

Chorley

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

- Q1 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Chorley when compared to any previous Q1.
- Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Chorley when compared to any quarter in history.
- January 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Chorley when compared to any previous January.
- January 2012 was a record month for company registrations in Chorley when compared to any month in history.
- January 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Chorley when compared to any previous January.

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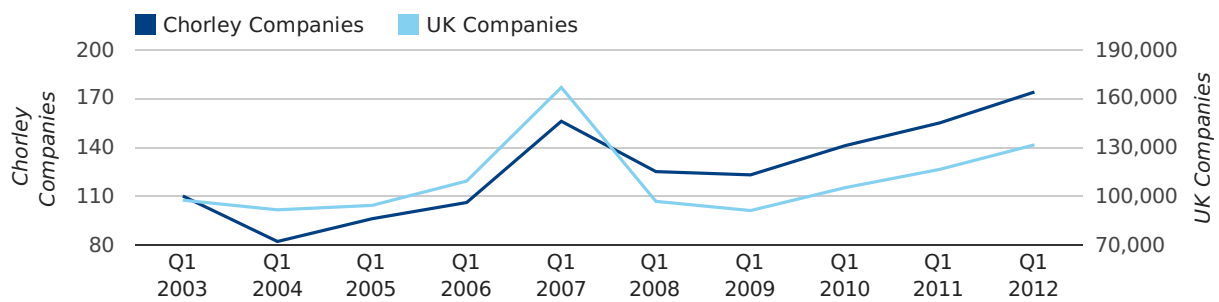
Q1 2012 was a record quarter for company registrations in Chorley when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 174 companies were registered in Chorley during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 12.3% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares equally to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.0% against the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	CHORLEY	UK
2012	174	131,491
2011	155	116,391
% CHANGE	12.3%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (174)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter

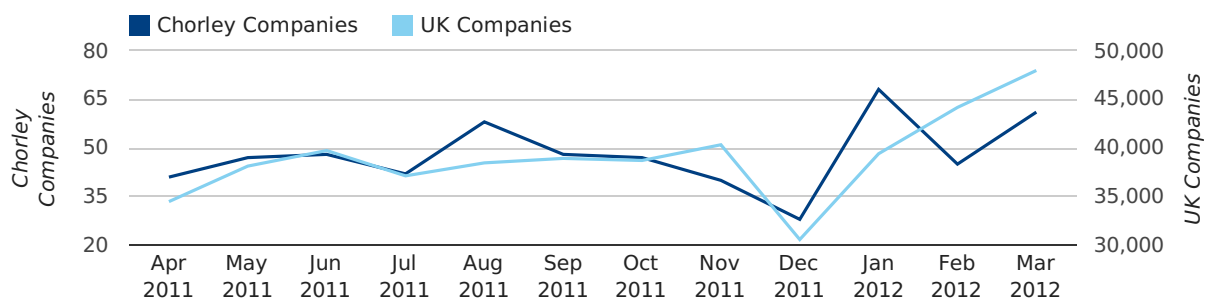


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

January 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Chorley when compared to any previous January.

January 2012 was a record month for company registrations in Chorley when compared to any month in history.

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	68	45	61
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	45	51	59
% CHANGE	51.1%	-11.8%	3.4%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (68)	2011 (51)	2007 (61)

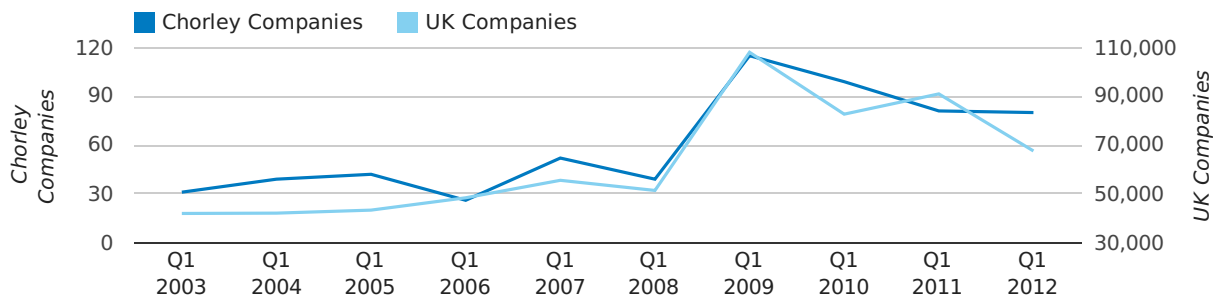
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 80 companies were dissolved in Chorley during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 1.2% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 25.7% against the same period last year.

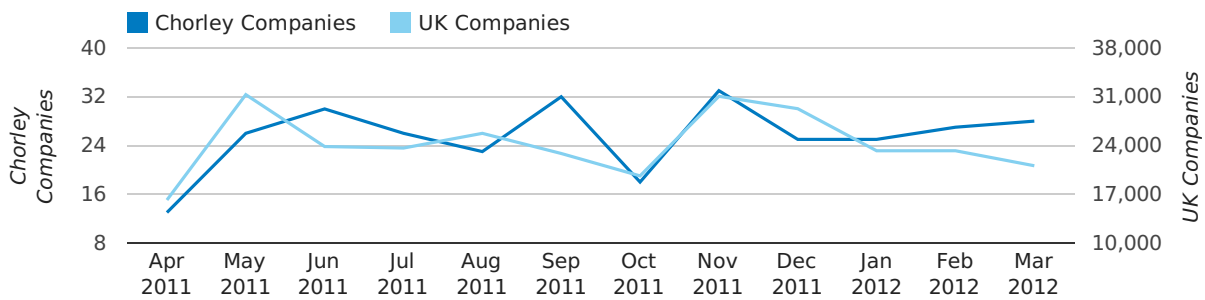
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	CHORLEY	UK
2012	80	67,576
2011	81	90,986
% CHANGE	-1.2%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (115)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	25	27	28
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	28	20	33
% CHANGE	-10.7%	35.0%	-15%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (28)	2009 (29)	2009 (62)

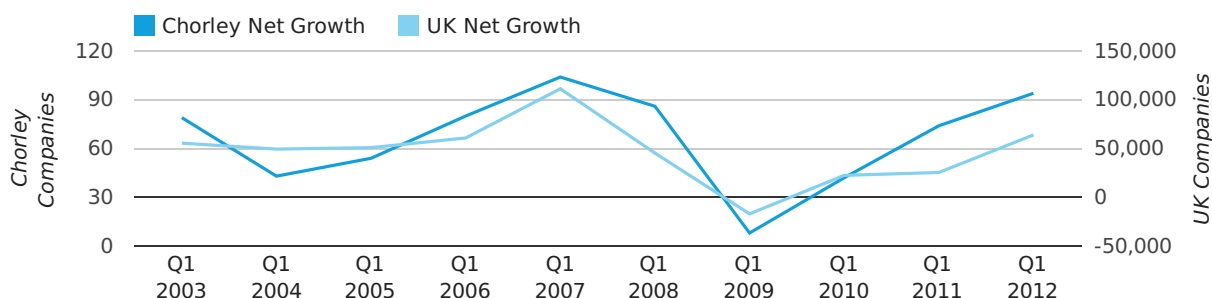
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Chorley during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 94 companies.

This represents an increase of 27.0% on the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	CHORLEY	UK
2012	94	63,915
2011	74	25,405
% CHANGE	27.0%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (104)	2007 (111,282)

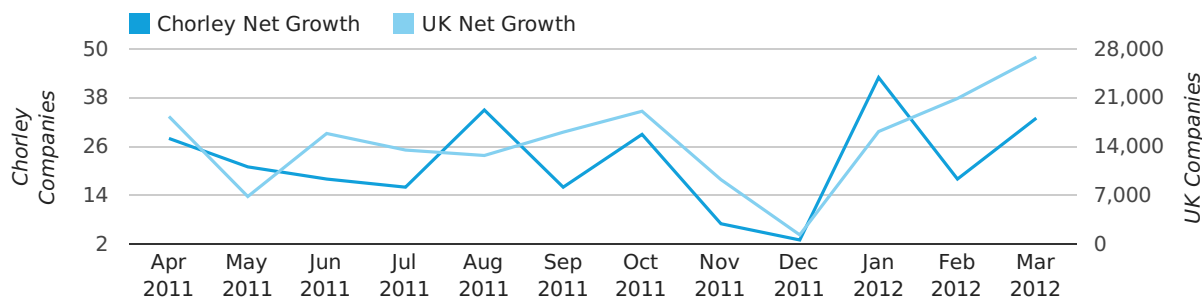
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

January 2012 saw a new record in net growth in Chorley when compared to any previous January.

net growth by month



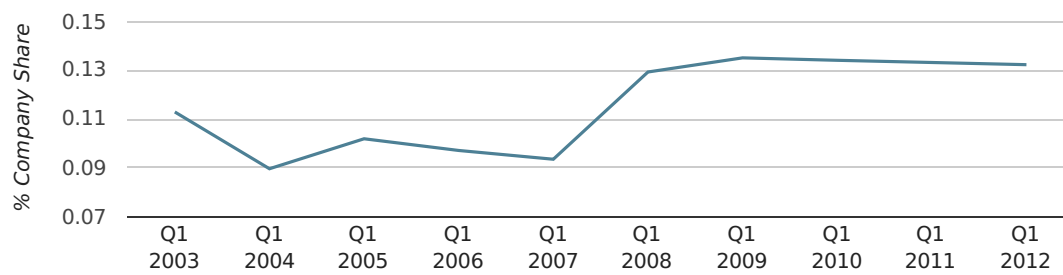
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	43	18	33
NET GROWTH IN 2011	17	31	26
% CHANGE	152.9%	-41.9%	26.9%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (43)	2007 (36)	2008 (48)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Chorley formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

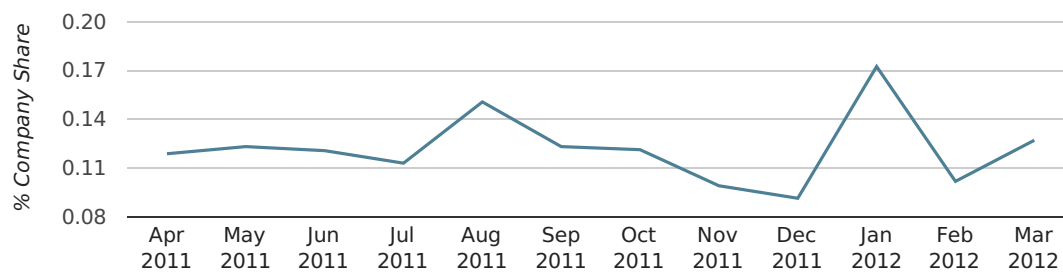
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	CHORLEY
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	29.6%	-24.6%	-3.3%
RECORD YEAR	1961 (0.3%)	1967 (0.4%)	1965 (0.3%)

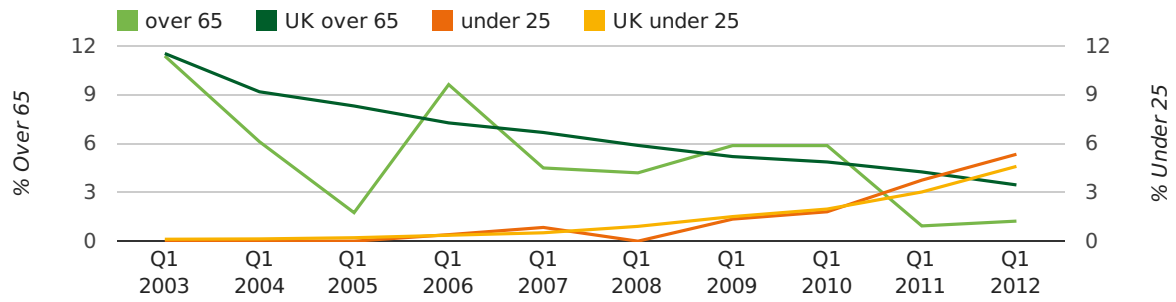
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 42.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

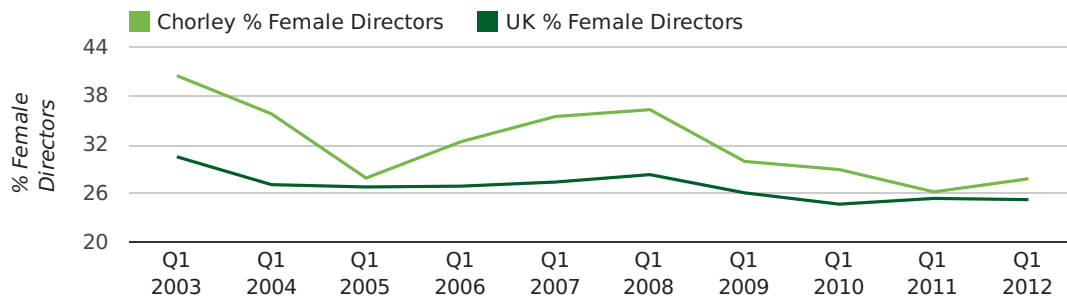


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

27.8% of all director appointments in Chorley in the first quarter of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.3% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Mar 2011-Mar 2012)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	1.28%	CONSULTING	5.07%
TRANSPORT	1.28%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
DESIGN	1.18%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
(NW)	0.99%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CHORLEY	0.89%	TRADING	2.07%
C	0.79%	DESIGN	1.93%
S	0.79%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
PLUMBING	0.69%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
R	0.69%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
CONSULTING	0.69%	BUSINESS	1.73%
PROPERTY	0.59%	MEDIA	1.72%
D	0.59%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
LOGISTICS	0.59%	LONDON	1.66%
MEDICAL	0.59%	J	1.54%
BUSINESS	0.59%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
INVESTMENTS	0.59%	GLOBAL	1.50%
B	0.49%	IT	1.40%
BUILDING	0.49%	CARE	1.34%
TRAINING	0.49%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ASSOCIATES	0.49%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
FINANCIAL	0.49%	M	1.27%
MEDIA	0.49%	BUILDING	1.24%
M	0.49%	ENERGY	1.20%
CONSTRUCTION	0.49%	S	1.20%
CONSULTANCY	0.49%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	206	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	61	52,735
99999 - Dormant Company	38	25,084
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	37	35,233
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	24	19,704
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	23	9,892
9999 - Dormant Company	22	18,617
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	18	13,637
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	13	14,303
7499 - Non-trading company	11	9,102
49410 - Freight transport by road	11	2,781
74990 - Non-trading company	11	9,729
47910 - Retail sale via mail order houses or via Internet	11	3,439
7414 - Business & management consultancy	10	12,113
9305 - Other service activities	10	8,818
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	9	2,832
70100 - Activities of head offices	8	2,746
7260 - Other computer related activities	8	7,154
47990 - Other retail sale not in stores, stalls or markets	7	3,129
43210 - Electrical installation	7	3,573