Refining Britain’s Fuels
About UKPIA

The UK Petroleum Industry Association (UKPIA) is the trade association that represents the main oil refining and marketing companies operating in the UK.

Working closely with member companies, UKPIA acts as the voice of the UK’s downstream oil industry and undertakes a variety of activities to support and represent its interests. UKPIA is also an authoritative source of information and reference on the industry.

UKPIA represents 8 refining and marketing companies which own and operate the six major crude oil processing refineries in the UK and also own ~1,200 of the UK's 8,494 service stations. The UK refineries produced 63 million tonnes of refined products in 2015. Through UK service stations, 120 million litres of diesel and petrol are sold every day.

For more information, visit www.ukpia.com or e-mail info@ukpia.com.
UK downstream oil sector at a glance

- Our members operate all 6 UK refineries - 5th largest capacity in Europe
- Our members source 86% of all UK inland fuel demand
- Jobs supported across the UK directly and indirectly
- Our members own and brand 55% of filling stations
- Our members supply over 33% of UK primary energy demand needs
- Operate 1,500 miles of pipeline and 36 storage and distribution terminals
Refining matters

Our members source 86% of all UK inland fuel demand and supply 33% of the energy used in the UK. Refineries supply important feedstocks for other industrial sectors and processes, such as petrochemicals, lubricants and greases, heating fuels, solvents and carbon electrodes. Refining is also in the top 3 most innovative sectors in the EU and has some of the highest proportion of skilled jobs among EU manufacturing industries. The industry also fosters a number of apprenticeship programmes.

Value to the UK economy

The UK refining industry makes a substantial contribution to the UK economy, supporting an estimated 88,100 jobs. The annual contribution to the economy is some £2.3 billion and each large refinery is estimated to inject £60 million locally. If the activities of the UK oil production sector are included, an additional £9 billion can be added to the annual contribution to the UK economy. As refineries, somewhere, are required to process UK production, the two sectors cannot be entirely segregated. Around £5.6 billion have been invested in fixed assets over the last 5 years, mostly to meet tighter fuel and environmental standards and to enhance process safety. In 2015/16, the downstream oil sector collected £36 billion in duty and VAT on fuels.
£60 MILLION VALUE OF A REFINERY TO EACH LOCAL ECONOMY

£5.6 BILLION INVESTED IN FIXED ASSETS

£36 BILLION COLLECTED IN DUTY AND VAT ON FUELS IN 2014/15

88,100 JOBS SUPPORTED ACROSS THE UK
A strong case for a robust refining industry

The oil refining sector keeps the UK growing, thriving and moving.

The refining industry is a significant contributor to the UK’s economy and provides the vital products that we rely on daily. Petroleum products are an essential energy resource and they will continue to be for years to come. As main suppliers of transportation fuels, refineries play an essential role in facilitating mobility. Refineries provide, amongst other products, gasoline and diesel for road transport, kerosene for air transport, gasoil and fuel oil for maritime transport. The UK’s refineries fuel our homes and businesses and provide more than one-third of our energy needs today.

The significant contribution of the downstream oil industry to Britain’s energy, economy and mobility, today and in the future, underlines the need to preserve its competitiveness.