

Preston

q3 2011 business confidence report



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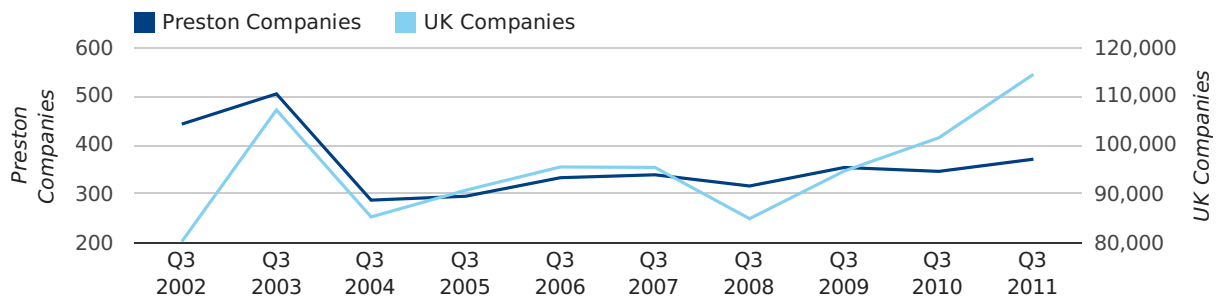
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 371 companies were registered in Preston during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is an increase of 7.2% 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.

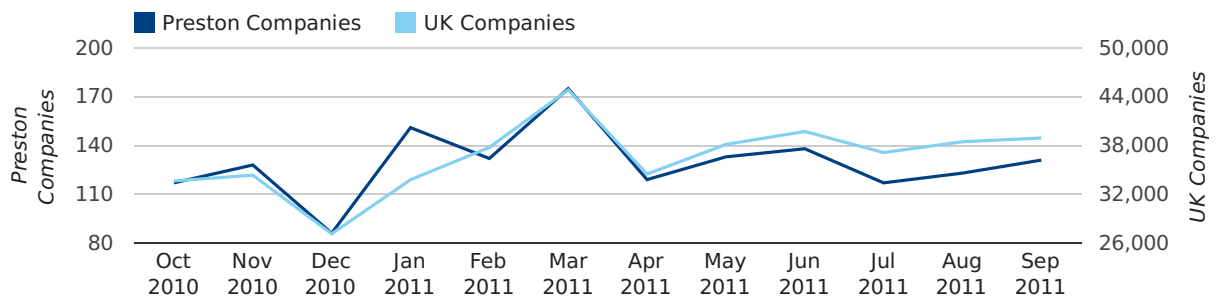
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	PRESTON	UK
2011	371	114,512
2010	346	101,492
% CHANGE	7.2%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (505)	2011 (114,512)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

new companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	117	123	131
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	124	118	104
% CHANGE	-5.6%	4.2%	26.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (208)	2003 (140)	2003 (157)

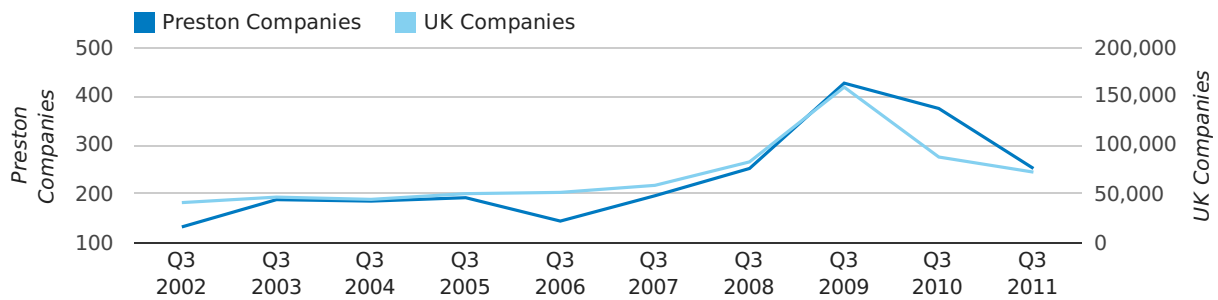
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 252 companies were dissolved in Preston during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 32.8% 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.

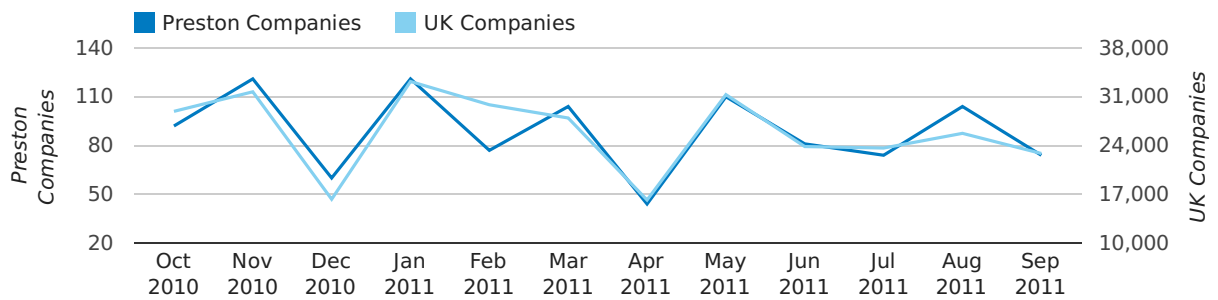
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	PRESTON	UK
2011	252	72,230
2010	375	87,705
% CHANGE	-32.8%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (427)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	74	104	74
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	111	136	128
% CHANGE	-33.3%	-23.5%	-42%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (119)	2008 (193)	2009 (198)

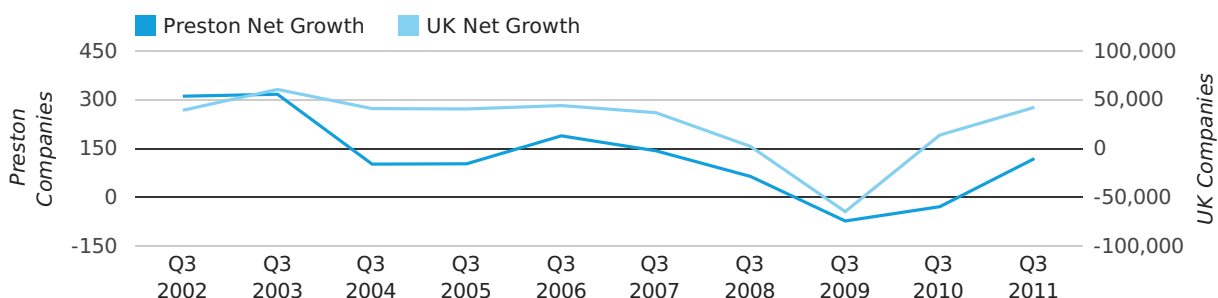
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Preston during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 119 companies.

This represents an increase of 510.3% on the same period last year.

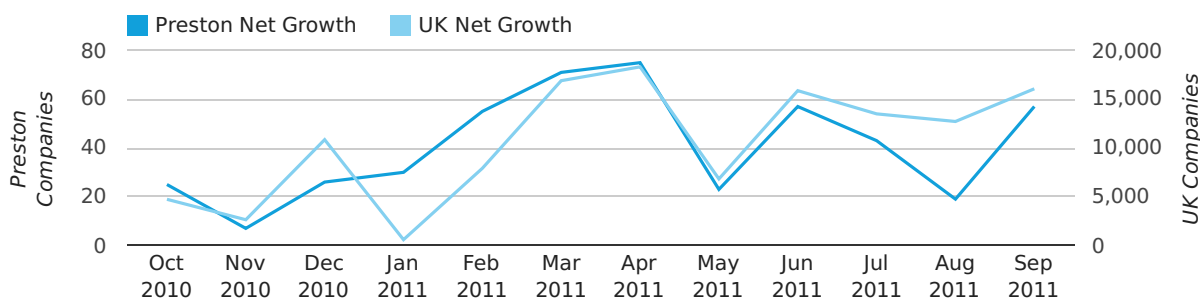
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	PRESTON	UK
2011	119	42,282
2010	-29	13,787
% CHANGE	-510.3%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (317)	2003 (60,597)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

net growth by month



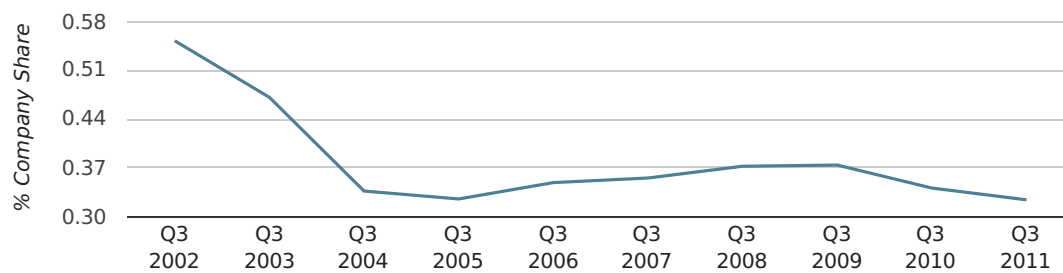
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	43	19	57
NET GROWTH IN 2010	13	-18	-24
% CHANGE	230.8%	-205.6%	-337.5%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (135)	2003 (87)	2002 (138)

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

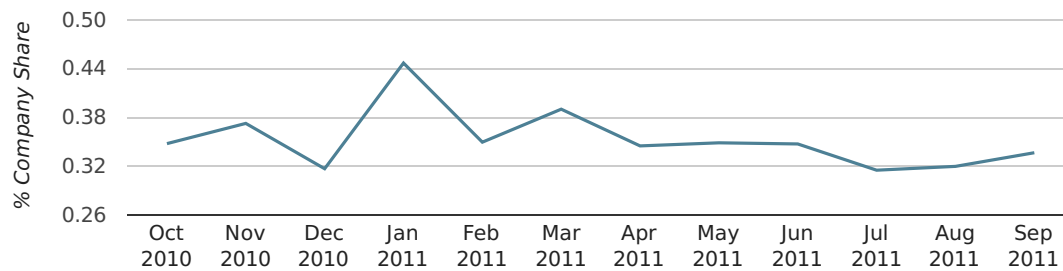
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	PRESTON
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
2007	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1975 (0.6%)

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	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%
% CHANGE	-13.7%	-12.3%	13.8%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (0.9%)	1970 (0.7%)	1975 (0.8%)

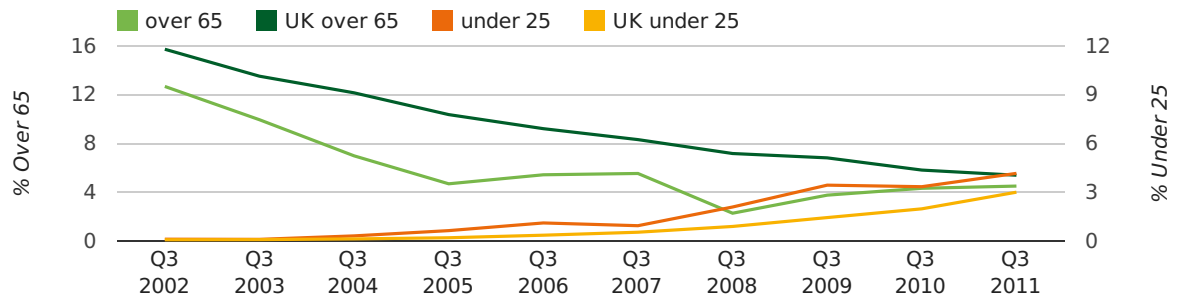
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 43.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.2% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

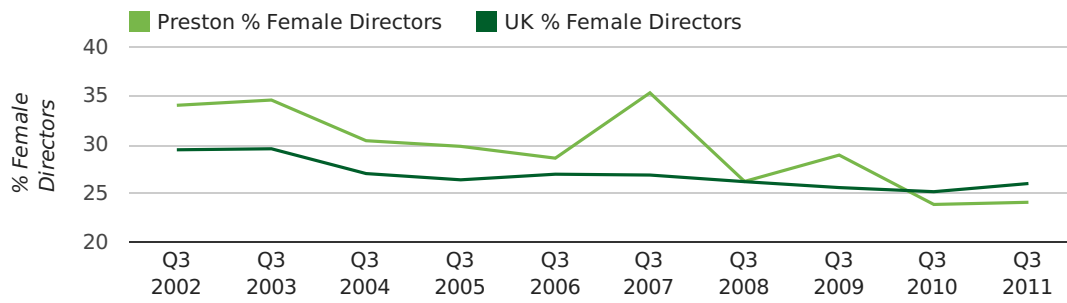


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

24.1% of all director appointments in Preston 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
PRESTON	1.51%	CONSULTING	5.11%
MANAGEMENT	1.46%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
(NW)	1.14%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
CONSULTANCY	0.96%	PROPERTY	2.41%
ELECTRICAL	0.91%	TRADING	2.06%
PROPERTY	0.91%	DESIGN	1.94%
CONSULTING	0.87%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
(PRESTON)	0.82%	BUSINESS	1.82%
INVESTMENTS	0.68%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
NORTH	0.68%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
CONSULTANTS	0.68%	MEDIA	1.72%
BUSINESS	0.68%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
CARE	0.64%	LONDON	1.63%
CONSTRUCTION	0.64%	J	1.47%
WEST	0.64%	GLOBAL	1.46%
LANCASHIRE	0.64%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
TRADING	0.59%	CARE	1.42%
HOUSE	0.59%	IT	1.38%
M	0.59%	BUILDING	1.30%
SOLAR	0.55%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
COMMUNITY	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
CENTRE	0.55%	M	1.25%
LEISURE	0.55%	ENERGY	1.22%
S	0.50%	TRAINING	1.21%
ENGINEERING	0.50%	S	1.21%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	654	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	226	65,177
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	105	29,245
9999 - Dormant Company	65	22,587
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	59	10,018
99999 - Dormant Company	51	18,281
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	51	15,760
7414 - Business & management consultancy	50	14,755
7499 - Non-trading company	49	11,543
9305 - Other service activities	27	10,525
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	26	10,137
74990 - Non-trading company	26	8,064
43210 - Electrical installation	26	2,938
7260 - Other computer related activities	23	8,686
86900 - Other human health activities	22	4,019
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	20	6,321
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	20	8,345
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	20	7,551
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	20	2,179
4531 - Installation electrical wiring etc.	18	2,234