

# Chelmsford

q1 2011 business confidence report



## headlines

- February 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Chelmsford when compared to any previous February.
- Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Chelmsford when compared to any previous Q1.
- January 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Chelmsford when compared to any previous January.

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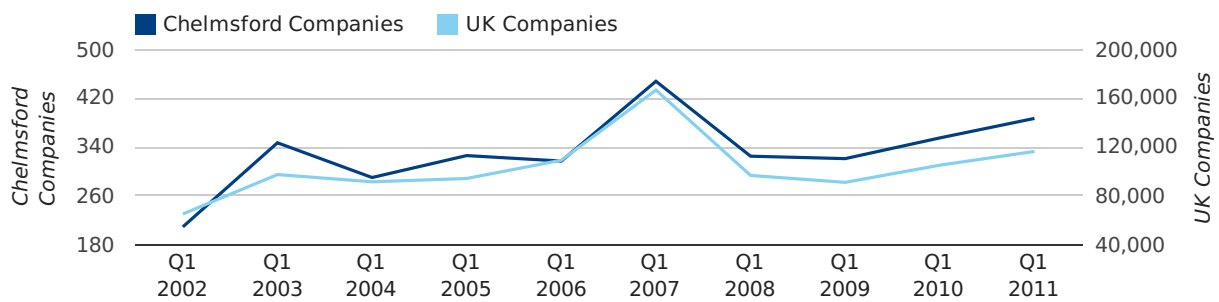
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 387 companies were registered in Chelmsford during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 9.0% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares equally to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 10.7% against the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	CHELMSFORD	UK
2011	387	116,391
2010	355	105,137
% CHANGE	9.0%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (448)	2007 (166,814)

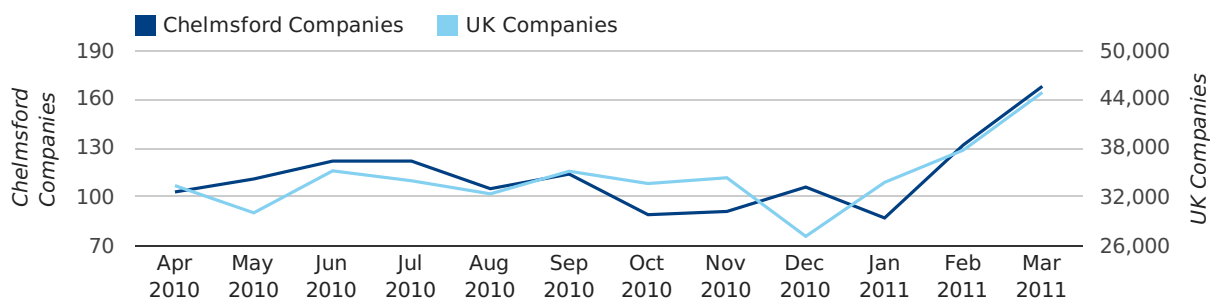
### new companies by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

February 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Chelmsford when compared to any previous February.

### new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	87	132	168
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	105	115	135
% CHANGE	-17.1%	14.8%	24.4%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (122)	2011 (132)	2007 (201)

### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

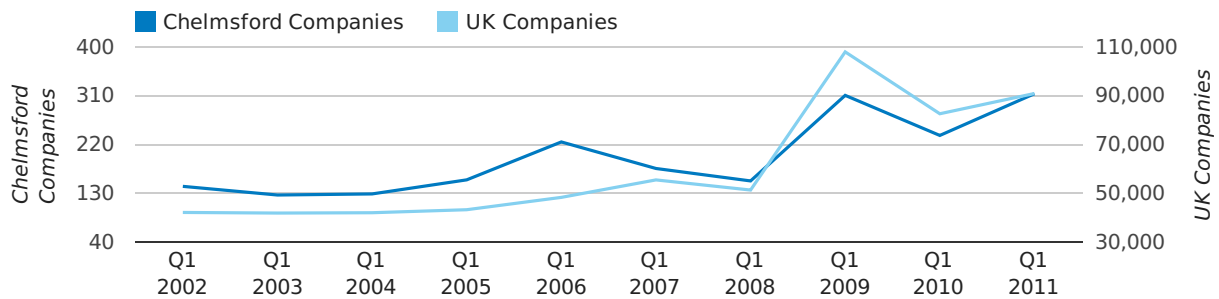
Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Chelmsford when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 314 companies were dissolved in Chelmsford during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 32.5% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 10.0% against the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	CHELMSFORD	UK
2011	314	90,986
2010	237	82,677
% CHANGE	32.5%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (314)	2009 (108,060)

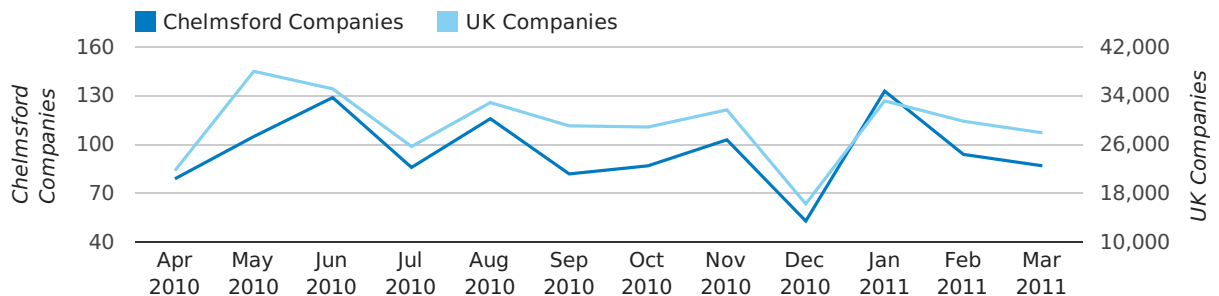
### dissolved companies by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

January 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Chelmsford when compared to any previous January.

### dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	133	94	87
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	60	75	102
% CHANGE	121.7%	25.3%	-15%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (133)	2008 (94)	2009 (225)

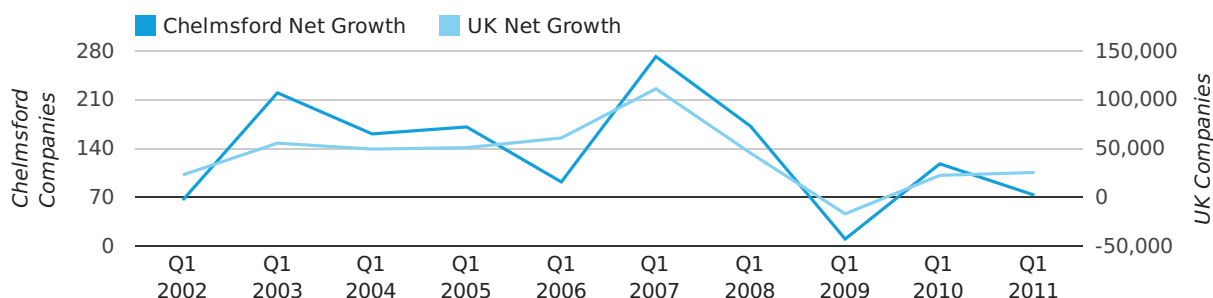
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Chelmsford during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 73 companies.

This represents a decrease of 38.1% on the same period last year.

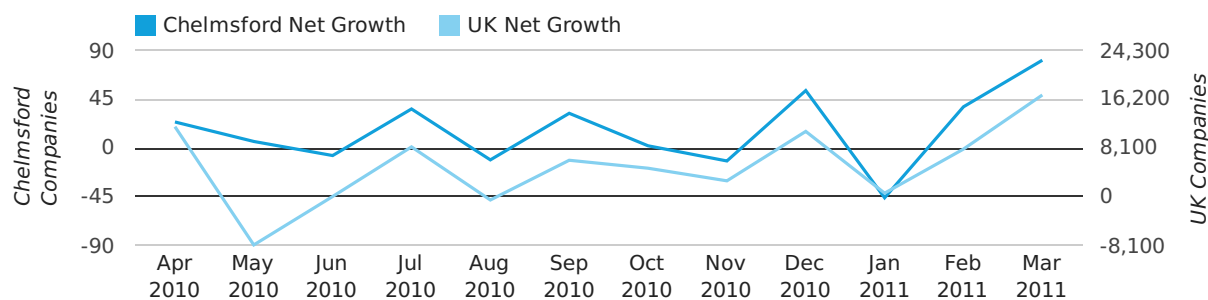
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	CHELMSFORD	UK
2011	73	25,405
2010	118	22,460
% CHANGE	-38.1%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (272)	2007 (111,282)

### net growth by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

### net growth by month



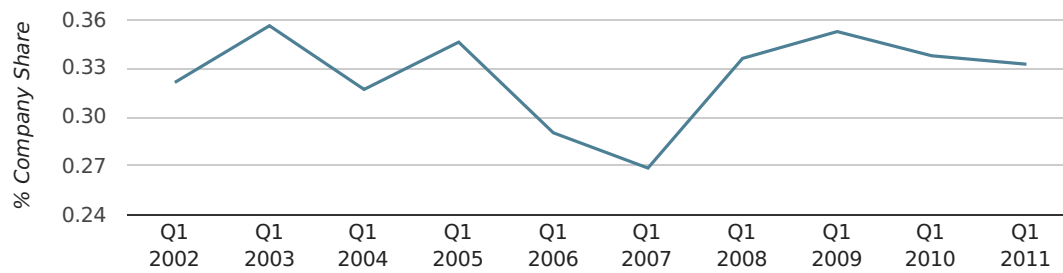
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-46	38	81
NET GROWTH IN 2010	45	40	33
% CHANGE	-202.2%	-5.0%	145.5%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (77)	2003 (81)	2007 (146)

### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Chelmsford formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

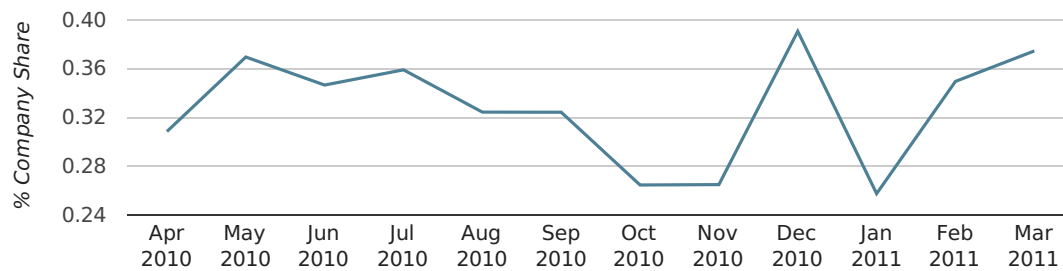
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	CHELMSFORD
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1976 (0.5%)

### company share by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

### company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.4%	0.3%	0.3%
% CHANGE	-28.5%	1.0%	18.7%
RECORD YEAR	1973 (0.6%)	1974 (0.9%)	1971 (0.8%)

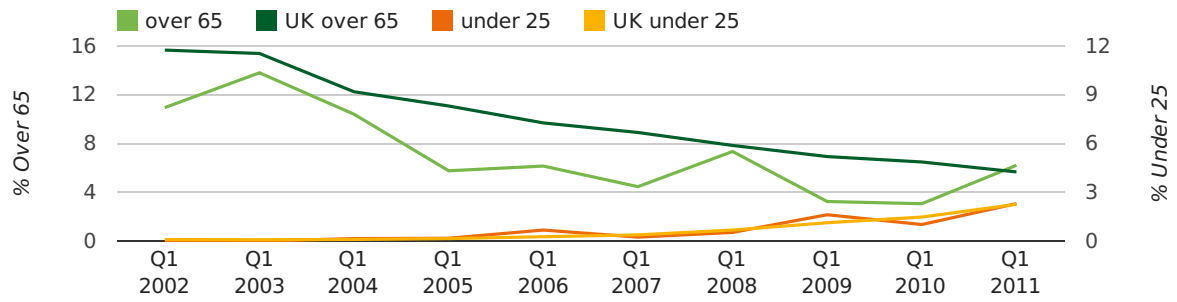
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 46.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

#### director age by quarter

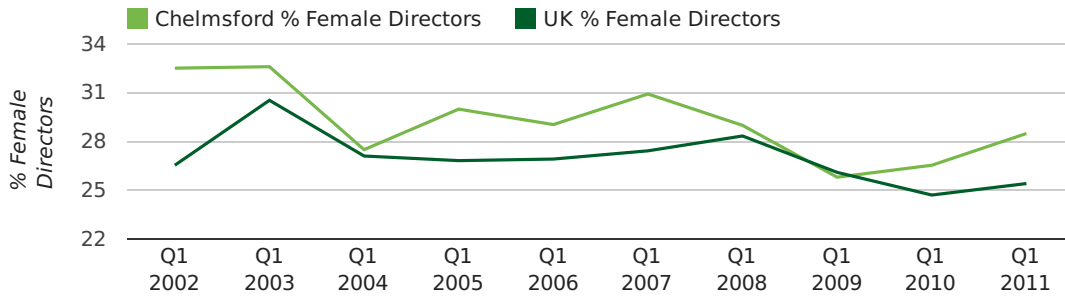


### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The record first quarter for female directors in Chelmsford was in 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

28.5% of all director appointments in Chelmsford in the first quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.4% for the same period.

#### director gender by quarter





## Previous 12 months (Mar 2010-Mar 2011)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	1.51%	CONSULTING	5.04%
PROPERTY	1.51%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
CONSULTING	1.12%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
CONSULTANCY	1.12%	PROPERTY	2.38%
ASSOCIATES	1.07%	TRADING	2.10%
ESSEX	0.98%	DESIGN	1.93%
TRADING	0.88%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
CONSTRUCTION	0.78%	BUSINESS	1.87%
IT	0.73%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
INVESTMENTS	0.68%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CAPITAL	0.63%	MEDIA	1.69%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.59%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
PROPERTIES	0.59%	LONDON	1.60%
MEDIA	0.59%	CARE	1.45%
DESIGN	0.54%	J	1.45%
M	0.49%	GLOBAL	1.44%
CONSULTANTS	0.49%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
CONTRACTORS	0.49%	IT	1.41%
SYSTEMS	0.49%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
BUILDING	0.49%	BUILDING	1.34%
MAINTENANCE	0.49%	M	1.30%
ENGINEERING	0.44%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
INNS	0.44%	S	1.24%
BUSINESS	0.39%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
GLOBAL	0.39%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	644	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	179	60,968
7499 - Non-trading company	118	11,316
99999 - Dormant Company	113	18,336
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	96	30,253
74990 - Non-trading company	60	8,695
9999 - Dormant Company	59	19,765
7414 - Business & management consultancy	46	12,916
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	44	16,150
9305 - Other service activities	41	8,740
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	41	10,246
7260 - Other computer related activities	37	7,789
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	33	10,085
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	29	7,788
62090 - Other information technology service activities	28	6,996
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	24	7,000
43210 - Electrical installation	17	3,172
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	17	2,247
4545 - Other building completion	17	2,483
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	16	2,707