

SMMT UK new car and LCV registrations outlook to 2021 – April 2020

Background and context to panel survey

The outlook is revised on a quarterly basis in January, April, July and October. The latest survey of participants' own views was conducted during April 2020.

Please note that results in April were collected against the backdrop of the coronavirus (covid-19) lockdown and car and van dealerships being shut with no known opening date yet confirmed.

UK new car and light vehicle registrations (April 2020) outlook

<i>thousands</i>	All cars	Diesel cars	BEV cars	PHEV cars	HEV cars	LCVs
2007 – 2016[^]	2,260	1,061		-	-	288
2016	2,693	1,285	10	27	50	376
2017	2,541	1,066	14	36	68	362
2018	2,367	750	15	44	82	357
2019	2,311	616	38	35	98	366
2020(f)	1,687	405	77	54	100	263
2021(f)	2,160	485	133	96	166	343

[^] = annual average for 2007 to 2016. LCVs = light commercial vehicles to 3.5t gvw

Diesel include mild hybrids, BEV = Battery electric vehicle, PHEV = Plug-in hybrid electric vehicles, HEV = Hybrid electric vehicles.

Note: there were 14 returns from a current panel of 16 – the survey is voluntary.

SMMT outlook for 2020 and 2021 – as at April 2020

2020

- Cars registrations at 1.687 million, down 27.0% on the 2019 total.
- Diesel car volume of 0.405 million, down 34.2% on 2019 and taking a 24.0% market share.
- BEV registrations to rise 104.2%, pushing market share up to 4.6%.
- PHEV registrations to rise 54.5%, pushing market share up to 3.2%.
- HEV registrations to increase 2.4%, with market share of 5.9%.
- LCV registrations at 0.263 million, down 28.0% on the 2019 total.

2021

- Cars registrations at 2.160 million, up 28.0% on the 2020 outlook level.
- Diesel car volume of 0.485 million, up 19.7% on 2020 and taking a 22.4% market share.
- BEV registrations to rise 71.8% on 2020 outlook, increasing market share to 6.1%.
- PHEV registrations to rise 78.4% on 2020 outlook, pushing market share up to 4.5%.
- HEV registrations to increase 66.4% on 2020 outlook, with market share of 7.7%.
- LCV registrations at 0.343 million, up 30.4% on the outlook for 2020.

Notes: car forecasts rounded to nearest 10,000 and LCV to 1,000 unit.

Reasonable care has been taken in preparing this information. It is not an exclusive aid for market analysis, other sources and market intelligence should be reviewed.

Next revision and contact

The outlook is scheduled to be next revised in July 2020 and result will be posted by end of the month.

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