South Shields

2012 half year business confidence report



headlines

- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in South Shields when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in South Shields when compared to any half year in history.
- Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in South Shields when compared to any previous Q2.
- May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in South Shields when compared to any previous May.
- May 2012 was a record month for company registrations in South Shields when compared to any month in history.
- April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in South Shields when compared to any previous April.
- The first half of 2012 saw a new record in net growth in South Shields when compared to any previous first half year.
- The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for net growth in South Shields when compared to any half year in history.
- May 2012 saw a new record in net growth in South Shields when compared to any previous May.

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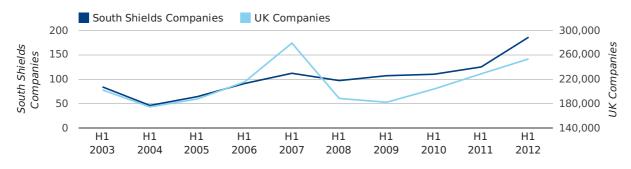
The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for company registrations in South Shields when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 a total of 186 companies were formed in South Shields. This figure is 48.8% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 10.7%.

The highest total for a first half year in South Shields occurred in 2012 when a total of 186 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2012	186	253,150
2011	125	228,735
% CHANGE	48.8%	10.7%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (186)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



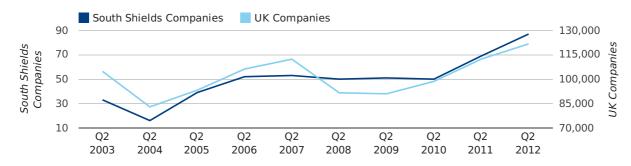
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Q2 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in South Shields when compared to any previous Q2.

A total of 87 companies were registered in South Shields during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 26.1% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 8.3% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2012	87	121,659
2011	69	112,344
% CHANGE	26.1%	8.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (87)	2012 (121,659)



new companies by quarter

Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

May 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in South Shields when compared to any previous May.

May 2012 was a record month for company registrations in South Shields when compared to any month in history.

April 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in South Shields when compared to any previous April.

new companies by month



In the first half of 2012 a total of 89 companies were dissolved in South Shields. This figure is 32.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.9%.

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
2012	89	147,793
2011	67	162,310
% CHANGE	32.8%	-8.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (113)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



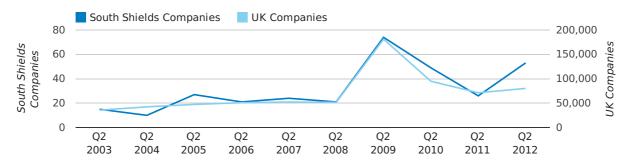
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

A total of 53 companies were dissolved in South Shields during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012).

This figure is an increase of 103.8% versus the same period last year (Q2 2011). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 12.5% against the same period last year.

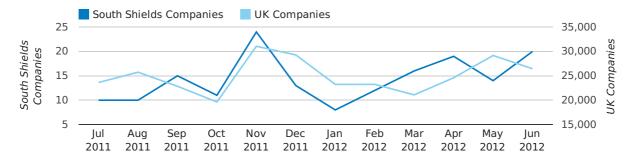
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2012	53	80,217
2011	26	71,324
% CHANGE	103.8%	12.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (74)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

dissolved companies by month



	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	19	14	20
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	5	11	10
% CHANGE	280.0%	27.3%	100%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (26)	2009 (29)	2010 (22)

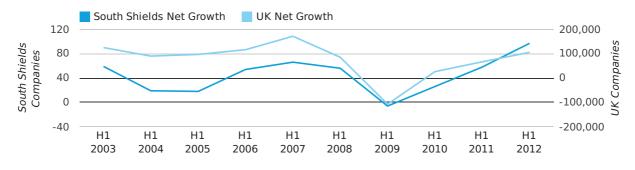
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The first half of 2012 was a record first half year for net growth in South Shields when compared to any half year in history.

In the first half of 2012 the company register for South Shields increased by 97 companies. This figure is 67.2% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 58.6%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2012	97	105,357
2011	58	66,425
% CHANGE	67.2%	58.6%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (97)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



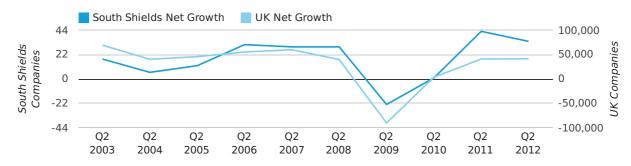
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

Net company growth for South Shields during the second quarter of 2012 (Apr 2012 - Jun 2012) was 34 companies.

This represents a decrease of 20.9% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2012 - JUN 2012)	SOUTH SHIELDS	UK
2012	34	41,442
2011	43	41,020
% CHANGE	-20.9%	1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (43)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



May 2012 saw a new record in net growth in South Shields when compared to any previous May.

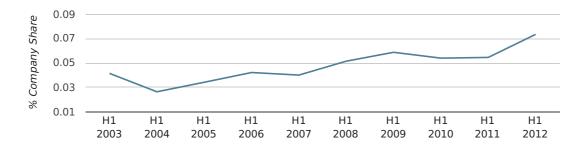


net growth by month

In the first half of 2012 South Shields formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2011 figure of 0.1%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	SOUTH SHIELDS
2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.1%)

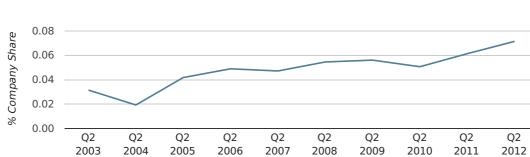
company share by half year



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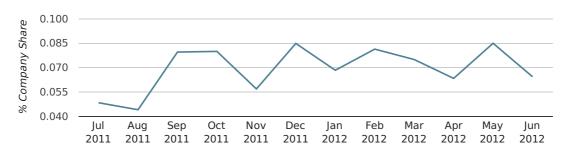
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2012	0.1%
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1967 (0.1%)



company share by quarter

Monthly Data (Apr, May & Jun 2012)

company share by month



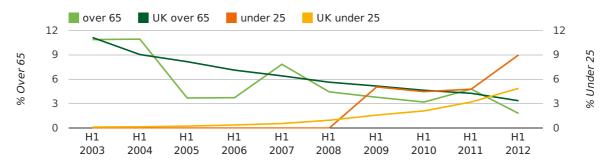
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	28.8%	20.2%	2.5%
RECORD YEAR	1968 (0.3%)	1965 (0.2%)	1969 (0.2%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2012 was 40.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 9.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.9%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.8% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

director age by half year

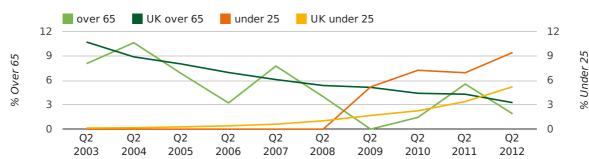


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2012 was 39.8.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 9.4% compared to the UK figure of 5.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.3%.

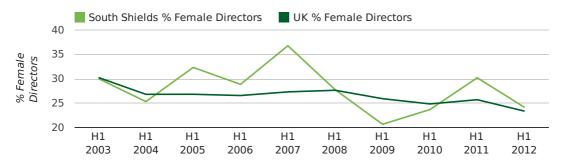


director age by quarter

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

24.2% of all director appointments in South Shields in the first half of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 23.4% for the same period.

director gender by half year

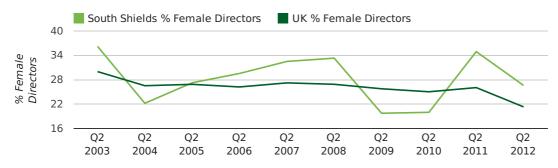


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2012)

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

26.6% of all director appointments in South Shields in the second quarter of 2012 were female. This compares to a UK average of 21.3% for the same period.

director gender by quarter



Previous 12 months (Jun 2011-Jun 2012)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
MANAGEMENT	2.33%	CONSULTING	5.07%
INSPECTION	1.50%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
TRADING	1.50%	CONSULTANCY	3.28%
ELECTRICAL	1.50%	PROPERTY	2.35%
ENGINEERING	1.33%	TRADING	2.10%
MARINE	1.00%	DESIGN	1.89%
EAST	1.00%	ENGINEERING	1.87%
D	0.83%	ASSOCIATES	1.82%
PROPERTY	0.83%	CONSULTANTS	1.78%
NORTH	0.83%	CONSTRUCTION	1.71%
ASSETS	0.67%	BUSINESS	1.70%
HOMES	0.67%	MEDIA	1.69%
J	0.67%	LONDON	1.68%
COMMUNITY	0.67%	J	1.57%
INTEREST	0.67%	GLOBAL	1.51%
CONSULTANTS	0.67%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
Ν	0.67%	IT	1.42%
SHIELDS)	0.67%	CARE	1.31%
(SOUTH	0.67%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
HEALTH	0.50%	М	1.26%
LEISURE	0.50%	ELECTRICAL	1.23%
NEWS	0.50%	BUILDING	1.23%
CONSULTANCY	0.50%	SECURITY	1.19%
HAIR	0.50%	S	1.18%
CONSULTING	0.50%	ENTERPRISES	1.17%



Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	150	244,457
7487 - Other business activities	38	47,029
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	15	14,220
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	14	20,390
99999 - Dormant Company	13	26,088
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	12	35,447
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	9	10,271
56302 - Public houses and bars	6	2,913
43390 - Other building completion and finishing	5	3,241
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	5	4,091
86900 - Other human health activities	4	5,222
7499 - Non-trading company	4	8,023
7414 - Business & management consultancy	4	10,978
43210 - Electrical installation	4	3,557
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	4	15,280
43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation	4	2,716
85590 - Other education not elsewhere classified	3	2,921
4534 - Other building installation	3	1,741
8532 - Social work without accommodation	3	1,025
7430 - Technical testing and analysis	3	417