

Newcastle Upon Tyne

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

- February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Newcastle Upon Tyne when compared to any previous February.
- January 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Newcastle Upon Tyne when compared to any previous January.
- February 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Newcastle Upon Tyne when compared to any previous February.

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A total of 583 companies were registered in Newcastle Upon Tyne during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 14.5% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares equally to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.0% against the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	UK
2012	583	131,491
2011	509	116,391
% CHANGE	14.5%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (631)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter

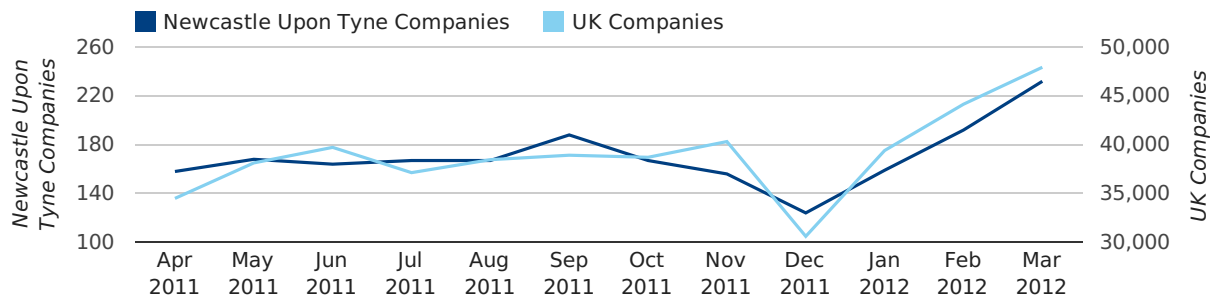


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Newcastle Upon Tyne when compared to any previous February.

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new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	159	192	232
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	144	163	202
% CHANGE	10.4%	17.8%	14.9%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (159)	2012 (192)	2007 (357)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 369 companies were dissolved in Newcastle Upon Tyne during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 5.4% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 25.7% against the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	UK
2012	369	67,576
2011	390	90,986
% CHANGE	-5.4%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (390)	2009 (108,060)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

February 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Newcastle Upon Tyne when compared to any previous February.

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	123	150	96
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	169	100	121
% CHANGE	-27.2%	50.0%	-21%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (169)	2012 (150)	2009 (218)

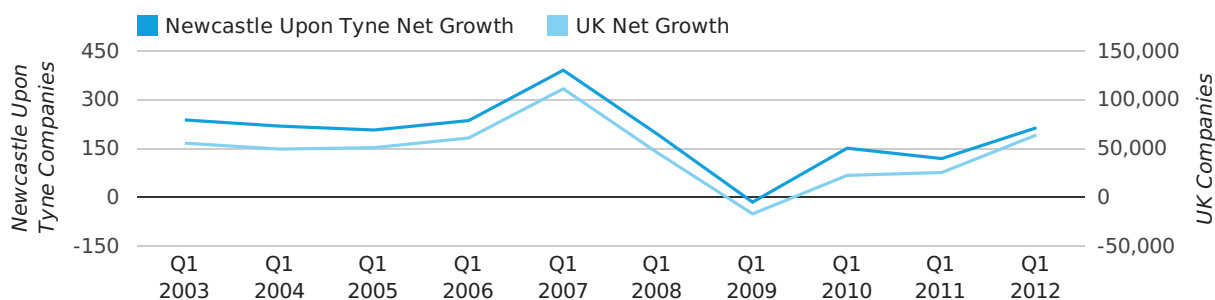
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Newcastle Upon Tyne during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 214 companies.

This represents an increase of 79.8% on the same period last year.

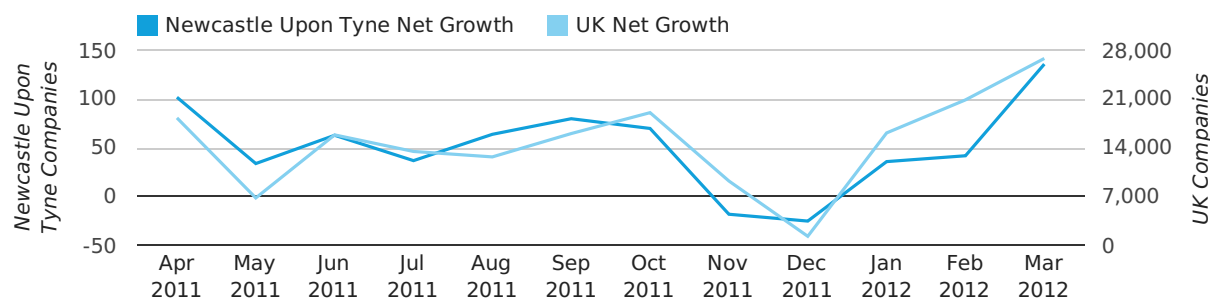
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE	UK
2012	214	63,915
2011	119	25,405
% CHANGE	79.8%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (391)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



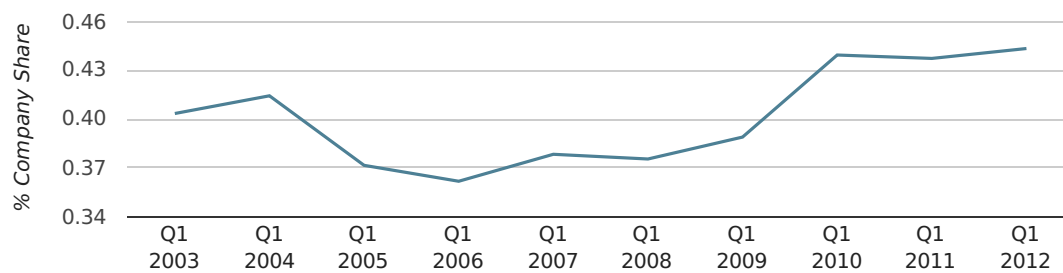
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	36	42	136
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-25	63	81
% CHANGE	-244.0%	-33.3%	67.9%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (78)	2007 (88)	2007 (252)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Newcastle Upon Tyne formed 0.4% of all UK companies.

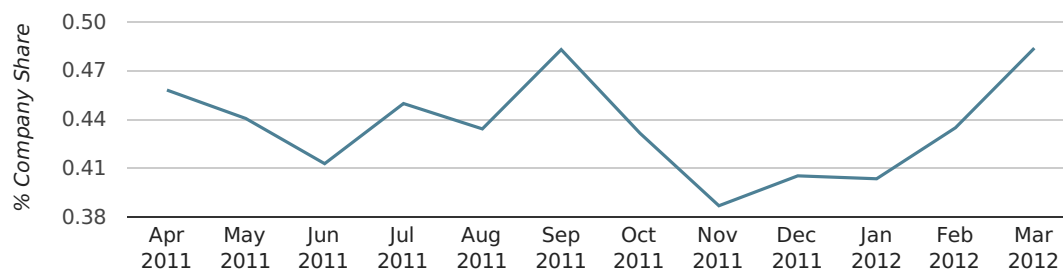
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	NEWCASTLE UPON TYNE
2012	0.4%
2011	0.4%
2010	0.4%
2009	0.4%
2008	0.4%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.7%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.4%	0.4%	0.5%
% CHANGE	-5.3%	0.7%	7.4%
RECORD YEAR	1972 (1.1%)	1976 (1.1%)	1960 (0.9%)

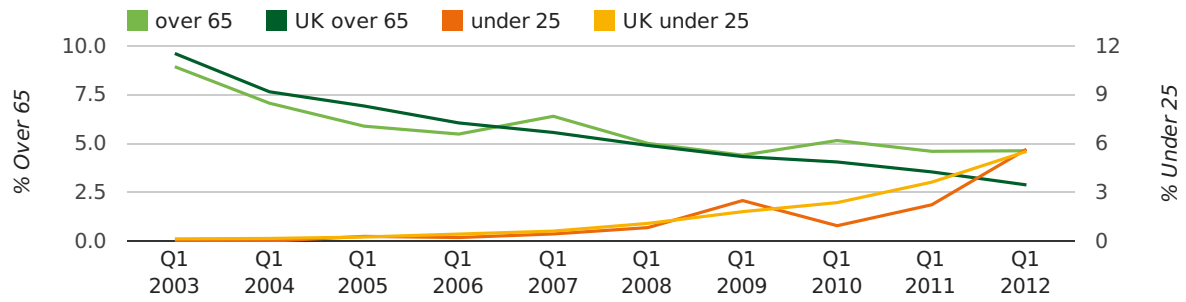
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 43.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.6% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter

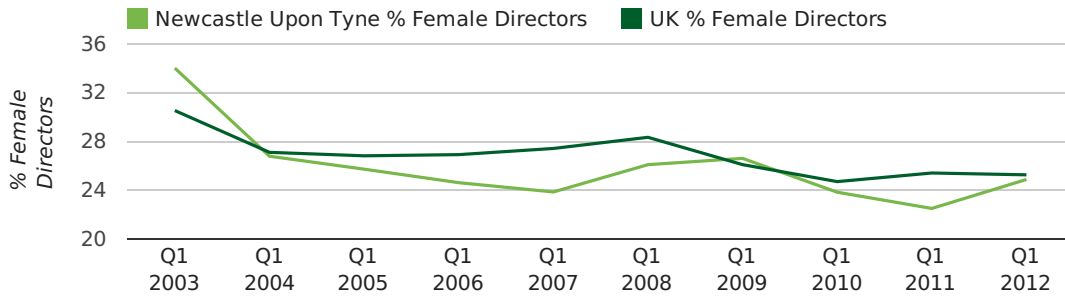


Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

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

24.9% of all director appointments in Newcastle Upon Tyne in the first quarter of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.3% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Mar 2011-Mar 2012)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
NORTH	2.18%	CONSULTING	5.07%
EAST	1.86%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.83%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
POWERGRID	1.33%	PROPERTY	2.37%
NEWCASTLE	1.16%	TRADING	2.07%
CONSULTANCY	0.95%	DESIGN	1.93%
CONSULTING	0.88%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
PROPERTY	0.84%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
DESIGN	0.84%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
(NE)	0.84%	BUSINESS	1.73%
COMMUNITY	0.60%	MEDIA	1.72%
NE	0.60%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
TRAINING	0.60%	LONDON	1.66%
ENERGY	0.56%	J	1.54%
(NORTH	0.56%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
PROPERTIES	0.56%	GLOBAL	1.50%
ENGINEERING	0.56%	IT	1.40%
NORTHERN	0.53%	CARE	1.34%
GROUP	0.53%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
LEISURE	0.53%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
M	0.49%	M	1.27%
SECURITY	0.49%	BUILDING	1.24%
IT	0.49%	ENERGY	1.20%
ELECTRICAL	0.49%	S	1.20%
TIMEC	0.49%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	894	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	177	52,735
99999 - Dormant Company	126	25,084
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	94	35,233
9999 - Dormant Company	77	18,617
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	61	19,704
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	54	14,303
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	53	13,637
5530 - Restaurants	50	4,633
7260 - Other computer related activities	46	7,154
7414 - Business & management consultancy	45	12,113
9305 - Other service activities	44	8,818
7499 - Non-trading company	41	9,102
74990 - Non-trading company	39	9,729
86900 - Other human health activities	35	5,066
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	34	3,448
62090 - Other information technology service activities	32	8,145
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	28	9,892
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	25	6,934
41100 - Development of building projects	23	4,984