Gateshead

2011 half year business confidence report



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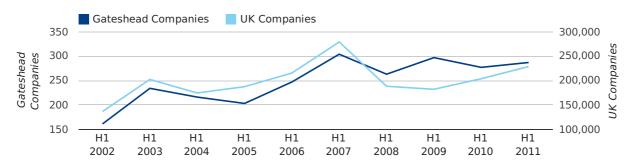
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In the first half of 2011 a total of 287 companies were formed in Gateshead. This figure is 3.6% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Gateshead occurred in 2007 when a total of 304 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	GATESHEAD	UK
2011	287	228,735
2010	277	203,749
% CHANGE	3.6%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (304)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



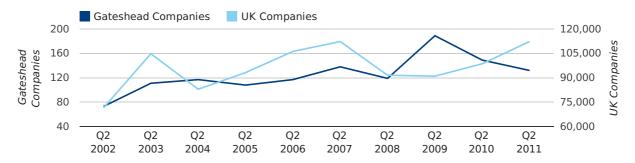
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 132 companies were registered in Gateshead during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

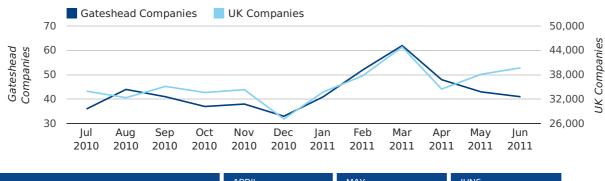
This figure is a decrease of 11.4% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	GATESHEAD	UK
2011	132	112,344
2010	149	98,612
% CHANGE	-11.4%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (189)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



new companies by month



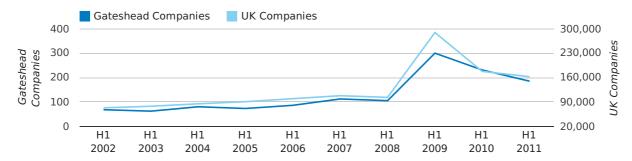
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	48	43	41
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	55	54	40
% CHANGE	-12.7%	-20.4%	2.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (67)	2010 (54)	2009 (87)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 185 companies were dissolved in Gateshead. This figure is 19.9% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Gateshead occurred in 2009 when a total of 300 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	GATESHEAD	UK
2011	185	162,310
2010	231	177,631
% CHANGE	-19.9%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (300)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



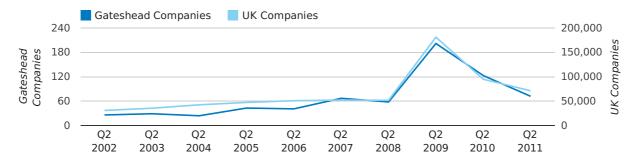
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 72 companies were dissolved in Gateshead during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

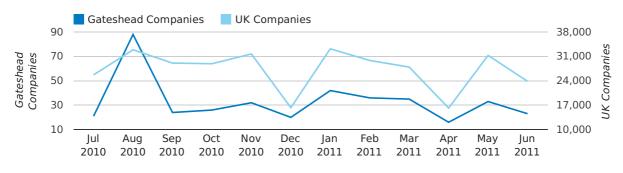
This figure is a decrease of 41.5% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	GATESHEAD	UK
2011	72	71,324
2010	123	94,954
% CHANGE	-41.5%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (202)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

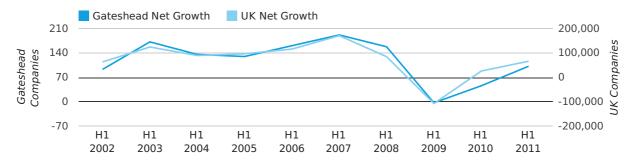


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	16	33	23
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	34	59	30
% CHANGE	-52.9%	-44.1%	-23%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (59)	2009 (85)	2009 (58)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Gateshead increased by 102 companies. This figure is 121.7% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	GATESHEAD	UK
2011	102	66,425
2010	46	26,118
% CHANGE	121.7%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (192)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



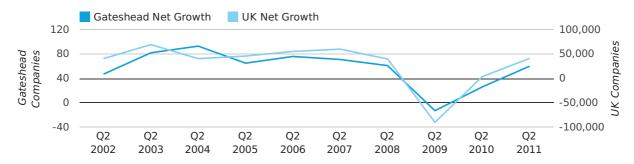
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Gateshead during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 60 companies.

This represents an increase of 130.8% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	GATESHEAD	UK
2011	60	41,020
2010	26	3,658
% CHANGE	130.8%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2004 (93)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



net growth by month

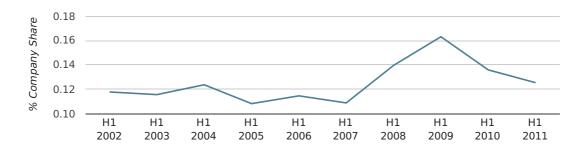


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	32	10	18
NET GROWTH IN 2010	21	-5	10
% CHANGE	52.4%	-300.0%	80.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (36)	2006 (41)	2008 (40)

In the first half of 2011 Gateshead formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	GATESHEAD
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	2009 (0.2%)

company share by half year

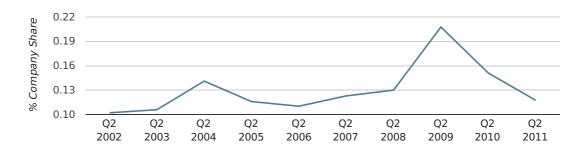


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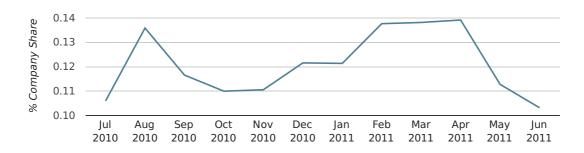
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SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	GATESHEAD
2011	0.1%
2010	0.2%
2009	0.2%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1961 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



company share by month



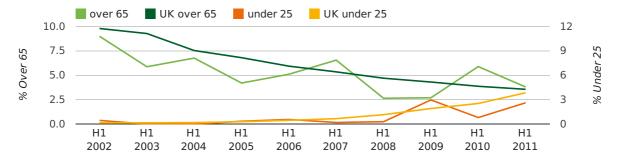
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.2%	0.2%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-15.5%	-37.3%	-9.2%
RECORD YEAR	1971 (0.4%)	1964 (0.4%)	1963 (0.5%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 43.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



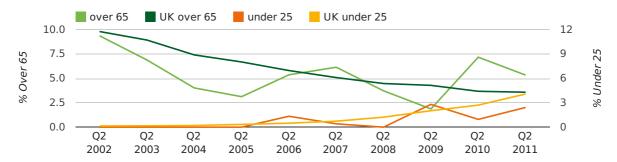
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 44.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.4% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

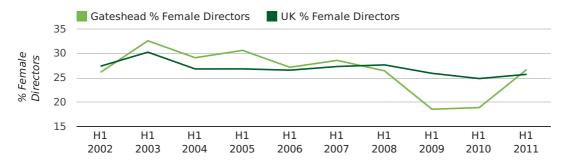
director age by quarter



The record first half year for female directors in Gateshead was 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

26.7% of all director appointments in Gateshead in the first half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

director gender by half year

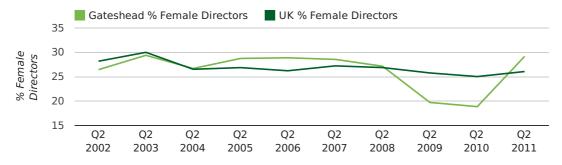


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The record second quarter for female directors in Gateshead was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

29.2% of all director appointments in Gateshead in the second quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 26.1% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



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Previous 12 months (Jun 2010-Jun 2011)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	1.63%	CONSULTING	5.09%
(NORTH	0.98%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
EAST)	0.87%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
NORTH	0.87%	PROPERTY	2.43%
NE	0.76%	TRADING	2.05%
S	0.76%	DESIGN	1.94%
(NE)	0.76%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
EAST	0.76%	BUSINESS	1.87%
CENTRE	0.76%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
(GATESHEAD)	0.65%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
HEALTH	0.65%	MEDIA	1.73%
TRAINING	0.65%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
CONSULTING	0.54%	LONDON	1.60%
C	0.54%	GLOBAL	1.46%
GATESHEAD	0.54%	J	1.44%
ESTATES	0.54%	CARE	1.44%
D	0.54%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
Т	0.54%	IT	1.39%
RECRUITMENT	0.54%	BUILDING	1.32%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.54%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
FELL	0.43%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
INVESTMENTS	0.43%	М	1.27%
GROUP	0.43%	S	1.23%
DESIGN	0.43%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
FITNESS	0.43%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	321	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	73	60,758
99999 - Dormant Company	30	18,918
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	28	30,647
9999 - Dormant Company	19	20,111
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	17	10,322
7414 - Business & management consultancy	16	13,053
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	15	5,928
7260 - Other computer related activities	14	7,849
9305 - Other service activities	12	9,063
9262 - Other sporting activities	11	1,642
68100 - Buying and selling of own real estate	10	2,543
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	9	7,835
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	9	3,050
86900 - Other human health activities	9	4,154
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	9	16,419
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	8	7,143
41100 - Development of building projects	8	3,852
9302 - Hairdressing & other beauty treatment	7	1,489
8042 - Adult and other education	7	2,203