

Department for Business and Trade **Inward Investment Results 2025 to 2026**



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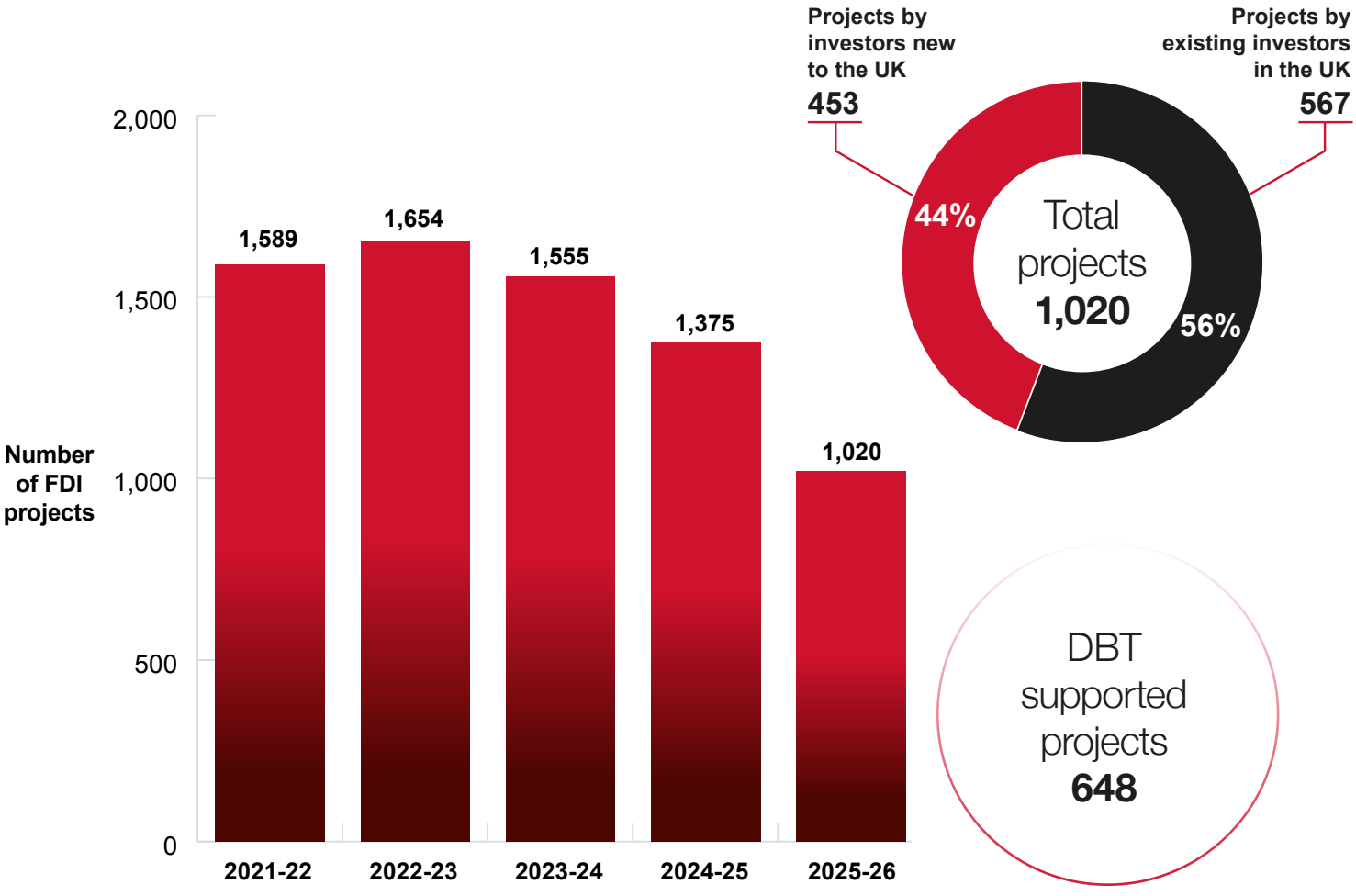
FDI 2025 to 2026 highlights

Foreign Direct Investment (FDI)

	2024-25	2025-26	% change
Total projects	**1,375**	**1,020**	**-25.8%**
– Involved projects (DBT supported)	836	648	-22.5%
– Estimated economic impact of involved projects (£m)	6,041	6,068	0.4%
New jobs	**69,355**	**69,166**	**-0.3%**
Safeguarded jobs	**10,195**	**16,407**	**60.9%**

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 2021 to 2022 and 2025 to 2026

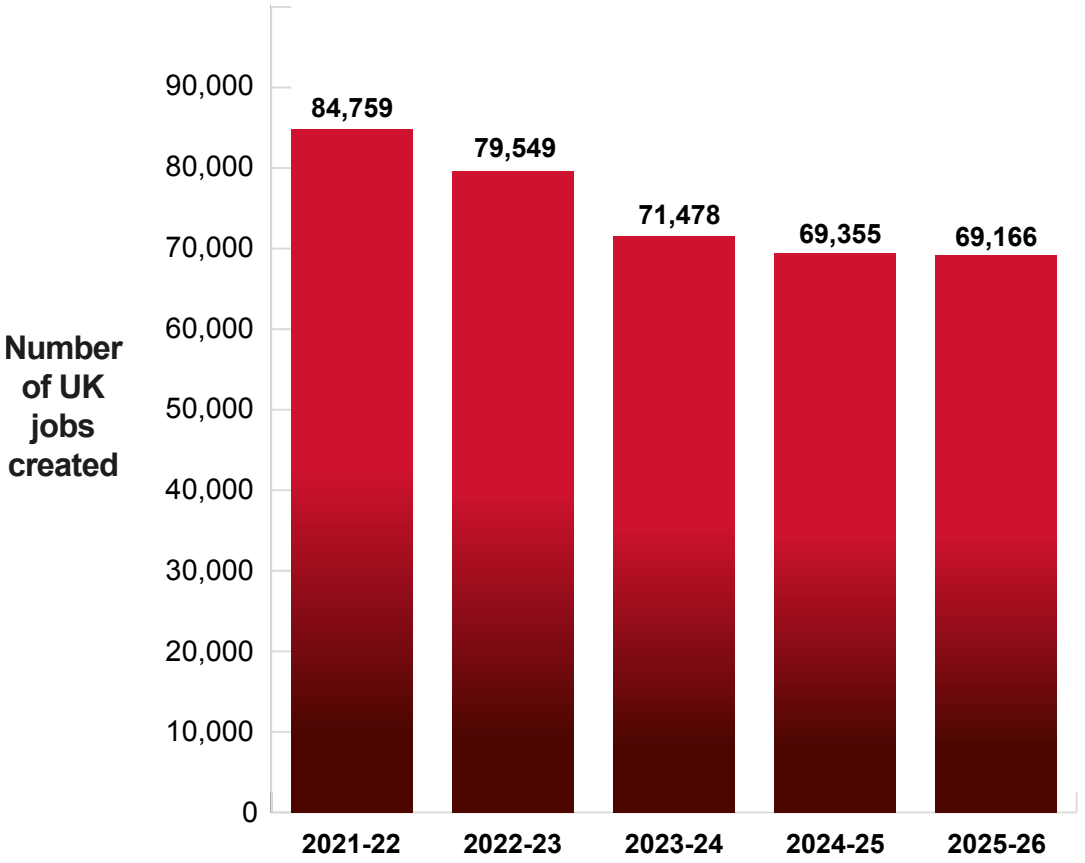


Source: Department for Business and Trade

Types of FDI

Types of investment projects	2021-22	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	% change
New investment	907	1,048	1,023	815	679	-16.7%
Expansions (including Retentions)	466	407	357	373	257	-31.1%
Mergers and Acquisitions (including Joint Ventures)	216	199	175	187	84	-55.1%
Total	1,589	1,654	1,555	1,375	1,020	-25.8%

New jobs created in the UK between 2021 to 2022 and 2025 to 2026



New jobs
69,166

Source: Department for Business and Trade

FDI projects by UK region

Scotland

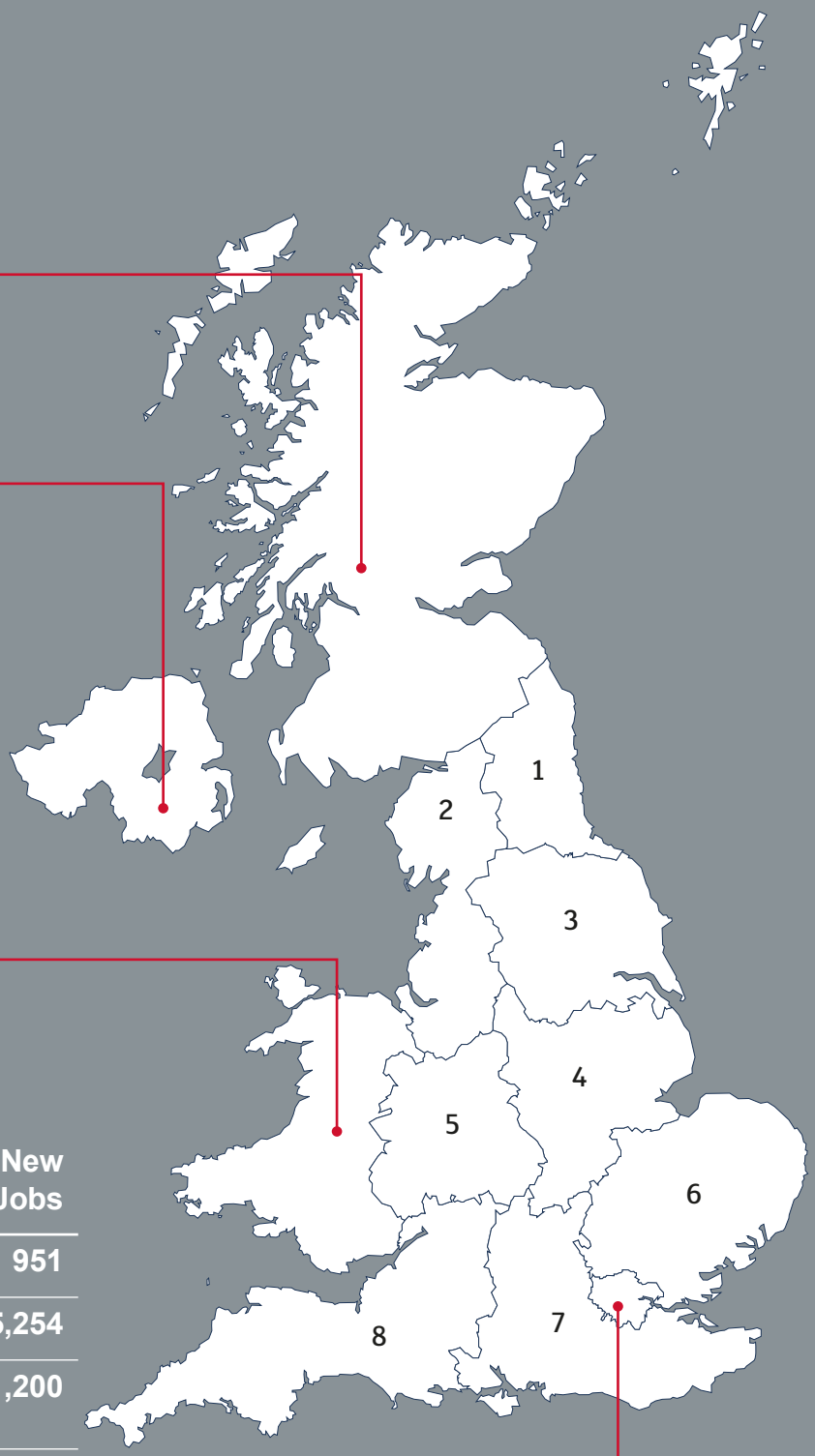
94 Projects
3,616 New jobs

Northern Ireland

33 Projects
1,161 New jobs

Wales

75 Projects
1,617 New jobs



	English Regions (excl. London)	FDI projects	New Jobs
1	North East	23	951
2	North West	115	5,254
3	Yorkshire and The Humber	40	1,200
4	East Midlands	44	2,094
5	West Midlands	98	4,634
6	East of England	35	5,216
7	South East	64	3,984
8	South West	29	1,362

London

326 Projects
14,261 New jobs

Source: Department for Business and Trade
Note: 44 multiple location projects associated with 23,816 new jobs are not included.

Top source markets for FDI projects into the UK

Ireland
45 Projects
1,531 New jobs
2,940 Safeguarded jobs

France c
64 Projects
4,228 New jobs

Netherlands c
39 Projects
2,142 New jobs

Sweden c
36 Projects
993 New jobs

Germany
62 Projects
4,802 New jobs
499 Safeguarded jobs

Switzerland c
24 Projects
1,307 New jobs

Italy c
36 Projects
1,622 New jobs

Japan
30 Projects
1,045 New jobs
1,182 Safeguarded jobs

Canada c
32 Projects
1,263 New jobs

United States
239 Projects
15,796 New jobs
6,954 Safeguarded jobs

China c
26 Projects
1,836 New jobs

India c
93 Projects
12,687 New jobs

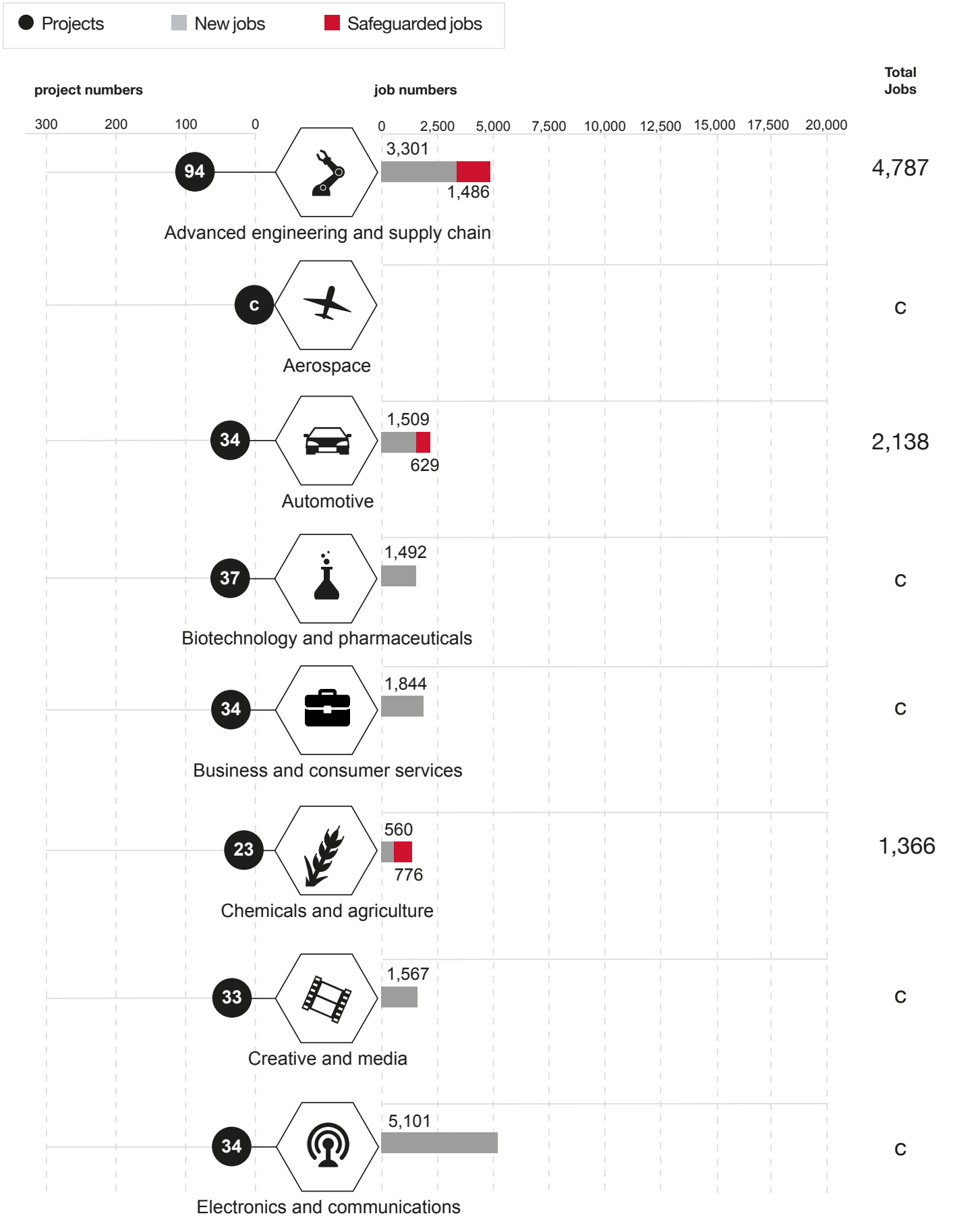
Turkey c
25 Projects
564 New jobs

Spain c
39 Projects
1,725 New jobs

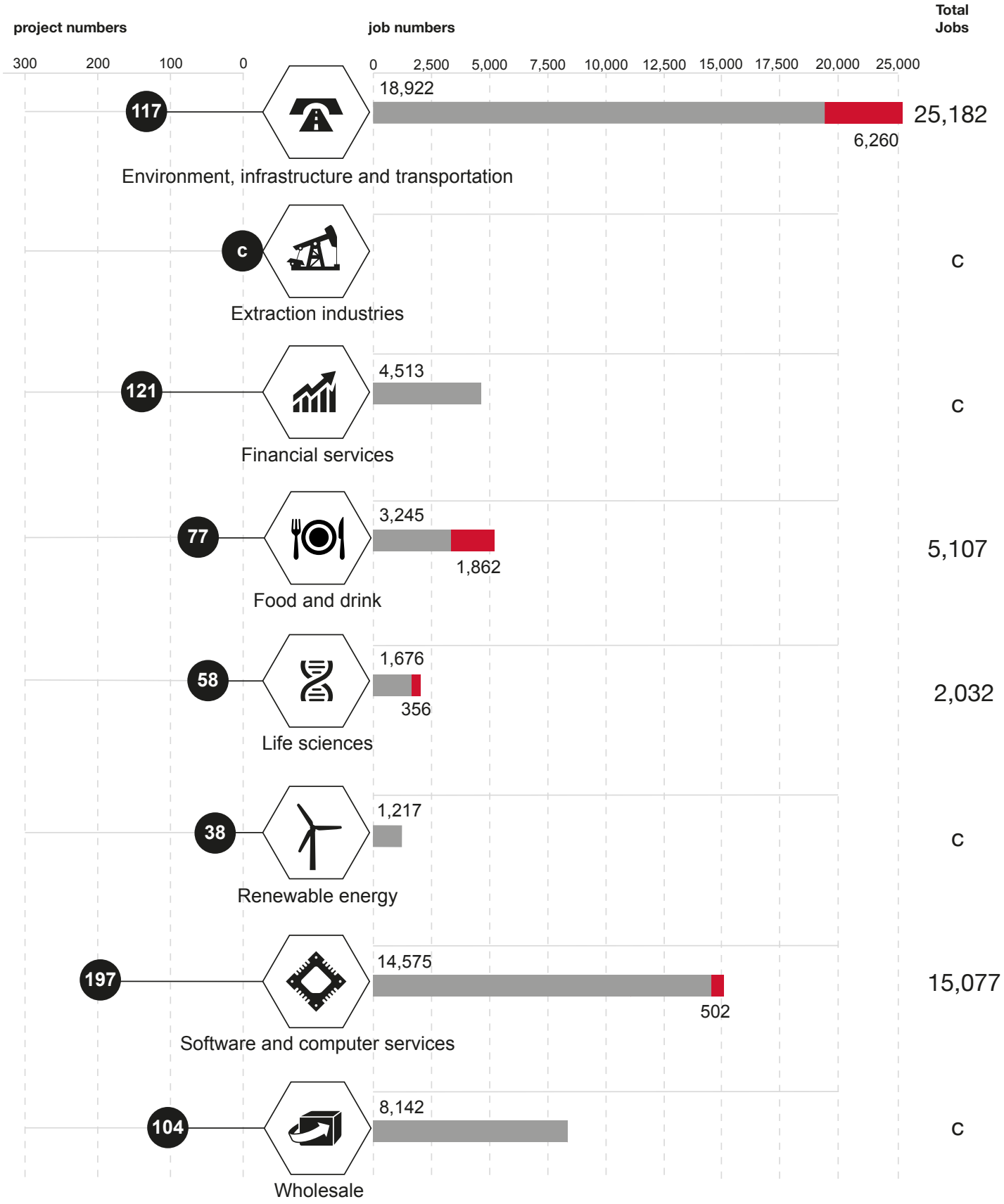
Australia c
32 Projects
900 New jobs

Source: Department for Business and Trade
c: Indicates data for safeguarded jobs are disclosive.
Note: 198 projects associated with 16,725 new jobs and 2,180 safeguarded jobs relate to countries not shown.

FDI projects by sector



Source: Department for Business and Trade. Sectors are built up from categories defined in DBT's internal database. See technical annex for details on definitions and methodology. **c**: Indicates data for projects and/or jobs are disclosive



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DBT's Clean Growth, Research & Development and Capital Investment projects

Clean Growth

Clean growth projects relate to those where a company has expressed an intention that the investment is either directly or indirectly aligned to the net zero strategy. Figures contain both FDI and non-FDI projects. See technical annex for full details.

	2025-26
Projects	**116**
New jobs	**12,848**

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.

	2024-25	2025-26	% change
Projects	**308**	**268**	**-13%**
New jobs	**22,394**	**22,211**	**-0.8%**

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.

	2024-25		2025-26	
	Investments (£m)	**Commitments to invest (£m)**	**Investments (£m)**	**Commitments to invest (£m)**
Venture Capital	**4,355**	**z**	**3,991**	**z**
Large capital investments	**23,827**	**31,727**	**12,827**	**121,066**

z Indicates data are not applicable

Source: Department for Business and Trade.

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 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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Department for Business and Trade

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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