

Merseyside LTD.

2025

Merseyside's private company landscape



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Foreword

Merseyside's momentum: innovation, investment and identity driving exceptional growth

This year's Merseyside LTD. report reveals a region in full stride. The Top 100 privately-owned businesses have delivered extraordinary results: a 54.2% increase in turnover, 79.7% rise in EBITDA, and a 58.5% uplift in employment. These figures are not just impressive - they're transformative, reflecting a region that's rapidly evolving and confidently stepping into its future.

Merseyside's success is underpinned by a dynamic blend of industrial strength, cultural vibrancy, and strategic investment. Manufacturing, consumer, and business services sectors lead the charge, with consumer businesses alone seeing turnover growth of over 100%. This surge is mirrored by the region's positioning as a national leader in advanced manufacturing, logistics, and life sciences. The Liverpool City Region's £800m Life Sciences Innovation Zone is set to create 8,000 high-value jobs, supported by world-class institutions like the Liverpool School of Tropical Medicine and the University of Liverpool. Meanwhile, the Freeport initiative and developments like Viking Park and Parkside are attracting global investment and reshaping Merseyside's economic landscape.

Mayor Steve Rotheram's leadership continues to unlock opportunity across the region. From £110m in zero-emission transport infrastructure to £68m in skills investment supporting over 37,000 adult learners, Merseyside is building an inclusive, sustainable economy. The region's commitment to net zero by 2035 is backed by bold initiatives like the Mersey Tidal Power Project and the Future Homes LCR programme, showcasing innovation that improves lives - not just bottom lines.

But Merseyside's story isn't just about numbers. It's about people, place, and pride. Liverpool's unique mix of business and culture, its thriving food and drink scene, and its deep-rooted entrepreneurial spirit make it a place where people come - and stay. Whether drawn by its universities, its arts, or its community, Merseyside offers a quality of life that rivals any UK city. The UNESCO City of Music designation, the £5bn visitor economy, and its reputation as one of the UK's top destinations for globally acclaimed food and drink experiences have cemented Liverpool's international cultural status.

We're proud to be part of this journey. With our new flagship office in the Liver Building, we are now the largest professional services firm in Merseyside, offering a full-service proposition and reaffirming our commitment to the region's growth and prosperity. Congratulations to the businesses featured in this year's Merseyside LTD. report. Your achievements reflect the ambition, resilience, and innovation that define this region. Together, we're building a Merseyside that's not only thriving today - but ready for tomorrow.



Gareth Hitchmough
Partner
Grant Thornton

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About

We are excited to launch the first edition of Merseyside LTD, as part of an annual series of business analysis by UK county that seeks to highlight and celebrate some of the county's most successful, privately owned businesses, and provide them with the recognition they deserve for their contribution to the region and wider UK economy.

We begin this report by reviewing the county's 100 largest privately owned companies, based upon turnover, providing an insight into the scale of Merseyside's privately owned and PE backed business community. The report also showcases the 25 fastest-growing companies in the county with the highest EBITDA (earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortisation) CAGR percentage growth (over a three-year period), as well as the largest international contributors.

Our methodology explained

Merseyside LTD 2025 is compiled using the most recent publicly available accounts (as of 3rd September 2025) of Merseyside's private businesses.

The report excludes companies that are listed, owned by listed businesses, schools, trusts, charities, and businesses that are subsidiaries of overseas companies. We have also compared our data with prior year results to provide an insight into economic trends across sectors.

Inevitably, there is an unavoidable time delay between the availability of data utilised and the ultimate presentation of this report, alongside differing year-ends to consider.

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At a glance

Turnover range

**£26.6m -
£5.1bn**



Turnover
£15.7bn



EBITDA
£1.4bn



Fixed assets
£5.1bn



Long-term debt
£4.3bn



Shareholder funds
£4bn



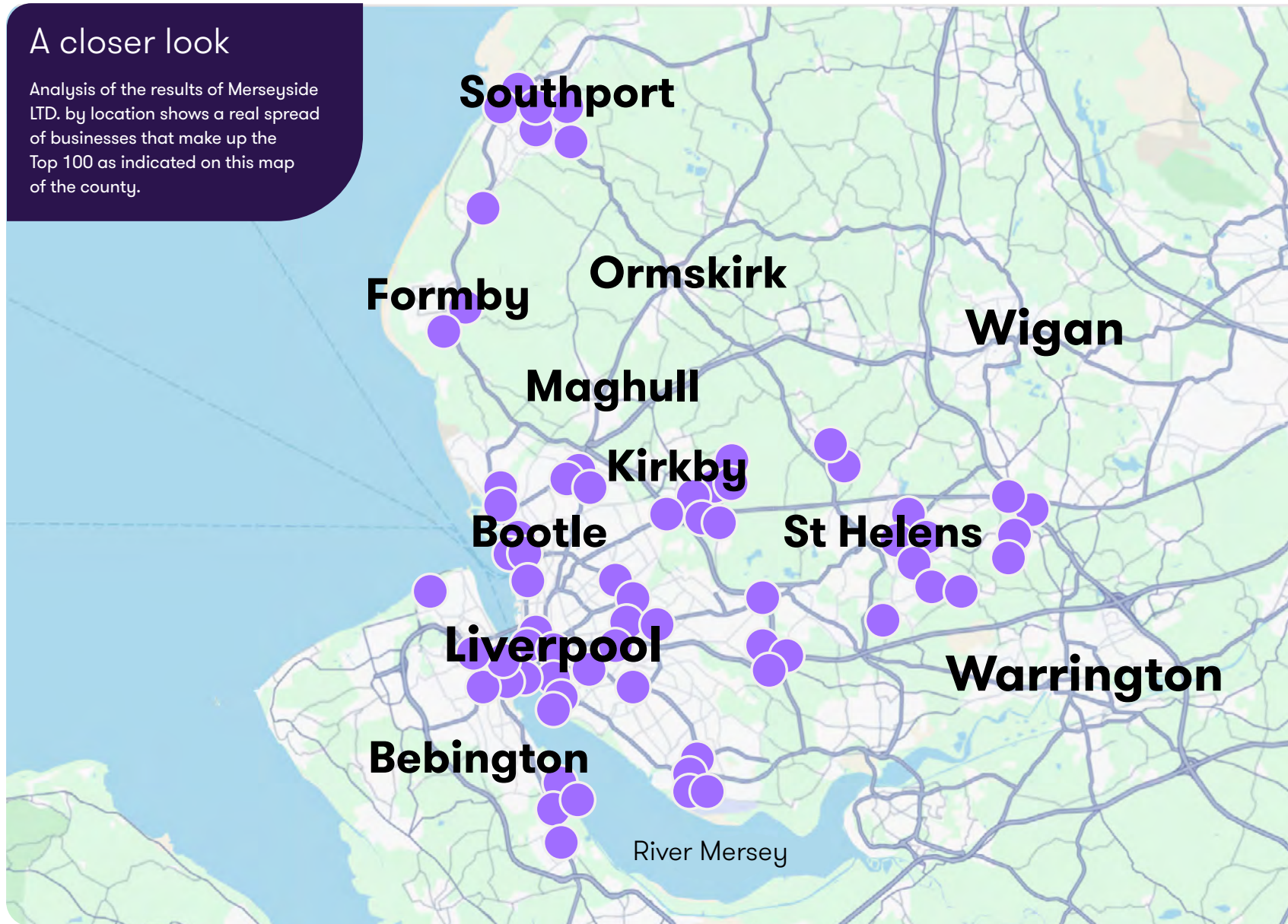
Employees
88,309



Average salary
£25,550

A closer look

Analysis of the results of Merseyside LTD. by location shows a real spread of businesses that make up the Top 100 as indicated on this map of the county.



“Montirex’s success reflects the energy and entrepreneurial spirit of Merseyside. From our Liverpool roots, we’ve built a brand defined by constant innovation - releasing fresh product drops that keep us ahead of trends and deeply connected to our audience. As founders and users of our own products, we know what our customers want, and that authenticity drives loyalty and repeat purchases.

We’ve scaled without external investment, giving us full control and the freedom to grow on our own terms. Our lean model and disciplined reinvestment have kept us debt-free and financially strong. Technology powers our D2C model - from seamless digital experiences to real-time data that shapes product design and customer journeys. Looking ahead, AI and predictive analytics will help us personalise engagement, while preserving the human connection that defines our brand.

We’re proud to be part of Merseyside’s dynamic business landscape and excited to keep pushing boundaries from right here in Liverpool.”

Daniel Yuen

Co-Founder
Montirex Ltd



Top 100 companies

Our Top 100 list is compiled using turnover from the most recent publicly available accounts as of 3rd September 2025 and is based on those businesses which are both owned and managed within the county

01 - 20

- 01 T J MORRIS GROUP LTD *(Home Bargains)*
- 02 THE VERY GROUP LTD
- 03 MATALAN RETAIL LTD *(Matalan)*
- 04 EDWARD BILLINGTON AND SON LTD *(The Billington Group)*
- 05 S. NORTON & CO LTD
- 06 BAKER & BAKER PRODUCTS UK LTD
- 07 BIBBY LINE GROUP LTD
- 08 STANDARD GROUP HOLDINGS LTD *(Standard Fuel Oils)*
- 09 ALFRED H. KNIGHT HOLDINGS LTD *(AHK Group)*
- 10 OAK GROUP HOLDINGS LTD *(Oak Tyres)*
- 11 KINGDOM SERVICES GROUP LTD
- 12 THC GROUP HOLDINGS LTD *(Thomas Hardie Commercials)*
- 13 NEXT ENERGY SOLUTIONS LTD
- 14 JOHN WEST FOODS LTD
- 15 DENHOLM GOOD LOGISTICS LTD *(John Good Group)*
- 16 REVOLVE GROUP LTD *(Matrix Polymers)*
- 17 ESTAR TRUCK AND VAN LTD
- 18 HOUSING MAINTENANCE SOLUTIONS LTD
- 19 GRANITE HOLDINGS ONE LTD *(Granite Underwriting)*
- 20 CHAPEL HOUSE HOLDINGS LTD *(Chapelhouse Motors)*

21 - 40

- 21 AIMIA FOODS LTD
- 22 DOWNING CONSTRUCTION LTD
- 23 MOTOR OUTLET LTD *(Motor Range)*
- 24 SHARIEF GROUP LTD *(Allied Pharmacies)*
- 25 BLUNDELL'S OF LIVERPOOL LTD *(McDonalds Franchise)*
- 26 JOSEPH PARR GROUP LTD
- 27 PROVENANCE PARTNERS LTD
- 28 MONTIREX LTD
- 29 SOVINI COMMERCIAL LTD *(The Sovini Group)*
- 30 J. ROSE (TYRES) LTD *(Kirby Tyres)*
- 31 STANLEYBET HOLDINGS LTD *(Stanleybet Group)*
- 32 EVOLVE FACILITY SERVICES LTD
- 33 CREST OIL HOLDINGS LTD *(Olympic Foods)*
- 34 ENIGMA INDUSTRIAL SERVICES HOLDINGS LTD
- 35 OBG HOLDING LTD *(OBG Pharmaceuticals)*
- 36 TREVALLY HOLDINGS LTD *(Bullen)*
- 37 ARROW BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS LTD *(ARO)*
- 38 HALLIWELL JONES HOLDINGS LTD *(Halliwell Jones)*
- 39 CARPENTERS HOLDINGS LTD *(Carpenters Solicitors)*
- 40 STOKERS HOLDINGS LTD *(Stokers Furniture)*

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Top 100 companies

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- 41 DAMS HOLDINGS LTD *(Dams Furniture)*
- 42 MAST GROUP LTD
- 43 EUROGOLD GROUP LTD
- 44 HILL DICKINSON BUSINESS SERVICES LTD *(Hill Dickinson)*
- 45 MICRO COMPUTER CONSULTANTS LTD *(Mcc Digital)*
- 46 A&B ENGINEERING MEP LTD
- 47 RS CLARE HOLDINGS LTD *(RS Clare & Co)*
- 48 GEORGE ROBERTS (NORTH WEST) LTD
- 49 I-PAYE LTD
- 50 WEALTH AT WORK GROUP LTD
- 51 POTENSIAL LTD *(Potens)*
- 52 THE MERSEY DOCKS AND HARBOUR COMPANY (L2) LTD
- 53 LMF HOLDCO LTD *(LMF Energy Services)*
- 54 BEESLEY & FILDES LTD
- 55 A&M ENERGY GROUP LTD
- 56 ARCHIBALD BATHGATE GROUP LTD *(Bathgate Group)*
- 57 WARRANT GROUP 2019 LTD *(Warrant Group)*
- 58 HOLMPATRICK LIMITED *(Hompatrick Developments)*
- 59 M&Y MAINTENANCE & CONSTRUCTION LTD
- 60 COMMUNICATIONS PLUS LTD

61 - 80

- 61 POPPIES EUROPE LTD
- 62 HUYNON ASPHALT MANAGEMENT LTD
- 63 MILLGRAIN LTD
- 64 VERMONT PROPERTY GROUP LTD
- 65 ELDAPOINT INDUSTRIES LTD *(The Eldapoint Group)*
- 66 PURPOSE TOPCO LTD *(Mowgli Street Food)*
- 67 JOLODA HYDRAROLL LTD
- 68 CHUMS LTD
- 69 LLOYD & JONES ENGINEERS (HOLDINGS) LTD
- 70 NEW FOODS OF LIVERPOOL LTD
- 71 SCANTEC PERSONNEL LTD
- 72 CJRACH LTD *(McDonalds franchise)*
- 73 CHESHIRE MOULDINGS & WOODTURNINGS LTD
- 74 S. & V.E. WILLIAMS LTD *(McDonalds franchise)*
- 75 CENTRE ISLAND HOTELS LTD *(Crowne Plaza & Holiday Inn)*
- 76 CURTINS GROUP LTD
- 77 TRANSGLOBAL EXPRESS LTD
- 78 IMAAN HEALTHCARE LTD
- 79 NWT GROUP LTD
- 80 H&M DISTRIBUTION GROUP LTD

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Top 100 companies

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- 81 BRIGHT SKY CONTRACTING LTD
- 82 S.E.S LTD
- 83 EVOKE CREATIVE (HOLDINGS) LTD
- 84 SENSEE HOLDING LTD *(Sensee and the Contact Company)*
- 85 SOVEREIGN TRANSPORT SERVICES LTD
- 86 SMYLIE LTD *(Smylies)*
- 87 BENROSS MARKETING LTD
- 88 DHCH14 LTD *(Dovehaven Care Homes)*
- 89 MICROWN LTD *(Palace Chemicals)*
- 90 JENNY TOPCO LTD *(Jenkins Shipping)*
- 91 WINDSORS (WALLASEY) LTD
- 92 HI-TECH STEEL SERVICES LTD
- 93 RAISFUEL LTD *(Arms Group Ltd)*
- 94 BLOOMCARE GROUP LTD
- 95 FRANK ROGERS (BUILDING CONTRACTOR) LTD
- 96 UTOPIA LEISURE LTD *(Alexander Hotels)*
- 97 FUTUREMEDS LTD *(FutureMeds)*
- 98 GG GLASS AND GLAZING LTD
- 99 LYSTER HOLDINGS LTD *(Oil Salvage Limited)*
- 100 A SQUARE COMPANY HOLDINGS LTD *(Adlib Group)*



Sector breakdown

Number of companies



Sector breakdown

Turnover per sector



Top performing sector breakdown

Consumer

	Turnover growth	+111.6%
	EBITDA	£1.1bn
	Fixed assets	£4.1bn
	Employees	52,802
	Average salary	£22,490

Manufacturing and industrial

	Turnover growth	-2.8%
	EBITDA	£168m
	Fixed assets	£447m
	Employees	10,645
	Average salary	£28,800

Business support services

	Turnover growth	+3.4%
	EBITDA	£82m
	Fixed assets	£300m
	Employees	16,172
	Average salary	£30,720

Real estate and construction

	Turnover growth	+21%
	EBITDA	£45m
	Fixed assets	£59m
	Employees	3,040
	Average salary	£36,300

Fastest growing businesses

This year alongside turnover, we have also looked at the 25 fastest growing businesses with the highest EBITDA CAGR growth percentages as per their latest accounts (over a three-year period for companies with the latest year EBITDA greater than £1m and turnover greater than £10m)

01 - 15

- 01 ARB BROKERS HOLDINGS LTD *(ARB International)*
- 02 BRABCO 1419 LTD *(Baa Bar)*
- 03 CAVERN CITY TOURS LTD *(The Cavern Club)*
- 04 SCANTEC PERSONNEL LTD
- 05 HOPE STREET HOTEL LTD
- 06 STUDLEY ENGINEERING LTD
- 07 ASHLEY & MCDONOUGH LTD *(The AM Group)*
- 08 53 DEGREES GLOBAL LTD *(Spun Gold TV)*
- 09 DENHOLM GOOD LOGISTICS LTD *(John Good Group)*
- 10 ARROW BUSINESS COMMUNICATIONS LTD *(ARO)*
- 11 POPPIES EUROPE LTD
- 12 LONGWORTH GROUP LTD
- 13 UTOPIA LEISURE LTD *(Alexander Hotels)*
- 14 HOLMPATRICK LTD *(Holmpatrick Developments)*
- 15 BRIDGEHEAD CONTAINER SERVICES LTD

16 - 25

- 16 GAVIN MURRAY LTD *(Ellisons Travel Services)*
- 17 CREST OIL HOLDINGS LTD *(Olympic Foods)*
- 18 ALFA GOMMA (UK) LTD
- 19 COMMUNICATIONS PLUS LTD
- 20 C-JRACH LTD *(McDonalds Franchise)*
- 21 BATES FARMS & DAIRY LTD
- 22 EVOKE CREATIVE (HOLDINGS) LTD
- 23 PROLINE CORPORATION LTD
- 24 JB LEITCH LTD *(JB Leitch Solicitors)*
- 25 EDWARD BILLINGTON AND SON LTD *(The Billington Group)*

“Merseyside has provided a strong foundation for our growth. Access to skilled local talent, low staff turnover, and competitive operating costs have supported our expansion. Strong relationships with local authorities working in partnership, particularly in the Wirral, have enabled us to grow our residential and supported living services, a strategic focus for the Group.

Access to funding from 2022 has enabled us to grow nationally with acquisition of residential services in South Wales, Midlands and South West. We have developed strong relationships with housing providers to expand our supported living services. The focus is always to maximise the potential of the individuals we support and provide outstanding services and outcomes

Looking ahead, we are focused on continued growth through acquisitions and working with housing providers. We will be shortly launching our three year environmental plan to focus on our property portfolio and sustainability. We’re proud to be part of Merseyside’s thriving business community”

Tom Arnold

Finance Director
Potential Limited



International contributors

International companies are significant contributors to the overall health of the Merseyside economy. This year we're shining a spotlight on the 20 largest subsidiaries of internationally owned companies by turnover in the county.

01 - 20

- 01 PRINCES LTD
- 02 UKSV HOLDINGS COMPANY LTD *(Liverpool Football Club)*
- 03 HERON FOODS LTD
- 04 CLARKE ENERGY LTD
- 05 KNAUF INSULATION LTD
- 06 SD GUTHRIE INTERNATIONAL LIVERPOOL REFINERY LTD
- 07 M J QUINN INTEGRATED SERVICES LTD
- 08 EVERTON FOOTBALL CLUB COMPANY LTD
- 09 COLLOIDS LTD
- 10 AMES GOLDSMITH U.K. LTD
- 11 DACSA LTD
- 12 FINSA UK LTD
- 13 SENTRIC MUSIC LTD
- 14 KILLER INK LTD
- 15 BELL, SONS & CO. (DRUGGISTS) LTD *(Bell's Healthcare)*
- 16 BECKER INDUSTRIAL COATINGS LTD *(Beckers Group)*
- 17 REYNOLDS LOGISTICS UK LTD
- 18 FIRE GLASS UK LTD
- 19 SIRIUS HOLDCO LTD *(The Sirius Group)*
- 20 SURVEY SUPPLIES LTD *(Korec Group)*

Countries



Luxembourg



Spain



Italy



India



United States



Sweden



Malaysia



Ireland



Portugal



Germany



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