

Chester Le Street

2011 annual business confidence report



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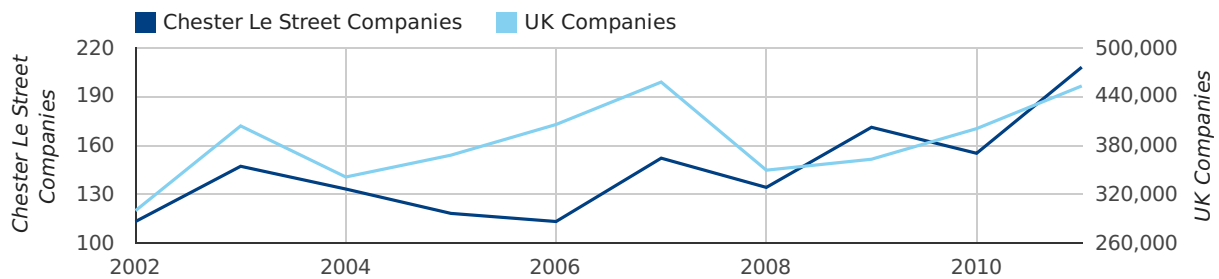
Annual Data (2011)

2011 was a record year for company registrations in Chester Le Street when compared to any year in history.

A total of 208 companies were formed in Chester Le Street in 2011. This total is 34.2% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2011	208	452,870
2010	155	400,358
2009	171	362,675
2008	134	349,203
2007	152	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (208)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

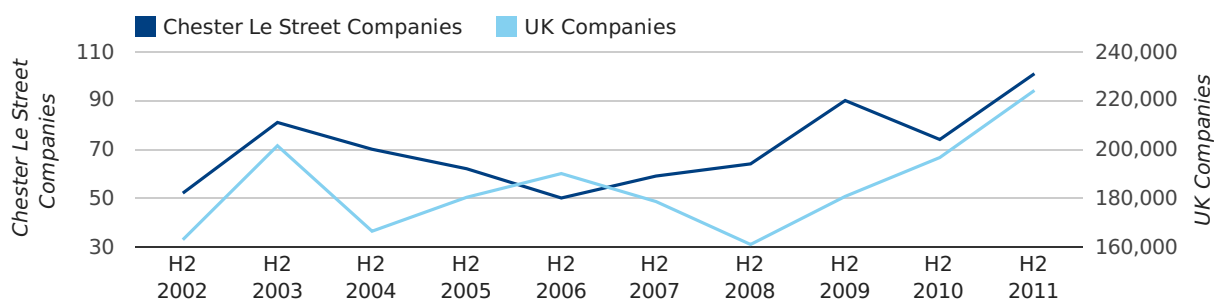
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Chester Le Street when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 101 companies were formed in Chester Le Street. This figure is 36.5% 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 Le Street occurred in 2011 when a total of 101 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2011	101	224,135
2010	74	196,609
% CHANGE	36.5%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (101)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

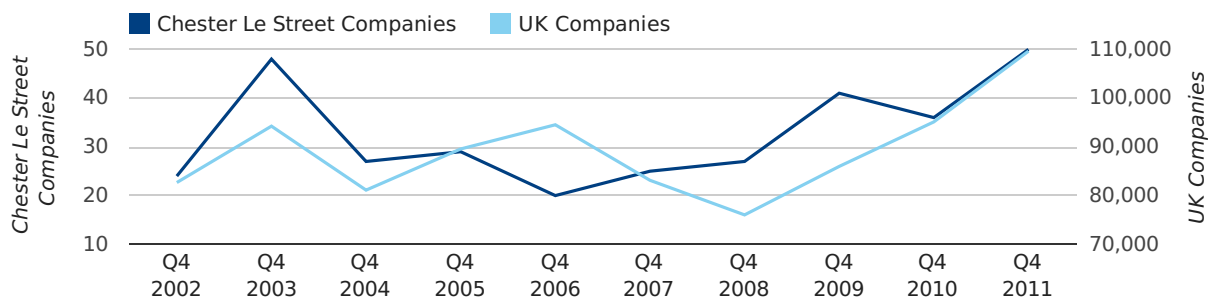
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Chester Le Street when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 50 companies were registered in Chester Le Street during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 38.9% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares well 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 LE STREET	UK
2011	50	109,623
2010	36	95,117
% CHANGE	38.9%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (50)	2011 (109,623)

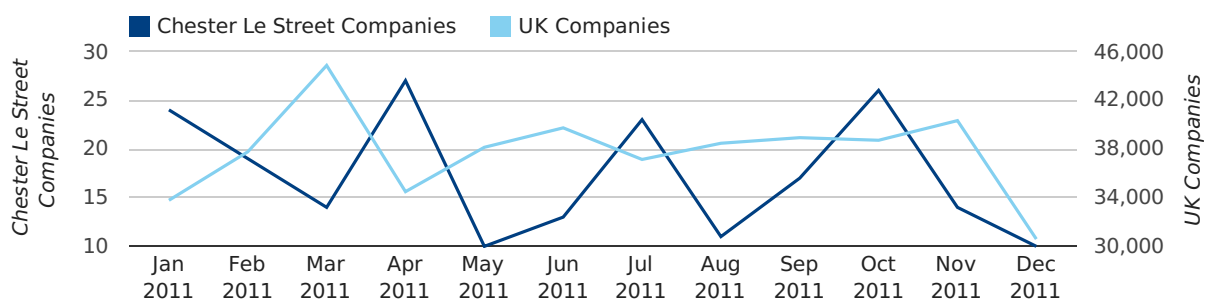
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

October 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Chester Le Street when compared to any previous October.

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	26	14	10
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	15	14	7
% CHANGE	73.3%	0.0%	42.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (26)	2009 (17)	2009 (12)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 120 companies were dissolved in Chester Le Street in 2011. This total is 16.5% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2011	120	314,523
2010	103	342,232
2009	154	533,773
2008	64	237,901
2007	76	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (154)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

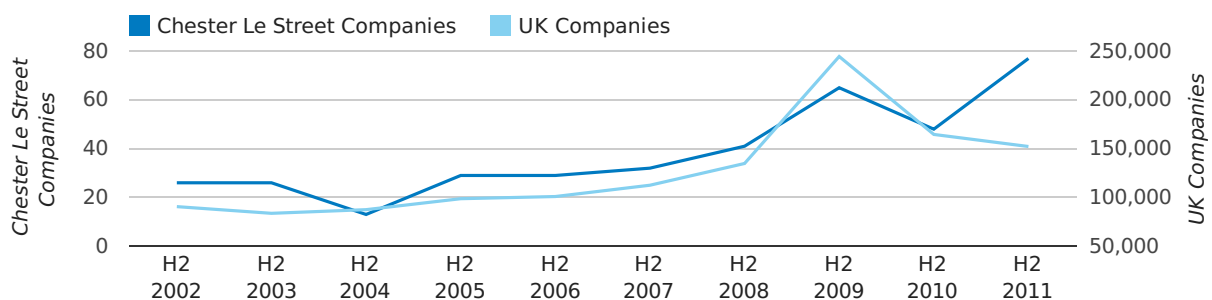
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Chester Le Street when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 77 companies were dissolved in Chester Le Street. This figure is 60.4% 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 Le Street occurred in 2011 when a total of 77 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2011	77	152,213
2010	48	164,601
% CHANGE	60.4%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (77)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

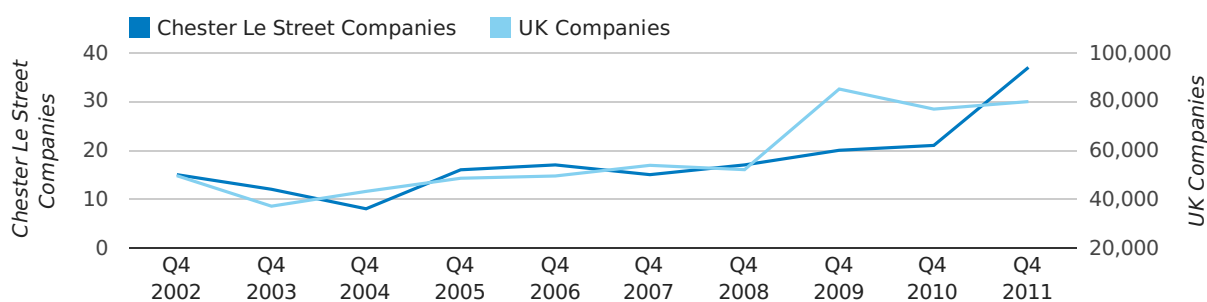
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Chester Le Street when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 37 companies were dissolved in Chester Le Street during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 76.2% 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 LE STREET	UK
2011	37	79,983
2010	21	76,896
% CHANGE	76.2%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (37)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter

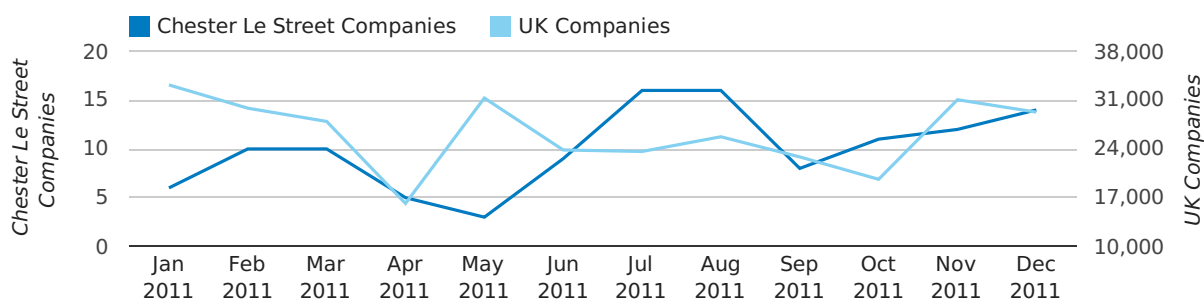


Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

November 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Chester Le Street when compared to any previous November.

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	11	12	14
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	11	8	2
% CHANGE	0.0%	50.0%	600%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (15)	2011 (12)	2011 (14)

Annual Data (2011)

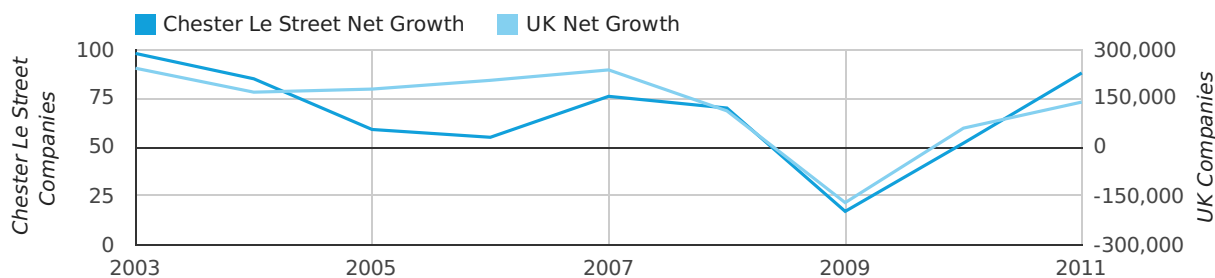
A total of 88 companies were added to the company register for Chester Le Street in 2011. This number represents growth of 56.8% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 36 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Chester Le Street company register grew by 98 companies.

YEAR	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2011	88	138,347
2010	52	58,126
2009	17	-171,098
2008	70	111,302
2007	76	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (98)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

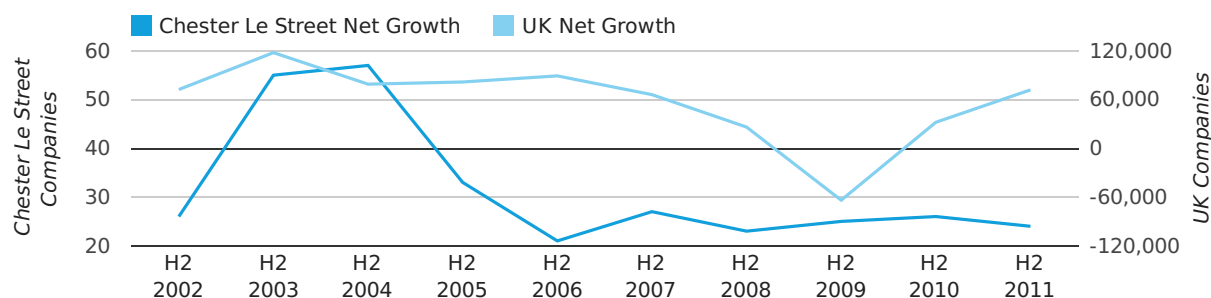


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Chester Le Street increased by 24 companies. This figure is 7.7% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2011	24	71,922
2010	26	32,008
% CHANGE	-7.7%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (57)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



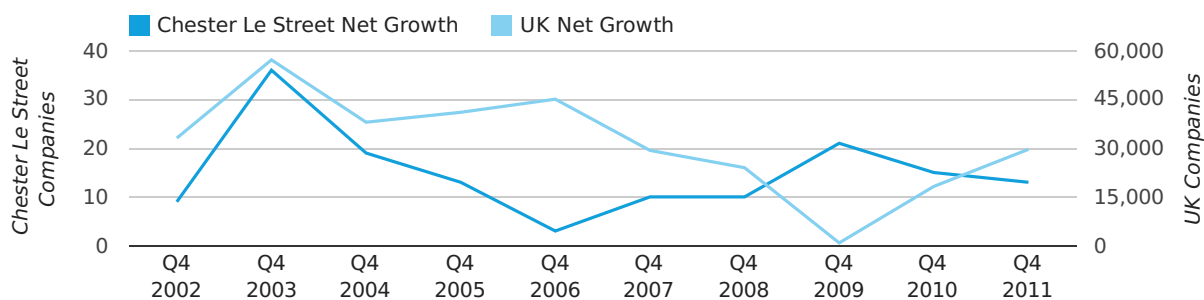
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Chester Le Street during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 13 companies.

This represents a decrease of 13.3% on the same period last year.

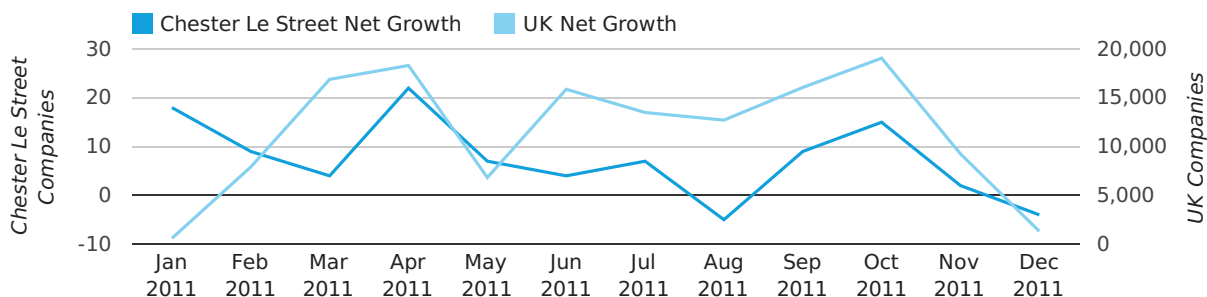
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	CHESTER LE STREET	UK
2011	13	29,640
2010	15	18,221
% CHANGE	-13.3%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (36)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



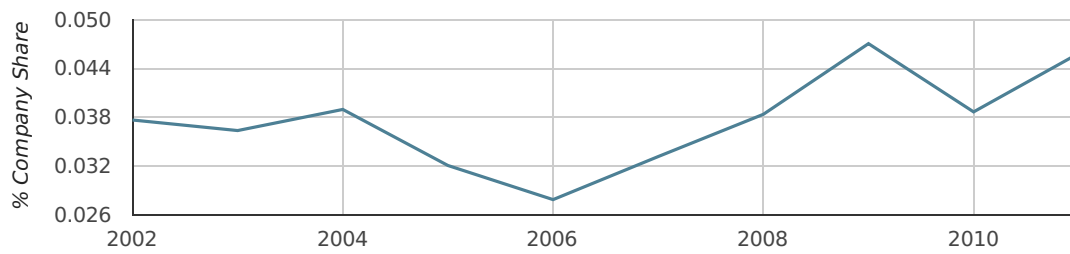
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	15	2	-4
NET GROWTH IN 2010	4	6	5
% CHANGE	275.0%	-66.7%	-180.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (19)	2003 (12)	2009 (8)

Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Chester Le Street formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Chester Le Street was responsible for 0.0% of all UK companies.

YEAR	CHESTER LE STREET
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.1%)

company share by year

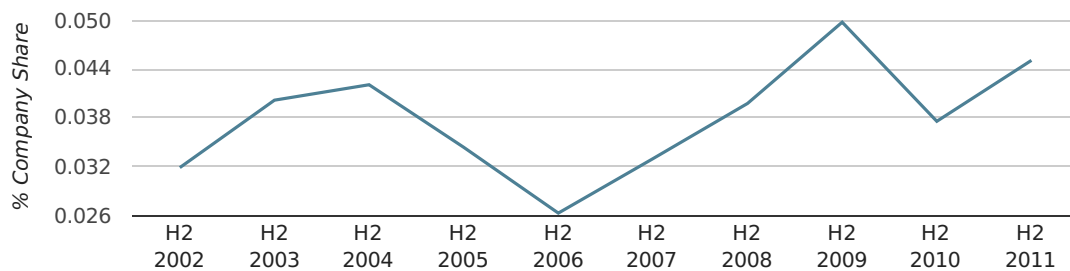


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Chester Le Street formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.0%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CHESTER LE STREET
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.1%)

company share by half year

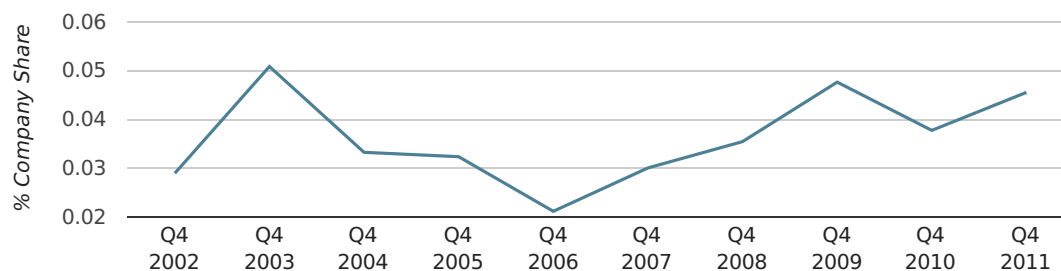


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, Chester Le Street formed 0.0% of all UK companies.

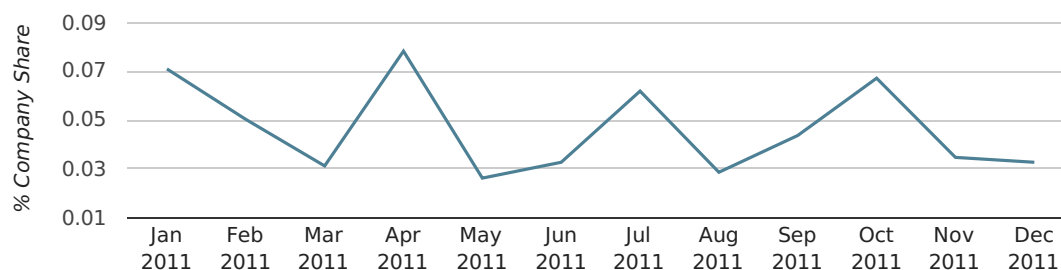
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	CHESTER LE STREET
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	50.7%	-15.0%	26.7%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (0.5%)	1968 (0.2%)	1964 (0.1%)

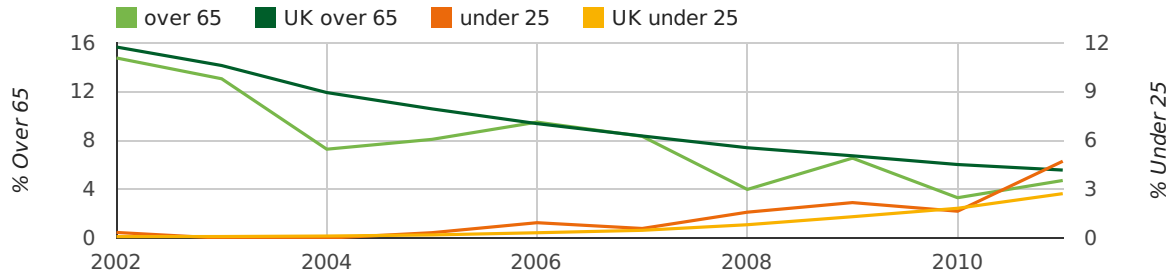
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 45.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



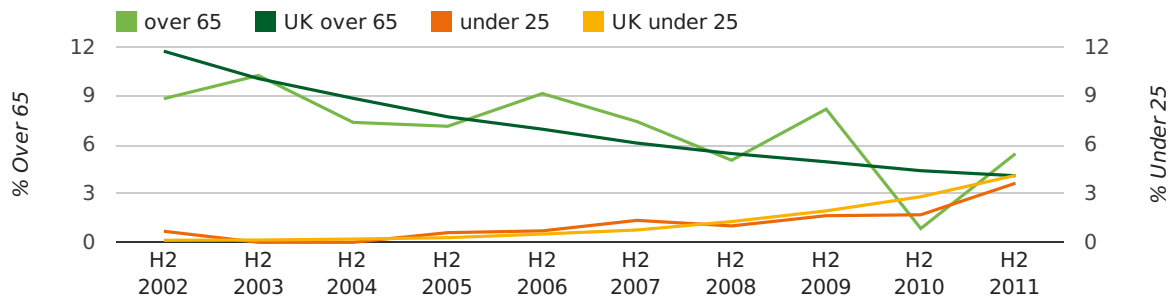
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 45.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



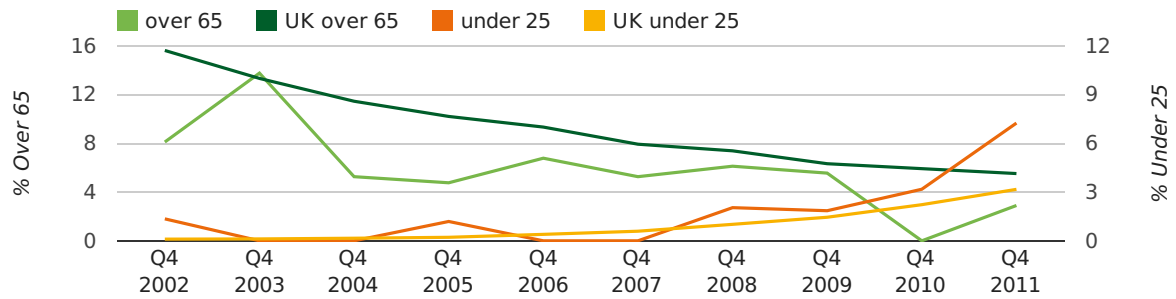
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 42.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 7.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

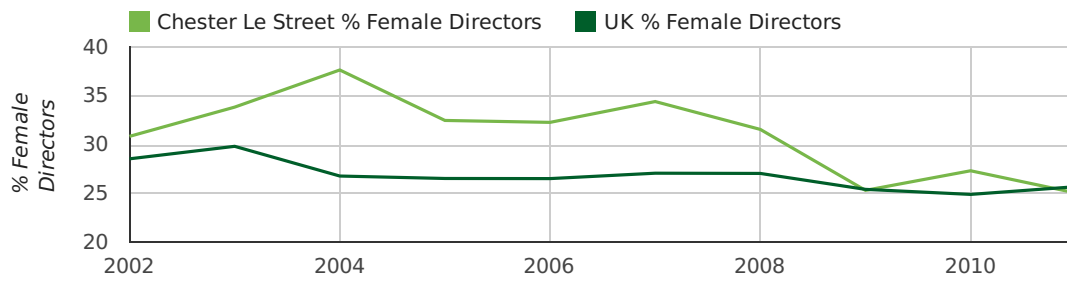


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Chester Le Street in 2011 was 30.9%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

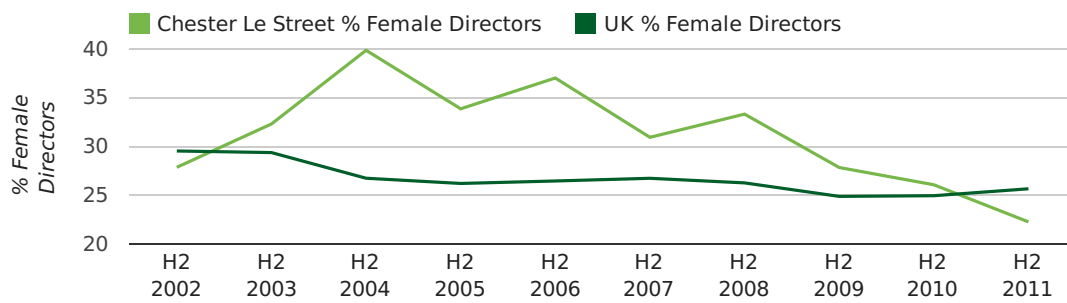


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

22.3% of all director appointments in Chester Le Street 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

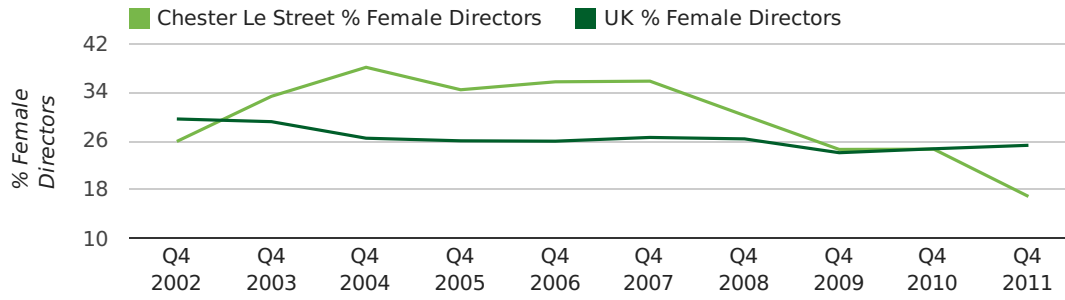


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

16.9% of all director appointments in Chester Le Street 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	1.62%	CONSULTING	5.07%
C	1.39%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
(NE)	1.15%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
CONSULTING	1.15%	PROPERTY	2.37%
J	1.15%	TRADING	2.07%
PROPERTY	1.15%	DESIGN	1.92%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.92%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
HOME	0.92%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
CONSULTANCY	0.92%	BUSINESS	1.78%
CENTRE	0.69%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ACADEMY	0.69%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
CESTRIA	0.69%	MEDIA	1.71%
CONSULTANTS	0.69%	LONDON	1.63%
CLUB	0.69%	J	1.51%
DURHAM	0.69%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
NORTHERN	0.69%	GLOBAL	1.46%
NORTHEAST	0.46%	IT	1.41%
VMNS	0.46%	CARE	1.39%
DSM	0.46%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
4	0.46%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
SOUND	0.46%	M	1.27%
CONNOR	0.46%	BUILDING	1.26%
E	0.46%	ENERGY	1.25%
(NORTH	0.46%	S	1.20%
EAST)	0.46%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	59	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	18	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	12	32,483
7499 - Non-trading company	9	9,957
99999 - Dormant Company	9	21,846
7414 - Business & management consultancy	7	13,034
74990 - Non-trading company	7	8,929
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	7	11,768
9305 - Other service activities	6	9,492
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	6	17,765
9999 - Dormant Company	5	20,199
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	5	8,671
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	4	3,194
7020 - Letting of own property	4	1,606
6024 - Freight transport by road	4	2,280
43210 - Electrical installation	4	3,175
56302 - Public houses and bars	4	2,308
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	4	3,342
87300 - Residential care activities for the elderly and disabled	3	291
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	3	5,558