South Shields

2011 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in South Shields when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in South Shields when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in South Shields when compared to any previous Q2.
- Q2 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in South Shields when compared to any quarter in history.
- June 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in South Shields when compared to any previous June.
- May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in South Shields when compared to any previous May.
- Q2 2011 saw a new record in net growth in South Shields when compared to any previous Q2.
- Q2 2011 was a record quarter for net growth in South Shields when compared to any quarter in history.
- May 2011 saw a new record in net growth in South Shields when compared to any previous May.

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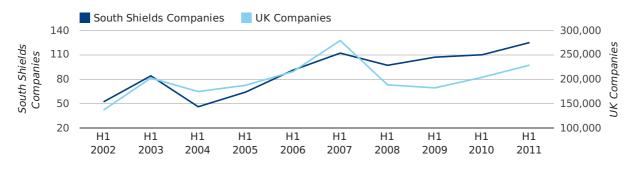
The first half of 2011 was a record first half year for company registrations in South Shields when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2011 a total of 125 companies were formed in South Shields. This figure is 13.6% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in South Shields occurred in 2011 when a total of 125 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2011	125	228,735
2010	110	203,749
% CHANGE	13.6%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (125)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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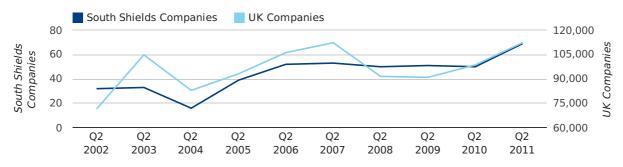
Q2 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in South Shields when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 69 companies were registered in South Shields during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 38.0% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well 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)	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2011	69	112,344
2010	50	98,612
% CHANGE	38.0%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (69)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

June 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in South Shields when compared to any previous June.

May 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in South Shields when compared to any previous May.

new companies by month



In the first half of 2011 a total of 67 companies were dissolved in South Shields. This figure is 20.2% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in South Shields occurred in 2009 when a total of 113 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2011	67	162,310
2010	84	177,631
% CHANGE	-20.2%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (113)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 26 companies were dissolved in South Shields during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 46.9% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well 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)	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2011	26	71,324
2010	49	94,954
% CHANGE	-46.9%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (74)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

dissolved companies by month

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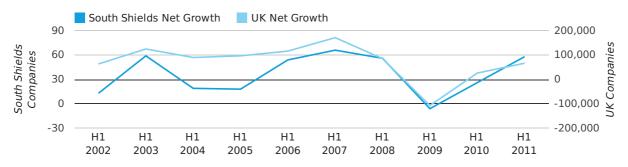
UK Companies

	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	5	11	10
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	14	13	22
% CHANGE	-64.3%	-15.4%	-55%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (26)	2009 (29)	2010 (22)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for South Shields increased by 58 companies. This figure is 123.1% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2011	58	66,425
2010	26	26,118
% CHANGE	123.1%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (66)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Q2 2011 saw a new record in net growth in South Shields when compared to any previous Q2.

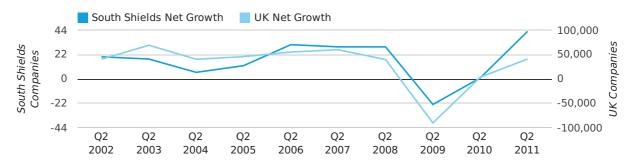
Q2 2011 was a record quarter for net growth in South Shields when compared to any quarter in history.

Net company growth for South Shields during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 43 companies.

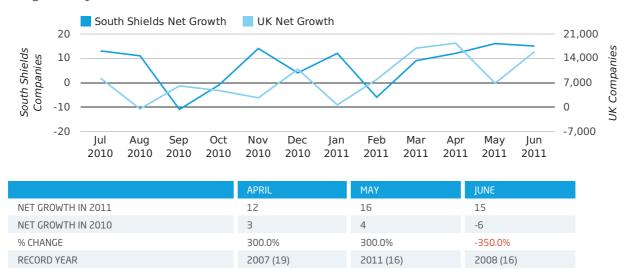
This represents an increase of 4,200.0% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2011	43	41,020
2010	1	3,658
% CHANGE	4,200.0%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (43)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



May 2011 saw a new record in net growth in South Shields when compared to any previous May.

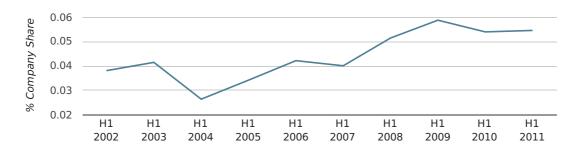


net growth by month

In the first half of 2011 South Shields formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SOUTH SHIELDS
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.1%)

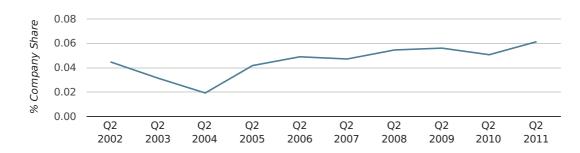
company share by half year



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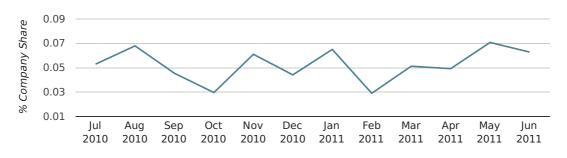
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	SOUTH SHIELDS
2011	0.1%
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2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.1%)



company share by quarter

Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2011)

company share by month



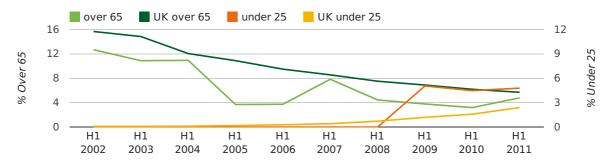
	APRIL	ΜΑΥ	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.0%
% CHANGE	-3.1%	25.1%	38.2%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (0.3%)	1965 (0.2%)	1969 (0.2%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 42.7.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year

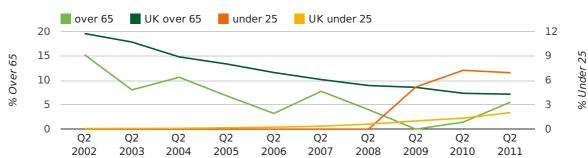


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 43.3.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 5.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

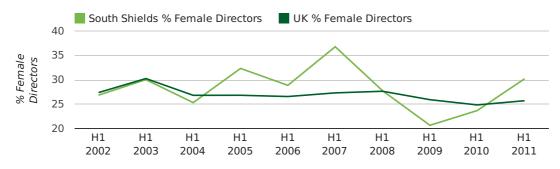


director age by quarter

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

30.2% of all director appointments in South Shields 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

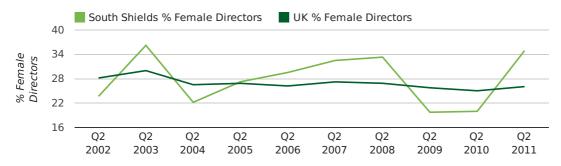


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

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

34.9% of all director appointments in South Shields 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
EAST	1.32%	CONSULTING	5.09%
NORTH	1.32%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
COMMUNITY	1.32%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
MANAGEMENT	1.10%	PROPERTY	2.43%
J	1.10%	TRADING	2.05%
TYNE	0.88%	DESIGN	1.94%
ENGINEERING	0.88%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
TRADE	0.88%	BUSINESS	1.87%
ACCESS	0.88%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
SYSTEMS	0.88%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
FISH	0.66%	MEDIA	1.73%
BAR	0.66%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
CONSULTANTS	0.66%	LONDON	1.60%
LEISURE	0.66%	GLOBAL	1.46%
В	0.66%	J	1.44%
CONSULTANCY	0.66%	CARE	1.44%
М	0.66%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
ENERGY	0.66%	IT	1.39%
OFFSHORE	0.66%	BUILDING	1.32%
INTEREST	0.66%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
L	0.66%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
SOUTH	0.44%	М	1.27%
WELDING	0.44%	S	1.23%
EAST)	0.44%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
BUSINESS	0.44%	SYSTEMS	1.20%



Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	133	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	44	60,758
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	13	10,322
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	11	7,835
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	9	30,647
99999 - Dormant Company	7	18,918
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	7	16,419
9999 - Dormant Company	5	20,111
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	5	7,143
4531 - Installation electrical wiring etc.	4	2,037
71129 - Other engineering activities	4	1,629
4534 - Other building installation	4	2,274
45200 - Maintenance and repair of motor vehicles	3	2,257
56101 - Licensed restaurants	3	2,441
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	3	10,545
43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation	3	2,223
7414 - Business & management consultancy	3	13,053
4545 - Other building completion	3	2,456
7499 - Non-trading company	3	10,955
71200 - Technical testing and analysis	З	487