# SMMT AUTOMOTIVE MANUFACTURING

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# UK automotive output sustains growth run in April

* Car manufacturing rose by 9.3% in April, and was up 11.8% over the first four months of the year.
* CV output rose by 3.2% in April, but was down 9.2% over the January-April period.
* UK engine production rose by 1.2% in April and was up 1.7% over the year-to-date.

“UK manufacturing of cars, commercial vehicles and engines increased in April, boosted by strong export demand that is almost 10% ahead of last year,” said Paul Everitt, SMMT Chief Executive. “Sustained investment is delivering desirable products to markets around the world and efforts by employees, trades unions and government are helping ensure the UK remains one of the most competitive locations for global automotive companies.”

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| **SMMT** | **Cars** | **Commercial Vehicles** | **Total Vehicles** | **Total Engines** |
| **Data.** | **Apr-12** | **YTD-12** | **Apr-12** | **YTD-12** | **Apr-12** | **YTD-12** | **Apr-12** | **YTD-12** |
| **Total** | **94,352** | **495,774** | **8,913** | **38,284** | **103,265** | **534,058** | **192,408** | **890,154** |
| % change | 9.3% | 11.8% | 3.2% | -6.1% | 8.8% | 10.3% | 1.2% | 1.7% |
| **Export** | **80,936** | **408,081** | **5,782** | **23,107** | **86,718** | **431,188** | **126,137** | **576,131** |
| % change | 9.9% | 10.1% | 7.8% | -9.2% | 9.8% | 8.9% | -16.6% | -9.5% |
| % of total | *85.8%* | *82.3%* | *64.9%* | *60.4%* | *84.0%* | *80.7%* | *65.6%* | *64.7%* |
| **Home** | **13,416** | **87,693** | **3,131** | **15,177** | **16,547** | **102,870** | **66,271** | **314,023** |
| % change | 5.8% | 20.1% | -4.2% | -1.0% | 3.8% | 16.4% | 70.3% | 31.6% |
| % of total | *14.2%* | *17.7%* | *35.1%* | *39.6%* | *16.0%* | *19.3%* | *34.4%* | *35.3%* |

**Car manufacturing rolling year total CV manufacturing rolling year total**