Newcastle Upon Tyne

2011 half year business confidence report



headlines

- Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Newcastle Upon Tyne when compared to any previous Q2.
- May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Newcastle Upon Tyne when compared to any previous May.
- April 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Newcastle Upon Tyne when compared to any previous April.

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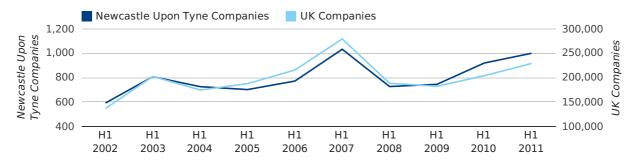
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In the first half of 2011 a total of 999 companies were formed in Newcastle Upon Tyne. This figure is 8.7% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Newcastle Upon Tyne occurred in 2007 when a total of 1,032 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	UK
2011	999	228,735
2010	919	203,749
% CHANGE	8.7%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,032)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



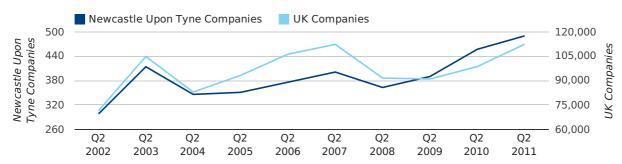
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Newcastle Upon Tyne when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 490 companies were registered in Newcastle Upon Tyne during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 7.2% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares equally 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)	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	UK
2011	490	112,344
2010	457	98,612
% CHANGE	7.2%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (490)	2011 (112,344)



new companies by quarter

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

-2.5%

2010 (162)



16.7%

2011 (168)

8.6% 2000 (175)

new companies by month

% CHANGE

RECORD YEAR

UK Companies

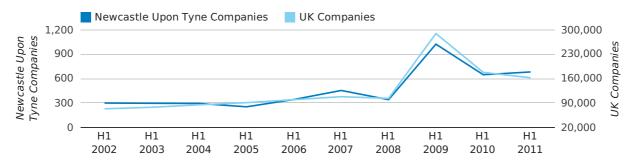
Half Year Data (Jan-Jun 2011)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 681 companies were dissolved in Newcastle Upon Tyne. This figure is 5.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Newcastle Upon Tyne occurred in 2009 when a total of 1,023 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	UK
2011	681	162,310
2010	647	177,631
% CHANGE	5.3%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (1,023)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 291 companies were dissolved in Newcastle Upon Tyne during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 13.4% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares poorly 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)	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	UK
2011	291	71,324
2010	336	94,954
% CHANGE	-13.4%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (654)	2009 (181,176)

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dissolved companies by quarter

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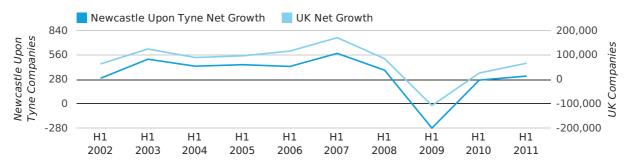
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	56	134	101
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	98	104	134
% CHANGE	-42.9%	28.8%	-25%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (179)	2009 (270)	2009 (205)

dissolved companies by month

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Newcastle Upon Tyne increased by 318 companies. This figure is 16.9% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	UK
2011	318	66,425
2010	272	26,118
% CHANGE	16.9%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (579)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year

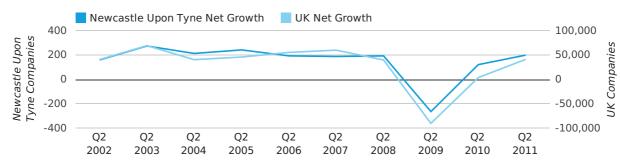


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Newcastle Upon Tyne during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 199 companies.

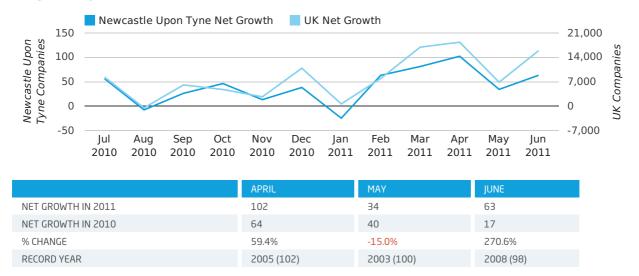
This represents an increase of 64.5% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	UK
2011	199	41,020
2010	121	3,658
% CHANGE	64.5%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (274)	2003 (69,274)



net growth by quarter

April 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Newcastle Upon Tyne when compared to any previous April.

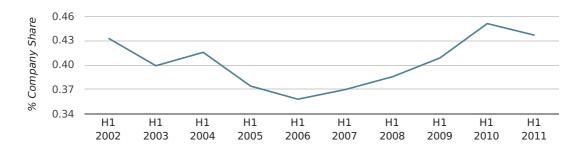


net growth by month

In the first half of 2011 Newcastle Upon Tyne formed 0.4% of all UK companies. This is less than the 2010 figure of 0.5%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
2011	0.4%
2010	0.5%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
2007	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1963 (0.9%)

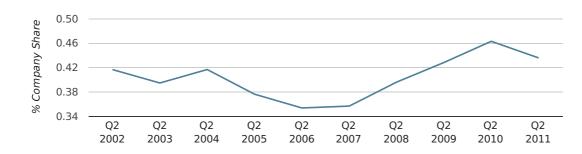
company share by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

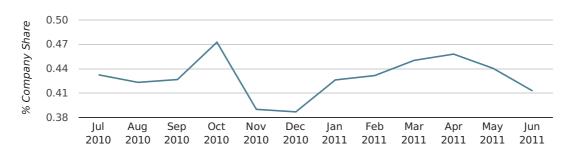
In the second quarter of 2011, Newcastle Upon Tyne formed 0.4% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
2011	0.4%
2010	0.5%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
2007	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1963 (1.2%)



company share by quarter

company share by month



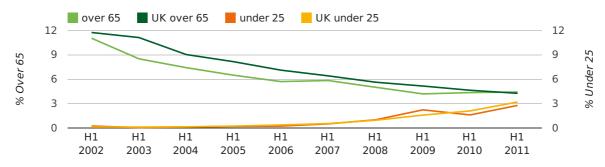
	APRIL	ΜΑΥ	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.5%	0.4%	0.4%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.5%	0.5%	0.4%
% CHANGE	-5.6%	-8.1%	-3.8%
RECORD YEAR	1967 (1.3%)	1962 (1.4%)	1963 (1.6%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 44.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



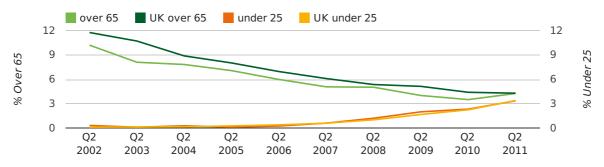
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

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

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

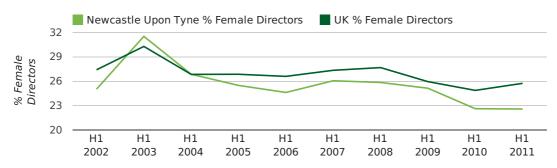
director age by quarter



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

22.6% of all director appointments in Newcastle Upon Tyne 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 Newcastle Upon Tyne was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

22.7% of all director appointments in Newcastle Upon Tyne 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



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	1.91%	CONSULTING	5.09%
NORTH	1.72%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
EAST	1.64%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
CONSULTING	1.21%	PROPERTY	2.43%
NEWCASTLE	1.21%	TRADING	2.05%
PROPERTY	1.09%	DESIGN	1.94%
NORTHERN	1.09%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
COMMUNITY	1.05%	BUSINESS	1.87%
DESIGN	0.78%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
ENERGY	0.74%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
(NORTH	0.70%	MEDIA	1.73%
INTEREST	0.70%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
EAST)	0.70%	LONDON	1.60%
PROPERTIES	0.62%	GLOBAL	1.46%
DEVELOPMENT	0.62%	J	1.44%
NE	0.62%	CARE	1.44%
(NE)	0.62%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
CONSULTANCY	0.62%	IT	1.39%
BUSINESS	0.62%	BUILDING	1.32%
TRAINING	0.58%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
ENGINEERING	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
R	0.55%	М	1.27%
S	0.55%	S	1.23%
TRADING	0.51%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
MEDIA	0.51%	SYSTEMS	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	813	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	207	60,758
99999 - Dormant Company	90	18,918
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	77	30,647
9999 - Dormant Company	67	20,111
7414 - Business & management consultancy	57	13,053
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	52	16,419
7260 - Other computer related activities	49	7,849
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	45	10,545
5530 - Restaurants	45	5,086
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	42	10,322
9305 - Other service activities	41	9,063
7499 - Non-trading company	39	10,955
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	36	3,095
62090 - Other information technology service activities	30	7,095
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	28	7,143
74990 - Non-trading company	27	8,481
86900 - Other human health activities	24	4,154
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	21	5,928
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	20	3,790