

Newcastle

2011 annual business confidence report



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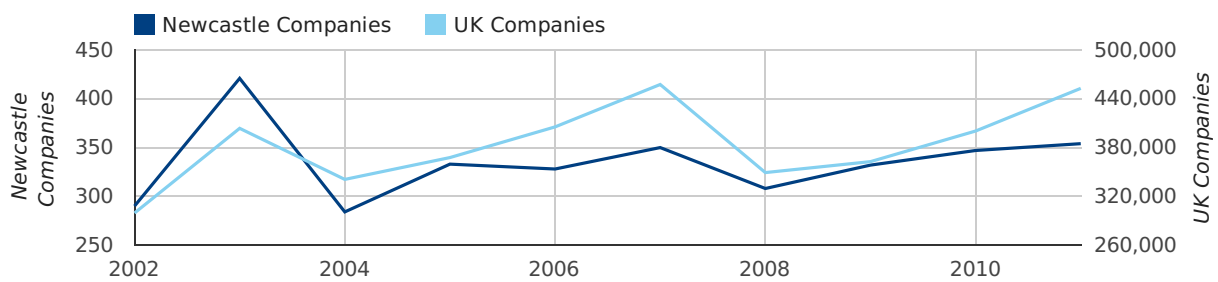
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Annual Data (2011)

A total of 354 companies were formed in Newcastle in 2011. This total is 2.0% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	NEWCASTLE	UK
2011	354	452,870
2010	347	400,358
2009	332	362,675
2008	308	349,203
2007	350	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2003 (421)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



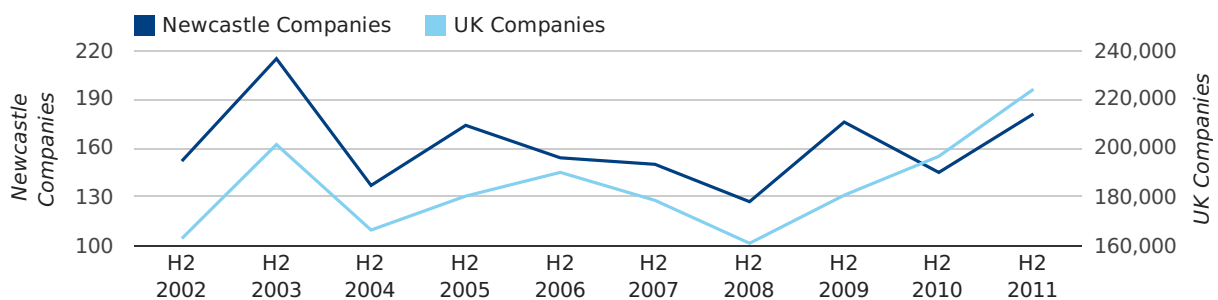
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 181 companies were formed in Newcastle. This figure is 24.8% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Newcastle occurred in 2003 when a total of 215 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	NEWCASTLE	UK
2011	181	224,135
2010	145	196,609
% CHANGE	24.8%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (215)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



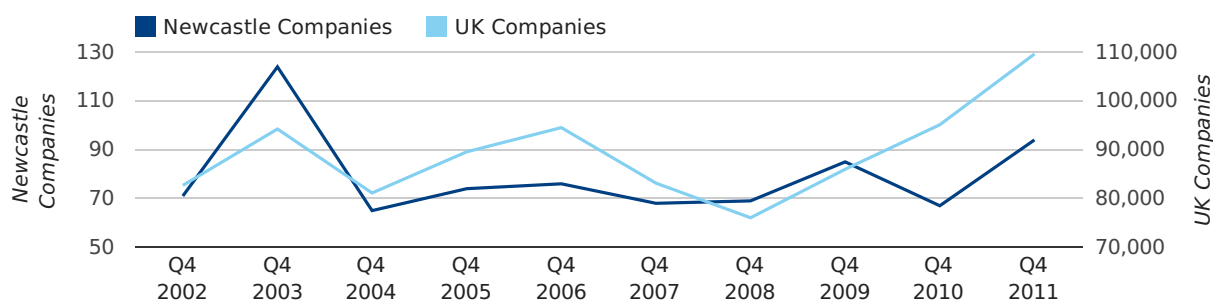
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 94 companies were registered in Newcastle during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 40.3% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 15.3% against the same period last year.

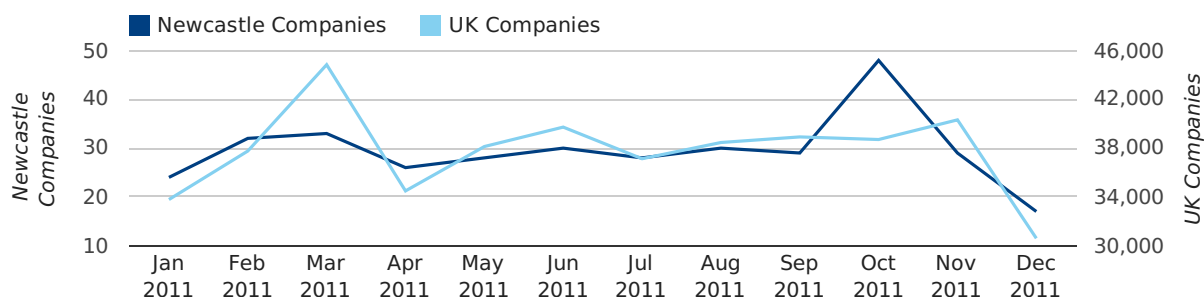
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	NEWCASTLE	UK
2011	94	109,623
2010	67	95,117
% CHANGE	40.3%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (124)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	48	29	17
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	21	24	22
% CHANGE	128.6%	20.8%	-22.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (52)	2003 (38)	2003 (34)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 278 companies were dissolved in Newcastle in 2011. This total is 5.8% lower than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	NEWCASTLE	UK
2011	278	314,523
2010	295	342,232
2009	342	533,773
2008	180	237,901
2007	192	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (342)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



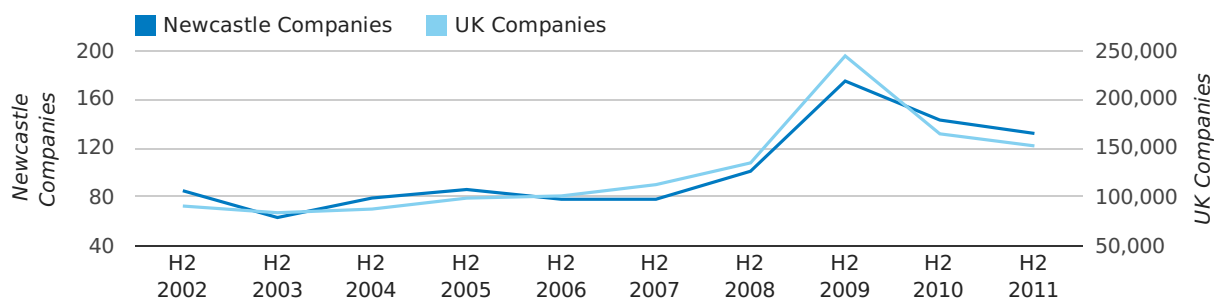
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 132 companies were dissolved in Newcastle. This figure is 7.7% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Newcastle occurred in 2009 when a total of 175 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	NEWCASTLE	UK
2011	132	152,213
2010	143	164,601
% CHANGE	-7.7%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (175)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



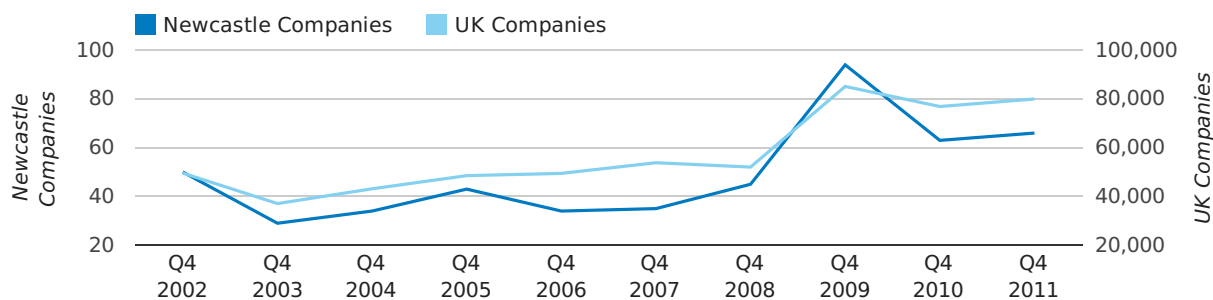
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

A total of 66 companies were dissolved in Newcastle during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 4.8% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 4.0% against the same period last year.

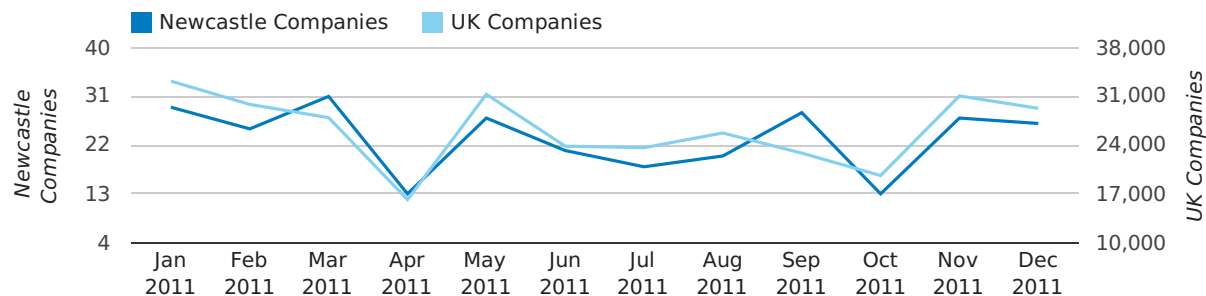
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	NEWCASTLE	UK
2011	66	79,983
2010	63	76,896
% CHANGE	4.8%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (94)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	13	27	26
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	18	31	14
% CHANGE	-27.8%	-12.9%	86%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (43)	2010 (31)	2009 (30)

Annual Data (2011)

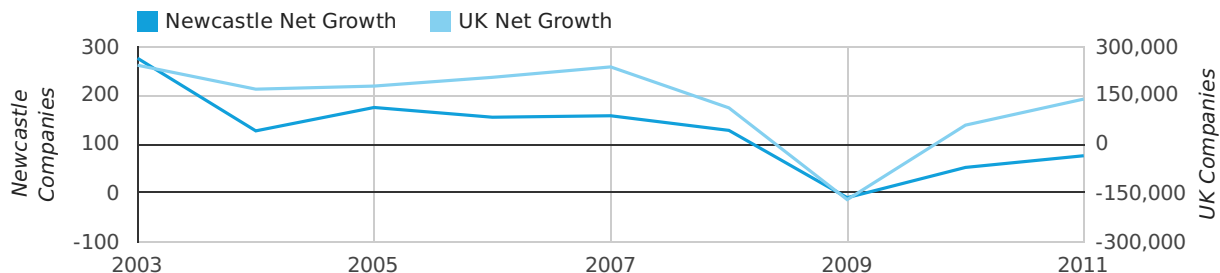
A total of 76 companies were added to the company register for Newcastle in 2011. This number represents growth of 21.9% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 24 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2003 when the Newcastle company register grew by 276 companies.

YEAR	NEWCASTLE	UK
2011	76	138,347
2010	52	58,126
2009	-10	-171,098
2008	128	111,302
2007	158	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2003 (276)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

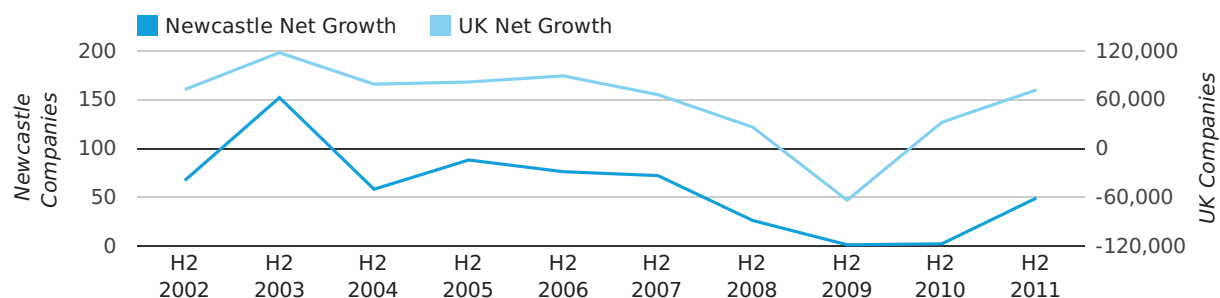


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Newcastle increased by 49 companies. This figure is 2,350.0% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	NEWCASTLE	UK
2011	49	71,922
2010	2	32,008
% CHANGE	2,350.0%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (152)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



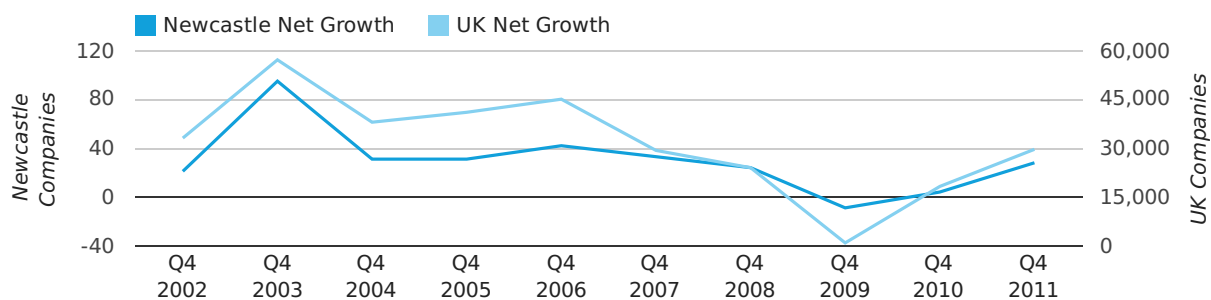
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for Newcastle during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 28 companies.

This represents an increase of 600.0% on the same period last year.

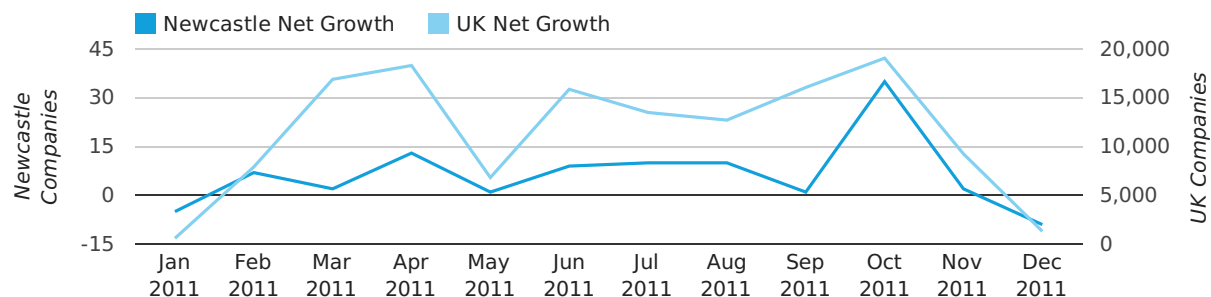
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	NEWCASTLE	UK
2011	28	29,640
2010	4	18,221
% CHANGE	600.0%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (95)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

net growth by month



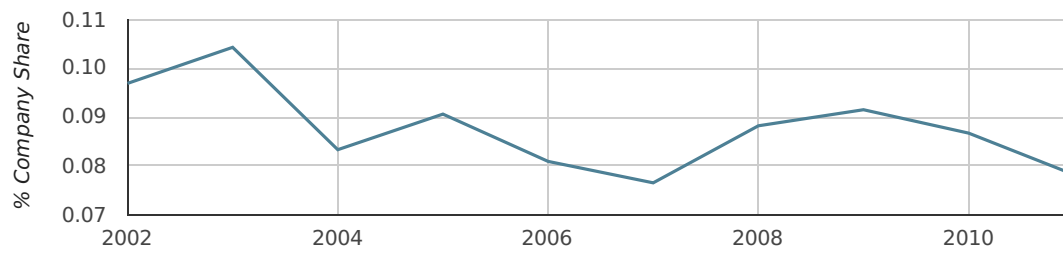
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	35	2	-9
NET GROWTH IN 2010	3	-7	8
% CHANGE	1,066.7%	-128.6%	-212.5%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (39)	2003 (31)	2003 (25)

Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 Newcastle formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Newcastle was responsible for 0.1% of all UK companies.

YEAR	NEWCASTLE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.2%)

company share by year

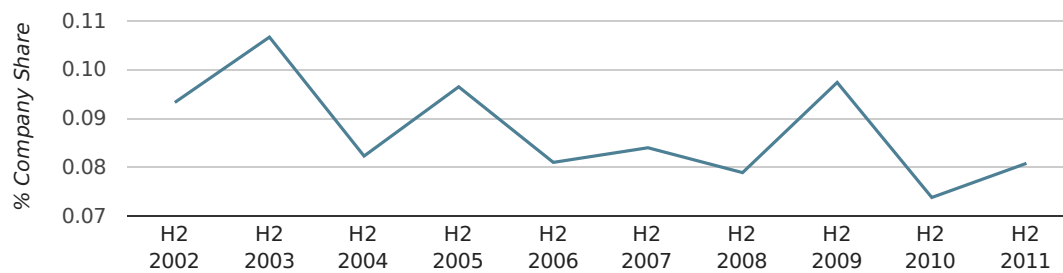


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	NEWCASTLE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.2%)

company share by half year

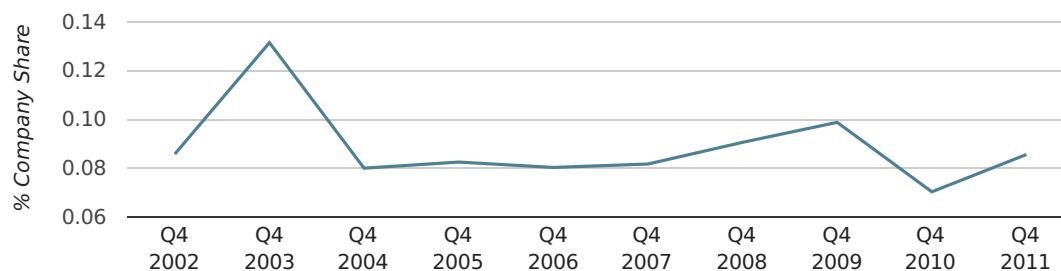


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, Newcastle formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

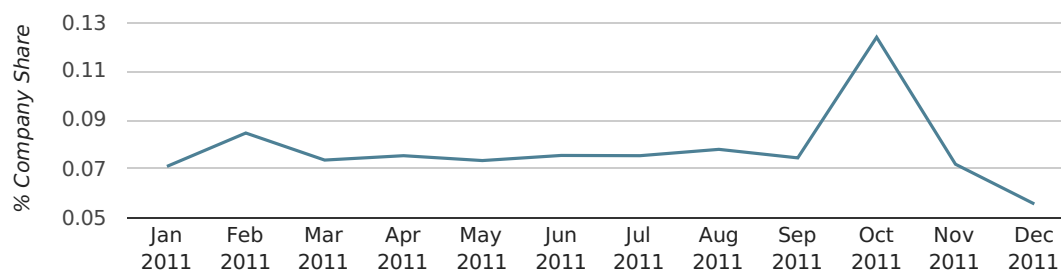
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	NEWCASTLE
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1965 (0.2%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	98.7%	2.9%	-31.4%
RECORD YEAR	1965 (0.4%)	1979 (0.3%)	1976 (0.3%)

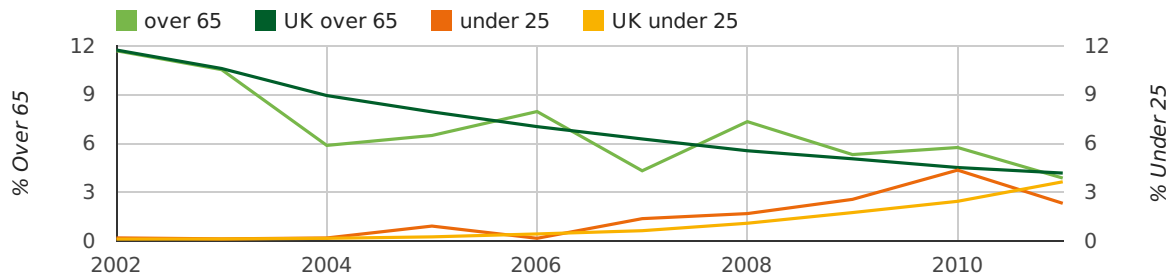
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 44.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.3% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



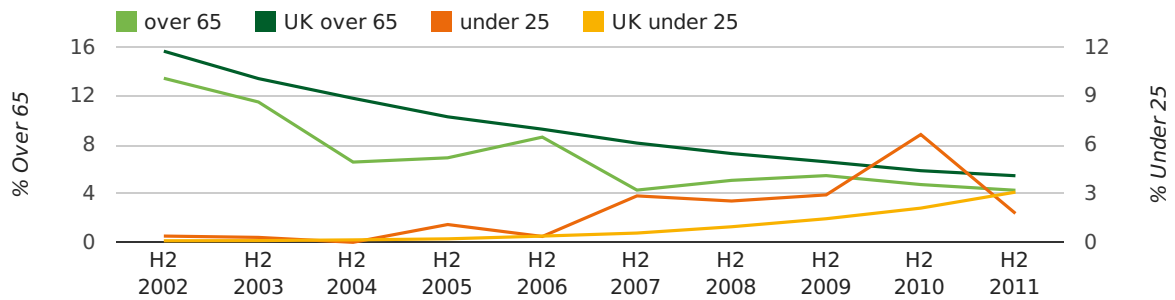
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 43.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



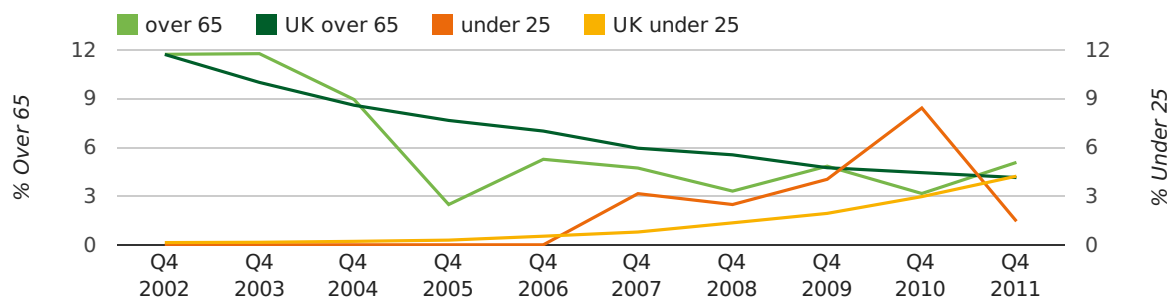
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 44.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 1.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

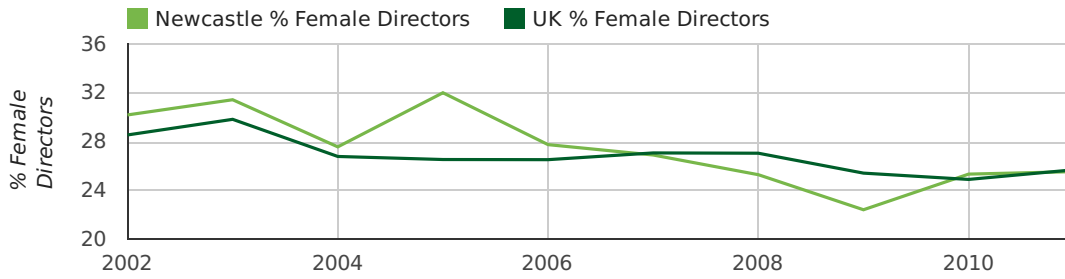


Annual Data (2011)

The record year for female directors in Newcastle was 1857 when 36.4% of all directors were female.

The percentage of female directors in Newcastle in 2011 was 30.2%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

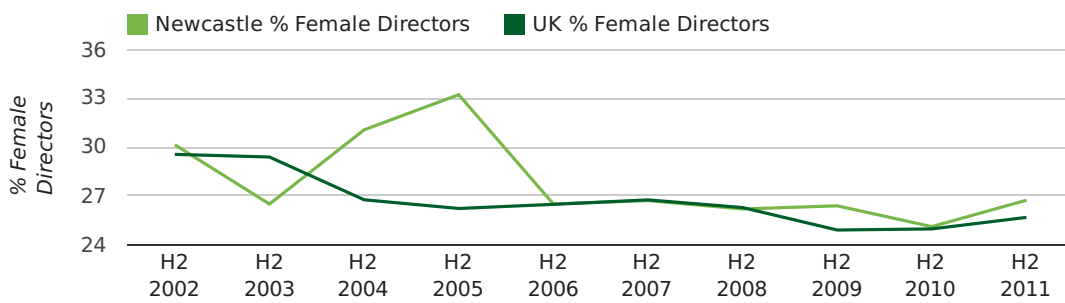


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The record second half year for female directors in Newcastle was 1860 when 42.9% of all directors were female.

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

director gender by half year

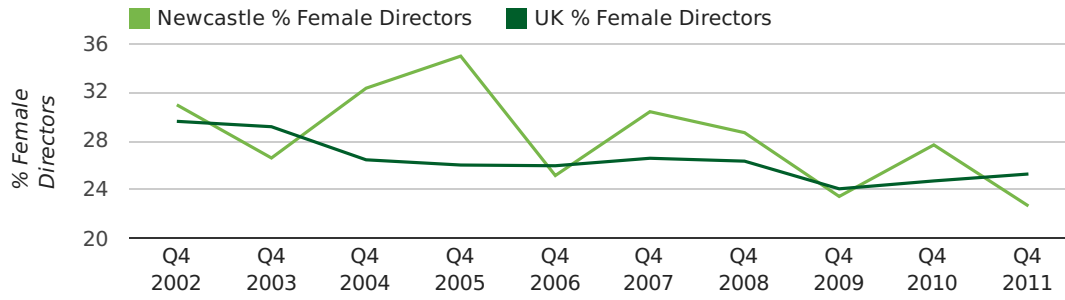


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The record fourth quarter for female directors in Newcastle was in 1977 when 31.1% of all directors were female.

22.7% of all director appointments in Newcastle in the fourth quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.3% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Dec 2010-Dec 2011)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	0.93%	CONSULTING	5.07%
DESIGN	0.93%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
LEISURE	0.93%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
S	0.93%	PROPERTY	2.37%
M	0.93%	TRADING	2.07%
CASTLE	0.93%	DESIGN	1.92%
ENGINEERING	0.78%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
CARE	0.78%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
HAJCO	0.62%	BUSINESS	1.78%
CONSTRUCTION	0.62%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
MIDLANDS	0.62%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
SYSTEMS	0.62%	MEDIA	1.71%
IT	0.62%	LONDON	1.63%
CONSULTANCY	0.62%	J	1.51%
BLACK	0.62%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
P	0.62%	GLOBAL	1.46%
HALLP	0.62%	IT	1.41%
ASSOCIATES	0.62%	CARE	1.39%
R	0.62%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
STAMFORD	0.62%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
GREEN	0.62%	M	1.27%
COMMUNITY	0.47%	BUILDING	1.26%
MECHANICAL	0.47%	ENERGY	1.25%
ENERGY	0.47%	S	1.20%
RENEWABLE	0.47%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	151	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	43	57,052
99999 - Dormant Company	26	21,846
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	23	32,483
9999 - Dormant Company	18	20,199
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	18	17,765
7499 - Non-trading company	14	9,957
7414 - Business & management consultancy	12	13,034
74990 - Non-trading company	10	8,929
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	8	4,082
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	8	2,452
4531 - Installation electrical wiring etc.	6	1,967
64999 - Financial intermediation not elsewhere classified	6	2,946
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	6	2,832
62090 - Other information technology service activities	6	7,493
6523 - Other financial intermediation	6	1,891
7260 - Other computer related activities	6	7,667
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	5	8,671
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	5	11,768
69102 - Solicitors	5	1,183