# SMMT AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURING

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# UK car manufacturing continues to rise

* UK automotive plants manufactured 141,146 cars in May, the month’s highest output since 2004.
* Car manufacturing posted a 42.2% hike in May, with year-to-date volumes up 17.3%.
* CV output subdued in the month with 9,445 vehicles produced, a 7.4% decline.
* UK engine manufacturing rose 13.4% in May, as year-to-date volumes topped the one million mark.

“Car manufacturing in May hit the highest level of output since 2004 posting 42.2% growth, a sizable recovery against volumes hampered by last year’s Japanese tsunami. This boost, coupled with robust year-to-date results demonstrates the strength of UK automotive manufacturing and shows why it continues to attract high levels of international investment,” said Paul Everitt, SMMT Chief Executive. “While commercial vehicle output remains subdued, in line with restrained levels of demand, the year’s engine output volume passed one million in May and is more than 40,000 units ahead of last year.”

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| **SMMT** | **Cars** | **Commercial Vehicles** | **Total Vehicles** | **Total Engines** |
| **Data.** | **May-12** | **YTD-12** | **May-12** | **YTD-12** | **May-12** | **YTD-12** | **May-12** | **YTD-12** |
| **Total** | **141,146** | **636,923** | **9,445** | **47,729** | **150,591** | **684,652** | **242,937** | **1,133,091** |
| % change | 42.2% | 17.3% | -7.4% | -6.4% | 37.5% | 15.3% | 13.4% | 4.0% |
| **Export** | **120,120** | **528,204** | **5,830** | **28,937** | **125,950** | **557,141** | **150,550** | **726,681** |
| % change | 45.5% | 16.6% | 0.6% | -7.4% | 42.5% | 15.0% | -6.9% | -9.0% |
| % of total | *85.1%* | *82.9%* | *61.7%* | *60.6%* | *83.6%* | *81.4%* | *62.0%* | *64.1%* |
| **Home** | **21,026** | **108,719** | **3,615** | **18,792** | **24,641** | **127,511** | **92,387** | **406,410** |
| % change | 25.8% | 21.1% | -18.0% | -4.8% | 16.7% | 16.5% | 75.9% | 39.6% |
| % of total | *14.9%* | *17.1%* | *38.3%* | *39.4%* | *16.4%* | *18.6%* | *38.0%* | *35.9%* |

**Car manufacturing rolling year total CV manufacturing rolling year total**