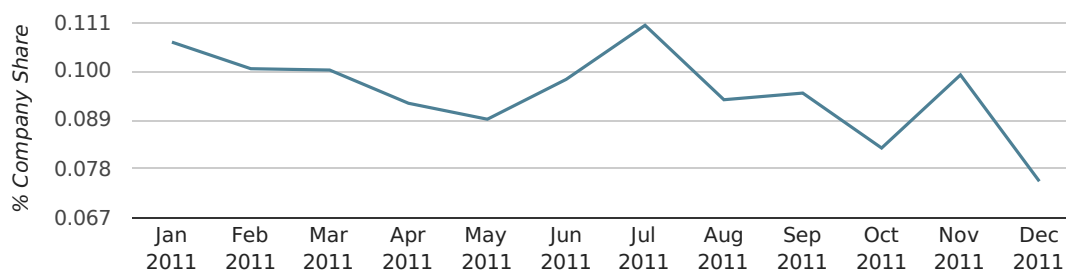
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	RICKMANSWORTH
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.5%)

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	-30.4%	17.5%	-43.3%
RECORD YEAR	1967 (0.8%)	1964 (0.4%)	1960 (0.5%)

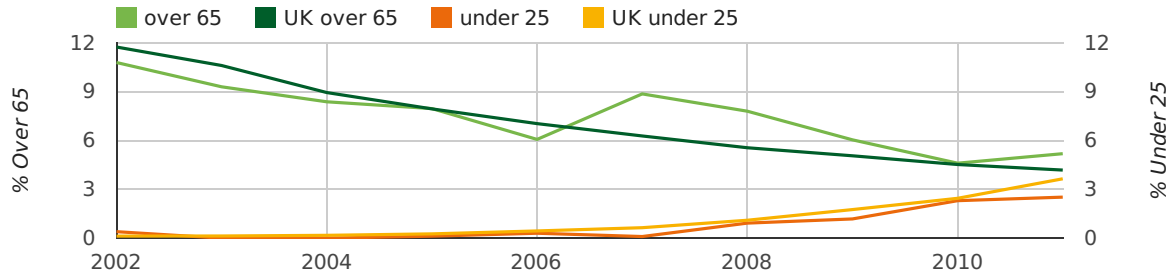
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 45.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



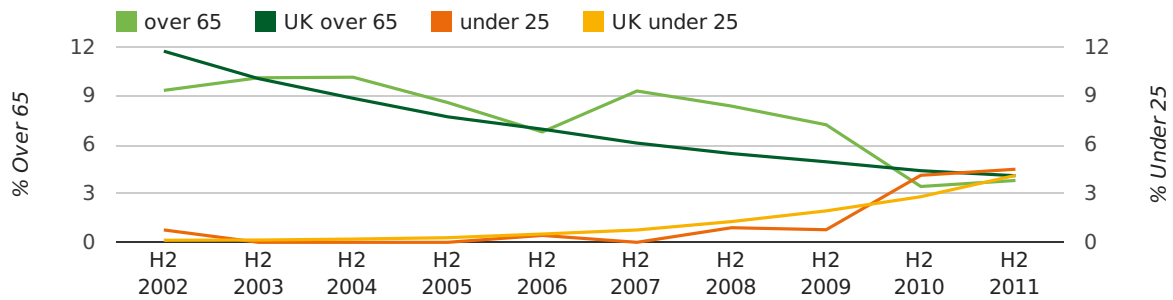
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 44.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



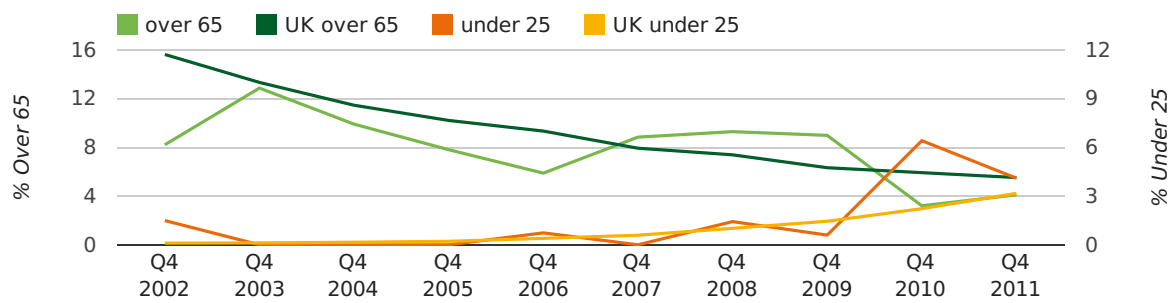
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 46.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

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

director age by quarter

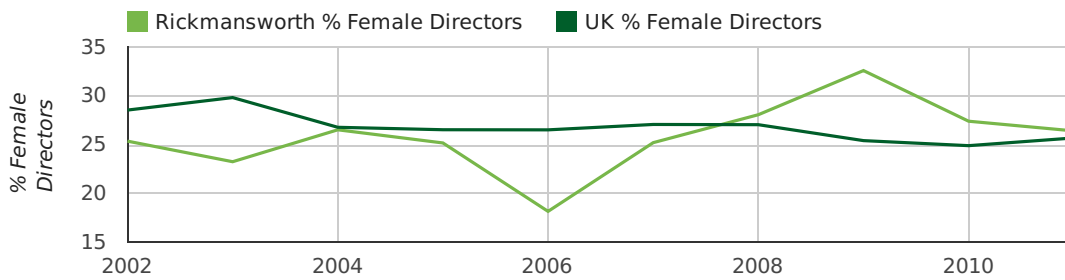


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Rickmansworth in 2011 was 25.4%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

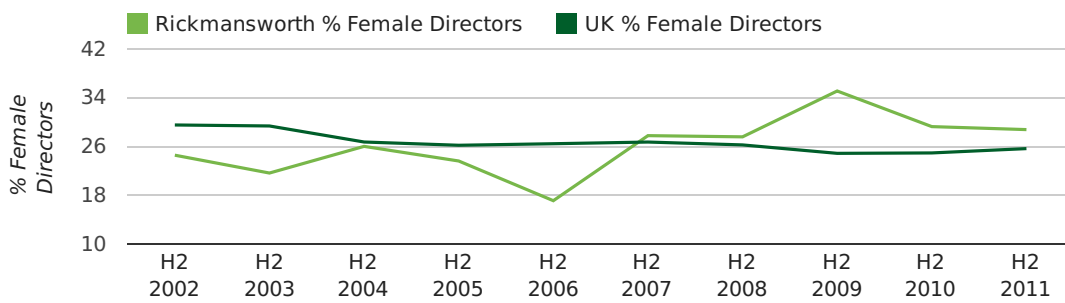


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

28.8% of all director appointments in Rickmansworth 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

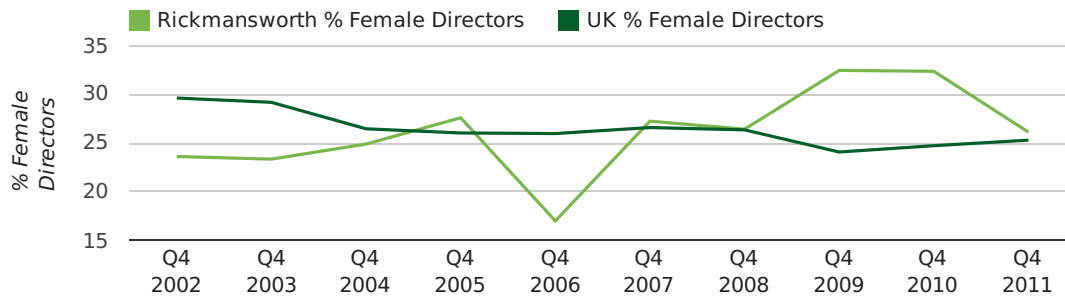


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

26.1% of all director appointments in Rickmansworth 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
CONSULTING	2.37%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.58%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
GLOBAL	1.06%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
CONSULTANTS	0.92%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSULTANCY	0.92%	TRADING	2.07%
PRODUCTIONS	0.79%	DESIGN	1.92%
CONSTRUCTION	0.79%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
LONDON	0.79%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
ASSOCIATES	0.79%	BUSINESS	1.78%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.66%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
IT	0.66%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
DESIGN	0.66%	MEDIA	1.71%
BUSINESS	0.66%	LONDON	1.63%
ENGINEERING	0.53%	J	1.51%
SCHOOL	0.53%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
ELECTRICAL	0.53%	GLOBAL	1.46%
INVESTMENTS	0.53%	IT	1.41%
PROJECT	0.53%	CARE	1.39%
MEDIA	0.53%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
DEVELOPMENT	0.40%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
INTERNATIONAL	0.40%	M	1.27%
TECHNOLOGIES	0.40%	BUILDING	1.26%
1ST	0.40%	ENERGY	1.25%
LIVING	0.40%	S	1.20%
SOUTH	0.40%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	162	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	58	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	49	32,483
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	27	17,765
9999 - Dormant Company	26	20,199
99999 - Dormant Company	23	21,846
7414 - Business & management consultancy	19	13,034
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	18	12,072
74990 - Non-trading company	17	8,929
7499 - Non-trading company	13	9,957
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	12	11,768
41100 - Development of building projects	12	4,331
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	12	7,398
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	11	8,671
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	10	5,558
9305 - Other service activities	10	9,492
70100 - Activities of head offices	9	2,662
86900 - Other human health activities	9	4,457
7011 - Development & sell real estate	7	2,287
68100 - Buying and selling of own real estate	7	2,749