

Darlington

q1 2011 business confidence report



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

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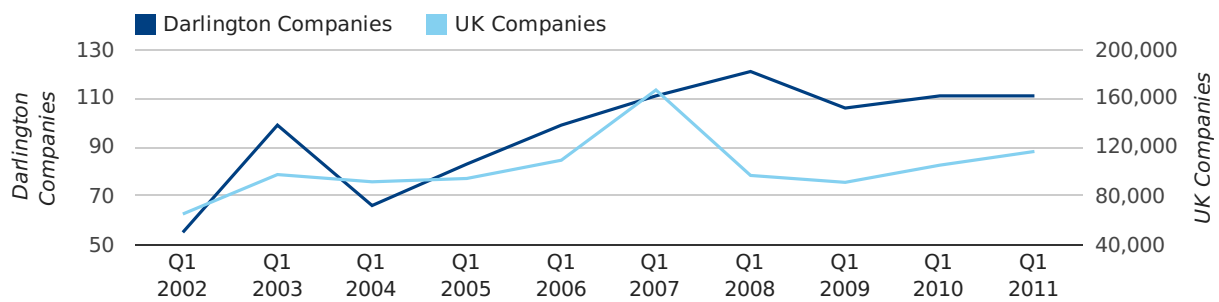
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 111 companies were registered in Darlington during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a difference of 0.0% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 10.7% against the same period last year.

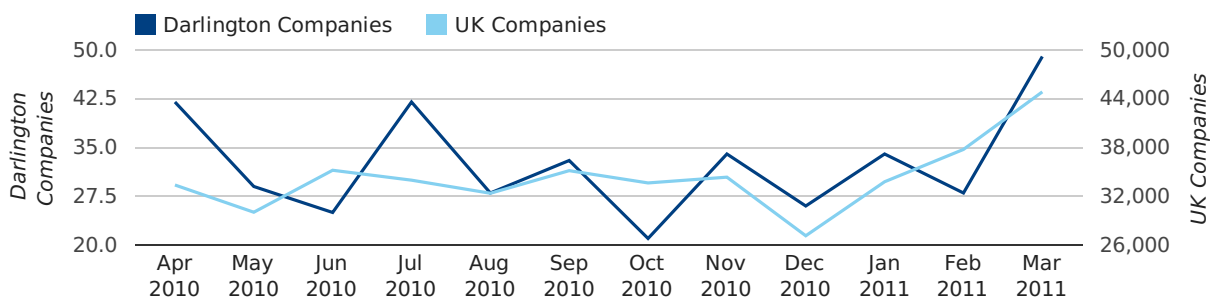
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	DARLINGTON	UK
2011	111	116,391
2010	111	105,137
% CHANGE	0.0%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (121)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	34	28	49
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	31	27	53
% CHANGE	9.7%	3.7%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (39)	2008 (49)	2010 (53)

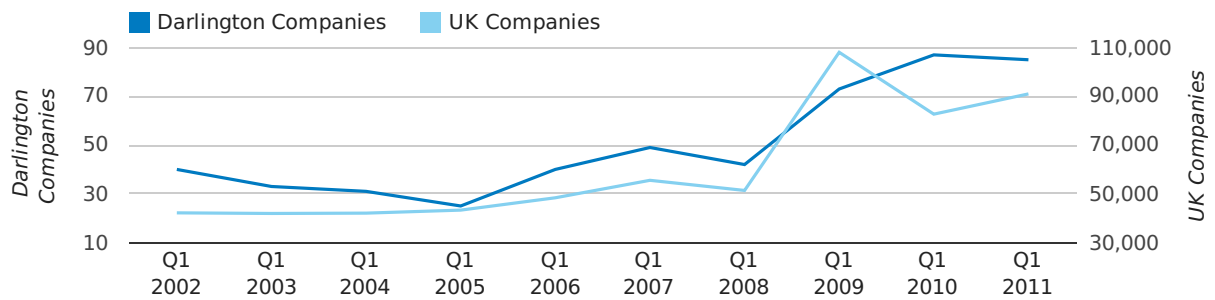
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

A total of 85 companies were dissolved in Darlington during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 2.3% 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)	DARLINGTON	UK
2011	85	90,986
2010	87	82,677
% CHANGE	-2.3%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2010 (87)	2009 (108,060)

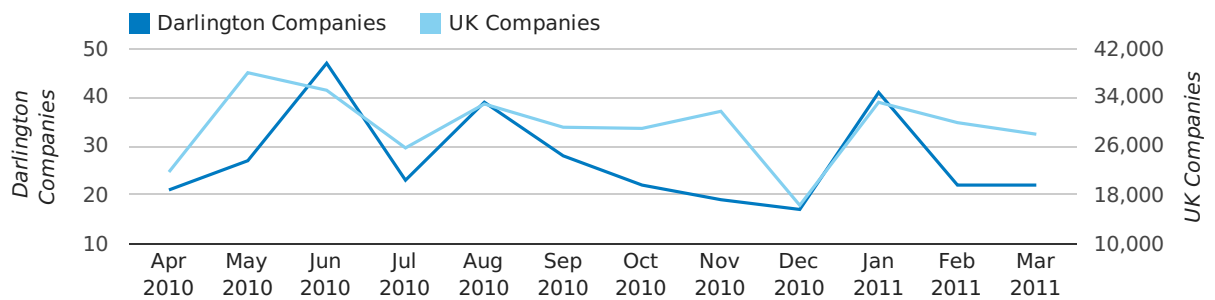
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	41	22	22
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	14	38	35
% CHANGE	192.9%	-42.1%	-37%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (41)	2010 (38)	2010 (35)

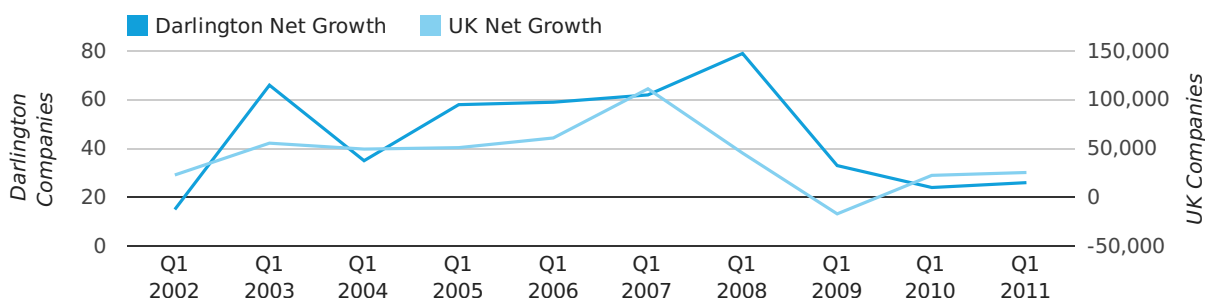
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Darlington during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 26 companies.

This represents an increase of 8.3% on the same period last year.

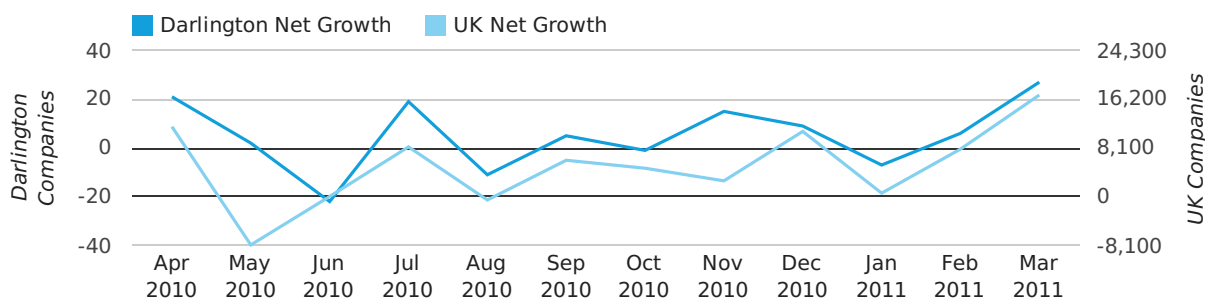
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	DARLINGTON	UK
2011	26	25,405
2010	24	22,460
% CHANGE	8.3%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (79)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



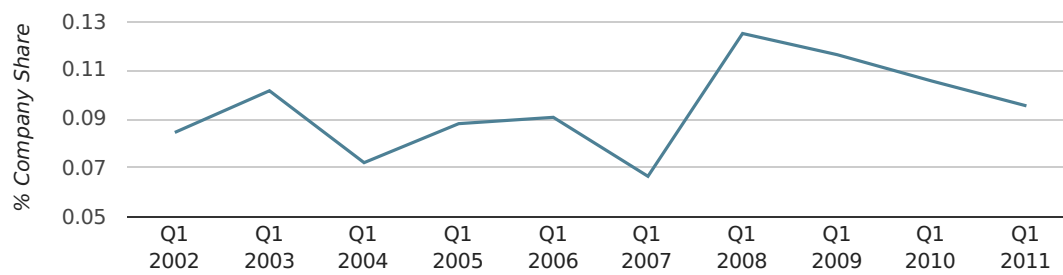
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-7	6	27
NET GROWTH IN 2010	17	-11	18
% CHANGE	-141.2%	-154.5%	50.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (23)	2008 (30)	2008 (37)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Darlington formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

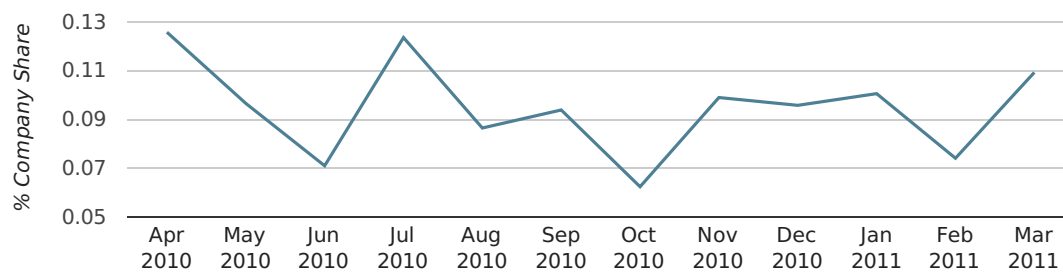
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	DARLINGTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1979 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-5.5%	-8.9%	-11.8%
RECORD YEAR	1979 (0.4%)	1981 (0.3%)	1975 (0.2%)

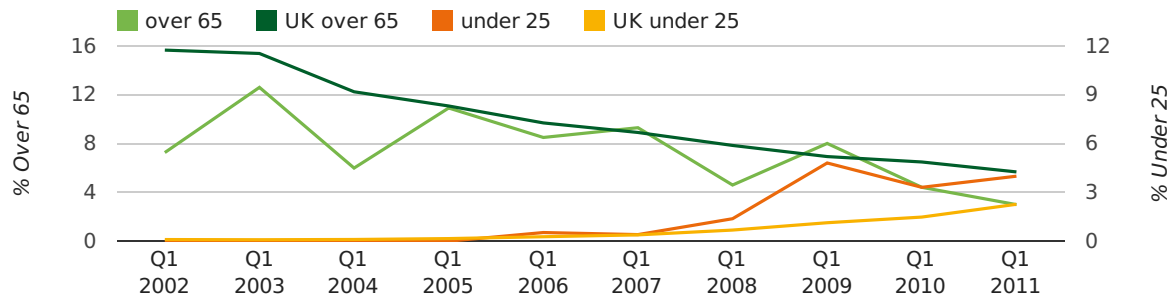
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 45.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

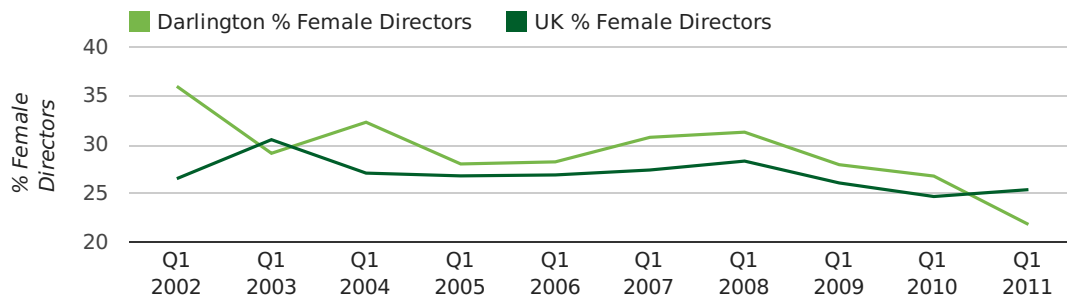


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

21.8% of all director appointments in Darlington 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, &, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
NORTH	1.08%	CONSULTING	5.04%
MANAGEMENT	1.08%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
DARLINGTON	1.08%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
CARE	0.94%	PROPERTY	2.38%
CONSULTANCY	0.81%	TRADING	2.10%
CONSULTING	0.81%	DESIGN	1.93%
ASSOCIATES	0.81%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
DESIGN	0.81%	BUSINESS	1.87%
CONSULTANTS	0.67%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
RTM	0.67%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
F	0.67%	MEDIA	1.69%
(DARLINGTON)	0.67%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
(NORTH	0.54%	LONDON	1.60%
SHEPHERD	0.54%	CARE	1.45%
JOHN	0.54%	J	1.45%
EAST)	0.54%	GLOBAL	1.44%
BUILDING	0.54%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
LOGISTICS	0.54%	IT	1.41%
SECURITY	0.54%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
BUSINESS	0.54%	BUILDING	1.34%
SONS	0.54%	M	1.30%
FINANCIAL	0.54%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
ONLINE	0.54%	S	1.24%
EAST	0.54%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
AGENT	0.40%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	144	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	64	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	22	30,253
99999 - Dormant Company	19	18,336
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	19	16,150
7414 - Business & management consultancy	15	12,916
9999 - Dormant Company	13	19,765
86900 - Other human health activities	11	4,092
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	11	10,085
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	9	10,246
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	9	7,788
9305 - Other service activities	8	8,740
5248 - Other retail specialised stores	7	1,957
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	6	6,183
43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation	6	2,312
85590 - Other education not elsewhere classified	6	2,086
41100 - Development of building projects	6	3,921
43210 - Electrical installation	6	3,172
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	6	3,220
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	6	2,259