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# The logistics sector's priorities to deliver growth

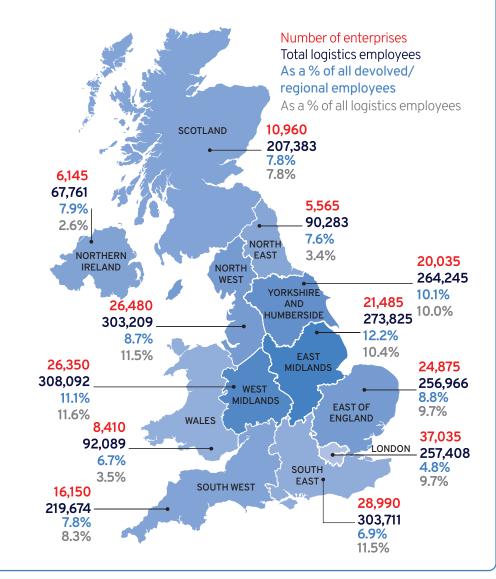
### Logistics underpins the whole economy. It is crucial to the government's missions to kickstart growth, deliver green prosperity and break down barriers to opportunity.

- The logistics sector safely and efficiently delivers for UK households, businesses and public services, every day. Nothing works without it.
- Logistics is one of the UK's largest economic sectors. It contributes £185 billion to the economy each year, and there are thousands of logistics enterprises in every part of the country. Its key hubs provide a catalyst for further 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. By partnering with the sector, policymakers can boost growth and jobs in every part of the country, supercharging the economy by up to £8 billion per year by 2030 through productivity gains.

Sources: Logistics Report 2024. Repgraph analysis for Logistics UK.

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#### The logistics sector is investing in opportunity.

- Logistics helped deliver the country's canals, roads, railways, airports and ports, has driven revolutions in global trade and e-commerce and is now upskilling and innovating for the future.
- Logistics businesses are investing in automation and training to optimise and decarbonise journeys, create more efficient distribution hubs, and generate more rewarding jobs.
- A culture of innovation is being created, within and between businesses, sharing best practice and new ways to deliver value for communities and the country.



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

- An industrial strategy that directly drives growth and strengthens the critical enablers of growth, including our road, rail, maritime, aviation, warehousing, energy and digital networks.
- Innovative and integrated infrastructure, to move goods in the most productive, strategic and green way. The UK needs to identify its Logistics Network and the energy needs of that network, to inform a long-term infrastructure strategy.
- A fair transition to becoming a clean energy superpower, informed by a co-created logistics roadmap to net zero. This will help rebuild the UK's industrial strength, keep the costs of decarbonisation down, and ensure resilient supply chains.
- Skills partnerships to support a thriving sector and break down barriers to opportunity. The Generation Logistics campaign and training funding reform are essential for attracting and upskilling new entrants to logistics and safeguarding the resilience of UK supply chains.
- Trade growth, to support economic growth and resilience, backed by reduced border friction with the EU.
- Safe and efficient road freight, underpinned by industry-informed and evidence-based standards and regulations.

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