

# Preston

q1 2011 business confidence report



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

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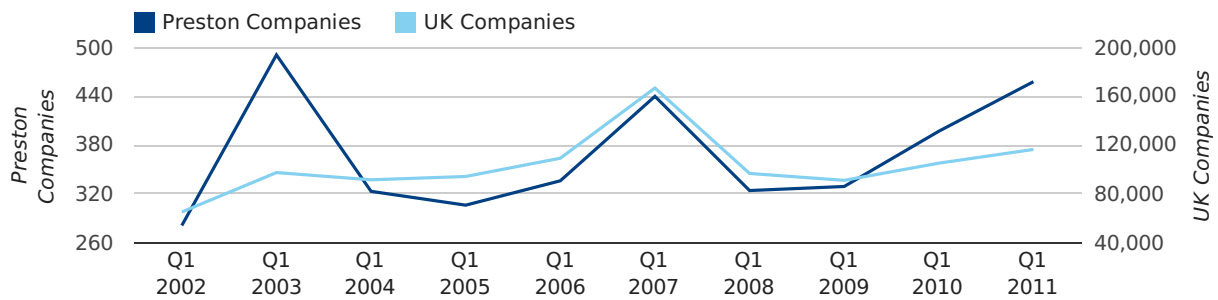
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 458 companies were registered in Preston during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 15.4% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 10.7% against the same period last year.

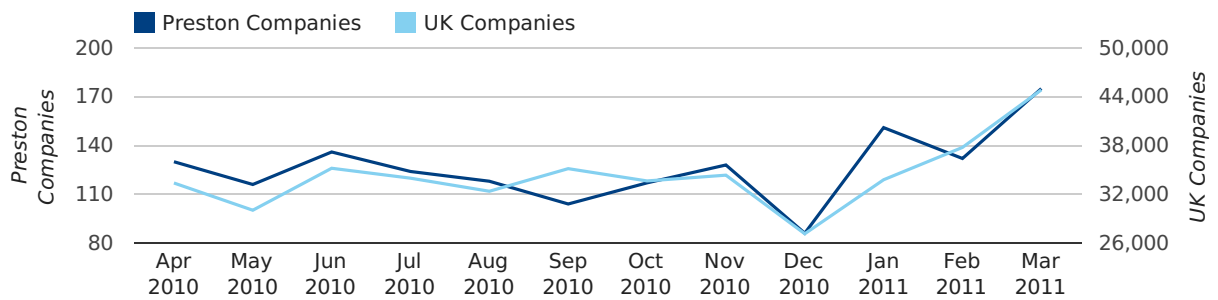
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	PRESTON	UK
2011	458	116,391
2010	397	105,137
% CHANGE	15.4%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (491)	2007 (166,814)

### new companies by quarter



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

### new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	151	132	175
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	110	105	182
% CHANGE	37.3%	25.7%	-3.8%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (152)	2003 (148)	2003 (191)

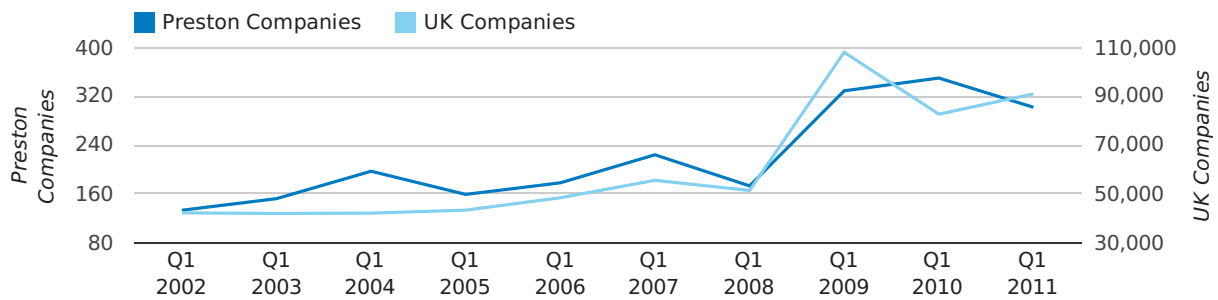
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 302 companies were dissolved in Preston during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 13.7% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares well 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)	PRESTON	UK
2011	302	90,986
2010	350	82,677
% CHANGE	-13.7%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (350)	2009 (108,060)

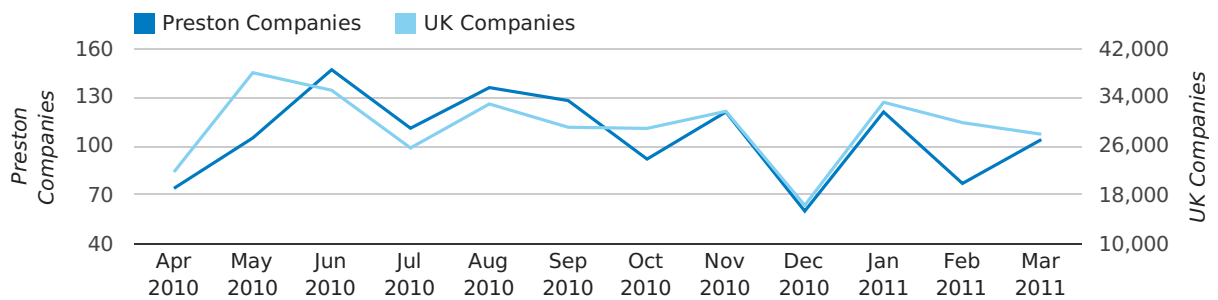
### dissolved companies by quarter



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

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

### dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	121	77	104
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	116	93	141
% CHANGE	4.3%	-17.2%	-26%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (121)	2008 (101)	2009 (201)

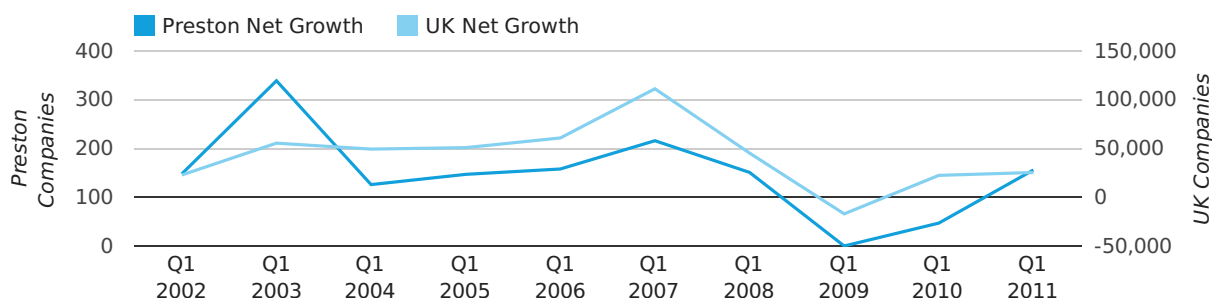
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Preston during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 156 companies.

This represents an increase of 231.9% on the same period last year.

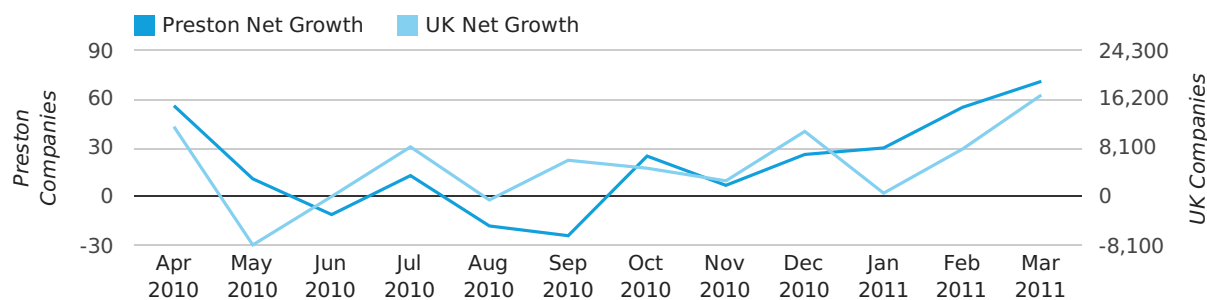
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	PRESTON	UK
2011	156	25,405
2010	47	22,460
% CHANGE	231.9%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (339)	2007 (111,282)

### net growth by quarter



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

### net growth by month



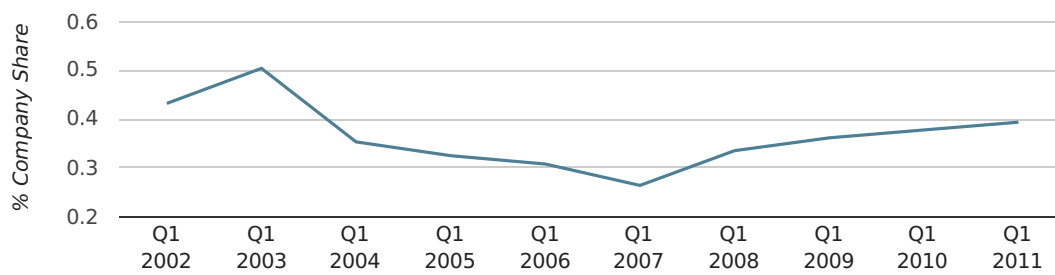
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	30	55	71
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-6	12	41
% CHANGE	-600.0%	358.3%	73.2%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (89)	2003 (108)	2003 (142)

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

In the first quarter of 2011, Preston formed 0.4% of all UK companies.

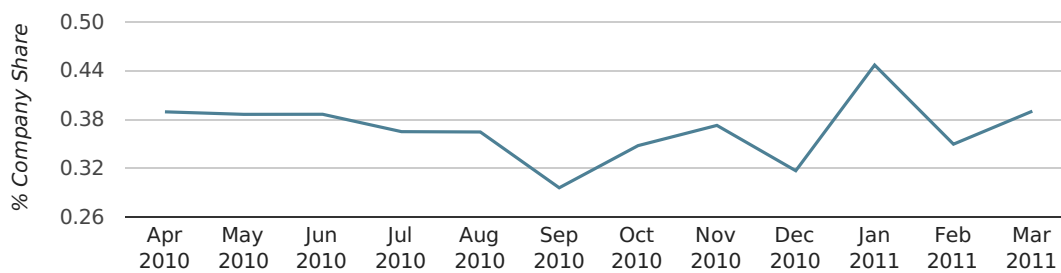
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	PRESTON
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1974 (0.7%)

### company share by quarter



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

### company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
% CHANGE	18.4%	10.6%	-8.3%
RECORD YEAR	1974 (0.8%)	1973 (0.8%)	1962 (1.0%)

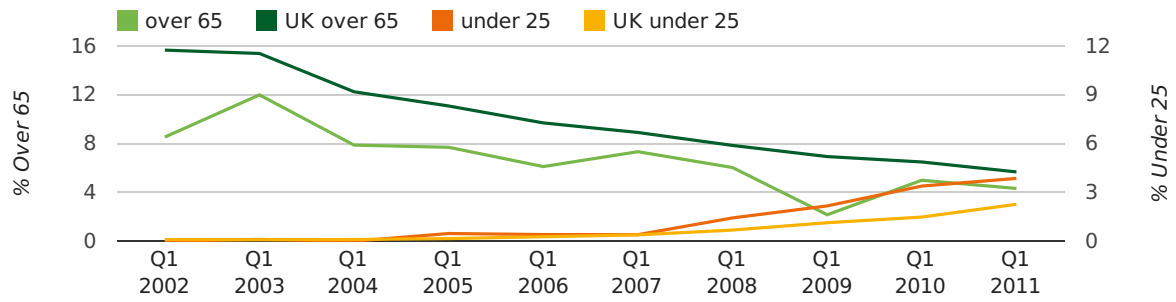
### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 43.6.

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 4.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

#### director age by quarter

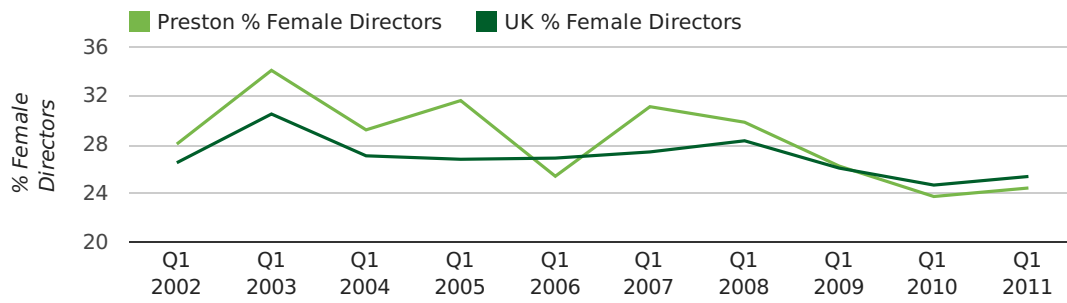


### Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

24.5% of all director appointments in Preston 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, &amp;, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	1.51%	CONSULTING	5.04%
(PRESTON)	1.05%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
CONSULTANCY	1.05%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
(NW)	0.91%	PROPERTY	2.38%
BUSINESS	0.87%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSTRUCTION	0.87%	DESIGN	1.93%
PROPERTY	0.78%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
PRESTON	0.78%	BUSINESS	1.87%
CONSULTING	0.78%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
CONSULTANTS	0.78%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
LANCASHIRE	0.73%	MEDIA	1.69%
TRAINING	0.73%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
M	0.69%	LONDON	1.60%
ENGINEERING	0.69%	CARE	1.45%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.64%	J	1.45%
4	0.59%	GLOBAL	1.44%
CARE	0.59%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
ELECTRICAL	0.59%	IT	1.41%
ASSOCIATES	0.59%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
BUILDING	0.55%	BUILDING	1.34%
TRADING	0.55%	M	1.30%
DESIGN	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
J	0.55%	S	1.24%
LEISURE	0.55%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
DAVID	0.50%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

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

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	661	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	214	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	119	30,253
99999 - Dormant Company	53	18,336
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	53	16,150
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	52	10,085
7499 - Non-trading company	49	11,316
9999 - Dormant Company	44	19,765
7414 - Business & management consultancy	37	12,916
9305 - Other service activities	29	8,740
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	27	10,246
43210 - Electrical installation	26	3,172
74990 - Non-trading company	26	8,695
86900 - Other human health activities	25	4,092
62090 - Other information technology service activities	22	6,996
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	22	2,259
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	22	6,183
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	21	7,788
4525 - Other special trades construction	19	1,690
41100 - Development of building projects	18	3,921