# UK CAR MANUFACTURING (data for August 2015)

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**UK car manufacturing gets back to business in August**

* 99,910 cars built in the UK in August – a rise of 40.6% over the same month last year.
* Year-to-date output up 1.6%, passing the one million mark in August for first time since 2008.

**24 September 2015** UK car manufacturing output increased 40.6% in August, according to latest figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT). Some 99,910 cars were built in the month, taking year-to-date production volumes past one million – a gain of 1.6%.

**Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive, said,** “The quieter summer months are traditionally subject to fluctuation as production is paused for essential upgrades, and August’s strong growth wasn’t unexpected given the 22.1% fall in the same month last year when the 2014 holiday period fell. The rise also follows a flatter July in line with this year’s earlier scheduled shutdown. That said, with an overall increase of 1.6% so far in 2015 and the strongest year-to-date performance since 2008, the industry is in a good position.”

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| **Car manufacturing** | **Aug-14** | **Aug-15** | **% Change** | **YTD-14** | **YTD-15** | **% Change** |
| **Total** | 71,067 | 99,910 | 40.6% | 994,951 | 1,011,127 | 1.6% |
| **Home** | 18,328 | 26,691 | 45.6% | 213,772 | 237,438 | 11.1% |
| **Export** | 52,739 | 73,219 | 38.8% | 781,179 | 773,689 | -1.0% |
| **% export** | 74.2% | 73.3% |   | 78.5% | 76.5% |   |

**Car output – rolling year totals UK vs. home**

**Notes to editors**

**About SMMT and the UK automotive industry**

The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT) is one of the largest and most influential trade associations in the UK. It supports the interests of the UK automotive industry at home and abroad, promoting a united position to government, stakeholders and the media.

The automotive industry is a vital part of the UK economy accounting for more than **£69.5 billion turnover** and **£15.5 billion value added**. With some **160,000** people employed directly in manufacturing and in excess of **799,000** acrossthe wider automotive industry, it accounts for **11.8% of total UK export of goods** and invests **£2.4 billion** each year in automotive R&D. More than **30 manufacturers** build in excess of **70 models** of vehicle in the UK supported by around **2,500 component providers** and some of the world's most **skilled engineers**.

More detail on UK automotive available in SMMT's Motor Industry Facts 2015 publication at [www.smmt.co.uk/facts15](http://www.smmt.co.uk/facts15).

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