

Wickford

2012 half year business confidence report



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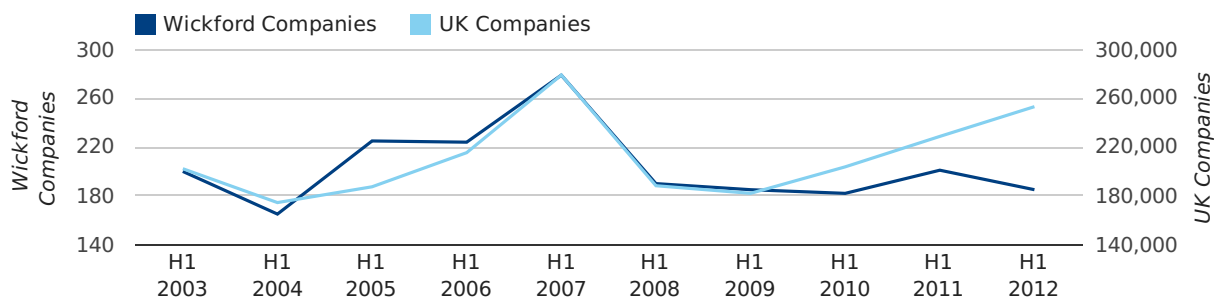
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 185 companies were formed in Wickford. This figure is 8.0% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

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
2012	185	253,150
2011	201	228,735
% CHANGE	-8.0%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (279)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 81 companies were registered in Wickford during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 16.5% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WICKFORD	UK
2012	81	121,659
2011	97	112,344
% CHANGE	-16.5%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (113)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	29	30	22
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	32	25	40
% CHANGE	-9.4%	20.0%	-45.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (42)	2005 (46)	2007 (42)

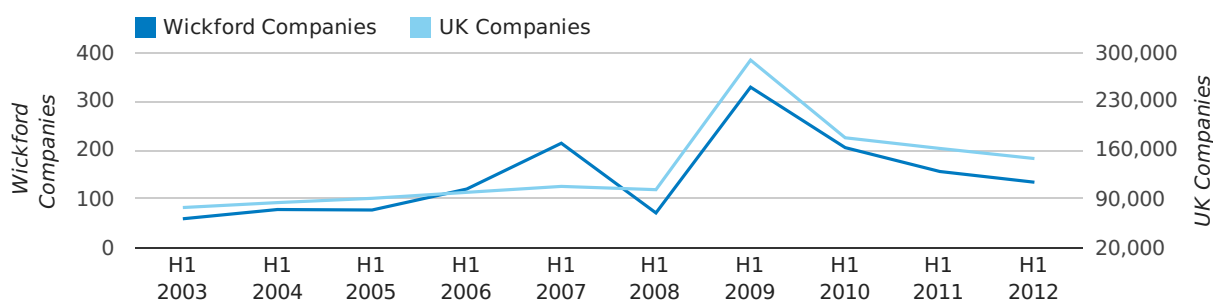
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 134 companies were dissolved in Wickford. This figure is 14.1% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

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
2012	134	147,793
2011	156	162,310
% CHANGE	-14.1%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (329)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 77 companies were dissolved in Wickford during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 30.5% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WICKFORD	UK
2012	77	80,217
2011	59	71,324
% CHANGE	30.5%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (191)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



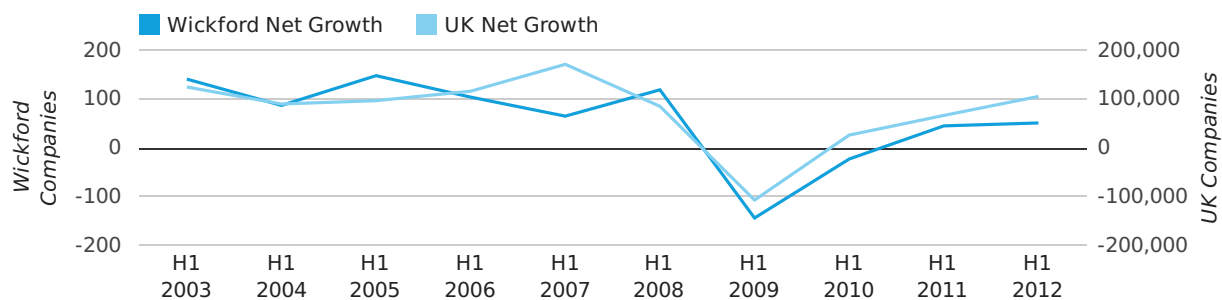
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	27	27	23
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	16	26	17
% CHANGE	68.8%	3.8%	35%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (62)	2007 (99)	2010 (44)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Wickford increased by 51 companies. This figure is 13.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WICKFORD	UK
2012	51	105,357
2011	45	66,425
% CHANGE	13.3%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (148)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



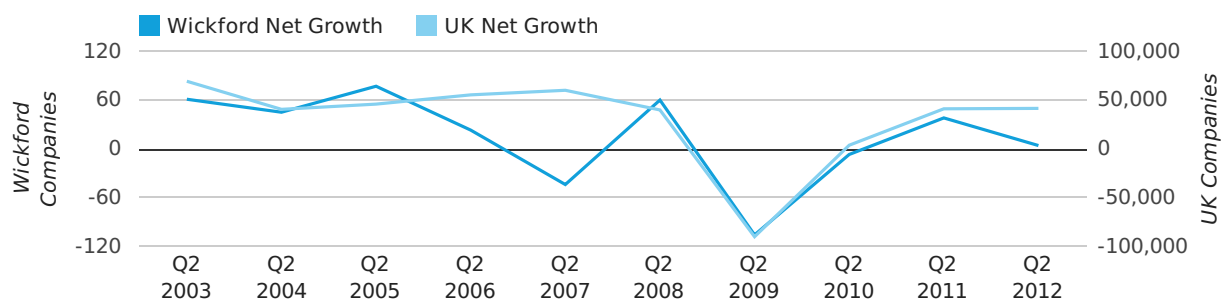
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Wickford during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 4 companies.

This represents a decrease of 89.5% on the same period last year.

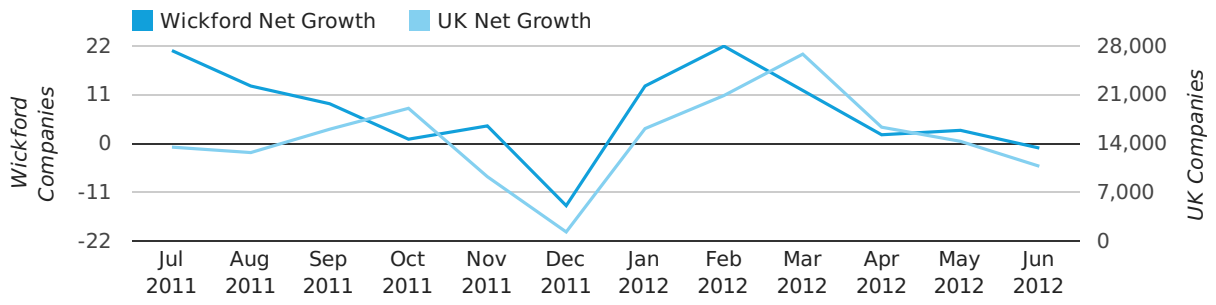
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WICKFORD	UK
2012	4	41,442
2011	38	41,020
% CHANGE	-89.5%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (77)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



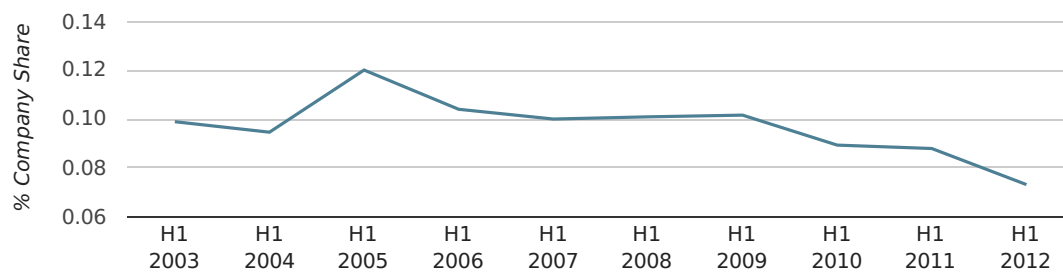
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	2	3	-1
NET GROWTH IN 2011	16	-1	23
% CHANGE	-87.5%	-400.0%	-104.3%
RECORD YEAR	1997 (36)	2005 (30)	2008 (28)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Wickford formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	WICKFORD
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (0.2%)

company share by half year

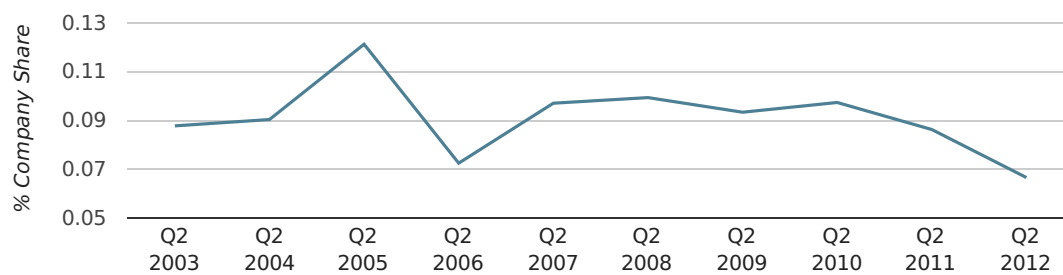


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Wickford formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

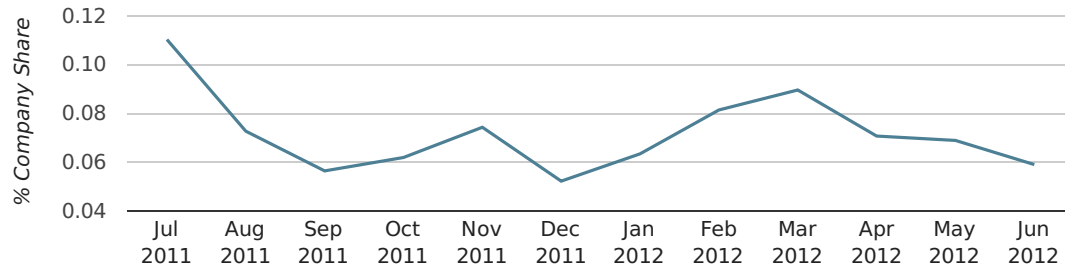
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	WICKFORD
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1972 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-23.7%	5.2%	-41.3%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (0.3%)	1966 (0.2%)	1972 (0.4%)

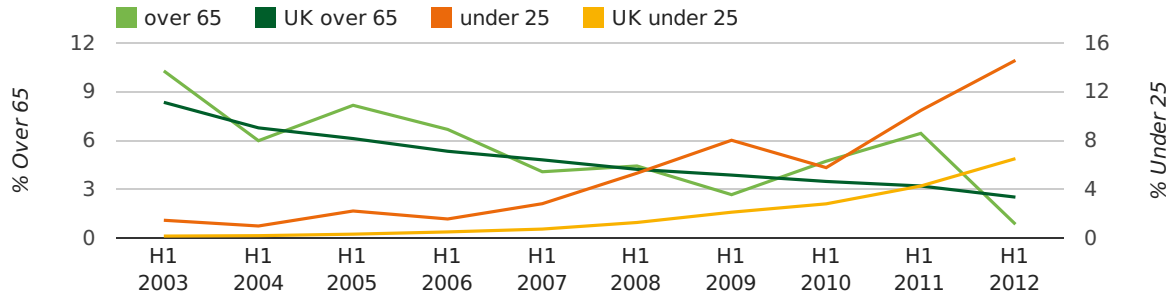
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 40.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 14.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 0.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



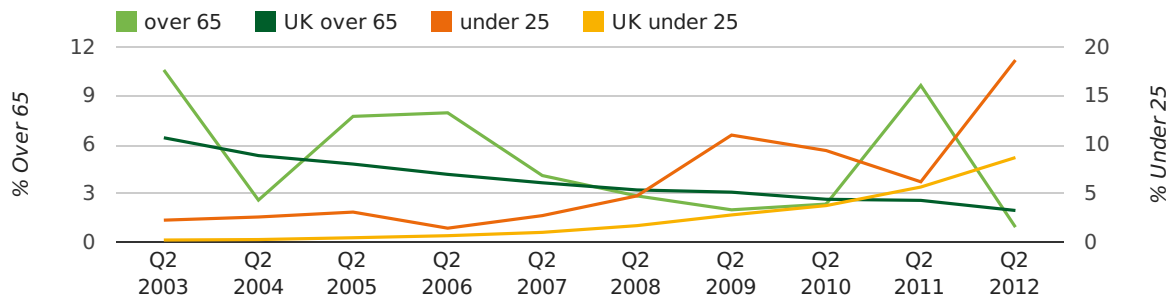
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 40.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 18.7% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 0.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

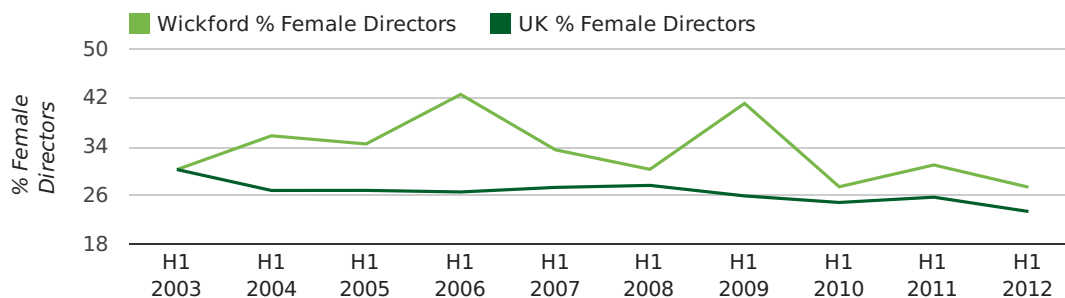


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The record first half year for female directors in Wickford was 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

27.4% of all director appointments in Wickford in the first half of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 23.4% for the same period.

director gender by half year

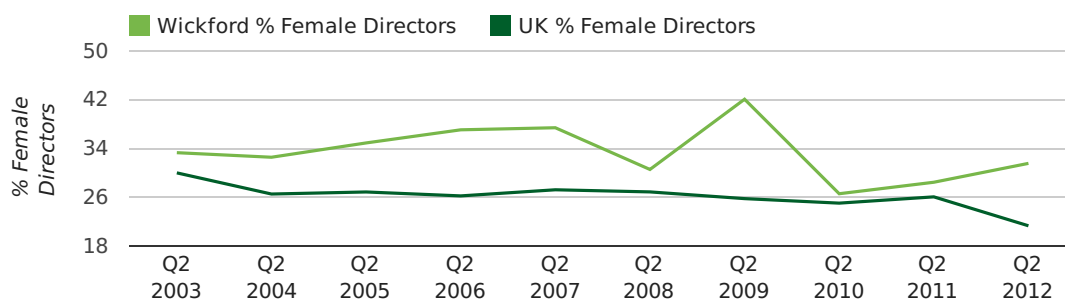


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

31.6% of all director appointments in Wickford in the second quarter of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 21.3% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Jun 2011-Jun 2012)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	1.39%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTANCY	1.23%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.08%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
G	0.92%	PROPERTY	2.35%
MEDIA	0.77%	TRADING	2.10%
PLUMBING	0.77%	DESIGN	1.89%
CONSULTANTS	0.77%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
INTERIORS	0.62%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
CONTRACTORS	0.62%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
WICKFORD	0.62%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
1ST	0.62%	BUSINESS	1.70%
T	0.62%	MEDIA	1.69%
J	0.62%	LONDON	1.68%
R	0.62%	J	1.57%
ENGINEERING	0.62%	GLOBAL	1.51%
CONTRACTS	0.62%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
ESSEX	0.62%	IT	1.42%
PROPERTY	0.62%	CARE	1.31%
C	0.62%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
W	0.46%	M	1.26%
CLEANING	0.46%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
CARBON	0.46%	BUILDING	1.23%
GEMINI	0.46%	SECURITY	1.19%
P	0.46%	S	1.18%
CONSTRUCTION	0.46%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	172	244,457
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	94	35,447
7487 - Other business activities	55	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	21	26,088
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	19	20,390
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	14	4,091
7414 - Business & management consultancy	12	10,978
9999 - Dormant Company	12	16,469
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	10	4,644
43210 - Electrical installation	8	3,557
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	7	3,241
4525 - Other special trades construction	7	1,411
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	7	14,220
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	6	6,356
43290 - Other construction installation	6	1,796
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	6	15,280
7260 - Other computer related activities	6	6,456
7499 - Non-trading company	6	8,023
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	6	2,880
71129 - Other engineering activities	5	2,453