# UK CAR MANUFACTURING (data for November 2015)

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**Exports drive UK car manufacturing growth in November**

* British car manufacturing increases 9.3% in November, with 150,084 cars built.
* Strong overseas demand continues to boost output, with production for export up 10.8% in the month.
* Year-to-date output 3.8% up on 2014 with 1,472,835 cars produced.

**17 December 2015** Britain’s car makers delivered a strong performance in November as manufacturing output rose 9.3%, according to figures released today by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT). 150,084 cars were built in the month, with growth fuelled by demand from overseas as export production increased 10.8%. The latest figures put year-to-date volumes 3.8% ahead of the same period in 2014.

**Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive,** said, “November’s manufacturing gains are encouraging, and put the car industry in a strong position with one month left in the year. Particularly pleasing is the recent pick-up in export production, which is proof that despite challenges in some global markets, the UK continues to build cars that appeal to consumers across the world.”

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| **Car manufacturing** | **Nov-14** | **Nov-15** | **% Change** | **YTD-14** | **YTD-15** | **% Change** |
| **Total** | 137,347 | 150,084 | 9.3% | 1,419,427 | 1,472,835 | 3.8% |
| **Home** | 28,628 | 29,600 | 3.4% | 310,417 | 340,140 | 9.6% |
| **Export** | 108,719 | 120,484 | 10.8% | 1,109,010 | 1,132,695 | 2.1% |
| **% export** | 79.2% | 80.3% |  | 78.1% | 76.9% |  |

**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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