# UK CAR MANUFACTURING (data for September 2015)

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**Strong gains for UK car manufacturing in September**

* UK car manufacturing records 15.5% growth in September, with 158,281 units produced.
* Further gains made in year-to-date output: 1,169,408 cars produced in 2015 so far – up 3.3%.
* UK car production set to surpass record two million by 2020, according to recent SMMT study.1

**22 October 2015** British car production posted healthy growth in September, according to figures published today by The Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT). Output rose 15.5% compared with September last year, with year-to-date volumes 3.3% up on the same period in 2015.

As seen in previous months, production for the UK market led the way with a gain of 20.1% – but new car exports were not far behind with a robust 13.9% increase in volumes. September’s results follow latest industry projections that set British car manufacturing on track to achieve record production levels by 2020.

**Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive, said,** “After the regular summer break, manufacturing plants were back in full swing in September and the gains made by the UK’s car makers are positive. Particularly encouraging is the recent upturn in exports, which are higher than they were in 2014, reflecting growth in key overseas markets such as the rest of Europe.

“The UK’s recent manufacturing successes are hard won and the sector will need ongoing investment and innovation to maintain global automotive competitiveness.”

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| **Car manufacturing** | **Sep-14** | **Sep-15** | **% Change** | **YTD-14** | **YTD-15** | **% Change** |
| **Total** | 137,068 | 158,281 | 15.5% | 1,132,017 | 1,169,408 | 3.3% |
| **Home** | 34,121 | 40,974 | 20.1% | 247,893 | 278,412 | 12.3% |
| **Export** | 102,947 | 117,307 | 13.9% | 884,124 | 890,996 | 0.8% |
| **% export** | 75.1% | 74.1% |   | 78.1% | 76.2% |   |

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

**Notes to editors**

1. ***The Future of UK Automotive Manufacturing in 2025 and Beyond –*** report authored by Ian Henry of independent automotive research consultancy AutoAnalysis. For more information contact ian@autoanalysis.co.uk. Visit this link to view the report in full: <http://bit.ly/1PaNEQG>

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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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