Chatham

2011 annual business confidence report





headlines

- November 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Chatham when compared to any previous November.
- December 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Chatham when compared to any previous December.

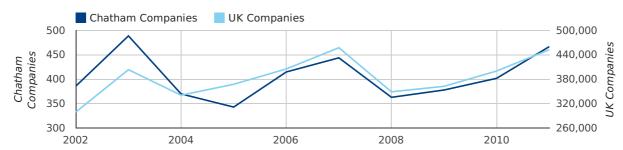
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A total of 467 companies were formed in Chatham in 2011. This total is 16.2% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	CHATHAM	UK
2011	467	452,870
2010	402	400,358
2009	378	362,675
2008	363	349,203
2007	444	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2003 (489)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 243 companies were formed in Chatham. This figure is 22.7% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Chatham occurred in 2002 when a total of 257 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CHATHAM	UK
2011	243	224,135
2010	198	196,609
% CHANGE	22.7%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (257)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year

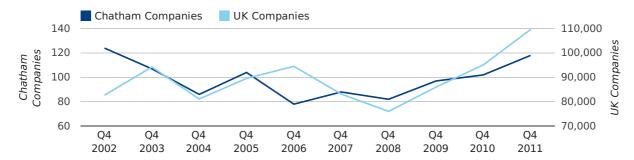


A total of 118 companies were registered in Chatham during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 15.7% 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)	CHATHAM	UK
2011	118	109,623
2010	102	95,117
% CHANGE	15.7%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (124)	2011 (109,623)

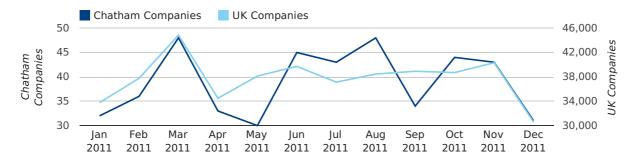
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

new companies by month

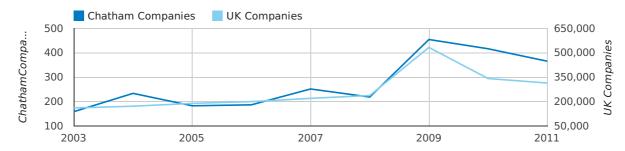


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	44	43	31
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	45	30	27
% CHANGE	-2.2%	43.3%	14.8%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (45)	2011 (43)	2002 (45)

A total of 366 companies were dissolved in Chatham in 2011. This total is 12.2% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	CHATHAM	UK
2011	366	314,523
2010	417	342,232
2009	455	533,773
2008	219	237,901
2007	252	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (455)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



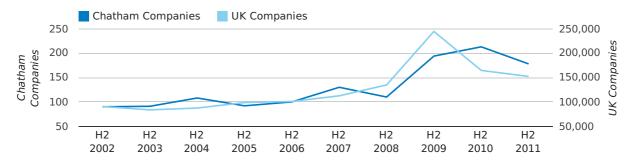
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 178 companies were dissolved in Chatham. This figure is 16.4% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Chatham occurred in 2010 when a total of 213 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CHATHAM	UK
2011	178	152,213
2010	213	164,601
% CHANGE	-16.4%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (213)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year

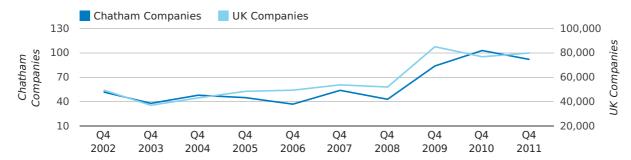


A total of 92 companies were dissolved in Chatham during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 10.7% 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)	CHATHAM	UK
2011	92	79,983
2010	103	76,896
% CHANGE	-10.7%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (103)	2009 (85,136)

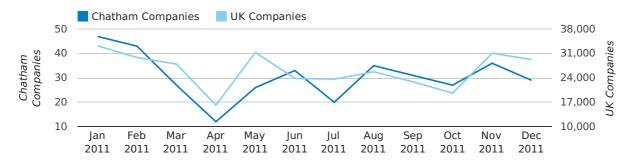
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	27	36	29
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	39	37	27
% CHANGE	-30.8%	-2.7%	7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (39)	2010 (37)	2011 (29)

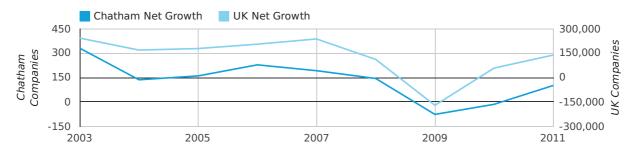
A total of 101 companies were added to the company register for Chatham in 2011. This number represents growth of 25.1% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 116 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Chatham company register grew by 330 companies.

YEAR	СНАТНАМ	UK
2011	101	138,347
2010	-15	58,126
2009	-77	-171,098
2008	144	111,302
2007	192	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (330)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

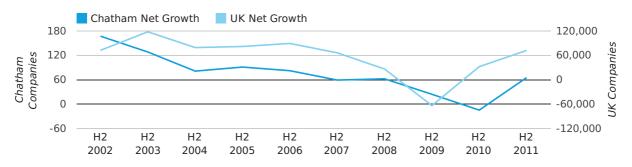


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Chatham increased by 65 companies. This figure is 533.3% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CHATHAM	UK
2011	65	71,922
2010	-15	32,008
% CHANGE	-533.3%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (167)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year

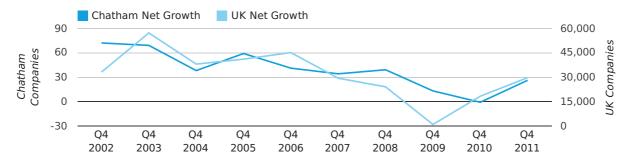


Net company growth for Chatham during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 26 companies.

This represents an increase of 2,700.0% on the same period last year.

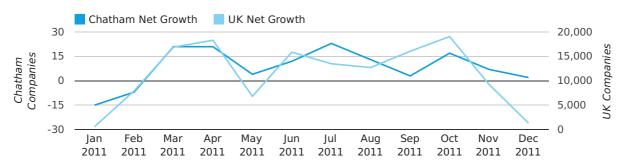
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	CHATHAM	UK
2011	26	29,640
2010	-1	18,221
% CHANGE	-2,700.0%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (72)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



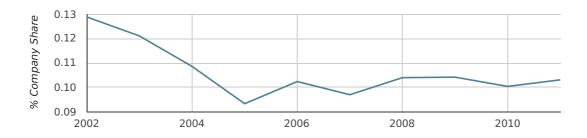
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	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	17	7	2
NET GROWTH IN 2010	6	-7	0
% CHANGE	183.3%	-200.0%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (34)	2003 (26)	2002 (28)

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

YEAR	CHATHAM
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1998 (0.1%)

company share by year

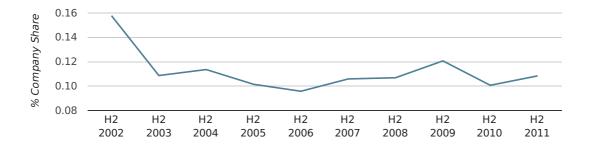


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CHATHAM
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.2%)

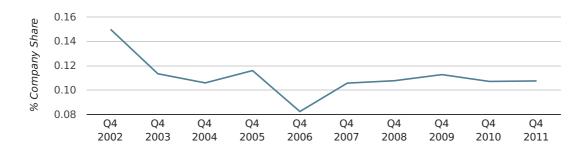
company share by half year



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

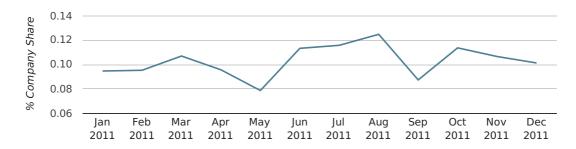
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	CHATHAM
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



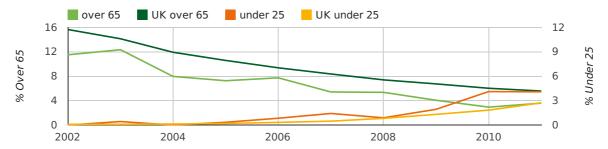
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-15.0%	22.1%	1.8%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.5%)	1964 (0.3%)	1968 (0.4%)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 42.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



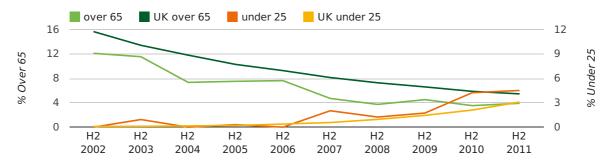
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 42.0.

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 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year

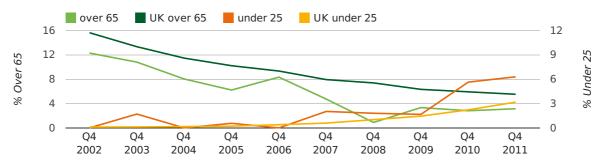


The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 41.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

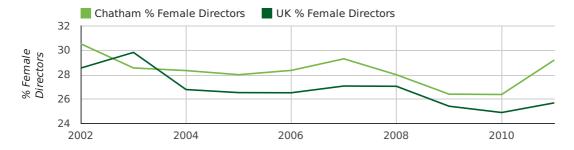
director age by quarter



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

The percentage of female directors in Chatham in 2011 was 30.6%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

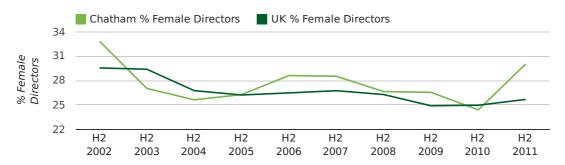


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

30.0% of all director appointments in Chatham 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

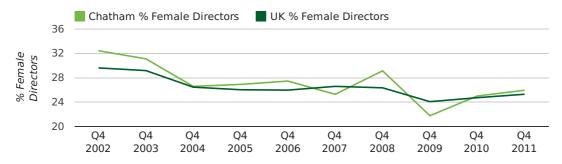


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The record fourth quarter for female directors in Chatham was in 1977 when 31.1% of all directors were female.

25.9% of all director appointments in Chatham 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



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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
MEDWAY	1.32%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CONSULTANCY	1.20%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
PROPERTY	0.96%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
KENT	0.84%	PROPERTY	2.37%
D	0.84%	TRADING	2.07%
CONSULTING	0.84%	DESIGN	1.92%
CONSTRUCTION	0.72%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
SECURITY	0.72%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
MANAGEMENT	0.72%	BUSINESS	1.78%
GLOBAL	0.72%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ELECTRICAL	0.60%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
MEDIA	0.60%	MEDIA	1.71%
(KENT)	0.60%	LONDON	1.63%
CARE	0.60%	J	1.51%
CAFE	0.60%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CONSULTANTS	0.60%	GLOBAL	1.46%
R	0.60%	IT	1.41%
HOME	0.60%	CARE	1.39%
GROUP	0.48%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
SAFETY	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
DESIGN	0.48%	М	1.27%
COMMUNITY	0.48%	BUILDING	1.26%
CHATHAM	0.48%	ENERGY	1.25%
CLEANING	0.48%	S	1.20%
INTERIORS	0.48%	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	214	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	60	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	25	32,483
74990 - Non-trading company	16	8,929
9999 - Dormant Company	13	20,199
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	12	17,765
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	12	8,671
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	11	12,072
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	11	3,342
7414 - Business & management consultancy	9	13,034
7499 - Non-trading company	9	9,957
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	9	11,768
5552 - Catering	9	2,110
4534 - Other building installation	9	2,091
99999 - Dormant Company	9	21,846
9305 - Other service activities	9	9,492
86900 - Other human health activities	8	4,457
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	8	7,398
4545 - Other building completion	7	2,369
62090 - Other information technology service activities	7	7,493