

# Wickford

2011 annual business confidence report



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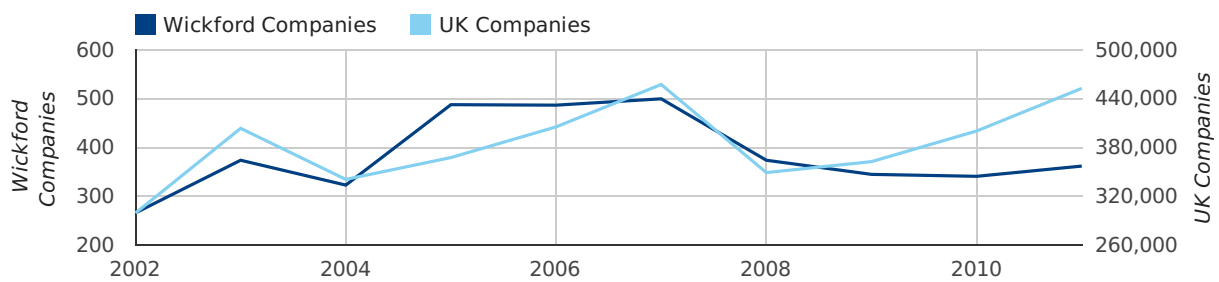
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### Annual Data (2011)

A total of 362 companies were formed in Wickford in 2011. This total is 6.2% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	WICKFORD	UK
2011	362	452,870
2010	341	400,358
2009	345	362,675
2008	374	349,203
2007	500	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2007 (500)	2007 (457,649)

### new companies by year



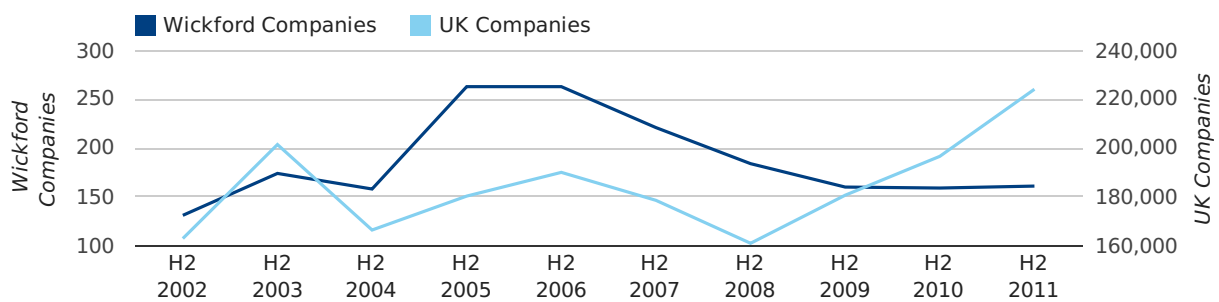
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 161 companies were formed in Wickford. This figure is 1.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Wickford occurred in 2006 when a total of 263 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WICKFORD	UK
2011	161	224,135
2010	159	196,609
% CHANGE	1.3%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (263)	2011 (224,135)

### new companies by half year



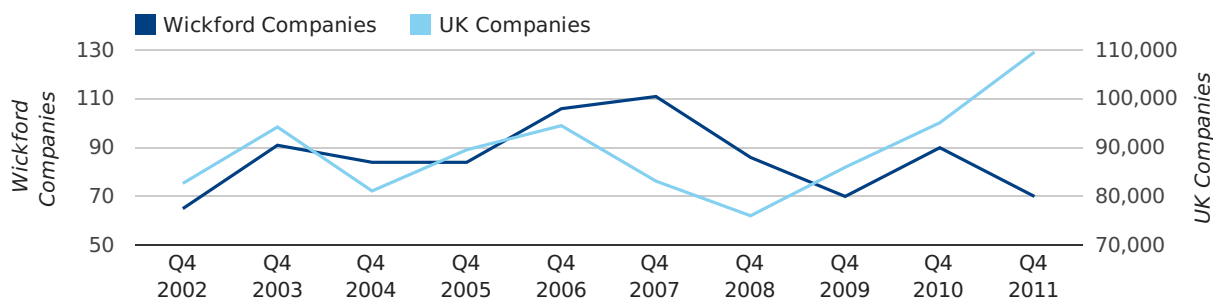
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 70 companies were registered in Wickford during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 22.2% 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.

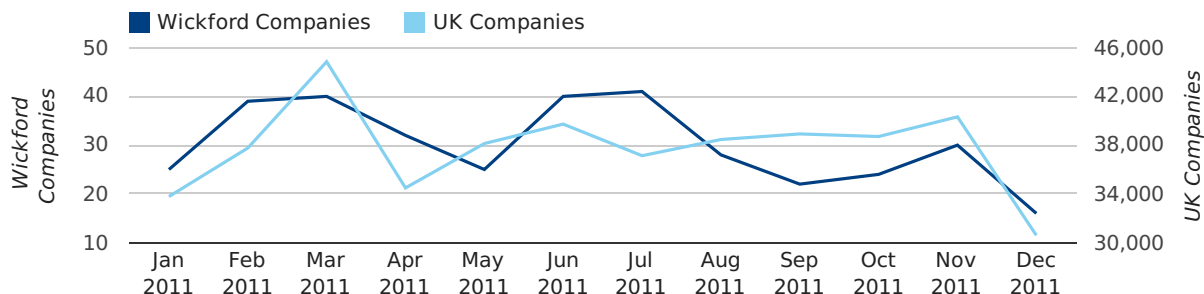
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WICKFORD	UK
2011	70	109,623
2010	90	95,117
% CHANGE	-22.2%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (111)	2011 (109,623)

### new companies by quarter



## Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

### new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	24	30	16
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	37	28	25
% CHANGE	-35.1%	7.1%	-36.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (43)	2003 (44)	2006 (33)

### Annual Data (2011)

A total of 283 companies were dissolved in Wickford in 2011. This total is 24.5% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	WICKFORD	UK
2011	283	314,523
2010	375	342,232
2009	513	533,773
2008	157	237,901
2007	357	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (513)	2009 (533,773)

### dissolved companies by year



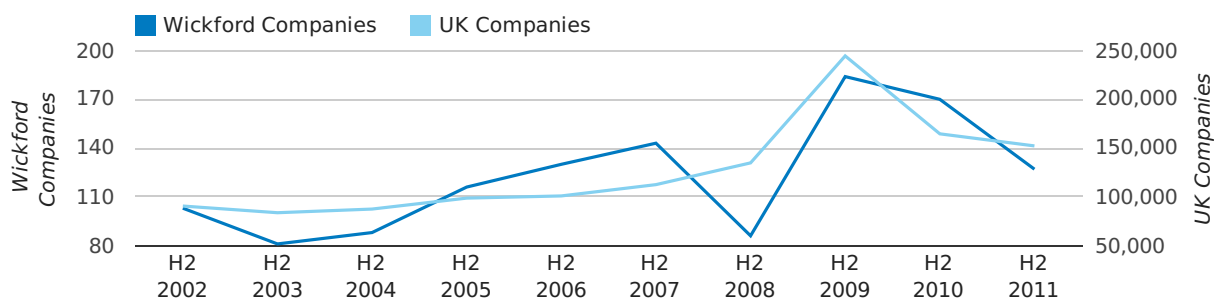
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 127 companies were dissolved in Wickford. This figure is 25.3% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Wickford occurred in 2009 when a total of 184 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WICKFORD	UK
2011	127	152,213
2010	170	164,601
% CHANGE	-25.3%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (184)	2009 (244,537)

### dissolved companies by half year



## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 79 companies were dissolved in Wickford during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 3.7% 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)	WICKFORD	UK
2011	79	79,983
2010	82	76,896
% CHANGE	-3.7%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (82)	2009 (85,136)

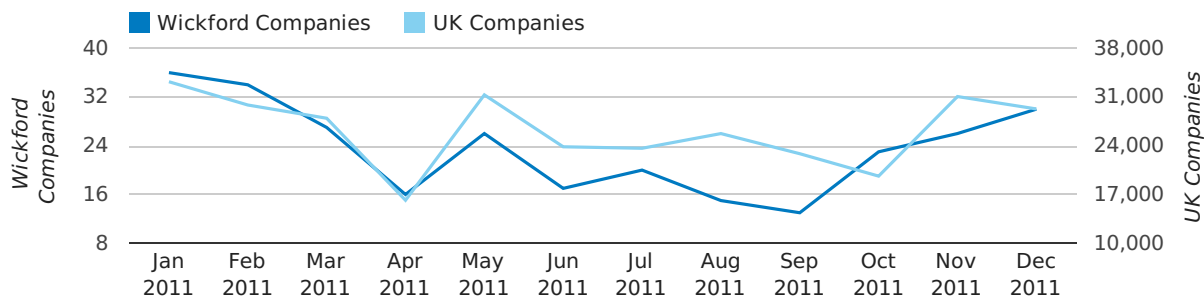
### dissolved companies by quarter



## Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

### dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	23	26	30
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	29	35	18
% CHANGE	-20.7%	-25.7%	67%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (33)	2007 (43)	2011 (30)

### Annual Data (2011)

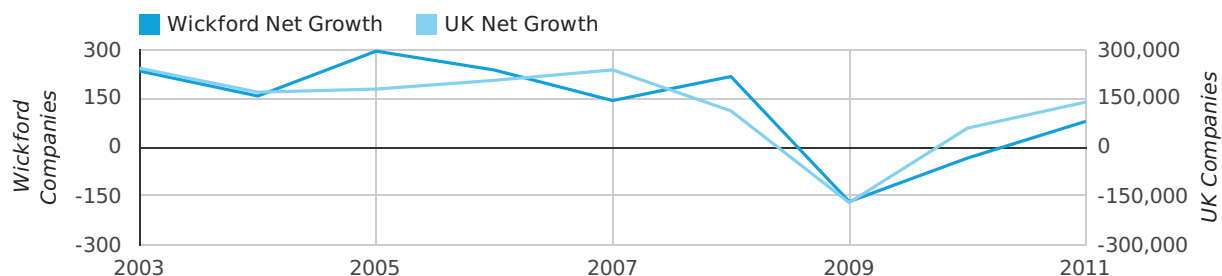
A total of 79 companies were added to the company register for Wickford in 2011. This number represents growth of 23.2% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 113 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2005 when the Wickford company register grew by 295 companies.

YEAR	WICKFORD	UK
2011	79	138,347
2010	-34	58,126
2009	-168	-171,098
2008	217	111,302
2007	143	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2005 (295)	2003 (242,543)

### net growth by year

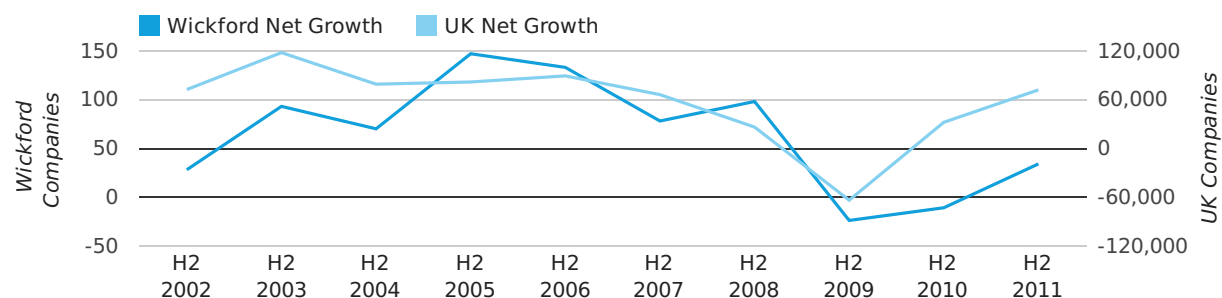


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Wickford increased by 34 companies. This figure is 409.1% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WICKFORD	UK
2011	34	71,922
2010	-11	32,008
% CHANGE	-409.1%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (147)	2003 (117,772)

### net growth by half year



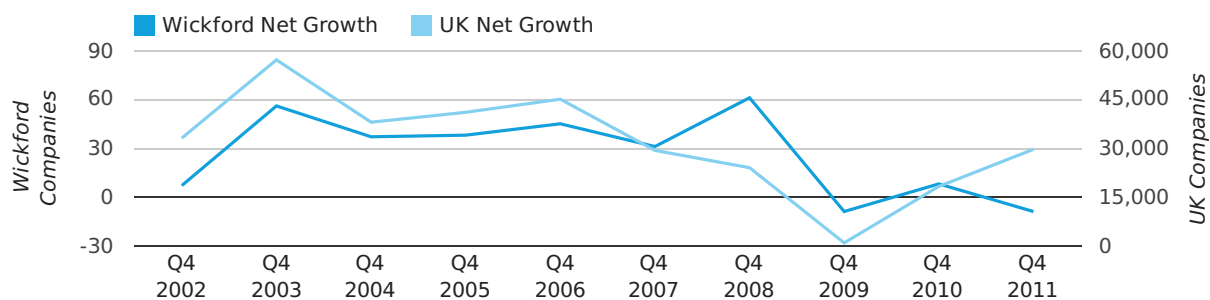
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Wickford during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was -9 companies.

This represents a decrease of 212.5% on the same period last year.

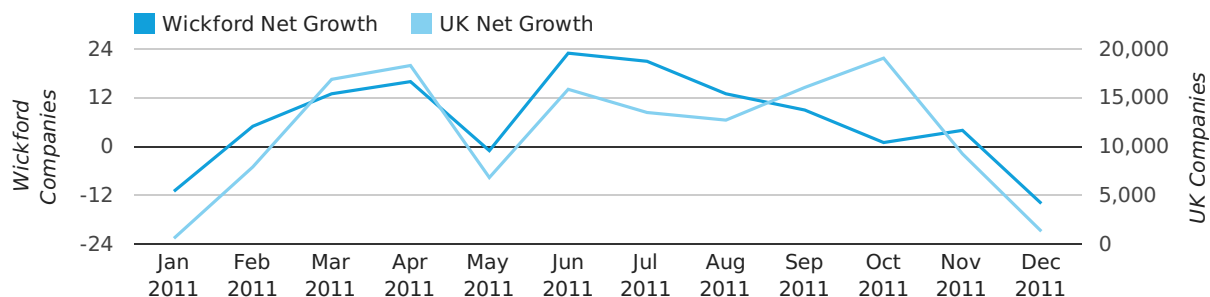
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WICKFORD	UK
2011	-9	29,640
2010	8	18,221
% CHANGE	-212.5%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (61)	2003 (57,175)

### net growth by quarter



## Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

### net growth by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	1	4	-14
NET GROWTH IN 2010	8	-7	7
% CHANGE	-87.5%	-157.1%	-300.0%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (30)	2003 (32)	2006 (21)

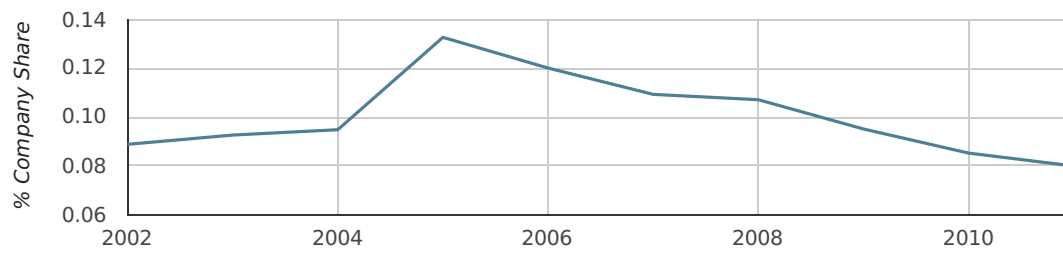


### Annual Data (2011)

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

YEAR	WICKFORD
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2005 (0.1%)

### company share by year

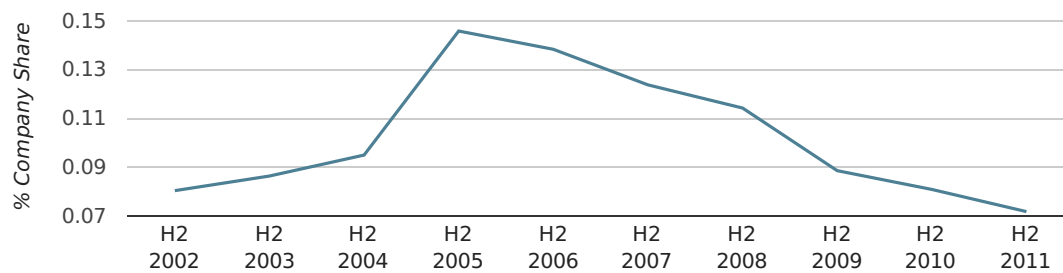


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WICKFORD
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2005 (0.1%)

### company share by half year

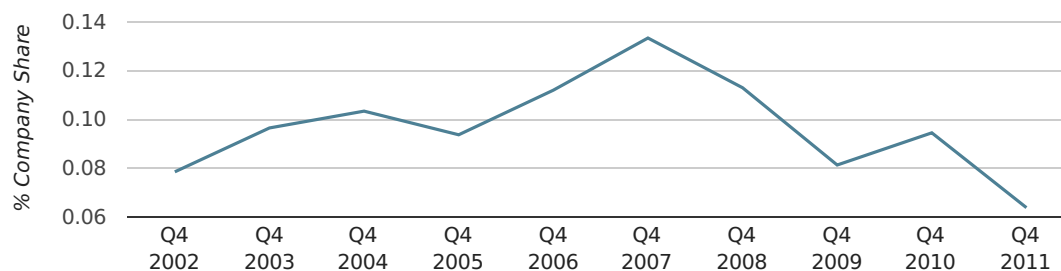


## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

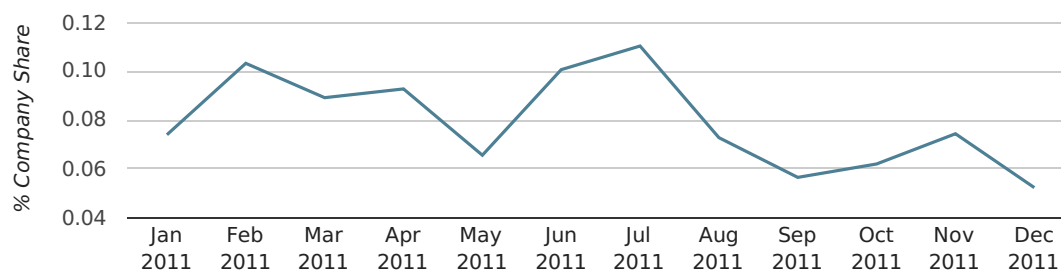
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WICKFORD
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.2%)

### 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	-43.6%	-8.7%	-43.2%
RECORD YEAR	1965 (0.2%)	1965 (0.4%)	1968 (0.2%)

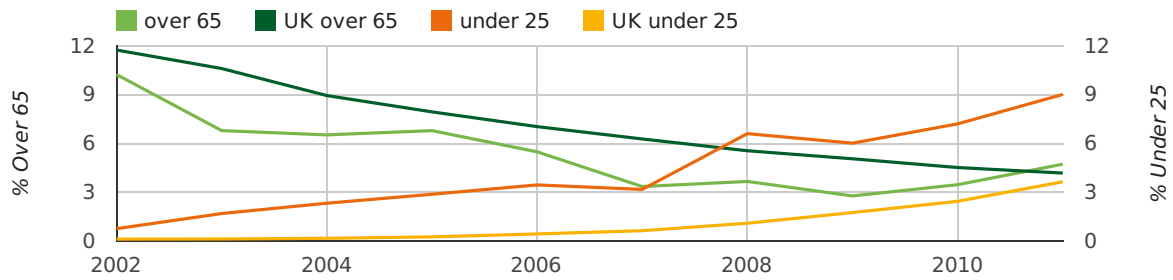
### Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 42.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 9.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

#### director age by year



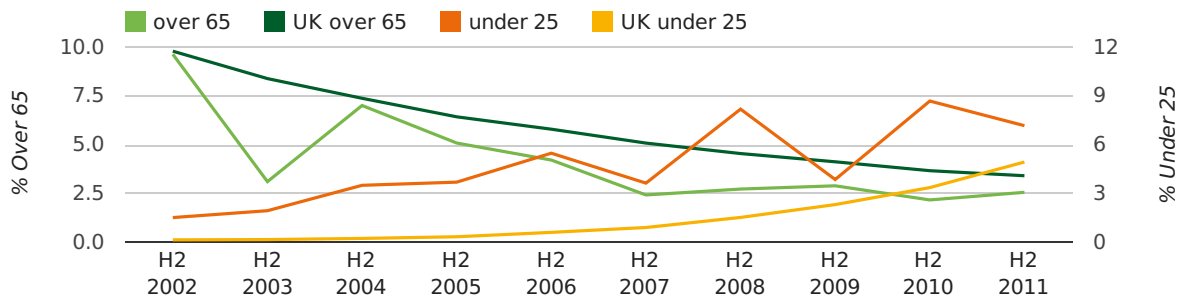
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 42.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 7.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

#### director age by half year



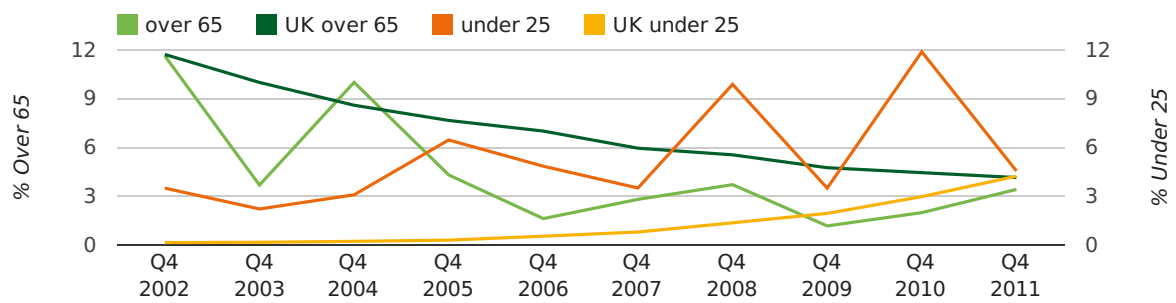
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 42.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

### director age by quarter

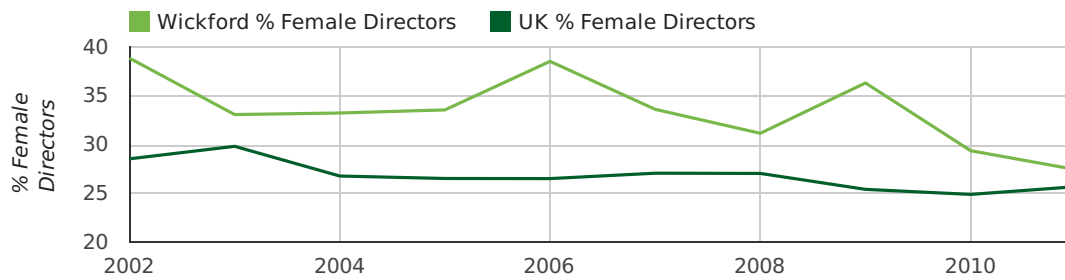


### Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Wickford in 2011 was 38.9%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

#### director gender by year

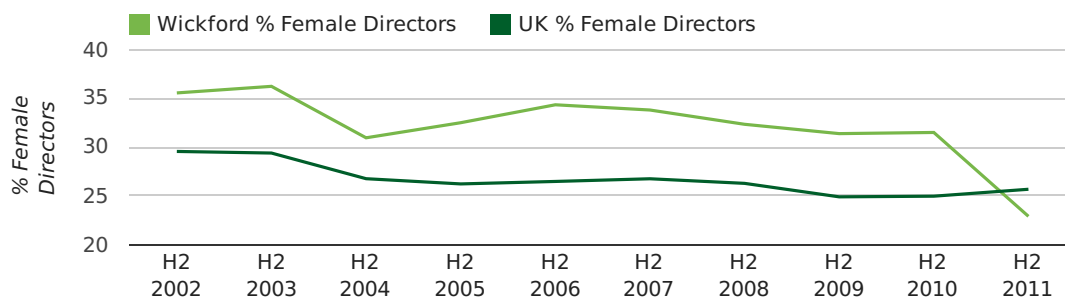


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

22.9% of all director appointments in Wickford 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

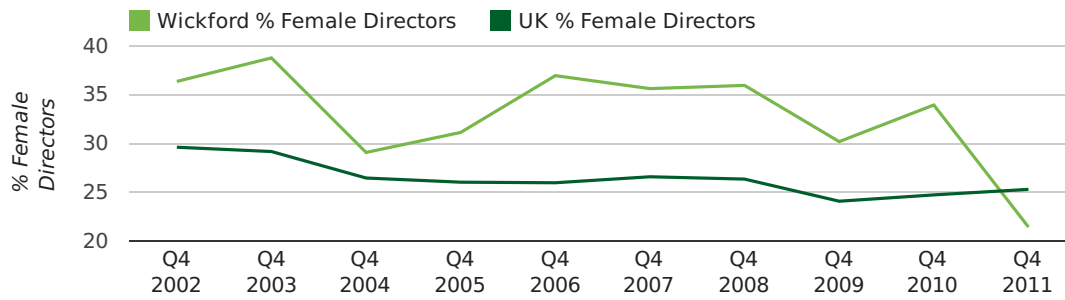


## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

21.4% of all director appointments in Wickford 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, &amp;, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	1.23%	CONSULTING	5.07%
ENERGY	1.07%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTANCY	1.07%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
P	0.92%	PROPERTY	2.37%
ELECTRICAL	0.92%	TRADING	2.07%
CARBON	0.92%	DESIGN	1.92%
CONTRACTORS	0.92%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
CONSULTING	0.77%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
PROPERTY	0.77%	BUSINESS	1.78%
K	0.77%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
N	0.77%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
T	0.61%	MEDIA	1.71%
LONDON	0.61%	LONDON	1.63%
G	0.61%	J	1.51%
MEDIA	0.61%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
J	0.61%	GLOBAL	1.46%
ASSOCIATES	0.61%	IT	1.41%
ESSEX	0.61%	CARE	1.39%
ENGINEERING	0.61%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
D	0.61%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
SAVING	0.46%	M	1.27%
CONSTRUCTION	0.46%	BUILDING	1.26%
SOUTH	0.46%	ENERGY	1.25%
RED	0.46%	S	1.20%
BUILDING	0.46%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

## Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	131	205,525
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	94	32,483
7487 - Other business activities	71	57,052
99999 - Dormant Company	18	21,846
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	15	17,765
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	15	5,558
7414 - Business & management consultancy	14	13,034
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	14	3,342
9999 - Dormant Company	14	20,199
4525 - Other special trades construction	10	1,651
7260 - Other computer related activities	8	7,667
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	8	12,072
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	8	2,832
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	7	7,398
9305 - Other service activities	7	9,492
43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation	7	2,372
7499 - Non-trading company	7	9,957
32990 - Other manufacturing not elsewhere classified	6	1,594
4545 - Other building completion	6	2,369
43290 - Other construction installation	6	1,559