


Cumbria




Our modern Industrial Strategy sets out our long-term plan to boost productivity by backing business to create high quality, well-paid jobs throughout the United Kingdom with investment in skills, industries and infrastructure.


In Cumbria a partnership of business and civic leaders – alongside other local partners – is working with the government to build on existing strengths, help business to flourish, and grow skills and opportunities for workers across the area.

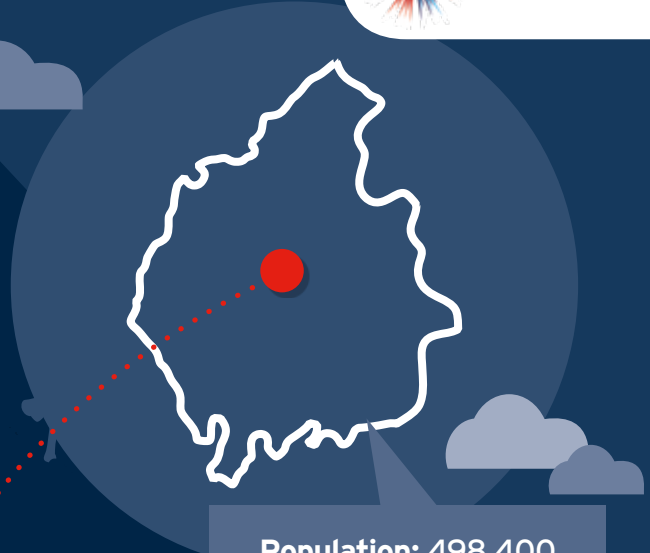
Industrial Strategy highlights include:

 **£3.6m** to extend superfast broadband technology across the county, encouraging more rapid business growth especially for businesses in rural areas.

 **£4.95m** funding for improvements to Carlisle Airport's runway and terminal.

 Additional funding for transport infrastructure improvements in Kendal including junction widening, improved signalisation, new cycle routes and traffic calming.

 **235,400** people in employment. **20,300** workers directly benefiting from the National Living and Minimum Wages. **5,870** apprenticeships starts last year.



Population: 498,400
Businesses: 28,100

Case study: Advanced Manufacturing Centre, Carlisle College

The AMC is a state-of-the-art advanced manufacturing centre, with a simulated production line for training. It will cover three distinct disciplines: Manufacturing & Fabrication, Process & Control, and Design & Prototyping. It has been designed with input on layout from key local firms to ensure it has an integrated, employer-led curriculum in the engineering, manufacturing and processing sectors.

For more examples go to bit.ly/IS-map

Cumbria Local Enterprise Partnership is now working with the government to develop its Local Industrial Strategy.

We have committed more than £45bn to Industrial Strategy programmes supporting research, local infrastructure, training and business growth throughout the United Kingdom. This money is already starting to be spent on the ground.