**UK NEW BUS & COACH REGISTRATIONS**      
17 February 2025(data for Q4 and FY 2024)        
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**Britain’s bus market soars to 16 year high and remains Europe’s biggest zero emission buyer**

1. Deliveries of new buses, coaches and minibuses reach 16-year high with 8,390 joining UK roads.
2. Demand rises across all segments, with minibuses and double-deckers boasting strongest growth.
3. UK still Europe’s biggest zero emission bus market, with deliveries up by more than a third in 2024.

**Monday 17 February, 2025** The UK’s new bus, coach and minibus market has strengthened its recovery, recording a second consecutive year of growth and the best annual performance since 2008,1 according to the latest figures published today by the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT). A 70.1% increase in registrations saw 8,390 buses join Britain’s roads in 2024 to become the largest overall European bus market,2 reflecting growing operator confidence in ridership levels and substantial government funding for zero emission technologies.

2024 saw robust demand across all segments, with deliveries of minibuses more than doubling, up 102.5% to 4,816 registrations, and accounting for 57.4% of the overall market. Single and double-decker bus deliveries also grew, up 22.5% to 1,973 units and 69.6% to 1,601 units respectively.

Registrations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland were all up, rising by 77.2%, 184.9% and 52.4% respectively, while rollout in Scotland dropped by -15.6%. With its larger population, England accounted for the lion’s share (87.4%) of all vehicles delivered.

The zero emission bus fleet solidified its role as a cornerstone of the UK’s net zero transformation, as Britain also maintained its status as Europe’s biggest ZEV bus market by volume,3 with 1,570 electric or hydrogen units entering service across all three bus types in 2024. This represented a 35.5% increase in demand, driven in part by increased model availability, with operators able to choose from 17 options – particularly in the new single and double decker bus market, where ZEVs comprised 43.9% of registrations.

Given the vital role of the UK's bus fleet in providing sustainable nationwide mass transport solutions, increased adoption demonstrates the sector's steadfast commitment to the nation’s zero emission mobility goals. Britain's expanding bus fleet, already advanced in its transition, has been further accelerated by the rollout of the Zero Emission Bus Regional Area (ZEBRA) scheme across regions. With the second phase of funding now awarded and orders placed, additional zero emission bus deliveries are expected this year.

**Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive,**said, “Two years of growth and a 16-year high have cemented the recovery of Britain’s bus sector, with passenger numbers continuing to rise alongside increasing deliveries of new zero-emission buses. Government funding is helping deliver this standout performance and, as Europe’s largest zero emission bus market, we are well on our way to achieving our net zero goals, improving air quality and providing sustainable public transport in every region.”

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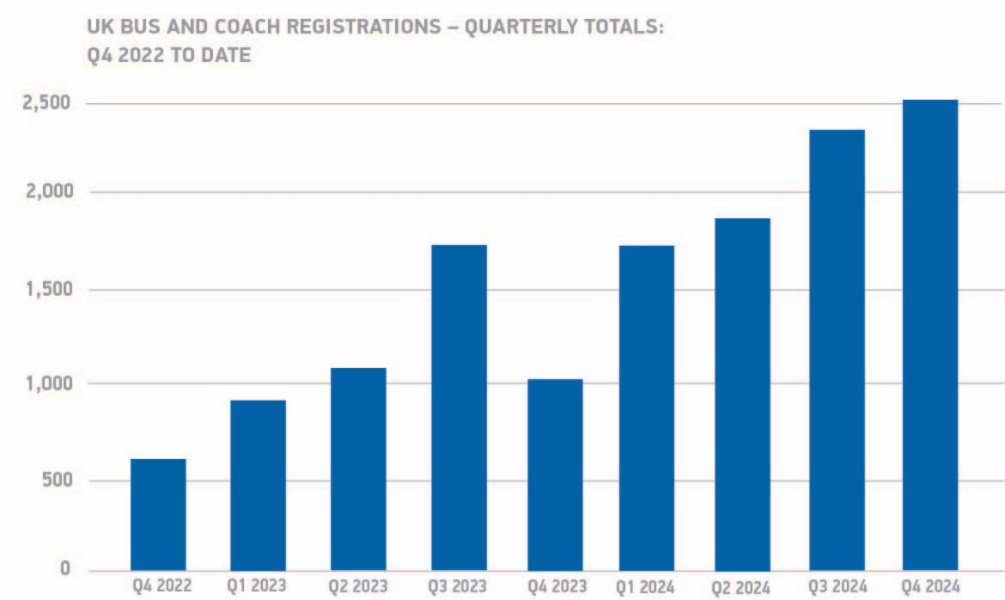
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**Notes to editors**  
1. Full year bus and coach registrations, 2008: 9,558 units

2. Italy (2nd place) total bus registrations, 2024 (ACEA): 6,594 units

3. Italy (2nd place) ZEB registrations, 2024 (ACEA): 1,175 units

**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, representing the automotive industry in the UK.

The automotive industry is a vital part of the UK economy, integral to growth, the delivery of net zero and the UK as a global trade hub. It contributes £93 billion turnover and £22 billion value added to the UK economy, and invests around £4 billion each year in R&D. With 198,000 people employed directly in manufacturing and some 813,000 across the wider automotive industry. Many of these automotive manufacturing jobs are outside London and the South-East, with wages that are around 13% higher than the UK average. The sector accounts for 12% of total UK exports of goods with more than 140 countries importing UK produced vehicles, generating £115 billion of trade in total automotive imports and exports.

The UK manufactures almost every type of vehicle, from cars, to vans, taxis, trucks, buses and coaches, as well as specialist and off-highway vehicles, supported by more than 2,500 component providers and some of the world's most skilled engineers. In addition, the sector has vibrant aftermarket and remanufacturing industries. The automotive industry also supports jobs in other key sectors – including advertising, chemicals, finance, logistics and steel.

More detail on UK Automotive available in SMMT's Motor Industry Facts publication at [www.smmt.co.uk/reports/smmt-motor-industry-facts/](https://linkprotect.cudasvc.com/url?a=http%3a%2f%2fclick.agilitypr.delivery%2fls%2fclick%3fupn%3dq-2FLDa0hDiW76FMqhIH6mp5-2FMTGpUEJbaCvc6DuDo36VcR8RSJY3Bb5j6PbOH1m-2BGBroLVjN0i37n2XGzfuZqWeJIleDttsiCosv-2FDCrC6xU-3DNJg9_FQC2LT8GxayrM161hhHVAu067ZxSQQmW4GgEbtFUHlnhSWpWCBkdzj4Kj3fTDj3UcGAZVk99-2Bu1tfX9z9RQO-2B9fp1S7-2Fexh6yUV9D8RBopPF9ftQfnPc7Oo8dF-2F33tfJjdydmYFo-2B3-2FZ4S3f9yiwFBWbAH2cHJTjoEr5feTUeIMrD8UWKTM1I1WBxqo-2BXD3fbqrVstjQgJpCVUtkuS44mATwZi-2FbDS0RLy4Kc-2Fak9mJlNrH2Nah4rxWcpFJUTjG3RiewRLsY-2FAZI6U0gEwzyg9f9kMfDtIVBFWqvytbp6QcWQj2PeXkpCxvRodUjf3F1bU-2FxLse2gxEG9OKOYYxtS1tA2LYKxhRnFj9q53jyGZweydKCFcHXXvlm-2BEtwQKouRDkalUMxcmwIMiSFD018yHvLjhh-2FC8go6WJBD0qJAAoMxe6pRcHATJUuLQLxwba6pecZLrra-2Fg4iylWC-2FWgmiA-3D-3D&c=E,1,shIdwDxv4DuE5O9ruDV8SOnjRMbYMUMBvtuJxpEKqrl46ScL8uWK0I3vTeCBbKaz6ApDgOsYVpzNo1oLsNWSiqoAg1rNS4OJq8sxq_-Rh3TtLukLbc6Kt-UlbkI,&typo=1)

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