

Preston

q1 2012 business confidence report



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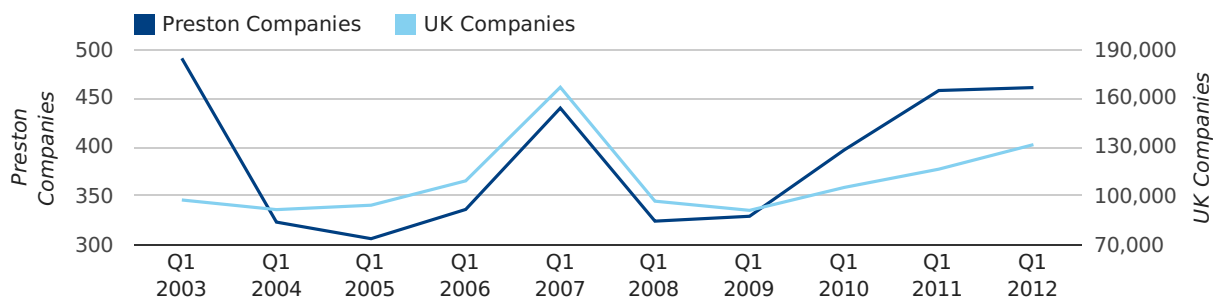
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 461 companies were registered in Preston during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 0.7% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.0% against the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	PRESTON	UK
2012	461	131,491
2011	458	116,391
% CHANGE	0.7%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (491)	2007 (166,814)

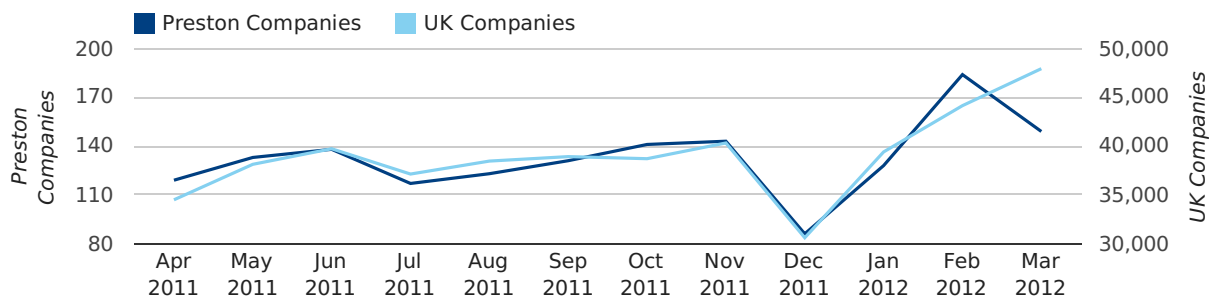
new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Preston when compared to any previous February.

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	128	184	149
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	151	132	175
% CHANGE	-15.2%	39.4%	-14.9%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (152)	2012 (184)	2003 (191)

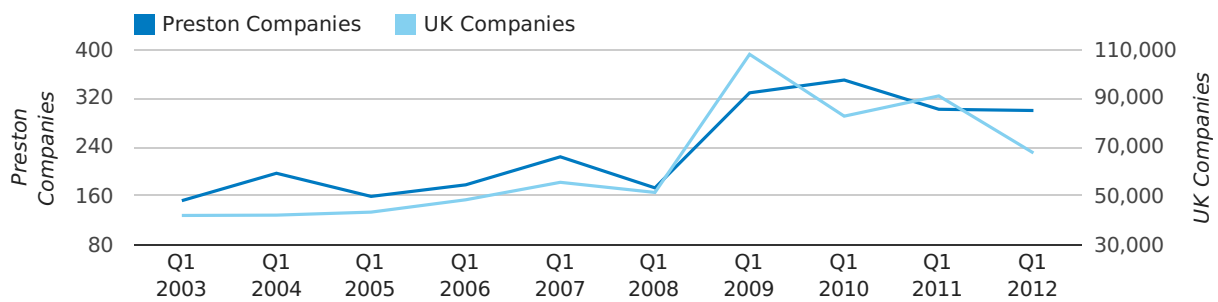
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 300 companies were dissolved in Preston during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 0.7% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 25.7% against the same period last year.

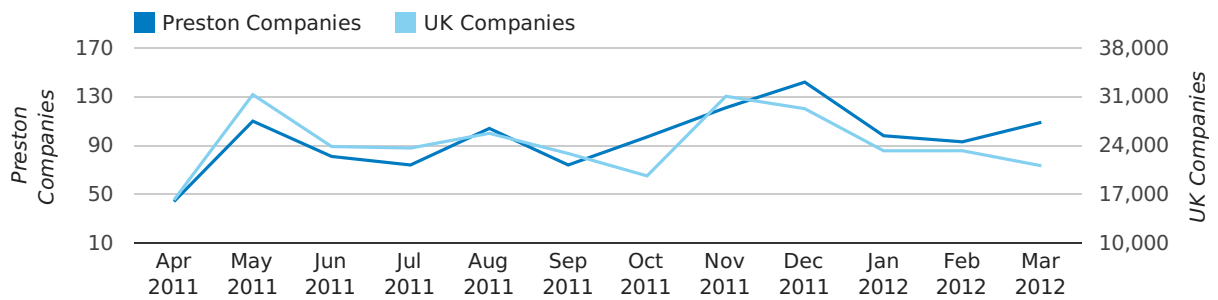
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	PRESTON	UK
2012	300	67,576
2011	302	90,986
% CHANGE	-0.7%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (350)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	98	93	109
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	121	77	104
% CHANGE	-19.0%	20.8%	5%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (121)	2008 (101)	2009 (201)

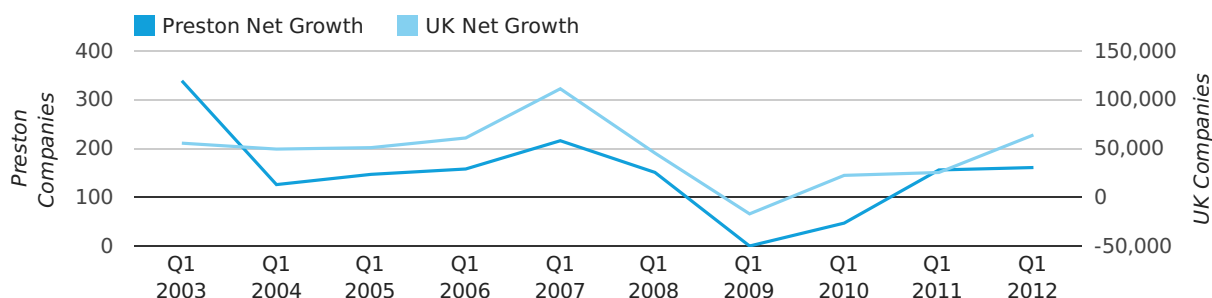
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Preston during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 161 companies.

This represents an increase of 3.2% on the same period last year.

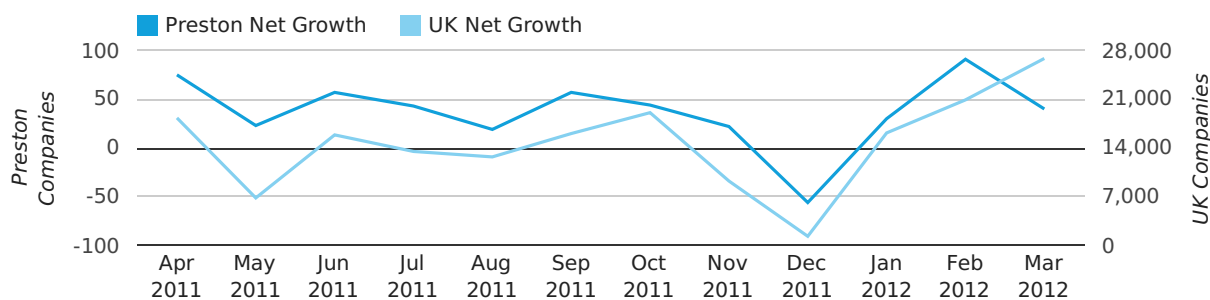
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	PRESTON	UK
2012	161	63,915
2011	156	25,405
% CHANGE	3.2%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (339)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



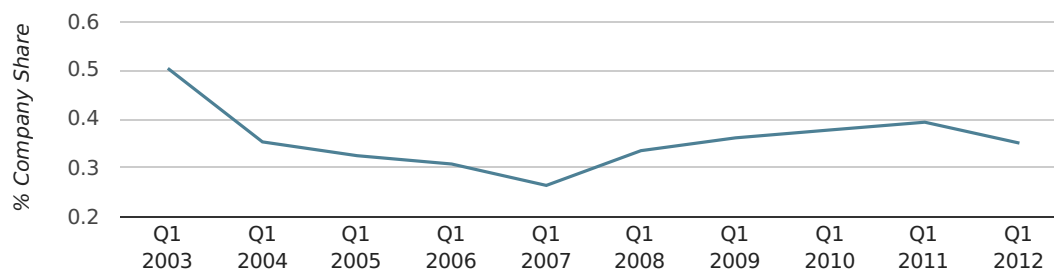
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	30	91	40
NET GROWTH IN 2011	30	55	71
% CHANGE	0.0%	65.5%	-43.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (89)	2003 (108)	2003 (142)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Preston formed 0.4% of all UK companies.

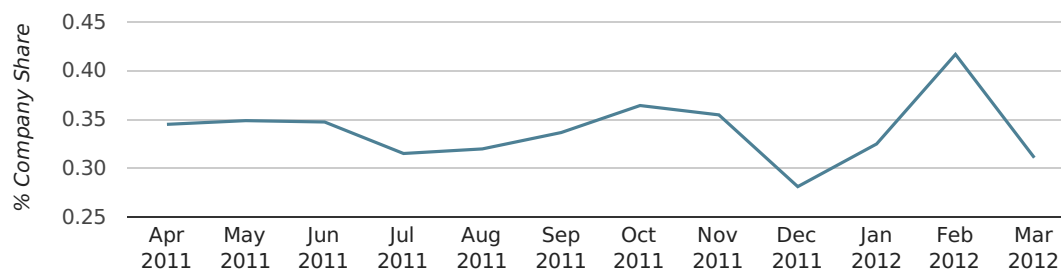
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	PRESTON
2012	0.4%
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1974 (0.7%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.3%	0.4%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.3%	0.4%
% CHANGE	-27.3%	19.2%	-20.3%
RECORD YEAR	1974 (0.8%)	1973 (0.8%)	1962 (1.0%)

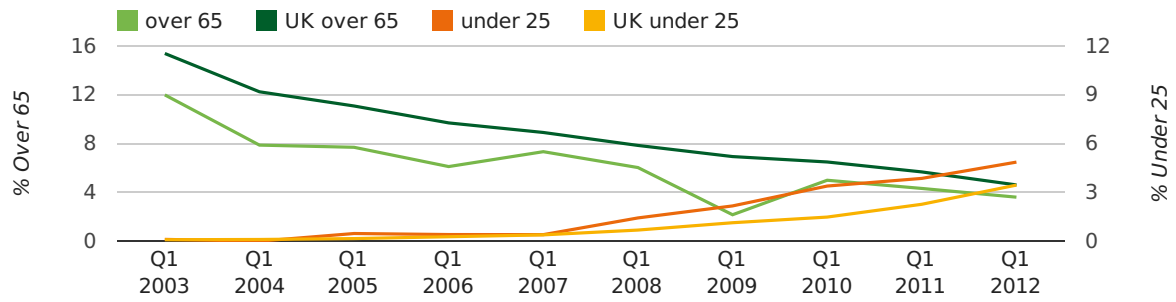
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 42.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

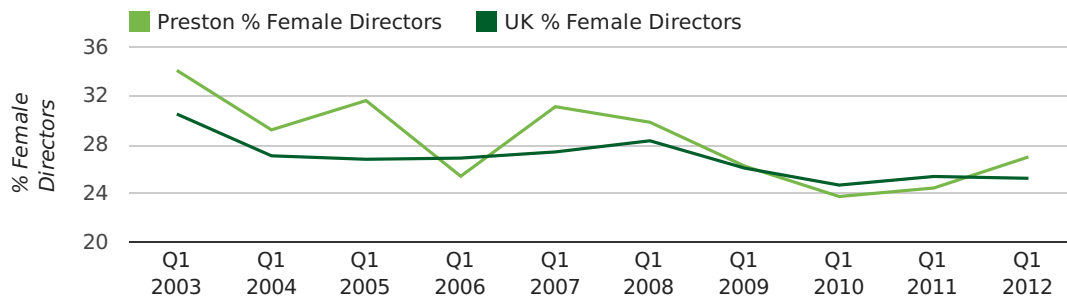


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

27.0% of all director appointments in Preston in the first quarter of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.3% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Mar 2011-Mar 2012)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
PRESTON	1.57%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.31%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CONSULTING	1.09%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
ELECTRICAL	1.05%	PROPERTY	2.37%
(NW)	1.05%	TRADING	2.07%
NORTH	0.96%	DESIGN	1.93%
PROPERTY	0.79%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
WEST	0.79%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
TRADING	0.74%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
CONSULTANCY	0.65%	BUSINESS	1.73%
INVESTMENTS	0.61%	MEDIA	1.72%
LANCASHIRE	0.61%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
HIRE	0.61%	LONDON	1.66%
HOUSE	0.57%	J	1.54%
ENTERPRISES	0.57%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
DESIGN	0.57%	GLOBAL	1.50%
S	0.57%	IT	1.40%
MEDIA	0.52%	CARE	1.34%
PROPERTIES	0.52%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ENGINEERING	0.52%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
SOLAR	0.52%	M	1.27%
CAR	0.48%	BUILDING	1.24%
FINANCIAL	0.48%	ENERGY	1.20%
CARE	0.48%	S	1.20%
M	0.48%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	691	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	188	52,735
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	137	35,233
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	79	13,637
99999 - Dormant Company	70	25,084
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	64	19,704
9999 - Dormant Company	56	18,617
7414 - Business & management consultancy	41	12,113
7499 - Non-trading company	41	9,102
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	35	14,303
74990 - Non-trading company	31	9,729
86900 - Other human health activities	30	5,066
43210 - Electrical installation	28	3,573
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	27	2,832
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	26	9,892
9305 - Other service activities	20	8,818
62090 - Other information technology service activities	19	8,145
7260 - Other computer related activities	18	7,154
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	18	4,132
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	17	3,931