Chorley

q1 2011 business confidence report



headlines

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

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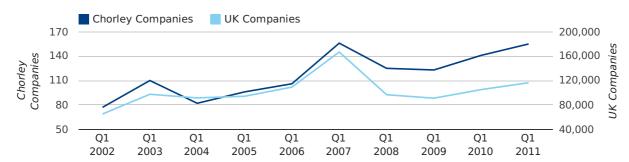


A total of 155 companies were registered in Chorley during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 9.9% 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)	CHORLEY	UK
2011	155	116,391
2010	141	105,137
% CHANGE	9.9%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (156)	2007 (166,814)

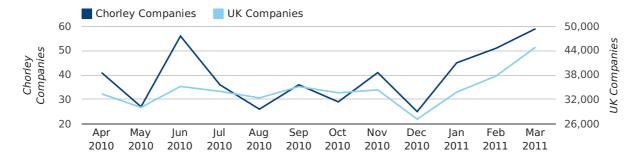
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	45	51	59
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	40	46	55
% CHANGE	12.5%	10.9%	7.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (47)	2011 (51)	2007 (61)

A total of 81 companies were dissolved in Chorley during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 18.2% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares well 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)	CHORLEY	UK
2011	81	90,986
2010	99	82,677
% CHANGE	-18.2%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (115)	2009 (108,060)

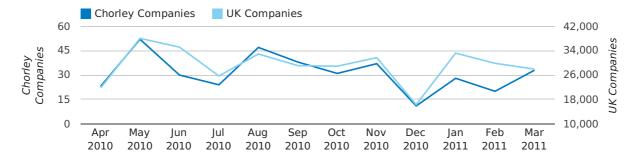
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



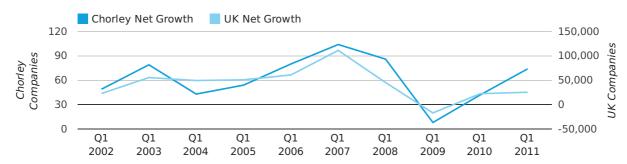
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	28	20	33
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	27	25	47
% CHANGE	3.7%	-20.0%	-30%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (28)	2009 (29)	2009 (62)

Net company growth for Chorley during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 74 companies.

This represents an increase of 76.2% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	CHORLEY	UK
2011	74	25,405
2010	42	22,460
% CHANGE	76.2%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (104)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month

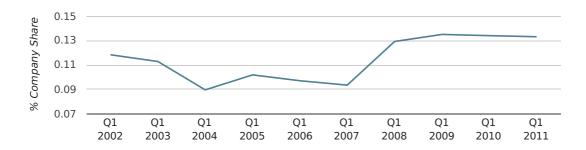


	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	17	31	26
NET GROWTH IN 2010	13	21	8
% CHANGE	30.8%	47.6%	225.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (30)	2007 (36)	2008 (48)

In the first quarter of 2011, Chorley formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

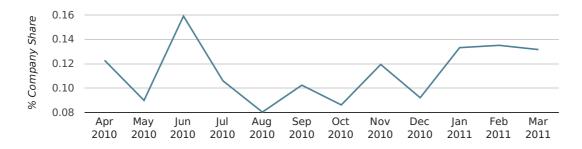
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	CHORLEY
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



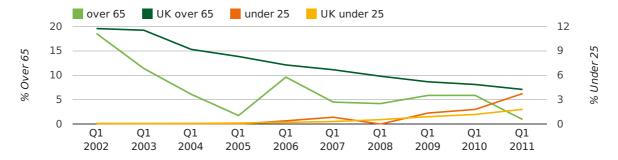
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-2.9%	-2.5%	2.3%
RECORD YEAR	1961 (0.3%)	1967 (0.4%)	1965 (0.3%)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 44.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 0.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter



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

26.2% of all director appointments in Chorley 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
BUSINESS	1.04%	CONSULTING	5.04%
PROPERTY	1.04%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
DESIGN	1.04%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
ENTERPRISES	0.92%	PROPERTY	2.38%
ENERGY	0.92%	TRADING	2.10%
J	0.92%	DESIGN	1.93%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.81%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
CHORLEY	0.81%	BUSINESS	1.87%
(NW)	0.69%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
ENGINEERING	0.69%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
(NORTH	0.58%	MEDIA	1.69%
4	0.58%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
ASSOCIATES	0.58%	LONDON	1.60%
MANAGEMENT	0.58%	CARE	1.45%
CONSULTING	0.58%	J	1.45%
WEST)	0.58%	GLOBAL	1.44%
(PRESTON)	0.58%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
INTERIORS	0.46%	IT	1.41%
TRAINING	0.46%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
TRANSPORT	0.46%	BUILDING	1.34%
SECURITY	0.46%	М	1.30%
В	0.46%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
SUPPLY	0.46%	S	1.24%
SUPPORT	0.46%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
CONSULTANCY	0.46%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	203	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	65	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	39	30,253
99999 - Dormant Company	29	18,336
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	23	16,150
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	21	7,788
9999 - Dormant Company	20	19,765
7414 - Business & management consultancy	15	12,916
74990 - Non-trading company	13	8,695
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	12	10,085
7260 - Other computer related activities	12	7,789
49410 - Freight transport by road	11	2,167
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	11	3,097
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	10	10,246
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	9	2,197
43320 - Joinery installation	9	1,194
41100 - Development of building projects	9	3,921
9305 - Other service activities	8	8,740
70100 - Activities of head offices	8	2,849
7499 - Non-trading company	8	11,316