

Newcastle Upon Tyne

q1 2011 business confidence report



headlines

- February 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Newcastle Upon Tyne when compared to any previous February.
- January 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Newcastle Upon Tyne when compared to any previous January.
- Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Newcastle Upon Tyne when compared to any previous Q1.
- February 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Newcastle Upon Tyne when compared to any previous February.
- January 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Newcastle Upon Tyne when compared to any previous January.

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A total of 509 companies were registered in Newcastle Upon Tyne during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 10.2% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares equally 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)	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	UK
2011	509	116,391
2010	462	105,137
% CHANGE	10.2%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (631)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter

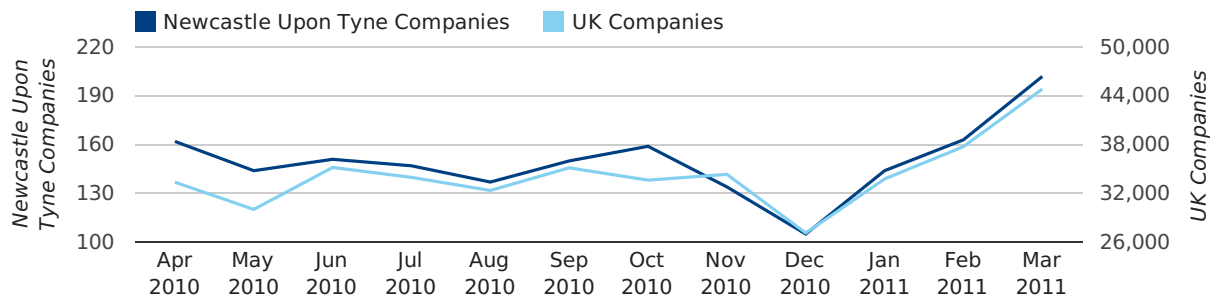


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

February 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Newcastle Upon Tyne when compared to any previous February.

January 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Newcastle Upon Tyne when compared to any previous January.

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	144	163	202
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	112	145	205
% CHANGE	28.6%	12.4%	-1.5%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (144)	2011 (163)	2007 (357)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Q1 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Newcastle Upon Tyne when compared to any previous Q1.

A total of 390 companies were dissolved in Newcastle Upon Tyne during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011).

This figure is an increase of 25.4% versus the same period last year (Q1 2010). This figure compares poorly 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)	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	UK
2011	390	90,986
2010	311	82,677
% CHANGE	25.4%	10.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (390)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter

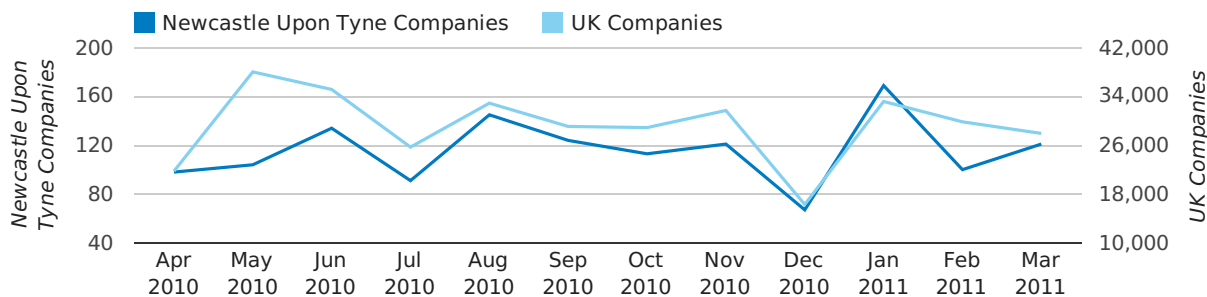


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

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dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	169	100	121
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	98	86	127
% CHANGE	72.4%	16.3%	-5%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (169)	2011 (100)	2009 (218)

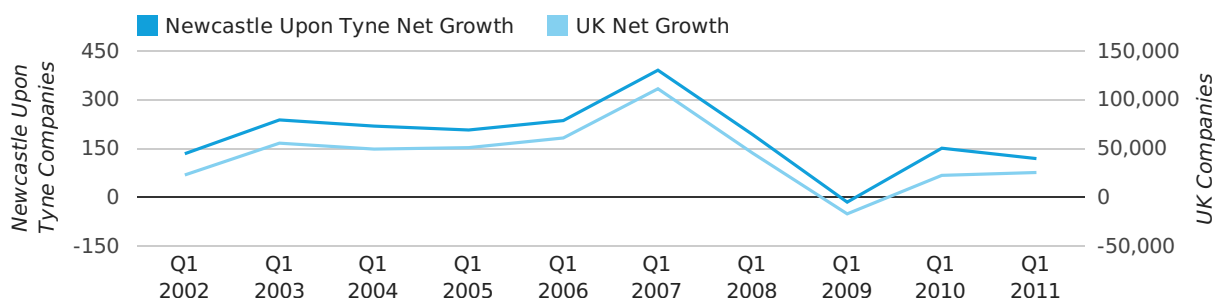
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

Net company growth for Newcastle Upon Tyne during the first quarter of 2011 (Jan 2011 - Mar 2011) was 119 companies.

This represents a decrease of 21.2% on the same period last year.

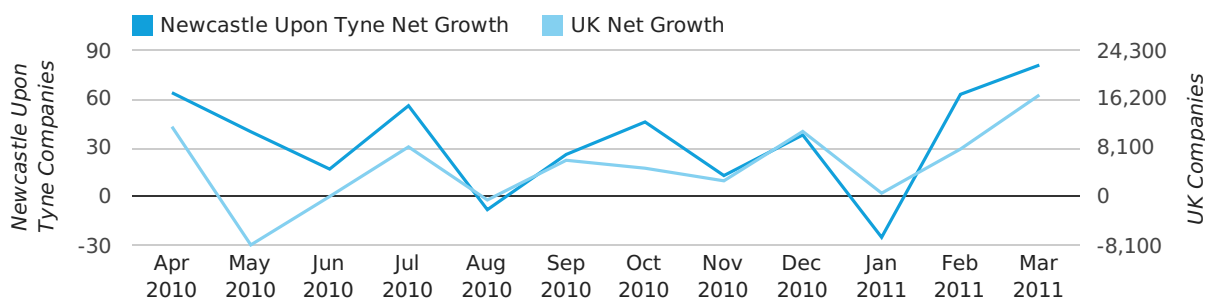
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	UK
2011	119	25,405
2010	151	22,460
% CHANGE	-21.2%	13.1%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (391)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

net growth by month



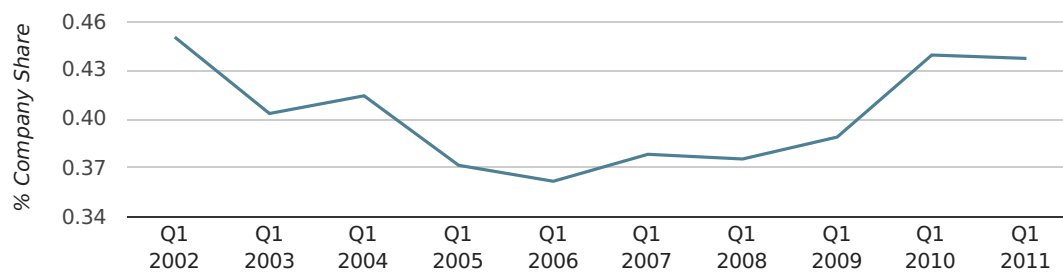
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-25	63	81
NET GROWTH IN 2010	14	59	78
% CHANGE	-278.6%	6.8%	3.8%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (78)	2007 (88)	2007 (252)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

In the first quarter of 2011, Newcastle Upon Tyne formed 0.4% of all UK companies.

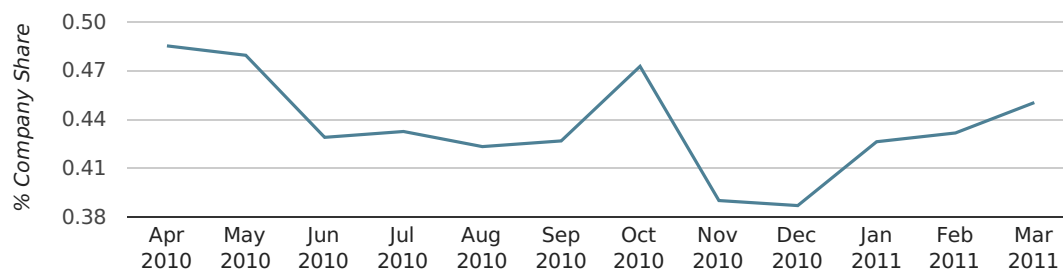
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2011 - MAR 2011)	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
2007	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.7%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2011)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
% CHANGE	10.9%	-1.1%	-6.0%
RECORD YEAR	1972 (1.1%)	1976 (1.1%)	1960 (0.9%)

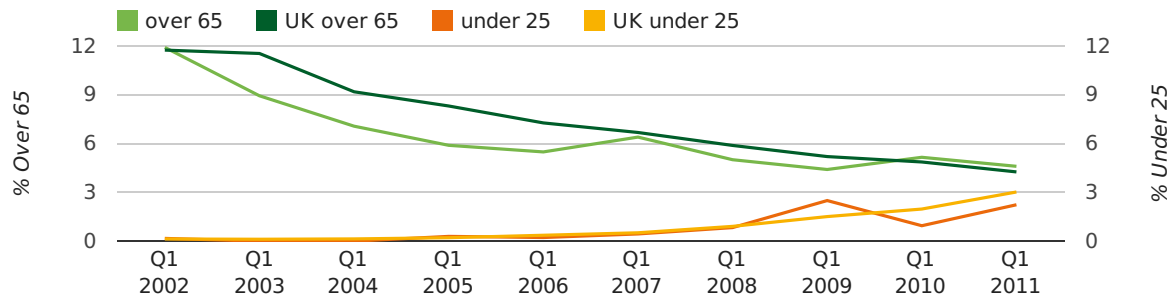
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2011 was 45.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.2% compared to the UK figure of 3.0%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter

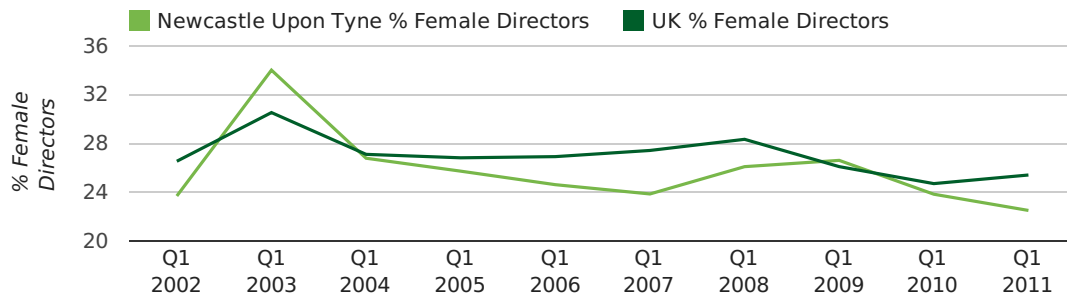


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2011)

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

22.5% of all director appointments in Newcastle Upon Tyne 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
MANAGEMENT	1.98%	CONSULTING	5.04%
NORTH	1.78%	MANAGEMENT	4.97%
EAST	1.66%	CONSULTANCY	3.16%
PROPERTY	1.11%	PROPERTY	2.38%
COMMUNITY	1.03%	TRADING	2.10%
NEWCASTLE	0.99%	DESIGN	1.93%
NORTHERN	0.95%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
CONSULTING	0.95%	BUSINESS	1.87%
EAST)	0.83%	CONSTRUCTION	1.80%
(NORTH	0.83%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
INTEREST	0.79%	MEDIA	1.69%
(NE)	0.67%	ENGINEERING	1.61%
DESIGN	0.67%	LONDON	1.60%
TRADING	0.63%	CARE	1.45%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.63%	J	1.45%
BUSINESS	0.63%	GLOBAL	1.44%
MARKETING	0.59%	INVESTMENTS	1.43%
B	0.59%	IT	1.41%
ELECTRICAL	0.59%	PROPERTIES	1.36%
ENERGY	0.59%	BUILDING	1.34%
CONSTRUCTION	0.59%	M	1.30%
DEVELOPMENT	0.59%	ELECTRICAL	1.28%
STREET	0.55%	S	1.24%
CONSULTANCY	0.55%	INTERNATIONAL	1.23%
LEISURE	0.55%	SYSTEMS	1.23%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	800	202,798
7487 - Other business activities	200	60,968
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	84	30,253
99999 - Dormant Company	84	18,336
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7414 - Business & management consultancy	61	12,916
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	57	16,150
5530 - Restaurants	49	4,898
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	46	10,246
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	44	10,085
7260 - Other computer related activities	43	7,789
7499 - Non-trading company	41	11,316
9305 - Other service activities	39	8,740
74990 - Non-trading company	31	8,695
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	30	3,220
62090 - Other information technology service activities	29	6,996
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	28	7,000
86900 - Other human health activities	22	4,092
70100 - Activities of head offices	21	2,849
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	21	3,895