

Darlington

q3 2011 business confidence report



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- September 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Darlington when compared to any previous September.

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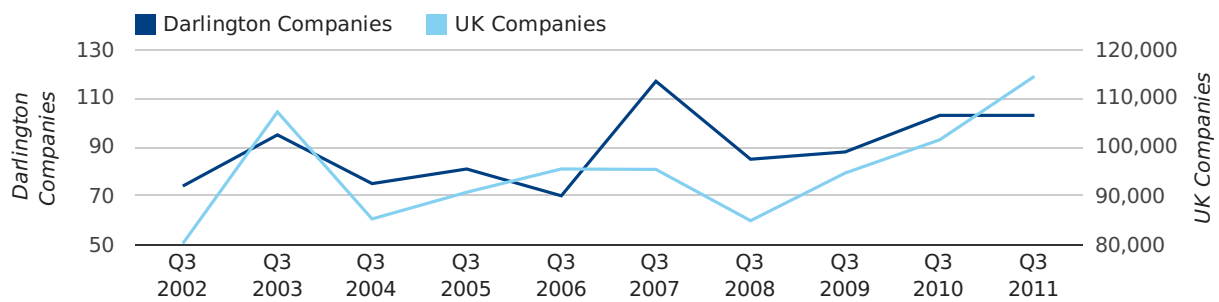
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 103 companies were registered in Darlington during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a difference of 0.0% versus the same period last year (Q3 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.8% against the same period last year.

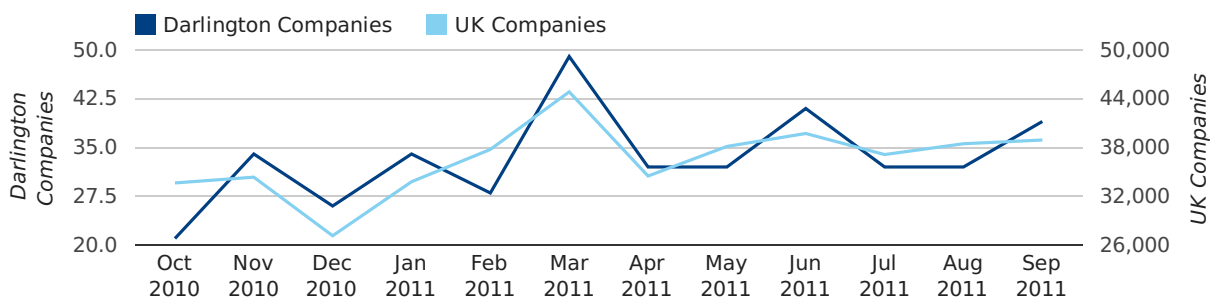
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	DARLINGTON	UK
2011	103	114,512
2010	103	101,492
% CHANGE	0.0%	12.8%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (117)	2011 (114,512)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

new companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	32	32	39
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	42	28	33
% CHANGE	-23.8%	14.3%	18.2%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (42)	2007 (42)	2007 (39)

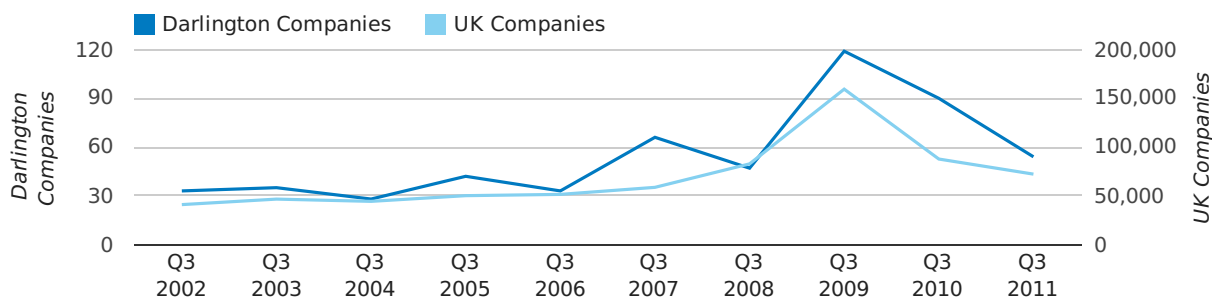
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

A total of 54 companies were dissolved in Darlington during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 40.0% 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.

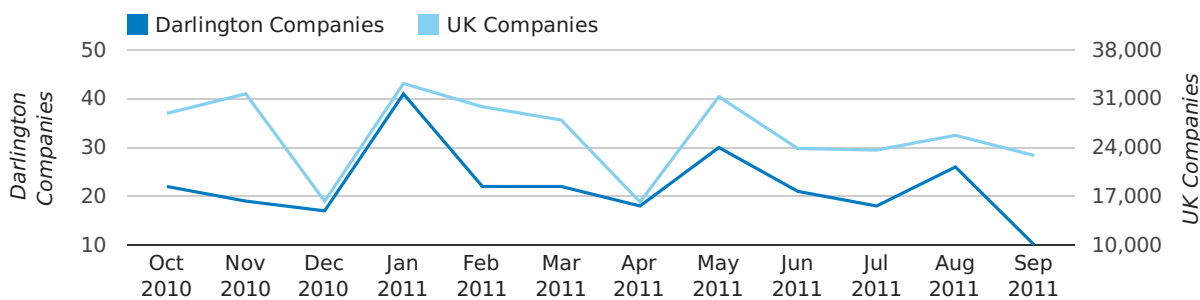
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	DARLINGTON	UK
2011	54	72,230
2010	90	87,705
% CHANGE	-40.0%	-17.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (119)	2009 (159,401)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	18	26	10
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	23	39	28
% CHANGE	-21.7%	-33.3%	-64%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (27)	2010 (39)	2009 (60)

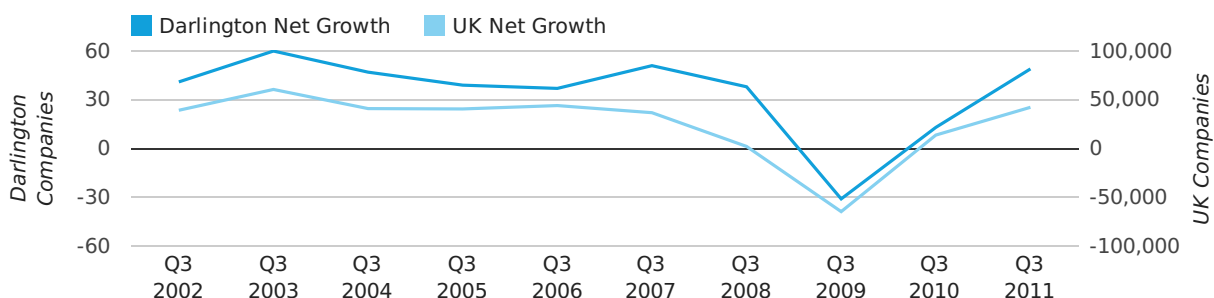
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

Net company growth for Darlington during the third quarter of 2011 (Jul 2011 - Sep 2011) was 49 companies.

This represents an increase of 276.9% on the same period last year.

THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	DARLINGTON	UK
2011	49	42,282
2010	13	13,787
% CHANGE	276.9%	206.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (60)	2003 (60,597)

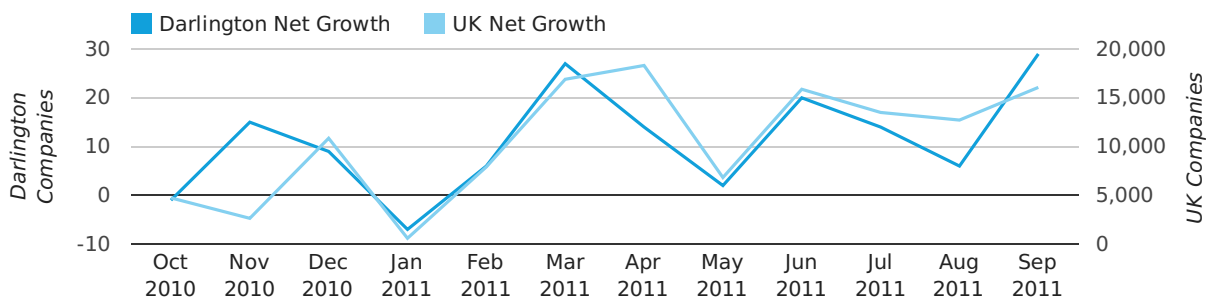
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

September 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Darlington when compared to any previous September.

net growth by month



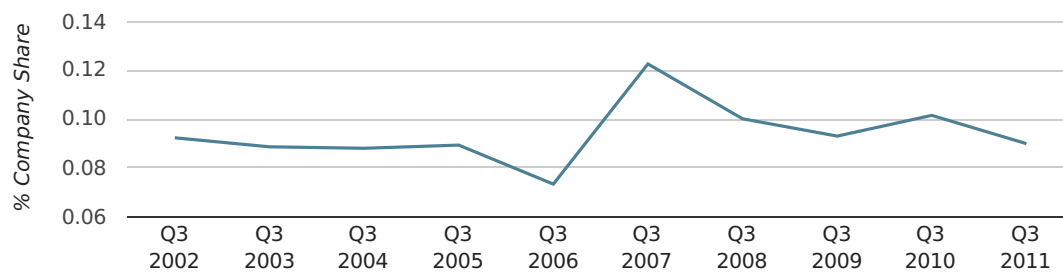
	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	14	6	29
NET GROWTH IN 2010	19	-11	5
% CHANGE	-26.3%	-154.5%	480.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (27)	2007 (24)	2011 (29)

Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

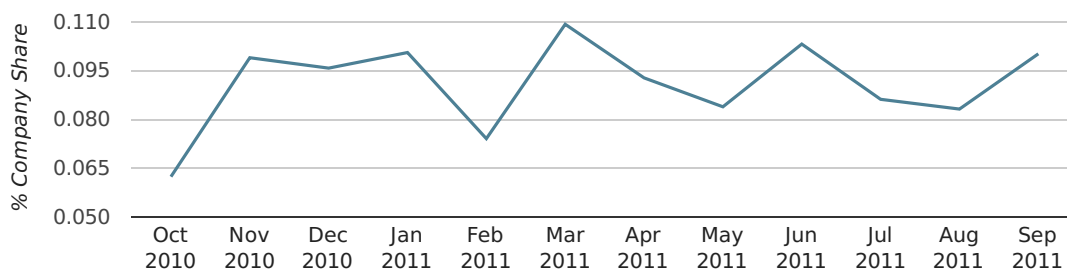
THIRD QUARTER (JUL 2011 - SEP 2011)	DARLINGTON
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1990 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jul, Aug & Sep 2011)

company share by month



	JULY	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-30.3%	-3.8%	6.7%
RECORD YEAR	1985 (0.3%)	1976 (0.3%)	1977 (0.3%)

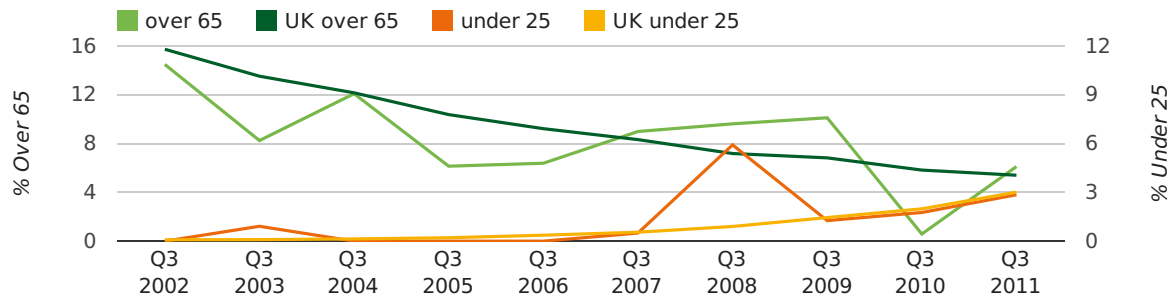
Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

The average age of a director in the third quarter of 2011 was 47.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

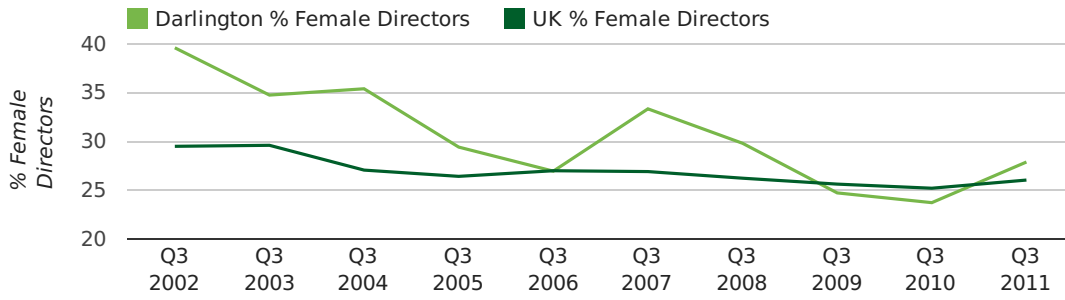


Quarterly Data (Q3 Jul-Sep 2011)

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

27.9% of all director appointments in Darlington 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
NORTH	1.46%	CONSULTING	5.11%
MANAGEMENT	1.20%	MANAGEMENT	4.75%
TRAINING	1.06%	CONSULTANCY	3.19%
EAST	0.93%	PROPERTY	2.41%
ACADEMY	0.80%	TRADING	2.06%
FITNESS	0.80%	DESIGN	1.94%
CONSULTING	0.80%	ASSOCIATES	1.85%
ENERGY	0.66%	BUSINESS	1.82%
J	0.66%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
(DARLINGTON)	0.66%	ENGINEERING	1.74%
RTM	0.53%	MEDIA	1.72%
ROOFING	0.53%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
TRUST	0.53%	LONDON	1.63%
CONSTRUCTION	0.53%	J	1.47%
CONSULTANTS	0.53%	GLOBAL	1.46%
DESIGN	0.53%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
CONSULTANCY	0.53%	CARE	1.42%
BUSINESS	0.53%	IT	1.38%
G	0.53%	BUILDING	1.30%
PROPERTY	0.53%	PROPERTIES	1.28%
BUILDING	0.53%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
N	0.53%	M	1.25%
TRAVEL	0.53%	ENERGY	1.22%
SECURITY	0.53%	TRAINING	1.21%
DARLINGTON	0.53%	S	1.21%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	141	204,493
7487 - Other business activities	73	65,177
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	20	29,245
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	19	15,760
9999 - Dormant Company	19	22,587
99999 - Dormant Company	17	18,281
7414 - Business & management consultancy	14	14,755
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	12	10,018
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	10	10,137
7260 - Other computer related activities	10	8,686
9305 - Other service activities	10	10,525
7499 - Non-trading company	8	11,543
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	8	7,551
5530 - Restaurants	8	5,640
8514 - Other human health activities	7	2,943
5248 - Other retail specialised stores	6	2,240
82110 - Combined office administrative service activities	6	582
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	6	8,345
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	6	2,179
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	6	2,929