

Tyne And Wear

q1 2012 business confidence report



headlines

- February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Tyne And Wear when compared to any previous February.
- January 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Tyne And Wear when compared to any previous January.
- February 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Tyne And Wear when compared to any previous February.

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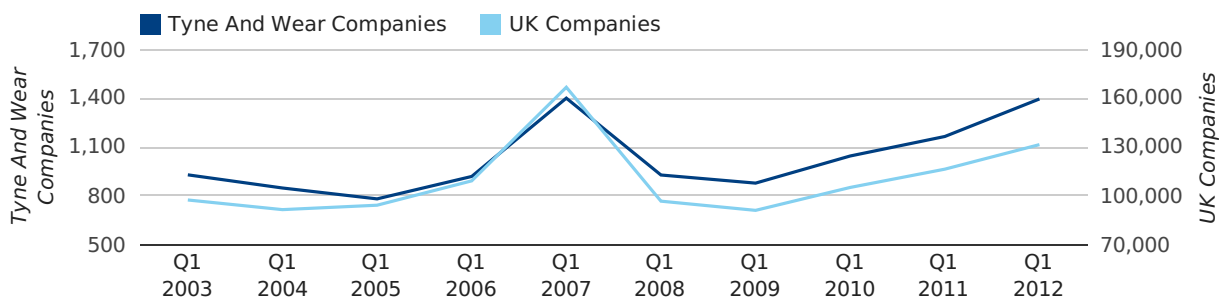
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 1,396 companies were registered in Tyne And Wear during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is an increase of 19.8% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares well to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 13.0% against the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	TYNE AND WEAR	UK
2012	1,396	131,491
2011	1,165	116,391
% CHANGE	19.8%	13.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (1,401)	2007 (166,814)

new companies by quarter

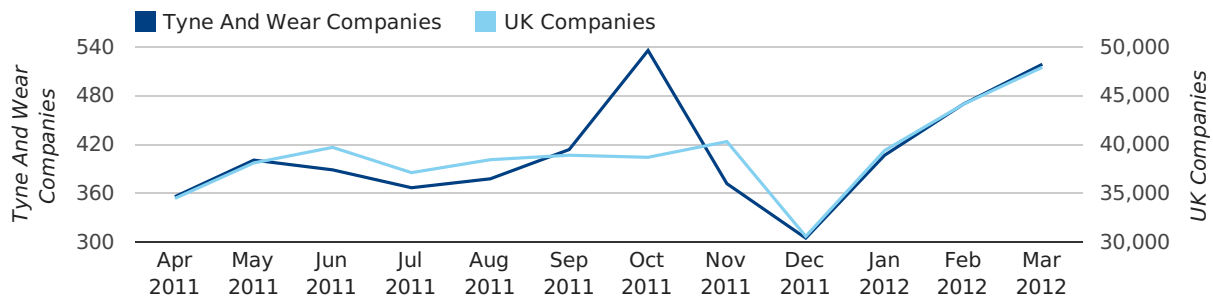


Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

February 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Tyne And Wear when compared to any previous February.

January 2012 saw a new record in company registrations in Tyne And Wear when compared to any previous January.

new companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NEW COMPANIES IN 2012	407	470	519
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	339	372	454
% CHANGE	20.1%	26.3%	14.3%
RECORD YEAR	2012 (407)	2012 (470)	2007 (731)

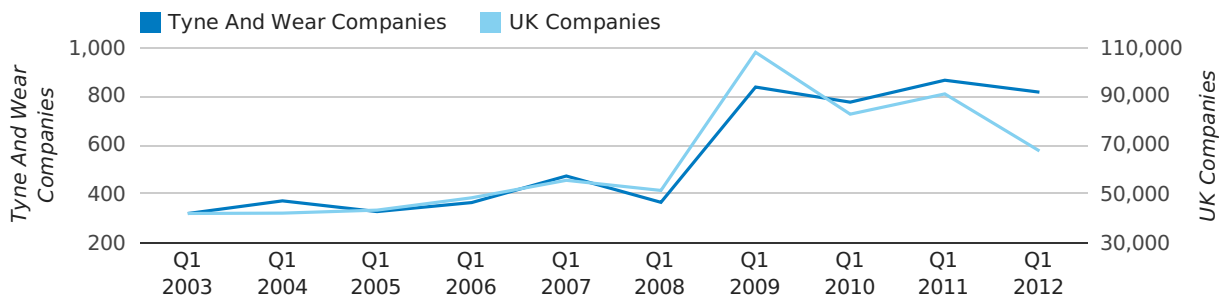
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

A total of 817 companies were dissolved in Tyne And Wear during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012).

This figure is a decrease of 5.7% versus the same period last year (Q1 2011). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 25.7% against the same period last year.

FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	TYNE AND WEAR	UK
2012	817	67,576
2011	866	90,986
% CHANGE	-5.7%	-25.7%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (866)	2009 (108,060)

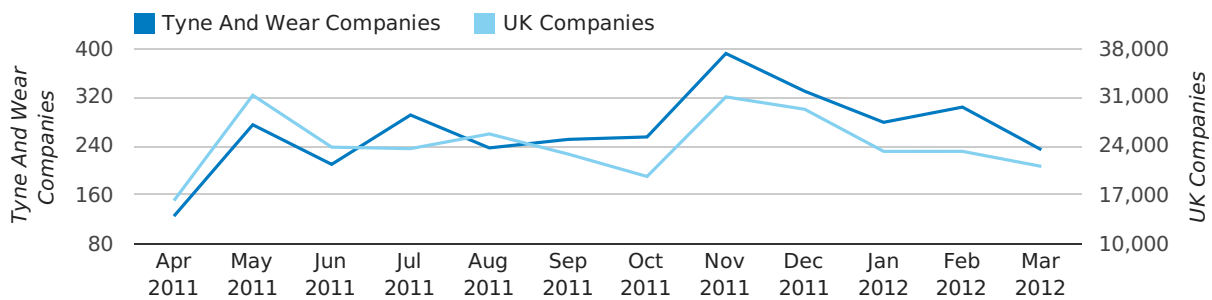
dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

February 2012 saw a new record in company closures in Tyne And Wear when compared to any previous February.

dissolved companies by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2012	279	304	234
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	354	234	278
% CHANGE	-21.2%	29.9%	-16%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (354)	2012 (304)	2009 (489)

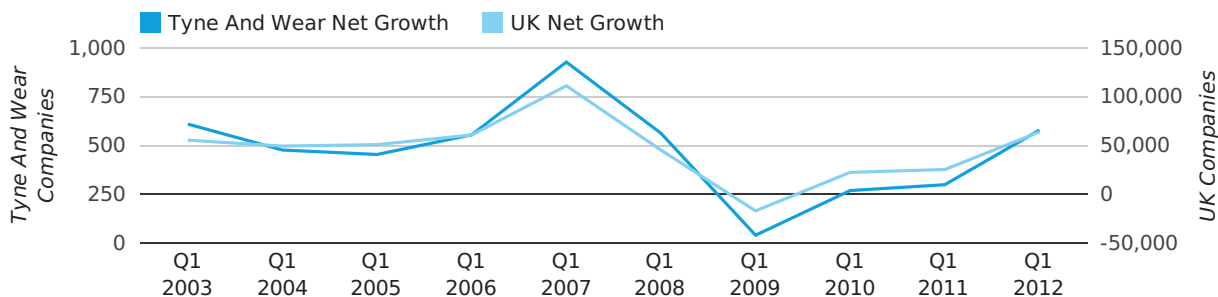
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

Net company growth for Tyne And Wear during the first quarter of 2012 (Jan 2012 - Mar 2012) was 579 companies.

This represents an increase of 93.6% on the same period last year.

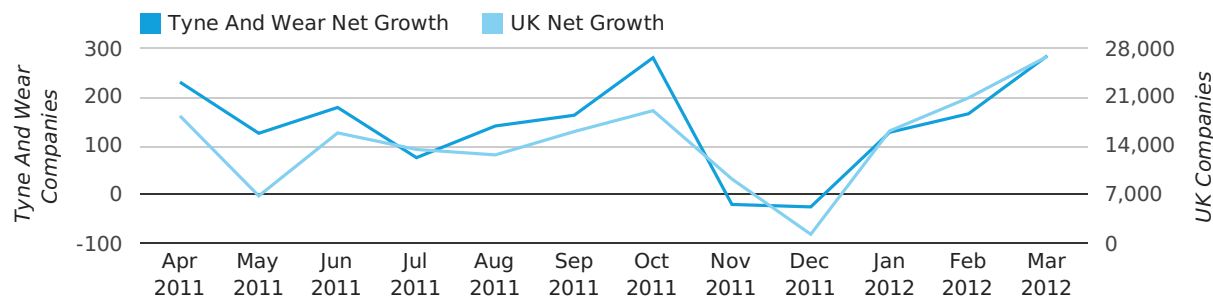
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	TYNE AND WEAR	UK
2012	579	63,915
2011	299	25,405
% CHANGE	93.6%	151.6%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (928)	2007 (111,282)

net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

net growth by month



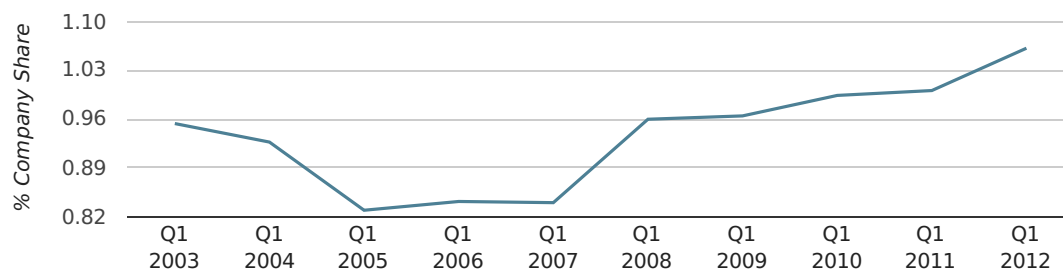
	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
NET GROWTH IN 2012	128	166	285
NET GROWTH IN 2011	-15	138	176
% CHANGE	-953.3%	20.3%	61.9%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (182)	2007 (226)	2007 (533)

Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

In the first quarter of 2012, Tyne And Wear formed 1.1% of all UK companies.

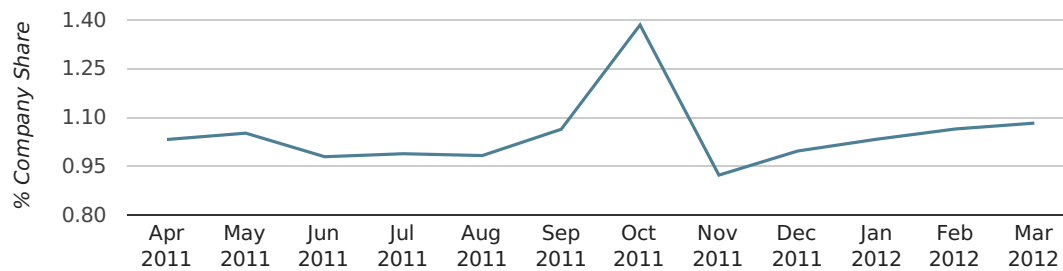
FIRST QUARTER (JAN 2012 - MAR 2012)	TYNE AND WEAR
2012	1.1%
2011	1.0%
2010	1.0%
2009	1.0%
2008	1.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1987 (1.4%)

company share by quarter



Monthly Data (Jan, Feb & Mar 2012)

company share by month



	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2012	1.0%	1.1%	1.1%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%
% CHANGE	2.9%	8.1%	6.9%
RECORD YEAR	1972 (1.6%)	1963 (2.2%)	1960 (1.9%)

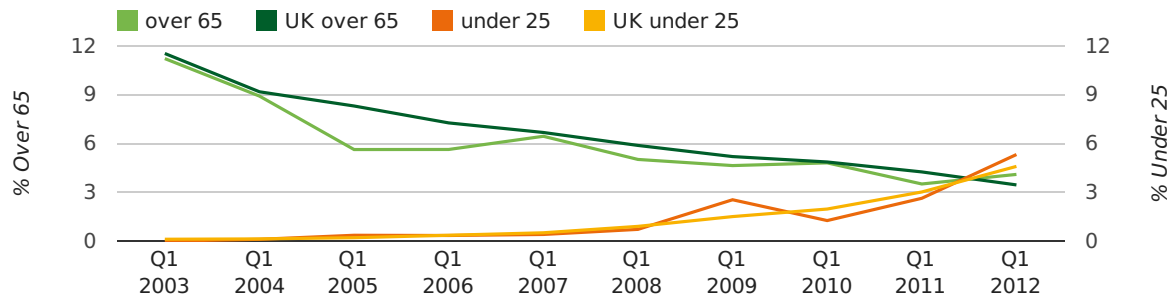
Quarterly Data (Q1 Jan-Mar 2012)

The average age of a director in the first quarter of 2012 was 43.6.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 5.3% compared to the UK figure of 4.6%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.5%.

director age by quarter



Previous 12 months (Mar 2011-Mar 2012)

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

WORD	PERCENTAGE	UK WORD	UK PERCENTAGE
NORTH	2.22%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	2.13%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
EAST	1.90%	CONSULTANCY	3.30%
(NE)	1.21%	PROPERTY	2.37%
PROPERTY	1.09%	TRADING	2.07%
ENGINEERING	1.07%	DESIGN	1.93%
DESIGN	1.02%	ENGINEERING	1.86%
CONSULTANCY	1.00%	ASSOCIATES	1.84%
CONSULTING	0.95%	CONSULTANTS	1.79%
ELECTRICAL	0.90%	BUSINESS	1.73%
COMMUNITY	0.81%	MEDIA	1.72%
TRAINING	0.81%	CONSTRUCTION	1.72%
(NORTH	0.76%	LONDON	1.66%
LEISURE	0.74%	J	1.54%
NEWCASTLE	0.72%	INVESTMENTS	1.51%
NE	0.72%	GLOBAL	1.50%
J	0.69%	IT	1.40%
EAST)	0.69%	CARE	1.34%
MEDIA	0.67%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
SECURITY	0.67%	ELECTRICAL	1.27%
POWERGRID	0.67%	M	1.27%
CONSULTANTS	0.67%	BUILDING	1.24%
M	0.62%	ENERGY	1.20%
NORTHERN	0.60%	S	1.20%
CARE	0.56%	ENTERPRISES	1.19%

Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	2,157	216,665
7487 - Other business activities	439	52,735
99999 - Dormant Company	228	25,084
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	222	35,233
9999 - Dormant Company	192	18,617
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	163	13,637
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	149	19,704
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	112	9,892
9305 - Other service activities	102	8,818
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	96	14,303
7499 - Non-trading company	96	9,102
7260 - Other computer related activities	95	7,154
7414 - Business & management consultancy	95	12,113
74990 - Non-trading company	88	9,729
5530 - Restaurants	75	4,633
86900 - Other human health activities	72	5,066
62090 - Other information technology service activities	68	8,145
43999 - Other specialised construction activities not elsewhere classified	56	3,931
56302 - Public houses and bars	55	2,795
7222 - Other software consultancy and supply	53	6,934