

Newcastle

2012 half year business confidence report



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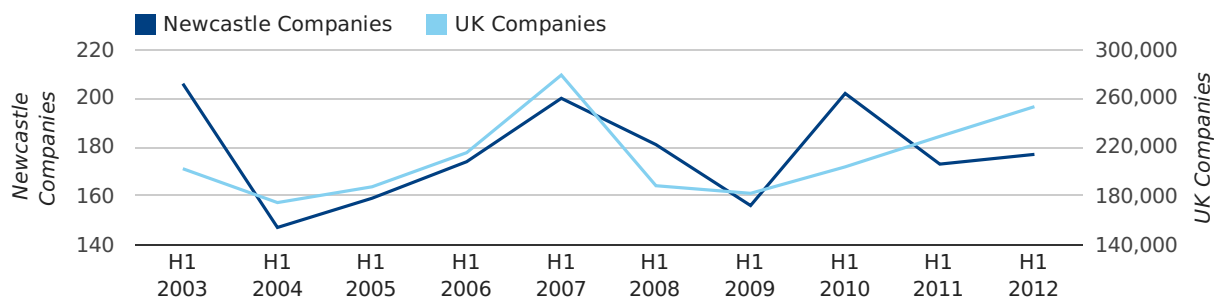
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 177 companies were formed in Newcastle. This figure is 2.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in Newcastle occurred in 2003 when a total of 206 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NEWCASTLE	UK
2012	177	253,150
2011	173	228,735
% CHANGE	2.3%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (206)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



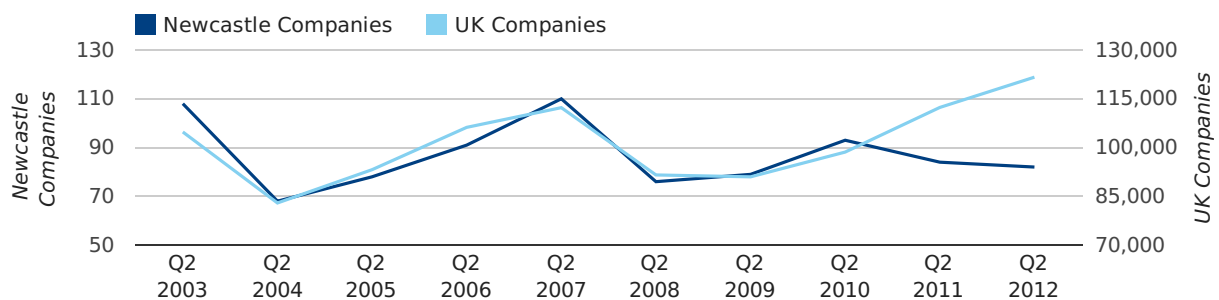
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 82 companies were registered in Newcastle during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 2.4% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

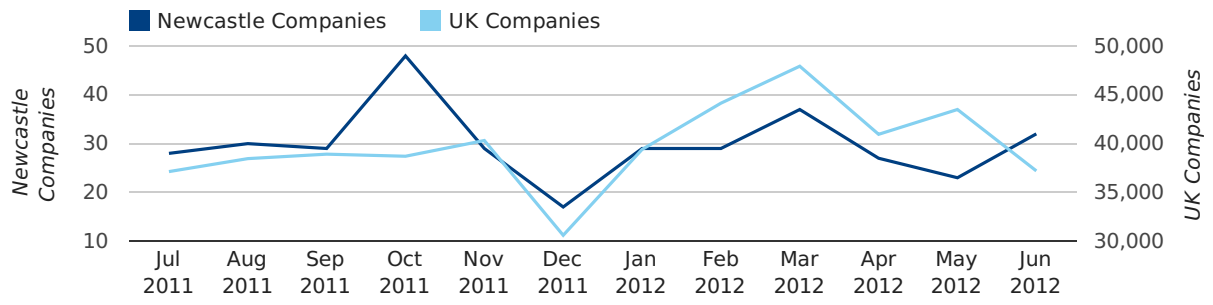
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	NEWCASTLE	UK
2012	82	121,659
2011	84	112,344
% CHANGE	-2.4%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (110)	2012 (121,659)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

new companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	27	23	32
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	26	28	30
% CHANGE	3.8%	-17.9%	6.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (46)	2003 (41)	2008 (35)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 a total of 118 companies were dissolved in Newcastle. This figure is 19.2% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

The highest total for a first half year in Newcastle occurred in 2009 when a total of 167 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NEWCASTLE	UK
2012	118	147,793
2011	146	162,310
% CHANGE	-19.2%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (167)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



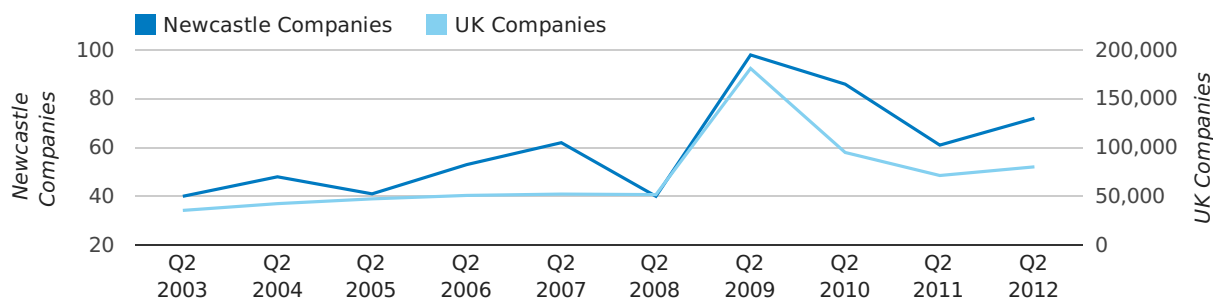
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 72 companies were dissolved in Newcastle during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 18.0% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	NEWCASTLE	UK
2012	72	80,217
2011	61	71,324
% CHANGE	18.0%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (98)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



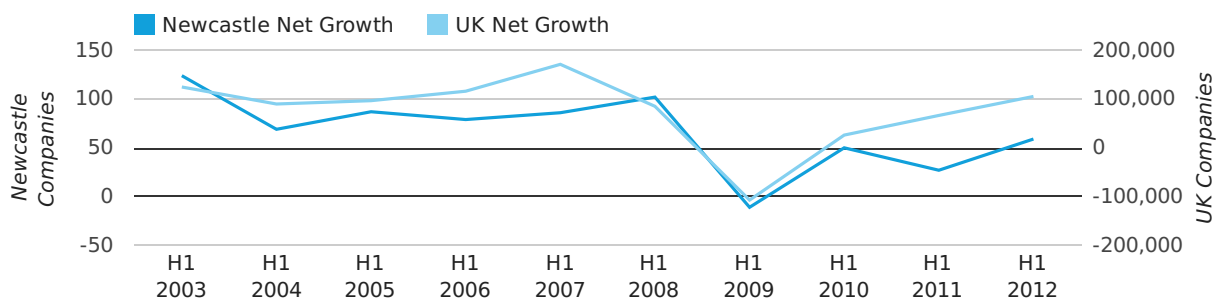
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	18	24	30
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	13	27	21
% CHANGE	38.5%	-11.1%	43%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (24)	2009 (42)	2010 (33)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 the company register for Newcastle increased by 59 companies. This figure is 118.5% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NEWCASTLE	UK
2012	59	105,357
2011	27	66,425
% CHANGE	118.5%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (124)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



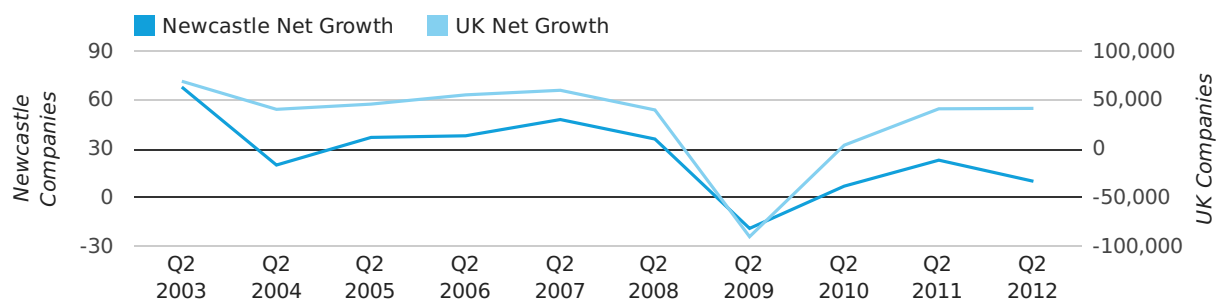
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for Newcastle during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 10 companies.

This represents a decrease of 56.5% on the same period last year.

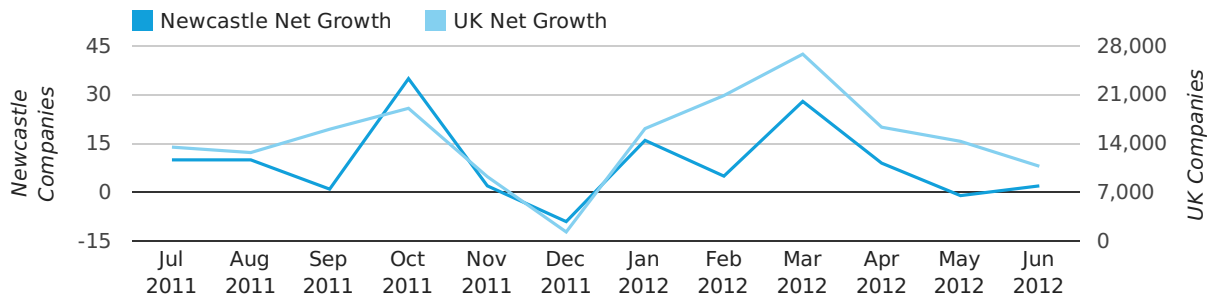
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	NEWCASTLE	UK
2012	10	41,442
2011	23	41,020
% CHANGE	-56.5%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (68)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

net growth by month



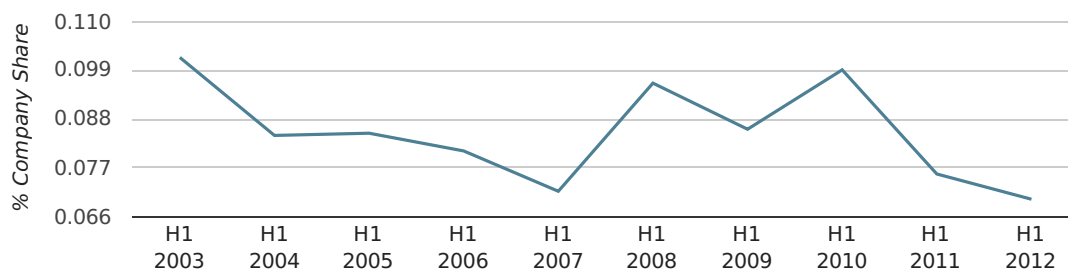
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2012	9	-1	2
NET GROWTH IN 2011	13	1	9
% CHANGE	-30.8%	-200.0%	-77.8%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (27)	2003 (27)	2008 (32)

Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

In the first half of 2012 Newcastle formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NEWCASTLE
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.2%)

company share by half year

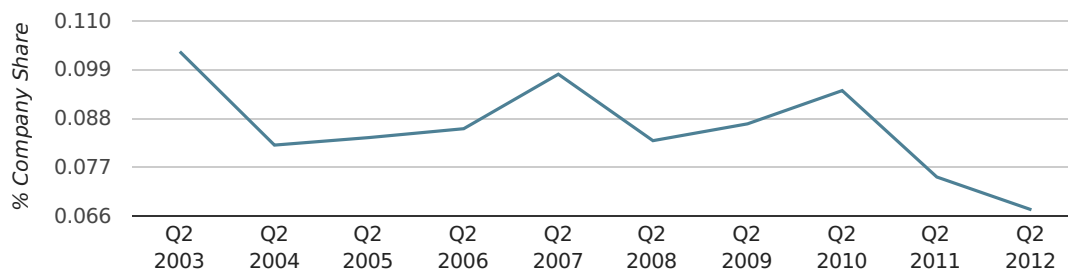


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

In the second quarter of 2012, Newcastle formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	NEWCASTLE
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	-12.6%	-27.9%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	1960 (0.3%)	1966 (0.4%)	1960 (0.5%)

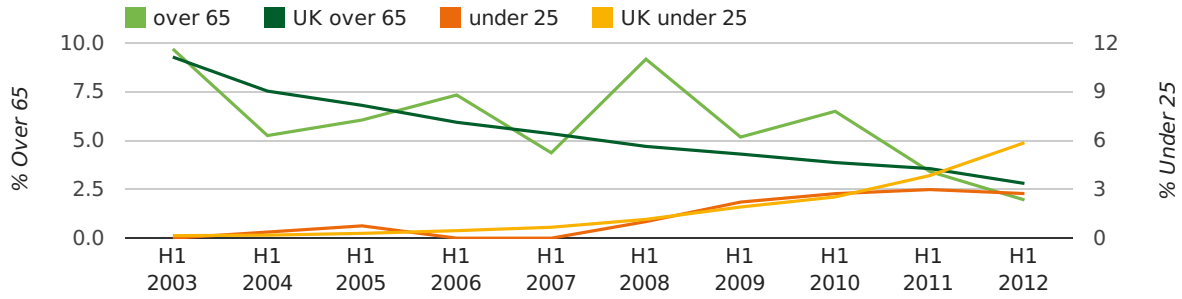
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 42.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.0% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year



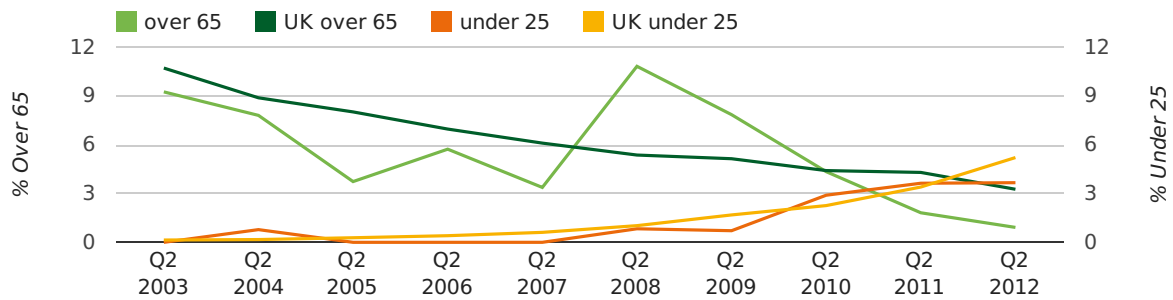
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 42.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 0.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

director age by quarter

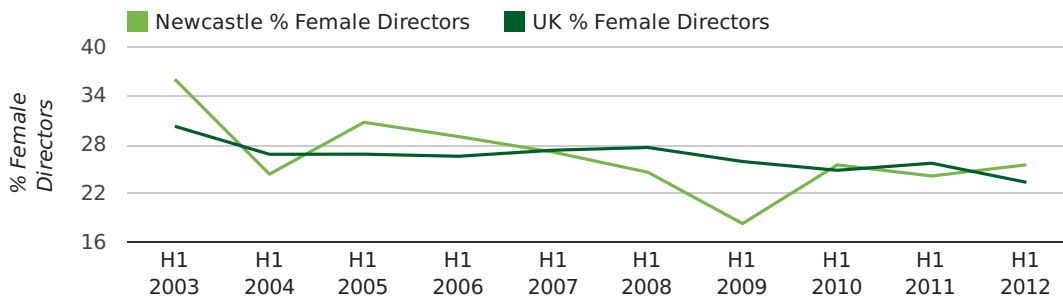


Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2012)

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

25.5% of all director appointments in Newcastle in the first half of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 23.4% for the same period.

director gender by half year

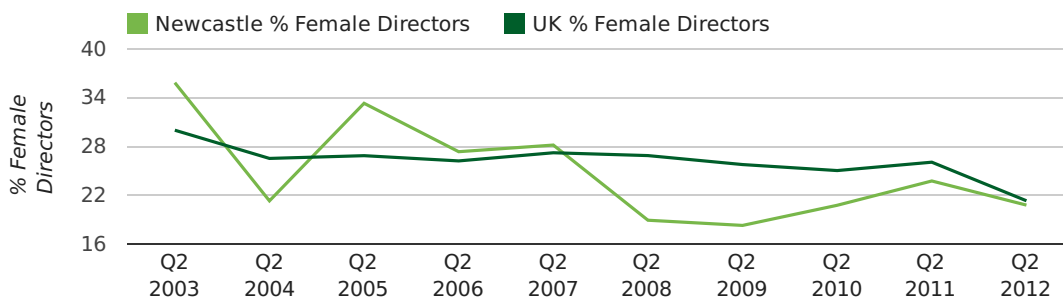


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

20.8% of all director appointments in Newcastle in the second quarter of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 21.3% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Jun 2011-Jun 2012)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
DESIGN	1.28%	CONSULTING	5.07%
S	1.28%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
CARE	1.12%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
CONSULTANCY	0.96%	PROPERTY	2.35%
DIRECT	0.96%	TRADING	2.10%
MANAGEMENT	0.96%	DESIGN	1.89%
M	0.96%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
BUILDING	0.96%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
ENGINEERING	0.80%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
(STAFFS)	0.80%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
C	0.80%	BUSINESS	1.70%
TRADING	0.80%	MEDIA	1.69%
LEISURE	0.64%	LONDON	1.68%
PROPERTIES	0.64%	J	1.57%
TRAINING	0.64%	GLOBAL	1.51%
CENTRE	0.64%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
G	0.64%	IT	1.42%
RETAIL	0.64%	CARE	1.31%
GREEN	0.64%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
CONTRACTORS	0.64%	M	1.26%
HALLP	0.64%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
HAJCO	0.64%	BUILDING	1.23%
CASTLE	0.64%	SECURITY	1.19%
INSTALLATIONS	0.64%	S	1.18%
IT	0.64%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	179	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	35	47,029
99999 - Dormant Company	22	26,088
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	22	35,447
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	21	20,390
9999 - Dormant Company	14	16,469
7499 - Non-trading company	14	8,023
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	11	2,880
7414 - Business & management consultancy	11	10,978
74990 - Non-trading company	10	9,706
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	7	4,535
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	7	10,271
62090 - Other information technology service activities	6	8,258
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	6	4,091
41100 - Development of building projects	6	5,149
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	6	15,280
43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation	6	2,716
86220 - Specialists medical practice activities	5	2,003
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	5	14,220
70100 - Activities of head offices	5	2,678