

Preston

2011 annual business confidence report



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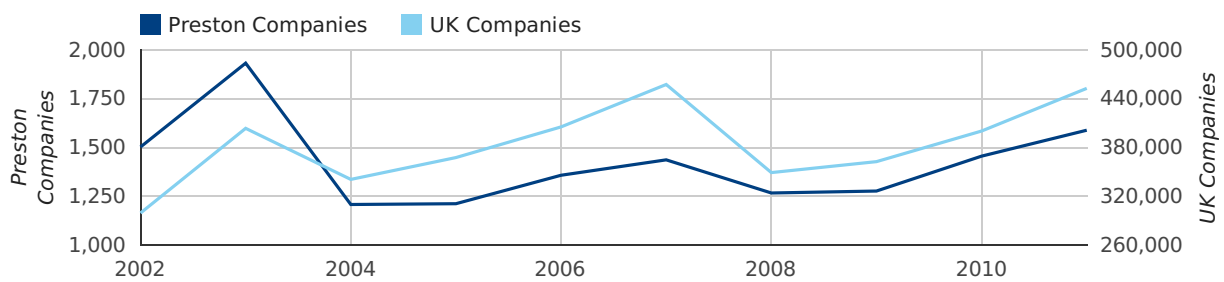
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Annual Data (2011)

A total of 1,589 companies were formed in Preston in 2011. This total is 9.1% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	PRESTON	UK
2011	1,589	452,870
2010	1,456	400,358
2009	1,277	362,675
2008	1,267	349,203
2007	1,437	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,933)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



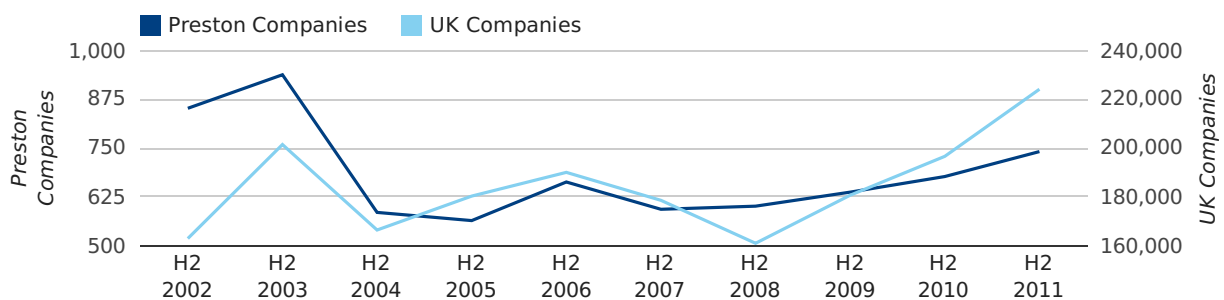
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 741 companies were formed in Preston. This figure is 9.5% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Preston occurred in 2003 when a total of 938 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	PRESTON	UK
2011	741	224,135
2010	677	196,609
% CHANGE	9.5%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (938)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



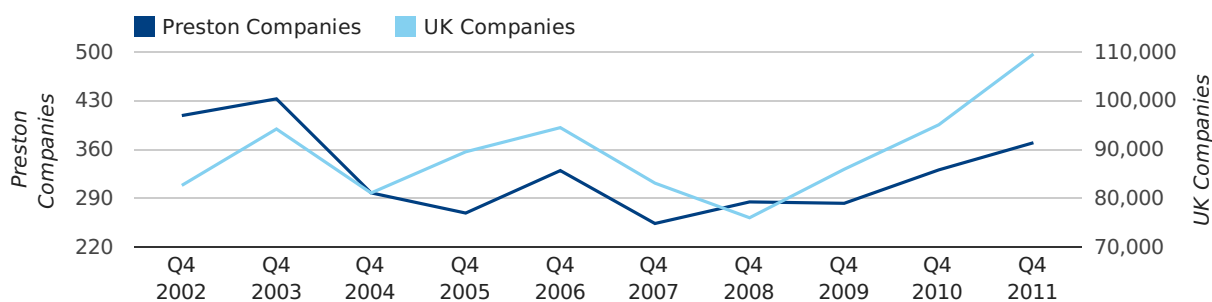
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 370 companies were registered in Preston during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 11.8% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 15.3% against the same period last year.

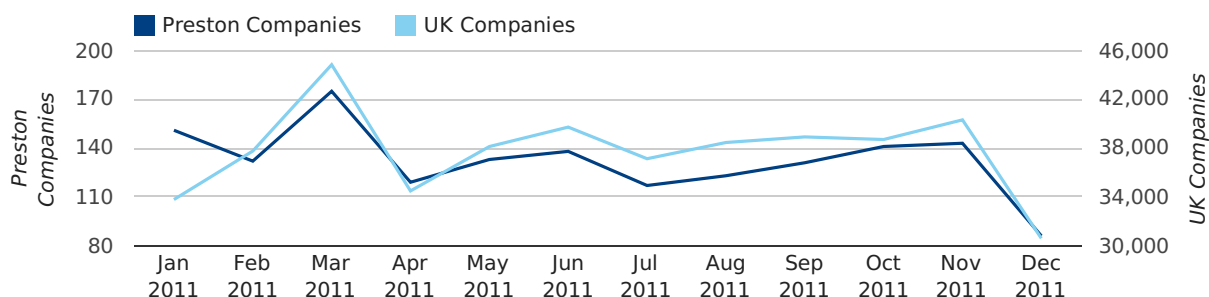
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	PRESTON	UK
2011	370	109,623
2010	331	95,117
% CHANGE	11.8%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (433)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

new companies by month



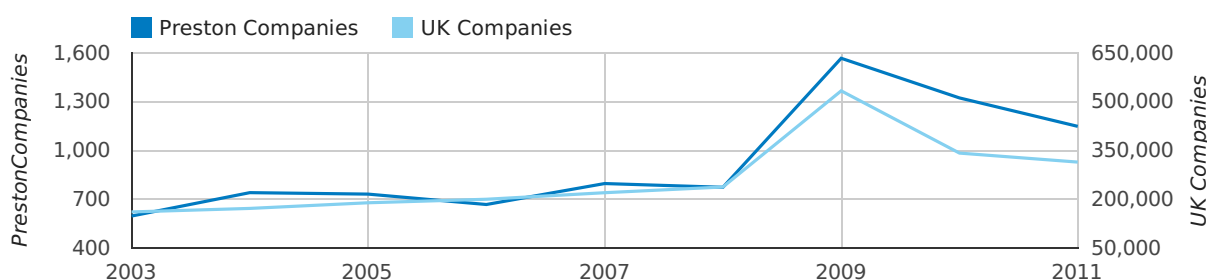
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	141	143	86
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	117	128	86
% CHANGE	20.5%	11.7%	0.0%
RECORD YEAR	2002 (169)	2003 (154)	2003 (114)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 1,149 companies were dissolved in Preston in 2011. This total is 13.2% lower than in 2010 and compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	PRESTON	UK
2011	1,149	314,523
2010	1,324	342,232
2009	1,568	533,773
2008	774	237,901
2007	797	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,568)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



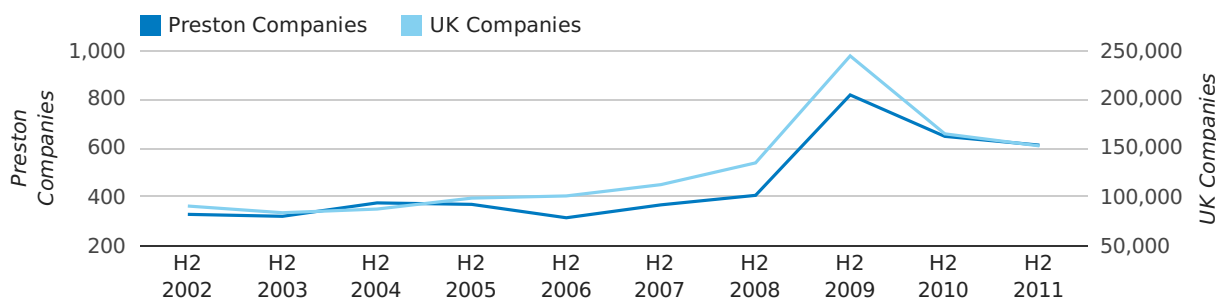
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 612 companies were dissolved in Preston. This figure is 5.6% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Preston occurred in 2009 when a total of 818 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	PRESTON	UK
2011	612	152,213
2010	648	164,601
% CHANGE	-5.6%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (818)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



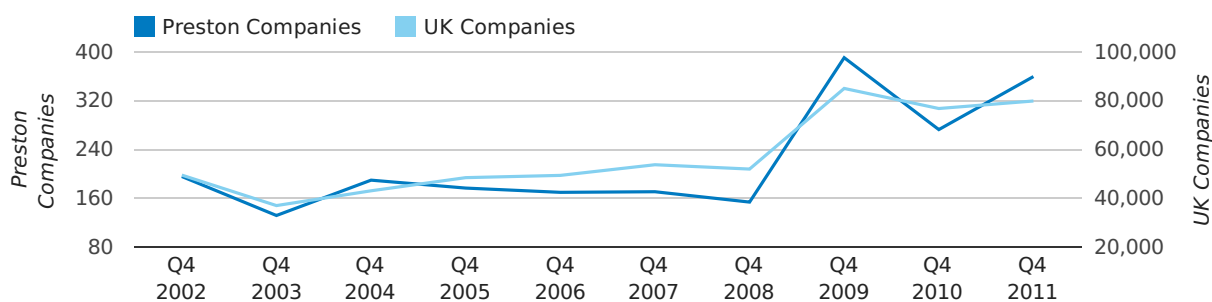
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 360 companies were dissolved in Preston during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 31.9% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 4.0% against the same period last year.

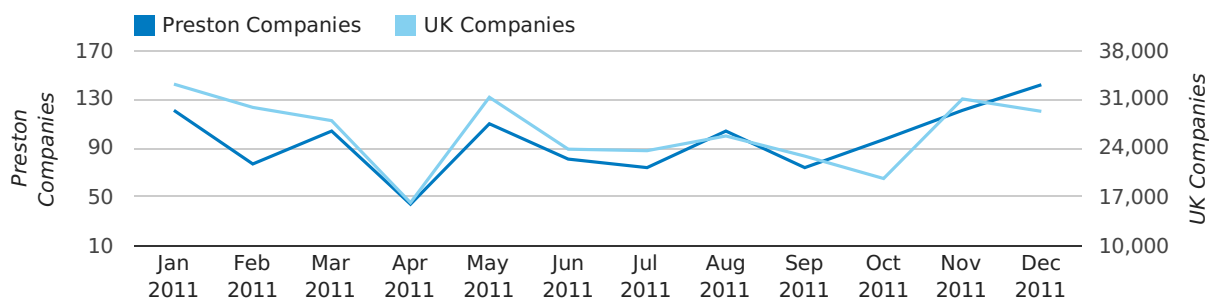
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	PRESTON	UK
2011	360	79,983
2010	273	76,896
% CHANGE	31.9%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (391)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	97	121	142
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	92	121	60
% CHANGE	5.4%	0.0%	137%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (109)	2009 (138)	2009 (144)

Annual Data (2011)

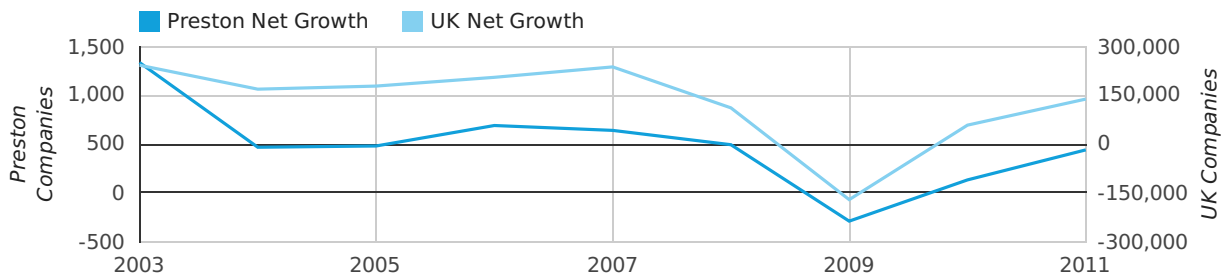
A total of 440 companies were added to the company register for Preston in 2011. This number represents growth of 30.2% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 308 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Preston company register grew by 1,336 companies.

YEAR	PRESTON	UK
2011	440	138,347
2010	132	58,126
2009	-291	-171,098
2008	493	111,302
2007	640	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (1,336)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

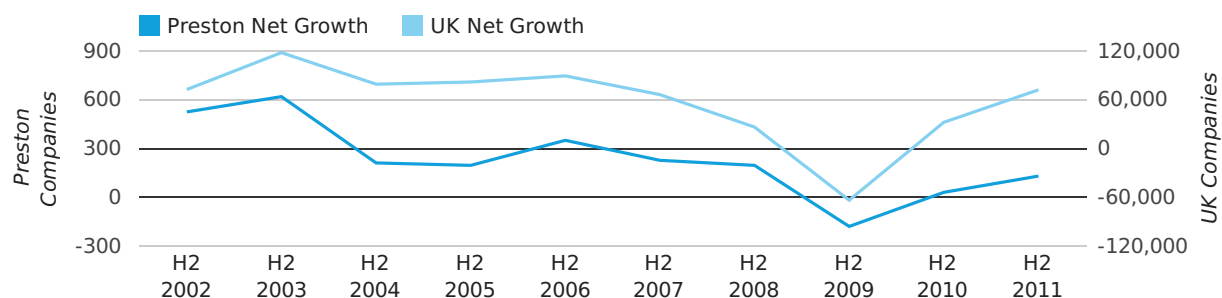


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Preston increased by 129 companies. This figure is 344.8% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	PRESTON	UK
2011	129	71,922
2010	29	32,008
% CHANGE	344.8%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (618)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



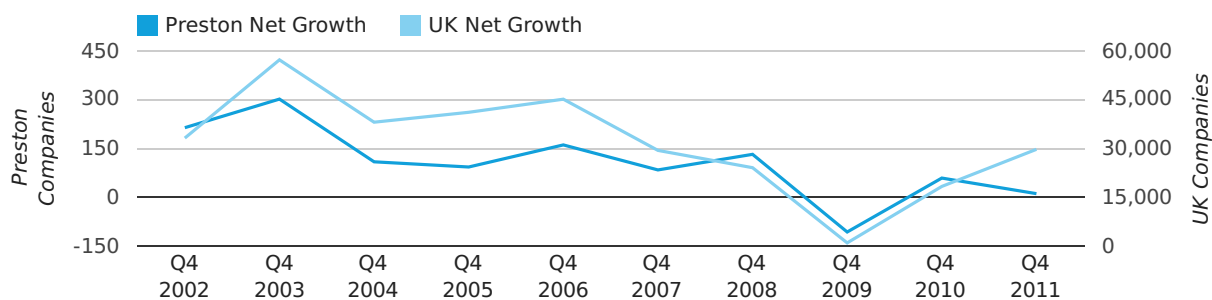
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Preston during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 10 companies.

This represents a decrease of 82.8% on the same period last year.

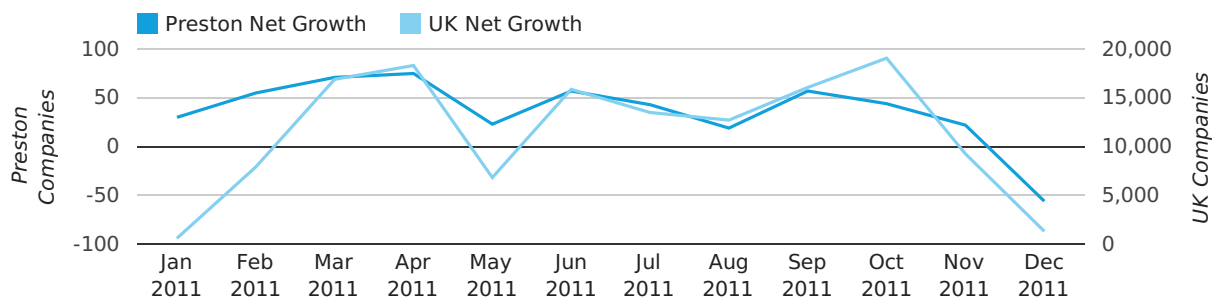
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	PRESTON	UK
2011	10	29,640
2010	58	18,221
% CHANGE	-82.8%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (301)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



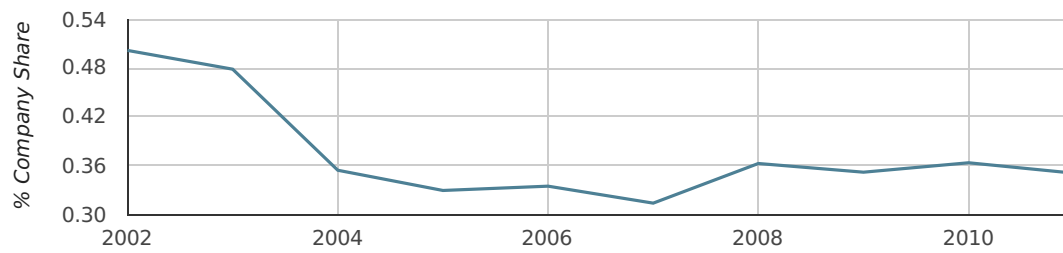
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	44	22	-56
NET GROWTH IN 2010	25	7	26
% CHANGE	76.0%	214.3%	-315.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (141)	2003 (96)	2003 (64)

Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Preston formed 0.4% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Preston was responsible for 0.4% of all UK companies.

YEAR	PRESTON
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2002 (0.5%)

company share by year

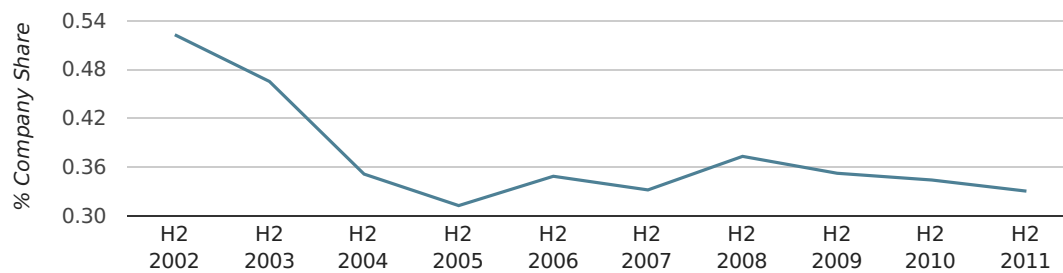


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Preston formed 0.3% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.3%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	PRESTON
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2002 (0.5%)

company share by half year

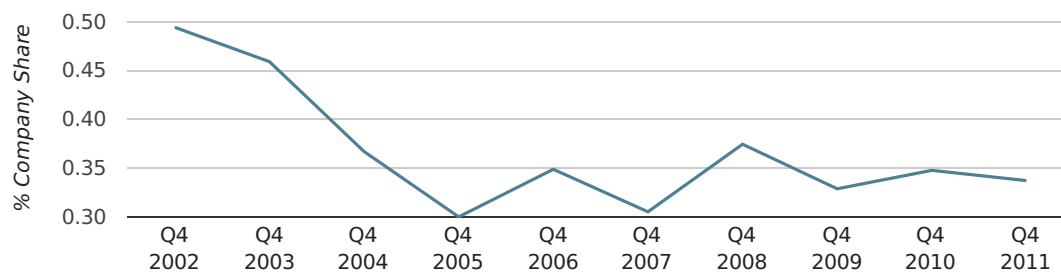


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

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

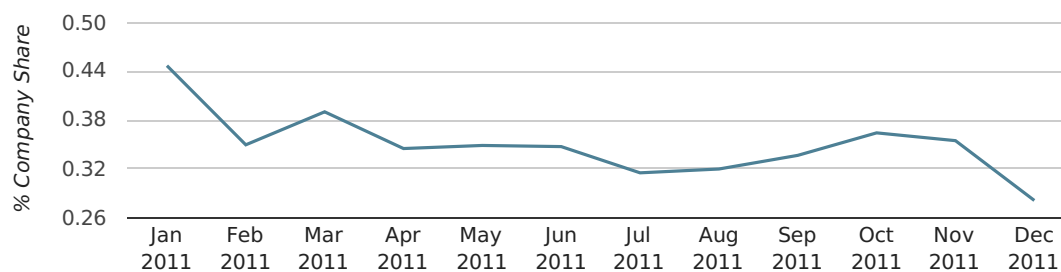
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	PRESTON
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.4%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.6%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.4%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
% CHANGE	4.7%	-4.8%	-11.3%
RECORD YEAR	1966 (1.0%)	1967 (0.7%)	1961 (1.0%)

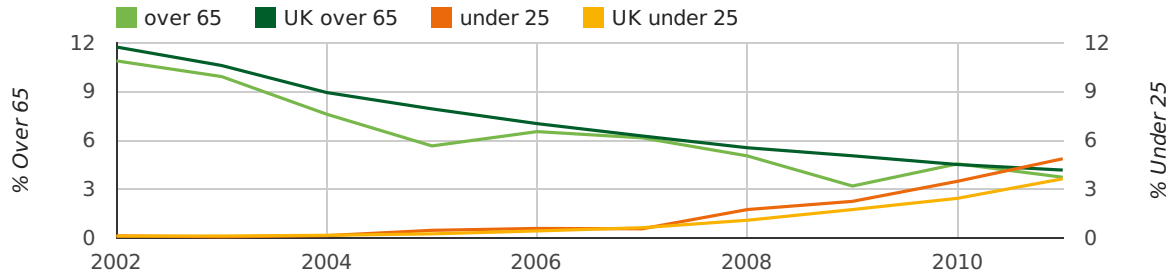
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 43.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



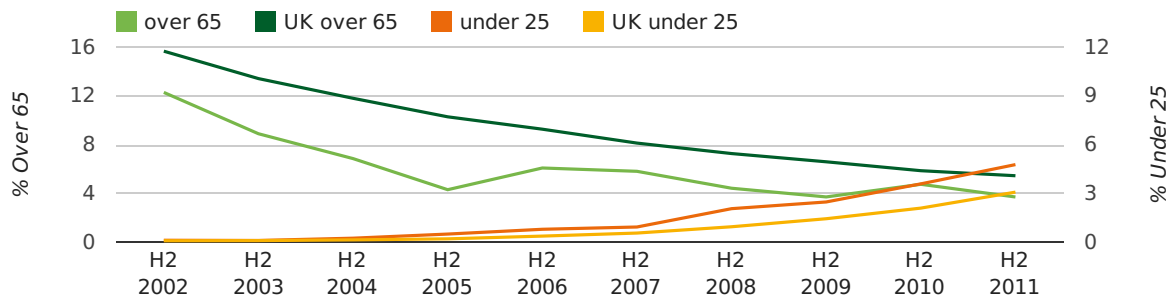
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director age by half year



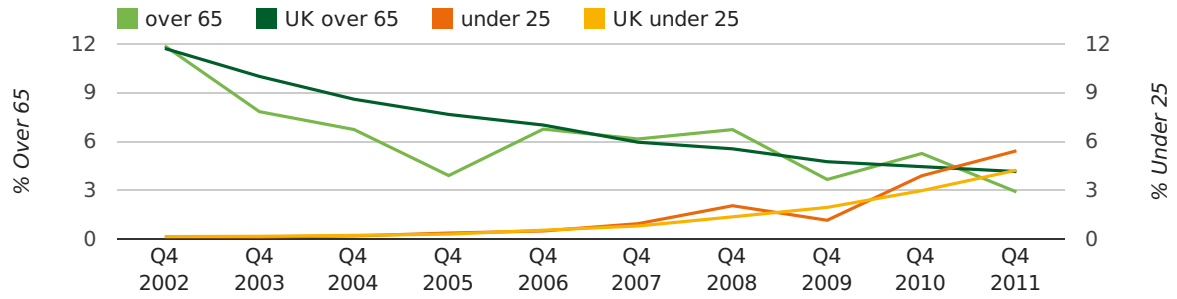
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 42.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

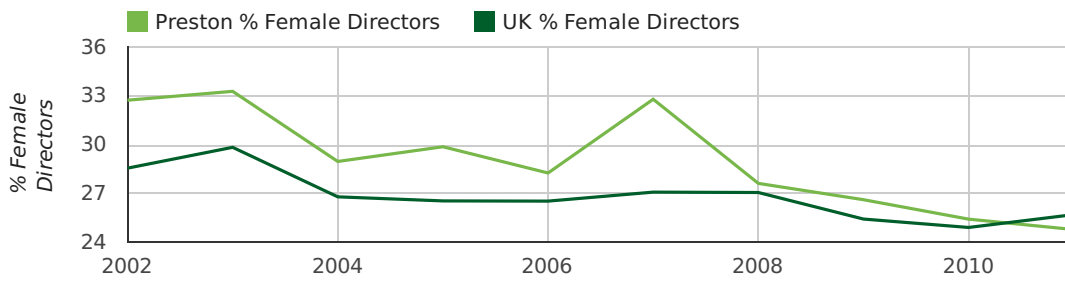


Annual Data (2011)

The record year for female directors in Preston was 1857 when 36.4% of all directors were female.

The percentage of female directors in Preston in 2011 was 32.7%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

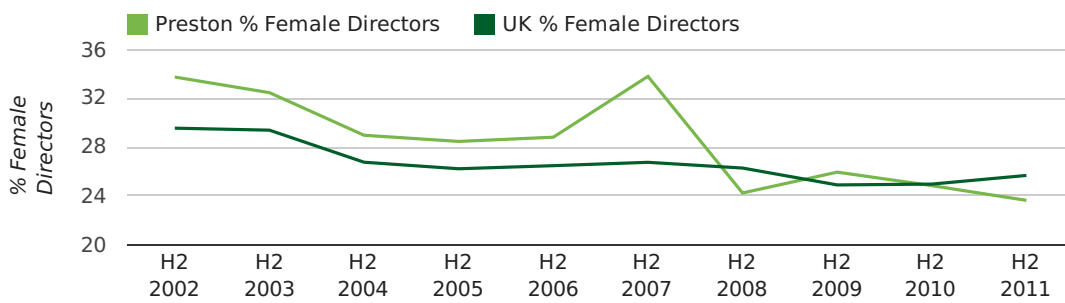


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The record second half year for female directors in Preston was 1860 when 42.9% of all directors were female.

23.6% of all director appointments in Preston in the second half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

director gender by half year

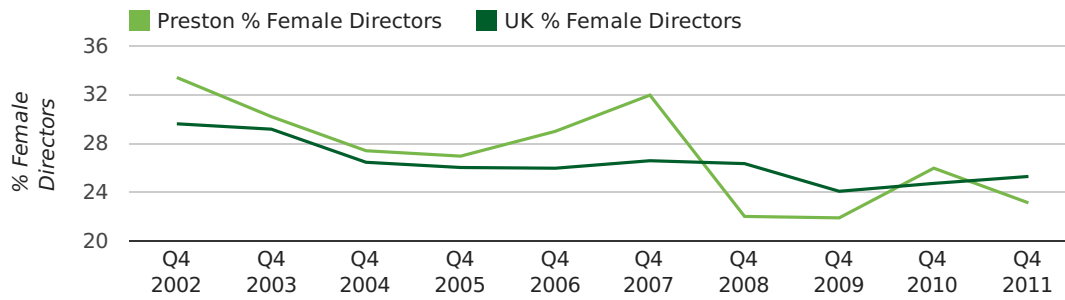


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The record fourth quarter for female directors in Preston was in 1977 when 31.1% of all directors were female.

23.1% of all director appointments in Preston in the fourth quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.3% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Dec 2010-Dec 2011)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	1.34%	CONSULTING	5.07%
PRESTON	1.25%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
(NW)	1.08%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
ELECTRICAL	0.94%	PROPERTY	2.37%
CONSULTING	0.90%	TRADING	2.07%
NORTH	0.90%	DESIGN	1.92%
PROPERTY	0.85%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
TRADING	0.85%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
INVESTMENTS	0.81%	BUSINESS	1.78%
CONSULTANTS	0.81%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
CONSULTANCY	0.76%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
WEST	0.76%	MEDIA	1.71%
(PRESTON)	0.72%	LONDON	1.63%
CARE	0.63%	J	1.51%
ENGINEERING	0.63%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
M	0.63%	GLOBAL	1.46%
BUSINESS	0.63%	IT	1.41%
LANCASHIRE	0.63%	CARE	1.39%
SOLAR	0.58%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
HOUSE	0.58%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
DESIGN	0.54%	M	1.27%
(NORTH	0.49%	BUILDING	1.26%
WEST)	0.49%	ENERGY	1.25%
CAR	0.49%	S	1.20%
CONSTRUCTION	0.49%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	655	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	200	57,052
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	112	32,483
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	69	11,768
99999 - Dormant Company	61	21,846
9999 - Dormant Company	59	20,199
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	54	17,765
7499 - Non-trading company	44	9,957
7414 - Business & management consultancy	42	13,034
43210 - Electrical installation	30	3,175
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	30	12,072
74990 - Non-trading company	28	8,929
86900 - Other human health activities	27	4,457
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	22	2,452
9305 - Other service activities	21	9,492
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	19	8,671
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	19	7,398
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	18	5,558
7260 - Other computer related activities	18	7,667
62090 - Other information technology service activities	17	7,493