

South Shields

2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

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- December 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in South Shields when compared to any previous December.
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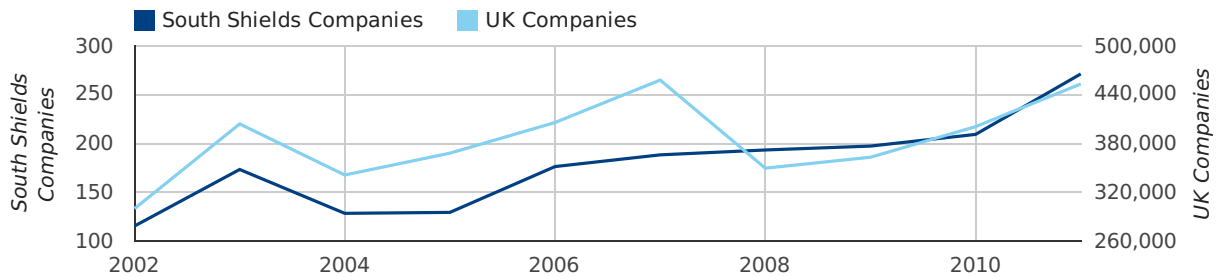
Annual Data (2011)

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

A total of 271 companies were formed in South Shields in 2011. This total is 29.7% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2011	271	452,870
2010	209	400,358
2009	197	362,675
2008	193	349,203
2007	188	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (271)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in South Shields when compared to any previous second half year.

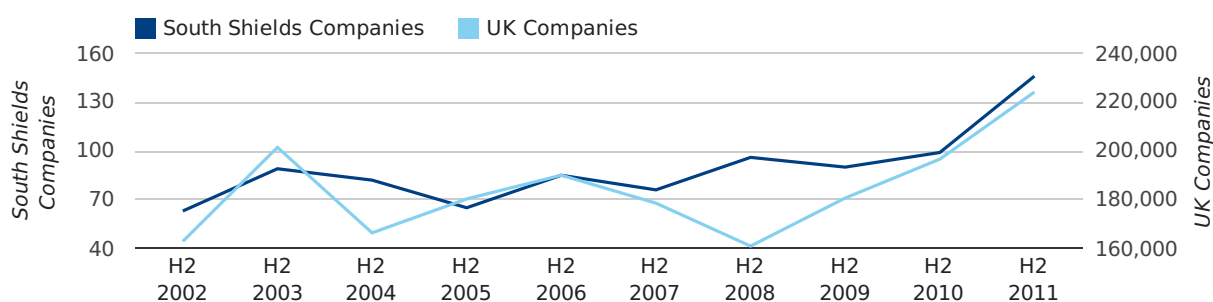
The second half of 2011 was a record second half year for company registrations in South Shields when compared to any half year in history.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 146 companies were formed in South Shields. This figure is 47.5% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in South Shields occurred in 2011 when a total of 146 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2011	146	224,135
2010	99	196,609
% CHANGE	47.5%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (146)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in South Shields when compared to any previous Q4.

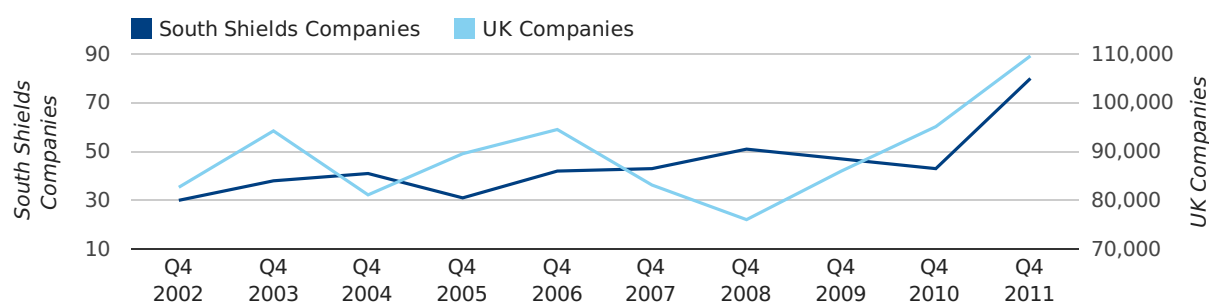
Q4 2011 was a record quarter for company registrations in South Shields when compared to any quarter in history.

A total of 80 companies were registered in South Shields during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 86.0% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 15.3% against the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2011	80	109,623
2010	43	95,117
% CHANGE	86.0%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (80)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter

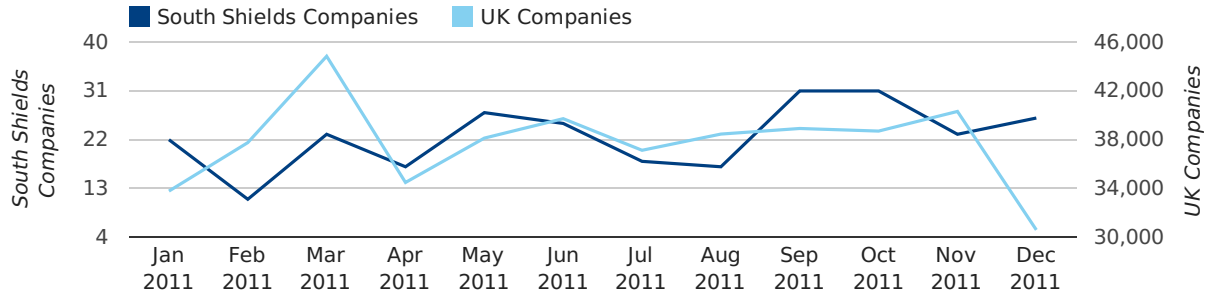


Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

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

new companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	31	23	26
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	10	21	12
% CHANGE	210.0%	9.5%	116.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (31)	2007 (25)	2011 (26)

Annual Data (2011)

A total of 150 companies were dissolved in South Shields in 2011. This total is 2.0% lower than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2011	150	314,523
2010	153	342,232
2009	192	533,773
2008	81	237,901
2007	91	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (192)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The second half of 2011 saw a new record in company closures in South Shields when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 a total of 83 companies were dissolved in South Shields. This figure is 20.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in South Shields occurred in 2011 when a total of 83 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2011	83	152,213
2010	69	164,601
% CHANGE	20.3%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (83)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year



Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Q4 2011 saw a new record in company closures in South Shields when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 48 companies were dissolved in South Shields during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 84.6% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 4.0% against the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2011	48	79,983
2010	26	76,896
% CHANGE	84.6%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (48)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

December 2011 saw a new record in company closures in South Shields when compared to any previous December.

November 2011 saw a new record in company closures in South Shields when compared to any previous November.

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	11	24	13
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	11	7	8
% CHANGE	0.0%	242.9%	63%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (17)	2011 (24)	2011 (13)

Annual Data (2011)

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

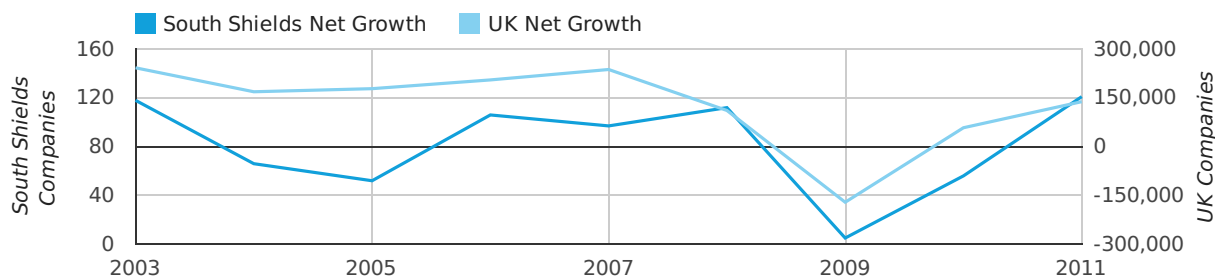
A total of 121 companies were added to the company register for South Shields in 2011. This number represents growth of 57.9% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 65 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2011 when the South Shields company register grew by 121 companies.

YEAR	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2011	121	138,347
2010	56	58,126
2009	5	-171,098
2008	112	111,302
2007	97	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2011 (121)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year



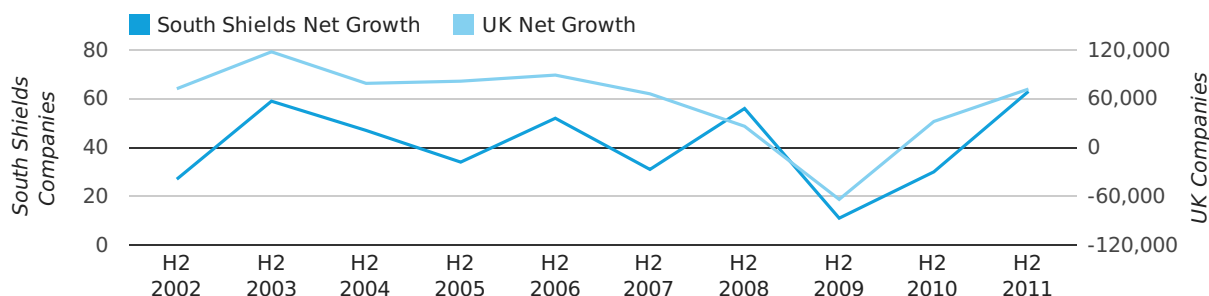
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The second half of 2011 saw a new record in net growth in South Shields when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 the company register for South Shields increased by 63 companies. This figure is 110.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2011	63	71,922
2010	30	32,008
% CHANGE	110.0%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (63)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



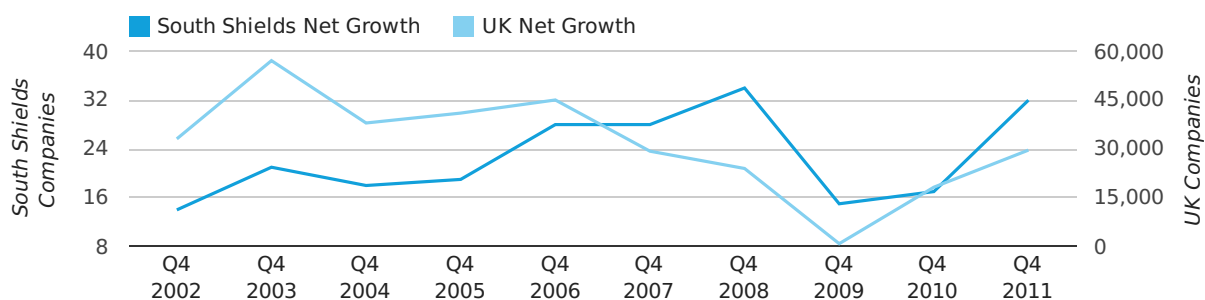
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

Net company growth for South Shields during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 32 companies.

This represents an increase of 88.2% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2011	32	29,640
2010	17	18,221
% CHANGE	88.2%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (34)	2003 (57,175)

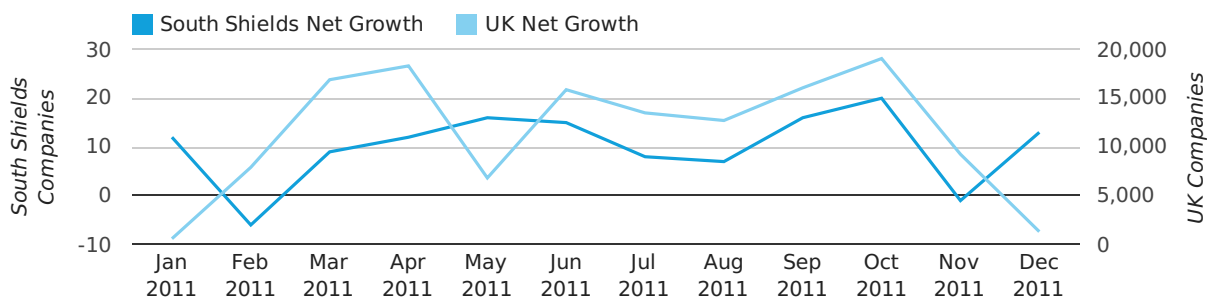
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

net growth by month



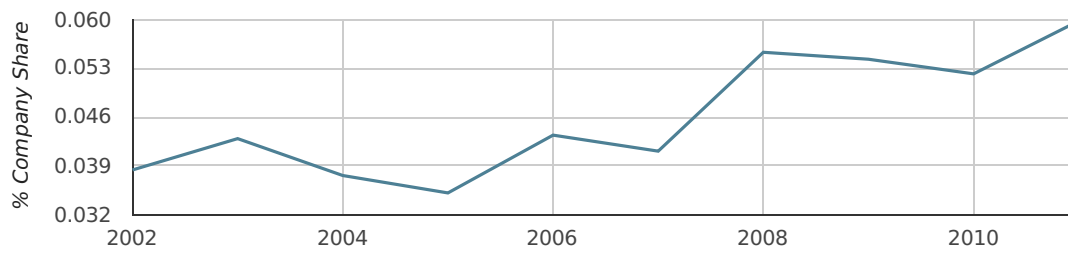
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	20	-1	13
NET GROWTH IN 2010	-1	14	4
% CHANGE	-2,100.0%	-107.1%	225.0%
RECORD YEAR	2008 (21)	2007 (18)	2011 (13)

Annual Data (2011)

In 2011 South Shields formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when South Shields was responsible for 0.1% of all UK companies.

YEAR	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 year

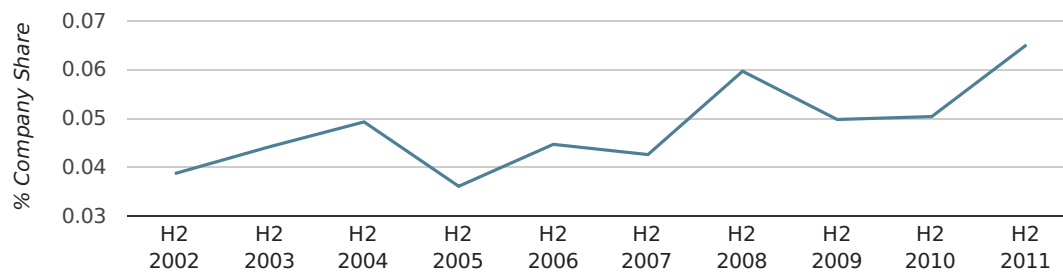


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second 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 (JUL-DEC)	SOUTH SHIELDS
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1960 (0.1%)

company share by half year

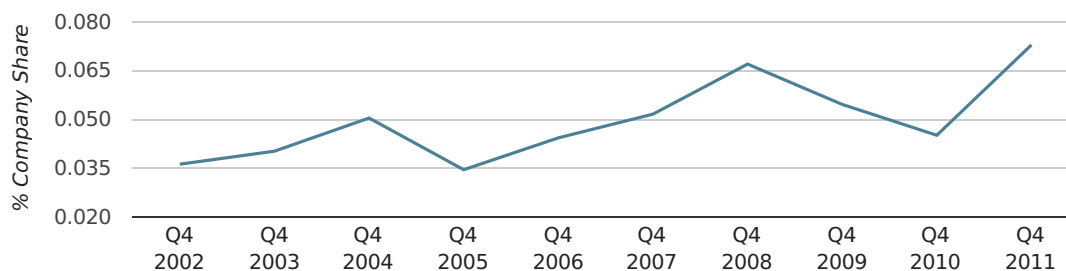


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

In the fourth quarter of 2011, South Shields formed 0.1% of all UK companies.

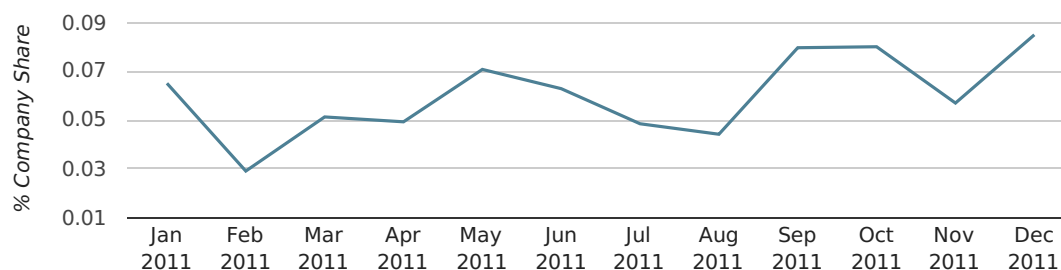
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	SOUTH SHIELDS
2011	0.1%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.1%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.0%	0.1%	0.0%
% CHANGE	169.7%	-6.7%	92.3%
RECORD YEAR	1980 (0.1%)	1964 (0.1%)	1966 (0.2%)

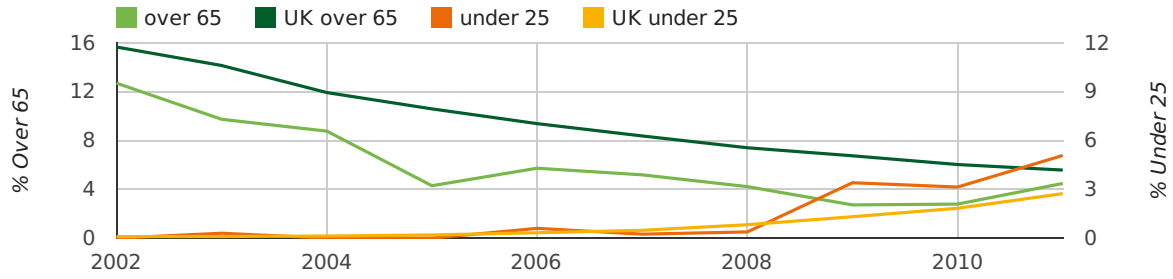
Annual Data (2011)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 43.1.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



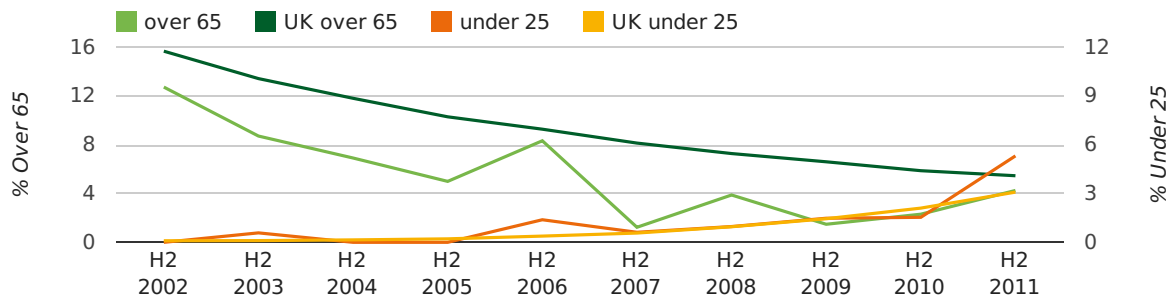
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 43.4.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year



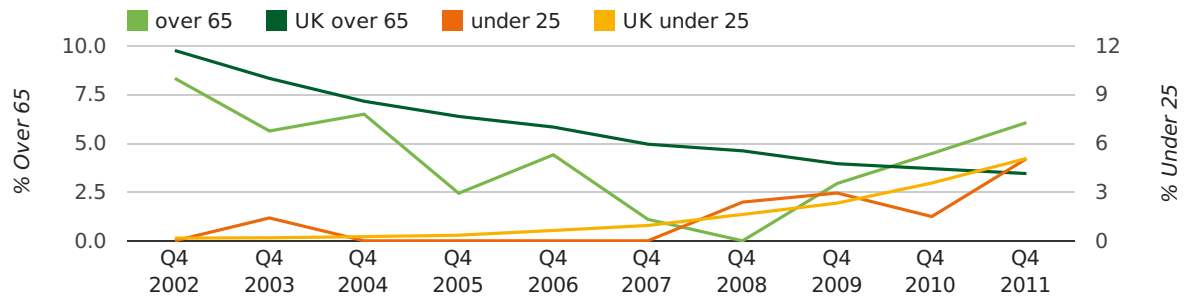
Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 45.8.

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The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 6.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter

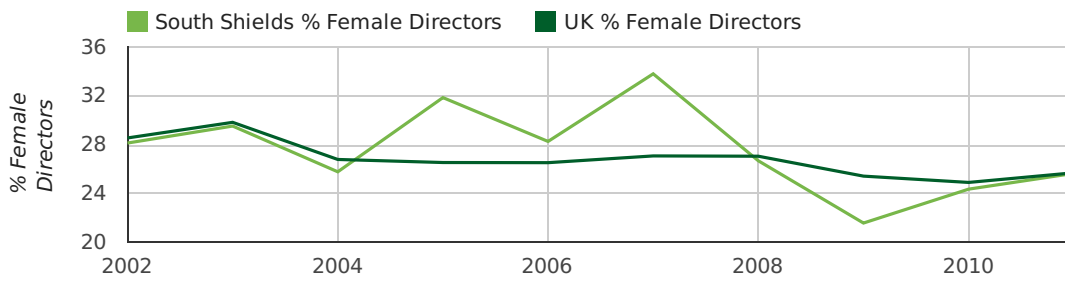


Annual Data (2011)

The record year for female directors in South Shields was 1857 when 36.4% of all directors were female.

The percentage of female directors in South Shields in 2011 was 28.1%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

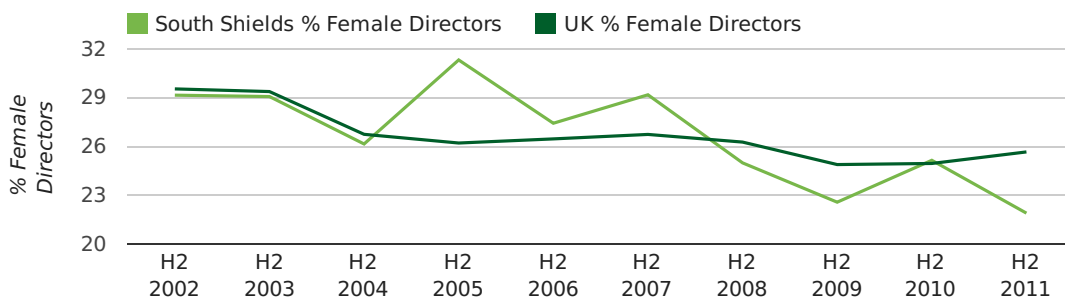


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The record second half year for female directors in South Shields was 1860 when 42.9% of all directors were female.

21.9% of all director appointments in South Shields in the second half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

director gender by half year

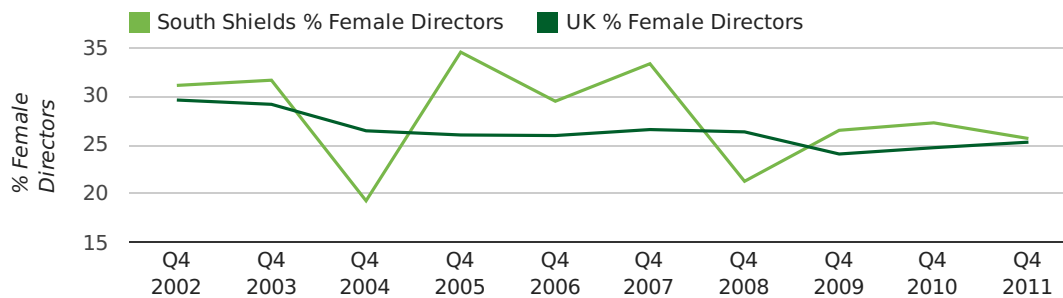


Quarterly Data (Q4 Oct-Dec 2011)

The record fourth quarter for female directors in South Shields was in 1977 when 31.1% of all directors were female.

25.7% of all director appointments in South Shields in the fourth quarter of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.3% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Dec 2010-Dec 2011)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
ENGINEERING	1.53%	CONSULTING	5.07%
ELECTRICAL	1.34%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
MANAGEMENT	1.15%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
COMMUNITY	1.15%	PROPERTY	2.37%
NORTH	0.77%	TRADING	2.07%
MARINE	0.77%	DESIGN	1.92%
(SOUTH	0.77%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
SYSTEMS	0.77%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
SHIELDS)	0.77%	BUSINESS	1.78%
CONSULTANTS	0.77%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
EAST	0.77%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
PROPERTY	0.77%	MEDIA	1.71%
M	0.77%	LONDON	1.63%
INTEREST	0.77%	J	1.51%
SOLAR	0.57%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
TRADING	0.57%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CONSULTANCY	0.57%	IT	1.41%
L	0.57%	CARE	1.39%
NE	0.57%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
MOTORS	0.57%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
DISTRIBUTION	0.57%	M	1.27%
TRADE	0.57%	BUILDING	1.26%
ENVIRONMENTAL	0.57%	ENERGY	1.25%
POWER	0.57%	S	1.20%
J	0.57%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	122	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	43	57,052
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	16	11,768
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	12	32,483
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	11	8,671
99999 - Dormant Company	10	21,846
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	9	17,765
7414 - Business & management consultancy	4	13,034
56302 - Public houses and bars	4	2,308
90030 - Artistic creation	4	1,732
71129 - Other engineering activities	4	1,823
7499 - Non-trading company	4	9,957
4531 - Installation electrical wiring etc.	4	1,967
71200 - Technical testing and analysis	3	482
4534 - Other building installation	3	2,091
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	3	12,072
4545 - Other building completion	3	2,369
5530 - Restaurants	3	5,013
8532 - Social work without accommodation	3	1,189
7430 - Technical testing and analysis	3	505