

# Leicester & Leicestershire



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 Leicester and Leicestershire 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.

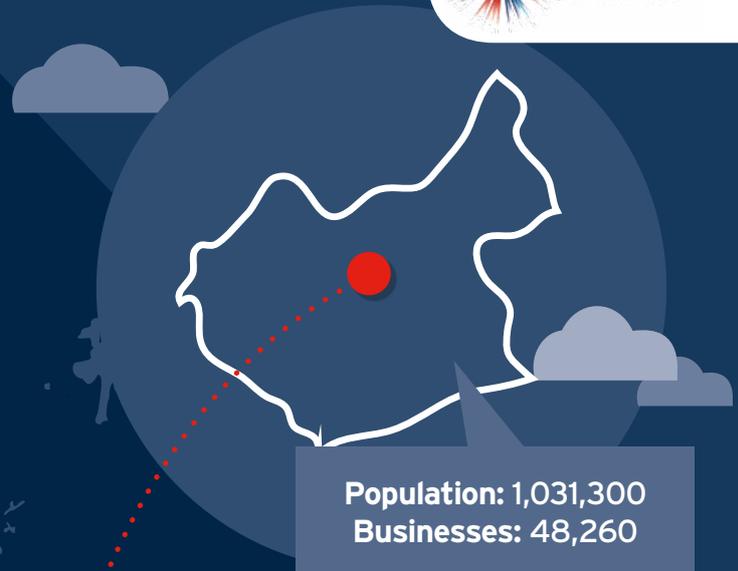
Industrial Strategy highlights include:

 **£433,000** for Loughborough University, in partnership with Tata Motors and Barrus, to develop engines running on natural gas which is highly efficient, low carbon emitting and delivers good fuel economy.

 **£3m** to deliver rail journey time improvement through Market Harborough by raising the line speed to 85mph. The investment will also fund new platforms, a car park and new road access at Market Harborough.

 **£10m** to accelerate housebuilding by providing essential infrastructure to access new and existing sites.

 **499,200** people in employment, an increase of **50,800** since 2010. **35,000** workers directly benefiting from the National Living and Minimum Wages. **9,270** apprenticeships starts last year.



Population: 1,031,300  
Businesses: 48,260

## Case study: MIRA Technology Institute

The MIRA Technology Institute (MTI) is an innovative collaboration between education and industry designed to address skills shortages in the new disruptive technologies surrounding connected and autonomous vehicles and electric cars. The MTI was developed by lead partner North Warwickshire and South Leicestershire College, along with HORIBA MIRA, the University of Leicester, Loughborough University and Coventry University. Built with £9.5m investment from the Government's Local Growth Fund, the MTI won the Leicestershire Live Innovation Award for Education and Training in 2019.

For more examples go to [bit.ly/IS-map](https://bit.ly/IS-map)

Leicester and Leicestershire 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.**