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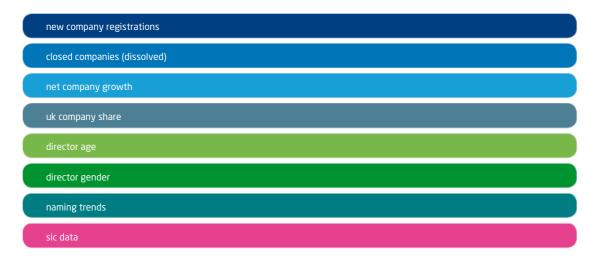
2011 half year business confidence report



headlines

- April 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in York when compared to any previous April.
- April 2011 saw a new record in net growth in York when compared to any previous April.

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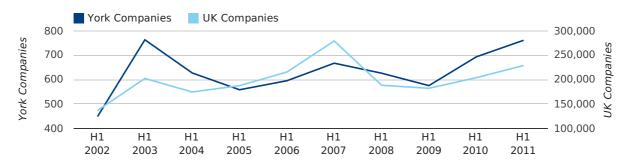


In the first half of 2011 a total of 761 companies were formed in York. This figure is 9.8% higher than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide figure of 12.3%.

The highest total for a first half year in York occurred in 2003 when a total of 763 were formed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	YORK	UK
2011	761	228,735
2010	693	203,749
% CHANGE	9.8%	12.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (763)	2007 (279,097)

new companies by half year



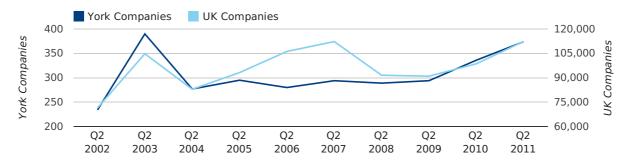
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 374 companies were registered in York during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

This figure is an increase of 11.3% 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.

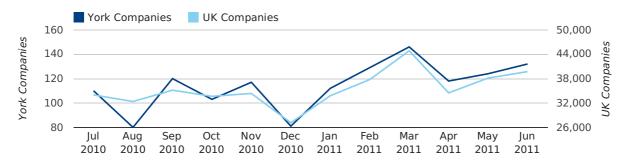
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	YORK	UK
2011	374	112,344
2010	336	98,612
% CHANGE	11.3%	13.9%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (390)	2011 (112,344)

new companies by quarter



April 2011 saw a new record in company registrations in York when compared to any previous April.

new companies by month



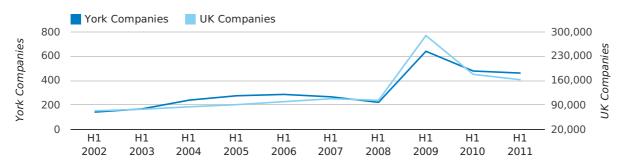
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NEW COMPANIES IN 2011	118	124	132
NEW COMPANIES IN 2010	111	99	126
% CHANGE	6.3%	25.3%	4.8%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (118)	2003 (127)	2003 (157)

In the first half of 2011 a total of 461 companies were dissolved in York. This figure is 3.6% lower than last year, which compares badly to the UK wide change of -8.6%.

The highest total for a first half year in York occurred in 2009 when a total of 640 were closed.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	YORK	UK
2011	461	162,310
2010	478	177,631
% CHANGE	-3.6%	-8.6%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (640)	2009 (289,236)

dissolved companies by half year



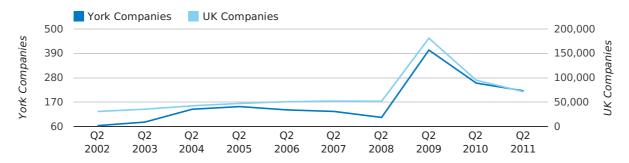
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

A total of 221 companies were dissolved in York during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011).

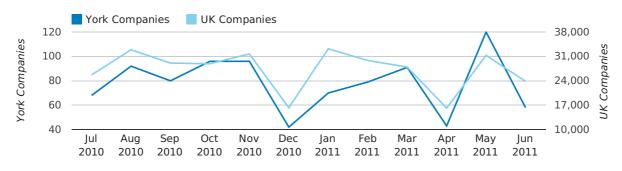
This figure is a decrease of 13.7% versus the same period last year (Q2 2010). This figure compares poorly to the UK as a whole, which saw a decrease of 24.9% against the same period last year.

SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	YORK	UK
2011	221	71,324
2010	256	94,954
% CHANGE	-13.7%	-24.9%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (405)	2009 (181,176)

dissolved companies by quarter



dissolved companies by month

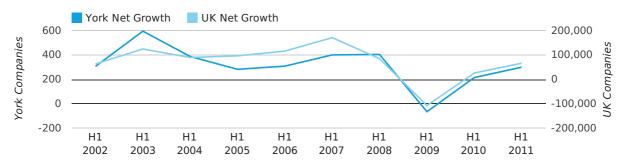


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2011	43	120	58
CLOSED COMPANIES IN 2010	65	100	91
% CHANGE	-33.8%	20.0%	-36%
RECORD YEAR	2009 (91)	2009 (186)	2009 (128)

In the first half of 2011 the company register for York increased by 300 companies. This figure is 39.5% higher than last year, which compares badly to a UK increase of 154.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	YORK	UK
2011	300	66,425
2010	215	26,118
% CHANGE	39.5%	154.3%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (596)	2007 (171,296)

net growth by half year



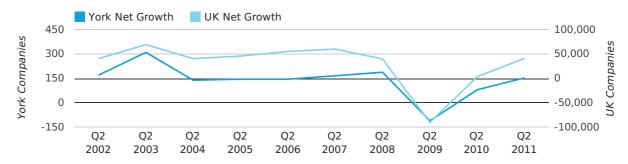
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

Net company growth for York during the second quarter of 2011 (Apr 2011 - Jun 2011) was 153 companies.

This represents an increase of 91.3% on the same period last year.

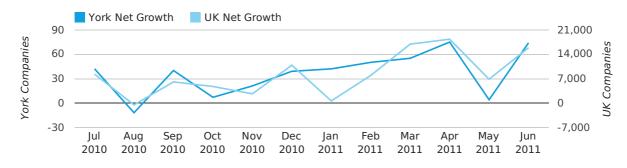
SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	YORK	UK
2011	153	41,020
2010	80	3,658
% CHANGE	91.3%	1,021.4%
RECORD YEAR	2003 (310)	2003 (69,274)

net growth by quarter



April 2011 saw a new record in net growth in York when compared to any previous April.

net growth by month

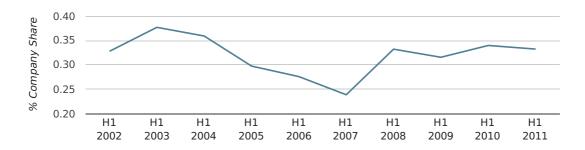


	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
NET GROWTH IN 2011	75	4	74
NET GROWTH IN 2010	46	-1	35
% CHANGE	63.0%	-500.0%	111.4%
RECORD YEAR	2011 (75)	2003 (111)	2003 (132)

In the first half of 2011 York formed 0.3% of all UK companies. This is the same as the 2010 figure of 0.3%.

HALF YEAR (JAN-JUN)	YORK
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.2%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1964 (0.5%)

company share by half year

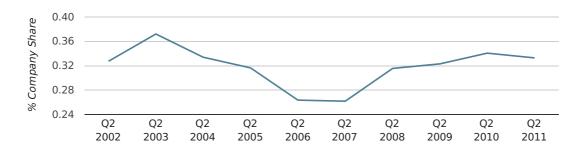


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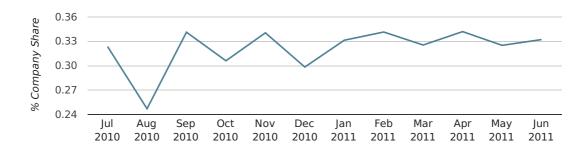
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SECOND QUARTER (APR 2011 - JUN 2011)	YORK
2011	0.3%
2010	0.3%
2009	0.3%
2008	0.3%
2007	0.3%
RECORD YEAR (SINCE 1960)	1962 (0.7%)

company share by quarter



company share by month



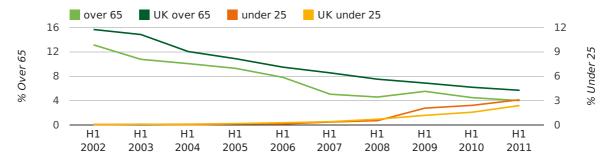
	APRIL	MAY	JUNE
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2011	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%
UK FORMATION SHARE IN 2010	0.3%	0.3%	0.4%
% CHANGE	2.9%	-1.4%	-7.2%
RECORD YEAR	1961 (0.9%)	1962 (1.1%)	1980 (0.7%)

The average age of a director in the first half of 2011 was 45.0.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.1% compared to the UK figure of 3.2%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 4.0% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by half year



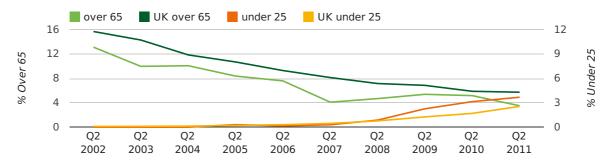
Quarterly Data (Q2 Apr-Jun 2011)

The average age of a director in the second quarter of 2011 was 44.2.

The percentage of directors under the age of 25 was 3.7% compared to the UK figure of 3.4%.

The percentage of directors over the age of 65 was 3.5% compared to the UK figure of 4.3%.

director age by quarter



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

28.9% of all director appointments in York 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 York was in 1866 when 66.7% of all directors were female.

28.2% of all director appointments in York 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



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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
YORK	3.26%	CONSULTING	5.09%
MANAGEMENT	2.93%	MANAGEMENT	4.86%
(YORK)	2.16%	CONSULTANCY	3.17%
CONSULTANCY	1.25%	PROPERTY	2.43%
CONSULTING	1.20%	TRADING	2.05%
YORKSHIRE	1.01%	DESIGN	1.94%
PROPERTY	0.96%	ASSOCIATES	1.92%
ASSOCIATES	0.86%	BUSINESS	1.87%
DEVELOPMENT	0.72%	CONSTRUCTION	1.77%
BUSINESS	0.72%	CONSULTANTS	1.76%
MEDIA	0.72%	MEDIA	1.73%
CONSTRUCTION	0.67%	ENGINEERING	1.67%
ELECTRICAL	0.62%	LONDON	1.60%
J	0.62%	GLOBAL	1.46%
DESIGN	0.62%	J	1.44%
DEVELOPMENTS	0.62%	CARE	1.44%
S	0.53%	INVESTMENTS	1.42%
CARE	0.53%	IT	1.39%
HOUSE	0.53%	BUILDING	1.32%
TRADING	0.48%	PROPERTIES	1.31%
BUILDING	0.48%	ELECTRICAL	1.30%
ENGINEERING	0.48%	М	1.27%
G	0.48%	S	1.23%
INVESTMENTS	0.48%	ENTERPRISES	1.20%
MARKETING	0.43%	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	526	202,072
7487 - Other business activities	126	60,758
70229 - Management consultancy activities other than financial management	90	16,419
9999 - Dormant Company	67	20,111
7414 - Business & management consultancy	61	13,053
82990 - Other business support service activities not elsewhere classified	58	30,647
99999 - Dormant Company	56	18,918
7499 - Non-trading company	45	10,955
98000 - Residents property management	33	2,888
62020 - Information technology consultancy activities	32	10,545
9305 - Other service activities	32	9,063
4521 - General construction & civil engineering	31	5,928
96090 - Other service activities not elsewhere classified	29	10,322
69201 - Accounting and auditing activities	26	3,394
74909 - Other professional, scientific and technical activities not elsewhere classified	26	7,835
7260 - Other computer related activities	25	7,849
41100 - Development of building projects	24	3,852
62090 - Other information technology service activities	24	7,095
74990 - Non-trading company	21	8,481
68320 - Management of real estate on a fee or contract basis	16	3,095