

# Chester

2011 annual business confidence report



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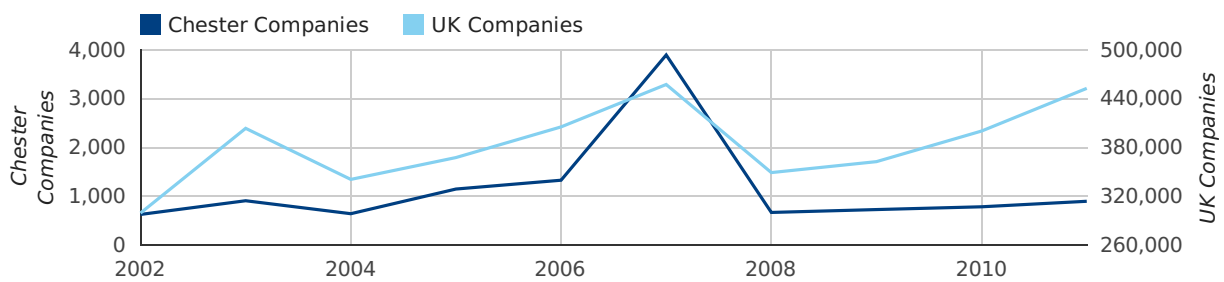
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### Annual Data (2011)

A total of 898 companies were formed in Chester in 2011. This total is 14.4% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	CHESTER	UK
2011	898	452,870
2010	785	400,358
2009	728	362,675
2008	669	349,203
2007	3,900	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2007 (3,900)	2007 (457,649)

### new companies by year



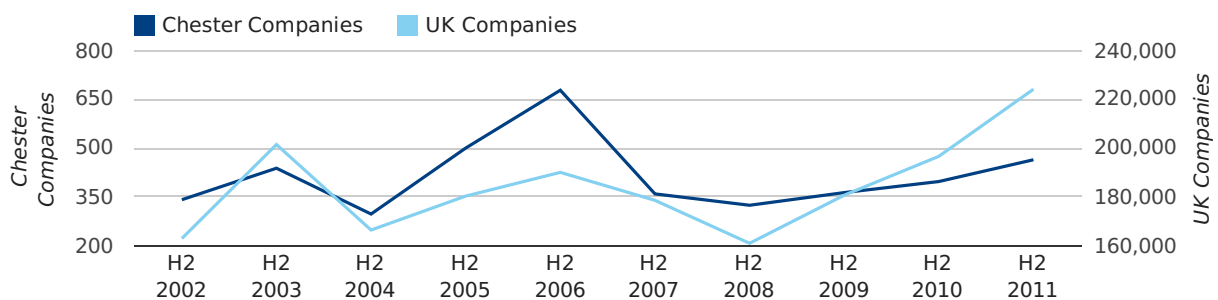
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 464 companies were formed in Chester. This figure is 16.9% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Chester occurred in 2006 when a total of 678 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CHESTER	UK
2011	464	224,135
2010	397	196,609
% CHANGE	16.9%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (678)	2011 (224,135)

### new companies by half year



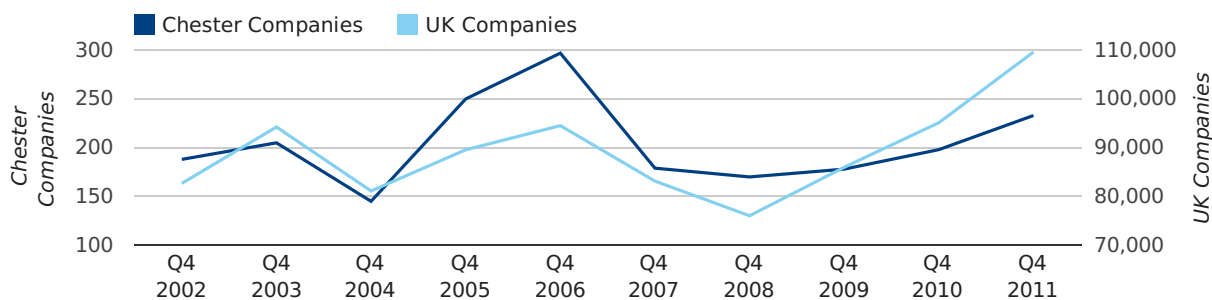
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 233 companies were registered in Chester during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 17.7% 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.

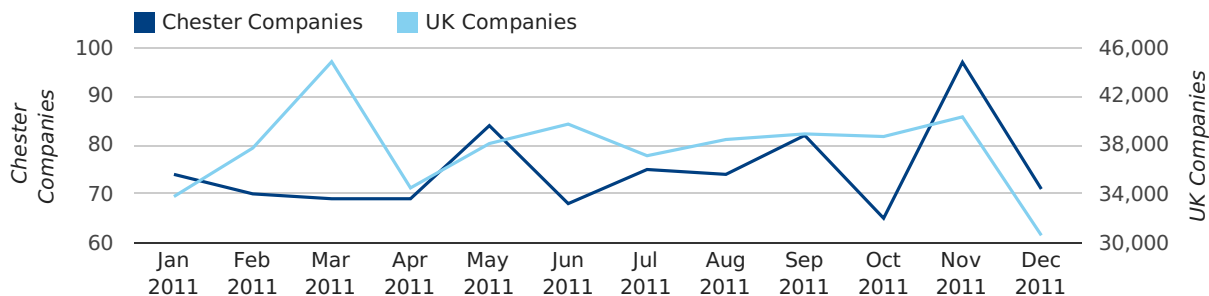
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	CHESTER	UK
2011	233	109,623
2010	198	95,117
% CHANGE	17.7%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (297)	2011 (109,623)

### new companies by quarter



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

### new companies by month



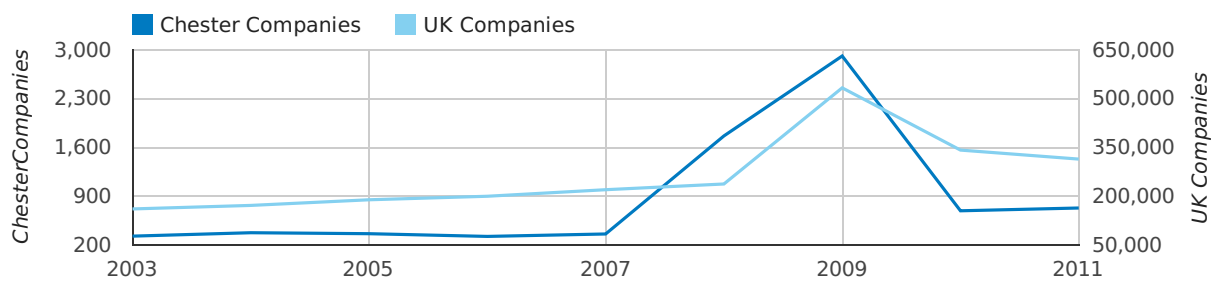
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	65	97	71
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	61	76	61
% CHANGE	6.6%	27.6%	16.4%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (84)	2006 (106)	2006 (107)

### Annual Data (2011)

A total of 732 companies were dissolved in Chester in 2011. This total is 5.8% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	CHESTER	UK
2011	732	314,523
2010	692	342,232
2009	2,915	533,773
2008	1,767	237,901
2007	359	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (2,915)	2009 (533,773)

### dissolved companies by year



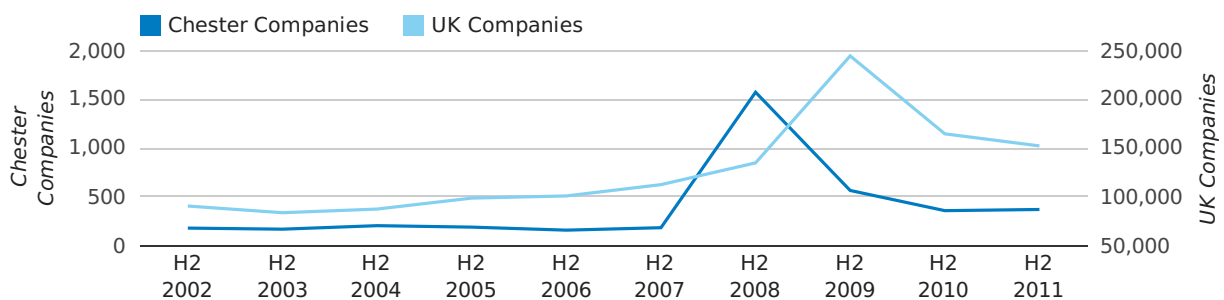
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 370 companies were dissolved in Chester. This figure is 3.4% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Chester occurred in 2008 when a total of 1,573 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CHESTER	UK
2011	370	152,213
2010	358	164,601
% CHANGE	3.4%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (1,573)	2009 (244,537)

### dissolved companies by half year



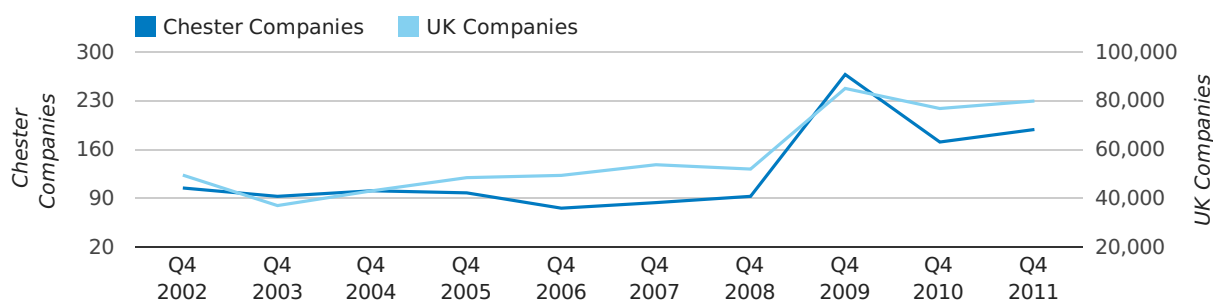
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 189 companies were dissolved in Chester during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 10.5% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares poorly 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)	CHESTER	UK
2011	189	79,983
2010	171	76,896
% CHANGE	10.5%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (268)	2009 (85,136)

### dissolved companies by quarter

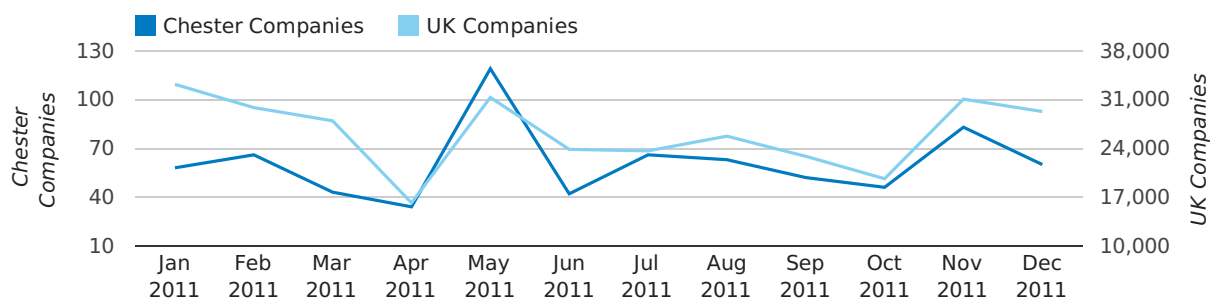


## Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

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### dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	46	83	60
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	81	62	28
% CHANGE	-43.2%	33.9%	114%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (157)	2011 (83)	2011 (60)

### Annual Data (2011)

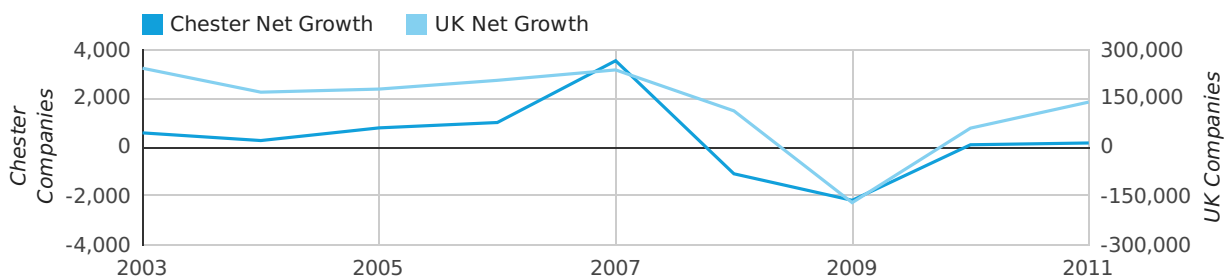
A total of 166 companies were added to the company register for Chester in 2011. This number represents growth of 21.1% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 73 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2007 when the Chester company register grew by 3,541 companies.

YEAR	CHESTER	UK
2011	166	138,347
2010	93	58,126
2009	-2,187	-171,098
2008	-1,098	111,302
2007	3,541	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2007 (3,541)	2003 (242,543)

### net growth by year

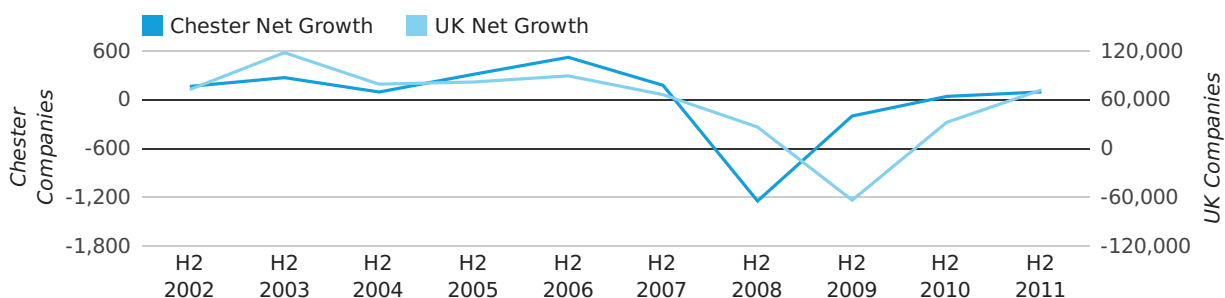


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Chester increased by 94 companies. This figure is 141.0% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CHESTER	UK
2011	94	71,922
2010	39	32,008
% CHANGE	141.0%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (520)	2003 (117,772)

### net growth by half year



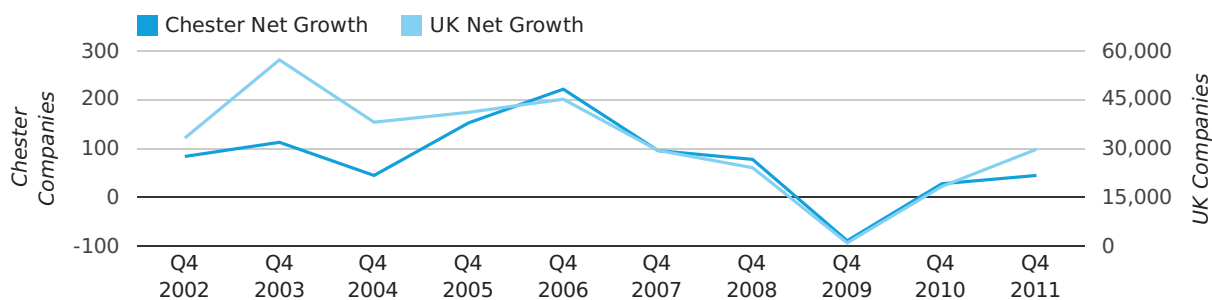
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Chester during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 44 companies.

This represents an increase of 63.0% on the same period last year.

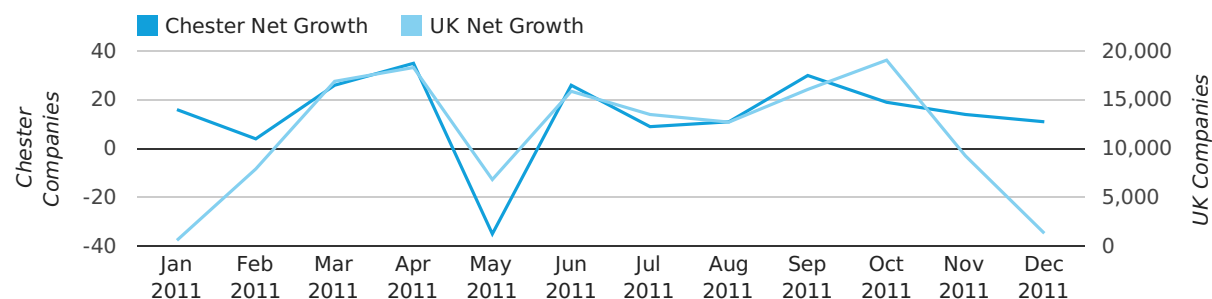
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	CHESTER	UK
2011	44	29,640
2010	27	18,221
% CHANGE	63.0%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (221)	2003 (57,175)

### net growth by quarter



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

### net growth by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	19	14	11
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-20	14	33
% CHANGE	-195.0%	0.0%	-66.7%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (59)	2006 (83)	2006 (84)

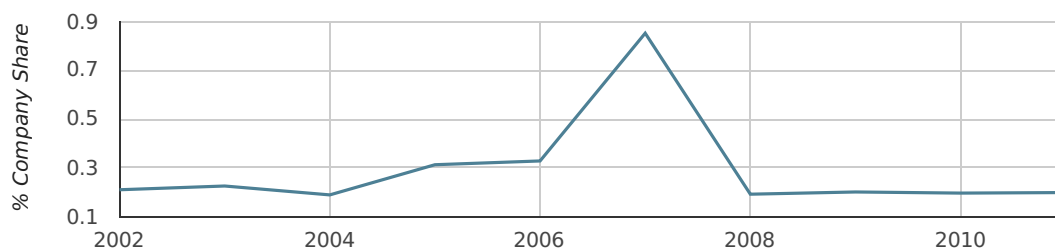


### Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Chester formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Chester was responsible for 0.2% of all UK companies.

YEAR	CHESTER
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.9%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2007 (0.9%)

### company share by year

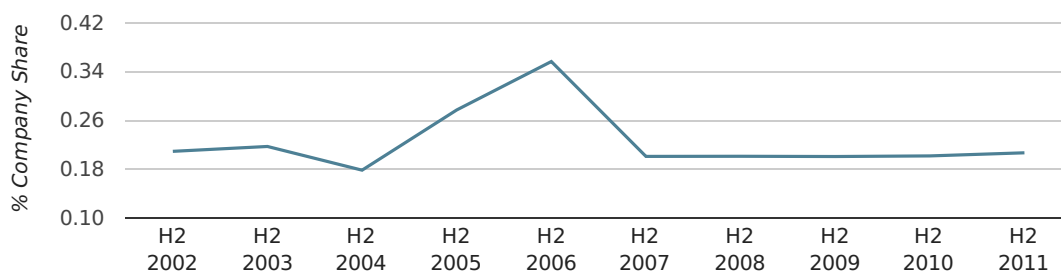


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Chester formed 0.2% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.2%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	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 half year

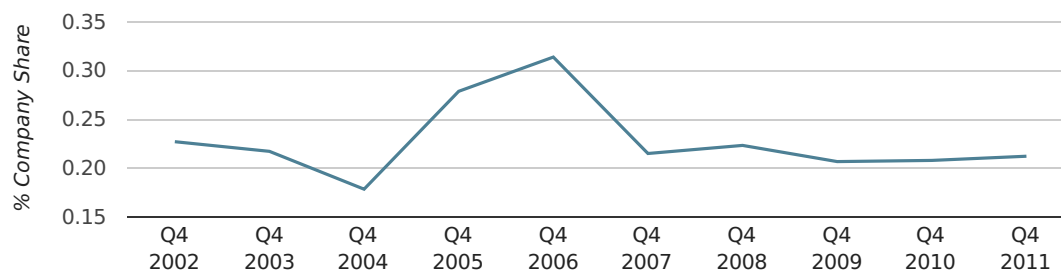


## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

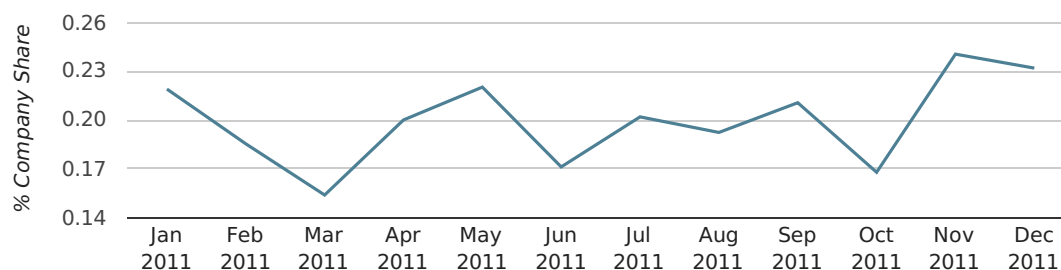
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	CHESTER
2011	0.2%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.2%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2006 (0.3%)

### company share by quarter



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

### company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.2%	0.2%
% CHANGE	-7.4%	8.7%	3.2%
RECORD YEAR	1993 (0.4%)	1971 (0.4%)	1965 (0.6%)

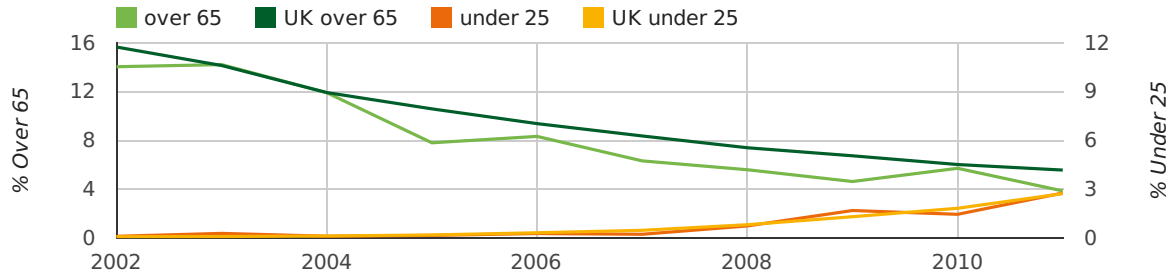
### Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 44.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

#### director age by year



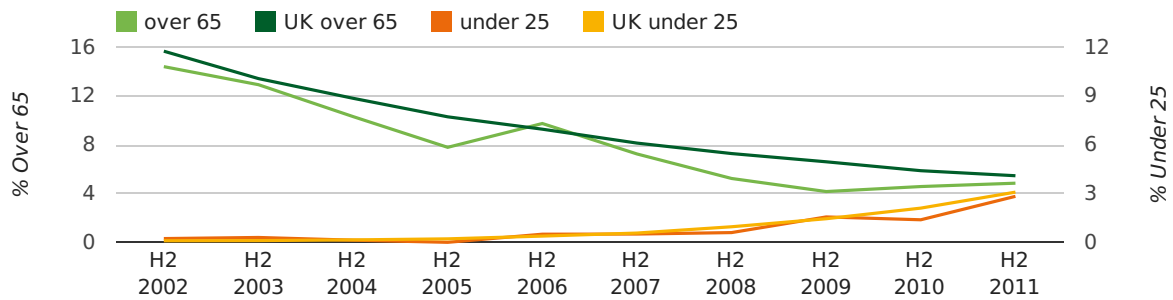
### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 44.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

#### director age by half year



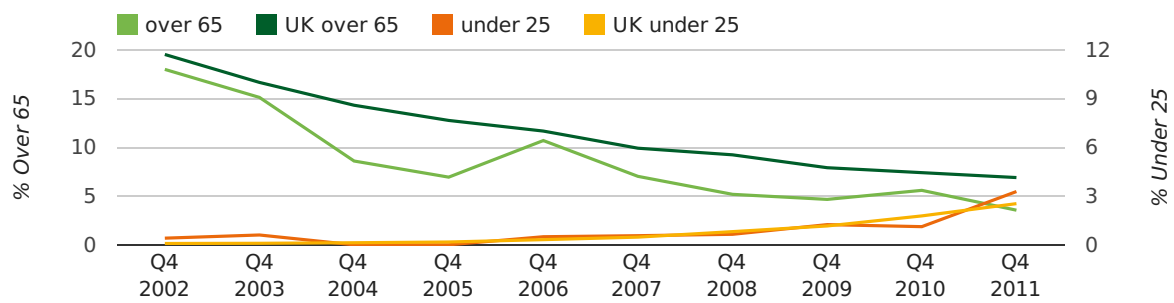
## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 43.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

### director age by quarter

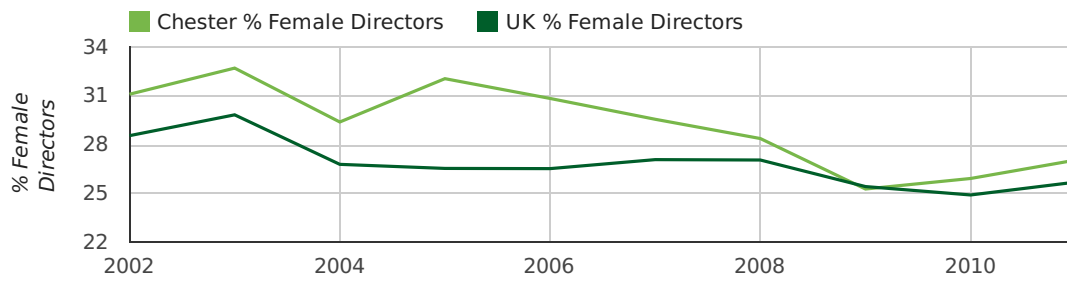


### Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Chester in 2011 was 31.1%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

#### director gender by year

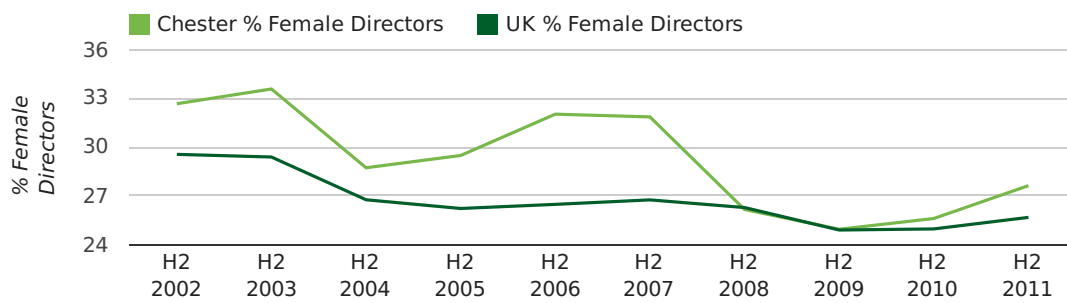


### Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

27.6% of all director appointments in Chester 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

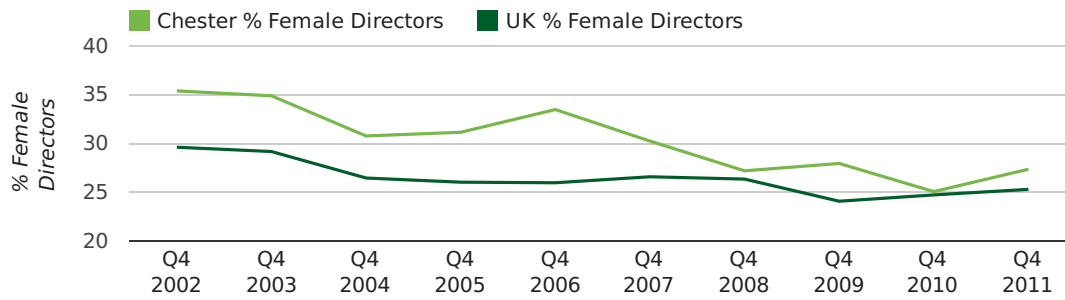


## Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

27.4% of all director appointments in Chester 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, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	2.45%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CHESTER	2.09%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.52%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
ENGINEERING	1.15%	PROPERTY	2.37%
FINANCIAL	1.15%	TRADING	2.07%
CONSULTANCY	1.08%	DESIGN	1.92%
ASSOCIATES	1.01%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
HEALTHCARE	0.79%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
DESIGN	0.72%	BUSINESS	1.78%
CHESHIRE	0.72%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
INVESTMENTS	0.65%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
MARKETING	0.58%	MEDIA	1.71%
ENERGY	0.58%	LONDON	1.63%
TRAINING	0.58%	J	1.51%
(CHESTER)	0.58%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CONSULTANTS	0.58%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CATERING	0.51%	IT	1.41%
GROUP	0.51%	CARE	1.39%
PROFESSIONAL	0.51%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
SECURITY	0.51%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
ENTERPRISES	0.51%	M	1.27%
MEDIA	0.51%	BUILDING	1.26%
CO	0.51%	ENERGY	1.25%
LEGAL	0.43%	S	1.20%
ADVANCE	0.43%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	333	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	120	57,052
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	60	17,765
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	54	32,483
7414 - Business & management consultancy	46	13,034
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	39	8,671
9999 - Dormant Company	31	20,199
99999 - Dormant Company	29	21,846
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	22	12,072
7499 - Non-trading company	21	9,957
7260 - Other computer related activities	20	7,667
74990 - Non-trading company	18	8,929
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	17	11,768
62090 - Other information technology service activities	16	7,493
5530 - Restaurants	15	5,013
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	13	5,558
86900 - Other human health activities	13	4,457
9305 - Other service activities	13	9,492
56302 - Public houses and bars	12	2,308
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	12	7,398