

Colchester

q1 2011 business confidence report



headlines

- Q1 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Colchester when compared to any previous Q1.
- Q1 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Colchester when compared to any quarter in history.
- February 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Colchester when compared to any previous February.
- January 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Colchester when compared to any previous January.

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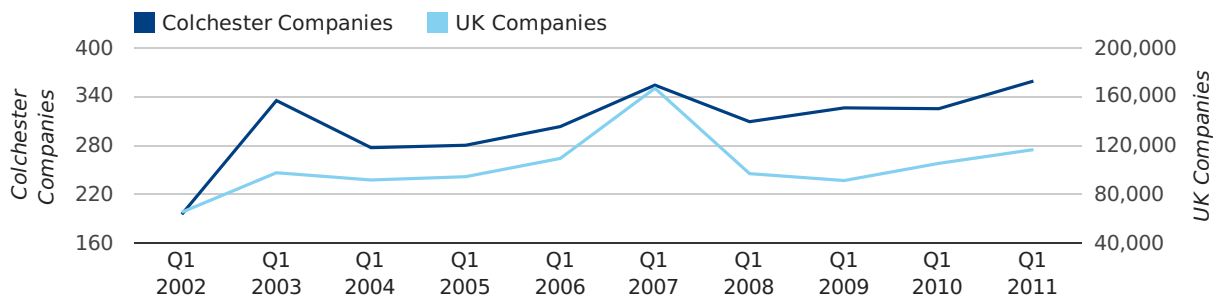
Q1 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Colchester when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 359 companies were registered in Colchester during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 10.5% 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)	COLCHESTER	UK
2011	359	116,391
2010	325	105,137
% CHANGE	10.5%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (359)	2007 (166,814)

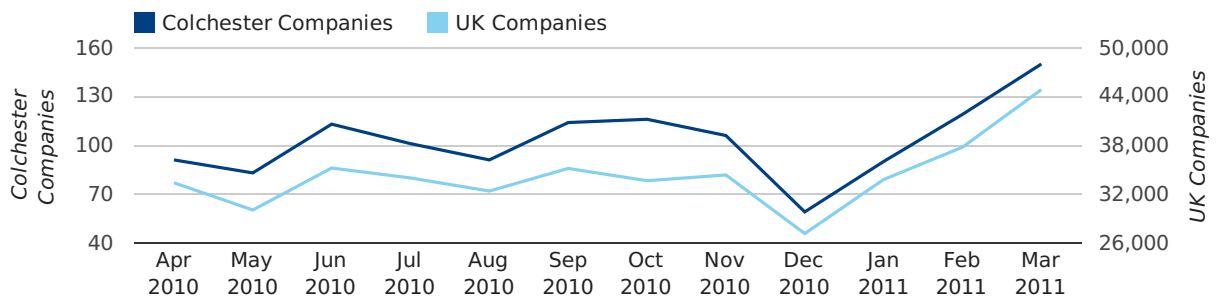
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	90	119	150
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	91	111	123
% CHANGE	-1.1%	7.2%	22.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (107)	2011 (119)	2007 (165)

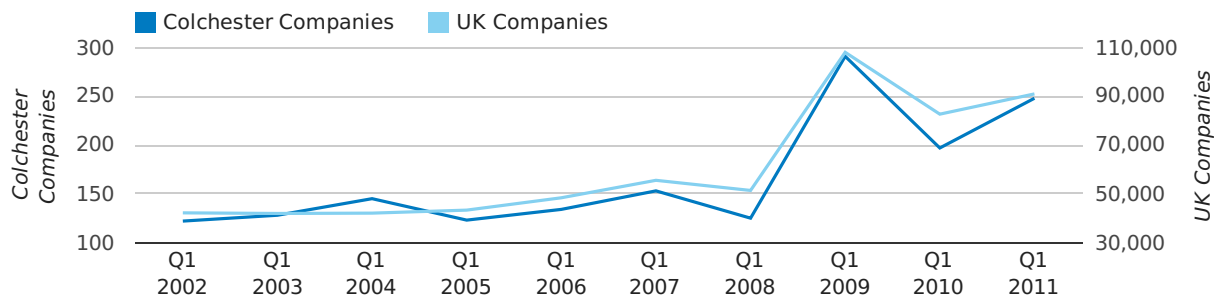
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 248 companies were dissolved in Colchester during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 25.9% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares poorly 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)	COLCHESTER	UK
2011	248	90,986
2010	197	82,677
% CHANGE	25.9%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (291)	2009 (108,060)

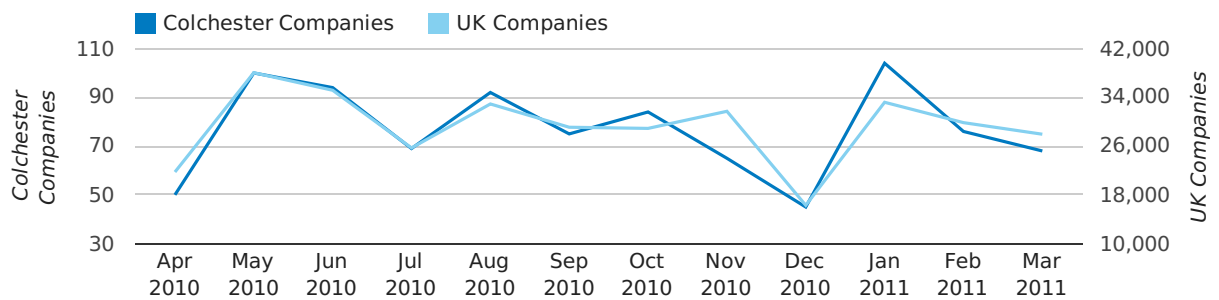
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	104	76	68
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	48	64	85
% CHANGE	116.7%	18.8%	-20%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (104)	2008 (77)	2009 (145)

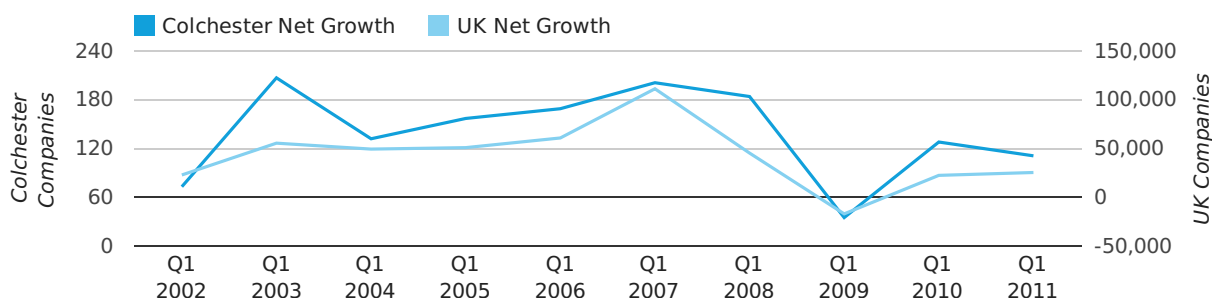
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Colchester during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 111 companies.

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

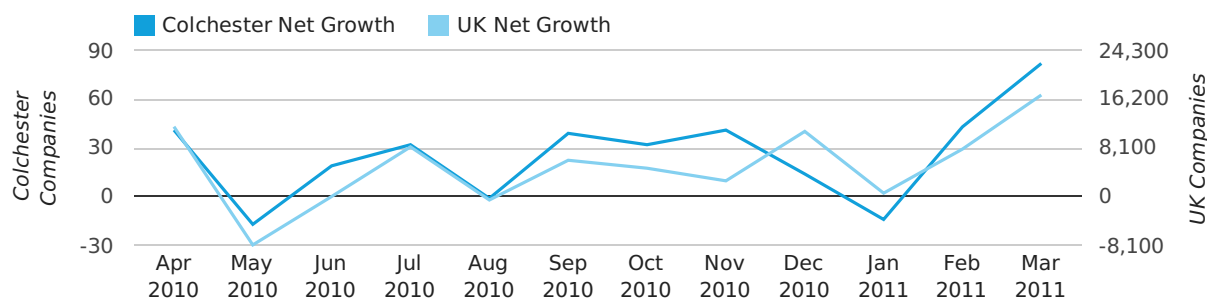
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	COLCHESTER	UK
2011	111	25,405
2010	128	22,460
% CHANGE	-13.3%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (207)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



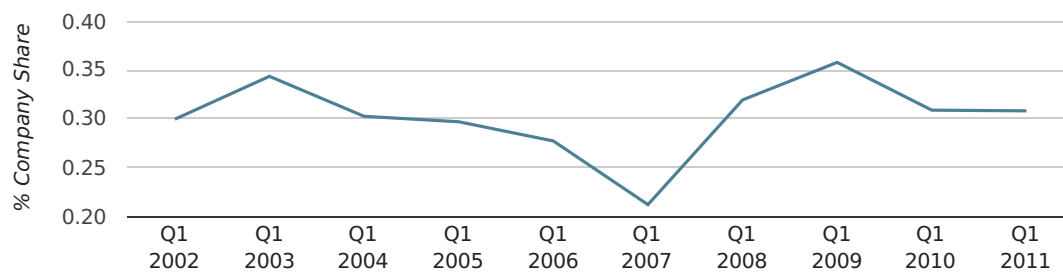
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-14	43	82
NET GROWTH IN 2010	43	47	38
% CHANGE	-132.6%	-8.5%	115.8%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (60)	2006 (66)	2007 (120)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Colchester formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

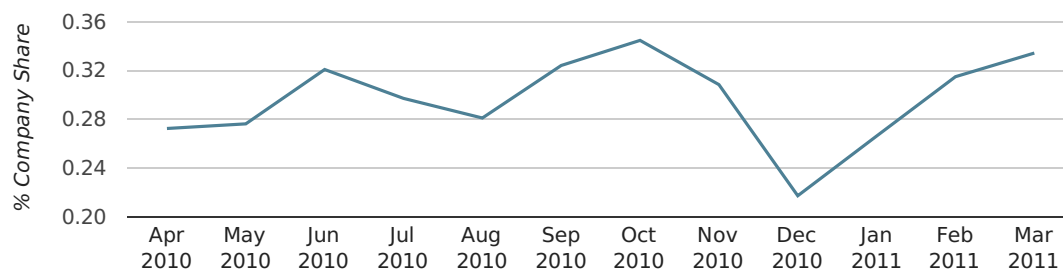
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	COLCHESTER
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.6%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
% CHANGE	-14.7%	-5.7%	16.3%
RECORD YEAR	1975 (0.6%)	1968 (0.9%)	1975 (0.7%)

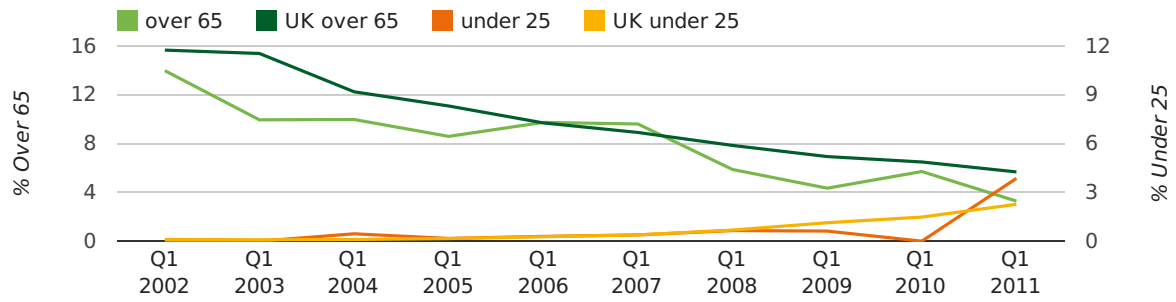
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 45.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

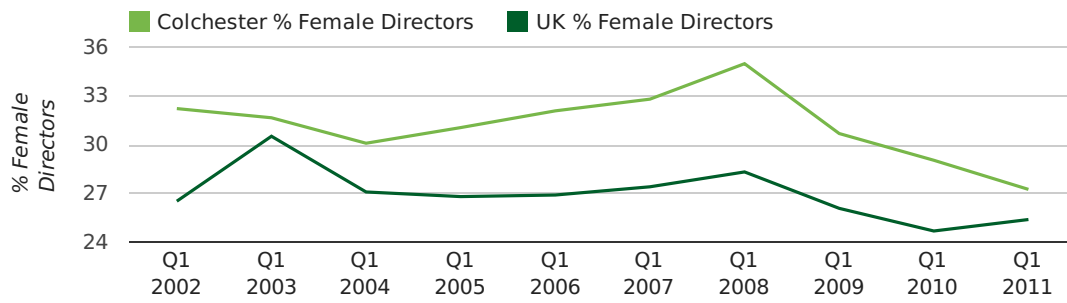


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

27.3% of all director appointments in Colchester 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
MANAGEMENT	1.89%	CONSULTING	5.04%
CONSULTING	1.73%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
CONSULTANCY	1.37%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
COLCHESTER	1.00%	PROPERTY	2.38%
DESIGN	0.95%	TRADING	2.10%
ESSEX	0.79%	DESIGN	1.93%
PROPERTY	0.74%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
CONSULTANTS	0.68%	BUSINESS	1.87%
MEDIA	0.68%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
(COLCHESTER)	0.63%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CARE	0.63%	MEDIA	1.69%
TRADING	0.63%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
ENGINEERING	0.63%	LONDON	1.60%
C	0.58%	CARE	1.45%
CONSTRUCTION	0.58%	J	1.45%
TRAINING	0.53%	GLOBAL	1.44%
ASSOCIATES	0.53%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
PROPERTIES	0.47%	IT	1.41%
T	0.47%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
TRANSPORT	0.47%	BUILDING	1.34%
GREEN	0.42%	M	1.30%
HOLDINGS	0.42%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
ENTERPRISES	0.42%	S	1.24%
J	0.42%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
ANTHONY	0.42%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	458	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	148	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	127	30,253
9999 - Dormant Company	80	19,765
99999 - Dormant Company	78	18,336
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	65	16,150
7414 - Business & management consultancy	41	12,916
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	37	10,246
7260 - Other computer related activities	32	7,789
62090 - Other information technology service activities	31	6,996
7499 - Non-trading company	31	11,316
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	31	10,085
74990 - Non-trading company	27	8,695
9305 - Other service activities	26	8,740
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	24	7,000
93199 - Other sports activities	23	1,558
43210 - Electrical installation	19	3,172
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	19	7,788
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	18	2,707
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	17	6,183