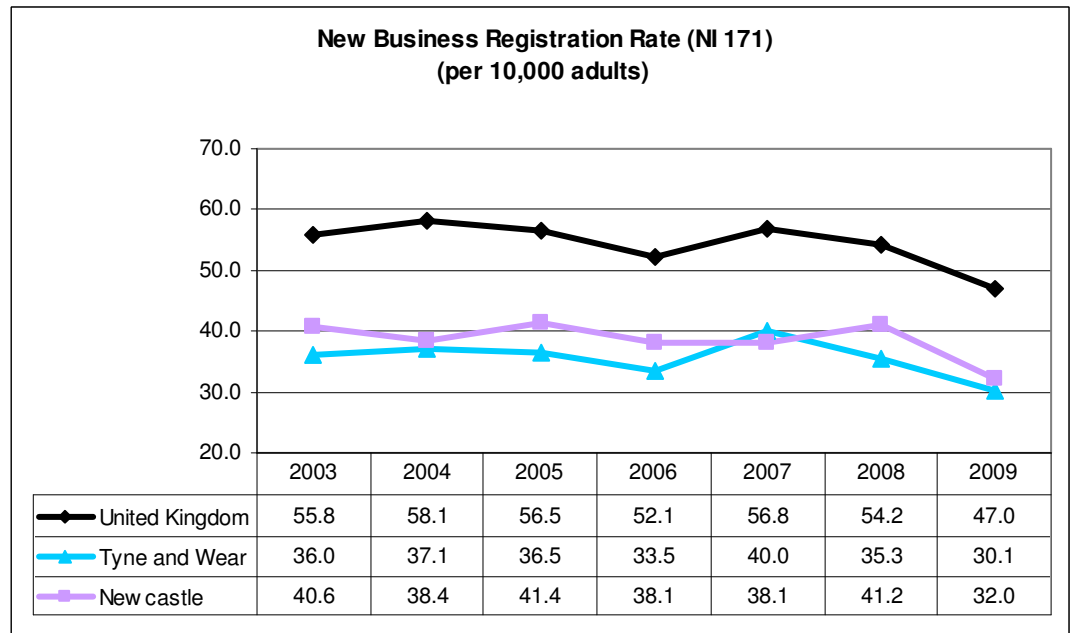


This bulletin provides a summary of key business points for Newcastle¹

KEY POINTS

New Business Registration Rate

- The new business registration rate (former National Indicator 171) in 2009 (a recession year) in Newcastle fell to 32.0², 31.8% below the UK rate. Newcastle's registration rate fell 22.2% from 2008. Over the previous six years it had, on average, been 28.6% below the UK rate (54.2).



Source: Office for National Statistics (ONS). 2003 to 2008 are National Indicators as published.³

Active Enterprise and Business Survivals

- Newcastle upon Tyne's five-year survival rate for businesses is 2.3pp higher than the UK; for firms born in 2004, 49.1% were still active in 2009 (UK 46.8%). For Tyne and Wear, the five-year survival rate was 2.2pp still lower at 44.7%. Of Tyne and Wear Districts, Newcastle and Gateshead's five-year survival rates have risen above the UK. There were 7,545 active enterprises in Newcastle upon Tyne in 2009⁴.

Business Growth

- In 2009, the number of businesses in Newcastle fell by 2.0% (150). This was a slightly faster fall than in Tyne and Wear (-1.4%). Growth=births minus deaths.

Business Births

- There were 765 business births in Newcastle upon Tyne in 2009⁵.

Business Deaths

- There were 915 business deaths in Newcastle upon Tyne in 2009. Caution: business deaths contain an element of estimation by ONS.

¹ Businesses are defined using the Office for National Statistics 'Business Demographics' definition, which is much (50%+) wider than the VAT series.

² The rate is given by dividing new business registrations (enterprise births) by the population aged 16+ then multiplying by 10,000. Enterprise births are defined as new businesses registering for either VAT or PAYE (or both) for the first time.

³ The Business Demographics report may revise some of these figures.

⁴ Figures in this release are rounded (by the Office for National Statistics) to prevent disclosure.

⁵ Data for 2010 will be available after November 2011.