

Wickford

2011 half year business confidence report



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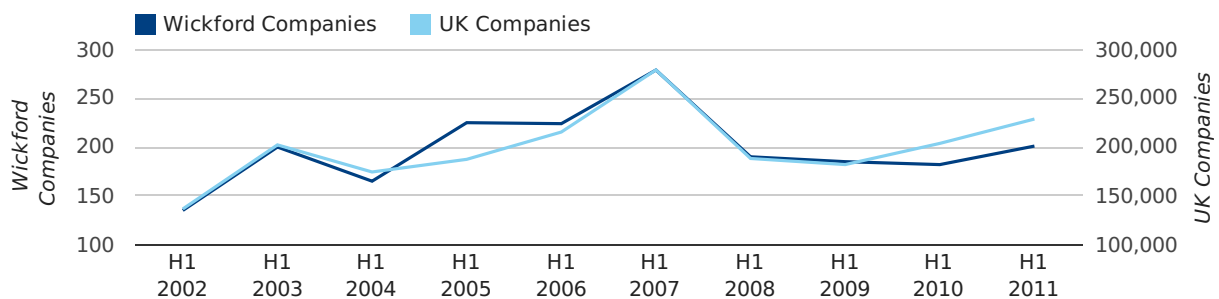
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 201 companies were formed in Wickford. This figure is 10.4% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Wickford occurred in 2007 when a total of 279 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WICKFORD	UK
2011	201	228,735
2010	182	203,749
% CHANGE	10.4%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (279)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



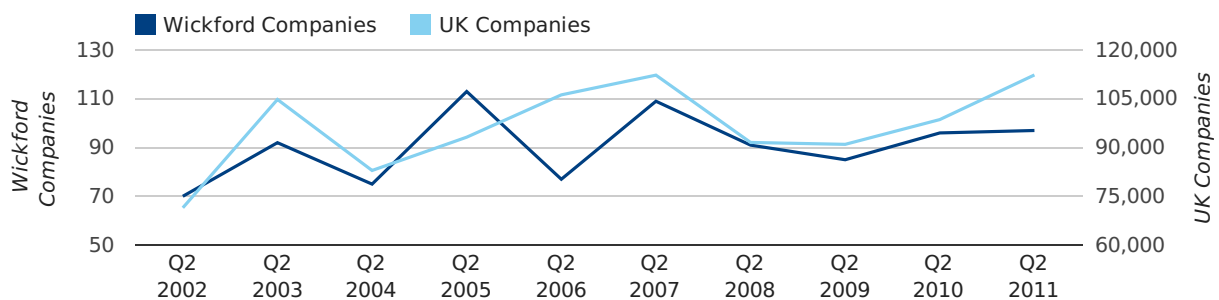
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 97 companies were registered in Wickford during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 1.0% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	WICKFORD	UK
2011	97	112,344
2010	96	98,612
% CHANGE	1.0%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (113)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	32	25	40
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	27	28	41
% CHANGE	18.5%	-10.7%	-2.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (42)	2005 (46)	2007 (42)

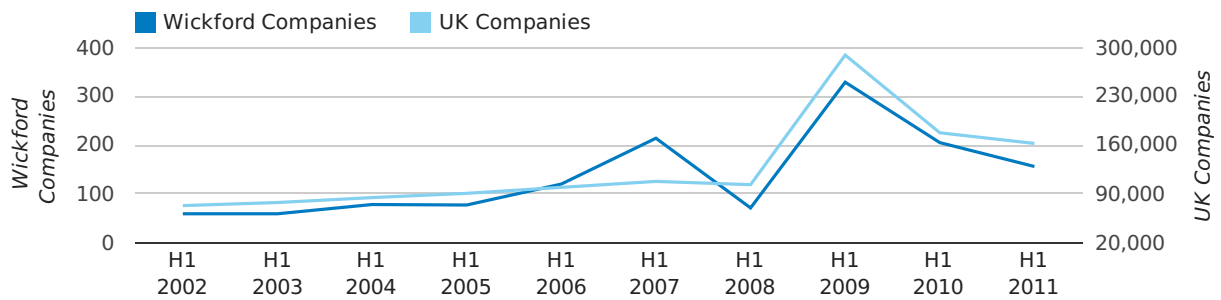
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 156 companies were dissolved in Wickford. This figure is 23.9% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Wickford occurred in 2009 when a total of 329 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WICKFORD	UK
2011	156	162,310
2010	205	177,631
% CHANGE	-23.9%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (329)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



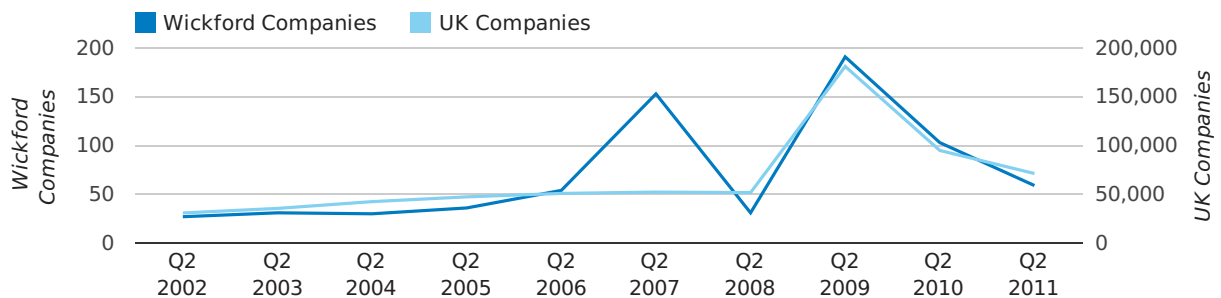
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 59 companies were dissolved in Wickford during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 42.7% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	WICKFORD	UK
2011	59	71,324
2010	103	94,954
% CHANGE	-42.7%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (191)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month



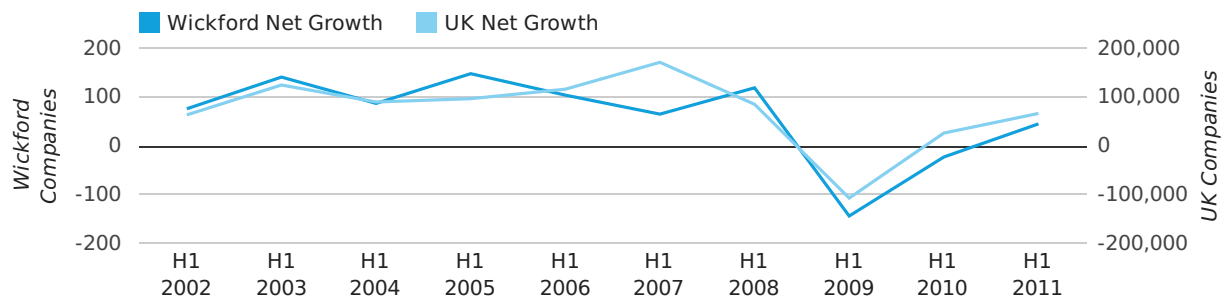
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	16	26	17
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	15	44	44
% CHANGE	6.7%	-40.9%	-61%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (62)	2007 (99)	2010 (44)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Wickford increased by 45 companies. This figure is 295.7% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WICKFORD	UK
2011	45	66,425
2010	-23	26,118
% CHANGE	-295.7%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (148)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



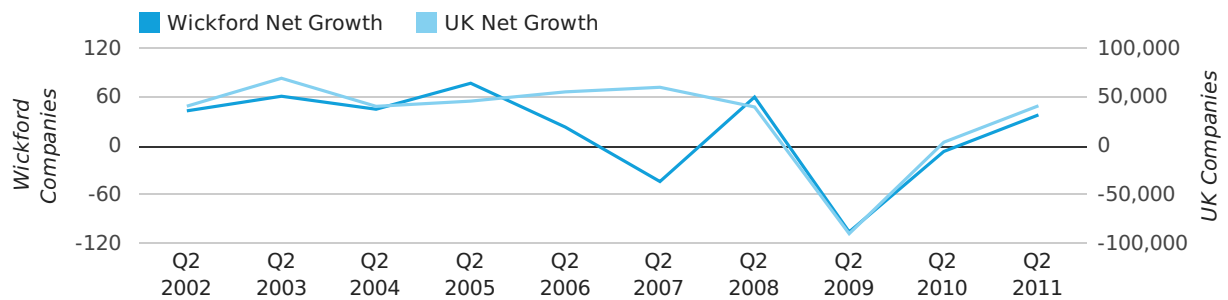
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Wickford during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 38 companies.

This represents an increase of 642.9% on the same period last year.

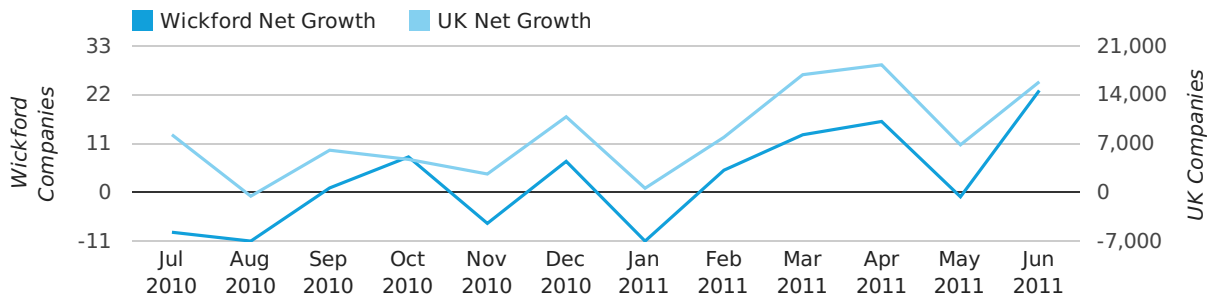
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	WICKFORD	UK
2011	38	41,020
2010	-7	3,658
% CHANGE	-642.9%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (77)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month



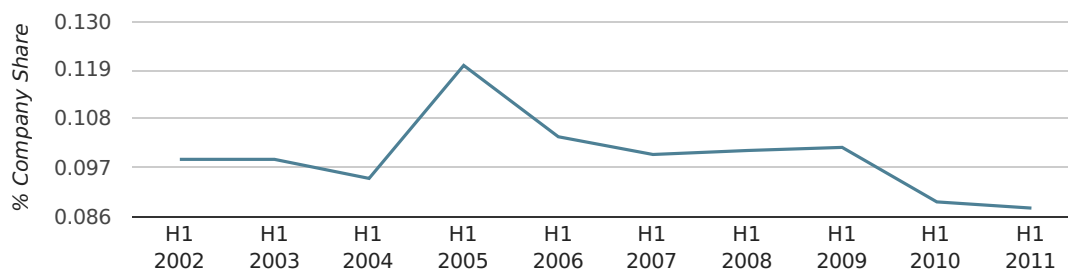
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	16	-1	23
NET GROWTH IN 2010	12	-16	-3
% CHANGE	33.3%	-93.8%	-866.7%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (36)	2005 (30)	2008 (28)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WICKFORD
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (0.2%)

company share by half year

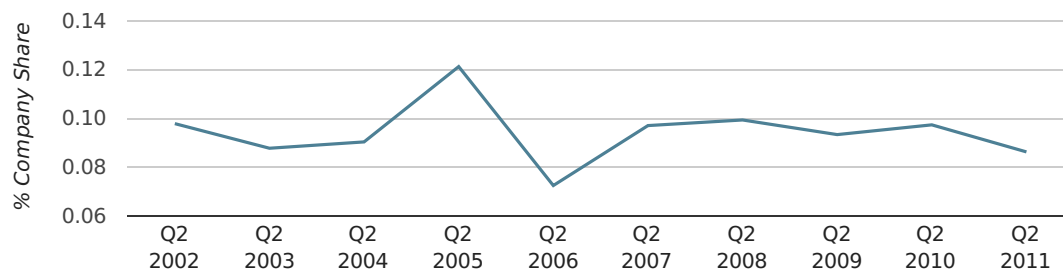


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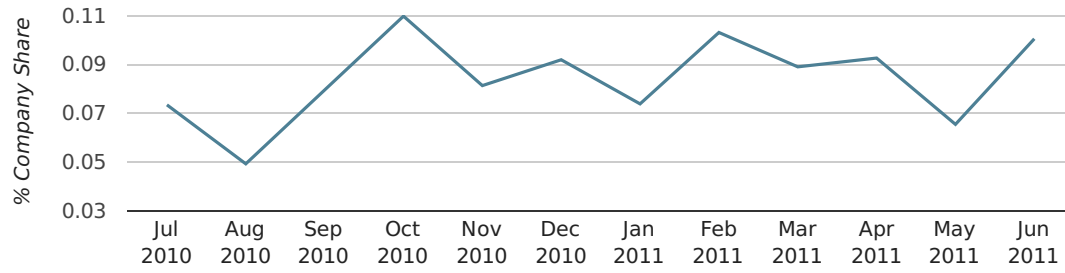
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2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	14.7%	-29.6%	-13.6%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (0.3%)	1966 (0.2%)	1972 (0.4%)

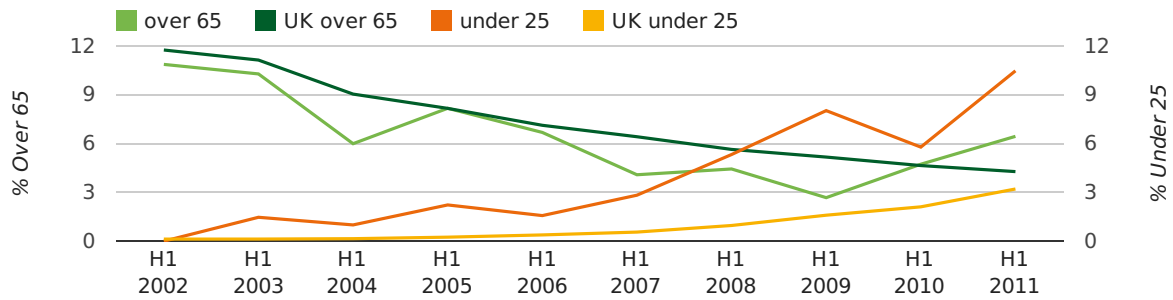
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 41.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 10.5% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



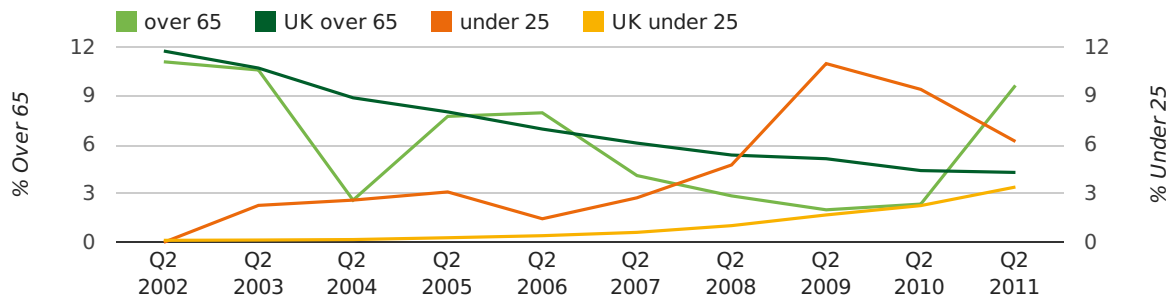
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 43.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 9.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

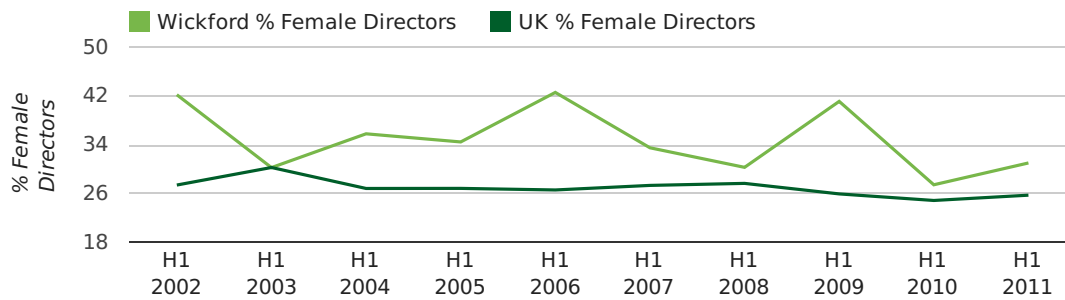


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

The record first half year for female directors in Wickford was 1857 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

31.0% of all director appointments in Wickford in the first half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

director gender by half year

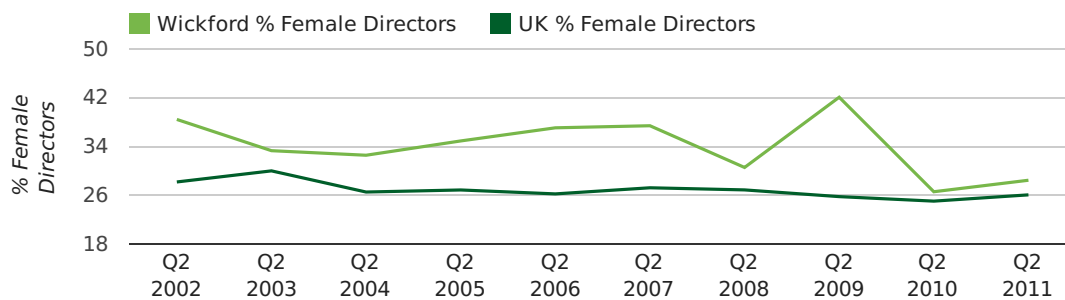


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The record second quarter for female directors in Wickford was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

28.5% of all director appointments in Wickford in the second quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.1% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Jun 2010-Jun 2011)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
CONSULTANCY	1.25%	CONSULTING	5.09%
CONSULTING	1.25%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
MANAGEMENT	1.25%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
CONTRACTORS	1.09%	PROPERTY	2.43%
ELECTRICAL	1.09%	TRADING	2.05%
DESIGN	1.09%	DESIGN	1.94%
ASSOCIATES	1.09%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
J	0.94%	BUSINESS	1.87%
ESSEX	0.94%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
PROPERTY	0.78%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CONTRACTS	0.78%	MEDIA	1.73%
ENERGY	0.78%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
K	0.63%	LONDON	1.60%
CARBON	0.63%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CO	0.63%	J	1.44%
ENGINEERING	0.63%	CARE	1.44%
N	0.63%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
SOUTH	0.47%	IT	1.39%
INVESTMENTS	0.47%	BUILDING	1.32%
BUSINESS	0.47%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CENTRE	0.47%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
D	0.47%	M	1.27%
P	0.47%	S	1.23%
L	0.47%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
BUILDING	0.47%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	144	202,072
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	90	30,647
7487 - Other business activities	87	60,758
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	18	5,928
9999 - Dormant Company	16	20,111
99999 - Dormant Company	13	18,918
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	12	16,419
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	11	10,545
7414 - Business & management consultancy	11	13,053
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	11	3,050
4525 - Other special trades construction	10	1,676
7499 - Non-trading company	10	10,955
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	9	7,143
4545 - Other building completion	9	2,456
43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation	8	2,223
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	8	2,641
7260 - Other computer related activities	8	7,849
4534 - Other building installation	8	2,274
43210 - Electrical installation	7	3,085
9305 - Other service activities	7	9,063