Manchester

2011 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Manchester when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in Manchester when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Manchester when compared to any previous Q2.
- Q2 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Manchester when compared to any quarter in history.
- June 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Manchester when compared to any previous June.
- May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Manchester when compared to any previous May.
- April 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Manchester when compared to any previous April.

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In the first half of 2011 a total of 4,533 companies were formed in Manchester. This figure is 14.6% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Manchester occurred in 2011 when a total of 4,533 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	MANCHESTER	UK
2011	4,533	228,735
2010	3,954	203,749
% CHANGE	14.6%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (4,533)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Manchester when compared to any previous Q2.

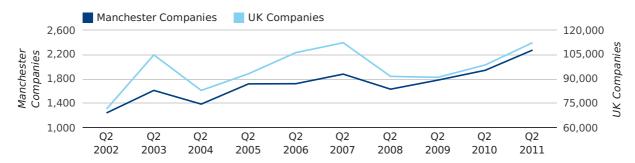
Q2 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in Manchester when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 2,274 companies were registered in Manchester during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 17.1% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	MANCHESTER	UK
2011	2,274	112,344
2010	1,942	98,612
% CHANGE	17.1%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (2,274)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



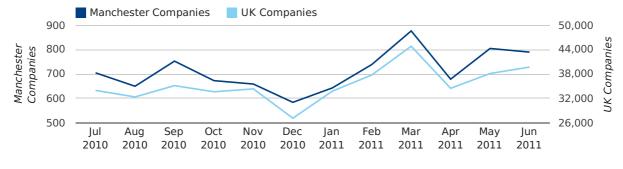
Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

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

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new companies by month



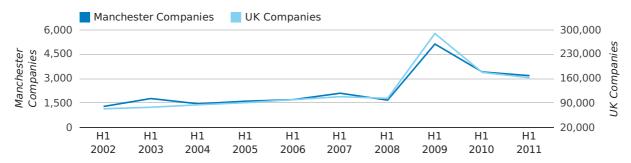
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	679	805	790
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	672	564	706
% CHANGE	1.0%	42.7%	11.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (679)	2011 (805)	2011 (790)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 3,177 companies were dissolved in Manchester. This figure is 6.7% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Manchester occurred in 2009 when a total of 5,123 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	MANCHESTER	UK
2011	3,177	162,310
2010	3,406	177,631
% CHANGE	-6.7%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (5,123)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



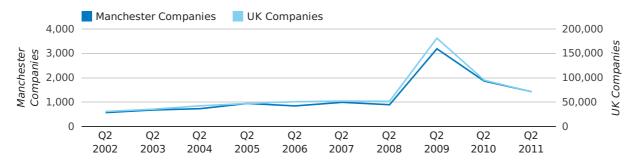
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 1,429 companies were dissolved in Manchester during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 23.3% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

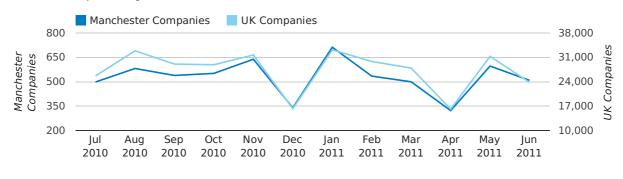
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	MANCHESTER	UK
2011	1,429	71,324
2010	1,864	94,954
% CHANGE	-23.3%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (3,189)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month

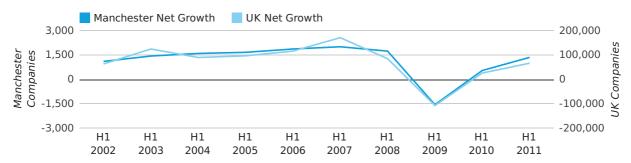


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	323	597	509
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	459	685	720
% CHANGE	-29.6%	-12.8%	-29%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,073)	2009 (1,298)	2009 (818)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Manchester increased by 1,356 companies. This figure is 147.4% higher than last year, which compares equally to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	MANCHESTER	UK
2011	1,356	66,425
2010	548	26,118
% CHANGE	147.4%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (2,010)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



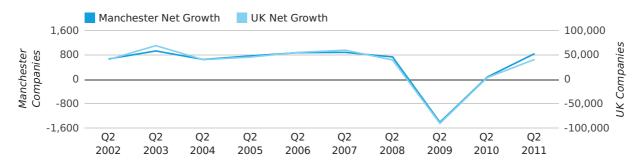
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Manchester during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 845 companies.

This represents an increase of 983.3% on the same period last year.

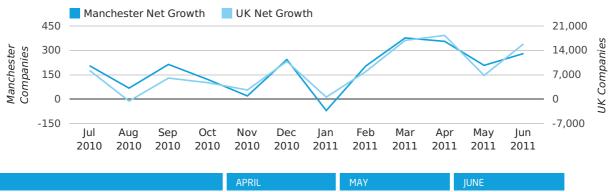
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	MANCHESTER	UK
2011	845	41,020
2010	78	3,658
% CHANGE	983.3%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (934)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

net growth by month

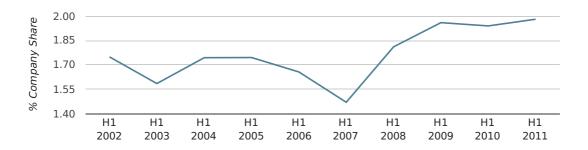


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	356	208	281
NET GROWTH IN 2010	213	-121	-14
% CHANGE	67.1%	-271.9%	-2,107.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (411)	2003 (429)	2008 (480)

In the first half of 2011 Manchester formed 2.0% of all UK companies. This is more than the 2010 figure of 1.9%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	MANCHESTER
2011	2.0%
2010	1.9%
2009	2.0%
2008	1.8%
2007	1.5%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1982 (2.8%)

company share by half year

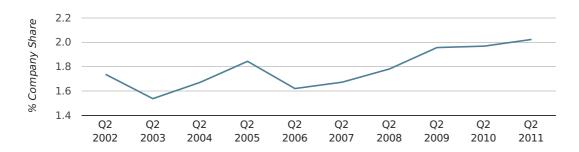


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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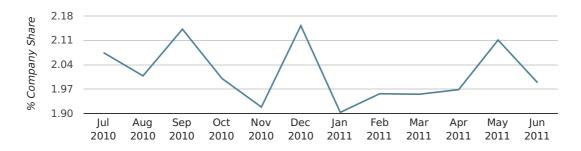
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	MANCHESTER
2011	2.0%
2010	2.0%
2009	2.0%
2008	1.8%
2007	1.7%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (3.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



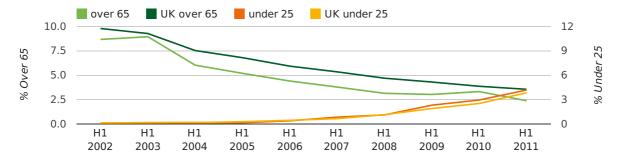
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	2.0%	2.1%	2.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	2.0%	1.9%	2.0%
% CHANGE	-2.2%	12.4%	-0.9%
RECORD YEAR	1965 (3.9%)	1969 (3.5%)	1982 (3.0%)

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

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



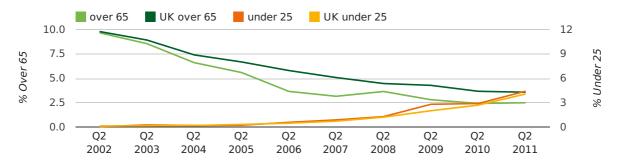
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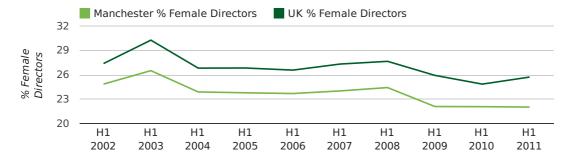
director age by quarter



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

22.0% of all director appointments in Manchester in the first half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

director gender by half year

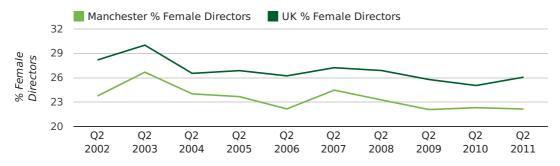


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The record second quarter for female directors in Manchester was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

22.2% of all director appointments in Manchester in the second quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.1% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Jun 2010-Jun 2011)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	2.06%	CONSULTING	5.09%
MANCHESTER	1.72%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
CONSULTING	1.28%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
CONSULTANCY	1.23%	PROPERTY	2.43%
TRADING	1.23%	TRADING	2.05%
PROPERTY	1.07%	DESIGN	1.94%
MEDIA	0.94%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
SECURITY	0.87%	BUSINESS	1.87%
BUSINESS	0.85%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
PROPERTIES	0.78%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
DESIGN	0.76%	MEDIA	1.73%
ASSOCIATES	0.76%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
ENGINEERING	0.76%	LONDON	1.60%
CONSULTANTS	0.76%	GLOBAL	1.46%
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CONSTRUCTION	0.75%	CARE	1.44%
MEDICAL	0.72%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
S	0.65%	IT	1.39%
GLOBAL	0.63%	BUILDING	1.32%
M	0.62%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
IT	0.60%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
CARE	0.58%	M	1.27%
BUILDING	0.58%	S	1.23%
ENTERPRISES	0.57%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
ENERGY	0.57%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	4,649	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	1,031	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	474	30,647
9999 - Dormant Company	341	20,111
99999 - Dormant Company	340	18,918
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	287	10,322
9305 - Other service activities	194	9,063
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	188	16,419
5530 - Restaurants	176	5,086
86210 - General medical practice activities	156	2,048
7414 - Business & management consultancy	153	13,053
7499 - Non-trading company	148	10,955
7260 - Other computer related activities	145	7,849
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	144	3,790
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	122	7,835
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	120	10,545
74990 - Non-trading company	115	8,481
62090 - Other information technology service activities	109	7,095
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	108	5,928
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	86	7,143