



SMMT New Car Registrations

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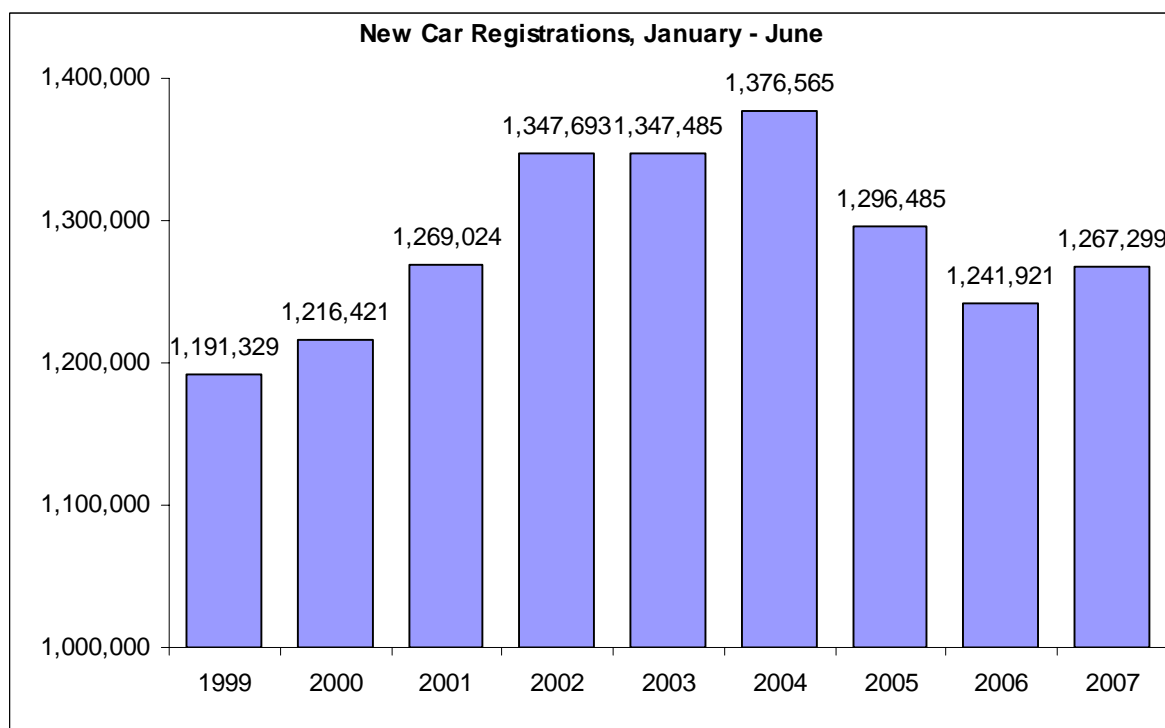
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New car registration growth sustained in solid June

- Total year-to-date registrations up two per cent to 1,267,299 units
- Year-to-date diesel registrations rise by 5.9 per cent to 490,283 units
- June total new car market was 222,863 units, up 1.5 per cent on previous year

'At the half point of the year, June is traditionally the time to take stock of one's performance – and so far in 2007, things look encouraging,' says Christopher Macgowan, chief executive of SMMT. 'However, while total new car registrations for the first six months are up on the previous year, they are still below the average since we moved to the twice-yearly plate change. Cost-conscious motorists will surely have one eye on the showroom and the other on the Bank of England's rate announcement due later today.'



Notes:

At €20 bn, the automotive sector is Europe's largest investor in R&D, driving industry forward and helping deliver more sustainable motoring for the 21st century. Technological innovation has helped car and CV manufacturers slash CO₂ and air quality emissions from vehicles. New diesel cars, for example, emit 95 per cent less soot from the tailpipe than those made 15 years ago and average new car CO₂ has been cut by 12 per cent since 1997.

Each vehicle made in Britain requires half the energy to produce than it did just five years ago, saving an estimated 700,000 tonnes of CO₂ a year. Waste to landfill per vehicle produced has also been cut by a factor of four, from 66.4 kg in 2001 to 14.5 kg in 2005. For more details, download SMMT's annual Sustainability Report from the SMMT web site www.smmt.co.uk/publications