Stoke-On-Trent

2011 half year business confidence report



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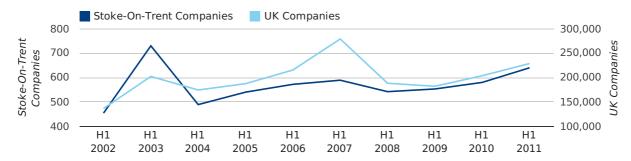
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In the first half of 2011 a total of 640 companies were formed in Stoke-On-Trent. This figure is 10.3% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in Stoke-On-Trent occurred in 2003 when a total of 730 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STOKE-ON-TRENT	UK
2011	640	228,735
2010	580	203,749
% CHANGE	10.3%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (730)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



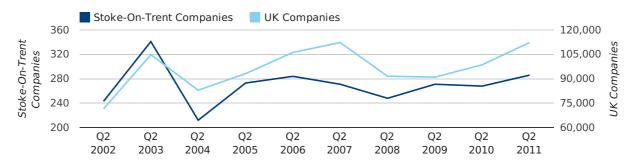
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 286 companies were registered in Stoke-On-Trent during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

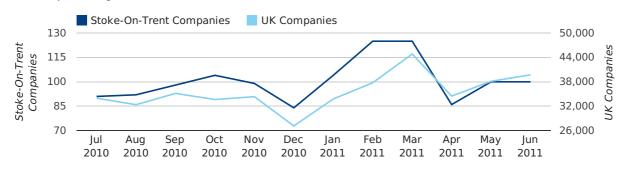
This figure is an increase of 6.7% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares equally to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	STOKE-ON-TRENT	UK
2011	286	112,344
2010	268	98,612
% CHANGE	6.7%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (341)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



new companies by month



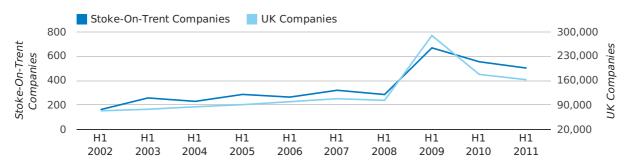
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	86	100	100
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	84	83	101
% CHANGE	2.4%	20.5%	-1.0%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (108)	2003 (131)	2003 (108)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 502 companies were dissolved in Stoke-On-Trent. This figure is 9.4% lower than last year, which compares well to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in Stoke-On-Trent occurred in 2009 when a total of 668 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STOKE-ON-TRENT	UK
2011	502	162,310
2010	554	177,631
% CHANGE	-9.4%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (668)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



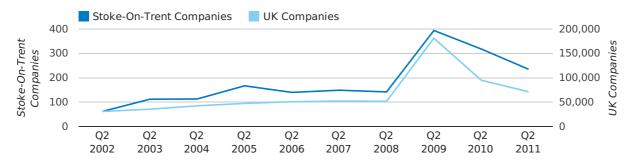
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 235 companies were dissolved in Stoke-On-Trent during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

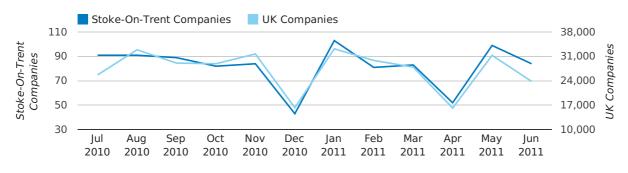
This figure is a decrease of 26.1% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	STOKE-ON-TRENT	UK
2011	235	71,324
2010	318	94,954
% CHANGE	-26.1%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (394)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

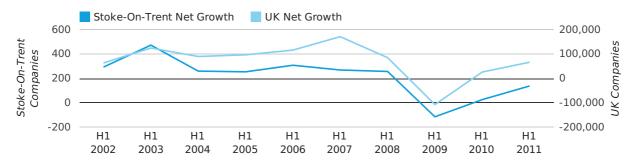


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	52	99	84
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	68	129	121
% CHANGE	-23.5%	-23.3%	-31%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (119)	2009 (168)	2010 (121)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for Stoke-On-Trent increased by 138 companies. This figure is 430.8% higher than last year, which compares well to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STOKE-ON-TRENT	UK
2011	138	66,425
2010	26	26,118
% CHANGE	430.8%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (473)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



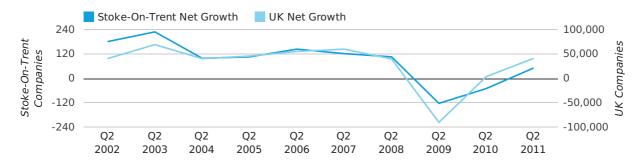
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for Stoke-On-Trent during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 51 companies.

This represents an increase of 202.0% on the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	STOKE-ON-TRENT	UK
2011	51	41,020
2010	-50	3,658
% CHANGE	-202.0%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (229)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



net growth by month

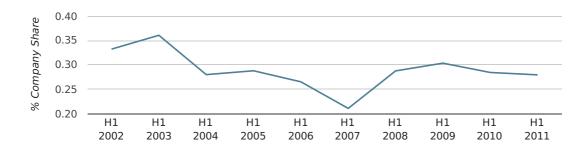


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	34	1	16
NET GROWTH IN 2010	16	-46	-20
% CHANGE	112.5%	-102.2%	-180.0%
RECORD YEAR	2005 (68)	2003 (101)	2008 (76)

In the first half of 2011 Stoke-On-Trent formed 0.3% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	STOKE-ON-TRENT
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1981 (0.6%)

company share by half year

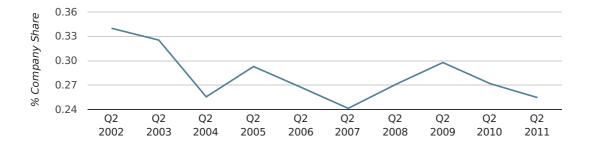


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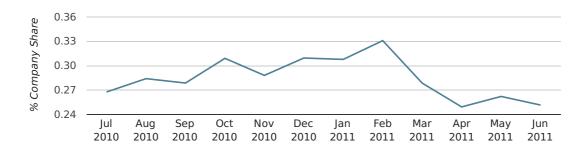
In the second quarter of 2011, Stoke-On-Trent formed 0.3% of all UK companies.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	STOKE-ON-TRENT
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1966 (0.6%)

company share by quarter



company share by month



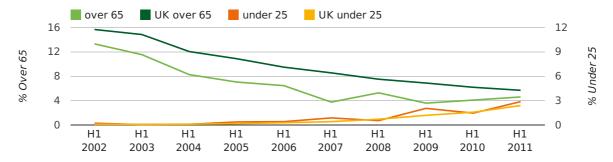
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.2%	0.3%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
% CHANGE	-0.9%	-5.1%	-12.3%
RECORD YEAR	1980 (0.8%)	1962 (0.8%)	1961 (0.9%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 43.5.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 2.9% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.6% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



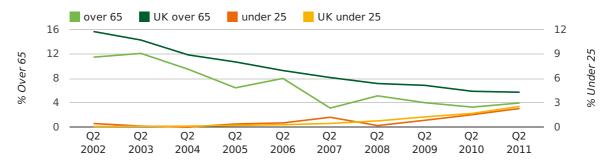
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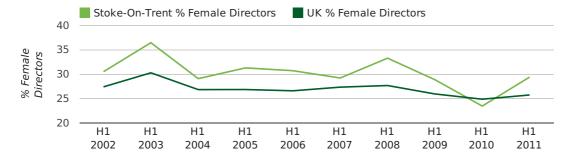
director age by quarter



The record first half year for female directors in Stoke-On-Trent was 1861 when 40.0% of all directors were female.

29.4% of all director appointments in Stoke-On-Trent 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

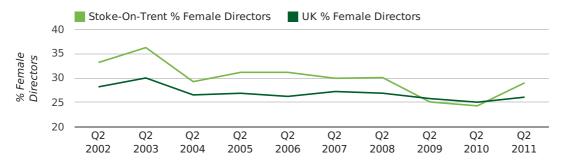


Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The record second quarter for female directors in Stoke-On-Trent was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

29.0% of all director appointments in Stoke-On-Trent 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



naming trends $ext{duport}\, \omega$

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
CARE	0.98%	CONSULTING	5.09%
MANAGEMENT	0.93%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
CONSULTANCY	0.77%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
TRADING	0.77%	PROPERTY	2.43%
BUSINESS	0.71%	TRADING	2.05%
MEDIA	0.71%	DESIGN	1.94%
J	0.71%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
CAR	0.66%	BUSINESS	1.87%
CONSULTING	0.66%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
ESTATES	0.66%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
COMMUNITY	0.66%	MEDIA	1.73%
ENGINEERING	0.66%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
MARKETING	0.66%	LONDON	1.60%
CONSTRUCTION	0.66%	GLOBAL	1.46%
CONSULTANTS	0.66%	J	1.44%
SECURITY	0.66%	CARE	1.44%
GROUP	0.60%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
DESIGN	0.60%	IT	1.39%
PROPERTIES	0.60%	BUILDING	1.32%
BGC	0.55%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
IT	0.55%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
S	0.55%	М	1.27%
T	0.49%	S	1.23%
STOKE	0.49%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
PROPERTY	0.49%	SYSTEMS	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	591	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	140	60,758
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	57	30,647
99999 - Dormant Company	52	18,918
9999 - Dormant Company	42	20,111
7414 - Business & management consultancy	34	13,053
9305 - Other service activities	31	9,063
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	31	16,419
74990 - Non-trading company	29	8,481
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	29	10,322
7499 - Non-trading company	23	10,955
5530 - Restaurants	17	5,086
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	17	5,928
68209 - Other letting and operating of own or leased real estate	16	3,790
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	16	7,835
49410 - Freight transport by road	15	2,142
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	14	7,143
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	13	10,545
43220 - Plumbing, heat and air-conditioning installation	13	2,223
7260 - Other computer related activities	13	7,849