Wells

2011 annual business confidence report





headlines

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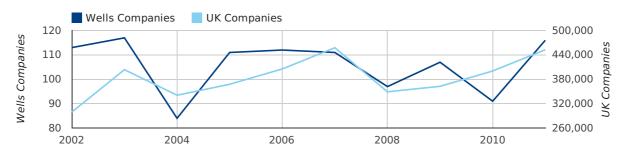
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A total of 116 companies were formed in Wells in 2011. This total is 27.5% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	WELLS	UK
2011	116	452,870
2010	91	400,358
2009	107	362,675
2008	97	349,203
2007	111	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2003 (117)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



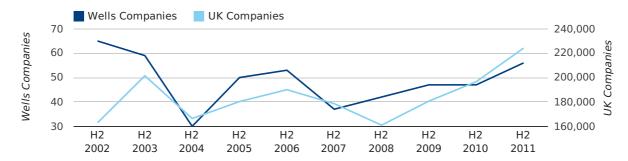
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 56 companies were formed in Wells. This figure is 19.1% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Wells occurred in 2002 when a total of 65 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WELLS	UK
2011	56	224,135
2010	47	196,609
% CHANGE	19.1%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (65)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year

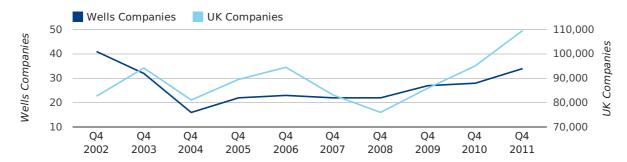


A total of 34 companies were registered in Wells during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 21.4% 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)	WELLS	UK
2011	34	109,623
2010	28	95,117
% CHANGE	21.4%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (41)	2011 (109,623)

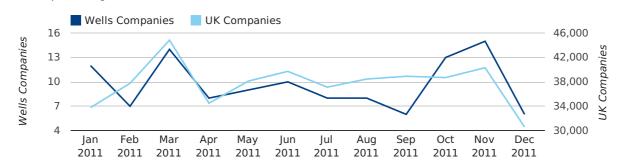
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

November 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Wells when compared to any previous November.

new companies by month

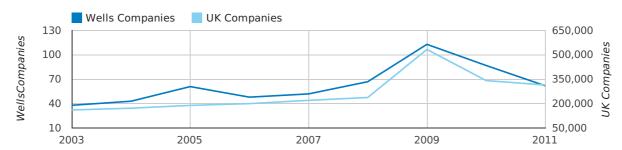


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	13	15	6
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	13	8	7
% CHANGE	0.0%	87.5%	-14.3%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (18)	2011 (15)	2003 (16)

A total of 62 companies were dissolved in Wells in 2011. This total is 28.7% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	WELLS	UK
2011	62	314,523
2010	87	342,232
2009	113	533,773
2008	67	237,901
2007	52	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (113)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



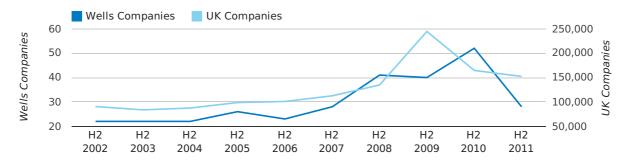
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 28 companies were dissolved in Wells. This figure is 46.2% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Wells occurred in 2010 when a total of 52 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WELLS	UK
2011	28	152,213
2010	52	164,601
% CHANGE	-46.2%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (52)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year

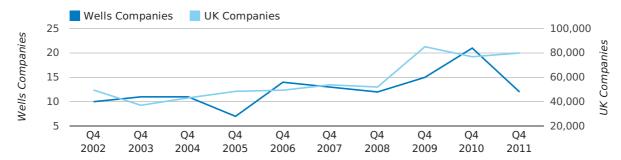


A total of 12 companies were dissolved in Wells during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 42.9% 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.

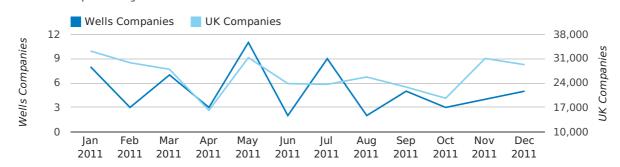
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WELLS	UK
2011	12	79,983
2010	21	76,896
% CHANGE	-42.9%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (21)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
3	4	5
7	9	5
-57.1%	-55.6%	0%
2006 (7)	2010 (9)	2007 (8)
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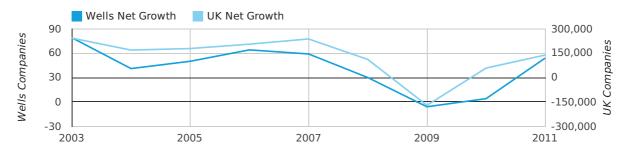
A total of 54 companies were added to the company register for Wells in 2011. This number represents growth of 59.3% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 50 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Wells company register grew by 79 companies.

YEAR	WELLS	UK
2011	54	138,347
2010	4	58,126
2009	-6	-171,098
2008	30	111,302
2007	59	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (79)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

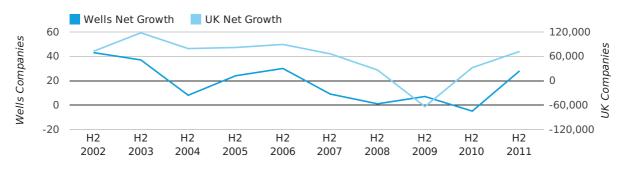


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Wells increased by 28 companies. This figure is 660.0% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WELLS	UK
2011	28	71,922
2010	-5	32,008
% CHANGE	-660.0%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (43)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year

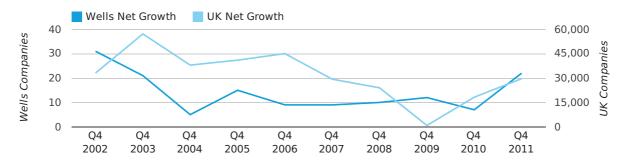


Net company growth for Wells during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 22 companies.

This represents an increase of 214.3% on the same period last year.

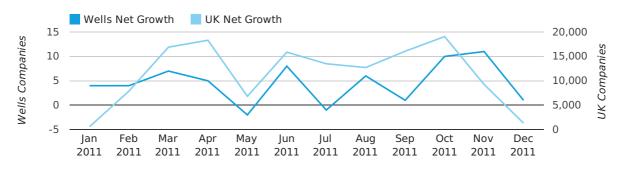
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WELLS	UK
2011	22	29,640
2010	7	18,221
% CHANGE	214.3%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (31)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month

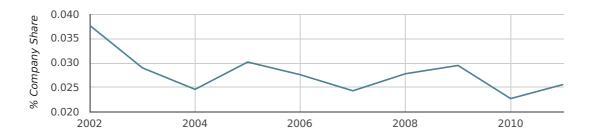


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	10	11	1
NET GROWTH IN 2010	6	-1	2
% CHANGE	66.7%	-1,200.0%	-50.0%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (14)	2002 (12)	2003 (11)

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

YEAR	WELLS
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1991 (0.0%)

company share by year

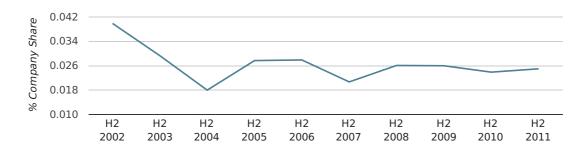


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WELLS
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1979 (0.1%)

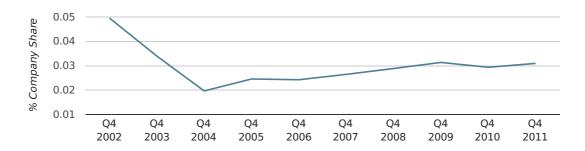
company share by half year



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

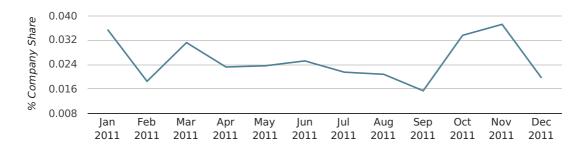
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WELLS
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1975 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



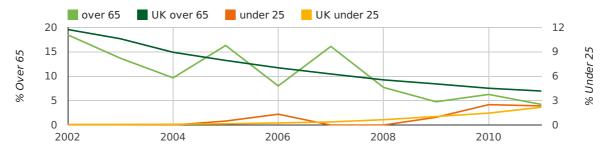
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	-13.0%	59.7%	-24.0%
RECORD YEAR	1963 (0.1%)	1980 (0.2%)	1975 (0.2%)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 47.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

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

director age by year



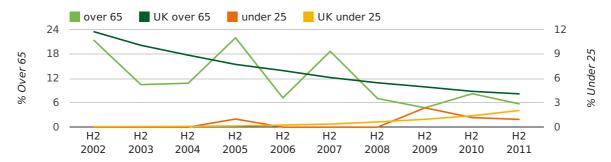
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 48.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year

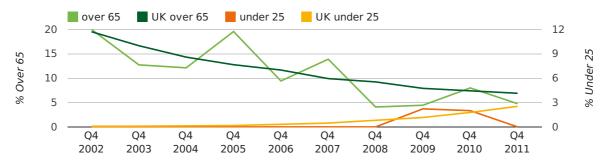


The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 47.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 0.0% 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%.

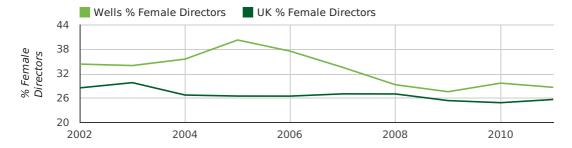
director age by quarter



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

The percentage of female directors in Wells in 2011 was 34.4%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

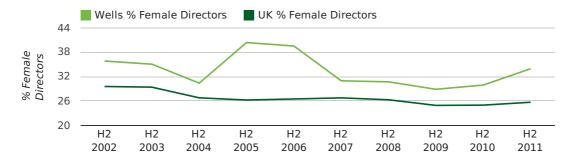


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

33.9% of all director appointments in Wells 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 Wells was in 1977 when 31.1% of all directors were female.

37.9% of all director appointments in Wells 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)

 ${\sf Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, \&, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.}\\$

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
CONSULTING	2.03%	CONSULTING	5.07%
J	1.22%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
TECHNOLOGY	1.22%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
ENGINEERING	1.22%	PROPERTY	2.37%
EVENTS	1.22%	TRADING	2.07%
MARKETING	1.22%	DESIGN	1.92%
BATH	0.81%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
BLUE	0.81%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
SCH00L	0.81%	BUSINESS	1.78%
PRODUCTIONS	0.81%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ALBINO	0.81%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
SWIFT	0.81%	MEDIA	1.71%
TRAINING	0.81%	LONDON	1.63%
SALES	0.81%	J	1.51%
GREEN	0.81%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
WELLS	0.81%	GLOBAL	1.46%
WILLOW	0.81%	IT	1.41%
BUBBLE	0.81%	CARE	1.39%
SUNTEC	0.81%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
WHITE	0.81%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
CIRCUS	0.81%	М	1.27%
ASHTON	0.41%	BUILDING	1.26%
QUANTOCK	0.41%	ENERGY	1.25%
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HAW)	0.41%	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	31	205,525
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	14	32,483
7487 - Other business activities	11	57,052
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	10	17,765
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	9	8,671
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	7	12,072
9999 - Dormant Company	7	20,199
99999 - Dormant Company	6	21,846
7414 - Business & management consultancy	5	13,034
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	4	7,398
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	3	5,558
56210 - Event catering activities	3	829
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	3	2,740
41201 - Construction of commercial buildings	3	1,500
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	2	3,633
69102 - Solicitors	2	1,183
58190 - Other publishing activities	2	996
70100 - Activities of head offices	2	2,662
62012 - Business and domestic software development	2	3,714
41100 - Development of building projects	2	4,331