# UK CAR MANUFACTURING (data for October 2015)

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**British car makers achieve best 10 month performance in a decade**

* Year-to-date UK car production volumes best since 2005, with 36,000 more units made this year than last.
* Exports drive demand, with more than one million British-built cars shipped to global markets in 2015.
* Month-on-month October output sees marginal dip as key brands gear up production of new models.

**19 November 2015** British car manufacturing has hit its highest level for the year-to-date in a decade, according to the latest figures from the Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders (SMMT). A total of 1,318,452 new cars rolled off UK production lines in the first 10 months of the year, the best performance since 2005 and up 2.8% year-to-date. Exports drove volumes in October, with foreign demand up 1.5%, while the domestic market fell marginally month-on-month.

**Mike Hawes, SMMT Chief Executive,** said, “Despite a small drop in overall output last month, the industry has delivered a robust performance so far this year, particularly in terms of exports. Given the slowdown we've seen in several key global markets in recent months, UK automotive manufacturing still remains in a strong position.”

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| **Car manufacturing** | **Oct-14** | **Oct-15** | **% Change** | **YTD-14** | **YTD-15** | **% Change** |
| **Total** | 150,060 | 148,976 | -0.7% | 1,282,080 | 1,318,452 | 2.8% |
| **Home** | 33,895 | 31,078 | -8.3% | 281,791 | 309,076 | 9.7% |
| **Export** | 116,165 | 117,898 | 1.5% | 1,000,289 | 1,009,376 | 0.9% |
| **% export** | 77.4% | 79.1% |   | 78.0% | 76.6% |   |

 **Car output – rolling year totals UK vs. home**

**Notes to editors**

**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 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 accounting for more than **£69.5 billion turnover** and **£15.5 billion value added**. With some **160,000** people employed directly in manufacturing and in excess of **799,000** acrossthe wider automotive industry, it accounts for **11.8% of total UK export of goods** and invests **£2.4 billion** each year in automotive R&D. More than **30 manufacturers** build in excess of **70 models** of vehicle in the UK supported by around **2,500 component providers** and some of the world's most **skilled engineers**.

More detail on UK automotive available in SMMT's Motor Industry Facts 2015 publication at [www.smmt.co.uk/facts15](http://www.smmt.co.uk/facts15).

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