


# South East





**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 the South East 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:

 **£6.5m** for the Kent and Medway EDGE Hub, a teaching and research centre with satellite facilities at the Discovery Park (Dover), Canterbury Christ Church's Medway Campus and other parts of Kent.

 **£9.7m** to accelerate housebuilding by providing the necessary infrastructure to access new and existing sites.

 **£1.5m** to reduce flood risk in Newhaven encouraging regeneration in the town.

 **2,035,700** people in employment, an increase of **201,300** since 2010. **96,600** workers directly benefiting from the National Living and Minimum Wages. **31,080** apprenticeships starts last year.



**Population: 4,130,000**  
**Businesses: 164,000**

## Case study: Innovation Park Medway

The Innovation Park Medway, within the Kent Enterprise Zone, is being developed as part of the reconfiguration of the Rochester airport site. The £4.4m funding for this flagship regeneration site will attract high quality technology, engineering and manufacturing companies to the area. Tenant firms will be selected based on their potential to play a long-term role in growing the local economy.

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

South East 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.**