

# Manchester

q1 2011 business confidence report



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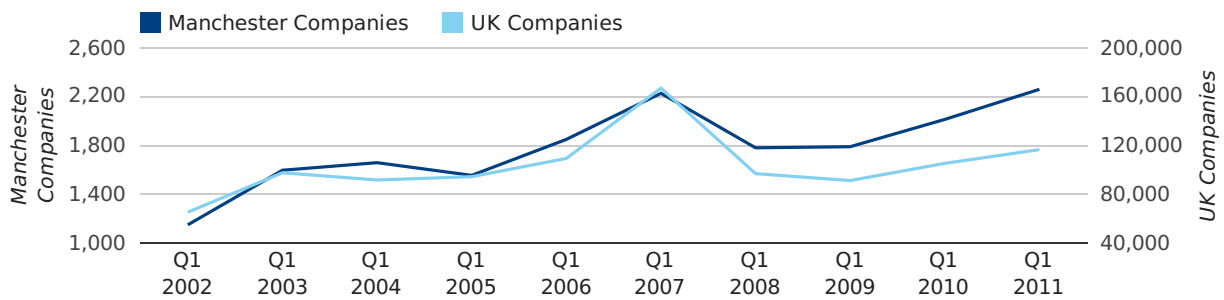
Q1 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Manchester when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 2,259 companies were registered in Manchester during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 12.3% 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)	MANCHESTER	UK
2011	2,259	116,391
2010	2,012	105,137
% CHANGE	12.3%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (2,259)	2007 (166,814)

### new companies by quarter

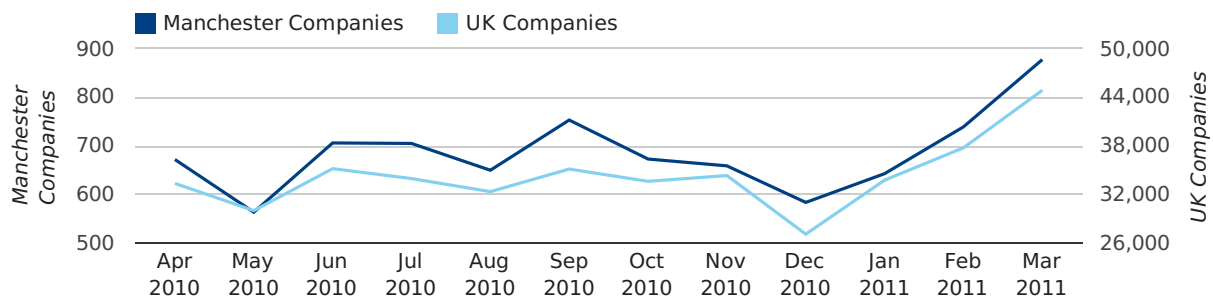


### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

January 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Manchester when compared to any previous January.

### new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	643	739	877
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	562	658	792
% CHANGE	14.4%	12.3%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (643)	2011 (739)	2007 (919)



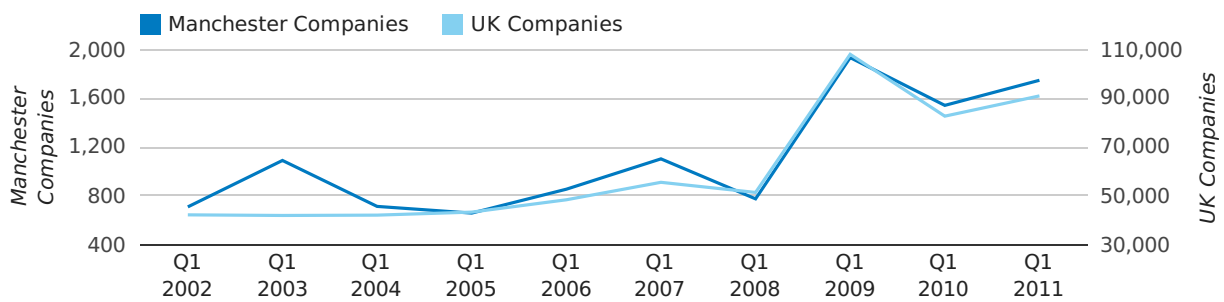
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 1,748 companies were dissolved in Manchester during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 13.4% 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)	MANCHESTER	UK
2011	1,748	90,986
2010	1,542	82,677
% CHANGE	13.4%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,934)	2009 (108,060)

### dissolved companies by quarter

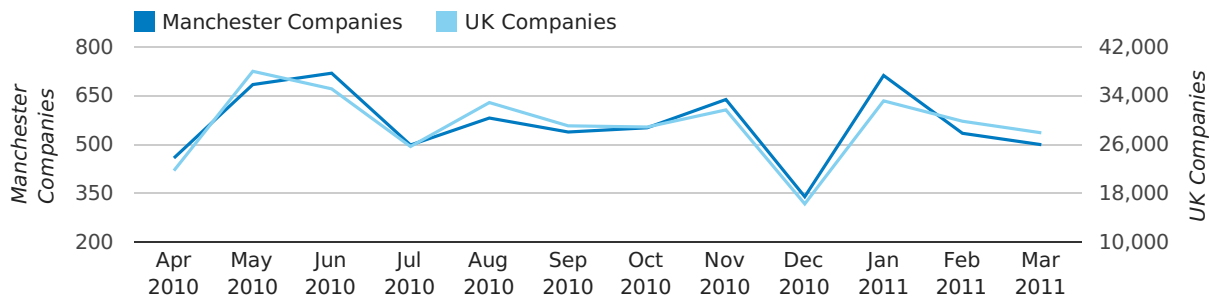


### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

February 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Manchester when compared to any previous February.

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

### dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	713	535	500
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	434	463	645
% CHANGE	64.3%	15.6%	-22%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (713)	2011 (535)	2009 (1,259)

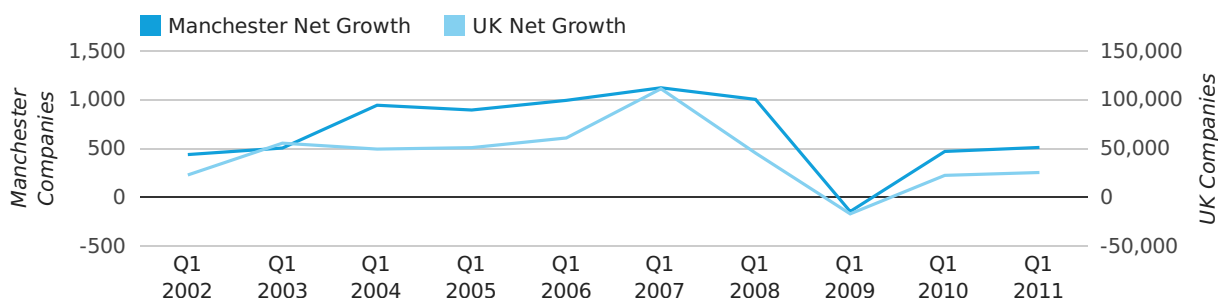
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Manchester during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 511 companies.

This represents an increase of 8.7% on the same period last year.

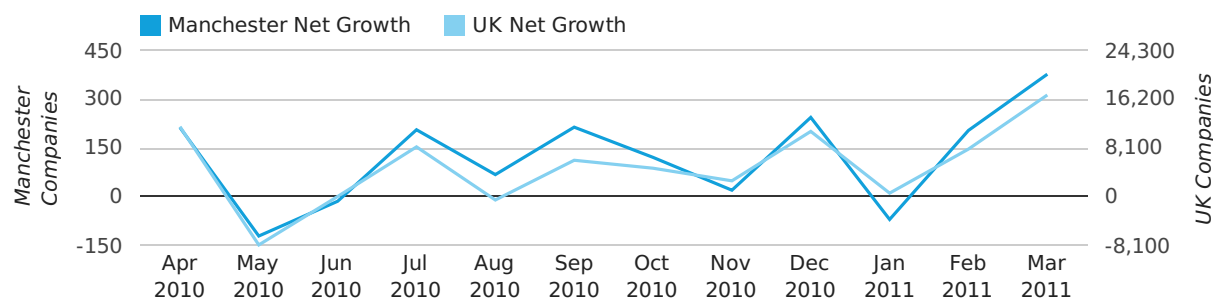
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	MANCHESTER	UK
2011	511	25,405
2010	470	22,460
% CHANGE	8.7%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,123)	2007 (111,282)

### net growth by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

### net growth by month



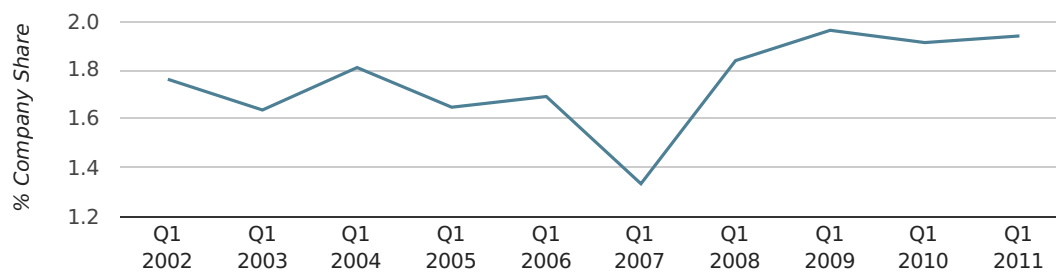
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-70	204	377
NET GROWTH IN 2010	128	195	147
% CHANGE	-154.7%	4.6%	156.5%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (295)	2007 (373)	2008 (565)

### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Manchester formed 1.9% of all UK companies.

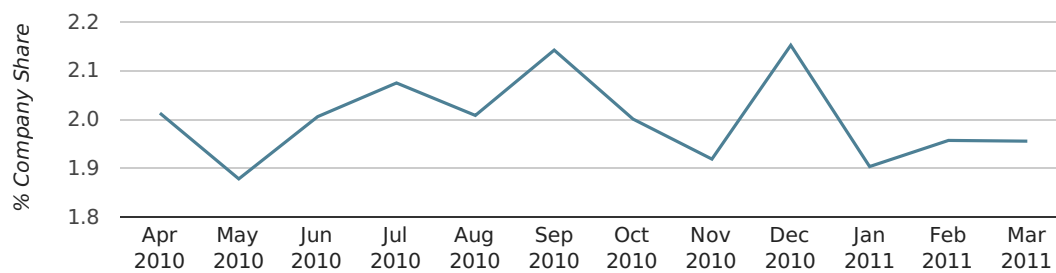
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	MANCHESTER
2011	1.9%
2010	1.9%
2009	2.0%
2008	1.8%
2007	1.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (3.2%)

### company share by quarter



### Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

### company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	1.9%	2.0%	2.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	1.9%	2.0%	1.9%
% CHANGE	-1.3%	-1.2%	5.6%
RECORD YEAR	1983 (3.5%)	1969 (3.6%)	1972 (3.2%)

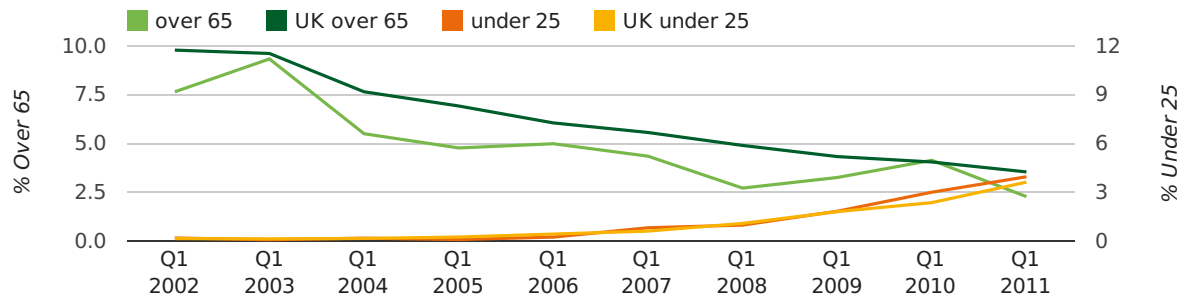
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 41.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

#### director age by quarter



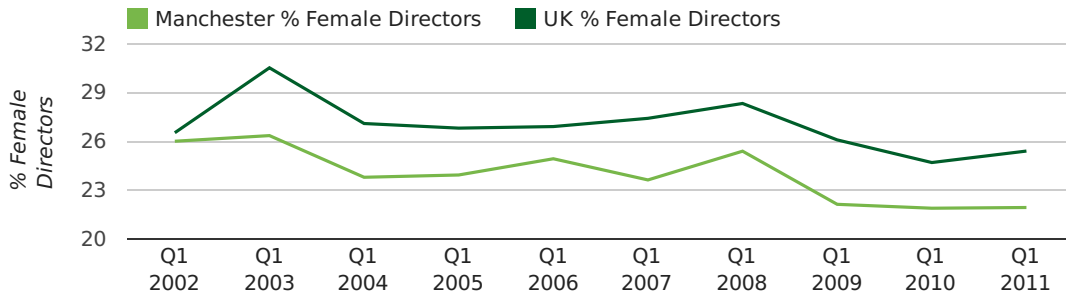


### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

21.9% of all director appointments in Manchester 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	2.00%	CONSULTING	5.04%
MANCHESTER	1.83%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
TRADING	1.32%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
CONSULTING	1.26%	PROPERTY	2.38%
CONSULTANCY	1.23%	TRADING	2.10%
PROPERTY	1.01%	DESIGN	1.93%
BUSINESS	0.94%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
MEDIA	0.84%	BUSINESS	1.87%
DESIGN	0.81%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
PROPERTIES	0.80%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
ASSOCIATES	0.75%	MEDIA	1.69%
CONSTRUCTION	0.74%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
MEDICAL	0.74%	LONDON	1.60%
SECURITY	0.74%	CARE	1.45%
CONSULTANTS	0.71%	J	1.45%
(MANCHESTER)	0.71%	GLOBAL	1.44%
M	0.68%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
ENGINEERING	0.67%	IT	1.41%
BUILDING	0.65%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
S	0.64%	BUILDING	1.34%
CARE	0.62%	M	1.30%
GLOBAL	0.61%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
CENTRE	0.60%	S	1.24%
ENTERPRISES	0.59%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
IT	0.58%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	4,615	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	1,015	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	482	30,253
99999 - Dormant Company	328	18,336
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96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	261	10,085
9305 - Other service activities	181	8,740
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	178	16,150
5530 - Restaurants	170	4,898
7499 - Non-trading company	157	11,316
86210 - General medical practice activities	145	1,874
7414 - Business & management consultancy	143	12,916
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	140	3,895
7260 - Other computer related activities	134	7,789
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	124	7,788
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	117	10,246
74990 - Non-trading company	114	8,695
62090 - Other information technology service activities	110	6,996
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	107	6,183
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	88	7,000