

# UK MANUFACTURING FACTS 2020/21

UK manufacturing sector accounts for **£191 billion** of output  
**Providing 2.7 million jobs**  
**Average wages 13% higher**  
 than the rest of the economy



Goods account for **53% of the UK's total exports**

**65% of UK R&D**  
**16% of total business investment**

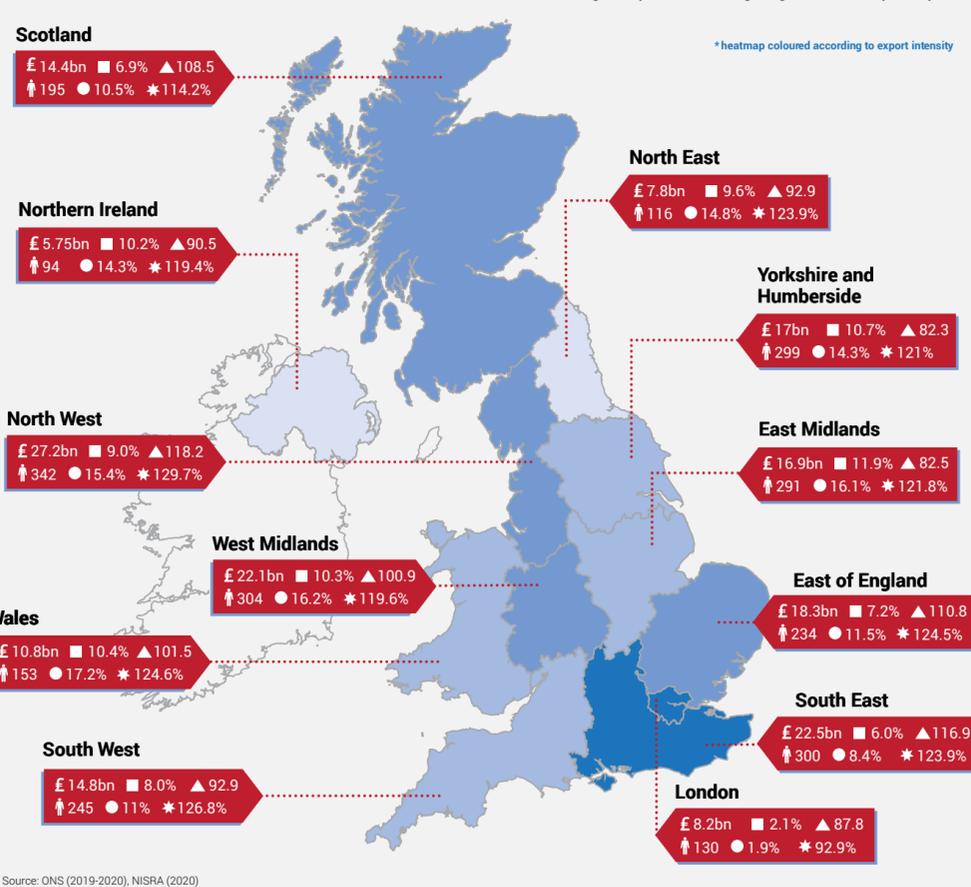


UK Manufacturing Facts 2020/21 shows the composition of the manufacturing sector in the UK, and its position on the global stage. To view data highlighting the impact of Covid-19, see our *Responding, Resetting and Reinventing UK Manufacturing Post Covid-19* report, also published in association with Santander.

## MANUFACTURING IN THE UK?

### KEY

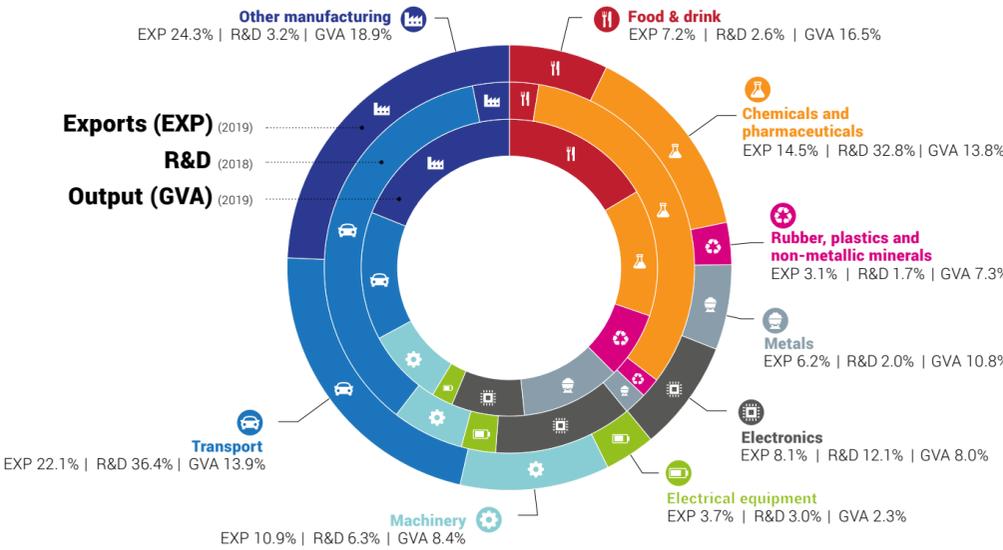
- Manufacturing output (£bn) £
- Number employed in manufacturing, 000s ↑
- Manufacturing as a % of regional employment ■
- Manufacturing productivity index (UK mfg=100) ▲
- Manufacturing output as a % of regional output ●
- Manufacturing salary as % of average regional economy salary ★



Source: ONS (2019-2020), NISRA (2020)

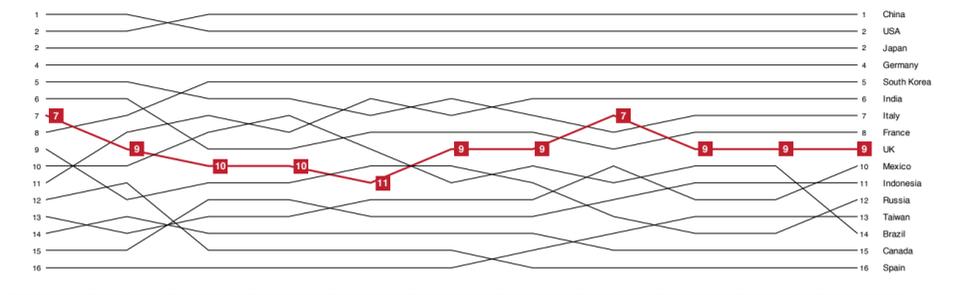
## UK MANUFACTURING - THE SECTOR BREAKDOWN

as % of total manufacturing



Source: UK Trade Info (2020), ONS (2019)

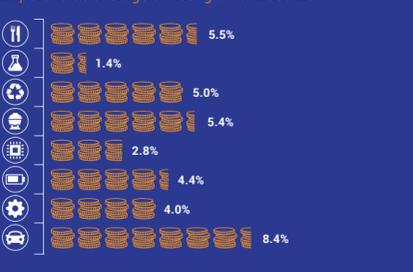
## UK REMAINS THE 9TH LARGEST MANUFACTURER



Source: UNCTAD (2020), current USD

## WHICH ARE THE FASTEST GROWING EXPORTS?

Export value average annual growth 2009-2019



Source: UK Trade Info (2009-2020)  
 Other manufacturing, which includes goods not classified elsewhere grew at 32.8%.

## WHICH SECTORS PAY THE MOST?

Mean annual gross pay (£)

Manufacturing: **£34,538**  
 Whole economy (all industries and services): **£30,629**  
 Services: **£29,752**

Source: ONS - ASHE (2019)

## WHICH MANUFACTURING SECTORS ARE THE BIGGEST INVESTORS?

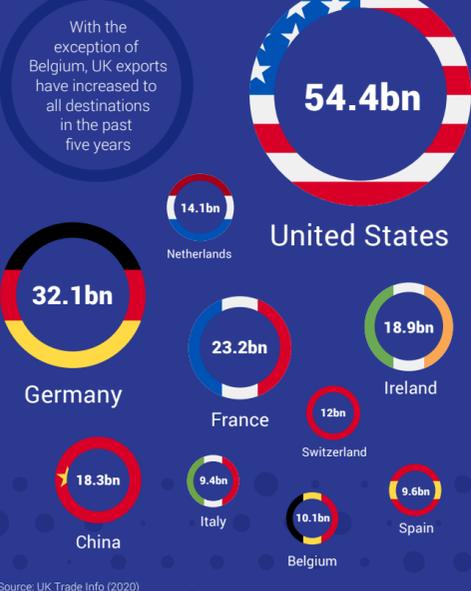
Average annual growth 2009 - 2019, %



Source: ONS (2019), Oxford Economics (2020)

## WHERE UK EXPORTS GO

UK's top 10 export destinations for manufactured goods (including food & beverage) (£bn)



Source: UK Trade Info (2020)

## HOW DO WE COMPARE WITH OTHER COUNTRIES?

THE UK IS...

**10th** for exports of goods  
**2nd** for service trade  
**4th** biggest importer  
**6th** for GDP  
**22nd** for GDP per capita

Source: WTO (2019), World Bank (2020), WITS Database (2019)