



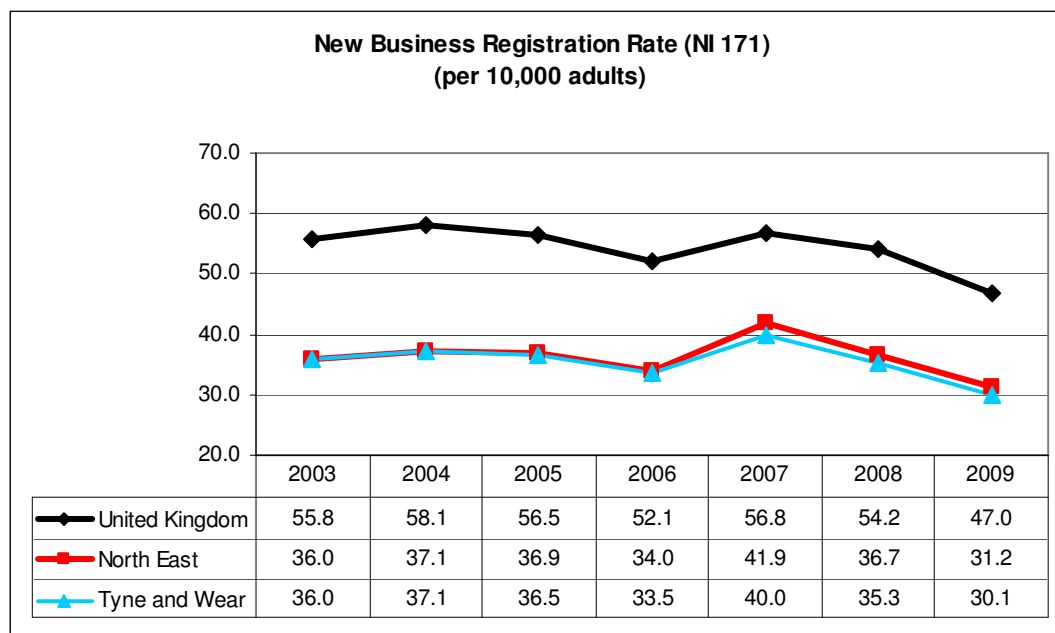
BUSINESS IN TYNE AND WEAR 2009

This bulletin provides a summary of key business points from the BD dataset for Tyne and Wear¹

KEY POINTS

New Business Registration Rate

- The new business registration rate (former National Indicator 171) in 2009 (a recession year) in Tyne and Wear was 30.1² per 10,000 adults. This was over a third (36.0% or 16.9pts) below the UK rate. Tyne and Wear's registration rate was slightly lower than the North East rate. In 2009, the Tyne and Wear rate fell by 14.8% compared to 2008; the UK rate fell by 13.3%.



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

Active Enterprises and Business Survivals

- There were 25,945 active enterprises in Tyne and Wear in 2009.⁴ Tyne and Wear's five-year survival rate for businesses is 2.2pp lower than the UK; for those born in 2004, 44.7% of firms were still active in 2009 (UK 46.8%). Only Gateshead and Newcastle had better five-year survival rates than the UK.

Business Growth

- In 2009, the number of businesses in Tyne and Wear fell by 1.4% (355). Growth=births minus deaths.

Business Births

- There were 2,755 business births in Tyne and Wear in 2009.⁵

Business Deaths

- There were 3,110 business deaths in Tyne and Wear in 2009. Caution: business deaths include 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 are due to be available after November 2011.