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| **Source:** | **Cars** | **Commercial Vehicles** | **Total Vehicles** | **Total Engines** |
| **SMMT Ltd** | **Mar-10** | **YTD 2010** | **Mar-10** | **YTD 2010** | **Mar-10** | **YTD 2010** | **Mar-10** | **YTD 2010** |
| **Total** | **117,622** | **316,067** | **13,046** | **32,428** | **130,668** | **348,495** | **234,506** | **626,578** |
| % change | 90.2% | 72.7% | 61.6% | 45.4% | 86.9% | 69.7% | 43.6% | 41.9% |
| **Export** | **85,377** | **228,912** | **8,871** | **23,453** | **94,248** | **252,365** | **171,880** | **461,553** |
| % change | 83.8% | 58.6% | 38.6% | 35.9% | 78.3% | 56.2% | 35.9% | 34.9% |
| % of total | *72.6%* | *72.4%* | *68.0%* | *72.3%* | *72.1%* | *72.4%* | *73.3%* | *73.7%* |
| **Home** | **32,245** | **87,155** | **4,175** | **8,995** | **36,420** | **96,130** | **62,626** | **165,025** |
| % change | 109.8% | 125.4% | 149.3% | 78.4% | 113.7% | 120.0% | 70.2% | 66.4% |
| % of total | *27.4%* | *27.6%* | *32.0%* | *27.7%* | *27.9%* | *27.6%* | *26.7%* | *26.3%* |

* Record 90.2% rise in UK car production, the fifth successive month of growth.
* Output for home and export markets has increased, with home production more than doubling, accounting for 27.6% of output during the first quarter.
* Commercial vehicle output rose 61.6% and UK engine production was up 43.6%.

“UK automotive production continued to make progress in March with strong growth in commercial vehicle, engine and car production,” said SMMT chief executive, Paul Everitt.  “Headline figures highlight the scale of challenges faced this time last year, but also demonstrate a steady improvement in demand in home and export markets. Industry will continue to face tough market conditions with the Scrappage Incentive Scheme closing and limited access to finance and credit for consumers and businesses. A solid exchange rate and the world class competitiveness of the UK industry should help to sustain demand over the longer term.”

**Car production – rolling year total**

**(Source: SMMT Ltd)**

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**Notes:**

*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 with £51 billion turnover and £10 billion value added. With over 800,000 jobs dependent on the industry, it accounts for 10% of total UK exports and invests £1 billion each year in R&D. In the last ten years, huge strides have been made to reduce the environmental impact of its products throughout the life cycle.  Improvements in production processes mean energy used to produce cars is down 24%, water use is down 45% and 57% less waste enters landfill sites. Average car tailpipe CO2 emissions have also been slashed and are down 20% compared to 1999 levels.  For more details, download SMMT’s tenth annual Sustainability Report or annual facts booklet from the SMMT website* [*www.smmt.co.uk/publications*](http://www.smmt.co.uk/publications)*.*

**CV production – rolling year total (Source: SMMT Ltd)**

