

SMMT forecasts: UK new car and LCV registrations 2017, 2018 and 2019

Background and context to panel survey

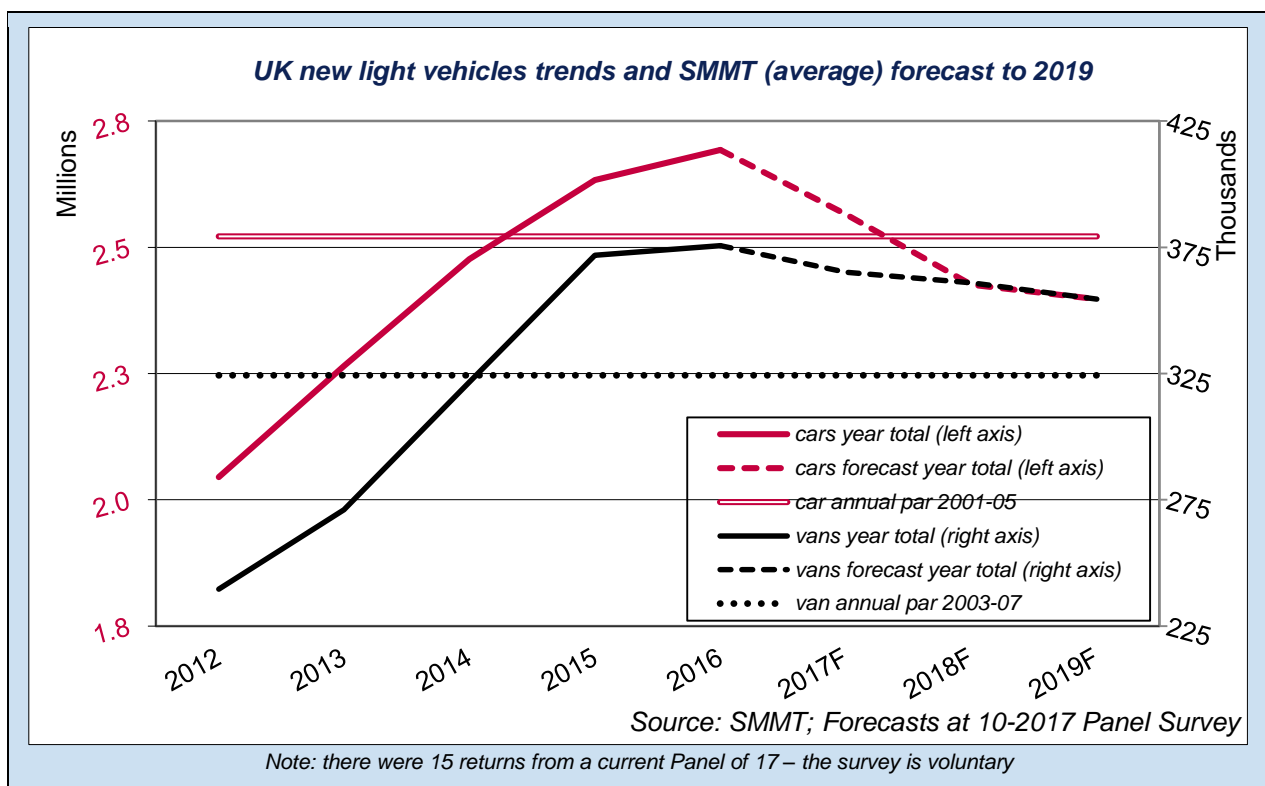
Forecasts are revised on a quarterly basis in January, April, July and October. The latest survey of participants' own views was conducted during October 2017. SMMT's forecast is **an average** of data received from participating market analysts (panel). Each forecast received is given equal weight and is anonymised.

2016:

New car registrations: 2.693m units, up by 2.3% on 2015's 2.634m and 31.7% on 2012's 2.045m

Diesel registrations at 1.285m and penetration: 47.7%, it was 50.8% in 2012 on a level of 1.039m.

Light commercial vehicles (LCV, to 3.5t gwv) at 0.376m, was 0.372m at 2015 and level was 0.240 in 2012.



SMMT forecasts for 2017, 2018 and 2019 – as at October 2017

2017

- Car registrations at 2.565m units, 4.7% down on 2016's level of 2.693m.
- Diesel cars at 1.091m, a 42.5% share of total car registrations; down 15.1% on the 2016 level.
- LCV registrations at 0.365m units, a 2.8% fall on the 2016 level.

2018

- Cars registrations at 2.426m, down 5.4% on the 2017 forecast level.
- Diesel car volume of 0.989m 40.7% of total car registrations; down 9.4% on 2017's forecast.
- LCV registrations at 0.361m units, 1.1% down on the 2017 forecast level.

2019

- Car registrations at 2.397m, down 0.3m and 11% on the 2016 peak level of 2.693m
- Diesel car total at 0.943m, down 0.340m on the 2016 peak level or 27%
- LCV registrations at 0.354m, down 22,000 or 5.8% on 2016's 0.376m peak level

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

The forecasts are next scheduled to be revised in January 2018; results will be posted in the w/e 2nd February.

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