

# Chester

q3 2011 business confidence report



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- July 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Chester when compared to any previous July.

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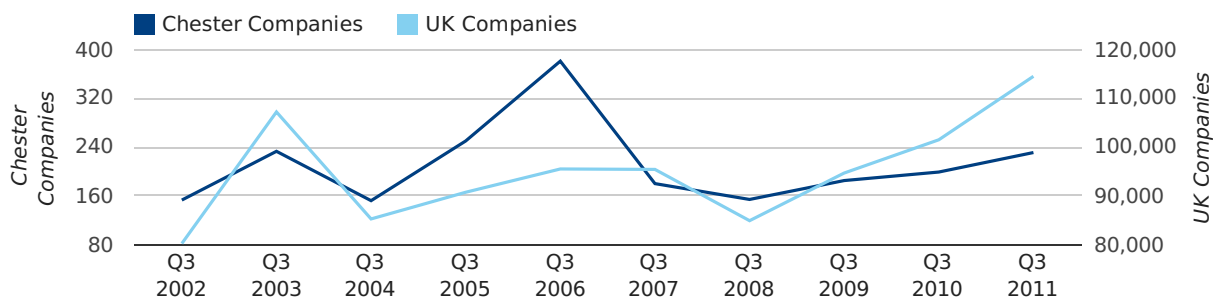
### Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 231 companies were registered in Chester during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 16.1% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.8% against the same period last year.

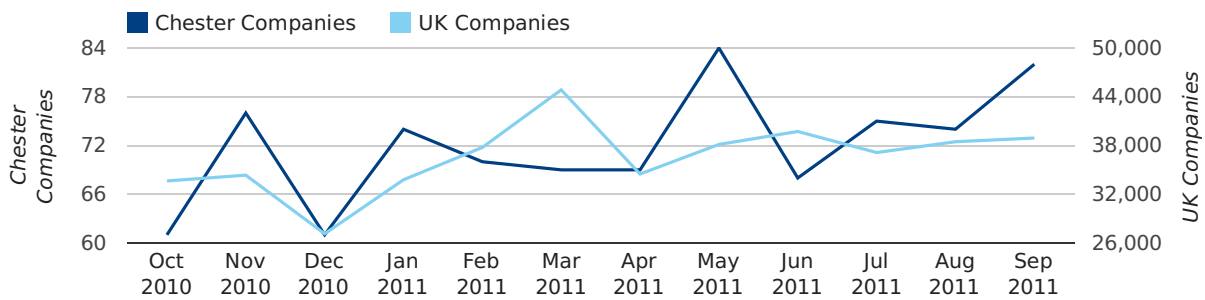
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	CHESTER	UK
2011	231	114,512
2010	199	101,492
% CHANGE	16.1%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (381)	2011 (114,512)

### new companies by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

### new companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	75	74	82
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	72	72	55
% CHANGE	4.2%	2.8%	49.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (79)	2006 (151)	2006 (155)

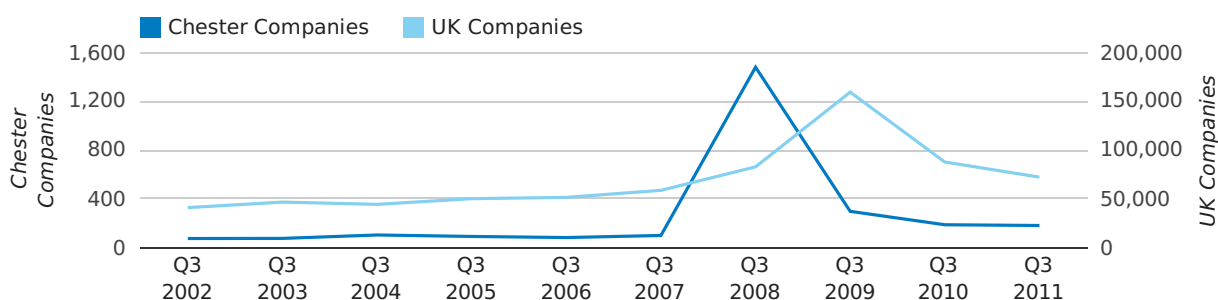
### Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 181 companies were dissolved in Chester during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 3.2% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 17.6% against the same period last year.

THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	CHESTER	UK
2011	181	72,230
2010	187	87,705
% CHANGE	-3.2%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (1,480)	2009 (159,401)

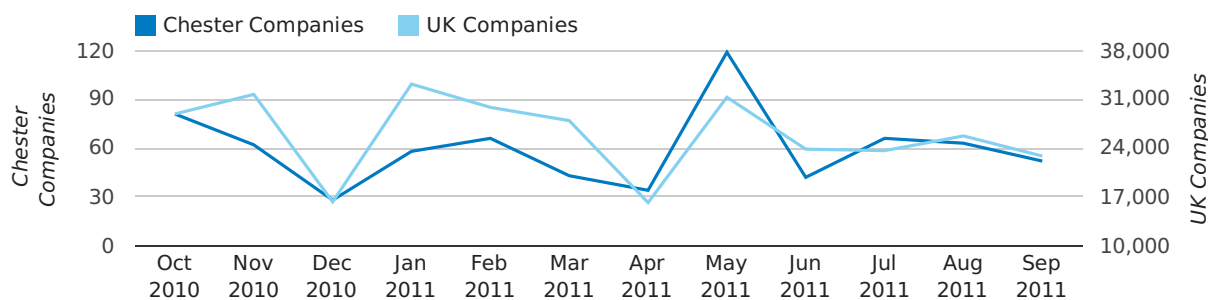
### dissolved companies by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

July 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Chester when compared to any previous July.

### dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	66	63	52
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	43	84	60
% CHANGE	53.5%	-25.0%	-13%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (66)	2008 (1,434)	2009 (117)

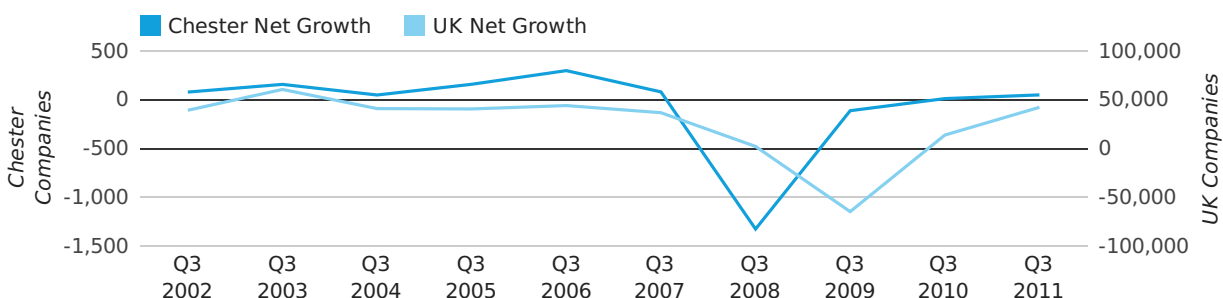
### Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Chester during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 50 companies.

This represents an increase of 316.7% on the same period last year.

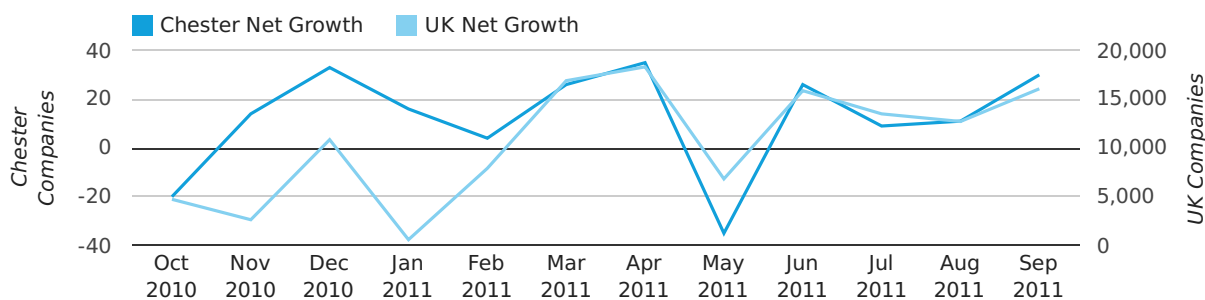
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	CHESTER	UK
2011	50	42,282
2010	12	13,787
% CHANGE	316.7%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (299)	2003 (60,597)

### net growth by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

### net growth by month



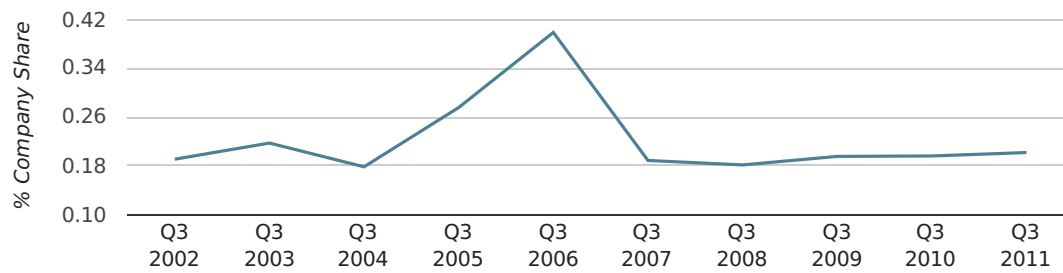
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	9	11	30
NET GROWTH IN 2010	29	-12	-5
% CHANGE	-69.0%	-191.7%	-700.0%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (50)	2006 (107)	2006 (142)

### Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

In the third quarter of 2011, Chester formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

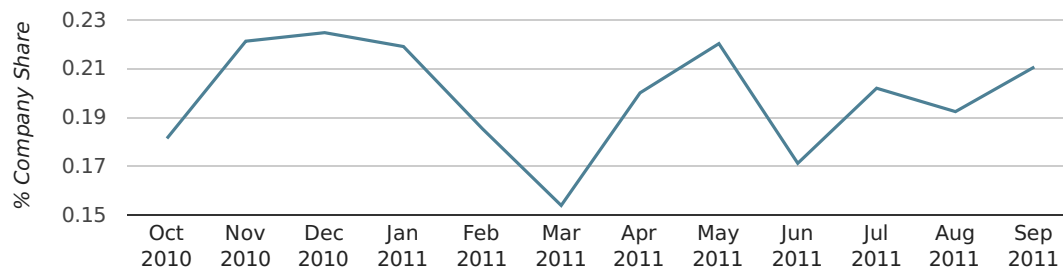
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	CHESTER
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2006 (0.4%)

### company share by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

### company share by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-4.7%	-13.5%	34.6%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.5%)	2005 (0.5%)	1963 (0.6%)

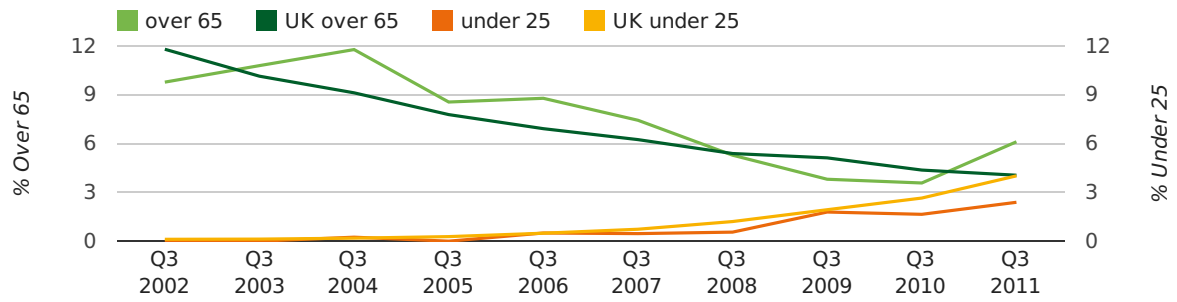
### Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 45.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

#### director age by quarter

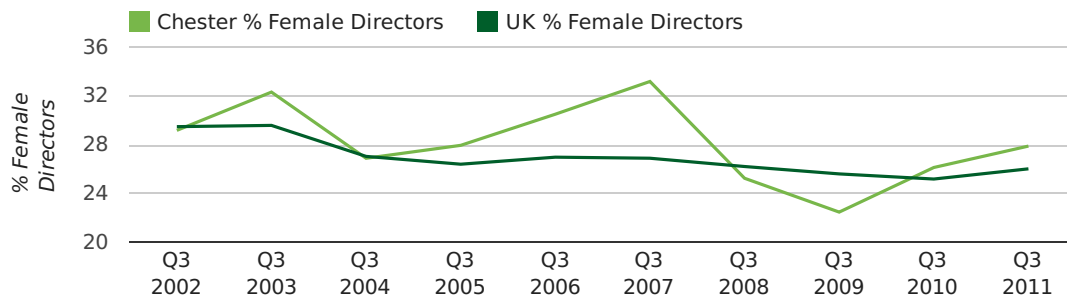


### Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The record third quarter for female directors in Chester was in 1862 when 50.0% of all directors were female.

27.9% of all director appointments in Chester in the third quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.0% for the same period.

#### director gender by quarter





Previous 12 months (Sep 2010-Sep 2011)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
CHESTER	2.06%	CONSULTING	5.11%
MANAGEMENT	1.84%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
CONSULTING	1.62%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
CONSULTANCY	1.03%	PROPERTY	2.41%
ASSOCIATES	0.88%	TRADING	2.06%
ENGINEERING	0.81%	DESIGN	1.94%
HEALTHCARE	0.81%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
MEDIA	0.73%	BUSINESS	1.82%
CHESHIRE	0.73%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
DESIGN	0.73%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
FINANCIAL	0.66%	MEDIA	1.72%
TRAINING	0.66%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
BUSINESS	0.66%	LONDON	1.63%
DEVA	0.66%	J	1.47%
MARKETING	0.59%	GLOBAL	1.46%
ENTERPRISES	0.59%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
SECURITY	0.51%	CARE	1.42%
ADVANCE	0.44%	IT	1.38%
COMMERCIAL	0.44%	BUILDING	1.30%
PROPERTY	0.44%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
INVESTMENTS	0.44%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
D	0.44%	M	1.25%
CONSULTANTS	0.44%	ENERGY	1.22%
LEGAL	0.44%	TRAINING	1.21%
IT	0.44%	S	1.21%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	331	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	136	65,177
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	53	15,760
7414 - Business & management consultancy	50	14,755
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	49	29,245
9999 - Dormant Company	37	22,587
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	28	7,551
7499 - Non-trading company	25	11,543
99999 - Dormant Company	23	18,281
7260 - Other computer related activities	22	8,686
74990 - Non-trading company	19	8,064
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	18	10,018
62090 - Other information technology service activities	18	6,798
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	17	10,137
5530 - Restaurants	16	5,640
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	14	6,321
9305 - Other service activities	14	10,525
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	13	8,345
86900 - Other human health activities	12	4,019
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	11	2,929