



Motor Industry Fact Sheet 2009

Data based on 2007-08 market figures

Key facts

In total more than 800,000 people are employed in the UK automotive sector, from supply chain through to sales, service and repair. Automotive manufacturing provides 180,000 jobs and contributes some £10.3 billion value-added to the UK economy which is 6.4% of the total for the whole UK manufacturing sector.

The UK is home to Europe's most diverse and productive vehicle manufacturing base, produces some of the most successful and globally desirable products and accounts for over 11% of the UK's total exports.

The UK was the third largest car market in the EU in 2008 with 2.13 million new cars registered, equating to 14% of total European vehicle registrations.

There are 27 car and commercial vehicle manufacturers operating in the UK, including seven volume car and nine commercial vehicle manufacturers. Exports account for 75% of all UK vehicle production, serving more than 100 markets around the world.

There are over 2,000 component manufacturers in the UK, including 19 out of the world's top 20 suppliers. Together they employ around 106,000 people and export more than £5 billion worth of goods annually, 75% of which is destined for Europe.

The automotive industry is committed to reducing its impact on climate change, with average CO₂ emissions from cars in the UK falling 17% in the last decade, despite an increase in the number of cars on the road.

Each vehicle made in the UK requires half the energy to produce than it did just five years ago, saving an estimated 700,000 tonnes of CO₂ each year.

Headline figures

	2007	2008	% Change
Car registrations	2,404,007	2,131,795	-11.3
Light CV registrations < 3.5 tonnes	337,741	289,463	-14.3
Heavy CV registrations > 3.5 tonnes	50,747	57,410	13.1
Bus and coach registrations	3,993	4,511	13.0
Car production	1,534,567	1,446,619	-5.7
Commercial vehicle production	215,686	202,896	-5.9

Registration forecasts

2009 registrations:

Cars: 1.720 million, -19.3% on 2008

LCV: 207,000, -28.5% on 2008

2010 registrations:

Cars: 1.790 million, up 4.1% on 2009 forecast

LCV: 222,500, up 7.5% on 2009 forecast

(Figures based on January 2009 forecast)

Sector profile

	2005	2006	2007
Automotive manufacturing sector turnover (£bn)	48.2	49.3	51.0
Share of total transport manufacturing turnover (%)	67.7	66.7	66.7
Total net capital investment (£bn)	1.3	1.4	1.5
Total employees directly dependent on the UK automotive sector	874,000	841,000	841,000
Value of exports (bn)	23.7	24.1	24.5
Percentage of total UK exports	11.2	9.9	11.1
All automotive sectors — value added share of GDP (%)	3.3	3.2	3.0
UK share of global passenger car production (%)	3.5	3.0	3.0
Number of volume UK car/commercial vehicle manufacturers	8/9	7/9	7/9

Top ten registered models 2008

Rank	Make	Model	Volume
1	Ford	Focus	101,593
2	Vauxhall	Corsa	99,574
3	Ford	Fiesta	94,989
4	Vauxhall	Astra	90,641
5	VW	Golf	65,029
6	Peugeot	207	53,462
7	BMW	3 Series	49,384
8	Ford	Mondeo	44,150
9	Vauxhall	Zafira	43,169
10	Vauxhall	Vectra	42,555

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UK Vehicle Manufacturers		
Manufacturer	Factory	Type
Alexander Dennis	Falkirk, Guilford	CV, Bus and Coach
Aston Martin	Gaydon	Car
Bentley	Crewe	Car, Engine
BMW (MINI)	Oxford	Car, Engine
Caterham	Dartford	Car
Cummins	Darlington	Engine
Dennis Eagle	Warwick	CV
Euromotive	Hythe	Bus and Coach
Ford	Bridgend, Dagenham Southampton	CV, Engine, Bus and Coach
Honda	Swindon	Car, Engine
IBC	Luton	CV
Jaguar	Birmingham, Halewood	Car
John Dennis Coachbuilders	Guildford	Bus and Coach
Land Rover	Halewood, Solihull	Car, CV
LDV	Birmingham	CV, Bus and Coach
Leyland Trucks	Leyland	CV
Lotus	Norwich	Car
LTI	Coventry	Car
MG Motors	Longbridge	Car
Mellor Coachcraft	Bolton	Bus and Coach
Mercedes-Benz	MTC Woking	Car
Minibus Options	Whaley Bridge	Bus and Coach
Modec	Coventry	CV
Morgan	Malvern	Car
Nissan	Sunderland	Car, Engine
Optare	Blackburn, Leeds	CV, Bus and Coach
Plaxton	Scarborough	Bus and Coach
Rolls-Royce	Goodwood	Car
Smith (Tanfield)	Tyne and Wear	CV
Toyota	Burnaston, Deeside	Car, Engine
Vauxhall	Ellesmere Port	Car
Warnerbus	Dunstable	Bus and Coach

Car Registrations 1999-2008				
Year	Volume	% Diesel	% AFV	Avg. CO ₂
1999	2,197,615	13.8	0.00	185.0
2000	2,221,647	14.1	0.02	181.0
2001	2,458,769	17.8	0.07	177.6
2002	2,563,631	23.5	0.11	174.2
2003	2,579,050	27.3	0.17	172.1
2004	2,567,269	32.5	0.16	171.4
2005	2,439,717	36.8	0.26	169.4
2006	2,344,864	38.3	0.40	167.2
2007	2,404,007	40.2	0.69	164.9
2008	2,131,795	43.6	0.70	158.0

CV Registrations 1999-2008			
Year	LCV	HCV	Bus and Coach
1999	231,761	51,791	4,548
2000	239,482	54,180	4,381
2001	254,075	55,573	3,763
2002	266,346	51,920	3,992
2003	303,755	55,590	4,342
2004	329,599	56,312	4,012
2005	322,930	58,841	4,198
2006	327,162	55,574	4,232
2007	337,741	50,747	3,993
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