

# Colchester

q3 2011 business confidence report



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- Q3 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Colchester when compared to any previous Q3.
- August 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Colchester when compared to any previous August.

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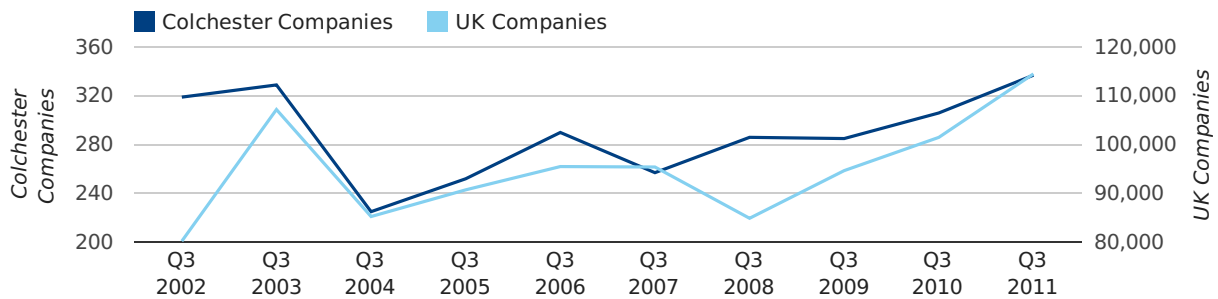
Q3 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Colchester when compared to any previous Q3.

A total of 337 companies were registered in Colchester during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 10.1% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares equally to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.8% against the same period last year.

| THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011) | COLCHESTER | UK             |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011                                | 337        | 114,512        |
| 2010                                | 306        | 101,492        |
| % CHANGE                            | 10.1%      | 12.8%          |
| RECORD YEAR                         | 2011 (337) | 2011 (114,512) |

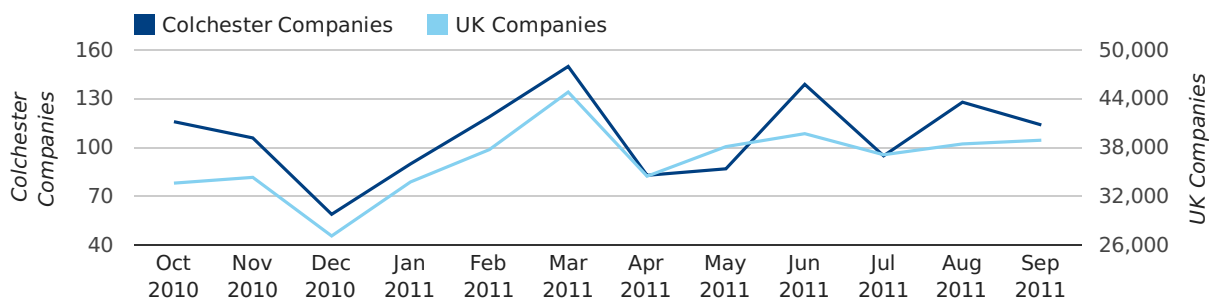
### new companies by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

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

### new companies by month



|                       | JULY       | AUGUST     | SEPTEMBER  |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2011 | 95         | 128        | 114        |
| NEW COMPANIES IN 2010 | 101        | 91         | 114        |
| % CHANGE              | -5.9%      | 40.7%      | 0.0%       |
| RECORD YEAR           | 2003 (128) | 2011 (128) | 2003 (118) |

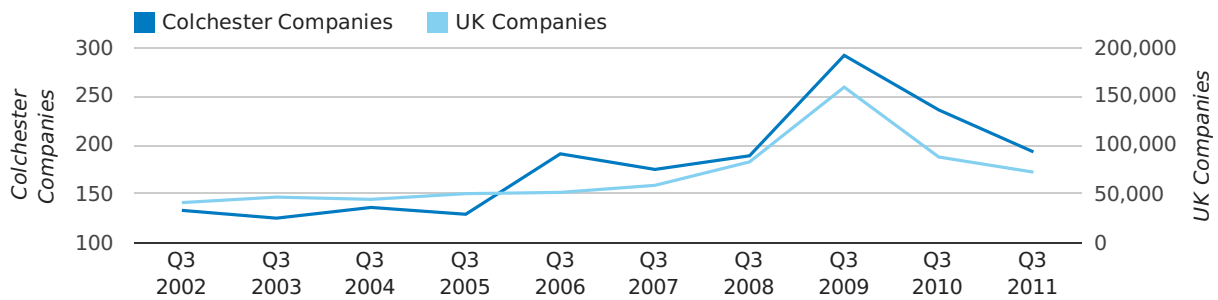
### Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 193 companies were dissolved in Colchester during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 18.2% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 17.6% against the same period last year.

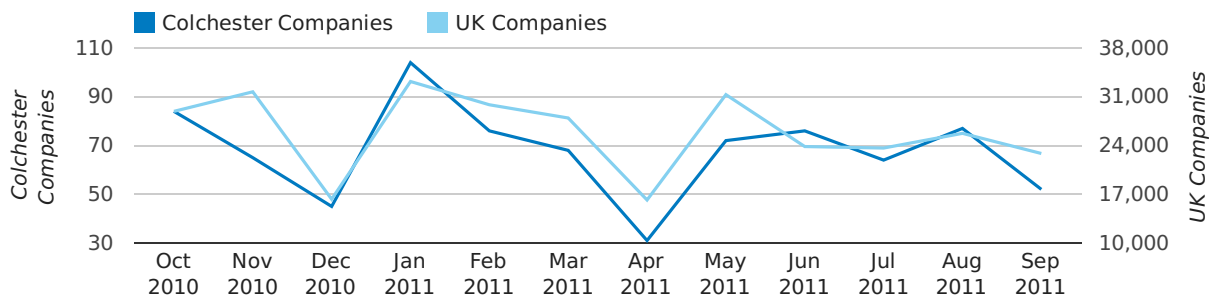
| THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011) | COLCHESTER | UK             |
|-------------------------------------|------------|----------------|
| 2011                                | 193        | 72,230         |
| 2010                                | 236        | 87,705         |
| % CHANGE                            | -18.2%     | -17.6%         |
| RECORD YEAR                         | 2009 (292) | 2009 (159,401) |

### dissolved companies by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

### dissolved companies by month



|                          | JULY      | AUGUST     | SEPTEMBER  |
|--------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011 | 64        | 77         | 52         |
| CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010 | 69        | 92         | 75         |
| % CHANGE                 | -7.2%     | -16.3%     | -31%       |
| RECORD YEAR              | 2010 (69) | 2008 (147) | 2009 (139) |

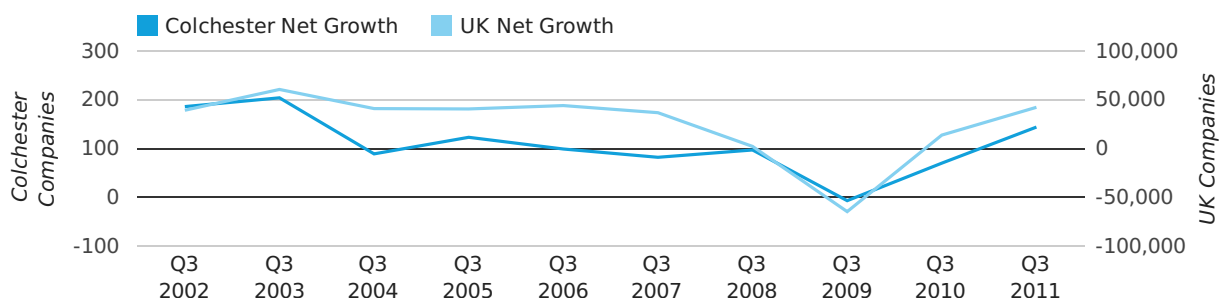
### Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Colchester during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 144 companies.

This represents an increase of 105.7% on the same period last year.

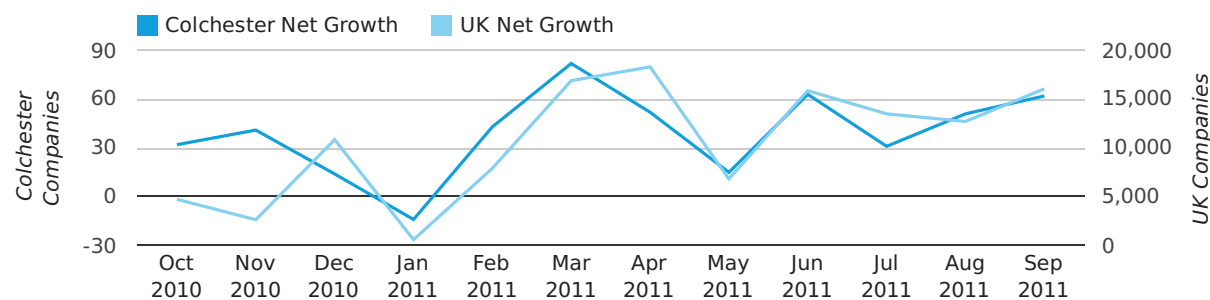
| THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011) | COLCHESTER | UK            |
|-------------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| 2011                                | 144        | 42,282        |
| 2010                                | 70         | 13,787        |
| % CHANGE                            | 105.7%     | 206.7%        |
| RECORD YEAR                         | 2003 (204) | 2003 (60,597) |

### net growth by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

### net growth by month



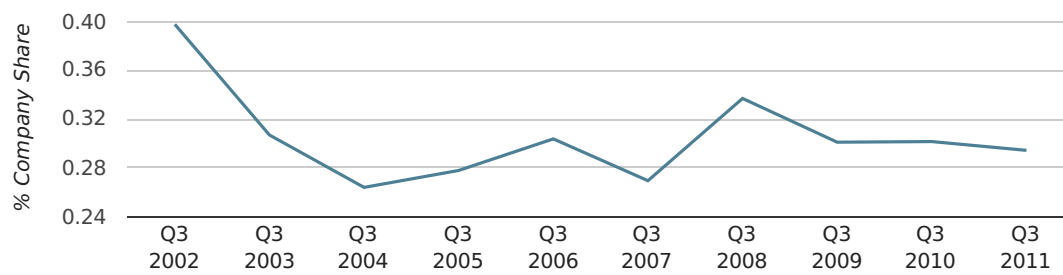
|                    | JULY      | AUGUST    | SEPTEMBER |
|--------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| NET GROWTH IN 2011 | 31        | 51        | 62        |
| NET GROWTH IN 2010 | 32        | -1        | 39        |
| % CHANGE           | -3.1%     | -5,200.0% | 59.0%     |
| RECORD YEAR        | 2008 (98) | 2002 (71) | 2002 (80) |

### Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

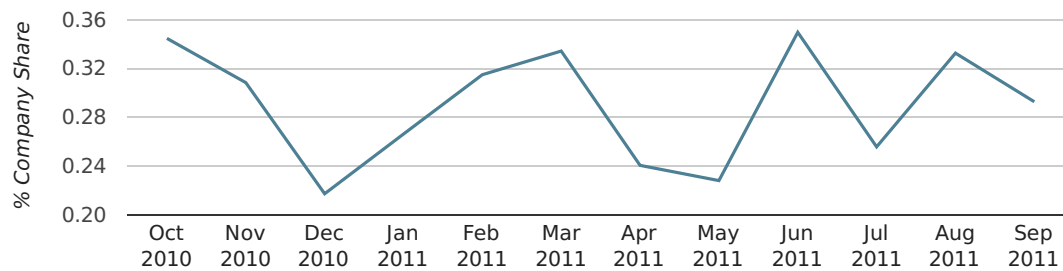
| THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011) | COLCHESTER  |
|-------------------------------------|-------------|
| 2011                                | 0.3%        |
| 2010                                | 0.3%        |
| 2009                                | 0.3%        |
| 2008                                | 0.3%        |
| 2007                                | 0.3%        |
| RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)            | 1961 (0.5%) |

### company share by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

### company share by month



|                            | JULY        | AUGUST      | SEPTEMBER   |
|----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011 | 0.3%        | 0.3%        | 0.3%        |
| UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010 | 0.3%        | 0.3%        | 0.3%        |
| % CHANGE                   | -13.9%      | 18.3%       | -9.7%       |
| RECORD YEAR                | 1973 (0.6%) | 1972 (0.6%) | 1961 (0.6%) |

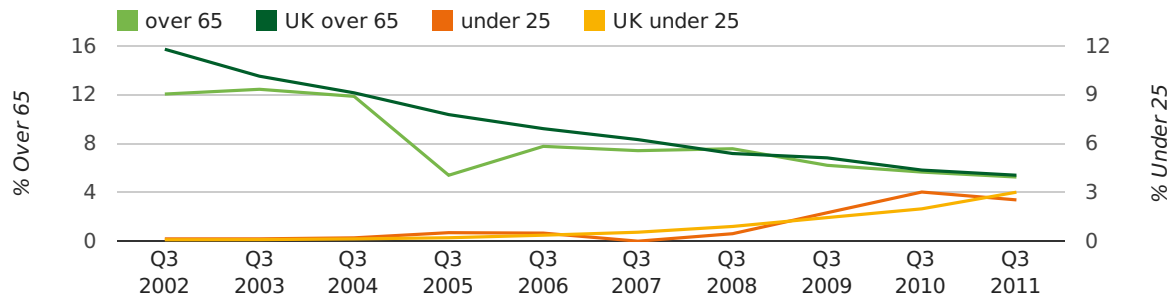
### Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

#### director age by quarter

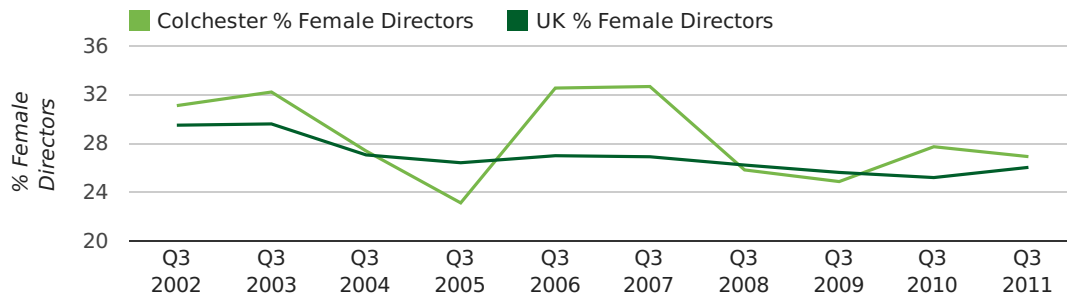


### Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The record third quarter for female directors in Colchester was in 1862 when 50.0% of all directors were female.

26.9% of all director appointments in Colchester in the third quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.0% for the same period.

#### director gender by quarter





Previous 12 months (Sep 2010-Sep 2011)

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

| WORD         | PERCENTAGE | UK WORD      | UK PERCENTAGE |
|--------------|------------|--------------|---------------|
| CONSULTING   | 1.69%      | CONSULTING   | 5.11%         |
| MANAGEMENT   | 1.64%      | MANAGEMENT   | 4.75%         |
| CONSULTANCY  | 1.13%      | CONSULTANCY  | 3.19%         |
| MEDIA        | 0.92%      | PROPERTY     | 2.41%         |
| ESSEX        | 0.87%      | TRADING      | 2.06%         |
| COLCHESTER   | 0.87%      | DESIGN       | 1.94%         |
| PROPERTY     | 0.87%      | ASSOCIATES   | 1.85%         |
| (COLCHESTER) | 0.82%      | BUSINESS     | 1.82%         |
| DESIGN       | 0.77%      | CONSULTANTS  | 1.76%         |
| ASSOCIATES   | 0.77%      | ENGINEERING  | 1.74%         |
| CARE         | 0.72%      | MEDIA        | 1.72%         |
| ENGINEERING  | 0.56%      | CONSTRUCTION | 1.72%         |
| CONSTRUCTION | 0.51%      | LONDON       | 1.63%         |
| C            | 0.51%      | J            | 1.47%         |
| CONTRACTS    | 0.51%      | GLOBAL       | 1.46%         |
| TRAINING     | 0.51%      | INVESTMENTS  | 1.43%         |
| TRANSPORT    | 0.46%      | CARE         | 1.42%         |
| GLOBAL       | 0.46%      | IT           | 1.38%         |
| MAINTENANCE  | 0.46%      | BUILDING     | 1.30%         |
| N            | 0.46%      | PROPERTIES   | 1.28%         |
| ELECTRICAL   | 0.41%      | ELECTRICAL   | 1.27%         |
| SOLAR        | 0.41%      | M            | 1.25%         |
| T            | 0.41%      | ENERGY       | 1.22%         |
| L            | 0.41%      | TRAINING     | 1.21%         |
| TRADING      | 0.41%      | S            | 1.21%         |

## Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

| SIC CODE   | NUMBER OF COMPANIES | UK COMPANIES |
|--|---------------------|--------------|
| None Supplied  | 458                 | 204,493      |
| 7487 - Other business activities   | 169                 | 65,177       |
| 82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified | 123                 | 29,245       |
| 9999 - Dormant Company   | 83                  | 22,587       |
| 99999 - Dormant Company  | 72                  | 18,281       |
| 70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management  | 66                  | 15,760       |
| 7414 - Business & management consultancy                                   | 45                  | 14,755       |
| 7499 - Non-trading company   | 39                  | 11,543       |
| 9305 - Other service activities  | 38                  | 10,525       |
| 62020 - Information technology consultancy activities                      | 36                  | 10,137       |
| 7260 - Other computer related activities                                   | 34                  | 8,686        |
| 62090 - Other information technology service activities                    | 28                  | 6,798        |
| 96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified                  | 28                  | 10,018       |
| 7222 - Other software consultancy and supply                               | 21                  | 8,345        |
| 9262 - Other sporting activities   | 20                  | 1,868        |
| 43210 - Electrical installation  | 19                  | 2,938        |
| 93199 - Other sports activities  | 19                  | 1,510        |
| 74990 - Non-trading company  | 18                  | 8,064        |
| 4521 - General construction & civil engineering                            | 18                  | 6,321        |
| 5530 - Restaurants   | 17                  | 5,640        |