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Nothing moves without logistics

The logistics sector's priorities for growth

To kick-start growth, deliver green prosperity, and break down barriers to opportunity, government must put logistics at the heart of its agenda.

- Logistics underpins our economy and is fundamental to our way of life – safely and efficiently planning, managing and coordinating the movement and storage of goods. It ensures the resilience of the UK's supply chains, and delivers for our factories, construction sites, hospitals, schools, shops and homes every day – nothing moves without it.
- Logistics is one of the UK's largest economic sectors. **It contributes £170 billion to the economy each year.** There are thousands of logistics enterprises in every part of the country with the sector's hubs providing a catalyst for growth and investment, helping places to thrive.
- Logistics is one of the UK's largest employers, providing good jobs with strong career progression. **2.7 million people, 8% of the UK workforce, are employed in logistics roles.**
- The efficiency of the logistics sector and productivity of the economy are intertwined. Oxford Economics found in 2023 that getting the policy and infrastructure environment right for logistics would **unlock up to £8 billion a year in productivity-led growth.**

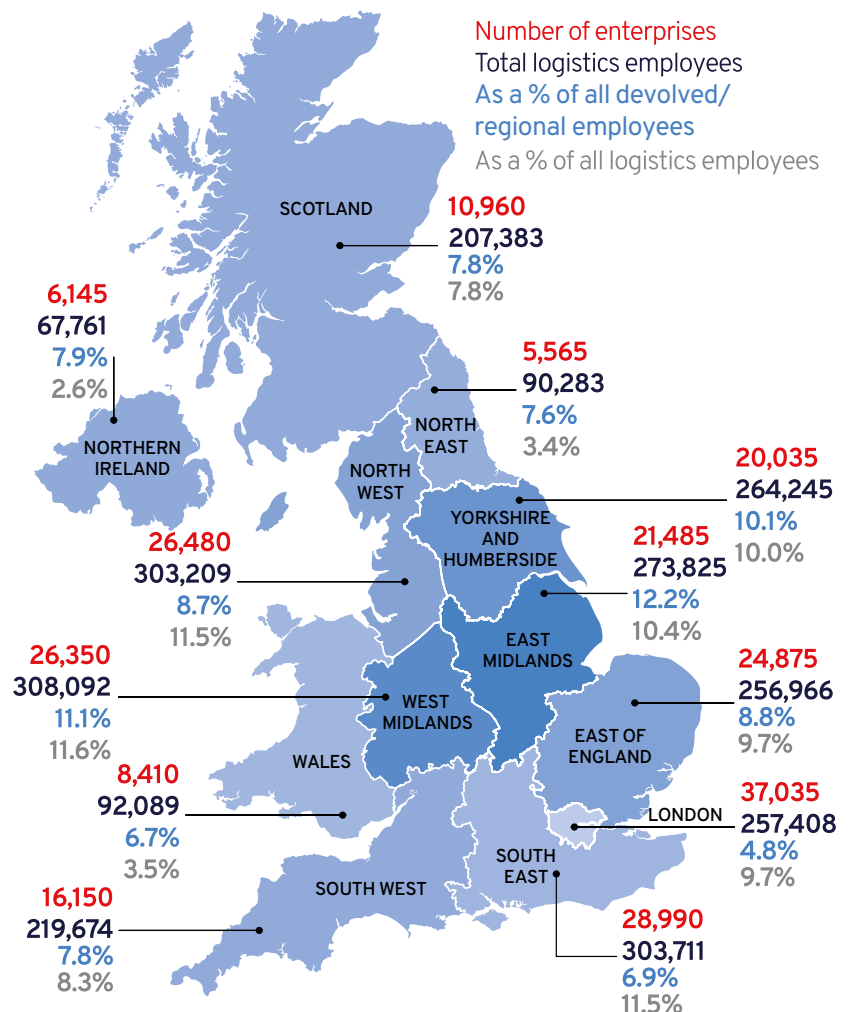
"The logistics sector is critical to the UK's economic prosperity, security, and wellbeing"

Secretary of State for Business and Trade Jonathan Reynolds, March 2025

Sources: Logistics Report 2025. Repgraph analysis for Logistics UK.

Labour Force Survey, Office for National Statistics Q3 2022 and Q1 2023.

Logistics: delivering a solution to the UK's productivity puzzle, Oxford Economics, 2023.



The logistics sector is investing in opportunity.

- Logistics is upskilling and innovating for the future, with people at the heart of the next revolution. The workforce is being trained to harness AI and automation to decarbonise journeys, create more efficient distribution hubs, and deliver more rewarding careers.
- Our focus on the future is built on lessons from the past. Over the years, we have connected producers and consumers through canals, roads, railways and ports, and more recently through airports and digital infrastructure.



The logistics sector seeks to collaborate with policy makers to deliver:

A pro-business policy environment to support the logistics sector in driving economic growth and productivity.

Safe, sustainable and efficient logistics enabled by long-term infrastructure investment, planning and regulatory reform, support for innovation, and action to tackle freight crime.

A fair transition to a green economy that keeps the costs of decarbonisation down and ensures resilient supply chains, enabled by a joint logistics-government decarbonisation roadmap.

A reformed national skills system that supports a thriving logistics sector and breaks down barriers to opportunity.

UK goods exports and supply chain resilience enabled by reducing friction for logistics businesses moving goods in and out of the UK.

Read more about our priorities for the UK, devolved nations and English regions here:



www.logistics.org.uk/research-hub/policy-briefings

See how many logistics jobs are in each GB Parliamentary constituency:



www.logistics.org.uk/campaigns/logistics-employment-by-parliamentary-constituency

“The freight and logistics sector makes a vital contribution to the UK economy and the competitiveness of the IS-8, ensuring the right goods are in the right place at the right time.”

The UK's Modern Industrial Strategy, June 2025

“The UK logistics sector lies at the heart of government's plan for change.”

Secretary of State for Transport Heidi Alexander, June 2025

Logistics UK is one of the country's largest business groups, and the only trade association which represents all of logistics. Our mission is to support, shape and stand up for a safe, sustainable and efficient logistics sector.

Our membership of more than 22,000 includes global, national and regional businesses and SMEs spanning road, rail, inland waterways, sea and air as well as the customers of freight services, such as retailers and manufacturers.

We deliver services, representation and thought leadership, helping members and policymakers to seize new opportunities for the sector and the economy as a whole, right across the country.

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