Stockton-On-Tees

2011 annual business confidence report





headlines

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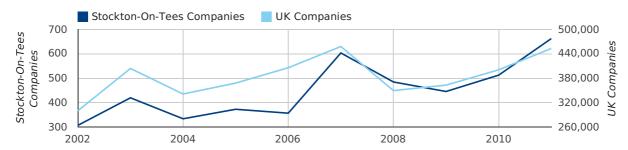
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A total of 662 companies were formed in Stockton-On-Tees in 2011. This total is 29.3% higher than in 2010 and compares poorly to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	STOCKTON-ON-TEES	UK
2011	662	452,870
2010	512	400,358
2009	445	362,675
2008	484	349,203
2007	603	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2011 (662)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

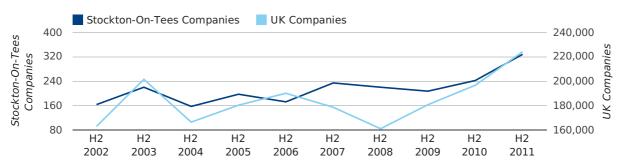
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In the second half of 2011 a total of 328 companies were formed in Stockton-On-Tees. This figure is 35.5% higher than last year, which compares well to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Stockton-On-Tees occurred in 2011 when a total of 328 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	STOCKTON-ON-TEES	UK
2011	328	224,135
2010	242	196,609
% CHANGE	35.5%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (328)	2011 (224,135)

new companies by half year



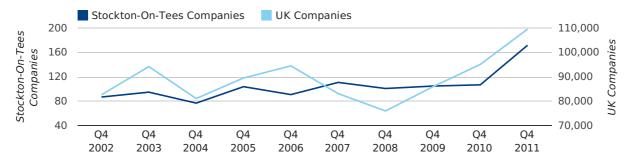
Q4 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Stockton-On-Tees when compared to any previous Q4.

A total of 172 companies were registered in Stockton-On-Tees during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 60.7% 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)	STOCKTON-ON-TEES	UK
2011	172	109,623
2010	107	95,117
% CHANGE	60.7%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (172)	2011 (109,623)

new companies by quarter



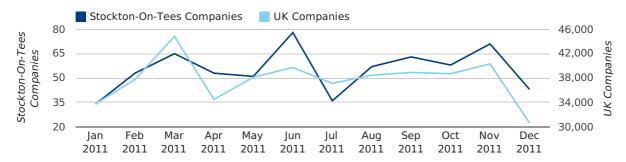
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new companies by month

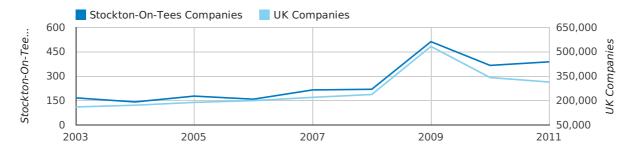


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	58	71	43
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	35	40	32
% CHANGE	65.7%	77.5%	34.4%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (58)	2011 (71)	2011 (43)

A total of 389 companies were dissolved in Stockton-On-Tees in 2011. This total is 6.0% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	STOCKTON-ON-TEES	UK
2011	389	314,523
2010	367	342,232
2009	513	533,773
2008	220	237,901
2007	216	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (513)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



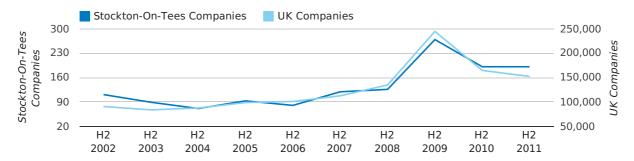
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In the second half of 2011 a total of 191 companies were dissolved in Stockton-On-Tees. This figure is 0.0% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Stockton-On-Tees occurred in 2009 when a total of 269 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	STOCKTON-ON-TEES	UK
2011	191	152,213
2010	191	164,601
% CHANGE	0.0%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (269)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year

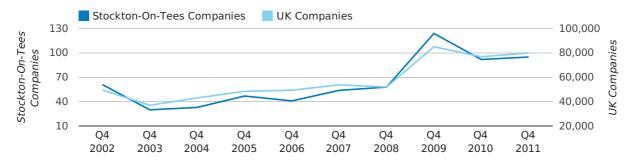


A total of 95 companies were dissolved in Stockton-On-Tees during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 3.3% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 4.0% against the same period last year.

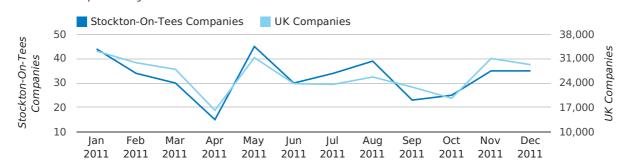
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	STOCKTON-ON-TEES	UK
2011	95	79,983
2010	92	76,896
% CHANGE	3.3%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (124)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

dissolved companies by month



	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	25	35	35
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	27	48	17
% CHANGE	-7.4%	-27.1%	106%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (39)	2010 (48)	2009 (47)

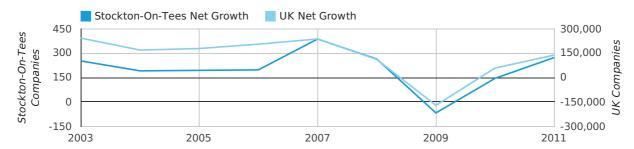
A total of 273 companies were added to the company register for Stockton-On-Tees in 2011. This number represents growth of 53.3% which compares favourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 128 companies higher than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2007 when the Stockton-On-Tees company register grew by 387 companies.

YEAR	STOCKTON-ON-TEES	UK
2011	273	138,347
2010	145	58,126
2009	-68	-171,098
2008	264	111,302
2007	387	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2007 (387)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year



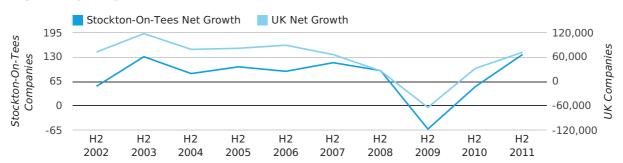
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The second half of 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Stockton-On-Tees when compared to any previous second half year.

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Stockton-On-Tees increased by 137 companies. This figure is 168.6% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	STOCKTON-ON-TEES	UK
2011	137	71,922
2010	51	32,008
% CHANGE	168.6%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (137)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year



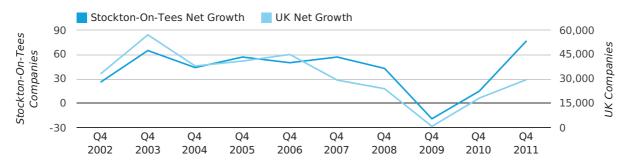
Q4 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Stockton-On-Tees when compared to any previous Q4.

Net company growth for Stockton-On-Tees during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 77 companies.

This represents an increase of 413.3% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	STOCKTON-ON-TEES	UK
2011	77	29,640
2010	15	18,221
% CHANGE	413.3%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (77)	2003 (57,175)

net growth by quarter

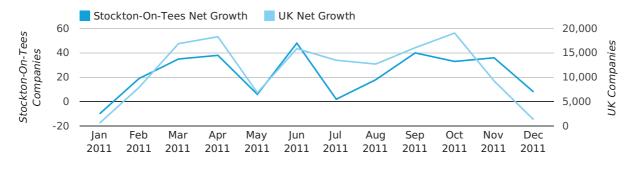


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net growth by month

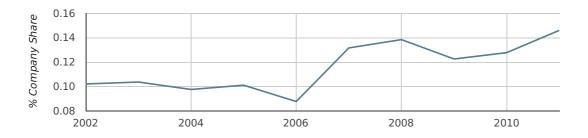


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	33	36	8
NET GROWTH IN 2010	8	-8	15
% CHANGE	312.5%	-550.0%	-46.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (33)	2011 (36)	2007 (23)

In 2011 Stockton-On-Tees formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Stockton-On-Tees was responsible for 0.1% of all UK companies.

YEAR	STOCKTON-ON-TEES
2011	0.1%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.2%)

company share by year

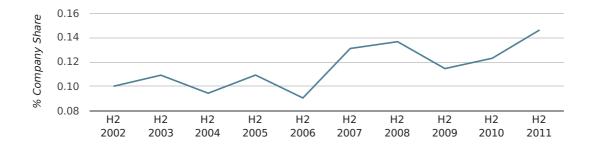


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Stockton-On-Tees formed 0.1% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.1%.

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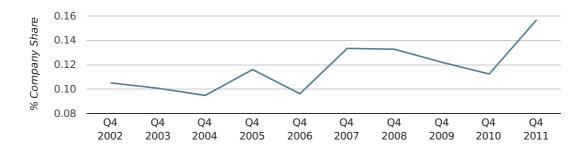
company share by half year



In the fourth quarter of 2011, Stockton-On-Tees formed 0.2% of all UK companies.

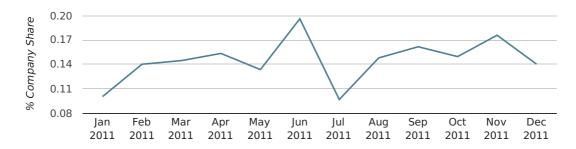
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	STOCKTON-ON-TEES
2011	0.2%
2010	0.1%
2009	0.1%
2008	0.1%
2007	0.1%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1968 (0.3%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

company share by month



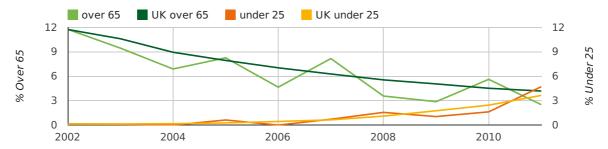
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.1%	0.2%	0.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.1%	0.1%	0.1%
% CHANGE	43.9%	51.2%	19.2%
RECORD YEAR	1990 (0.3%)	1968 (0.5%)	1968 (0.4%)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 43.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 2.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by half year

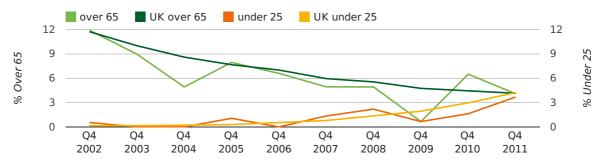


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director age by quarter



The record year for female directors in Stockton-On-Tees was 1857 when 36.4% of all directors were female.

The percentage of female directors in Stockton-On-Tees in 2011 was 32.4%. 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 Stockton-On-Tees was 1860 when 42.9% of all directors were female.

23.8% of all director appointments in Stockton-On-Tees 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

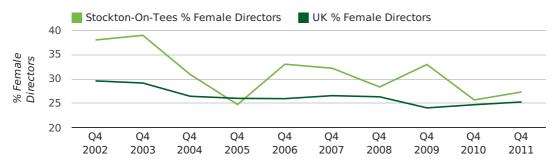




The record fourth quarter for female directors in Stockton-On-Tees was in 1977 when 31.1% of all directors were female.

27.3% of all director appointments in Stockton-On-Tees 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



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Previous 12 months (Dec 2010-Dec 2011)

 ${\sf Excluding: LIMITED, LTD, \&, UK, SERVICES, THE, (UK), AND, LTD., A, LLP, SOLUTIONS, COMPANY, OF.}\\$

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
ENGINEERING	2.74%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.13%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
EAST	1.13%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
NORTH	1.13%	PROPERTY	2.37%
ELECTRICAL	1.04%	TRADING	2.07%
D	0.94%	DESIGN	1.92%
(NORTH	0.94%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
CONSULTANCY	0.94%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
EAST)	0.94%	BUSINESS	1.78%
М	0.75%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
SAFETY	0.75%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
ENERGY	0.75%	MEDIA	1.71%
PROJECT	0.75%	LONDON	1.63%
CONSULTANTS	0.66%	J	1.51%
CONSULTING	0.66%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
COMMUNITY	0.66%	GLOBAL	1.46%
SECURITY	0.66%	IT	1.41%
DESIGN	0.66%	CARE	1.39%
LEISURE	0.66%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
TRAINING	0.57%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
OFFSHORE	0.57%	М	1.27%
ASSOCIATES	0.57%	BUILDING	1.26%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.57%	ENERGY	1.25%
INSPECTION	0.57%	S	1.20%
CONSTRUCTION	0.57%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

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Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	194	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	80	57,052
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	32	17,765
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	31	8,671
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	26	32,483
9999 - Dormant Company	20	20,199
7414 - Business & management consultancy	17	13,034
99999 - Dormant Company	17	21,846
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	14	3,342
9305 - Other service activities	14	9,492
71129 - Other engineering activities	12	1,823
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	11	5,558
86900 - Other human health activities	10	4,457
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	9	11,768
43210 - Electrical installation	9	3,175
7499 - Non-trading company	8	9,957
71200 - Technical testing and analysis	8	482
74990 - Non-trading company	8	8,929
62090 - Other information technology service activities	8	7,493
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	7	3,633