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**Inward Investment  
Results 2024 to 2025**

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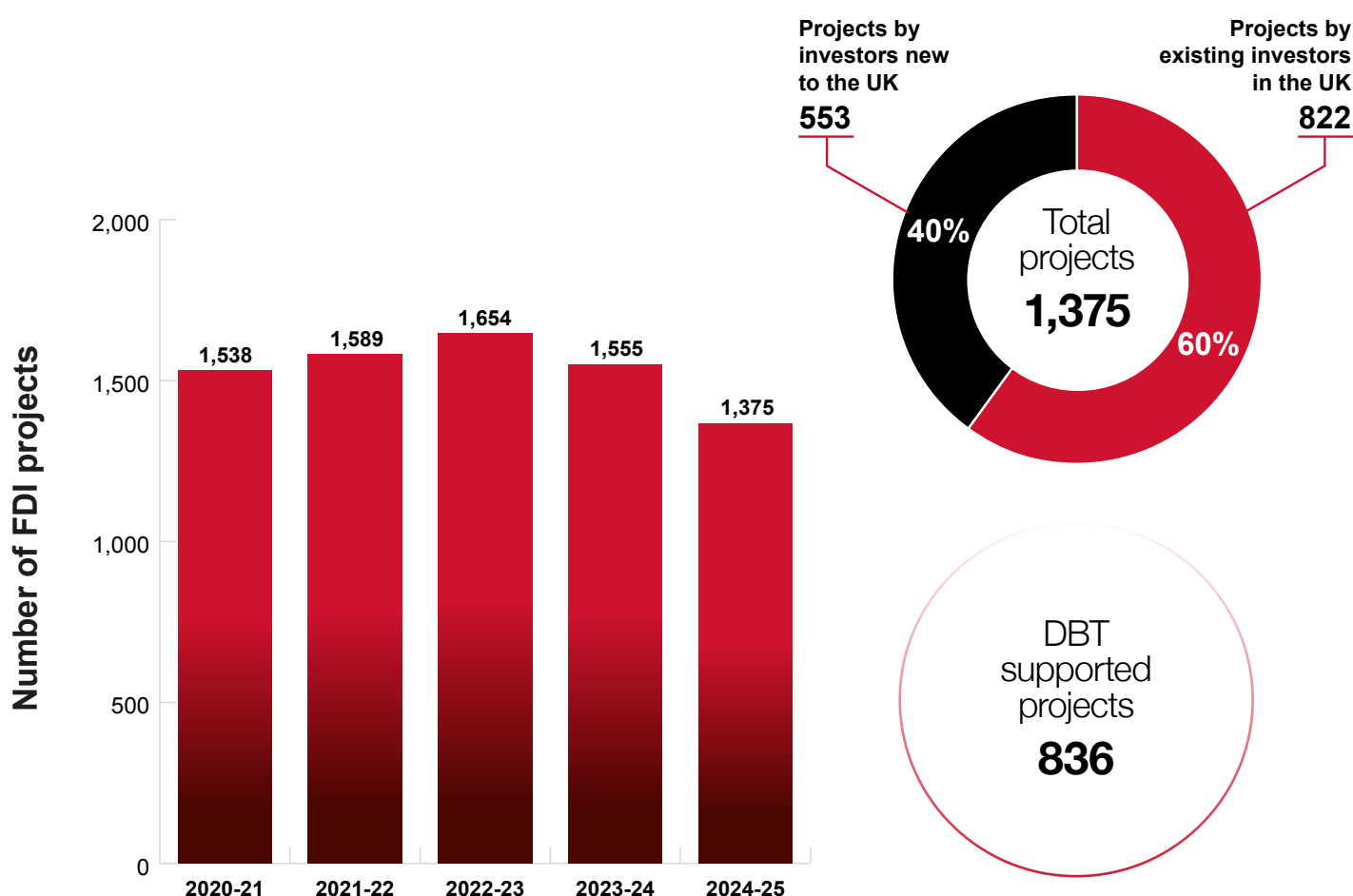
# FDI 2024 to 2025 highlights

## Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

	2023-24	2024-25	% change
<b>Total projects</b>	<b>1,555</b>	<b>1,375</b>	<b>-12%</b>
– Involved projects (DBT supported)	1,018	836	-18%
– Estimated economic impact of involved projects (£m)	5,757	6,041	5%
<b>New jobs</b>	<b>71,478</b>	<b>69,355</b>	<b>-3%</b>
<b>Safeguarded jobs</b>	<b>11,613</b>	<b>10,195</b>	<b>-12%</b>

See technical annex for details on definitions and methodology. For further information about interpreting % changes please see section 6.

## FDI projects in the UK between 2020 to 2021 and 2024 to 2025



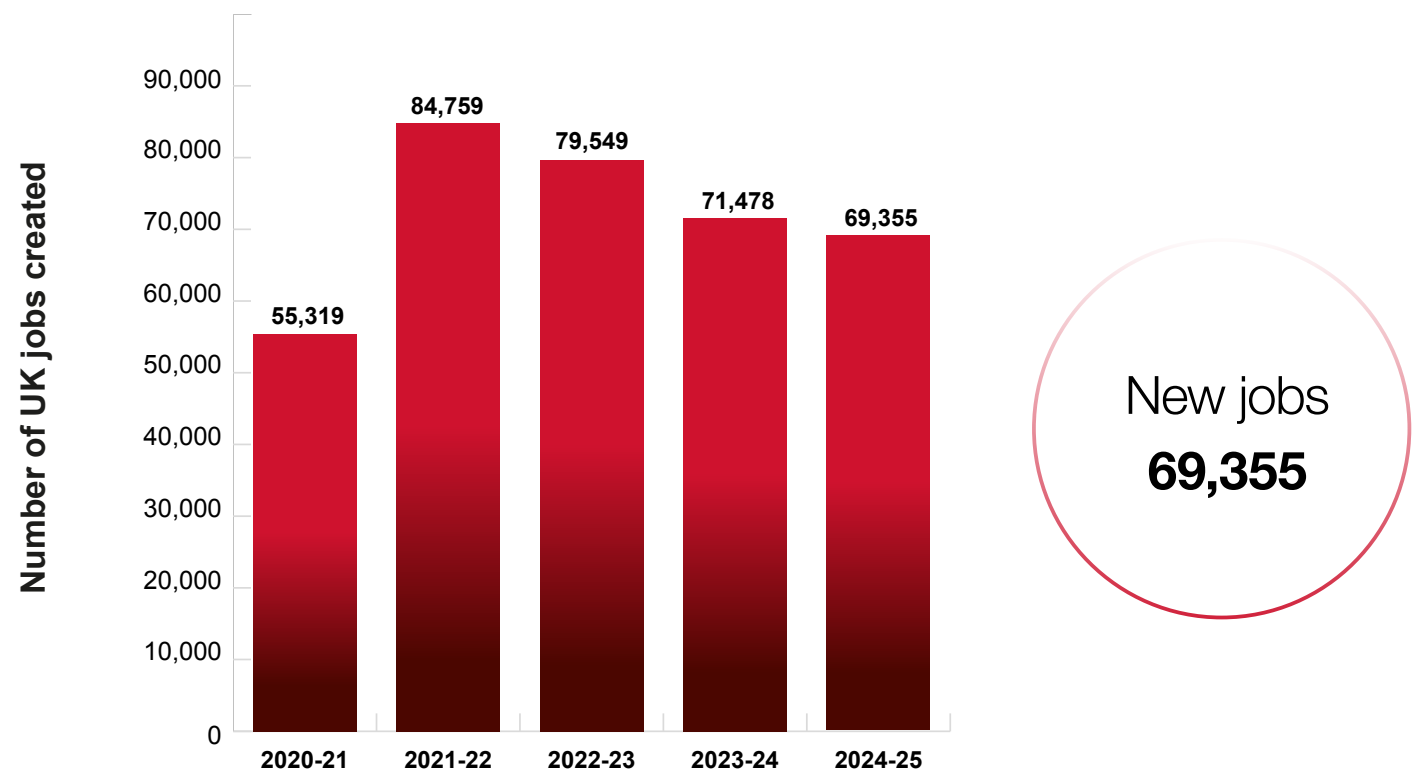
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Types of FDI

Types of investment projects	2020-21	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	% change
New investment	888	907	1,048	1,023	815	-20%
Expansions (including Retentions)	477	466	407	357	373	4%
Mergers and Acquisitions (including Joint Ventures)	173	216	199	175	187	7%
Total	1,538	1,589	1,654	1,555	1,375	-12%

New jobs created in the UK between 2020 to 2021 and 2024 to 2025



# FDI projects by UK region

## Scotland

128 Projects

4,348 New jobs

## Northern Ireland

37 Projects

946 New jobs

## Wales

65 Projects

2,470 New jobs

	English Regions (excl. London)	FDI projects	New Jobs
1	North East	63	2,064
2	North West	127	7,047
3	Yorkshire and The Humber	108	4,382
4	East Midlands	66	2,805
5	West Midlands	130	5,821
6	East of England	39	1,676
7	South East	85	3,127
8	South West	55	2,517

## London

427 Projects

22,932 New jobs

Source: Department for Business and Trade

Note: 45 multiple location projects associated with 9,220 new jobs are not included.

# Top source markets for FDI projects into the UK

Ireland 

49 Projects  
3,196 New jobs

France 

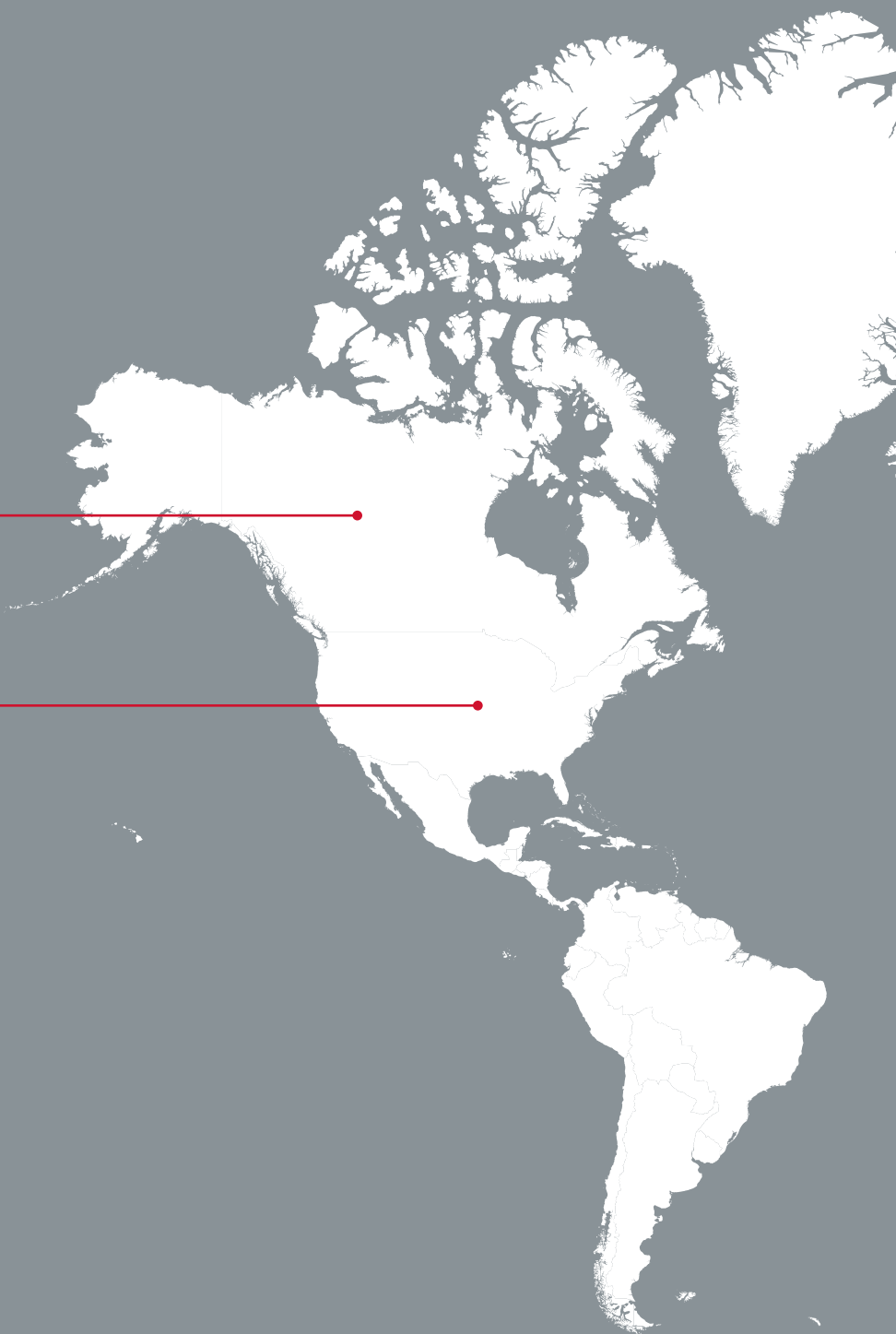
68 Projects  
5,356 New jobs

Canada 

43 Projects  
1,701 New jobs

United States 

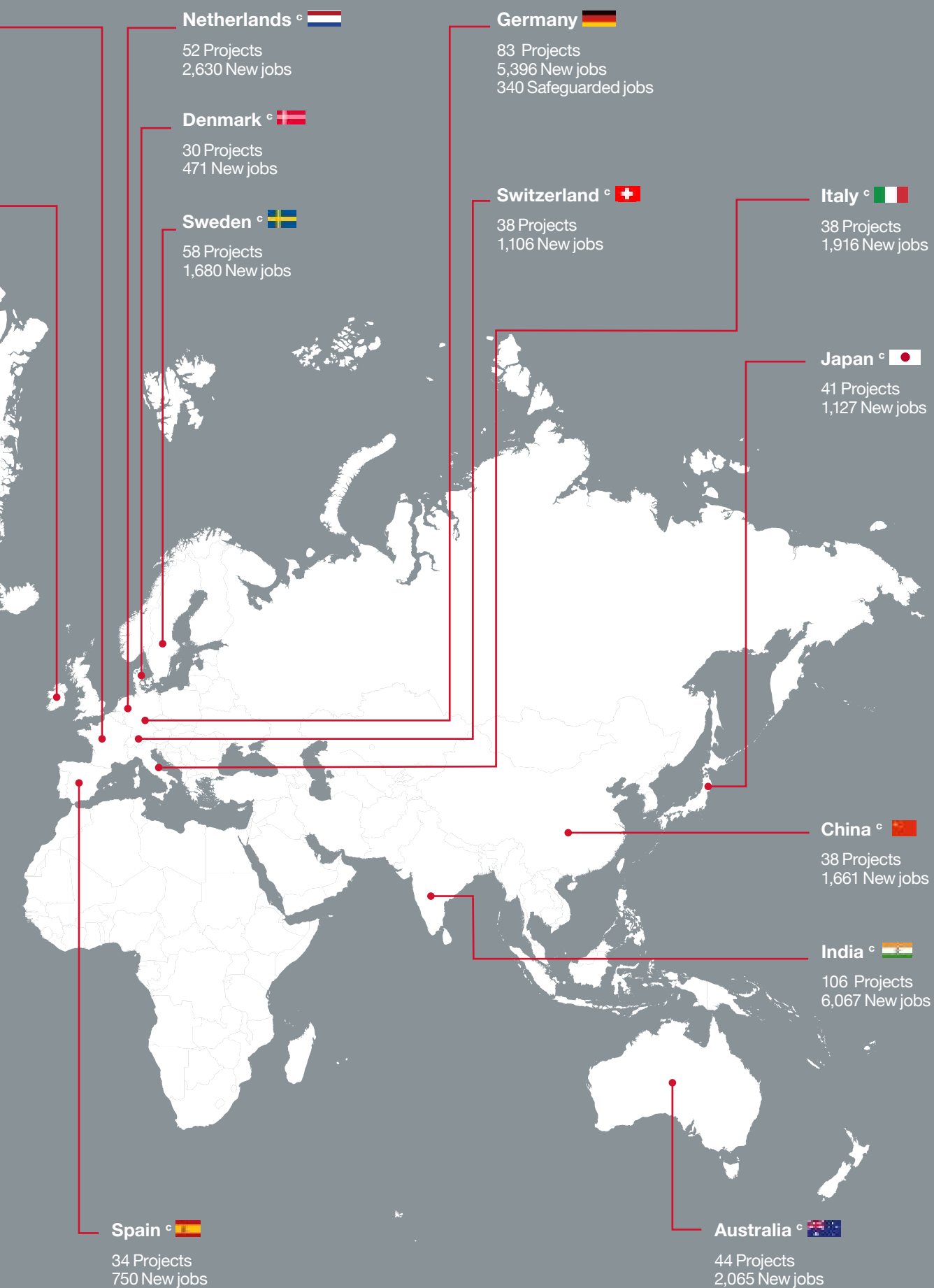
329 Projects  
14,213 New jobs  
1,943 Safeguarded jobs



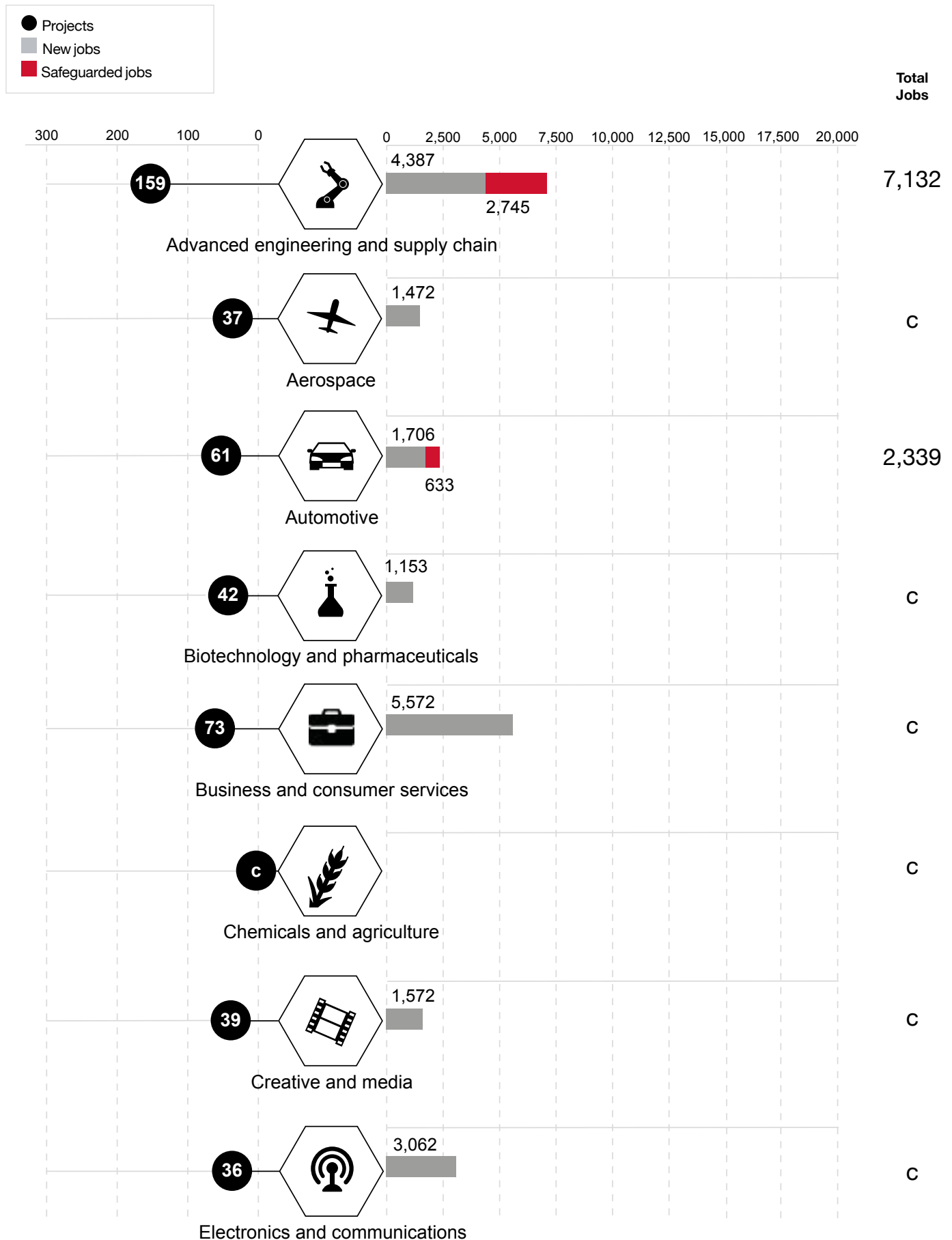
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c: Indicates data for safeguarded jobs are disclosive.

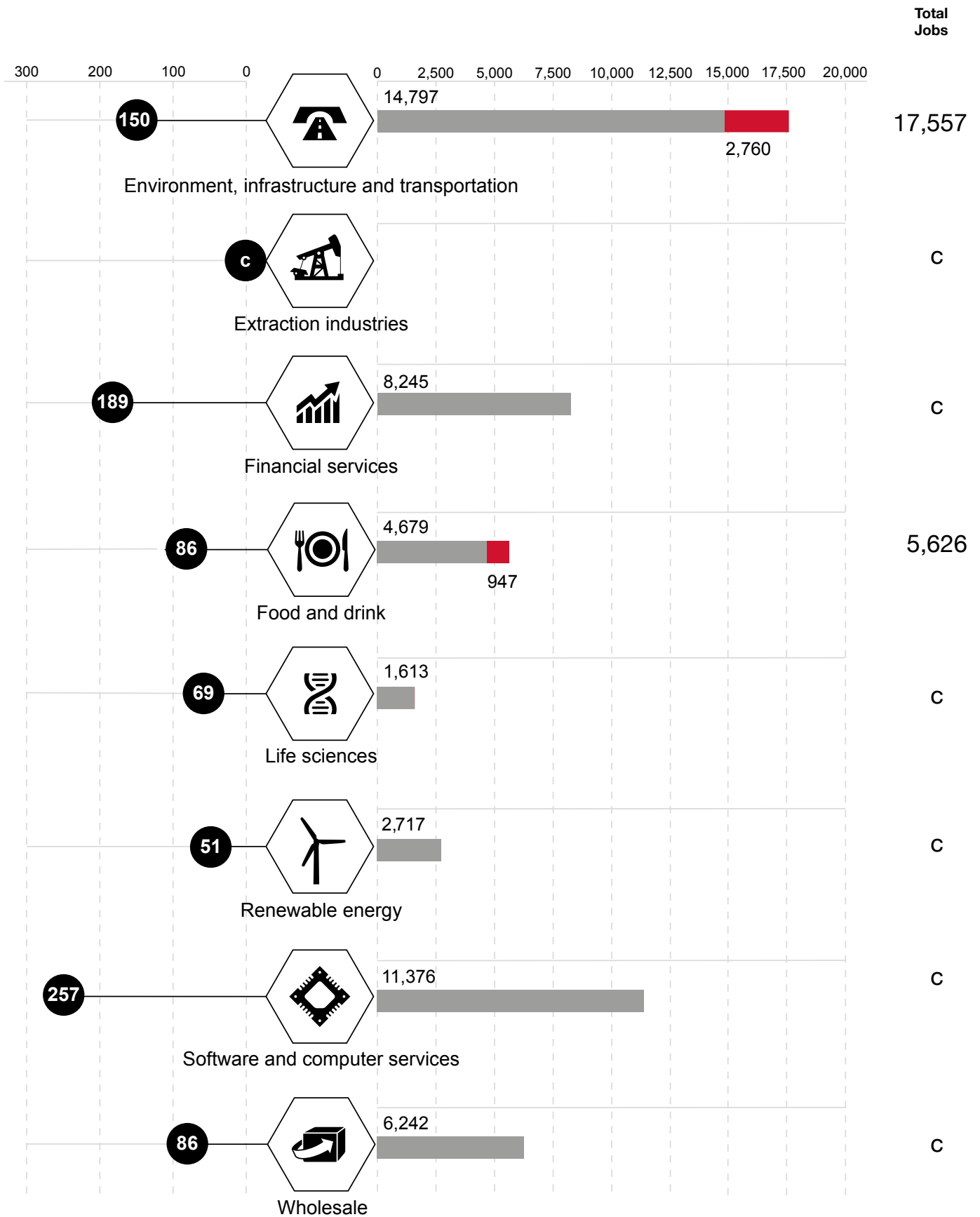
Note: 324 projects associated with 20,020 new jobs and 3,395 safeguarded jobs relate to countries not shown.



# FDI projects by sector







# DBT's Net Zero, Research & Development and Capital Investment projects

## Net Zero

Net zero projects relate to those where a company has expressed an intention that the investment is aligned with the objectives of the government's [Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution](#). Figures contain both FDI and non-FDI projects. See technical annex for full details.

	2023-24	2024-25	% change
Projects	205	106	-48%
New jobs	15,229	7,961	-48%

## Research and Development

Research and Development projects relate to those associated with an activity undertaken for the purpose of discovering or developing new knowledge and/or technologies, products and services. Figures contain both FDI and non-FDI projects. See technical annex for full details.

	2023-24	2024-25	% change
Projects	414	308	-26%
New jobs	18,527	22,394	21%

## Capital Investment

Venture Capital attracts overseas investment from corporate venture capitalists and venture capital funds 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.

	2023-24		2024-25	
	Investments (£m)	Commitments to invest (£m)	Investments (£m)	Commitments to invest (£m)
Venture Capital	860	z	4,355	z
Large capital investments	7,049	33,796	23,827	31,727

z Indicates data are not applicable

## How the Department for Business and Trade can help you

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

DBT 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 the Department for Business and Trade

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

[business.gov.uk](https://business.gov.uk) has many resources and teams dedicated to helping overseas businesses, investors and buyers successfully do business in the UK as well as supporting businesses and exporters based in the UK. DBT's services to international investors in the UK are free of charge and commercial-in-confidence.



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The UK's Department for Business and Trade is an economic growth department. We ensure fair, competitive markets at home, secure access to new markets abroad and support businesses to invest, export and grow. Our priorities are the Industrial Strategy, Make Work Pay, the Trade Strategy and the Plan for Small Business.

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