



Department for
International Trade

An aerial night photograph of a modern, cylindrical brick building with a curved facade. The building's windows are illuminated from within, and horizontal white bands wrap around its exterior. In the background, a cityscape is visible under a twilight sky, with a river and other buildings lit up.

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**Inward Investment
Results 2020-21**





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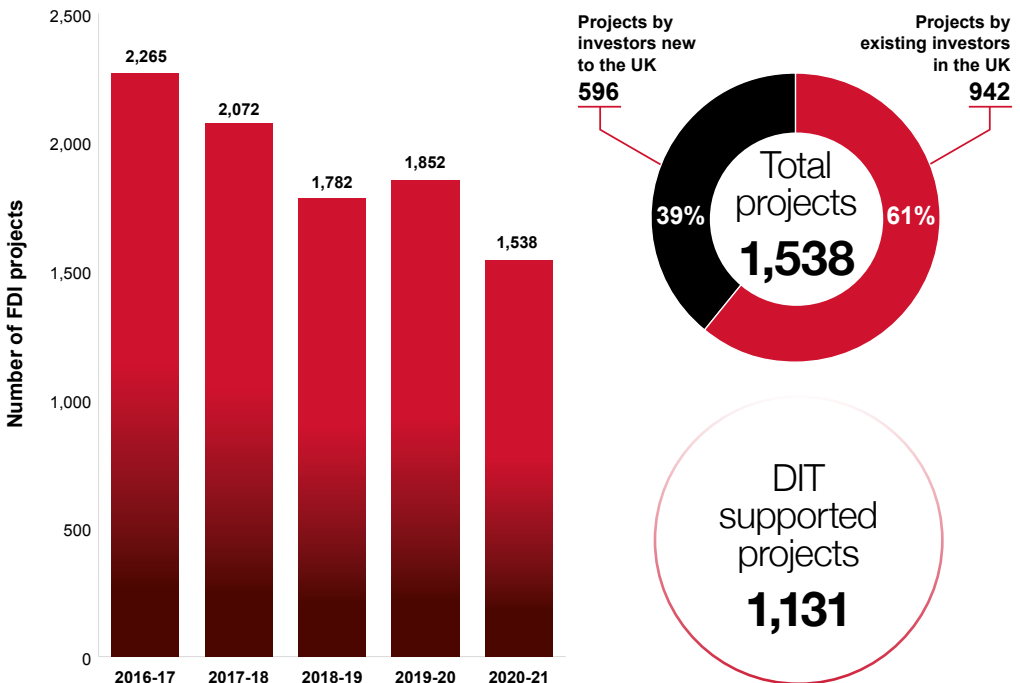
FDI 2020-21 highlights

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

	2019-20	2020-21	% change
Total projects	1,852	1,538	-17%
– Involved projects (DIT supported)	1,449	1,131	-22%
– Estimated economic impact of involved projects (£m)	3,091	3,875	25%
New jobs	56,117	55,319	-1%
Safeguarded jobs	9,021	18,187	102%

See technical annex for details on definitions and methodology.

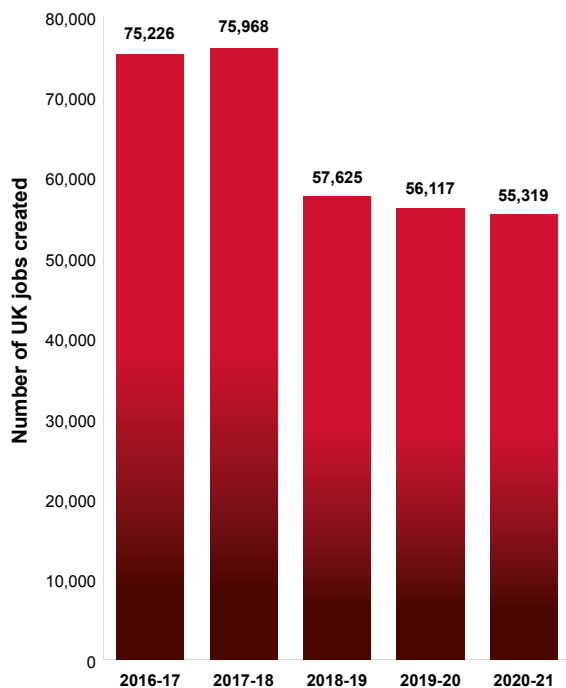
FDI projects in the UK 2016-17 to 2020-21



Types of FDI

Types of investment projects	2016-17	2017-18	2018-19	2019-20	2020-21	% change
New investment	1,237	1,179	1,035	1,153	888	-23%
Expansions (including Retentions)	822	714	554	504	477	-5%
Mergers and Acquisitions (including Joint Ventures)	206	179	193	195	173	-11%
Total	2,265	2,072	1,782	1,852	1,538	-17%

New jobs created in the UK 2016-17 to 2020-21



New jobs
55,319

New projects and jobs from FDI into the UK

Northern Ireland

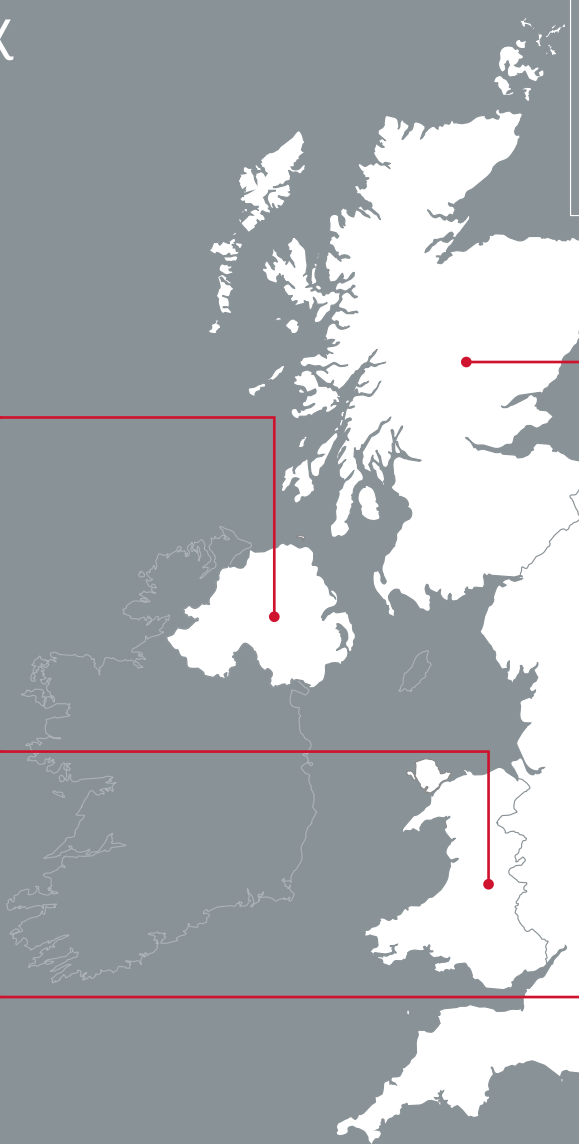
29 Projects
1,326 New jobs

Wales

72 Projects
1,529 New jobs

London

492 Projects
13,832 New jobs



Source: Department for International Trade

Note: 49 multiple location projects associated with 14,855 new jobs are not included.



Scotland

92 Projects
3,245 New jobs



England (excl. London)

804 Projects
20,532 New jobs

English Regions (excl. London)	FDI projects	New Jobs
North East	51	1,373
North West	139	4,309
Yorkshire and The Humber	86	1,412
East Midlands	72	2,149
West Midlands	145	4,443
East of England	72	2,066
South East	163	2,538
South West	76	2,242

Top source markets for FDI projects into the UK

Ireland

42 Projects
1,097 New jobs

France

88 Projects
5,278 New jobs
93 Safeguarded jobs

Canada

58 Projects
1,052 New jobs
540 Safeguarded jobs

United States

389 Projects
19,301 New jobs
3,942 Safeguarded jobs

Source: Department for International Trade
c: Indicates data for safeguarded jobs are disclosive.

Note: 342 projects associated with 7,206 new jobs and 3,967 safeguarded jobs relate to countries not shown. See accompanying annex for a further breakdown.

Netherlands 

72 Projects
2,674 New jobs
1,119 Safeguarded jobs

Germany 

93 Projects
6,405 New jobs
1,879 Safeguarded jobs

Sweden 

49 Projects
1,024 New jobs
258 Safeguarded jobs

Switzerland 

29 Projects
515 New jobs

Italy 

66 Projects
1,215 New jobs
1,908 Safeguarded jobs

Japan 

51 Projects
1,463 New jobs
1,547 Safeguarded jobs

China 

46 Projects
1,209 New jobs

India 

99 Projects
4,830 New jobs

Spain 

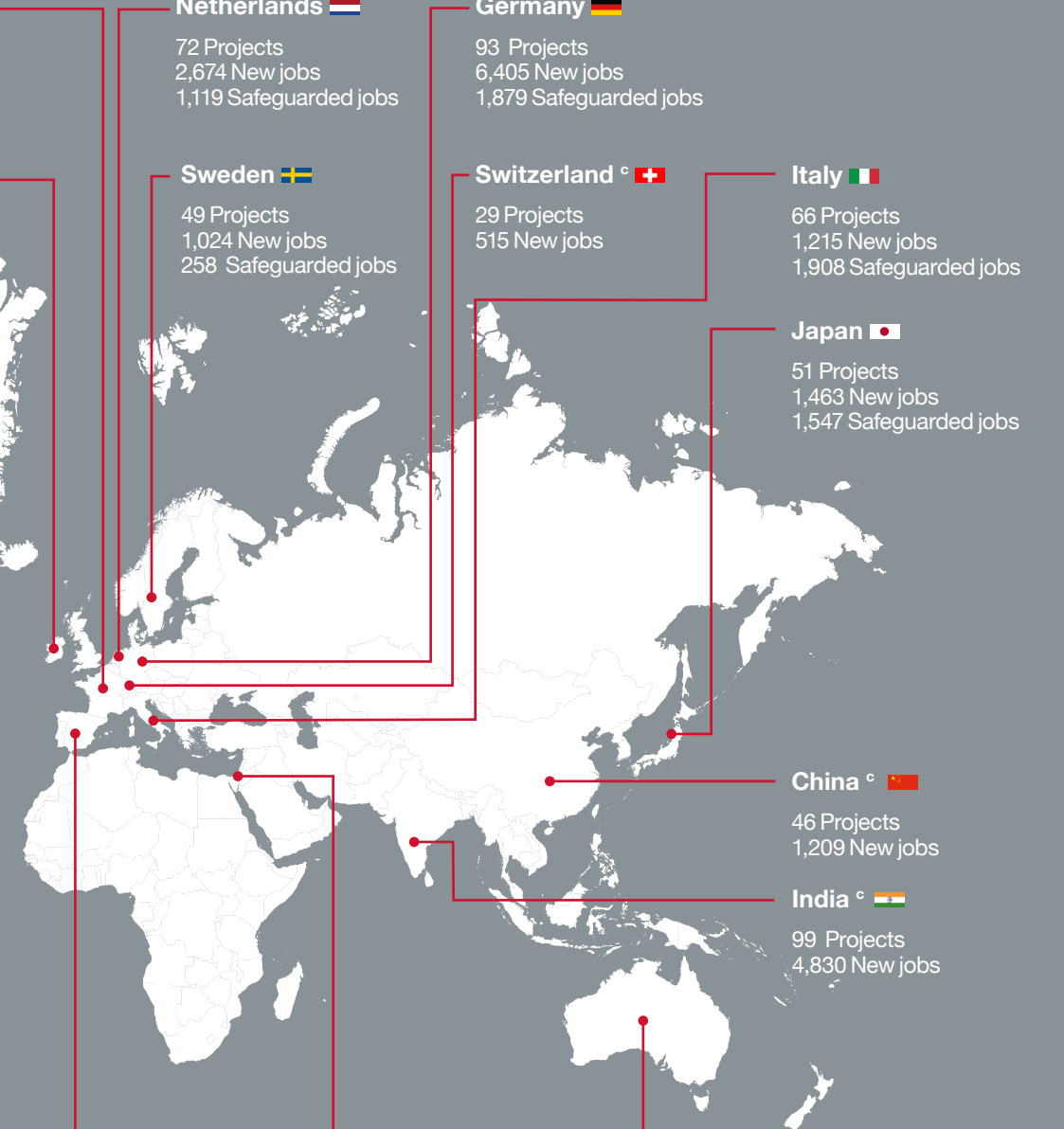
41 Projects
714 New jobs
1,333 Safeguarded jobs

Israel 

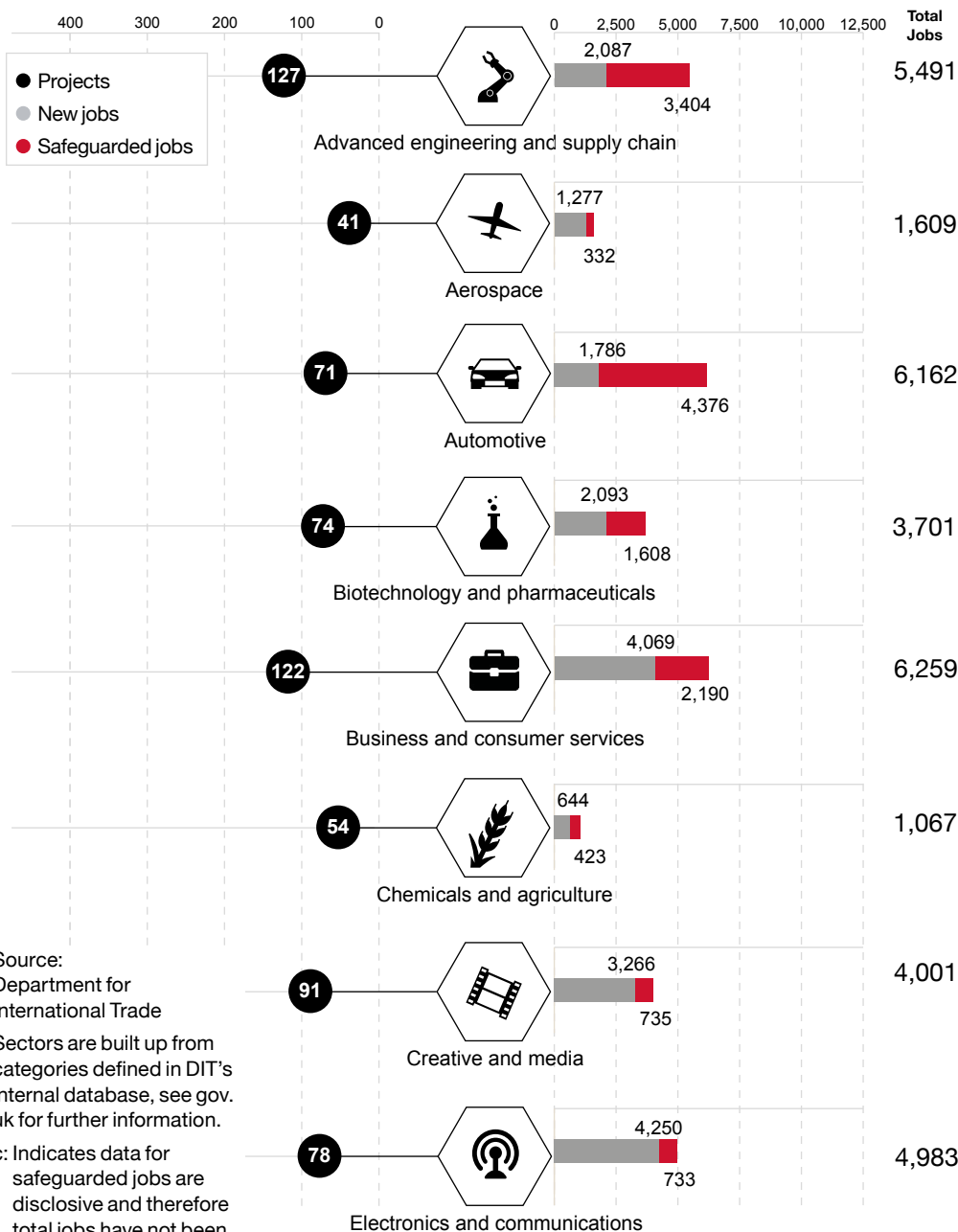
33 Projects
677 New jobs

Australia 

40 Projects
659 New jobs
273 Safeguarded jobs



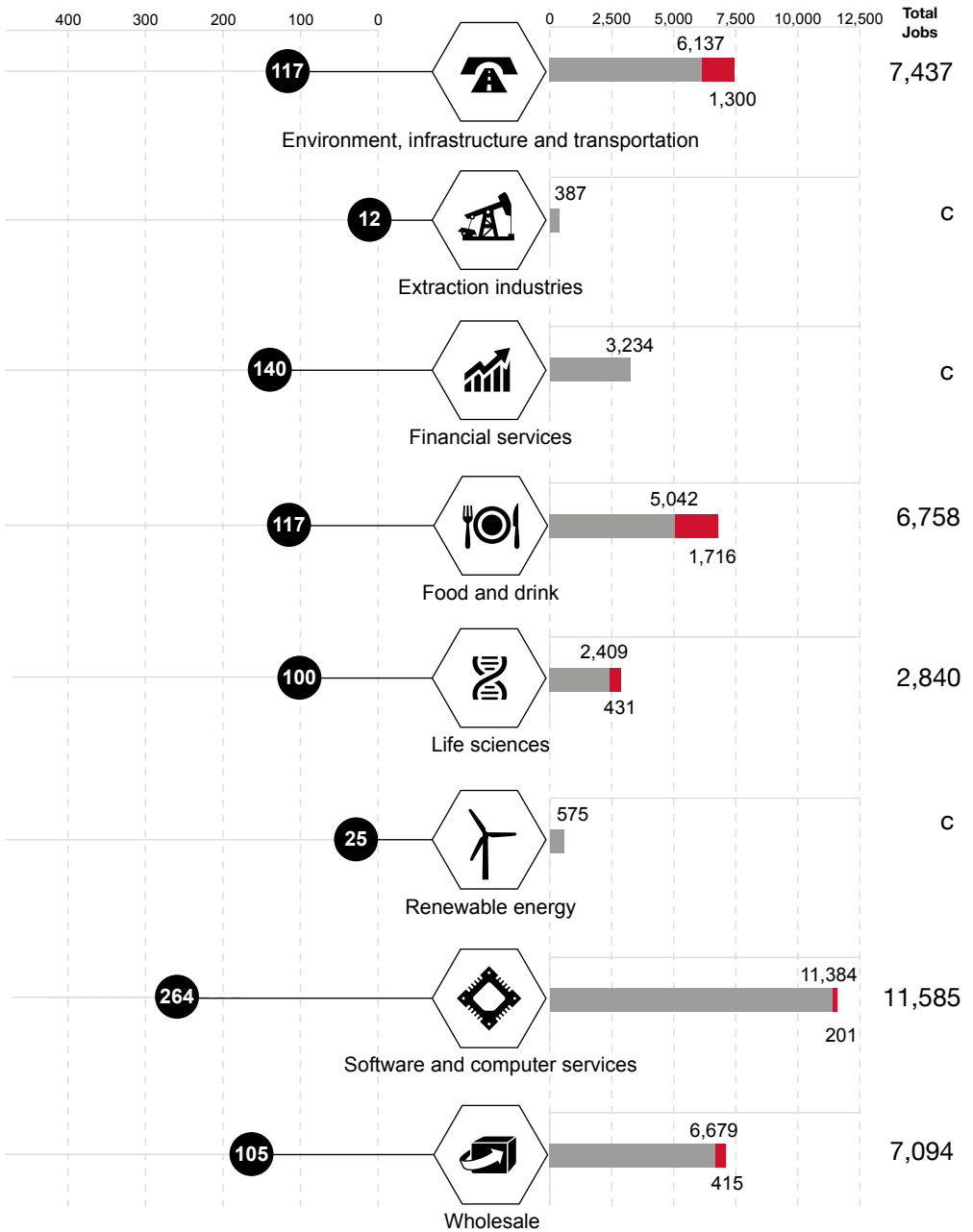
Sector results 2020-21



Source: Department for International Trade

Sectors are built up from categories defined in DIT's internal database, see gov.uk for further information.

c: Indicates data for safeguarded jobs are disclosive and therefore total jobs have not been provided



DIT's Global Entrepreneur Programme and Capital Investment

Global Entrepreneur Programme

A subset of involved projects is related to DIT's Global Entrepreneur Programme (GEP). This programme enables high potential, internationally mobile entrepreneurs and their fast growth innovation-rich companies to scale and internationalise from a UK global headquarters.

	2019-20	2020-21	% change
Projects	89	69	-22%
New jobs	1,691	1,647	-3%

Capital Investment

Growth capital involves overseas investment from corporate, venture capital and individual investors into high-value start-ups, growth companies and funds.

Large capital involves overseas institutional investment into large capital projects in real estate, infrastructure and energy.

Whilst capital investment is all foreign investment, most does not meet the criteria of FDI. See technical annex for full details.

	2019-20		2020-21	
	Investments (£m)	Commitments to invest (£m)	Investments (£m)	Commitments to invest (£m)
Growth capital investments	1,031	z	2,083	z
Large capital investments	4,023	11,151	3,821	7,503

z Indicates data are not applicable



How the Department for International Trade can help you

Whether you are a start-up, a medium-sized or family business, a corporate or an institutional investor, Department for International Trade (DIT) supports the realisation of your international business ambitions.

DIT offers flexible support packages for every aspect of your investment. Our service does not stop once you are based in the UK, it continues as your business expands internationally. We have helped thousands of businesses locate and expand in the UK. We listen to their feedback to help strengthen and improve our services.



Not sure which country is best for your business?

Comparing the benefits of locating in different countries is complicated. It is our job to explain the business environment in competitor countries. We provide the detailed factual information and market insights that let you draw meaningful conclusions about the UK's competitiveness.



Already established here, but looking to expand your business?

We can help you develop the relationships that enable expansion in the UK and exports to European and global markets. This could include: connecting you with innovation support for new products and services; using our overseas network to increase your exports; or helping you access finance.



Already decided to bring your business to the UK?

We help you set up business quickly and efficiently, saving valuable time and money by guiding you through essential steps such as choosing the right location, finding premises, recruiting staff and connecting with the value chain. We have specialists covering all the industry sectors, as well as key issues such as visas, taxation, skills, planning permission and financial analysis.



Contact Department for International Trade

DIT's services to international investors in the UK are free of charge and commercial-in-confidence.

Contact DIT's Investment Services Team

invest.great.gov.uk/int/contact
or via email at enquiries@invest-trade.uk
or by telephone **+44(0) 207 000 9012**.

Investment staff at a British embassy, high commission or trade office can also put investors in touch with the Investment Services Team.



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