Wallsend

2011 annual business confidence report



headlines

- December 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in Wallsend when compared to any previous December.
- November 2011 saw a new record in company closures in Wallsend when compared to any previous November.
- October 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Wallsend when compared to any previous October.

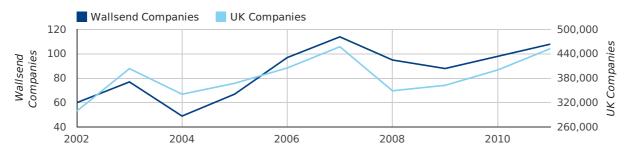
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A total of 108 companies were formed in Wallsend in 2011. This total is 10.2% higher than in 2010 and compares equally to the UK figure of a 13.1% growth compared to 400,358 the previous year.

YEAR	WALLSEND	UK
2011	108	452,870
2010	98	400,358
2009	88	362,675
2008	95	349,203
2007	114	457,649
RECORD YEAR	2007 (114)	2007 (457,649)

new companies by year

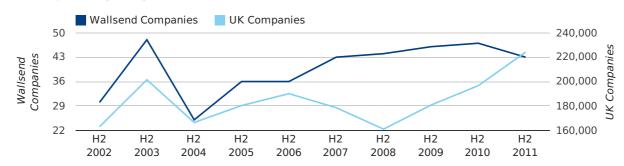


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 43 companies were formed in Wallsend. This figure is 8.5% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 14.0%.

The highest total for a second half year in Wallsend occurred in 2003 when a total of 48 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WALLSEND	UK
2011	43	224,135
2010	47	196,609
% CHANGE	-8.5%	14.0%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (48)	2011 (224,135)

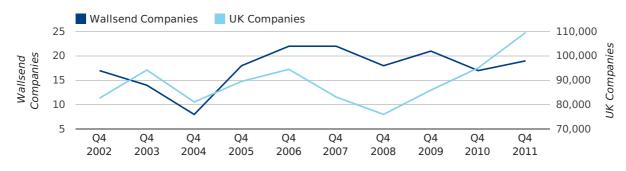


new companies by half year

A total of 19 companies were registered in Wallsend during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is an increase of 11.8% versus the same period last year (Q4 2010). This figure compares badly to the UK as a whole, which saw an increase of 15.3% against the same period last year.

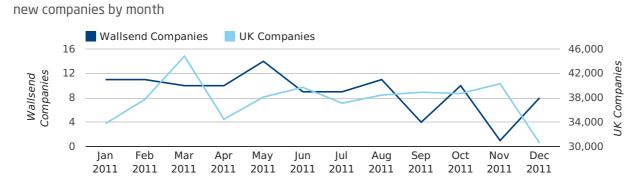
FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WALLSEND	UK
2011	19	109,623
2010	17	95,117
% CHANGE	11.8%	15.3%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (22)	2011 (109,623)



new companies by quarter

Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

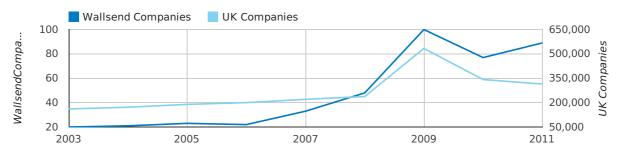


	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	10	1	8
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	5	8	4
% CHANGE	100.0%	-87.5%	100.0%
RECORD YEAR	2007 (11)	2009 (10)	2011 (8)

A total of 89 companies were dissolved in Wallsend in 2011. This total is 15.6% higher than in 2010 and compares favourably to the UK figure of 8.1% decrease compared to the previous year.

YEAR	WALLSEND	UK
2011	89	314,523
2010	77	342,232
2009	100	533,773
2008	48	237,901
2007	33	220,295
RECORD YEAR	2009 (100)	2009 (533,773)

dissolved companies by year



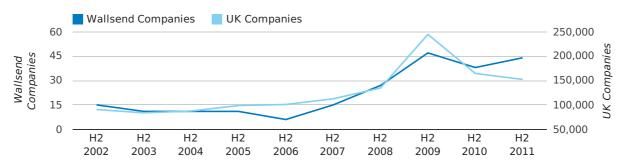
Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 a total of 44 companies were dissolved in Wallsend. This figure is 15.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -7.5%.

The highest total for a second half year in Wallsend occurred in 2009 when a total of 47 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WALLSEND	UK
2011	44	152,213
2010	38	164,601
% CHANGE	15.8%	-7.5%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (47)	2009 (244,537)

dissolved companies by half year

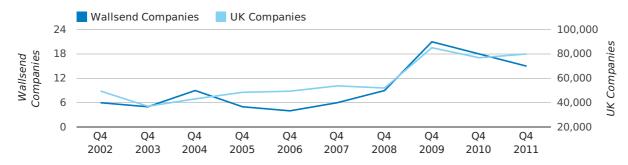


A total of 15 companies were dissolved in Wallsend during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011).

This figure is a decrease of 16.7% 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)	WALLSEND	UK
2011	15	79,983
2010	18	76,896
% CHANGE	-16.7%	4.0%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (21)	2009 (85,136)

dissolved companies by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

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

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	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	1	10	4
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	5	8	5
% CHANGE	-80.0%	25.0%	-20%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (8)	2011 (10)	2009 (8)

dissolved companies by month



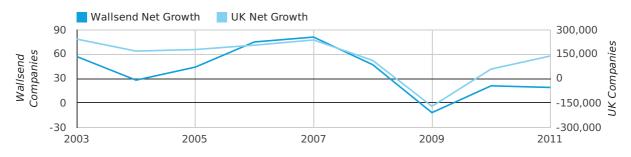
A total of 19 companies were added to the company register for Wallsend in 2011. This number represents growth of 19.4% which compares unfavourably to the UK figure of 34.6%.

This number is 2 companies lower than the previous year.

The highest net company growth figure ever seen in one year came in 2007 when the Wallsend company register grew by 81 companies.

YEAR	WALLSEND	UK
2011	19	138,347
2010	21	58,126
2009	-12	-171,098
2008	47	111,302
2007	81	237,354
RECORD YEAR	2007 (81)	2003 (242,543)

net growth by year

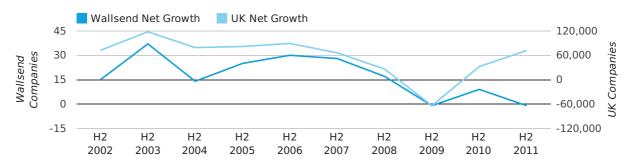


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 the company register for Wallsend decreased by 1 companies. This figure is 111.1% lower than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 124.7%.

HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WALLSEND	UK
2011	-1	71,922
2010	9	32,008
% CHANGE	-111.1%	124.7%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (37)	2003 (117,772)

net growth by half year

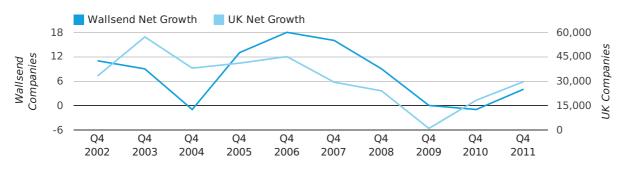


Net company growth for Wallsend during the fourth quarter of 2011 (Oct 2011 - Dec 2011) was 4 companies.

This represents an increase of 500.0% on the same period last year.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WALLSEND	UK
2011	4	29,640
2010	-1	18,221
% CHANGE	-500.0%	62.7%
RECORD YEAR	2006 (18)	2003 (57,175)

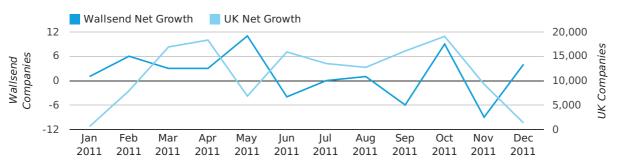
net growth by quarter



Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)

October 2011 saw a new record in net growth in Wallsend when compared to any previous October.

net growth by month



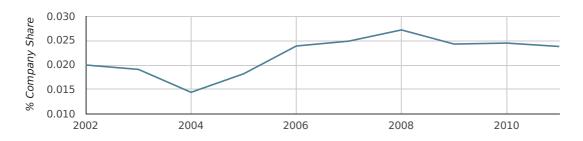
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	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
NET GROWTH IN 2011	9	-9	4
NET GROWTH IN 2010	0	0	-1
% CHANGE	0.0%	0.0%	-500.0%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (9)	1999 (6)	2005 (7)

In 2011 Wallsend formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is no change on 2010 when Wallsend was responsible for 0.0% of all UK companies.

YEAR	WALLSEND
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1980 (0.0%)

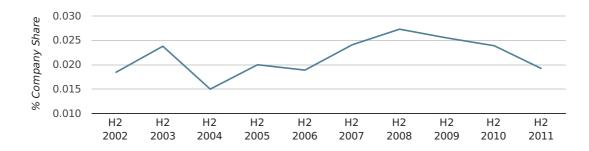
company share by year



Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

In the second half of 2011 Wallsend formed 0.0% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.0%.

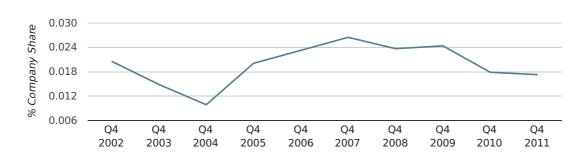
HALF YEAR (JUL-DEC)	WALLSEND
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1980 (0.0%)



company share by half year

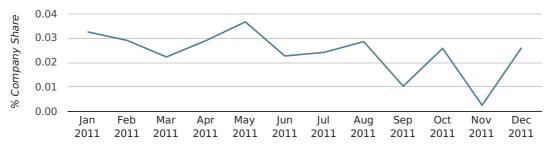
In the fourth quarter of 2011, Wallsend formed 0.0% of all UK companies.

FOURTH QUARTER (OCT 2011 - DEC 2011)	WALLSEND
2011	0.0%
2010	0.0%
2009	0.0%
2008	0.0%
2007	0.0%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1971 (0.1%)



company share by quarter

Monthly Data (Oct, Nov & Dec 2011)



company share by month

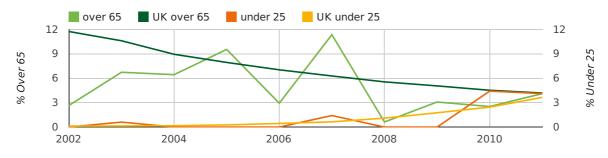
	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
% CHANGE	73.2%	-89.3%	77.6%
RECORD YEAR	1971 (0.2%)	1961 (0.2%)	1967 (0.3%)

The average age of a director in 2011 was 42.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.7%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.1% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

director age by year

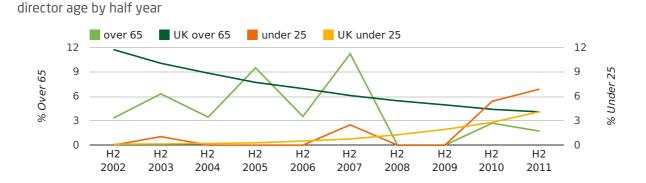


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

The average age of a director in the second half of 2011 was 40.9.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 6.9% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 1.7% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

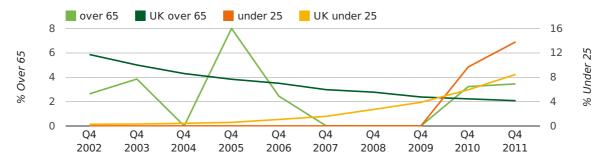


The average age of a director in the fourth quarter of 2011 was 38.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 13.8% compared to the UK figure of 4.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.4% compared to the UK figure of 4.1%.

director age by quarter



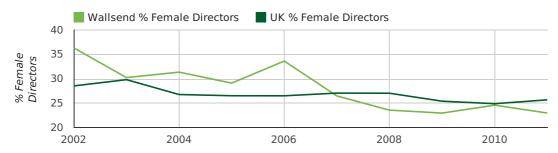
director gender

Annual Data (2011)

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

The percentage of female directors in Wallsend in 2011 was 36.4%. The average for the UK during this time was 28.6%

director gender by year

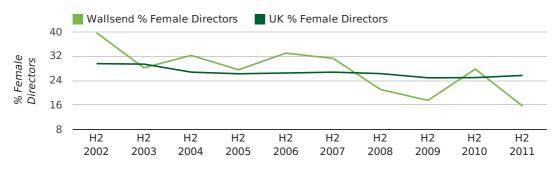


Half Year Data (Jul-Dec 2011)

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

15.6% of all director appointments in Wallsend in the second half of 2011 were female. This compares to a UK average of 25.7% for the same period.

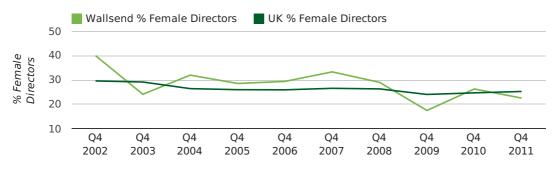
director gender by half year



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

22.6% of all director appointments in Wallsend 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
WALLSEND	1.38%	CONSULTING	5.07%
MANAGEMENT	1.38%	MANAGEMENT	4.74%
NORTH	1.38%	CONSULTANCY	3.26%
CONSULTING	0.92%	PROPERTY	2.37%
ALAN	0.92%	TRADING	2.07%
SONS	0.92%	DESIGN	1.92%
D	0.92%	ASSOCIATES	1.86%
SECURITY	0.92%	ENGINEERING	1.78%
ACCESS	0.92%	BUSINESS	1.78%
ENGINEERING	0.92%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
RENTAL	0.92%	CONSTRUCTION	1.73%
RED	0.92%	MEDIA	1.71%
REFRIGERATION	0.92%	LONDON	1.63%
LEGAL	0.92%	J	1.51%
IT	0.92%	INVESTMENTS	1.48%
BLUE	0.92%	GLOBAL	1.46%
INSPECTION	0.92%	IT	1.41%
LEISURE	0.92%	CARE	1.39%
В	0.92%	PROPERTIES	1.29%
CONSULTANTS	0.92%	ELECTRICAL	1.29%
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CONSTRUCTION	0.92%	BUILDING	1.26%
EAST)	0.92%	ENERGY	1.25%
CONSULTANCY	0.92%	S	1.20%
EAST	0.92%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%

sic data



Previous 36 months, excluding companies less than 12 months old

SIC CODE	NUMBER OF COMPANIES	UK COMPANIES
None Supplied	65	205,525
7487 - Other business activities	11	57,052
7414 - Business & management consultancy	3	13,034
99999 - Dormant Company	3	21,846
7499 - Non-trading company	3	9,957
5540 - Bars	3	2,147
8512 - Medical practice activities	3	2,224
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	3	11,768
43210 - Electrical installation	3	3,175
43991 - Scaffold erection	2	276
7221 - Software publishing	2	1,047
47599 - Retail of furniture, lighting, and similar (not musical instruments or scores) in specialised store	2	741
5263 - Other non-store retail sale	2	1,888
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	2	32,483
6420 - Telecommunications	2	1,171
7032 - Manage real estate, fee or contract	2	2,198
7260 - Other computer related activities	2	7,667
69102 - Solicitors	2	1,183
25990 - Manufacture of other fabricated metal products not elsewhere classified	2	569
6024 - Freight transport by road	2	2,280