

Chorley

2011 annual business confidence report



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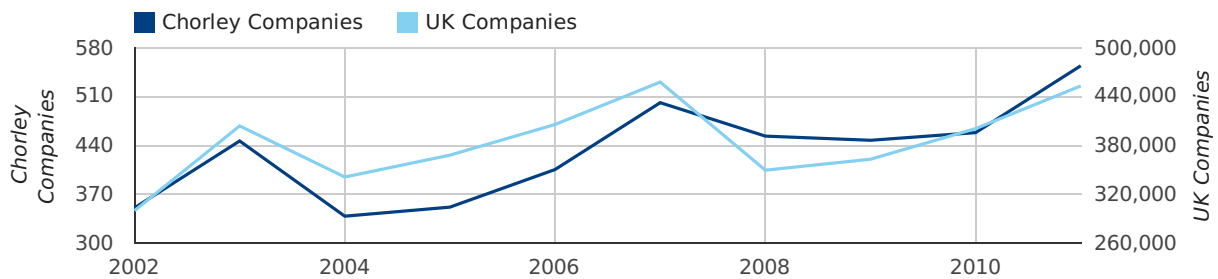
Annual Data (2011)

2011 was a record year for company registrations in Chorley when compared to any year in history.

A total of 554 companies were formed in Chorley in 2011. This total is 21.0% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	CHORLEY	UK
2011	554	452,870
2010	458	400,358
2009	447	362,675
2008	453	349,203
2007	501	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (554)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

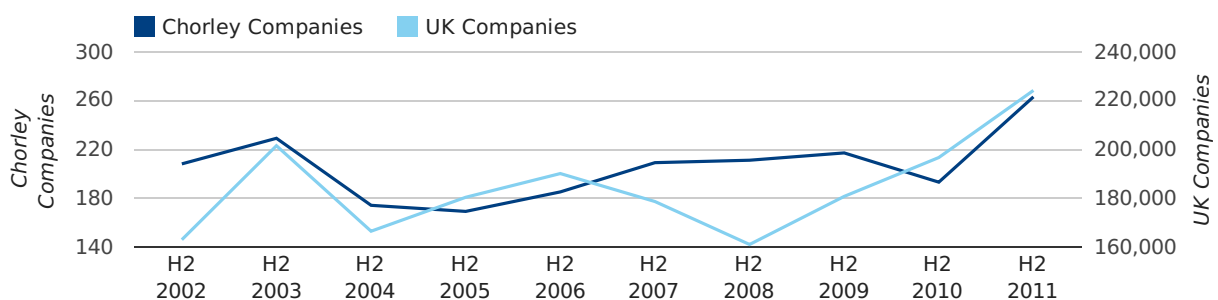
The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Chorley when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 263 companies were formed in Chorley. This figure is 36.3% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Chorley occurred in 2011 when a total of 263 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CHORLEY	UK
2011	263	224,135
2010	193	196,609
% CHANGE	36.3%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (263)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



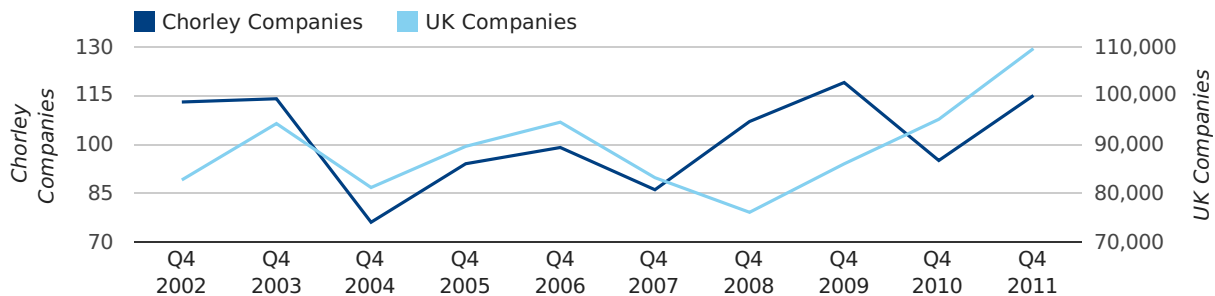
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 115 companies were registered in Chorley during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 21.1% 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.

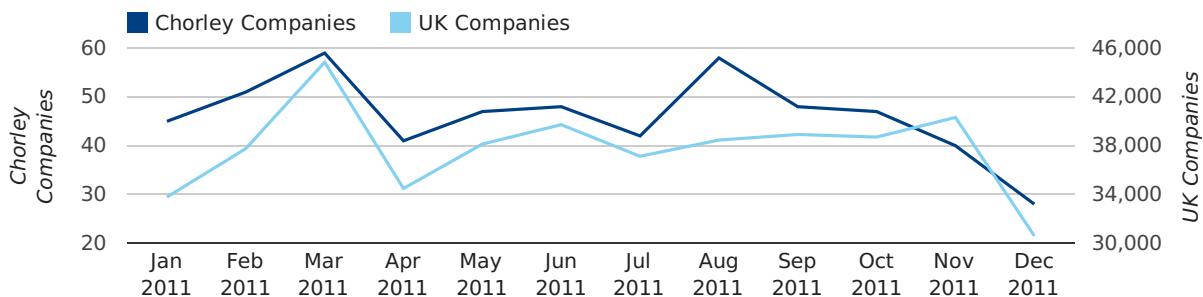
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	CHORLEY	UK
2011	115	109,623
2010	95	95,117
% CHANGE	21.1%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (119)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	47	40	28
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	29	41	25
% CHANGE	62.1%	-2.4%	12.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (47)	2005 (44)	2002 (39)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 307 companies were dissolved in Chorley in 2011. This total is 21.7% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	CHORLEY	UK
2011	307	314,523
2010	392	342,232
2009	491	533,773
2008	196	237,901
2007	179	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (491)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



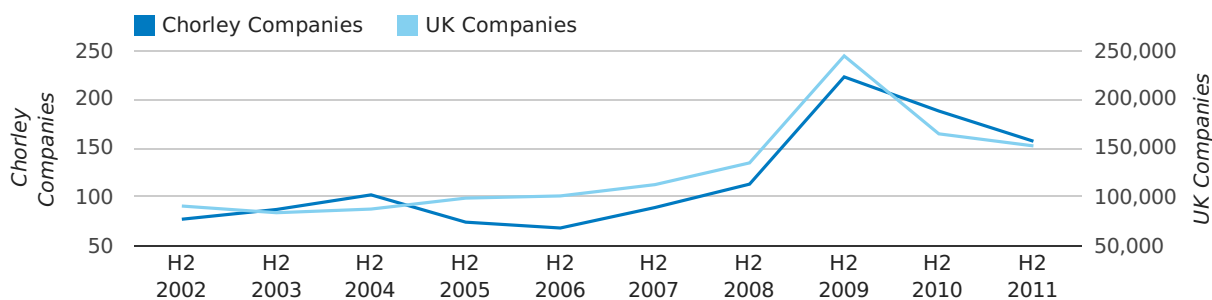
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 157 companies were dissolved in Chorley. This figure is 16.5% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Chorley occurred in 2009 when a total of 223 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CHORLEY	UK
2011	157	152,213
2010	188	164,601
% CHANGE	-16.5%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (223)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



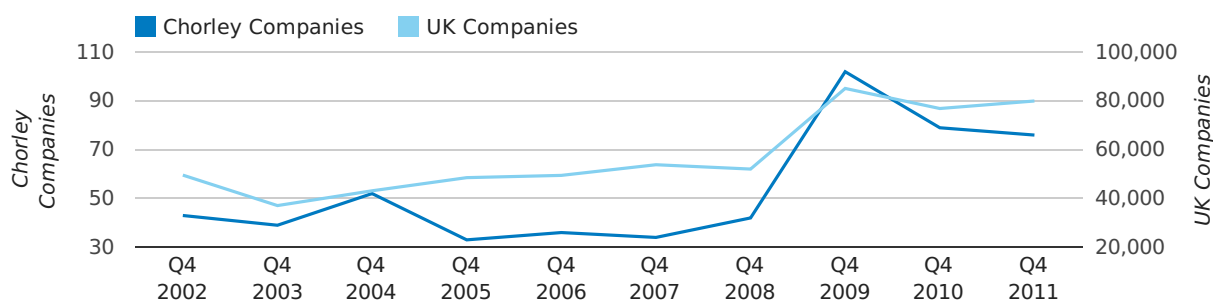
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 76 companies were dissolved in Chorley during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 3.8% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 4.0% against the same period last year.

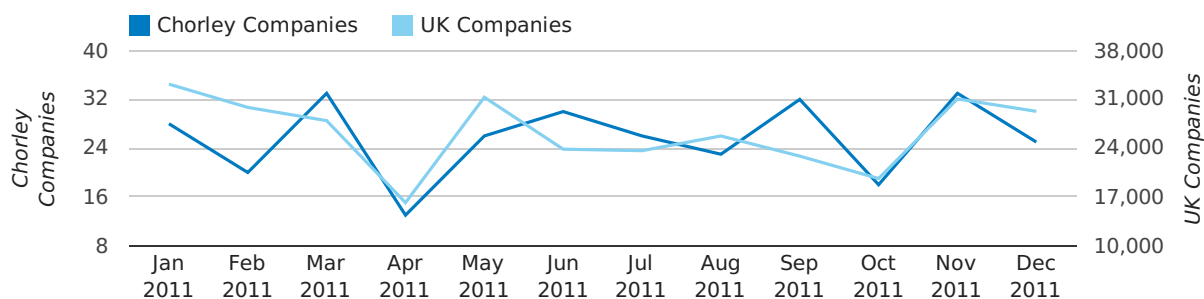
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	CHORLEY	UK
2011	76	79,983
2010	79	76,896
% CHANGE	-3.8%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (102)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	18	33	25
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	31	37	11
% CHANGE	-41.9%	-10.8%	127%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (31)	2010 (37)	2009 (45)

Annual Data (2011)

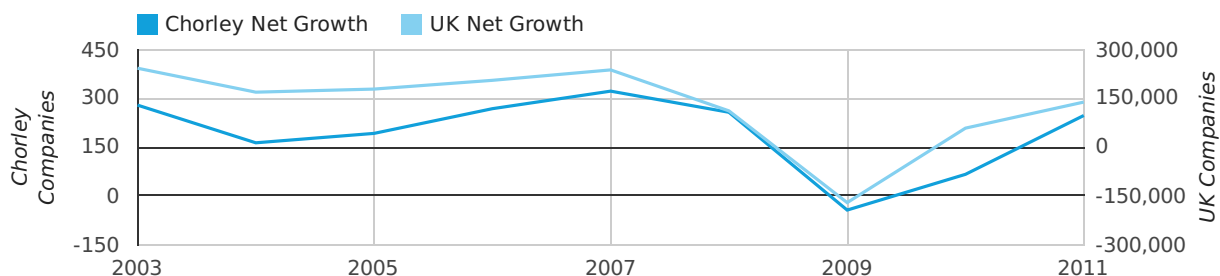
A total of 247 companies were added to the company register for Chorley in 2011. This number represents growth of 53.9% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 181 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2007 when the Chorley company register grew by 322 companies.

YEAR	CHORLEY	UK
2011	247	138,347
2010	66	58,126
2009	-44	-171,098
2008	257	111,302
2007	322	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2007 (322)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

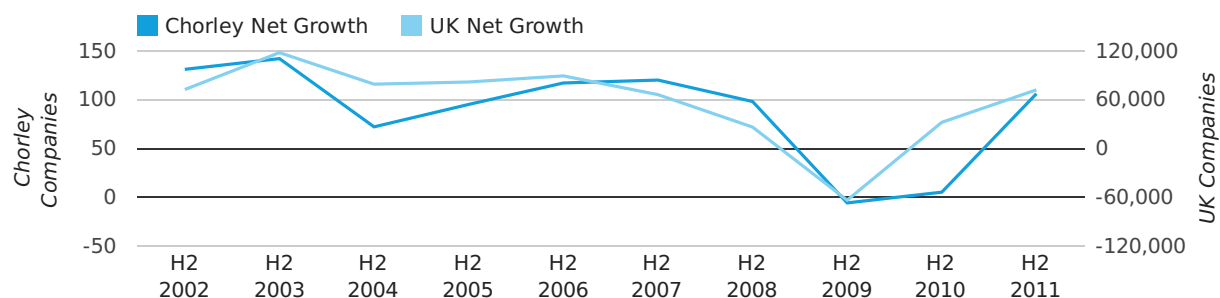


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Chorley increased by 106 companies. This figure is 2,020.0% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CHORLEY	UK
2011	106	71,922
2010	5	32,008
% CHANGE	2,020.0%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (142)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



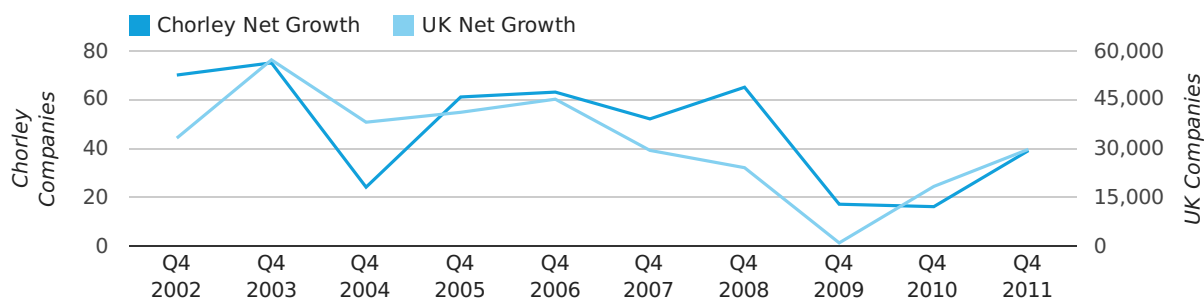
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Chorley during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 39 companies.

This represents an increase of 143.8% on the same period last year.

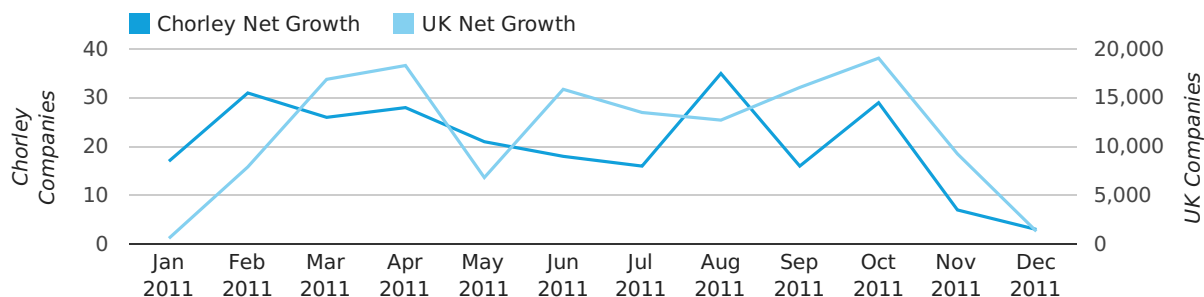
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	CHORLEY	UK
2011	39	29,640
2010	16	18,221
% CHANGE	143.8%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (75)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



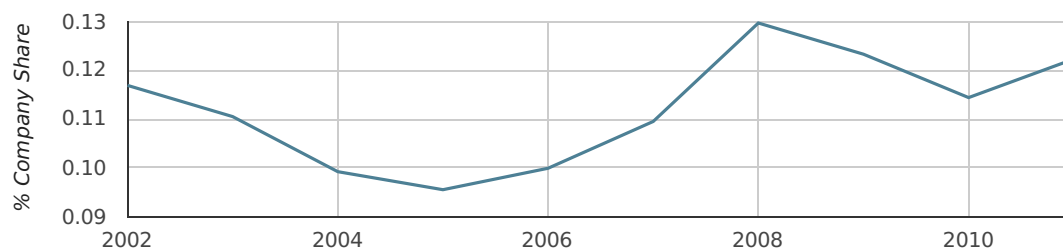
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	29	7	3
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-2	4	14
% CHANGE	-1,550.0%	75.0%	-78.6%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (37)	2005 (29)	2002 (26)

Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Chorley formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Chorley was responsible for 0.1% of all UK companies.

YEAR	CHORLEY
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1962 (0.1%)

company share by year

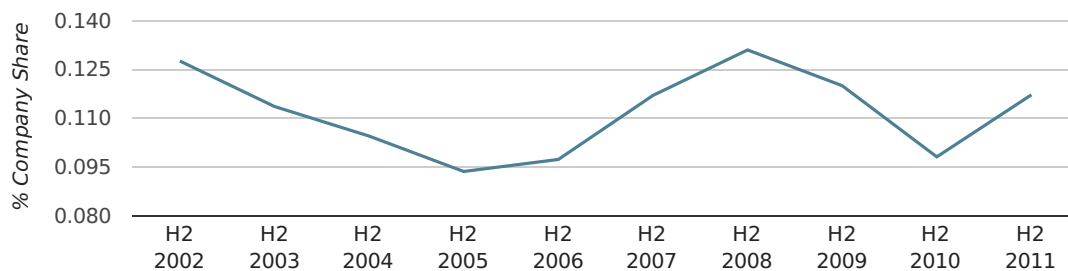


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Chorley formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	CHORLEY
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1988 (0.1%)

company share by half year

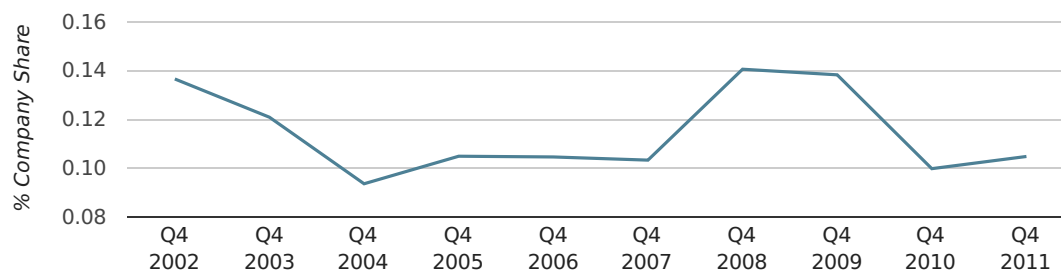


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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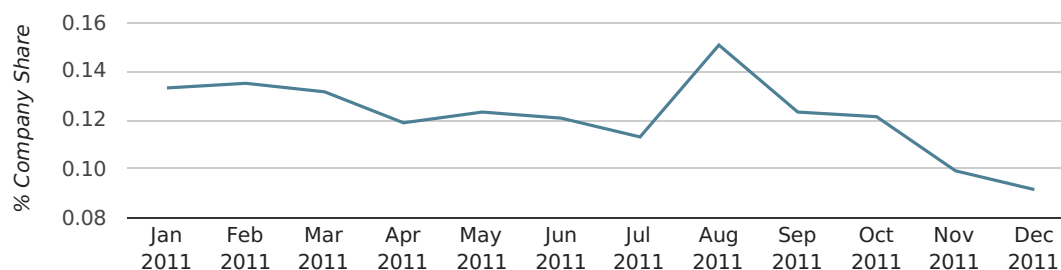
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	CHORLEY
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	40.8%	-16.9%	-0.7%
RECORD YEAR	1977 (0.2%)	1964 (0.3%)	1966 (0.2%)

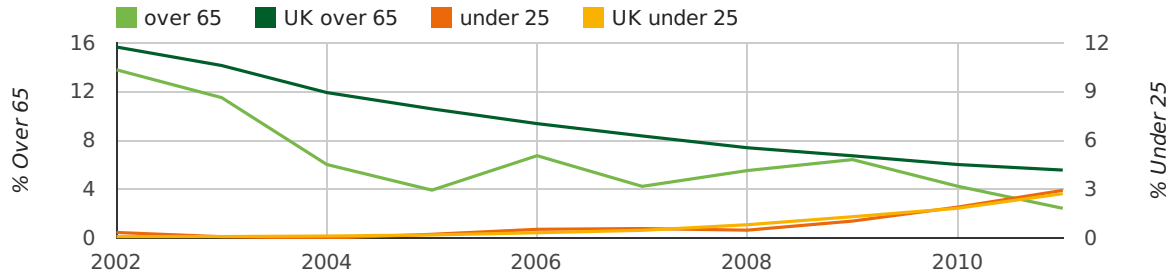
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 44.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



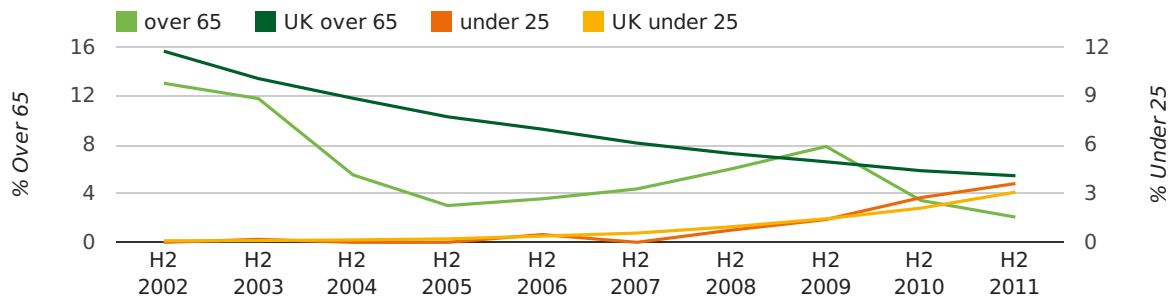
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 43.8.

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 2.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



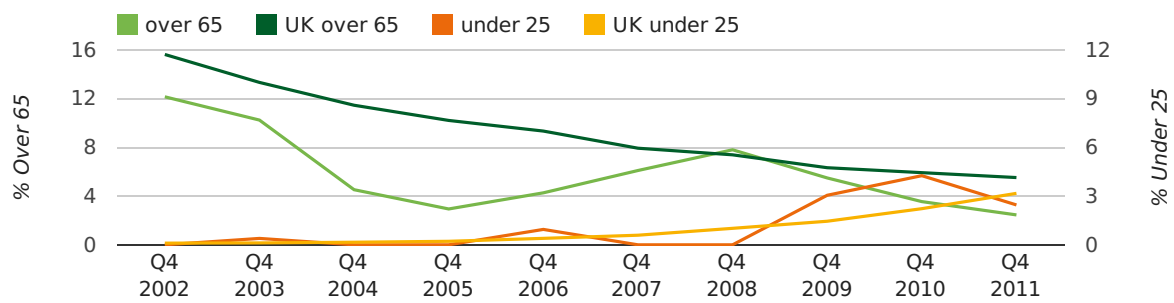
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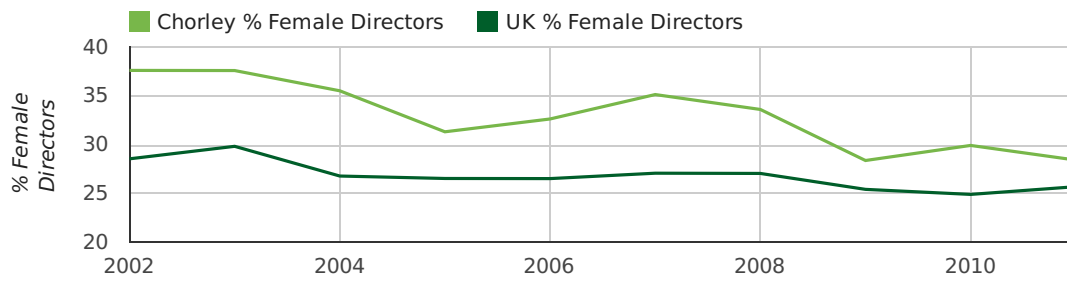


Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Chorley in 2011 was 37.6%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

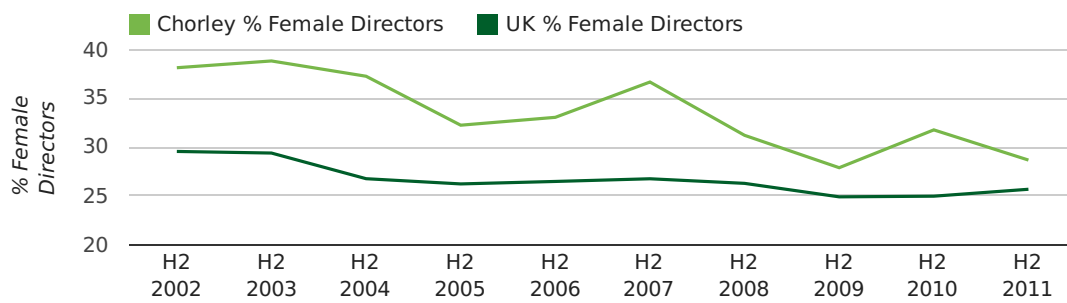


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

28.7% of all director appointments in Chorley 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

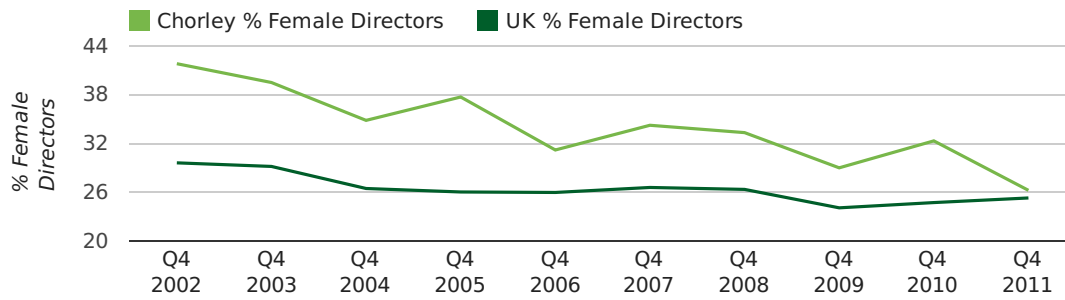


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

26.2% of all director appointments in Chorley 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
DESIGN	1.21%	CONSULTING	5.07%
CHORLEY	1.21%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.21%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
TRANSPORT	1.11%	PROPERTY	2.37%
R	0.81%	TRADING	2.07%
B	0.81%	DESIGN	1.92%
CONSULTING	0.71%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
PROPERTY	0.71%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
(NW)	0.71%	BUSINESS	1.78%
P	0.61%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ENERGY	0.61%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
TRAINING	0.61%	MEDIA	1.71%
ASSOCIATES	0.61%	LONDON	1.63%
LOGISTICS	0.61%	J	1.51%
D	0.61%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
CONSULTANCY	0.61%	GLOBAL	1.46%
S	0.61%	IT	1.41%
FINANCIAL	0.51%	CARE	1.39%
CONSTRUCTION	0.51%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
ENGINEERING	0.51%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
INTERIORS	0.51%	M	1.27%
C	0.51%	BUILDING	1.26%
CENTRE	0.51%	ENERGY	1.25%
SECURITY	0.51%	S	1.20%
SUPPLY	0.51%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	201	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	64	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	31	32,483
99999 - Dormant Company	29	21,846
9999 - Dormant Company	25	20,199
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	21	17,765
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	20	8,671
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	16	11,768
7414 - Business & management consultancy	13	13,034
7499 - Non-trading company	12	9,957
49410 - Freight transport by road	11	2,392
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	11	2,740
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	11	12,072
74990 - Non-trading company	10	8,929
9305 - Other service activities	10	9,492
43320 - Joinery installation	9	1,158
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	8	3,342
70100 - Activities of head offices	8	2,662
7260 - Other computer related activities	8	7,667
62090 - Other information technology service activities	7	7,493